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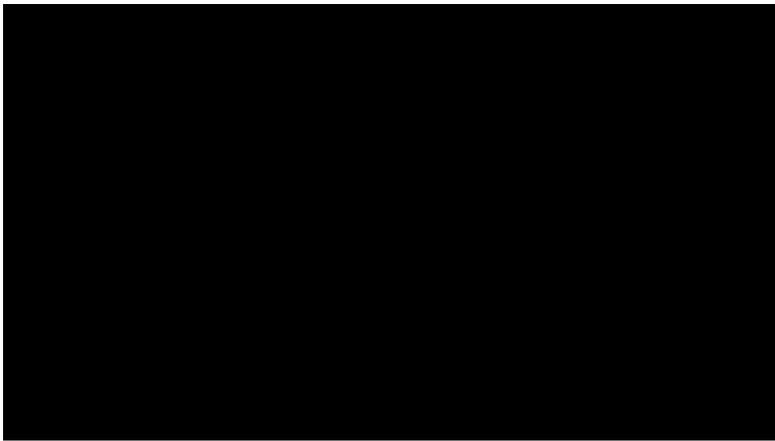
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Breathing life into next gen learning

by Michèle Nardelli

Taking a great leap into a new world, UniSA has bought an island in Second Life, the 3D virtual world established in 2003 with a participation rate that has grown like wildfire.

And we are in good company – while the virtual world mirrors the diversity of real world societies for its more than 13 million account holders, UniSA is one of a select group of universities to take the plunge by creating an online virtual campus, including corporate exhibition areas, tutorial and mentor centres, and a lecture centre in a tropical beach setting.



UniSA joins elite US institutions such as Harvard and Duke Universities and Australia's University of Queensland, in its foray into new ways of teaching and learning in the 21st century.

Project leaders of the virtual campus, UniSA Island, Dr Denise Wood and Associate Professor Gerry Bloustien believe that while the 3D virtual learning experience does not replace face to face contact with teachers on campus, it does provide a more flexible environment for students to participate in campus activities – from just about anywhere they may be.

Dr Wood and Prof Bloustien are the principal researchers of a recently awarded Australian Learning and Teaching Council research grant of just over \$220,000 to further develop an accessible open source 3D virtual learning platform with the aim of improving the accessibility, and teaching and learning benefits of such environments.

The project will be undertaken in collaboration with five Australian Universities – Monash, RMIT, Edith Cowan, Flinders and Sydney and an international partner in the UK, the University of Sheffield. Other team members from UniSA include Dale Wache, Associate Professor Tony Spawton, Dr Sheila Scutter, Jen Seifert, Frank Kurzel, Rosie Kerin, Kyle Tripodi and Phil Marriot.

"The preliminary case studies undertaken by Dr Denise Wood and our interviews with academics in other institutions show that it provides greater flexibility for students unable to attend the real campus who through a 3D virtual learning environment have a chance to see, hear and interact with those present on campus. It is an excellent platform for students to take part in presentations from international experts and guests speakers – something not normally easily accessible or viable in everyday academic life," Prof Bloustien points out. "There are obvious benefits where students may be isolated by distance because even hundreds of kilometres away, they can feel involved in their learning through the Second Life platform."

Dr Wood says the popularity of 3D virtual worlds is opening up once unimagined educational opportunities and has the potential not only to benefit students who have been isolated from student life by distance and disability, but to enrich the educational experience of all students.

"Alongside the regular campus experience it is offering a uniquely collaborative, flexible and dynamic approach to the delivery of courses."

The outcomes from the project, which include both the development of the open source 3D learning platform and guidelines for the application of these technologies in the graduate and undergraduate curriculum, is already paving the way for future cross-disciplinary research partnerships with industry.

More information about the ALTC funded project at UniSA is available from Dr Wood at

denise.wood@unisa.edu.au

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From the Chancellery

Professor Hilary Winchester Pro Vice Chancellor and Vice President: Strategy and Planning

A life of rock and roll and national fame has not meant singer Jimmy Barnes has forgotten his roots.

Recently, Barnes made a public plea for a change in attitudes and services both in and around his old neighbourhood of Elizabeth, north of the city.

Leading figures in South Australia, including the Governor of South Australia, who is a supporter of many programs in the north, saw this as an opportunity to engage in a concrete manner to address these important issues.

It was only logical for UniSA to be involved, considering its long standing interest with the north and its commitment to building social cohesion.

In response to the plea made by Barnes, UniSA, together with several external groups and individuals, organised the Northern Community Summit.

Held at the Playford Civic Centre on Friday 1 August, the Summit brought together approximately 400 people who live, work or are committed to northern Adelaide through their work or voluntary work.

The list of dignitaries who attended included His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, the Premier, Ministers Caica and Lomax-Smith and the newly appointed Minister for the Northern Suburbs, Hon Jennifer Rankine.

There were a host of politicians, both federal and state, all the local mayors, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, and CEOs from Government Departments and business, as well as a good proportion of people from the community.

They included teachers and school students and voluntary organisations that run programs in northern Adelaide.

The University representation included the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor, three Pro Vice Chancellors, academic and professional staff and students.

A significant contribution was made by the School of Communication whose staff and students made a video on Northern Adelaide (Look Again) and acted as recorders of the proceedings and discussions.

Thirty tables of people discussed issues relating to education and their big ideas for northern Adelaide.

The Northern Community Summit received fantastic support from the community. There was financial support from the Innovative Economic Opportunities Group (IEOG), Land Management Corporation, the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) and Playford Council.



Unlike many conferences and events, attendance did not drop off after lunch.

People engaged with one another and the issues for the entire day. Some who had to leave came back later in the day. There was a real sense of achievement. This was the case even before the Summit was convened, when the Premier announced in the Cabinet re-shuffle, the appointment of the Minister for the North.

What was achieved at the Summit? The list of developments and outcomes related directly or indirectly to the Summit includes:

- Creation of the Office of the Minister for the North in Elizabeth
- A proposed Cabinet meeting in Elizabeth
- \$170,000 worth of scholarships promised by UniSA for northern Adelaide students at school and for continuing study.

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Four drawers, one a cutlery drawer and three cupboards with shelf storage. \$180

Three piece Jacobean lounge suite, 1930s style, rattan side in fills, polished timber work, original green cushion coverings, three seat lounge and two single seats, all good condition. \$1300

Hitachi 51 cm TV with remote control and small black wood grain glass front cabinet. Good condition. \$120

Teac modular stereo system, amplifier, tuner, turntable, dual cassette deck and two speakers, very good sound and condition. The CD player no longer works, but amplifier and has input for CD player and aux. Asking \$100

Philips 3 in one stereo system with speakers, ideal garage unit (CD, dual cassette, tuner and separate turntable). CD player temperamental - works sometimes (unit will allow another CD player to be plugged in though) \$50

Black wood grain glass door front stereo cabinet can be sold with either unit above or separate. Good condition. \$30

Small solid walnut timber coffee table with turned legs and storage shelf underneath. Very good condition. \$70. Delivery can be arranged for all items. For more details or inspection contact Graeme - Graeme.poole@unisa.edu.au 8302 2743 (wk)

Tumby Bay Units (50km from Pt Lincoln) Quiet block of three @ \$130K ea, two bedrooms, recently renovated kitchen, bathroom and laundry, two car spaces, only 1 min from beach. Phone Peter on 0429 096 893

VW Golf convertible, \$10,500 ono. Auto, 1994, approx. 102,000km. Elec. roof, ps, ac, leather seats, central locking, radio/CD, good condition, only two lady owners, runs well. Phone 8302 4799 or 8263 1388 or 0433 414 618 or email radiocollector@ozemail.com.au

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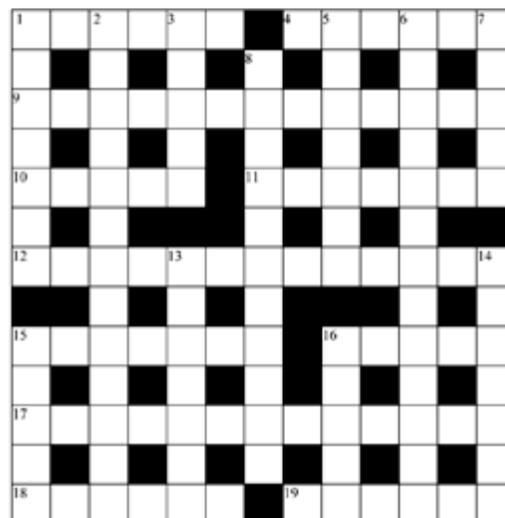
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Colgan's Cryptic Crossword

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1. The first female? (6)
4. Approach right church official! (6)
9. Police make trouble-makers contain limits of violence (13)
10. Crazy John's nearly ends (5)
11. Head of KGB has reduced internal support following a Russian president (7)
12. Board concealed what games director did, so can be moved on (13)
15. North American Indian loves going through gap (7)
16. Clear range (5)
17. Woeful stratagem has leader of extortionists cutting fingers off (5-8)
18. Not many tears, despite stain covering crop (3,3)
19. The cost of supervision (6)



Down

1. This swimwear is forward on body (7)
2. Old instrument is beset by failure, but has protection from misuse (13)
3. Writing of mid-west, possibly (5)
5. Man wears English and French military decoration (7)
6. Beach-and-surftailblazer (13)
7. Swollen river is encroaching somewhat (5)
8. Fence hangs around spot for thieves (11)
13. Rocker has to drive away pest (7)
14. English river carries vessels to ocean (7)
15. Captive is cold and worn out (5)
16. Shop-front's long and elegant (5)

Book voucher to win

For your chance to win a \$40 book voucher, email your completed crossword to len.colgan@unisa.edu.au or fax (08) 8302 5785 by Friday September 26. Solutions published online on Friday October 17.

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Brian Claridge: Architect of Light and Space

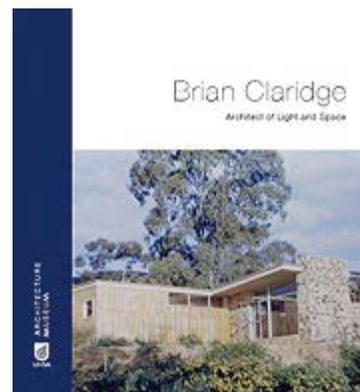
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Architecture Museum, Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Design, University of South Australia

Brian Claridge: Architect of Space and Light by Adam Dutkiewicz is the second publication in the Architecture Museum's Monograph Series and is based on the author's research as DEH SA Built Heritage Research Fellow 2006/07 at the Architecture Museum.

The monograph offers an overview and critique of Claridge's diverse professional and community contributions in South Australia in the period circa 1950-1970 and reveals his passionate advocacy of the relationship between art and architecture.

Copies are available for \$15 in the Architecture Museum (Karna Building (K2-21), Fenn Place, City West campus) or via the order form on the Museum's website, www.unisa.edu.au/arc/Archarchive



Vibrant

Poems and symposium papers presented at the Poetry and Poetics Symposium, Adelaide, April 2007

Edited by Nygard, G and Carter, N

Lythrum Press 2007 in association with The Poetry and Poetics Centre, University of South Australia

www.lythrupress.com.au

Vibrant is the first book to be published under the auspices of UniSA's Poetry and Poetics Centre.

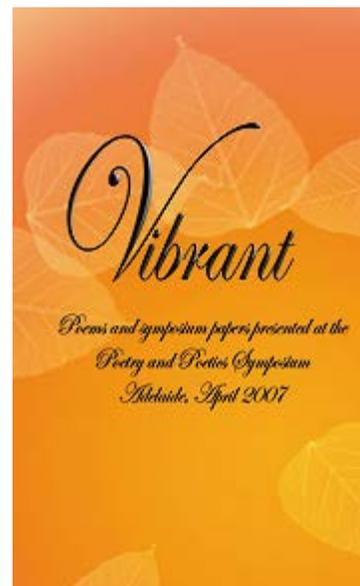
It is a collection of poems and essays presented last year at the Centre's inaugural annual symposium to celebrate "poetry's contribution to South Australia's vibrant literary culture".

Among the fourteen contributors are a number of UniSA staff, graduates and current students.

There are poems from Centre Director and senior lecturer in professional and creative writing, Dr Ioana Petrescu, senior lecturer Dr Vicki Crowley, PhD candidate Cameron Fuller and professional writing graduate Bridget Ransome.

Dr Adrian Guthrie, Program Director in the School of Communication has contributed an essay on "virtual space" in performance.

Vibrant also includes poems by prominent local writers Gaetano Aiello, Jude Aquilina, Patricia Irvine, Erica Jolly, Mike Ladd, Stephen Lawrence and Graham Rowlands, and essays by Peter Goldsworthy and Robert Bloomfield.



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In Brief

Work/Life Balance report launched

The findings of the study show that work/life balance remains elusive for most workers, with one in five Australians working more than 40 hours per week, and most wanting to work less.

More than 150 people attended the launch of Professor Barbara Pocock and Dr Natalie Skinner's second Australian Work and Life Index report, detailing the state of work and life balance for Australian workers.

Prof Pocock was joined by the Hon Cheryl Davenport, Chair of the Western Australian State Health Advisory Council on Work Life Balance, and SA Minister Gail Gago in addressing attendees.

Prof Pocock said the data behind the report is an important step toward a solid case for policy change for a more equitable work/life agenda.



Export award for train driver advice system

The market success of Freightmiser® in India has been recognised with an Australian Rail Industry Corporation (ARIC) Export Award for Excellence for the manufacturer and supplier of the technology, TTG Transportation Technology Pty Ltd, led by Managing Director, Dale Coleman.

UniSA's Professor of Industrial and Applied Mathematics Phil Howlett and Senior Research Fellow Dr Peter Pudney are the inventors of the Freightmiser® technology, a computer system that displays an energy-efficient speed profile to enable by freight train drivers minimise energy consumption but still arrive on time at their destination.

"Pacific National installed these devices on freight trains in Australia and following successful trials, interest in the technology was received from the Indian government. Initial trials in India have revealed good prospects for rolling out the technology there, and possibly later in China," Prof Howlett said.

The ARIC Export Award was for TTG's work in setting up the trials and creating the potential for sales of Australian technology overseas.

Dr Pudney has been the driving force behind all of the trials, supervising them and making sure that they work effectively. Both he and Prof Howlett have been retained in an ongoing capacity as consultants for these projects. UniSA graduate Dr Xuan Vu is also employed on the Freightmiser® project.

Maths maps build better crops

UniSA's School of Mathematics and Statistics is set to play a key role in building SA's growing expertise in phenomics and bioinformatics.

Together with the Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics (ACPFPG) the School will form a new Phenomics and Bioinformatics Research Centre (PBRC) at UniSA's Mawson Lakes Campus and will provide expert analysis to support research in plant genomics to be undertaken at Adelaide University's new super greenhouse.

UniSA Mathematics and Statistics Head of School, Professor Stan Miklavcic, says the new centre will bring the power of applied mathematics and statistics to complex genome research on essential world crops like wheat and barley.

"ACPFPG's new facility has state of the art data collection capacity," Prof Miklavcic says.

"Our role through the new PBRC will be to make sense of that data. We'll be working with plant scientists and molecular biologists from ACPFG to help map plant genomes and better understand how crops can cope in our challenging climate."

Prof Miklavcic said in a world increasingly impacted by climate change and in a country facing more consistent drought conditions, the research will be vital for food security.

Engineering peers honour David Klingberg

Former UniSA Chancellor David Klingberg AM was named South Australian Professional Engineer of the Year at the 2008 Engineering Excellence Awards dinner at the Hilton Adelaide on Saturday night.

Presented by Engineers Australia (SA Division), this prestigious award acknowledges the highest level of individual achievement in the engineering field and is peer recognition of David Klingberg's outstanding contribution to the profession.

PR – changing behaviours on climate change

In the first Donald Dyer Address run jointly by UniSA and the Public Relations Institute of Australia in August, Alan Beaton from Advertiser Newspapers Limited spoke about how News Limited aims to reach its carbon neutral goal two years earlier than Rupert Murdoch's challenge for NewsCorp to be carbon neutral by 2012.

In his presentation Changing behaviours one degree at a time: The climate change challenge of our times, Beaton explained how the "One Degree" brand was an effective internal communications strategy designed to motivate 11,000 employees to reduce their own carbon footprints and inspire other Australians to reduce their impact on climate change.

The lecture was dedicated to the memory of Donald Dyer, one of the founding members of the PRIA in South Australia and nationally. UniSA runs a scholarship in his name, which encourages postgraduate and other advanced research leading to the advancement of knowledge in public relations and communication.

Five stars for UniSA MBA

UniSA's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program is now the highest ranked in the State and among the country's top ten with a five-star rating in the 2009 Good Universities Guide released this week. The rankings are determined by the Graduate Management Association of Australia based on its assessment of the standard and value of a program, and are considered one of the nation's most highly regarded guides to MBA selection. The Good Universities Guide announcement follows the Australian Financial Review's BOSS magazine's latest ranking of MBA programs which rated the UniSA program seventh nationally.

Justice Kirby makes an impression

Michael Kirby, Justice of the High Court of Australia, Honorary Doctor of UniSA and national patron of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre, recently delighted the first cohort of UniSA law students and a lucky group of secondary school students with some insights into his twelve years on the High Court.

The judge spoke of the changes he had witnessed during his tenure, and some of the changes he anticipates to come including an increasing number of women in the law, the use of television in court, and the move to electronic submissions.



Law student Cassandra Baines described Justice Kirby's talk as "inspirational".

"It was an amazing experience to hear a man of his calibre: a man of such wisdom, experience and

history in the law grace our university. And as a first year student to see and meet such a highly respected public figure was an experience that will stick with me for the rest of my life."

Education partnership supports reconstruction in Iraq

The first of 80 hopeful students from Iraq has received a visa to Australia and will be looking forward to attending UniSA in the next few months. UniSA has signed an MOU with Bagdad's Al-Nahrain University to help facilitate closer collaboration over education and research in Iraq's reconstruction phase. As part of an organised plan to improve opportunities for Iraqi students and to rebuild and strengthen the war-torn nation's universities, the Iraqi government appointed a cultural attaché at the Iraqi Embassy in Australia. Dr Hisham Tawfiq is working to coordinate the placement of 200 students from Iraq in Australian Universities. The focus will be on higher degree research for Iraqi academics and post graduates. UniSA is the first Australian university to sign an agreement with Al-Nahrain University since the attaché was appointed.

UniSA links to State's peak skills advisory board

Former UniSA Vice Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC has been appointed as the new Chair of the South Australian Government's Training and Skills Commission.

Joining her as a new Commission member is Professor Roger Harris, a key researcher in the Centre for Research Education, Equity and Work within UniSA's Hawke Research Institute for Sustainable Societies.

The Commission provides the State Government with high level strategic advice on the top priorities and actions required to increase the skills base of the State's workforce.

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Celebrating National Science Week with a bang

by Vincent Ciccarello

With a major prize in the South Australian Science Excellence Awards and another trio of Young Tall Poppies, UniSA researchers celebrated National Science Week with a bang.

It was a dream come true for sleep researcher, Professor Drew Dawson.

The Founder and Director of the UniSA's Centre for Sleep Research (CfSR) took out the top honour for Excellence in Research for Commercial Benefit in this year's South Australian (formerly Premier's) Science Excellence Awards.

This award is open to individuals or teams who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in conducting scientific research and development including the transfer of knowledge to achieve outcomes of commercial and/or economic benefit.

A regular commentator on sleep and health issues in the international, national and local media, Prof Dawson has worked tirelessly to promote the importance of sleep and fatigue as health and occupational safety issues.

His research has resulted in the significant reduction of fatigue-related risk and the incidence of fatigue-related accident and injuries in many companies throughout the transport, mining, health care and manufacturing industries.

Since joining UniSA in 1992, Prof Dawson's research has received major funding from the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council. Last year, he was awarded a prestigious US National Institute of Health grant to study the effects of recovery sleep on cognitive performance.

Two other distinguished UniSA scientists were also named as finalists at the South Australian Science Excellence Awards ceremony.

Professor Ravi Naidu, Managing Director of CRC CARE at UniSA, was a finalist for the title of South Australian Scientist of the Year.

And Associate Professor Libby Roughead, senior researcher in UniSA's Sansom Research Institute was a finalist in the Excellence in Research for Public Good Benefit category.

UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj said the award was an important recognition of Prof Dawson's pioneering research and his outstanding ability as a communicator.

"As a result of the impressive research track record of Prof Dawson, his colleagues and students, the CfSR – which is the largest group of its type in Australia - ranks among a handful of elite sleep labs internationally," Prof Høj said.

"This award is a fitting acknowledgement of how Prof Dawson's scientific leadership and work, especially in minimising the consequences of sleep loss in a variety of industries, are making a very real, practical difference to the lives of workers, their families and their employers at State, national and international



levels.

"It's a shining example of UniSA's industry-focused research and community engagement, and we congratulate Prof Dawson on receiving this honour."

Just the day before, three dynamic early career researchers at UniSA were presented prestigious Young Tall Poppy Science Awards.

Health scientist Dr Alison Coates, bionic ear researcher Dr Mark McDonnell and pharmacist Dr Michael Sorich join a trio of other Tall Poppies and UniSA colleagues - Dr Beverly Muhlhausler, Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence and 2007 South Australian Young Tall Poppy of the Year, Dr Craig Williams – who were recognised last year as Australia's outstanding young scientists.

UniSA Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research & Innovation, Professor Caroline McMillen, said Drs Coates, McDonnell and Sorich were all excellent ambassadors for science and scientific research.

"All three are not only enthusiastic and highly-accomplished researchers, they are also passionate advocates for science and outstanding communicators," Prof McMillen said.

"And they join the illustrious roll call of Young Tall Poppy scientists at UniSA that includes Director of the Sansom Institute, Professor Ross McKinnon and Director of the ITR, Professor Alex Grant."

Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj said the solution-focused research of UniSA's latest Tall Young Poppies epitomises the real-world approach that informs much of UniSA's research.

"The University congratulates Alison, Mark and Michael and celebrates this great honour with them," he said.

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Agreement to improve Salisbury's triple bottom line

The development of a major innovation hub at Mawson Lakes is one of many exciting initiatives proposed under a new partnership between UniSA and the City of Salisbury (CoS).

UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj and the Mayor of Salisbury, Gillian Aldridge last month signed a Memorandum of Understanding that aims to deliver sustainable environmental, economic and social benefits to the Salisbury region and community.



One of the proposed joint initiatives, to be known as the Mawson Innovation Precinct, will initially centre on advanced manufacturing, defence, eLearning, eResearch and waterproofing northern Adelaide.

UniSA Pro Vice Chancellor, Strategy and Planning, Professor Hilary Winchester said the three-year agreement establishes a high-level joint management committee to manage projects that will build on a history of successful collaboration across a range of areas.

"This agreement recognises that UniSA and the City of Salisbury share many strategic directions, assets and areas of business," Prof Winchester said.

"It highlights areas of mutual interest such as addressing the mismatch between the skills and future workforce needs of the region, supporting our students' opportunities for placement and employment in local industries, and undertaking research to inform and develop a sustainable community."

The University has already worked successfully with the City of Salisbury in the development of Mawson Lakes and, through UniSA's Northern Area Partnerships (UNAP), on learning-related projects such as the Libraries for Learning Partnership, the Lapsit early childhood literacy program and as members of Northern Futures Inc.

There are also a number of important joint research initiatives currently underway, such as the role of transit-orientated development in Australian cities and the Sustainable 1000 small business project.

"This unique partnership shows a mutual respect and understanding for what both organisations are trying to achieve for the north," Mayor of Salisbury, Gillian Aldridge said.

"Working together means we can target innovation and economic growth. A knowledge hub, the Mawson Innovation Precinct will create and deliver high value products and services."

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Ability to succeed

by **Linda Hein**

UniSA is playing a key role in a new program designed to help students with disabilities make the transition to tertiary education.

UniSA has long been committed to providing an accessible learning environment for students with disabilities.

Inclusive teaching practices, tailored access plans, accommodation services, Adaptive Technology Suites, financial assistance, scholarships and career advice are just some of the services the University offers through Learning Connection and Disability Services.

Now, through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, UniSA is also playing a key role in a new program designed to help students with disabilities make the transition to tertiary education.



The multi-million dollar National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) program aims to remove the barriers students with disabilities face in gaining access to tertiary education across the country.

UniSA is hosting two of the SA-based NDCO Coordinators, Jenny Watts-Sampson and Karin Bolton and recently together with TAFE SA, they attracted almost 100 future students to the first of many "Come and try" information days.

Watts-Sampson said information days not only provide a fantastic opportunity for students to feel more comfortable about tertiary study, but also improve the relationship between tertiary institutions for the students' benefit.

"We've been hosting forums for prospective students, parents and carers throughout the State so they can see what being at uni or TAFE is like and feel confident about the services available to them," she said.

"They literally 'come and try' for a day, go to lectures, get a feel for campuses, receive program or course information and meet with disability advisers and officers.

"Ultimately we're aiming to really cement the links between schools, universities, Colleges of TAFE, training and disability service providers so that they can all work together to provide the best possible assistance for people with a disability."

Current Unley High School student, Callum Rowe, who wants to study business management with a focus on common law, said he appreciated the opportunity to attend the information day held at City West.

"The day has been really helpful. It's been great to get to know what it would be like," he said.

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SASA among Friends

It may come as no surprise that the South Australian School of Art has plenty of friends – but now it's official.

Thousands of students have passed through the doors of the South Australian School of Art (SASA) since its inception in 1856.

Some have gone on to have careers as celebrated artists; others have followed different but parallel paths; but many have retained an abiding affection for SASA, for the lessons they learnt there and the people they met.

Last month, admirers, graduates, students, past and present staff and well-wishers celebrated the launch of the Friends of the South Australian School of Art.

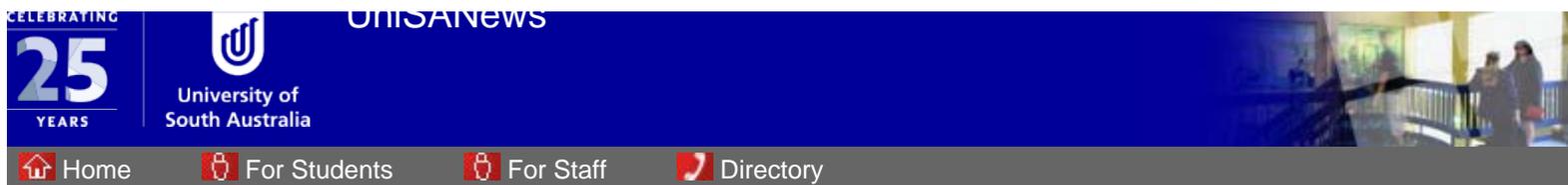
Among the many aims of the Friends is to support and enhance SASA's reputation, to provide a framework for the promotion and support of visual artists from the school and, more broadly, to promote contacts between people who value the visual arts, design and crafts.

Patron and Adelaide arts stalwart Dr Kym Bonython attended the launch, with Jack Condous, Chair of the Friends' Steering Committee; Head of SASA, Professor Kay Lawrence; Pro Vice Chancellor, Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences Professor Pal Ahluwalia; and Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia, Christopher Menz.

For more information about the Friends, contact the School by phone on +61 (8) 8302 0380, by email at sasa@unisa.edu.au or visit the [SASA Friends website](#)

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The new face of Equity

by Michèle Nardelli

The new Director of the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education hosted by UniSA knows he has his work cut out for him.

Not only is Professor Trevor Gale to set up the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education from scratch, he also wants to redefine the way we look at equity and equity targets.

And while he is pragmatic enough to accept that we may never reach perfection in redressing social imbalances, Prof Gale believes that equity as an ideal is a worthy goal and that the time is right to make the kind of shift that will ensure real gains in improving access and participation in higher education.

"There has been embarrassingly little change in the participation rates of 'equity groups', especially Indigenous, rural and regional and low socio-economic status (SES) background students over the past 20 years," Prof Gale says.

"I think equity needs to be brought back into the mainstream – and with the Bradley Review of Higher Education underway and the actual foundation of the Centre itself there are some very good signs that it will be.

"Australian universities are about to hit a demographic speed bump as numbers of school leavers decline. At the same time we need to lift participation in higher education and respond to the skills shortages. We know that 25 per cent of the possible student pool are those from low SES backgrounds who often miss out on higher education – it is around that point we need to start asking the right questions about how we can make a difference.

"In Australia research around equity has generally focused on what the problems are whereas all the activity by institutions has been focused on how to construct programs and projects to overcome these problems. The trouble is, what we have been missing is evaluation of those programs and a deeper analysis of why equity groups miss out, with some real emphasis on defining the very different needs of each of those key groups."

Prof Gale believes we need to rethink how we define equity.

"We need an approach that is more respectful of the differences within various people groups," he says. "Within the six target equity groups, there are enormous differences. Simple measures are inadequate and one-size-fits-all programs obviously are not working. We need to reconsider how we define success for individuals and communities.

"This is not simply about economics – it is about how we support more people into education so that they have richer, fuller lives and are able to make significant contributions to their communities."

Prof Gale's submission to the Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education can be found at www.dest.gov.au

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Operation Possum is people-powered

by Vincent Ciccarello

The public response to the launch of a statewide study into possums has already surpassed expectations.

Following the extraordinary success of last year's Operation Bluetongue, UniSA and radio station ABC 891 Adelaide have again joined forces, this time to find out about possums and how people interact with them.



Operation Possum is being conducted by researchers from UniSA - but they're relying on the help of adults and school children across the State.

All South Australians are invited to play an active role in the study by completing a public questionnaire which is available online until November 20.

UniSA Professor of Urban Ecology, Chris Daniels says there has already been an overwhelming response from the public.

"Possums are fascinating creatures and an important part of our urban ecology, but we know surprisingly little about them," Prof Daniels said.

"They've lived in Australia for millions of years and there are significant fossil possum sites at Lake Eyre, the Naracoorte Caves and Curramulka Cave on the Yorke Peninsula."

Operation Possum focuses on five possum species – the common brushtail and ringtail possums; and the Western, Little and Eastern Pygmy-possums.

"The aim of the study is to find out where possums live, how people interact with them, and what people think of living close to wildlife. These interactions with wildlife are an important way in which people can connect with the natural environment around them," Prof Daniels said.

Operation Possum is an example of Citizen Science, a method of scientific data collection that is becoming popular internationally because it allows citizens to contribute to scientific research while also increasing public awareness of science, scientific methods, and scientific research.

In addition to the online survey, Operation Possum participants are able to upload stories and photos, and to ask questions via an online blog. Schools are also invited to write reports on their findings.

To take part in Operation Possum, visit www.abc.net.au/adelaide/features/possum

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Conference looks at edgy side of art and design

by Vincent Ciccarello

The furore surrounding Bill Henson's photographs of a naked 13-year-old girl launched a passionate and very public debate about the ethical line art should – or should not – cross.

But other forms of artistic expression that involve putting humans under immense stress, body modification and even self-harm raise even possibly bigger issues about just what is ethical in art practice.

These issues will be discussed in *Ethics for edgy practices*, one of seven roundtable discussions at this year's Australian Council of University Art and Design Schools (ACUADS) three-day conference, to be held at UniSA from October 1-3.

Head of UniSA's South Australian School of Art, Professor Kay Lawrence expects there to be a lively discussion around the development of appropriate ethics policy in university art and design schools.

"The annual ACUADS conference is always a lively forum for discussion about the current issues in art and design education, and I'm looking forward to the roundtable on ethics," Prof Lawrence said.

"Most of the ethics protocols at Australian universities have come from the sciences. But there are accepted practices in the visual arts that might involve pushing your body to the limit or self harm. The problem for an art school is how to exercise its duty of care to a student who wants to practice in that genre?"

The other roundtables include discussions on two Australian Learning and Teaching Council funded projects - studio teaching as a mode of delivery, and benchmarking the quality of PhD programs in art and design education.

"The art and design sector is really well-organised and probably at the forefront of grasping these issues," Prof Lawrence said.

"Studio teaching as a mode of education is a prime example of experiential learning, but it's resource-intensive and there are higher costs that come with it. But without adequate resources, art and design schools have had to develop efficiencies in their operation.

"And long before the new Excellence in Research for Australia initiative and the Research Quality Framework, the art and design sector developed a range of metrics appropriate for art and design outcomes. The sector is currently liaising with other areas of the creative arts to expand the metrics."

As well as the roundtables, the first day of the ACUADS conference will include the opening of a significant exhibition of Indigenous artworks in the SASA Gallery. Shards is an exhibition of works by artists Nici Cumpston, Yhonnie Scarce and Judy Watson, who will also deliver a keynote address blood language art and research 2008.

In addition to the presentation of refereed papers over the following two days, the ACUADS annual report of individual and group research outcomes in the sector will be launched.

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Where there's smoke, there's a sausage sizzle

There was only a touch of ceremony at UniLife's welcome celebration for Chancellor Dr Ian Gould. The main event was a traditional, down-to-earth Australian sausage sizzle – with ice-cold beer.

There's nothing like the slightly smoky waft of a sausage sizzle to whet the appetite, or to attract the attention of hungry passers-by.

So when UniLife, the professional student services provider for UniSA, put on a sausage sizzle to welcome Chancellor Dr Ian Gould on the day of his first University Council meeting, it got just the kind of turnout it was looking for.

A throng of students, staff – including Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj and Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Professor Peter Lee - and several Council members joined the Chancellor in a cheery getting to know you at the City West Aroma Café.

Dr Gould was not alone in chomping into a suitably sizzled snag, housed in a slice of white bread and topped with onions and tomato sauce.

The convivial affair also marked the beginning of a new association between Aroma Café and UniLife. They have joined forces to provide quality functions and events to students on all campuses.



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- ensure pages are accessible when viewed in older browsers, for example a browser that does not recognise style sheets should be rendered so that it is meaningful
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This is the official Australian Government website that lists all Australian education providers to offer courses to people studying in Australia on student visas and the courses offered.

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University of South Australia
GPO Box 2471
Adelaide, South Australia 5001
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Ph 1300 301 703
Fax +61 8 8302 2466

The University switchboard is attended from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. If you know the extension of the person you wish to contact, dial (08) 8302, followed by the last four digits of the extension. You can also search for staff telephone numbers in the [Directory](#).

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- within Adelaide (local number) and/or the 08 region, dial 830 followed by the extension eg 830 26611
- within Australia but outside of the 08, dial 08 83026611
- outside of Australia, dial (your international access number), then 61 8 830 26611

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All hours 1800 500 911 – free call
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Future student enquiries

Ph: (08) 8302 2376
Fax: (08) 8302 0977

Make an Enquiry

Address: Level 1, 101 Currie Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Mail: GPO Box 2471, Adelaide SA 5001

Open weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm, excluding public holidays.

International students enquiries

[Future student enquiries \(international\)](#)

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Magill SA 5072
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Fax: (08) 8302 4090
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Mawson Lakes Boulevard
Mawson Lakes SA 5095
Ph: 1300 301 703
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Email: campuscentral.mawsonlakes@unisa.edu.au

Whyalla - Campus Central

111 Nicolson Avenue
Whyalla Norrie SA 5608
Ph: 1800 808 957 (free call)

or +61 8 8647 6161 (Local)*
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Email: campuscentral.whyalla@unisa.edu.au

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Mt Gambier - Campus Central

Wireless Road West
Mount Gambier SA 5290
PO BOX 798 MOUNT GAMBIER 5290

Ph: +61 8 8721 8900 (local)*
or +61 830 28900 (Metro)

Email: mountgambier.enquiries@unisa.edu.au

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Open Day was held on Sunday 14 August

This year's Open Day was the biggest yet with over 90 presentations, 80 information

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Missed a presentation?

If you didn't manage to make it to Open Day, watch our [program overview videos](#) to find out more about the range of programs on offer.

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The role of sustainability and materials in the new innovation economy: Green Materials from Waste...



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10 September 2016

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EU Doctoral Pedagogies Colloquium: Models, Challenges, Outcomes

14 September - 15 September 2016

The Hawke EU Centre for Mobilities, Migrations and Cultural Transformations in collaboration with the...



2016 UniSA Nelson Mandela Lecture

15 September 2016

Discover a wealth of a different kind with Geraldine Cox AM



Upcoming events in Kenya

16 September - 24 September 2016

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NON-REPRESENTATIONAL THEORY: PERFORMATIVE, EMBODIED AND AFFECTIVE KNOWLEDGE

21 September 2016

Masterclass by Sir Nigel Thrift



Foundations of active ageing

23 September 2016

As part of our Successful Ageing Seminar series, we invite you to attend this FREE seminar to hear from...



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28 September 2016

Hawke Research Institute Annual Distinguished Lecture

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6 October 2016

Art Talks With Jeffrey Tate, Principal Guest Conductor In conversation with Professor David Lloyd, Vice...



CHART 2016, 'Shoulder to Shoulder'

12 October - 4 November 2016

A thematically linked multi-media Exhibition, these artworks reflect on different concepts and themes...



Europe, the world and the challenges of the 21st century

31 October 2016

For the Hawke EU Centre Annual Lecture, Baroness Royall argues that the values of the European Union...

November 2016 (5 Events)

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UniSA Hong Kong Alumni Dinner

5 November 2016

Celebrate UniSA's 25th Birthday with Vice Chancellor and President, Professor David Lloyd and fellow...



Adelaide's International Jubilee Exhibition and Building (1887-1962)

09 November - 30 November 2016

An exhibition exploring an 1887 Exhibition, held in the Jubilee Exhibition building, and tracks the...



Welcome House

09 November - 30 November 2016

An exhibition created by members of the refugee community, who receive support from Kilburn's 'Mercy...



National Water Forum 2016

11 November 2016

Are integrated decisions about water management better than stand-alone choices?



Art Talks With Pinchas Zukerman, Artist in Association

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- reads aloud all website content including PDF and MS Word documents
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- choose the voice to use
- change the reading speed
- create shortcut/hotkeys to start/stop reading
- have the program start when the computer starts



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Sound Card + Speakers
15MB Free Disk Space

Recommended Browsers: Internet Explorer 6, 7 or 8. Firefox 3.6
For PDFs: Acrobat Reader 9

Apple Mac users

OSX 10.3.9 or later (now supports Mac OSX Snow Leopard)
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Compatibility with Power PC or Intel processor.
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