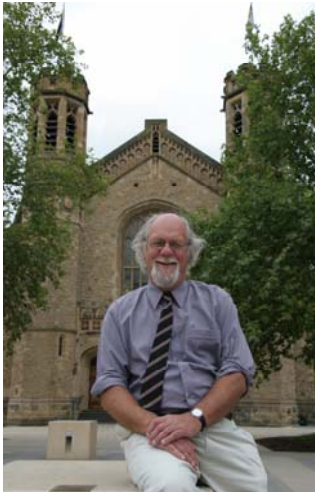


## Christmas Message from the Dean



Well Christmas is nearly upon us once again and no doubt many of you are wondering where the year has gone. It seems to have been a particularly busy albeit very worthwhile one. I would once again like to thank all the staff of the Adelaide Graduate Centre for being so supportive of change. Anne Witt as manager of the AGC and Donna Frost as her deputy have long been the drivers of the 'student centered' focus that the Centre provides.

Anne of course spent six months in Research Branch and during her absence Adrienne Gorringer shared the management role with Donna and the staff as a whole made a mighty effort to see that the AGC didn't step backwards.

Postgraduate coordinators have again proved to be a tower of strength and have been central to our efforts to improve monitoring and quality within the area of HDR training and education.

As most of you will know, from my comments last year, I firmly believe that when we collect information there should be feed back to those who supplied it. This particularly applies to annual reviews and I would like to thank those research students and their supervisors who have managed to meet the deadline for submission. All the reports have been read and I have again been holding random interviews with students to give them the opportunity to talk personally about their review documentation. The quality of annual reviews this year was the best ever and there has been excellent correlation between verbal and written reports. Clearly the annual review process is being taken very seriously and is a reliable quality assurance measure. As with last years reviews there are a few problems and I shall be working through these with postgraduate coordinators, supervisor and students over the next month

This year saw the launch of our new Student Handbook which has been so well received that only three copies remain out of the numerous boxes that were delivered in time for our first Induction program. There will be a new edition for 2007, which will hopefully accommodate all the various suggestions for improvements that have come from both staff and students

Our Research Education academics have developed a new supervisor-training package for next year and this will be linked to the introduction of the Supervisor Register in January. During the year we welcomed two new colleagues to the Research Education group namely Michelle Picard and Ian Green.

Their skill sets compliment those of our existing staff and will result in an expanded range of offerings in the new-year

2007 will be a year of intense activity for the AGC with the RQF and AUQA falling on top of one another. A good vacation is definitely in order!

I trust you all have a good break and the chance to relax with your families.

Professor Richard Russell  
Dean of Graduate Studies

## Can you Help

I am seeking two senior research students from each Faculty to participate in panel discussion sessions at the upcoming Postgraduate Research Induction of Friday, 23 February 2007 (11:25am to 1:00pm – with light refreshments to follow). Panels will be Faculty based, with each comprising a senior and experienced supervisor, a staff member from the Adelaide Graduate Centre, a subject librarian and two research students from the relevant Faculty. It is expected that each panel member will talk for about 10 minutes on their area of expertise with a general discussion and question and answer session to follow.

The student talks always receive very positive feedback from Induction participants and are considered one of the most valuable parts of the Induction Program. This is a great opportunity for you to provide your fellow students with a few tips and tricks to navigate their way through their research degree

If you think you might be interested in participating in a panel and would like further information about what's involved, please contact Susan Western on 8303 3882 or by email to [susan.western@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:susan.western@adelaide.edu.au) by 8 February 2007

Many thanks

## Holiday Closures

The Graduate Centre office will be closed from 3:00pm on Friday 22 December 2006, and re-open for business at 9.00am on Tuesday 2 January 2007.

REP will be closed from Friday 22/12/2006 to Friday 12/1/2007. REP's Admin Person will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from Monday, 15/1/2007.

If you need urgent assistance from Research Education staff during this time, please contact the Adelaide Graduate Centre on 8303 5882, or email <mailto:graduatecentre@adelaide.edu.au>.

This is the last AGC Newsletter for 2006. The first issue for 2007 will be 12 January 2007.

## Postgraduate Research Induction



The Adelaide Graduate Centre's next Induction Program will be held on the morning of Friday, 23 February 2007, concluding with light refreshments for all involved. The Induction, which is compulsory for all commencing PhD and Masters by Research students, provides a valuable orientation to life as a research student at The University of Adelaide. For further information and to confirm your attendance for the Induction, please register online, by 16 February 2007 at:

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/induction/index.html>

## Annual Reviews of Progress/Re-enrolments



All students who have returned and successfully completed an Annual Review will be automatically reenrolled for 2007 in the second week of December, providing that they have no outstanding financial obligation to the University.

Please check your reenrolment on Access Adelaide <https://access.adelaide.edu.au/sa/login.asp> in late December/early January and if you have not been reenrolled when you think that you should have been, contact the Graduate Centre on 8303 5882 or by email to mailto:[graduate.centre@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:graduate.centre@adelaide.edu.au)

Once you have been reenrolled, you will be able to renew your Student Identity Card for 2007. Further information about how, where and when to renew your Student Card is available from the Card Services web site at: [http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/forms/re\\_enrolment\\_instructions\\_2006.pdf](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/forms/re_enrolment_instructions_2006.pdf)