



# Alumination

A SOURCE OF NEWS AND VIEWS FOR ECU ALUMNI



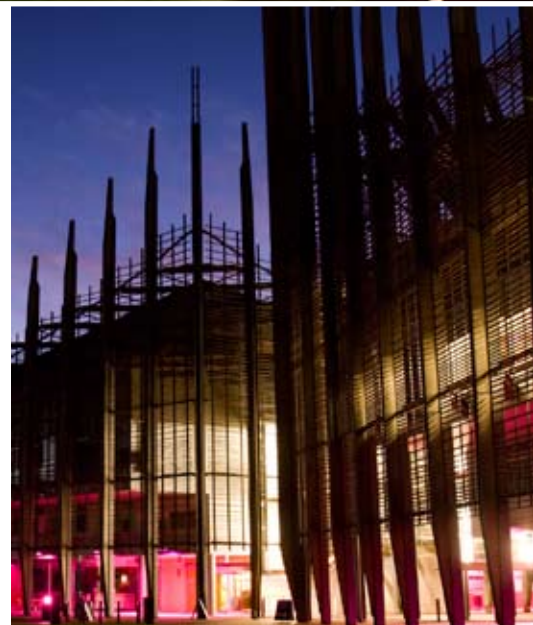
## ECU goes pink for global illumination

Edith Cowan University's iconic Chancellery Building at the Joondalup Campus was lit pink in September as part of the Global Illumination event marking the launch of Breast Cancer Month.

Global Illumination sees significant landmarks and monuments around the world lit in pink each year, raising awareness for the National Breast Cancer Foundation's research into the prevention, detection and treatment of breast cancer.

ECU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kerry Cox said the University was proud to support the important work of the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"ECU has a strong commitment to research into chronic diseases such as cancer so it is highly appropriate that we support the National Breast Cancer Foundation in raising awareness," he said.





## message from the vice-chancellor

Welcome to the 2008 edition of our annual alumni newsletter.

We have introduced many changes to our newsletter written especially for our alumni. Formerly called ECUupdate, we now feel that 'Alumination' is a much more appropriate title. We hope that our new approach will provide our alumni with much better access and greater illumination of the many achievements of ECU alumni, staff and students.

2008 has been an excellent year for ECU on many fronts: our staff have won national and international awards and appointments; and individuals and groups of students have been honoured both nationally and internationally. In addition, we have achieved an overall 5% increase in student enrolments and a recent staff survey with a high proportion of staff responding show that staff are very proud of the achievements at ECU. These successes in 2008 which build on a great number of successes in earlier years show that the University is continuing to develop rapidly and, with high-achieving alumni throughout Western Australia and indeed throughout the world, increasingly people are talking about ECU.

Since our last newsletter, I am pleased to say that we are making significant progress with our commitment to 'Engagement'. At ECU,

Engagement involves recognition that some of our academic goals can only be achieved through contributions from experts outside the University. In 2008 we have developed a large variety of projects and programs in our teaching and research activities which are of great help to many in the diverse communities we were established to serve. There are many examples that I could give including achievements in promotion of good health; work to increase literacy; work to reduce bullying in schools and in the workplace; security; and programs to support small and large business. I could go on for a long time! You will be able to find out more about these exciting initiatives in the coming pages.

Professor Kerry O. Cox  
Vice-Chancellor

## alumni advantage

Being part of the ECU Community doesn't end with graduation - you are automatically part of the growing number of worldwide ECU alumni.

Becoming an alumni of ECU happens automatically upon graduation - there are no forms for you to complete and return - all we ask of you is to keep us updated with your contact details, come and support us at events and keep us informed about your successes!

### Benefits for ECU Alumni

- Networking - Do you want to meet with other alumni who have similar interests to you? Find out about our Alumni Groups and opportunities for networking.
- Career support - Need help getting a job? Alumni can access free career counselling and support.

- E-Newsletters - By updating your contact details you will receive our quarterly e-newsletter which tells you about what's going on at ECU.
- Reuniting friends - If you want to track down old or 'lost' friends contact our office. We can search our database and help you reconnect.
- Have a reunion - We can help you organise a reunion.
- Use our facilities and services - You can utilise a variety of ECU's state-of-the-art conference and meeting facilities.
- Invitations to ECU events - We are always looking to involve our Alumni in the wide variety of events we organise each year. From graduations, business forums and guest speakers, we would like to invite you along. We can also keep you up-to-date with exhibitions, workshops and lectures in and around the University.

- ECU Alumni can access some great discount with affiliated companies. Visit the website to find out how to access cheap travel, and more!

You can access additional, free, benefits by becoming an ECU Alumni Advantage member.

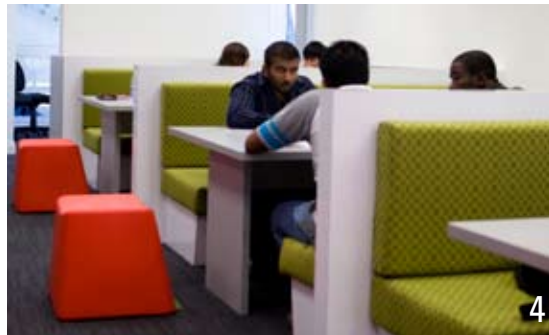
### Benefits of Alumni Advantage

- Full use of the library on each of ECU's campuses, as well as access to the online journals.
- 10% discount on all purchases at the ECU Bookshops.
- Special membership offer for the use of ECU Sports and Fitness centres.
- Banking benefits with the ANZ-ECU Links Alumni Packages.

Visit the ECU Alumni website [www.ecu.edu.au/alumni](http://www.ecu.edu.au/alumni) to find out more, and keep us up to date.



# campus news



ECU's campus consolidation continued throughout 2008 with a number of projects coming to completion. Following the relocation of staff and students, the Churchlands Campus was officially closed on Friday, 27 June. A ceremony was held for past and present staff to celebrate the history of the campus.

An extensive construction and refurbishment program has been undertaken at the Mount Lawley and Joondalup campuses to accommodate staff and students moving from Churchlands.

## Joondalup

Staff from the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Postgraduate Medicine moved into the new Health and Wellness Building at the start of the year and the new Building 32 Lecture Theatre was also completed in time for the start of semester one.

Building 18, formerly the Library, has been refurbished and now houses all student-related services including Student Central, Student Recruitment and Careers, Student Retention, Counselling services, Equity and Diversity, Off-Campus Support, ECU International and the Twin Cities radio station.

A number of official opening ceremonies were held throughout the year, with the Library and ICT Building opened by former Premier Alan Carpenter in June. Federal Health Minister, Nicola Roxon opened ECU's Health and Wellness Building in August following the official opening of the Vario Health Institute and Wellness Clinic by former WA Health Minister, Jim McGinty.

## Mount Lawley

The new Business and Law building (Building 10) at ECU Mount Lawley was open for students at the start of semester two. Building 10 houses the Perth Graduate School of Business and the Perth Institute of Business and Technology.

The state-of-the-art facility features a 100-seat lecture theatre, e-lab, postgraduate lounge and a range of case-study, tutorial and breakout rooms.

## Bunbury

The Bunbury Campus has seen a number of exciting changes over the year, with refurbishment of Student Central and the Nursing Demonstration Ward and construction of the Professional Development Centre and Rural Clinical School well underway.

The E-Lab has moved into the Library and now offers docking stations for students using laptops as well as works and a new mini-gym and multi-purpose hard courts will be completed in time for semester one next year.

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## 2008 highlights

### ECU researcher awarded funding from Microsoft

ECU senior lecturer Dr Alfred Tan was awarded a US\$100,000 funding grant from Microsoft to develop a foetal monitoring system utilising 'smart phone' technology. Dr Tan is one of 14 researchers from around the world awarded funding from Microsoft for research into innovative ways to advance healthcare services and solutions using mobile 'smart phone' technology.

Dr Tan's proposal, Foetal Heart Rate and Activity Monitoring via Smart Phones, aims to extend the availability of quality antenatal care to remote and rural Australia, especially amongst the Indigenous communities, using inexpensive foetal heart rate (FHR) monitoring equipment and mobile phone technology.



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### ECU hosts first Asia-Pacific Education Forum

More than 120 education leaders from around Western Australia and the Asia-Pacific region visited ECU during February to attend the Asia-Pacific Deans of Education Forum. ECU hosted the Forum in partnership with UNESCO (Asia-Pacific), Sampoerna Foundation Teacher Institute, Microsoft (Asia-Pacific) and Perth Education City.

The Forum went over three days with a full day workshop scheduled on the first day for Western Australian representatives followed by a two day forum for international delegates.



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### Professor Donna Cross leads world's first study into cyber bullying

ECU's Child Health Promotion Research Centre has now been awarded more than \$1 million in funding to investigate the growing cyber bullying phenomenon. Led by Professor Donna Cross, the study involved a series of consultation and awareness forums for parents and schools across Australia, and an online student, parent and teacher survey.

Professor Cross' research culminated in the Cyber Friendly Summit, held in October incorporating a two day student workshop and a parent seminar. Over 200 young Australians came together for the Summit to discuss how to improve cyber safety and reduce the academic, social and emotional harms secondary students can experience from cyber bullying.

### ECU research uncovers the extent of workplace bullying

In April, research undertaken by ECU's Dr Maryam Omari found that one in three West Australians report being bullied in the workplace. Dr Omari said that 33% of respondents indicated they had been bullied at their current place of employment, but believes that up to 50% of bullying cases go unreported.

"Bullying affects productivity, performance, staff engagement and turnover in the workplace, so it's important for us to understand it from a financial and economic point of view," she said.

Dr Omari's study was the first to collect information from perpetrators as well as from those who considered themselves to be victims of workplace bullying.

### ECU's Centre for Excellence in Healthcare Simulation recognised for innovation

The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Postgraduate Medicine was announced as the State winner for the Innovation in Nursing category of the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

The Innovation in Nursing Award was given for ECU's commitment to producing competent graduates through healthcare simulation and scenario-based learning innovations using actors.

The ECU Centre for Excellence in Healthcare Simulation was developed by the School to facilitate scenario-based learning to ensure that nursing graduates are well-equipped and confident in dealing with a range of challenging clinical scenarios.

## ECU launches Perth Graduate School of Business

The new Perth Graduate School of Business opened in July in time for the start of semester two within the new Business and Law Building at the Mount Lawley Campus.

The Perth Graduate School of Business offers a range of postgraduate business and law courses in a flexible and supportive learning environment designed to meet the needs of students already in the workforce.

## Fruit and Veg could save health system millions

In August, ECU's Dr Amanda Devine released findings of her research into how vegetables and fruit can reduce the risk of chronic disease and promote health and healing.

Australian estimates suggest that increasing levels of fruit and vegetable consumption by just one serve per day would save between \$8.6million and \$24.4 million in health care costs associated with breast, colorectal, prostate and lung cancer in Australia.

## Open Days

ECU welcomed over twelve thousand visitors and prospective students at the annual Open Day events. The Joondalup Open Day was held in May, followed by the Mount Lawley event in July.

Prospective students and their families experienced a behind the scenes look at the courses and study options available and took up a fantastic opportunity to speak one-on-one with staff.

## VC Oration

The Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Orator, The Honourable Dr Fred Chaney AO visited ECU's Joondalup Campus in September. More than 130 guests attended Dr Chaney's presentation, Addressing Australia's Disconnections. Dr Chaney spoke about the work of Desert Knowledge Australia in creating an economically and socially sustainable future for people in remote communities.



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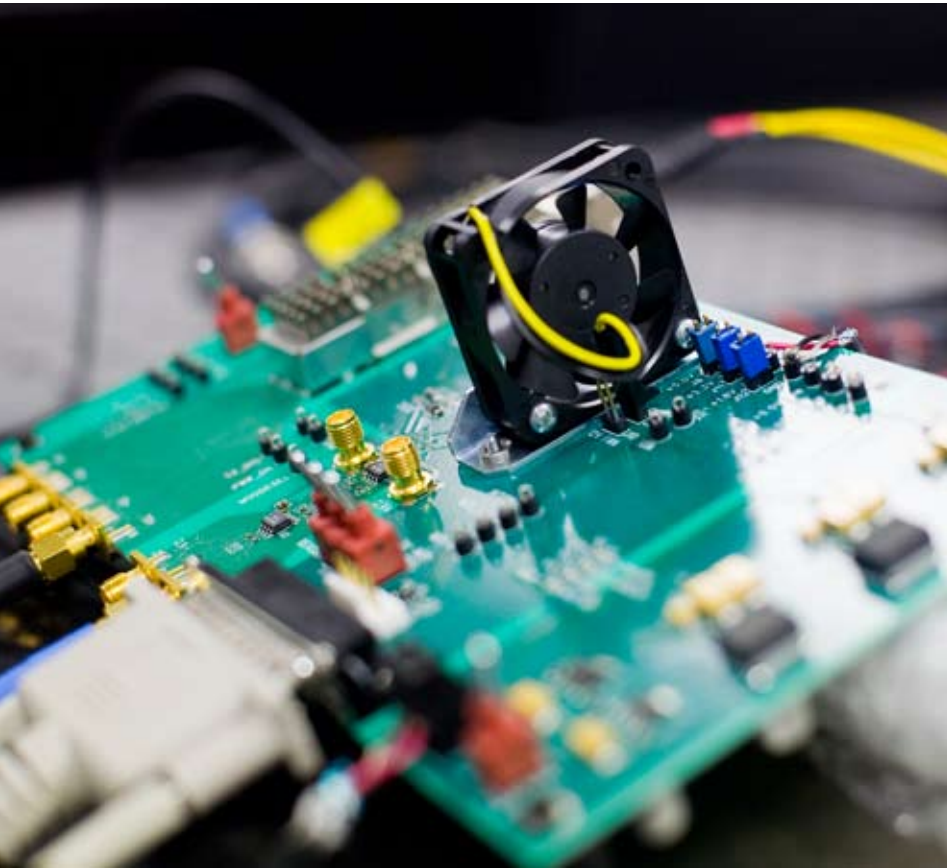
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# securing australia: a daily job for ecu



Students and staff at ECU can all feel a little more secure these days, knowing that ECU's new Security Research Centre SECAU is on the job. The Centre was formally launched at the beginning of October and has quickly emerged as a vital contributor to the reduction and defeat of security threats such as cyber crime, wireless attacks, data and identity theft, and biometric security.

For the action-movie "tragic" who are hooked on Mission Impossible, James Bond, and Iron Man, spare a thought for the researchers who tackle the real-life issues of fingerprint scanning, laptop theft, computer hacking, and terrorism. ECU students and staff have injected some serious research hours into the SECAU research centre and the results are both amazing and reassuring at the same time.

Projects "LIARS" and "SIMPLE" are two of the ventures that are set to have a real impact on policing and theft – not just in Western Australia – but potentially worldwide.

LIARS stands for Laptop Inspection and Recovery System, and is the latest in a suite of law enforcement tools invented by ECU that means that even if your laptop is stolen, and even if the thieves wipe the data from your computer, they'll be caught out. That's because LIARS can see underneath the data that has been wiped. The sale of stolen laptops, estimated to be worth millions each year, is now going to be well and truly in the spotlight. ECU's digital forensic team, led by Associate Professor Craig Valli and Dr Andrew Woodward, has developed a range of practical solutions that give ordinary police officers the chance to ensure that anyone with a laptop can prove ownership.

Up until now, a police officer might come across a car with a bootload of laptops. To a certain extent, if the driver acknowledges that the goods are theirs, then the police take the driver at their word, and a quantity of stolen goods might disappear into the night. With the use of LIARS, proof of ownership becomes a whole lot easier.

Similarly with "SIMPLE", the Simple Image Preview Live Environment, anyone who deals in the area of child pornography is much more likely to be caught and prosecuted. It is definitely a case of the "good guys" over the "bad guys" in terms of ECU's research into effective law enforcement.

The same results apply to SECAU's research into biometric defeat testing. Dr David Brooks is leading a team of researchers into the area of biometrics, an area that looks at devices such as fingerprint scanners, retinal scanners and facial recognition. Dr Brooks' team conducts defeat testing for biometric devices. That means his team are finding ways to beat fingerprint scanners. So far the results are impressive in terms of understanding how biometrics work.

It's reassuring to know that the ECU is making the identification and security protocols of the future that much safer. After all, these devices with, in the future, protect our bank accounts, our houses and our cars.

# new courses for 2009



ECU has introduced a range of exciting new courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, commencing in semester one 2009. For more information about any of the courses listed below, contact ECU on 134 328.

## Undergraduate

- Associate Degree in Criminology and Justice (Policing)
- Bachelor of Engineering – specialisations are now available in Civil, Electrical Power and Mechanical
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations
- Bachelor of Science – specialisations are now available in Conservation & Wildlife Biology and Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology

## Postgraduate

Graduate Certificates are now available in

- Child Protection Investigations
- Healthcare Simulation Facilitation
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Transition Nursing
- Early Childhood Studies
- Paediatric Nursing

Graduate Diplomas are now available in

- Business Technology
- Electronic Commerce
- Enterprise Resource Planning
- International Business
- Leadership and Management
- Primary Education

Masters are now available in:

- Brewing
- Clinical Governance
- Clinical Nursing
- Criminal Justice by Research
- Games and Simulation Programming
- Network Technology
- Nurse Education
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Sport Management by Research

Doctor of Philosophy programs are now available in Mathematics and Security Science.



## the wa election - in brief

Alan Carpenter's political execution at the state election was a long and torturous one. Instead of being dealt a fatal blow on the night of the election, the Labor Premier had to endure a week of counting as postal votes slowly but surely trickled the Liberals way, guaranteeing the parliament was hung, with the Nationals ultimately siding with the Liberal Party to make Colin Barnett WA Premier.

The last time a state Liberal Party won an election was over ten years ago in South Australia when Premier John Olsen was re-elected in 1997. After 17 consecutive state election defeats, not to mention loses in the territories as well as federally last year, Liberals around the country were glad their colleagues in WA returned to the government benches.

Privately the Rudd government might not be too disappointed with the Liberal victory either. It takes the pressure off wall-to-wall Labor governments at the same time as removing from office a government that was suppressing the nation's mining boom. Barnett and the Liberal Party will lift the Carpenter government's ban on uranium mining, adding valuable royalties to the governments taxation coffers, helping to prop up a national economy hitting troubled times in the coming years.

Then of course there are the electoral considerations for Rudd and federal Labor. WA was the only state in which Labor went backwards at the 2007 federal election. Howard picked up two new seats in the west, leaving Labor only holding four of fifteen lower house electorates. Looking to increase his majority at the next election, Rudd will target WA seats such as Cowan, Stirling, Swan and Canning. A Liberal government making tough decisions in its first term, as Barnett has already flagged he intends to do, may be just the kick-starter to help WA swing Rudd's way.

However at the state level Labor's fortunes look bleak for the foreseeable future. The only thing that saved its brand in the wake of the Corruption and Crime Commission revelations about untoward dealings by Labor ministers was the strong hand of Alan Carpenter. He used his authority to sack a brace of ministers, thereby insulating his cabinet from further criticisms of maladministration.



At first Carpenter's actions saw his popularity soar. But over time his capacity for dealing with Labor's woes morphed into a perception of arrogance. That public perception was confirmed as a reality when he called the earliest state election in 100 years to try and take advantage of the Liberal Party's leadership transition.

On the Liberal side Colin Barnett will need to hit the ground running as Premier. His team is inexperienced and their policy detail at the election was minimal. Voters forgave both failings because of the snap election, but their tolerance once the Liberals are in government will not be so high. His 100 day plan included 45 promises and they are unlikely to all be fulfilled.

While the majority of Barnett's team are inexperienced and under-qualified to govern, there are some shining lights. Whatever Troy Buswell's antics as leader he is the most qualified parliamentarian in the state to become Treasurer. Time as a successful minister will repair his damaged reputation. Christian Porter is the first Attorney General in any state for many years to actually have significant legal experience before entering parliament. And Norman Moore has previous experience as the minister responsible for mining, important in a state like WA.

Being a minority government will make governing hard for the new Liberal alliance. But when they gain control of the upper house next May it will create an interesting paradox. They will struggle to hold the lower house team together, but if they can they won't be obstructed in the upper house as they pass legislation. We are in for some interesting times at a state level in the west.

*Dr Peter van Onselen is an associate professor in politics and government at Edith Cowan University. He writes a weekly column for the Weekend Australian and conducts political interviews on Perth's A Current Affair each Friday on Channel Nine.*

## scholarships at ecu

Scholarships are often understood as being only for those students who achieve academic brilliance. Over the past few years ECU has been working hard to dispel that myth. ECU is determined to breakdown the barriers to higher education that many potential students face as well as rewarding our top students.

Funding for scholarships comes from various sources, including ECU itself. Each year ECU commits to funding more than 400 scholarships at a total over \$350,000. Recently the university has confirmed it's commitment to producing top research graduates by offering 50 PhD scholarships, worth \$25,000 each.

ECU also works in partnership with individuals and companies to provide even more scholarship opportunities. More than 46 scholarships, worth over \$105,000 are donated to the University each year.

Erica, a 3rd year tourism student originally from Wokalup, was recently awarded a Mrs Mac's Rural Scholarship for the second year running. This scholarship is designed to assist students from rural areas to meet the living costs of living away from home whilst studying.

"The scholarship I received allowed me to purchase all my textbooks required which resulted in me receiving higher marks and understanding the units with much more ease. In turn this allows me to graduate at the end of the year with good marks to show when seeking my preferred job"

Richard Howell, Director of Community Services at Mrs Mac's said the company was pleased to continue to support rural students attending ECU. "At Mrs Mac's we support a lot of community initiatives, but donating the Rural Scholarships to ECU is particularly satisfying as we get to meet the recipients and see the immediate benefit to them," he said.

# unravelling the mystery of parkinson's

Parkinson's is a devastating neurodegenerative disease that typically occurs in middle to late age. It is the second most common neurological condition in Australia, after dementia, and by 2010 it is expected to be affecting almost 63,000 people.

While it is characterised by tremors, rigidity, bradykinesia (slow movement) and postural instability, there are also a range of non-motor deficits including cognitive, depression and the latter development of dementia.

So imagine the distress you'd feel if you were diagnosed with Parkinson's in your late 20s. You'd probably be wondering how many quality years you have left and how long the medication will keep the symptoms at bay. You'd also be desperately looking for ways to slow the progression of the disease.

With this in mind, researchers from ECU's Parkinson's Centre (ParkC) are working closely with members of a Young Onset Group here in Perth. First established in 2006 with only 10 members, this group now provides support to 23 people who were diagnosed with Parkinson's before the age of 55, along with their family and friends.

Many of these members will be helping ParkC researchers as they try and identify different sub-types of the disease. "The theory is that if we can determine the risk factors and indicators then we may be able to come up with a strategy to slow the progression into dementia," explains Dr Cruise, research fellow at Vario Health Institute.

Tara Preston was one of the youngest members of the Young Onset Group to be diagnosed at the age of only 27.

A university psychology student at the time, Tara was quick to realise something was wrong when she started to experience tremors in her right hand. However nothing could prepare her for the shock of having her fears confirmed by a neurologist.

Tara is now 37 and married with a four-year-old son. Although her condition is frustrating and tiring – and brings with it a wide range of challenges - she is keen to participate in the research in every way possible.

"I will do whatever I can to help because even if it doesn't make life any easier for me it may make someone else's life easier down the track," says Tara.

In conjunction with the longitudinal study, ParkC Director Dr Meghan Thomas is also investigating whether stem cell therapy can be used to repair the underlying damage of Parkinson's. "The characteristic Parkinson's symptoms result when a group of cells called dopamine-producing neurons in the brain die," says Meghan.

"Currently there is no way of halting the continual death of these cells, however by transplanting stem cells into the adult brain we hope to be able to replace the cells that have died."

ParkC was established at ECU in early 2008 and is affiliated with the University's Vario Health Institute.

Meghan says the centre takes a cohesive and holistic approach to its research and is working closely with the UK's Cambridge Parkinson's Disease Research Clinic, the University of Western Australia, Curtin University of Technology and the Parkinson's Association of Western Australia

In conjunction with Vario, it also has plans to develop a tailored exercise program to improve the quality of life for people with Parkinson's. In particular this program will explore the effect of exercise on depression, which is one of the less-recognised symptoms of the disease.

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- 4 Dr Thomas and research team
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## Vario Health Institute

The Vario Health Institute provides cutting edge research, teaching and community health programs that focus on illness prevention and disease management through lifestyle and environment modification.

Research findings are then used to develop programs such as the Diabetes Wellness program, which offers a holistic personalised approach including nutrition, exercise, psychological wellness and support for lifestyle change for diabetes sufferers. With over one million Australians currently living with the disease, the focus on wellness is crucial in preventing further illness and maintaining quality of life for diabetes patients.

The Vario Health Institute has already implemented a number of community programs to help combat chronic diseases including childhood obesity, diabetes and cancer. The Vario Wellness Clinic, located at ECU's Joondalup campus, offers exercise physiology, nutrition, fitness and health education, counselling and clinical psychology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy services to the public. To find out more or to make an appointment, contact the Clinic on 6304 3444 or visit [www.variowellness.org](http://www.variowellness.org).



# alumni in the media 2008

## In short

**Ray Roberts** received the WA Premiers Teacher of the Year award in December last year for his outstanding contribution to Education in Western Australia. Ray is one of the countless educators in WA who attained their qualifications from ECU, or one of its predecessor institutions.

*The Mandurah Coastal Times* reported that **Alexander Lewis** would be joining Anthony Warlow and Ana Marina in the production of the "Phantom of the Opera". The show will open early next year at the Burswood theatre.

**Shannon Daniels** appeared in *The Australian Financial Review* as part of a feature article about the regional finals of the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards. Shannon was one of the eight finalists in his group.

Twenty-one of the 26 episodes of the children's series 'Trapped' will be directed by recent graduates of the WA Screen Academy. In addition to the four directors many members of the production team are also graduates of ECU, these include scriptwriters, editors and wardrobe assistants.

**Deirdre Atkinson** recently won the Ausdance 2008 West Australian Dance Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching. Deirdre's achievements in teaching and dancing were featured in the *Fremantle Cockburn Gazette*.

**Bridget van Herk** graduated from ECU with a double major in chemistry and mathematics in 2000 and after using expensive skin care products that weren't delivering the desired results, Bridget decided to experiment in her kitchen and make her own skin care products. Bridget eventually launched Bridget Black with an online store and two retail outlets, one in Cottesloe and one the other in Mt Lawley as well as other outlets stocking their products state wide.

Teaching couple **Michael and Emma Ring** were interviewed in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* earlier this year, explaining how they met when did their internship at Leonora District High School last year and decided to stay as they fell in love with each other and the area.

**Daniel Mananta** graduated in 2002 and since then he has been busy on several Indonesian TV shows, these include hosting Indonesian Idol, Asian Idol and being an MTV Indonesia VJ.

**Jason Rocca** was interviewed by the *Wanneroo Times* earlier this year about his experiences at ECU and how his degree and his current studies are helping him to fulfil his dream of being a strength and conditioning coach. Recently Jason was once again successful at the Australian University Games, held this year in Melbourne, where he achieved his 3rd gold medal in Tae Kwon Do.

After graduating earlier this year **Jen Williams, Yvonne Innes** and **Shelley McCarroll** spoke to the *Busselton Dunsborough Times* about how delighted they were to graduate and take up their individual nursing positions in Busselton and Fremantle.

*The Geraldton Guardian* featured an article on **Tammy Clarkson** in April. Tammy was nominated for two awards at the 2008 Logie Awards; Most Popular New Female Talent and the Graham Kennedy Award for Most Outstanding New Talent, winning Graham Kenney Award.

*STM* interviewed **Kailey Payne**, Head Trainer for Perth Football Club, in February. Kailey spoke of how she came into this role and shared some of her unique experiences as a female trainer of a football club.

ECU broadcasting graduate **Karina Carvalho** is now the news anchor for the ABC News in WA. Since graduating in 2004, Karina has worked as a newsroom journalist for the BBC in London and reported for ABC News and Radio.

In February, fellow broadcasting graduate **Narelda Jacobs** was appointed to the role of presenter on Channel Ten's local weeknight news. After graduating in 1999, Narelda has worked for GWN in Bunbury and Channel Ten's Perth newsroom.

WAAPA graduate **Louise Momber** has recently taken on the challenging role of inaugural host of WA's own version of A Current Affair. Louise had previously been an on-camera reporter for Channel Nine News.





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# john stallwood

When John Stallwood graduated from ECU with a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) in 1995, coming back to uni was the last thing on his mind. Thirteen years later, John is now a regular at the Joondalup campus, utilising ECU's micro-brewery facilities to brew and bottle his own beer.

John's passion for brewing began while he was studying at uni, after a very successful first attempt at 'Nail Ale' using a home brew kit. With help from the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme, John launched Nail Ale in 2000 and it was so popular that John immediately realised he was onto something.

In 2004, Nail Brewing was put on hold when John suffered a serious head injury after

trying to stop an argument between two strangers. The following year, John took the first steps towards rebuilding Nail Brewing, working with Brewing Systems Australia, and setting up the first Perth Royal Beer Show.

Early in 2006, Nail Ale and Nail Stout were re-launched onto the Perth scene, and have since taken out numerous first and gold awards at beer festivals around the country. John believes that marketing is one of Nail Brewing's major strengths, thanks to the knowledge and skills he developed during his studies. "I've been able to apply everything I learnt in a practical way and this has contributed to the success of the business," he says.



John Stallwood

# 2008 alumni activities



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- 2 Bunbury Social Event
- 3 Joondalup Open Day
- 4 1958 Graylands Committee

ECU Alumni has been involved in many activities and events this year and it was great, as always, to have the opportunity to catch up with so many of you and hear your news and views.

It was particularly good to meet our next generation of alumni at the March and September Graduation Ceremonies. A few of the ECU Alumni staff were there on each of the days to give a helping hand and to pass on information to our new graduates on the many benefits of staying involved with the university and the alumni office in particular.

April saw the Faculty of Regional Professional Studies (RPS) busy as they hosted the Bunbury Alumni & Awards Evening. The event attracted over 80 people and an enjoyable time was had by everyone involved.

Joondalup Campus came alive in May for the annual ECU Open Day. Our alumni office took advantage of the great atmosphere, and

surrounding activities, to host an informal get together in Edith Cowan House. It was great to have a chat over a glass of wine and hear everyone's news.

During August the RPS office was again busy as they hosted three alumni get togethers over two weeks in Margaret River, Albany and Karratha. The events were great opportunities for our regional alumni to catch up with old friends, make new friends and have a couple of drinks in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

In September an event at Mojo's bar in Bunbury was well attended by alumni and graduating students from all across the Faculty of Regional and Professional Studies. The evening was a great opportunity for networking and catching up with friends.

October was a good month for reunions with two Graylands events being held, one, the 1968 Graylands reunion, was held at Charles Hotel in North Perth.

A long lunch saw lots of fellow 'Graylanders' exchanging stories and news. The 1958 graduates of Graylands Teachers' College held their 50 year reunion at Tompkins-on-Swan and about 75 former students and some partners took a trip down memory lane, renewed former acquaintances and had a most enjoyable evening.

November sees us busy preparing for what is set to be a fantastic night, at the ECU Joondalup Pines Picture Garden, on Friday, 28 November. We have exclusively booked the outdoor cinema, and a wonderful family evening under the stars, is planned for our Alumni. The entire evening, including movie, food and soft drinks is free to our alumni and their guests. In 2008 we have also held many international events including alumni events in China, Sri Lanka, Singapore, USA and Canada.

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