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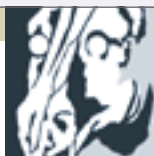
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## Breath-tested mice strike a blow for science



University of Adelaide PhD student Erin Symonds takes deep breaths – and then analyses them!

Erin Symonds with a breath-tested mouse  
Photo Christopher Sprod,  
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Breath-testing is becoming a valuable tool for scientific and medical researchers because it can provide important clues about the functioning of internal body parts while collecting these clues outside of the body.

Erin, who will graduate with her PhD at this month's graduation ceremonies, currently works in the Gastroenterology Department of the Women's and Children's Hospital and is working on further questions that came out of her PhD findings.

For her PhD thesis in the Department of Physiology, Erin developed a way to breath-test mice so she could analyse the different functions of their gastrointestinal tract.

Such a method has two main advantages: because medical testing on mice is often a forerunner to testing on humans, it has implications for the way human gastric conditions are treated; and it is non-invasive and harmless to the mouse.

One of the areas she looked at was the effect a certain type of bacteria known as *Helicobacter pylori* had on the rate of "gastric emptying" in mice—or how quickly food is emptied from the stomach.

This has important implications for humans, as *H. pylori* affects one in five Australians and up to four in five people in developing countries.

"*H. pylori* is a bacteria that lives in the stomach, causing pain, stomach ulcers and possibly gastric cancer," Erin said.

"We used to think that it was things like stress and alcohol that caused stomach ulcers but we now know that it's this bacteria.

"We're not sure how the bacteria is transmitted from person to person but mothers seem to play an important role, and that's the basis for some of the research I'm doing now, which is looking at *H. pylori* and its effect on pregnant women and their babies."

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## McWha's Words

### My First Year

It is a year since I came to the University of Adelaide, and I want to reflect on what we have been doing, and what lies ahead.

Twelve months ago I saw a number of priorities including the need to engage more strongly with the community and in particular to form stronger industry links and partnerships. This would help us reinforce our position as the region's leading educational and research institution. I felt that we also needed to strengthen our research by growing the number of research students as well as our research revenue. There was also a need to generate greater economies of scale in many of our activities to sustain our broad range of programs.

More importantly, however, we needed to rebuild our sense of identity and pride in the University of Adelaide. We needed to recreate an environment rich in quality and in innovation, and which at the same time was inherently stable. One way to tackle this was to address our financial malaise, and create a margin to provide us with the capacity to invest in the University's future.

The advantage we had was the quality and dedication of our staff as well as the excellence of our students. That commitment by staff has ensured that we ended the 2002 financial year with a positive result of \$12.4 million, compared to a \$6.4 million loss the previous year. This is a sound result and a good first step, but we now need to work to ensure it becomes a trend.

This sort of progress has enabled us to begin looking more positively to the future. The Plant Functional Genomics building is well underway at the Waite, and the Wine Centre agreement has been signed with the State Government. There is, however, much more to be done, and though we have seen some improvement, for example in the computing facilities in Humanities and Social Sciences, we have only to look at our lecture rooms to see the challenge that remains.

Last October, the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) visited the University, and the subsequent report praised our thorough and exhaustive self-assessment for the audit that was undertaken. Many of the findings of the audit group had been identified in our preparatory analysis, and the University

is working to incorporate the planned improvements identified in its quality portfolio, and those included in the AUQA report, into its planning processes in the coming years. Quality is a defining feature of this University—and as someone recently reminded me, "AUQA will be back"!

Of course, if we are to continue to build the University we need good students. The University of Adelaide is fortunate in this respect, as it continues to be the university of preference with the number of applicants listing us as their preference having risen from 5481 to 6398, an increase of 16.7%.

Our graduates continue to make headway, and it is pleasing to note that we lead the national average in terms of our graduates obtaining employment. We have also had recognition that the average starting salary of our graduates is the highest in South Australia. In addition, two of our students won Rhodes Scholarships in the past year. Clearly we attract the top students, but we also give them an education experience that creates lifelong opportunities.

Since my appointment I have tried to maintain an open dialogue across the University, and this will not change. Members of the University have ideas of where and how we can improve, and I look forward to continuing to receive those suggestions. This is why our planning process has been both measured and consultative. It will recognise the values of the University and build on those values.

The University of Adelaide is continuing to make significant strides. With our positive attitude and "can-do" approach, a highly committed staff, and clear direction, we can look forward to many more achievements. The University will create strengths and grow them, and in doing so will support its students and the community.

I thank each and every one of you for your support and commitment over the past year.

JAMES A. McWha  
Vice-Chancellor

## Letter to the Editor

### Tribute to Edgeloe

I hope that I may be allowed to supplement the good but all too short obituary of Vic Edgeloe in the July *Adelaidean*, with reminiscences mainly from my time at the university from 1950 to 1972.

Vic was one of the men that I have most admired during my life. He was a great registrar. I have often said that Sir Douglas Veale (who had read for Greats in his undergraduate days) was the Platonic Form of a British registrar and that Vic was the Platonic Form of an Australian registrar.

Veale, who I knew at Corpus, had come to be Registrar at Oxford after being a top civil servant. Vic prided himself on keeping the registrar's department small and did not waste the time of academics with pointless bureaucratic memoranda and correspondence. He had everything in his head and if I wanted to know something I could easily ask him in the staff club at lunch. He was a Sir Humphrey (though a virtuous one) with no aspirations to being a cabinet minister (that was for the academics).

At the arts appointments committee he would argue for the lower of two possible starting salaries but was in the greatest good humour when we voted for the higher. He had a great sense of collegiality at a time when Adelaide was the most collegial university in Australia.

Vic had his own strong academic interests as may be seen from his historical writings about the university after he retired. It was a pleasure to visit him and Jean at Wattle Park on many visits to Adelaide after he retired. He loved to talk about the memorable professors in the faculty of arts at Adelaide and under whom he had studied. I also remember his cricket reminiscences of playing for one of the university teams on the old Jubilee Oval. We may not see his like again.

By the way, I never heard him called "VAE". For me he was always "Vic".

—Emeritus Professor J. J. C. Smart

### CORRECTION

Last month's issue of the *Adelaidean* stated that Vic Edgeloe died on May 30. In fact, he died on May 25—May 30 was the date on which the university's flags on Bonython Hall were flown at half mast. Many thanks to the Edgeloe family for the correction.

—David Ellis

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# Our graduates lead in earnings, employment

University of Adelaide first-degree graduates are not only landing more full-time jobs than their South Australian counterparts, they are also earning more money.

According to a recently released survey by the Graduate Careers Council of Australia, 82.2% of 2001 University of Adelaide graduates found positions in key professions in 2001 compared to 76% of Flinders graduates and 74.7% of UniSA graduates.

The figures involved first-degree Australian graduates available for full-time work in 2001. The University of Adelaide leads the national average, which is 81.3%.

The Graduate Destination Survey involved more than 370 University of Adelaide students, more than 380 from Flinders and 1100 from UniSA.

The University of Adelaide leads in earnings, with an average salary of \$36,200 compared to Flinders (\$35,300) and UniSA (\$35,000).

The highest salary is in dentistry (\$50,700) and the lowest is in the area of visual/performing arts (\$23,800).

"This is encouraging and clearly shows our students are being appropriately guided and prepared for their careers," said Professor James McWha, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide.

Story by Howard Salkow



More information about careers and the courses that lead to them can be found at the University of Adelaide's Open Day on Sunday, August 17.

## August graduations

The glorious Gothic architecture of Bonython Hall will provide a fitting backdrop as more than 650 students take part in graduation ceremonies this month.

Four ceremonies are being held in Bonython Hall over two days, with almost 1100 students graduating in total.

### **Monday, August 4, 9.30am:**

Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Sciences. Speaker: Mr Ed McAlister, CEO Royal Zoological Society of SA.

### **Monday, August 4, 2.30pm:**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (including Elder School of Music and Wilto Yerlo), and Faculty of the Professions (School of Commerce). Speaker: Mr Keith Conlon, Radio 5AA and Channel 9 personality.

### **Tuesday, August 5, 9.30am:**

Faculty of the Professions (Adelaide Graduate School of Business). Speaker: Mr Ian Kowalick (Acting Dean, Adelaide Graduate School of Business).

### **Tuesday, August 5, 2.30pm:**

Faculty of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences, and Faculty of the Professions (School of Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Urban Design, School of Economics, Graduate School of Education, Law School). Speaker: Professor Ian Young, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) and Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences.

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# Reconciliation statement a step forward for uni

The University of Adelaide has taken another major step forward in its indigenous affairs with the launch of a Statement of Reconciliation.

The comprehensive 393-word statement affirms the University of Adelaide's commitment to the reconciliation process, as well as acknowledging and apologising for past injustices against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The statement was officially launched by Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha at a ceremony involving indigenous and non-indigenous University of Adelaide staff, students, graduates, members of the community and government.

"This statement is more than just words on paper—it is a living, working document which the entire university community can engage with," Professor McWha said.

Mr Roger Thomas, Director of the university's Centre for Australian Indigenous Research & Studies, said the statement heralded continuous improvement in the relationship between the University of Adelaide and its indigenous stakeholders.

"I am delighted that the university has taken this step and look forward to working together to ensure our ultimate goal of reconciliation is reached," Mr Thomas said.



"In particular I am excited for the university's indigenous students, who stand to benefit in this exciting new era of reconciliation."

The official welcome to the launch—acknowledged as being held on traditional Kurna land—was given by Kurna elder Mr Lewis O'Brien.

Other speakers included the State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon. Mr Terry Roberts, Supreme Court judge and co-chair of Reconciliation SA Justice Ted Mullighan, and fellow



(Left) Professor James McWha with AFL footballer and University of Adelaide student Che Cockatoo-Collins (Politics). (Above, from left) signatories to the Reconciliation Statement (front) Shirley Peisley, Lewis O'Brien and Professor McWha, and (back) Roger Thomas, Justice Ted Mullighan and the Hon. Terry Roberts.  
Photos Howard Salkow

Reconciliation SA co-chair Ms Shirley Peisley—all of whom, along with Mr O'Brien, Mr Thomas and Professor McWha, signed the Statement of Reconciliation.

A group of musicians from the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music, led by Jardine Kiwat, performed a new song especially written for the occasion, which touched and inspired the large gathering at the launch.

Professor McWha paid tribute to the many people and groups who made significant efforts in bringing this

statement to fruition, particularly the Centre for Australian Indigenous Research & Studies and Mr Thomas, and the university's Gender, Equity and Diversity committee, headed by Professor Mike Innes.

[www.adelaide.edu.au/pr/docs/reconciliation.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/pr/docs/reconciliation.html)

More information about study options for indigenous students can be found at our Open Day on Sunday, August 17.

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# Medical students join Waugh for Indian partnership

Adelaide medical students have been lucky enough to go into bat with Steve Waugh — but far away from the cricket field.

Fifth-year University of Adelaide students Matthew Hutchinson and Andrew Perry and second-year student Jan-Paul Kwasik recently joined the Australian Test cricket captain, Steve Waugh, on a trip to India to provide medical aid to disadvantaged children.



As part of their travels the students visited the Udayan Rehabilitation Centre and Orphanage Home, of which Waugh is patron.

The amazing set of circumstances transpired quickly: only one week before, Matthew, Andrew and Jan went along as members of the Adelaide Medical Students Society to a fundraising lunch for Overseas Pharmaceutical Aid for Life (OPAL). OPAL is an Adelaide-based not-for-profit organisation that sends medicines to areas of need in more than 30 countries. At the lunch, Waugh spoke about his work among the most desperate of India's children.

They were so impressed by what Waugh had to say that they felt compelled to offer their assistance, and with OPAL in turn being impressed by their enthusiasm, one week later they were working



alongside one of Australia's greatest sportsmen treating children with leprosy.

The students also set up a clinic in a small village two hours north of Calcutta. They encountered poverty and disease on a grand scale and were even required to perform emergency surgery on two seriously ill children.

"It was an amazing experience," said Matthew. "Not that it was fun, you couldn't possibly say it was fun, but it



Steve Waugh takes time out to play cricket with the kids in India. (From left) Adelaide students Andrew Perry, Jan-Paul Kwasik and Matthew Hutchinson treat needy children. Photos courtesy of Jan-Paul Kwasik

gave us an opportunity to really help. At the end of the day, that's what every doctor or medical student aims for: helping those less fortunate.

"The level of poverty, disease and lack of access to medical care over there came as an absolute shock, but the work that we were able to do made a real impact not only on their lives, but ours as well—it was very rewarding."

Next stop for the three is Papua New Guinea, where they will spend eight

weeks in an isolated village in the Western Highlands. They are also pushing for the establishment of a national database to enable others to find out about, and visit, needy communities.

Story by Ben Osborne

For more information about studying Medicine at the University of Adelaide, visit Open Day on Sunday, August 17.





# Adelaide wins gold at Southern Uni Games

The University of Adelaide has performed strongly at this year's Southern University Games, winning three gold and three bronze medals.



The Games, held last month in Adelaide, featured around 2000 university athletes from South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

The University of Adelaide won gold for women's hockey and women's soccer, with the men winning the rugby union 7s competition.

The university also earned bronze in the women's and men's basketball and in Ultimate Frisbee.

Pennants were presented to the winning university teams at a closing ceremony at the Clipsal Powerhouse.

"We're very pleased with the University's performance at the games," said University of Adelaide Team Manager Gloria Chester, who is also Executive Officer of the Sports Association and was on the Games Advisory Board.

"Sport is an important part of student life at the University of Adelaide, as it provides many opportunities for students from different areas of study and backgrounds to engage with each other.

"This year's Southern University Games was a great event, and all staff and students should be proud of our university's achievements."

Above right: Adelaide full back Matthew Adams (Bachelor of Media Studies) in the men's rugby 7s against Monash

Photo Luke Hemer, courtesy of the Southern University Games

Above: Michael Physick (Student & Staff Services) and Gloria Chester (Sports Association) celebrate Adelaide's three gold at the Games closing ceremony.

Photo David Ellis

In all, the University of Adelaide qualified 11 teams who will now head to the Australian University Games in Newcastle in October.

In addition to the strong performance at the Southern University Games, the University of Adelaide won the most medals (eight medals from seven events) at the Australian Universities Table Tennis Championship, also held in Adelaide last month.

Three gold medals went to Adelaide—to the men's team, men's doubles and men's singles—with silver in the women's team, women's doubles, mixed doubles and men's singles, and bronze in women's singles.

More information about sport and other life on campus can be found at Open Day on Sunday, August 17.

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# Gambling study rings up smart solution to exclusion program

New research highlights the need for changes to a program to help problem gamblers.

The excitement of the first few payouts, the sound of money pouring from a poker machine and the atmosphere in the gaming room is enough to seduce many into returning on a regular basis.

But what was once fun and entertaining can quickly turn into an obsession and then an addiction, with personal, family and financial devastation to follow. While individuals lose huge sums of money and lives are destroyed, industry and government are the major benefactors.

To better understand this problem, a recent study by the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies—a joint University of Adelaide and Flinders University venture—researched the effectiveness of self-exclusion programs for the Victorian Gambling Research Panel.

Self-exclusion is a program that enables problem gamblers to “prohibit” themselves from entering nominated (by the individual) clubs and pubs with gaming machines. By signing a deed, the onus is on the individual, who has identified their gambling problem, to honour the program.

However, according to the Adelaide study, the program has numerous flaws, which he and his team have converted into solutions.

“It is a contentious program that has been criticised because of the numerous loopholes,” said Michael O’Neil, Director of the SA Centre for Economic Studies based at the University of Adelaide.

He said although those in the program have their photograph taken, which is appropriately displayed at the nominated venues, it is not always possible to identify someone, especially if they disguise their appearance.



“Being identified is a major issue and the pubs and clubs do not have the personnel to monitor their patrons,” Mr O’Neil said.

“Another drawback is a gambler may nominate five to six hotels, but choose to attend a venue not nominated, meaning that person is not self-excluded or exercising their responsibility,” he said.

He said although the program is supported by industry, it has not been evaluated, measured or monitored.

In his report, Mr O’Neil concluded that the program had limited effect and, coupled with administrative concerns, changes were required.

“Our principle recommendation is the creation of a smart card that would immediately identify a self-excluded patron,” he said.

“The card we are proposing would be swiped on entry into a gaming

area or to use a machine. Those in the self-exclusion program would be immediately identified, their card will be rejected and they’ll be required to leave what is after all a restricted gaming area.”

Like anything, Mr O’Neil said, there would be a cost involved. “However, government and industry should consider the proposal for the self-exclusion program to have any effect.”

Many cities in Holland use a card system, and in cases where younger people visit a casino frequently, the relevant authorities have the ability to intervene, the report said.

“This may impede on civil liberties, but it does indicate that the technology is available.”

The report recommended that if the smart card option were introduced, management and operation of the program should reside with the

Office of Gambling Regulation. And such a system should be made a condition of a gaming licence.

Other recommendations to improve self-exclusion included issuing reminder notices, providing additional staff to support venues in enforcing the program, and more prominent displays about self-exclusion in venues.

The report also recommended that the Victorian Government and industry cooperate to develop cost effective, technology-based capabilities for pre-commitment betting limits.

The SA Centre for Economic Studies has been contacted by international researchers, experts in the field and government regulators to discuss the findings of its report.

“Our report has been circulated to State governments across Australia and other parts of the world with what we believe are meaningful and manageable recommendations,” Mr O’Neil said.

Meanwhile, in South Australia legislation is being considered to allow family members to seek court orders stopping problem gamblers from entering gaming rooms.

State Gambling Minister Jay Weatherill said the proposed legislation would empower families to stop problem gamblers from diverting money away from groceries and household bills.

South Australians spent more than \$450 a head on the pokies last year while SA gaming machine turnover was \$4.6 billion in 2000-01.

Story by Howard Salkow

More information about studies in Economics can be found at the University of Adelaide’s Open Day on Sunday, August 17.



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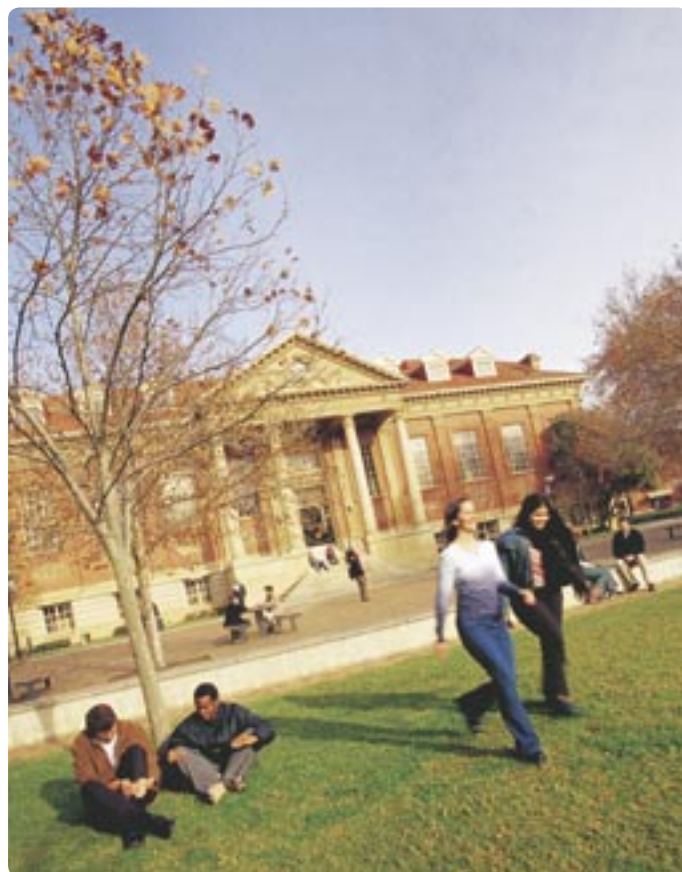
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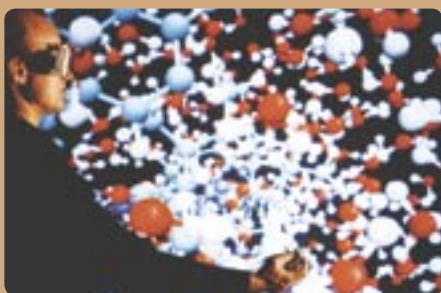


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### Psychology

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# Student Activities

Throughout the day our students will provide an insight into student life at Adelaide.

## Clubs and Societies

Clubs and Societies range from sporting clubs, to activity, issue and cultural groups. **Open Day events include:**

- Choral Society performances
- Debating Society in action
- French and German Clubs performing some acts from their plays and the Cabaret
- Society for Creative Anachronism – hold onto your hats, anything could happen!
- Sporting club demonstrations, including Ultimate Frisbee, martial arts and more
- Student Radio

## Sports Hub Fitness Centre

This new, fully air-conditioned facility is open for tours all day.

## Postgraduate Students Association/ Overseas Students Association

Available all day to answer questions and view facilities.

## Entertainment & Activities

Open Day is a great chance to see the campus in full swing. There will be a variety of entertainment for the whole family to enjoy—music performances, student radio, CirKidz and much more!

### Union Studio

For the kids—come in and make a badge! Wide variety of T-shirts, jackets and tracksuit pants selling below recommended retail. Pottery demonstrations.

### Union Cinema

The Film Society will be showing videos in the Union Cinema throughout the day.

### Tours and Trails

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- History & Heritage
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## Roseworthy Information Day

**Friday, August 15**  
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**10am-3.30pm**



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Current students conduct tours of the campus, while academic staff give talks about the courses, entrance requirements, the fascinating career options that await you.

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### Research Centre for the History of Food & Drink

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### Asian Studies

Food tasting of traditional Asian cuisine, and a quiz!

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### Wilto Yerlo (Aboriginal Programs)

Enjoy an Indigenous Feast and music from students at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music.



### Elder School of Music

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Where would we be without laws, and without people who understand our laws?

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## Sciences

### Chemistry Demonstrations – smoke, sparks and noise!

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- **Slime** (create and play with your own slime ball)
- **Paper Chromatography** (find out how to separate food dyes)
- **Magic Bottles** (watch them change colour)
- **Life science displays**
- **Wine sensory**
- **Earth science displays**



### Sciences BBQ

Enjoy a traditional Aussie BBQ while seeing what the sciences have to offer.

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Farm animals, insects, reptiles—how are they important to science and our world?

# New plan for Adelaide rooftops to go bush

Rooftops in Adelaide's CBD may go bush if a new concept developed by the Centre for Urban Habitats and the University of Adelaide wins support from the Adelaide City Council.

Under the plan, the CBD may be greened by ecological habitat planting on building rooftops. Buildings which could benefit from such greening—known as a “bushtop”—include carparks, apartment buildings and office blocks.

As part of their assessment, students from the university's School of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design have already drawn up plans for a possible bushtop on the Grenfell Street Carpark (next to Harris Scarfe).

Landscape Architecture lecturer Mr Graeme Hopkins said the project is still in its initial stages, but has enormous potential.

“It's important to realise that even though University of Adelaide students have drawn up plans to refurbish the rooftop of a CBD

carpark, we're still only in the concept stage and we're quite some way from getting the green light for any actual construction,” he said. “However, the concept is very exciting, and the potential is there for this to become a very important part of keeping the city green in the future.

“The idea behind the bushtops is that they will be small ecosystems of the Adelaide Plains—that is, the ecosystem the CBD has replaced. We want them to be as realistic as possible, with the plants, animals and landforms that were originally here.”

One of the driving forces behind the project is the newly formed Centre for Urban Habitats, which is headed by the University of Adelaide's Associate Professor Christopher Daniels. Besides the university, other partners in the centre include the



Fourth-year student Sky Allen looks over her plans with Graeme Hopkins  
Photo Ben Osborne

Adelaide City Council, Royal Adelaide Zoo, Botanic Gardens and the South Australian Museum.

Dr Daniels says the bushtop project would be a vital research and education tool for the University of Adelaide and wider community.

“It could give us the chance to display endangered and locally extinct plants, animals, insects and birds to the parklands,” he said. “Everyone knows that the Adelaide

CBD is surrounded entirely by parkland but this project would take that even further by integrating the parklands into the CBD.”

Story by Ben Osborne

More information about studies in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design can be found at our Open Day on Sunday, August 17.

## Breath-tested mice strike a blow for science

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Breath-testing makes studies such as these so much easier, regardless of whether the subject is human or a mouse.

For her research into mice, each mouse that is breath-tested is placed in its own self-contained jar. Erin collects breath samples from the jar and analyses them with a mass spectrometer.

“After the food (which contains the non-radioactive carbon-13 label) is emptied from the stomach it is metabolised to produce carbon dioxide which is also labelled with carbon-13,” Erin said.

“By analysing the breath for its levels of labelled carbon dioxide, we can get an idea about how fast or slow the stomach emptying is.

“For my thesis I also examined how a potential reflux therapy called baclofen affected gastric emptying.

“Slow gastric emptying contributes to reflux or heartburn, so if potential treatments further slow

the emptying then they are doing more harm than good. I found that baclofen sped up the emptying for solid meals, but it actually slowed it down for liquids.”

Erin, 26, was awarded a Centenary Medal earlier this year for her gastroenterology research and in 2001 won the Young Investigator Award. She plans to continue her research at the WCH for up to two years before furthering her gastrointestinal research interests overseas.

Story by Ben Osborne

Information about studies in Science can be found at our Open Day on Sunday, August 17.  
[www.adelaide.edu.au/openday](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday)

Science exhibitions on show at Open Day are part of the official celebrations for National Science Week (August 15-24).  
<http://scienceweek.info.au>





# Wine Centre agreement signed

The University of Adelaide and the State Government have officially signed the agreement handing control of the National Wine Centre to the university.

The hand over is planned for September 1, with the university aiming to teach its wine-related and some other tertiary education courses at the centre.

The Treasurer, Kevin Foley and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, Professor James McWha, signed the agreement at the Wine Centre last month.

"This deal provides an exciting, long-term, meaningful future for the National Wine Centre," Mr Foley said.

"It will become a centre of excellence for wine education and research in the capital of the nation's premier wine state. And it will remain a facility the public at large can enjoy through the Wine Exhibition and catering for functions."

Professor McWha said it was an exciting time for the University of Adelaide, with the acquisition of the Wine Centre opening up many opportunities.



"We already have a number of wine courses earmarked for the wine centre in September involving more than 200 students," he said.

The exhibition will remain open to the public and the university is exploring avenues to enhance its presence.

The State Government has leased the National Wine Centre to the university for 40 years in return for \$1 million. While the university will

be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the centre and its associated costs from September 1, the ownership of the centre will remain in public hands.

More information about Wine Science and Marketing studies can be found at our Open Day on Sunday, August 17.



## News in Brief

### National Science Week

Science's biggest week of the year is happening this month, and the University of Adelaide is once again playing an active part.

National Science Week runs from August 15 to 24, and sees universities, schools, science organisations, research centres, businesses, industry organisations, media outlets and individuals all joining together to bring science out to the public.

This year, National Science Week coincides with the University of Adelaide's Open Day—so there's no better time to learn about studying and researching science than at Open Day on the university's North Terrace campus on Sunday, August 17. There will be a whole host of things to do, see, feel and taste, so visit the

Open Day website to find out exactly what's on:  
[www.adelaide.edu.au/openday](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday)

Another National Science Week event will take place at the Waite campus on Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21.

The Power Plants quiz mornings are open to school groups, and are a mixture of fun, educational presentations and hands-on experimentation all in a quiz-style atmosphere. For more information, phone (08) 8303 6539.

### Five new Science degrees at Adelaide

New Bachelor degrees in Science have been added to the University of Adelaide's offerings for 2004.

The courses have been developed in response to industry and student demand, and cover the study of

winemaking and grape growing, animal science, agricultural science, computer physics, and drug design.

- Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Animal Science)
- Bachelor of Science (High Performance Computational Physics) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (Molecular & Drug Design)
- Bachelor of Science (Viticulture) / Bachelor of Oenology

For more information about all Science courses, visit [www.science.adelaide.edu.au](http://www.science.adelaide.edu.au)

### 2004 Rhodes Scholarships

A briefing meeting will be held on Friday, August 15 for students

interested in learning more about Rhodes Scholarships for 2004. The meeting will take place at midday in the Edgeloe Room, Mitchell Building, North Terrace campus.

Rhodes Scholarships are open to university students of outstanding academic performance who also display other personal achievements and who have participated in community service.

For more information—including application forms—contact Hugh McClelland, Honorary Secretary, Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee for SA, at the University of Adelaide on (08) 8303 4701, or email: [hugh.mcclelland@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:hugh.mcclelland@adelaide.edu.au)

*Applications for 2004 Rhodes Scholarships close on September 1, 2003.*

# Jazz great returns to Elder Hall

The Elder School of Music's evening concert on Thursday, August 28 will feature legendary jazz woodwind player Errol Buddle.

Buddle is one of Australia's supreme jazz talents, who performs on a wide range of wind instruments including the saxophone, flute and clarinet families, as well as the oboe and bassoon. He was the first jazz musician in the world to use bassoon extensively in jazz.

He has performed all around the world, from Adelaide (his home town) to all other Australian cities, across the USA and Canada, in Russia and also in many Asian cities, such as Singapore, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur to name a few.

Currently based in Sydney, Errol has previously taught saxophone and taken workshops at the University of Adelaide's Elder School of Music and is in great demand as an educator across Australia.

At the concert in Elder Hall at 8pm, Buddle will perform alongside the Conservatorium Big Band conducted by Hal Hall, the Honours Jazz Ensemble and the Bruce Hancock Trio.

"We are fortunate indeed to have Errol Buddle once again appearing as guest artist in the Elder Hall—he has performed there on at least two occasions in the nineties—and expect this concert to be a sell-out," said the Manager of the Evening Concert Series, Helen Simpson.



Errol Buddle

Tickets: \$22 adult/\$14 concession/\$8 student from all BASS outlets, dial'n'charge on 131 246. (University of Adelaide staff at concession prices with staff card.)

For a brochure contact Helen Simpson on (08) 8303 5925 or 0402 120 478.

[www.music.adelaide.edu.au](http://www.music.adelaide.edu.au)

## Grand opening to lunch hour concerts

A brand new \$200,000 grand piano was on show at the start of this semester's Lunch Hour Concert series in Elder Hall.

Leading Adelaide pianist Stefan Ammer performed on the beautiful new Bosendorfer piano, on loan from Winston Music especially for the opening concert on Friday, August 1.

The lunch hour concerts are held throughout the semester each Friday at 1.10pm until November 21. For the opening concert Mr Ammer was joined by his son, violinist Florian Ammer, and cellist Janis Laurs, performing Brahms's Piano Trio in B major Op.8.

The new series of 17 concerts includes some outstanding young artists, and many of the state's leading chamber ensembles.

On August 8 pianist Kristian Chong will return to Adelaide for a solo recital. He is currently completing his studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

The Australian String Quartet's concert on August 22 is one of their last commitments before leaving on a major overseas tour.

Admission is only \$5, with tickets available at the door from 12.30pm on the day. Special subscription passes are also available for \$60. For more information or to obtain a detailed brochure contact the Concert Office on: (08) 8303 5925.

[www.music.adelaide.edu.au](http://www.music.adelaide.edu.au)

## Coming Events

### Tuesday, August 5

**1.10pm Student workshop:** "Meditation". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

**6pm CISME seminar:** "Celebratory Seminar for the Hon. Lynn Arnold", with Professor James McWha (Vice-Chancellor, University of Adelaide) and the Hon. Mike Rann (Premier of South Australia). Council Rm, Lvl 7, Wills Bldg.

### Wednesday, August 6

**1pm Architecture talk series:** "Shear Outback: Australian Shearers Hall of Fame" by Paul Berkemeier (Paul Berkemeier Architects Pty Ltd). Hughes Lecture Theatre, 309 Hughes Building.

**1.10pm Student workshop:** "Effective Weed Control". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

### Thursday, August 7

**10.10am Electrical & Electronic Engineering seminar:** "Design of a

practical Rotman lens at 17 GHz" by Leonard Hall (postgraduate student). S112, Engineering South Building.

### Friday, August 8

**1.10pm Elder Hall Lunch Hour Concerts:** Kristian Chong (piano) featuring works by Bartók, Graeme Koehne and Liszt. Elder Hall. Tickets \$5 at door from 12.30pm.

**4pm Economics seminar:** Dr Robert Waschik (La Trobe) on the wool industry. Napier LG14.

### Monday, August 11

**1pm Clinical & Experimental Pharmacology seminar:** "Introducing the WHO Collaborative Centre in the treatment of drug and alcohol problems and DASC Evidence Based Practice Unit". O&G-Pharmacology Seminar Rm, Level 6, Medical School North.

### Tuesday, August 12

**1.10pm Student workshop:** "Meditation". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

### Wednesday, August 13

**12.30pm Clinical Nursing seminar:** "Nursing private practice - an incentive for retention" by Dr Anne Wilson. Rm 36, Level 3 Eleanor Harrauld Building, Frome Rd.

**1.10pm Student workshop:** "Effective Weed Control". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

**5.30pm CBME research seminar:** "Electromagnetic radiation and its contribution to health and disease" by Professor Haim Stein (Visiting Professor, Israel). SG15 Hone Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, Medical Building South.

### Thursday, August 14

**10.10am Electrical & Electronic Engineering seminar:** "Algorithms & Architectures for Low-Density Parity-Check Codes" by Dr Andrew Blanksby (Gnome Technologies Pty Ltd). S112, Engineering South Building.

### Friday, August 15

#### Roseworthy Information Day:

Roseworthy Campus, 10am to 3.30pm. [www.adelaide.edu.au/openday](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday)

**1.10pm Elder Hall Lunch Hour Concerts:** Stellar!collective with Walter Cosand (piano, Arizona State University) featuring works by Martinu. Elder Hall. Tickets \$5 available at door from 12.30pm.

**4pm Economics seminar:** Dr Herb Emery (Calgary). Napier LG14.

**4pm Obstetrics & Gynaecology seminar:** "When are progestogens androgens? Does it matter in Breast Disease" by Professor Steve Birrell (Breast Cancer Unit, Flinders Medical Centre/Hanson Institute). 6th Floor, Medical School North.

### Sunday, August 17

#### University of Adelaide Open Day:

North Terrace Campus, 10am to 4pm. [www.adelaide.edu.au/openday](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday)



# Equus reigns in theatrical talent

It's an extraordinary play about an extraordinary act of violence.



The University of Adelaide Theatre Guild's latest production of Peter Shaffer's masterful *Equus* promises to enthral audiences.

Directed by Geoff Crowhurst, *Equus* stars Luke O'Loughlin as Alan Strang, a 17-year-old boy who plunges a spike into the eyes of horses. Mr O'Loughlin, a graduate of University Senior College, played Chuck Finn in the television series of the same name, and in 2002 won an Australian Film Institute Best Young Actor nomination for *Escape of the Artful Dodger*.

Also starring as the psychiatrist Martin Dysart is Theatre Guild Chairman John Edge. Dysart tries to establish why Strang would commit such a brutal act. In the process he learns more about himself as well as the boy. It's the second year in a row John Edge has appeared in a Guild production of a Shaffer play, after his powerhouse performance as Salieri in 2002's *Amadeus*.

*Equus* also marks a return to the Theatre Guild for Geoff Crowhurst, who started out with the Guild more than 25 years ago and is now one of South Australia's most highly regarded professional theatre directors, primarily through his work with Junction Theatre.

"I'm very excited to be coming back to direct one of the greatest plays from the twentieth century," he said. "It is a little different from what I was doing at Junction Theatre: there, 47 out of the 50 plays I directed were original pieces, and now I'm doing one of the best-known plays going around!"

"I'm very lucky to have two great actors in the lead roles for such a dramatic and powerful play."



Luke O'Loughlin and John Edge  
Photo Ben Osborne

The two main actors themselves are looking forward to the challenge of performing in *Equus*, which requires them to remain on stage for virtually the entire play.

"It's very strongly written and an intimate venue like the Little Theatre brings the emotion very close to the audience," Luke O'Loughlin said.

"*Equus* is an exhilarating play," said John Edge. "As Dysart peels away the layers of the onion that is Alan Strang, the audience is just swept along with his discoveries, which also become self-discovery as he realises that this supposedly sick boy has been more alive than he ever was."

Story by Ben Osborne

*Equus* will be performed at the Little Theatre from August 2, August 5-9 and August 12-16, with each show starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$20/\$15 and are available from the Theatre Guild on 8303 5999 or BASS on 131 246. Online bookings are also available at [www.adelaide.edu.au/clubs/theatreguild](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/clubs/theatreguild)

## Monday, August 18

**1pm Clinical & Experimental Pharmacology seminar:** "Heterogeneity, interactivity and plasticity in the anterior pituitary" by Dr Jeff Schwartz (Physiology). O&G-Pharmacology Seminar Rm, Lvl 6, Medical School Nth.

**6pm CISME seminar:** "Can a Soul be Cloned?" by Professor Andrzej Szostek (Catholic University of Lublin, Poland). Council Rm, Level 7, Wills Building.

**8pm Classical Association seminar:** "The Roman Technological Achievement: the Industrial Revolution That Didn't Happen?" by Jenny Harvey, Council Rm, Level 7, Wills Building.

## Tuesday, August 19

**1.10pm Student workshop:** "Meditation". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

## Wednesday, August 20

**1pm Architecture talk series:** "Al-Ain Oasis: The Heart of a Bedouin City" by

Geoffrey Sanderson (Shankland Cox Ltd, United Arab Emirates). Hughes Lecture Theatre, 309 Hughes Building.

**1.10pm Student workshop:** "Effective Weed Control". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

## Thursday, August 21

**10.10am Electrical & Electronic Engineering seminar:** "Towards a 3 dimensional terahertz inspection system" by Bradley Ferguson (postgraduate student). S112, Engineering South.

**5.30pm Lloyd Cox Memorial Lecture:** "The male germ line: its part in our downfall" by Professor John Aitken (ARC Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology and Development, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Newcastle). Main Lecture Theatre, First Floor, Queen Victoria Building, Women's and Children's Hospital. Drinks and nibbles at 5pm. RSVP: (08) 8222 26788 or email [nicole.normandale@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:nicole.normandale@adelaide.edu.au)

## Friday, August 22

**1.10pm Elder Hall Lunch Hour Concerts:** Australian String Quartet featuring works by Haydn. Elder Hall. Tickets \$5 at door from 12.30pm.

**4pm Economics seminar:** "The Drug Bargaining Game: Pharmaceutical Regulation in Australia" by Dr Don Wright (Sydney). Napier LG14.

**4pm Obstetrics & Gynaecology seminar:** "The human spermatozoon; not waving but drowning" by Professor John Aitken (Biological Sciences, Newcastle). 6th Floor, Medical School North.

## Tuesday, August 26

**1.10pm Student workshop:** "Meditation". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

## Wednesday, August 27

**12.30pm Clinical Nursing seminar:** "A phenomenological study to investigate the experiences of patients ventilated

long term in the intensive care unit setting" by Kelly Lewis. ICU conference room.

**1.10pm Student Workshop:** "Effective Weed Control". Counselling Centre, ground floor, Horace Lamb Building.

## Thursday, August 28

**10.10am Electrical & Electronic Engineering seminar:** "Cognizant Environments (the science of creating and monitoring the situation awareness in humans working on safety-critical systems)" by Associate Professor Daniel McMichael (CSIRO). S112, Engineering South Building.

## Friday, August 29

**1.10pm Elder Hall Lunch Hour Concerts:** John O'Donnell (organ) featuring works by J C Bach and J S Bach. Elder Hall, North Terrace Campus. Tickets \$5 at door from 12.30pm.

**4pm Economics seminar:** Dr Katrina Ellis (UC Davis) on finance. Napier LG14.

# Book focuses on constitutional and parliamentary reform

Literary works have a tendency to emerge following discussion, a thought or an idea.

In the case of Dr John Williams and Dr Clement Macintyre, two senior lecturers at the University of Adelaide, their latest work *Peace, Order and Good Government* was born after they had attended a conference a year ago this month.

"This book is a result of a conference held last August which considered the possible issues of constitutional and parliamentary reform for South Australia and the other States," they said.

"In commencing this project we were pleased by the enthusiastic responses from academics and politicians. The final collection brings together some of the leading scholars in the area and we hope that it will provoke informed discussion on the issues."

*Peace, Order and Good Government*, published by Wakefield Press, was the product of a collaboration between members of the University of Adelaide's Law School and Politics Department, and was supported by the Attorney-General's Department, Johnson Winter & Slattery, the university's Research Branch and the AACL.

The book brings together acknowledged experts in the area of constitutional and parliamentary reform. The 20 contributors distinguish between constitutional theory and practice, and illuminate fundamental notions about reform, the reasons for it, its limitations, and the politics of reform.

Dr Williams, a constitutional lawyer in the University of Adelaide's Law School, and Dr Macintyre, a Politics lecturer who was chair of the Panel of Experts appointed to advise the South Australian Parliament on options for reform,



Dr Clement Macintyre (left) and Dr John Williams  
Photo by Howard Salkow

now have their eyes on another constitutional conference being held this month.

"We hope the ideas in this book will stimulate broader and continuing debates in the lead up to, and as part of, the State Government's formal constitutional convention in August this year," they said.

Story by Howard Salkow

The *Adelaidean* has one signed copy of the book to give away.

Be the first to call (08) 8303 3173.

More information about studies in Politics and Law can be found at the University of Adelaide's Open Day on Sunday, August 17.

## VC thanks supporters



In early July, a number of close associates and supporters of the University of Adelaide were hosted to afternoon tea at the Elder School of Music. The event gave the Vice-Chancellor the opportunity to thank many people for their ongoing support of the university.

Pictured at the event (from left) are Dr Barbara Kidman, Emeritus Professor John Prescott, Emeritus Professor Ren Potts, Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha, Mr Ralph Archibald and his wife Julianna.

## Bequests... a legacy

Throughout their history universities have derived a significant proportion of their capital from bequests made to them by loyal and appreciative graduates and friends.

In the last six months, our alumni are proving to be just as committed. The University of Adelaide has recently received notice of a sizeable legacy from the Estate of the late Dr Victor Edgeloe, Emeritus Registrar, to be used to endow a scholarship in the Elder School of Music and funding for the Barr Smith Library Special Collections.

Two other future anonymous bequests will endow an annual prize in the Department of Environmental Biology and to provide funding for a research project within the Department of Psychology to be undertaken on the diagnosis, treatment and support of people with mental illness.

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## Alumni News



# Booker prize-winner reads his work

Novelist J.M. Coetzee, one of only two people to win the Booker Prize twice, has given a rare reading to 200 people at the Barr Smith Library.

The essayist, critic and novelist, who is a Visiting Research Fellow with the University of Adelaide's Department of English, gave the reading at an author/scholar evening hosted by the Friends of the University of Adelaide Library in conjunction with the English Association.

More than 200 people gathered in the magnificent Reading Room of the Barr Smith Library (the venue being changed at the last moment because of the huge response) to hear Coetzee read his short story, *A House in Spain* (published in

*Architectural Digest* No.57, 2000), and his translations of Dutch poet Rutger Kopland's work.

While fans hoping to catch a few lines from his latest novel may have been slightly disappointed, they were more than compensated for by a fine event in a fine location, given by a man known as one of the world's greatest living writers.

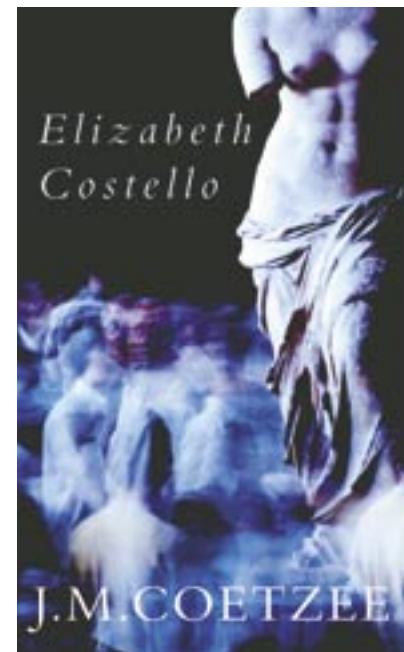
Coetzee won a Booker Prize for *The Life And Times of Michael K* in 1983, and again in 1999 for *Disgrace*.

Coetzee is also a member of the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago.

His reading is the latest in a highly successful series of author/scholar events organised by the Friends of the Library, a chapter of the Alumni Association, and sponsored by Unibooks.

For more information about Friends of the Library events, or supporting the Barr Smith Library visit:

[www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/chapters/library\\_chap.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/chapters/library_chap.html)



## Library appeal hits \$100,000



Over the last two years the Barr Smith Library Annual Appeal donations have totalled almost \$100,000.

This is a testament to the generosity of our graduates, present and former staff, students and friends of the University of Adelaide.

An excellent initial response to the 2003 Appeal has been extremely generous with donations totalling over \$50,000 to date, compared to 2002 when \$47,800 was raised for the entire year.

On behalf of the University Library and its users I thank those of you who have already contributed to this impressive total, as your support is very encouraging and much appreciated.

If you have not already supported this appeal we would still welcome your donations to help us achieve our target of over \$60,000 in 2003.

Details of the Appeal are available from the Alumni, Community Relations and Development website, or phone +61 8 8303 5800.

[www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/giving](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/giving)

May I encourage every one of you to support this very worthy cause.

**Ray Choate**  
University Librarian

Visit the Barr Smith Library during Open Day on Sunday, August 17.

## 03 Alumni Events

### Melbourne Alumni Network – First Hurrah! with Drinks at the Bar

The Melbourne Alumni Network of the University of Adelaide is pleased to invite graduates of the University to its inaugural event.

**Date:** Sunday, August 17

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Location:** The Pireaus Blues (Upstairs Function Room), 310 Brunswick St, Fitzroy, Victoria

A dinner is also being organised to follow drinks at 7.30pm at the same venue at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Dinner is optional but RSVPs are essential, as soon as possible to Kim McBride at (08) 8303 3196 or [kim.mcbride@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:kim.mcbride@adelaide.edu.au)

If you or another graduate you know reside in Melbourne and have not received an invitation to this event please contact Kim McBride.

### Early notice: Commerce Chapter event

Meet the new Deputy Chairperson of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, Mr Jeffrey Lucy, who will present a seminar on Corporate Governance at the University of Adelaide.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 21

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Location:** Equinox, Level 4, Union Building, North Terrace Campus

Mr Lucy commenced his 3-year term with ASIC in February and is based in Sydney. Mr Lucy is a Chartered Accountant and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the National Institute of Accountants, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr Lucy was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his contribution to the accounting profession, particularly through the ICAA, and to the business sector as an adviser on corporate and taxation reform.

Tickets will be available from the Alumni, Community Relations and Development office. For more information visit: [www.commerce.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/](http://www.commerce.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/)

# Young musician hits the write note

Esther Toh would rather play music than compose it – but is talented enough to receive recognition for both.

Esther, 18, was selected as South Australia's Young Composer at the Australian Society for Music Education's National Conference, held in Darwin last month.

This gave the University of Adelaide music student a chance to have her work *An Equal Eternity* performed by the Darwin Symphony Orchestra as part of the conference's Young Composers Concert, and to work with one of Australia's best composers, Peter Sculthorpe.

Esther, who is in her first year studying double bass at the Elder School of Music, freely admits that performance is her first love, with composition a relaxing side attraction. She composed *An Equal Eternity* for her Year 12 music studies at Pembroke in 2002.

"I'm really concentrating on my double bass playing at the moment, because I am aspiring towards a career in performance," Esther said. "Even in Year 12 last year composition was more a hobby than anything else for me, so to be selected as the Young Composer for South Australia was a real surprise and an honour.

"The trip to Darwin was good, however, because it broadened

my scope of the different types of music which are being written and performed today. It's also reinvigorated my interest to continue composing and I will be able to incorporate some of the things I learnt in Darwin into any works I write from now on."

Elder Professor of Music and Dean of the Elder School of Music Professor Charles Bodman Rae said Esther's achievements bode well for her future musical endeavours.

"Esther is obviously a very talented student: she received a 20/20 Merit for solo performance in Year 12 and is now studying at the Elder School of Music on a scholarship, and her compositional ability is already good enough for her to be receiving recognition," he said.

"Having students of her calibre choosing to study at the Elder School of Music also shows that we continue to be one of the country's pre-eminent educational institutions for music."

More information about studies in Music can be found at the University of Adelaide's Open Day on Sunday, August 17.



Esther Toh  
Story and Photo Ben Osborne



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