



Welcome to **Healthy University**, the University of Adelaide's new OH&S newsletter. News about OH&S developments across the University will now be easily available for staff involved in health and safety every fortnight. As the University undergoes a significant and wide-reaching OH&S review, this is our way of making sure you are informed about what's happening and how we're working towards a safe and healthy work place. In this first edition we're also introducing the staff of the Unit after some recent changes.

It's great to launch this newsletter during Mental Health Week (7-13 October), a week that aims to build community awareness, knowledge and understanding of mental health and reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health problems and mental illness.

Jane Knipe (Acting Manager, OH&S) and her team welcome your responses to information in the newsletter, so please tell us what you think and responses will be considered for inclusion in future editions. As a member of staff, you have an important role to play in the health of the University and the team and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Trish Hughes, Director of Human Resources



This first edition of **Healthy University** gives you an update on the OHS Review, where to find the 2007 WorkCover evaluation report, new software systems being introduced, news of our controlled entities, training opportunities, funding for workshop guarding and the contact details of the OH&S team. I hope this newsletter provides a useful way of updating you on activities occurring across the University.

Firstly the OH&S team would like to acknowledge the contribution of **Tony Mitchell** who retired in August after 14 years' service with the Unit. During Tony's time with the University he worked primarily as the Rehabilitation Officer assisting employees who were injured. He was well respected for his professional and caring approach to his work and he will be missed. We wish him all the very best for his retirement.

Jane Knipe, Acting Manager, OH&S Team

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The report from our 2007 WorkCover Evaluation is now available on the web, titled *WorkCover Injury Management Evaluation and Safety Evaluation*. It's available at www.adelaide.edu.au/hr/ohs <<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/hr/ohs>>.

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WorkCover Partnership Agreement Coordinator **Deb Coulls** says the Agreement is currently being negotiated. The Agreement will guide the ongoing review process that WorkCover will carry out over the next three years and it will be available to staff when it's been finalised. Every effort will be made to ensure disruptions to education and research during these periods of monitoring are minimised.

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Linda Knobben, whose responsibilities include the University's controlled entities, says following changes to the University's status to self-insurance, the controlled entities are now included under the University's licence.

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Funding for an integrated software system to manage OH&S across the University has been approved. The new system will mean information will be more easily and effectively

shared and will ensure there's less duplication in the management of OH&S issues.

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In the interim, a Corrective Actions Register has been developed to make reporting easier. The arrangements for roll-out of the Register began in September and we'll continue to bring you news of the roll-out of the interim register as well as the new system.

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Consultant **Tony D'Abbs** is currently reviewing OH&S across the University. Stage 1, which involved consultation, benchmarking and documentation, is now complete. Tony is now working on Stage 2, preparing recommendations for University discussion. We'll continue to bring you news of the review in later editions.

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Don't miss out on your chance to register for any of the training courses still to be held this year. **Biancamaria Duke** says eight courses will be offered before December, more information is available at www.adelaide.edu.au/hr/development/ohstrain.html <<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/hr/development/ohstrain.html>> Biancamaria can be contacted on 83035726.

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Funding is now available for workshop guarding. Information about how to apply is available from **Deb Coulls** on 8303 0174 or deb.coulls@adelaide.edu.au. Applications need to be submitted by 31 October 2007.

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