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Welcome to the New Year

We invite you to GU Collegiate 2013

book via our website or telephone 03 9347 3428

or email admingh@graduatehouse.com.au

JANUARY 2013

- Tuesday, 29th** **GRADUATE HOUSE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP Open for Applications**
Resident members enrolled for post-graduate research studies are eligible. Applications close 10th April, 2013.
The application form is on our website. Alternatively, ask at reception.
- Tuesday, 29th** **RESIDENTS MEET and GREET**
Resident and non-resident members **from 7.00pm**
meet in the Dining Room for drinks and nibbles.

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- Friday, 1st** **SUMMER BBQ** **6.00pm**
Join residents to welcome in the New Year. Resident members FREE
Enjoy freshly prepared salad and Non-resident members \$20
and perfectly grilled food. Guests \$30
Socialise and reminisce about the holidays. Concession \$27.50
- Tuesday, 5th** **ITALIAN CONVERSATION** **6.00pm**
Dine and speak Italian with an experienced Members \$15
teacher. RSVP by the Monday prior. Non-Members \$22 Concession \$20
- Wednesday, 6th** **MONTHLY LUNCHEON** **12.00 midday for 12.30pm**
Speaker *Daily Messenger* presents: Resident members \$10
Ceremonies and Celebrations Non-resident members \$30
RSVP by January 30th. Guests \$40 Concession \$35
- Wednesday, 6th** **QUIET BOARD GAME NIGHT** **7.30pm to 10.00pm**
13th, 20th, 27th Bring your own group or join others to play Members FREE
bridge, scrabble, chess or another quiet card or board game. Others: Gold Coin
- Friday, 8th** **FRIDAY DRINKS and DINNER** **6.00pm to 8.00pm**
Meet with fellow resident and Non-resident members \$15
non-resident members for convivial end-of-week Guests \$20
drinks and a meal. RSVP by Thursday 7th.
- Tuesday, 12th** **RESIDENTS SPECIAL BREAKFAST** **7.30am to 8.30am**
Resident and non-resident members Members FREE
meet for a hearty breakfast.
- Wednesday, 20th** **WOMEN'S FORUM** **10.00am for 10.30am**
Join this lively discussion on *Justice and Fairness* Forum is FREE
and stay for lunch if desired.
- Thursday, 28th** **FINANCIAL INFORMATION SESSIONS** **12.00pm - 1.00pm**
by Mr Peter Clark from DCA Advisory Pty Ltd who **5.30pm - 6.30pm**
will present a lunchtime session and an early FREE
evening session. RSVP by Wednesday 27th and
indicate which session you will be attending.

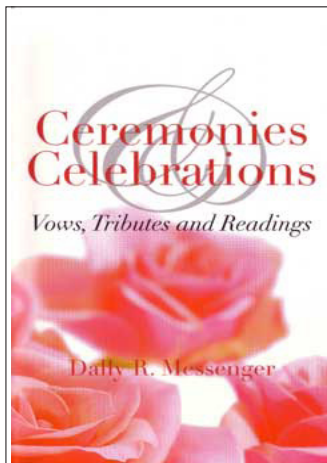
MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, 6th February, 2013

12.00 noon for 12.30pm

Dally Messenger III

Ceremonies and Celebrations



Dally Messenger III is referred to as the Pioneer and Don of Civil Celebrancy. As noted by Ruth Van Gramberg, he also *has the gift of instantly captivating an audience, guiding and impacting with verbal dexterity.*

Beginning his career as a celebrant in 1974, Dally went on to become the first secretary of the Association of Civil Marriage Celebrants of Australia (ACMCA) and in 1977, Foundation President of the Association of Civil Funeral Celebrants of Australia, known now as the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants.

Dally is currently Principal of the International College of Celebrancy and provides consultancy and training internationally on the non-theological nature of ceremony.

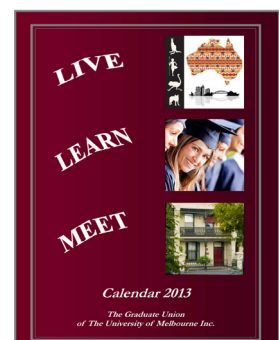
His talk will be on his celebrated book 'Ceremonies and Celebrations' and on the world of ceremonies, vows, tributes and readings for occasions that include weddings, funerals, namings, graduations, house dedications, special birthdays, step-family unions and divorce.

Resident Members \$10 Non-Resident Members \$30
Non-Members and Guests of Members \$40 Concession \$35

RSVP by Monday, 4th February, 2013
Book via our website or telephone 03 9347 3428

Errata 2013 Calendar

For the month of November, with regards to the Australian Football League, the last line of the second paragraph should read **eighteen** football teams not **thirteen**. This error is attributed to a CEO/Head of College who acknowledges with some reluctance that she may need to come to terms with this game.



SUMMER BBQ

Join Resident Members as they kick start the New Year



Friday, the 1st of February from 6.00pm

Enjoy sizzling Asian-spiced pork ribs, chilli-spiced chicken wings, honey and ginger prawns, soy-marinated salmon with fried rice, traditional Australian lamb cutlets, vegetarian patties and crisp fresh salads.

Resident members FREE Non-resident members \$20
Guests and non-members \$30 Concession \$27.50

The Women's Forum



Once a month, female graduates (members and non-members alike) come together to discuss such topics as politics, philosophy, current affairs, social history and contemporary society and then to continue conversations over lunch in the dining room.

The aim is to stimulate interest in local and world affairs and to foster, especially for those in caring roles or no longer in the workforce, nourishment of the brain and mind. Each topic is mooted at least one month in advance so that participants have time to ponder and to fill spare moments in fruitful research.

The shared core value is 'social inclusion'.

All who attend express enjoyment in spending a few hours in a friendly, intimate verbal exchange where input from each woman is respected and valued.

Topics for upcoming forums are:

February, Wednesday 20th ***Justice and Fairness***
March, Wednesday 20th ***What is Racism?***

The forums are free. Lunch is at members or non-members prices. Arrive at 10.00am for a 10.30am start.

INFLUENZA VACCINATION DAY

Thursday, 14th March

Following the successful vaccination day in April 2012, The Graduate Union is hosting a similar but larger scale event mid-March 2013.

Again, this is a collaboration with the Influenza Specialist Group (ISG) and Vaccinations On-site to provide free flu shots to resident and non-resident members and other graduates. This year, a number of other health organisations will also be at Graduate House on the day.

We urge you to participate. Judging from the impact of the current Northern Hemisphere flu, this year's influenzas are promising to be serious. At any age, it is thus prudent to be vaccinated.

In 2012, on the 27th of April, The GU took a positive step towards healthcare for its resident and non-resident members by offering free flu shots. Vaccinations, a quick injection in the arm, were offered all day in the Johnston Library and The Anderson Room was made into a Recovery Room, where tea, coffee and biscuits were provided. Two nurses were on-site to make sure that everything went smoothly, and without untoward effects.

The event was covered by Channel 9 TV and broadcasted on the 6.00pm news that night as part of the awareness campaign about Influenza and the benefits of vaccination. Among the many who came



The Channel 9 TV crew covering the Vaccination Day in 2012



Former Vice-chancellor Kwong Lee Dow getting his flu shot

for vaccination was the former Vice-Chancellor of The University of Melbourne, Professor Kwong Chiu Lee Dow the elder statesman of the university sector having run two universities and undertaken more than 17 education-related reviews.



The Anderson Room was used as the Recovery Room

More information and registration details will be in our next Newsletter and on The Graduate Union website

and OPEN HOUSE

On the same day, Graduate House is holding an Open House

where one Recruiter of the Day

will win a bottle of wine (or an equivalent-price gift) for signing up the most number of new members on the day.

FINANCE SEMINARS IN 2013

Thank you to the many members who responded to our 2012 newsletter invitations to indicate preferred topics for the four Finance Seminars in 2013.

The four most requested topics will be presented:

Estate Planning: What you need to know	28 th February
“Tax Effective” death	18 th April
Self-Managed Superannuation Funds: taking control of your future	18 th July
Wills: what can go wrong	9 th September

Each Finance Seminar will have two sittings, one from 12.00 noon to 1.00pm, and one from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on the same day. Members and their guests may then choose to stay on for lunch or dinner in the dining room to speak more informally with presenter Mr Peter Clark of DCA Advisors Pty Ltd.

The first Finance Seminar on Thursday the 28th of February, 2013 is entitled:

Estate Planning: What you need to know

In this seminar Peter aims to:

- explain the concepts and meanings of ‘Estate Planning’ and a ‘Will’
- outline why it is important to make a Will
- illustrate the assets that are governed by a Will, and those that are not
- explain ‘testamentary trusts’ and ‘power of attorney’
- explain estate planning and wills for blended families
- show how estate planning can be undertaken in a tax effective manner.

Book by Monday 25th February

Members FREE

Guests or non-members Gold Coin

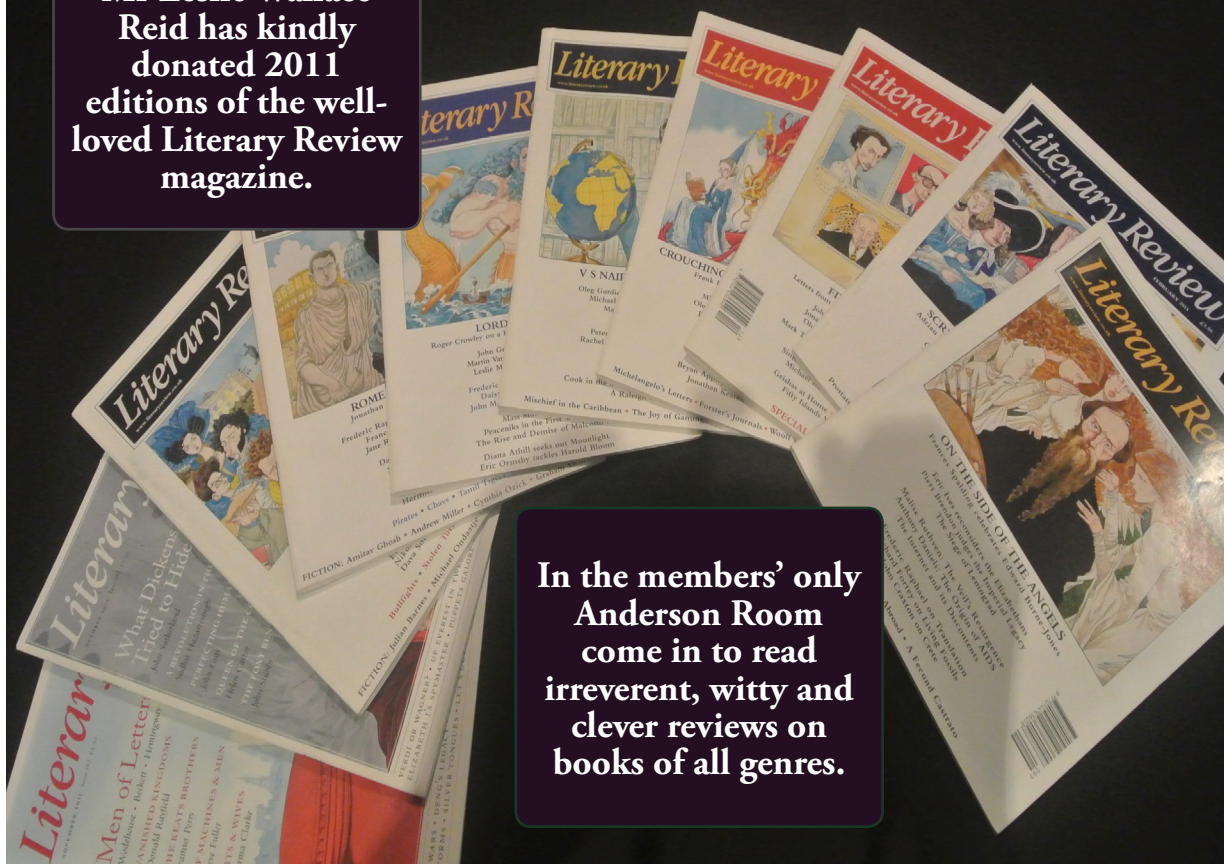
The Graduate Union is most grateful to Peter Clark for conducting these Finance Seminars for free and twice on each day. His expertise and experience, together with a wonderful presentation style, will make these sessions well worthwhile attending.

Peter’s Chartered Accountants firm is located at 249 Bouverie Street, Carlton, just around the corner from The Graduate Union. Peter heads up a team of twelve qualified accountants and administration staff with experience spanning over 30 years in public practice across a wide range of professional service areas - taxation, accounting, business advice and development, superannuation, asset protection, retirement and estate planning.

These seminars are suitable for all members, whether old or young, poor or rich. Bring along guests so that they learn also about our wonderful Association and their potential for membership should they be a graduate from any university in the world.

Life member
Mr Leslie Wallace
Reid has kindly
donated 2011
editions of the well-
loved Literary Review
magazine.

LITERARY REVIEW



In the members' only
Anderson Room
come in to read
irreverent, witty and
clever reviews on
books of all genres.



FRIDAY DINNER and DRINKS

8th February, 2013

Members and non-members are
invited to drinks and dinner at
Graduate House.

Drinks are at members' bar prices
from 6.00 to 7.00pm.

Dinner is from 6.45pm

Members \$15
Non-members \$25

Enjoy a college style buffet comprising soup, main course
and dessert.

**To avoid disappointment, book and pay by the Thursday before
(7th February) online or by calling +61 3 9347 3428.**

2013 Monthly Luncheon Speakers



On the first Wednesday of every month (bar January and December), The Graduate Union hosts a two course luncheon with wine followed by a presentation from a renown speaker (see list below).

Book at least six events in advance to receive reduced prices for each luncheon:

\$8 (not \$10) for Resident Members
 \$25 (not \$30) for non-Resident Members
 \$35 (not \$40) for Guests
 \$30 (not \$35) for Concession

Select six or more luncheons from the list below (placing ticks in boxes to the right) and send in your bulk booking for the year.

February 6 th	Dally Messenger - Pioneer of Civil Celebrancy	<input type="checkbox"/>
March 6 th	Dr Katrina McFerran - Melbourne Conservatorium of Music	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 3 rd	Dr Gerard Vaughan - ex-CEO of the National Gallery of Victoria	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 1 st	Ms Maxine McKew - sociopolitical commentator	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 5 th	Dr Margaret Simmons - The Centre for Advanced Journalism	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 3 rd	Hon Jeanette Powell MP - State Member for Shepparton District	<input type="checkbox"/>
August 7 th	Mr Tim Colebatch - Economic Editor, The Age Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>
September 4 th	Associate Professor Chris Briggs - Anatomy and Forensics	<input type="checkbox"/>
October 2 nd	Professor Robert Saint - Dean, Faculty of Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 13 th	Professor Rob Moodie - Professor of Public Health	<input type="checkbox"/>

2012 Twilight Lectures

March 27 th	Professor Geoffrey Blainey - Australian historian
June 26 th	Anne Frankenberg - General Manager, 3MBS Radio
September 18 th	Professor Zeger Degraeve - Dean, Melbourne Business School

and GU Tastings

from 5.00pm on the evening of each Twilight Lecture come in to sample deli and beverage products from boutique food and wine providers

After this palette-stimulating experience listen to an engaging presentation by an excellent speaker from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Return then to the dining room to continue tasting.

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Date	Time	Venue	Faculty or School	Title	Speakers	Bookings and Enquiries
Tuesday 29 th January, 2013	5.45pm - 8.00pm	Sidney Myer Asia Centre Building 158, Parkville Campus Corner of Swanston Street and Monash Road	Mathematics of Planet Earth (MPE) Australia	MPE2013 Simons Public Lecture Australia launch and Public Lecture The Challenge of Sustainability more information below	Professor Ian Chubb AC, Chief Scientist of Australia Professor Simon Levin George M. Moffett Professor of Biology	Bookings http://events.unimelb.edu Enquiries mpe@amsi.org.au Call 9035 9536
Tuesday 12 th February, 2013	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Brown Theatre, Ground Floor Building 193, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Melbourne School of Engineering	Intelligent Geospatial Systems	Professor Stephan Winter, Professor for Spatial Information	Bookings http://events.unimelb.edu Enquiries tsklavos@unimelb.edu.au Call 9035 9536



2013 International Year of Mathematics of Planet Earth.

Patron of the Year, Professor Ian Chubb, the Australian Chief Scientist, will officially launch the Australian participation in the International Year of Mathematics of Planet Earth (MPE) on Tuesday, 29th January, 2013. The first in the international series of MPE 2013 Simons Public Lectures will be delivered by Professor Simon Levin and the topic is *The Challenge of Sustainability*.

Professor Levin received his Bachelor of Arts (BA) from Johns Hopkins University and his PhD in Mathematics from the University of Maryland. He was Chair of the Section of Ecology and Systematics at Cornell University from 1965 to 1992 and then Director of the Ecosystems Research Center, the Center for Environmental Research and the Program on Theoretical and Computational Biology, as well as Charles A. Alexander, Professor of Biological Sciences (1985-1992). Since 1992, he has been at Princeton University, where he is currently George M. Moffett Professor of Biology and Director of the Center for BioComplexity. He retains an Adjunct Professorship at Cornell.

His research interests are in understanding how macroscopic patterns and processes are maintained at the level of ecosystems and the biosphere, in terms of ecological and evolutionary mechanisms that operate primarily at the level of organisms; in infectious diseases; and in the interface between basic and applied ecology.

*The MPE 2013 Simons Public Lecture Series is funded by the
SIMONS FOUNDATION a private New York based foundation which aims to advance
research in mathematics and the basic sciences.*

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From Hospital to University

As reported by Benjamin Preiss in The Age on the 4th of January, 2013, The University of Melbourne has purchased the southern section of the old Royal Women's Hospital site from the Victorian state government to use predominantly for its information and communications technology and for environmental research into sustainability.

The acquisition is of the corner of Swanston and Grattan Streets, Carlton - within walking distance of The Graduate Union – and encompasses the 3AW building, the A. J. Cunningham Wing, the Kumm-Stephens Wing on Cardigan Street and the car park behind this wing.

In 2003, it was agreed to move the Royal Women's Hospital from Carlton, where it had been for 120 years, to Parkville, closer to the Royal Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospitals; and to seek return of some costs to the State Government through sale of the Carlton site. This \$250 million redevelopment project was completed in 2008. Following the passing of the *Royal Women's Hospital Land Bill 2012* by the Victorian State Parliament, restrictions for sole use as a hospital, stemming from the late 1880s, were removed, paving the way for purchase by The University.



Left, the old site of the Royal Women's Hospital in Carlton and, right, the new site in Parkville which opened in 2008.

Are graduates elite or really quite ordinary?

Melonie Fullick is at York University, Toronto, Canada and the author of a reflective article in the Canada-based Globe and Mail, January 4th 2013 entitled *Today's graduate students are not the elites of yesterday* that has received much commentary on-line.

Through the undertaking of her doctoral research on university governance, she has noted assumptions by the tertiary sector about graduates that, to her, seem out of date.

One is that few people go to graduate school. However, and as particularly evident with the adoption of the graduate school model (e.g. by The University of Melbourne in recent times), more and more people have opportunity to go to university at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

A second assumption is that those who go to graduate school have support – possibly because they are from 'elite' backgrounds - for the four to six years required for a graduate degree. However, the greater number of people entering doctoral programs brings greater variety in the backgrounds and circumstances that have been considered previously as exceptions. Hence, the contemporary graduate

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communities comprise parents with family, people from non-elite socioeconomic backgrounds and others who have had no ancestors to provide exemplars of what it means to be a graduate student, an academic or in a professional career.

Term of enrolment for so many years is another assumption that she questions, pointing not only to the greater opportunity for derailment over the several years of a masters or doctorate, but also to extended periods out of the workforce and away from building a competitive resume in a tough academic and professional career job market.

As The Graduate Union develops further its collegial program, it will explore some of these issues and hopes to develop programs to 'surround' (rather than to burden) our graduate students so that they can advance both their studies while remaining connected and competitive for a working life.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Estate-based universities are becoming defunct

Consulting firm Ernst and Young released a report late 2012 entitled *University of the future: a thousand year old industry on the cusp of profound change*. In this, they suggest that estate-based universities with assets and buildings are not sustainable in the medium to longer term of ten to fifteen years and that the greatest competition

for delivery of tertiary education will be from on-line giants such as Google.



Over six months, Ernst and Young researchers interviewed more than forty leaders and policy makers in the university sector (public and private) to hear that the current competition for students and staff was likely to increase significantly in the future and that many universities now had a higher number of support than academic staff.

The not unfamiliar recommendations from this report include such contemporary terms as 'streamlining', 'new teaching and learning delivery mechanisms', 'diffusion of

channels to market' and the merging of the education sectors with businesses that deal with media and technology. None come as a surprise to the new (January 2012) Chief Executive Officer of Universities Australia - the peak body established in 2007 and representing Australia's 39 universities – who pointed to an already adapting and clued up sector, and the sage observation that *Universities have been around since the ninth century and have survived any number of catastrophic changes*.

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Value from European Commission health research grants?

Also from Times Higher Education, Paul Jump reports (10th January, 2013) that more than half of health research projects that were funded by the European Union from 1998 to 2006 did not result in sector-recognised outputs. Dr Mike Galsworthy from University College London estimates that €570 million (£460 million) was awarded to projects which have not produced peer-reviewed publications.



Dr Galsworthy noted also that the European Commission has relied on a 2010 survey of principal investigators to quantify research output from its grants, describing this as *a pretty barmy way to approach literature informatics in the 21st century*. He has called for increased scrutiny of output and to make data sets available to the public so that EU-funded research *does not fall prey to waste, data misrepresentation or publication bias* and to counter a perceived reputation of European health researchers as being bureaucratic, lazy or too expensive.

Education and Innovation as drivers for Economic Prosperity



Grattan Institute, around the corner from Graduate House in the street from which its name is derived (Grattan Street) was established in 2008, and is a non-partisan and independent think tank for developing public policy. As part of its participation in the Alliance 21 project on policy interests shared between Australia and the United States, the Institute is hosting a conference on how education and innovation drive economic prosperity.

This conference will be on the 13th and 14th of March, 2013. For more information, contact angela.henderson@grattan.edu.au or +61 3 8344 9041.

Doctoral degrees required for an academic career?

Times Higher Education correspondent Elizabeth Gibney reports (3rd January, 2013) that a third of the universities in the United Kingdom are requiring academic staff to have doctoral degrees. Holding a PhD or equivalent - or completing a PhD within a given time frame - is now considered essential for all new academic staff. According to Professor Stephanie Marshall of the Higher Education Academy, this reflects the 'knowledge economy' and the need for universities to demonstrate their potential to 'give the best possible experience to students'. Cambridge University and Oxford University have no formal policies on minimum degree requirements for academic staff, with Oxford aiming *to recruit the highest-calibre candidate for each role* and stating *that this may or may not include a PhD depending on the discipline and the nature of the role itself*.

Sir Roland Wilson Foundation PhD Scholarships

Sir Roland Wilson Foundation

The Graduate Union congratulates Australian Public Service Commission employees Shane Johnson (Treasury), Michael McKenzie (Attorney-General's Department), Eliza Murray (Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency) and Agnieszka Nelson (Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) on receiving the 2013 Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Scholarships. Established 1998, these prestigious awards are to advance the study and development of public policy and management within Australia and internationally.

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Coursera – what is it and why do The University of Melbourne, Princeton University and 31 other universities around the world use it?



Coursera provides free MOOCs - Massive Open Online Courses – that is, internet-based education to a large number of students.

It partners with top universities across the world, providing the technology to enable the best academics to teach thousands. Coursera states its hope for everyone to have *access to the world-class education that has so far been available only to a select few* so that people are *empowered with education that will improve their lives, the lives of their families, and the communities they live in*. It is now introducing 'Signature Track' on a course-by-course basis to verify student identities using web cams and fingerprint technology (profiling each individual's unique typing style).

The University of Melbourne is currently the only Australian-based higher education provider. In 2013 it is offering the following free six-week courses:

March	Principles of Macroeconomics - Professor Nilss Olekalns
April	Generating the Wealth of Nations - Professor Jeff Borland
June	Discrete Optimization - Professor Pascal Van Hentenryck
July	Epigenetic Control of Gene Expression - Dr Marnie Blewitt
	Exercise Physiology: Understanding the Athlete - Professor Mark Hargreaves
August	Animal Behaviour - Raoul Mulder and Mark Elgar
	Climate Change (9 weeks) – Professors Jon Barnett, Rachel Webster, John Freebairn and David Jamieson, and Dr Maurizio Toscano

Add 'Sapling Planting' to the Vice-Chancellor's job description?

It may sound bananas but the exercise has been fruitful, if not ripe for punnets (oops) puns.

When Rajan Welukar commenced as Vice Chancellor of Mumbai University in 2010, he planted hundreds of saplings and is now seeing the fruits of his labour. Organically-grown fruits can be hand-picked from 200 mango trees, about 100 guava trees and 30 amla trees. The 230-acre Kalina campus is lined by palm trees and it is estimated that in two years there will be more than 2,000 fruit-bearing trees which, according to Welukar, will increase oxygen and decrease temperatures on campus, making for a better intellect-stimulating environment. Sounds peachy.

Without wanting to compare apples with oranges, in his earlier career phase with Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Professor Weluka went larger scale with the planting of close to 85,000 trees, of which 5,000 are fruit trees. This Nashik-based initiative is now self-sustaining through sales of fruits, nuts and coffee beans, freshly squeezed mango juice and confectionery made from amla.



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The Graduate Union subscribes to *The Conversation* which provides free daily web-based independent analyses and commentaries from Australian-based academics and researchers.

THE CONVERSATION

The Conversation was founded and is funded by nineteen Australian-based universities and the Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and holds aim to change the way big issues are discussed. To subscribe go to <http://theconversation.edu.au> and 'Sign up as a reader'. Here we give outlines of two recent reports from The Conversation.

Getting rid of the Denial of Science

Michael J. I. Brown, Australian Research Council Future Fellow and Senior Lecturer at Monash University, suggests that careful research and well-established facts are being debunked by the media of our times. He calls this *the era of science denial* in which the science underpinning such 'big issues' as vaccines, evolution, the 'big bang theory' and climate change is being rejected. He argues that we are moving from legitimate scientific debate to an almost total shut down and non-acknowledgement of real science by the media and the public.

Dr Brown quotes a recent opinion from a US congressman Paul Broun late 2012:

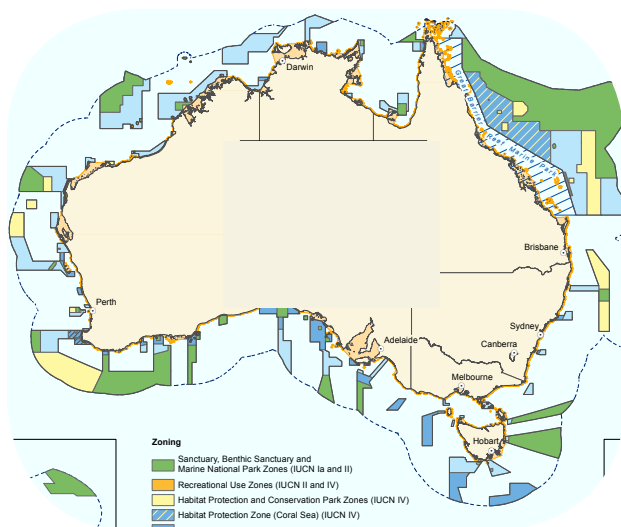
All that stuff I was taught about evolution and embryology and the Big Bang Theory, all that is lies straight from the pit of hell.

countering this with the quote of German Nobel Prize-winning physicist Max Planck:

A new scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die

and findings that critics of anthropogenic (originating in human activity) climate change are over 50 years of age or amateurs, bloggers and ideologues.

Political expediency and convenient remoteness for Marine Reserves



In November 2012, the Commonwealth Marine Reserves were declared but according to Professor Bob Pressey, of Conservation Planning at James Cook University, these adjustments will *little difference to fishing and no difference to oil and gas development* and do not address Australia's 2011 State of Environment report findings that fishing has caused species declines in several marine planning regions and that the cumulative impacts of oil and gas extraction are not being managed.

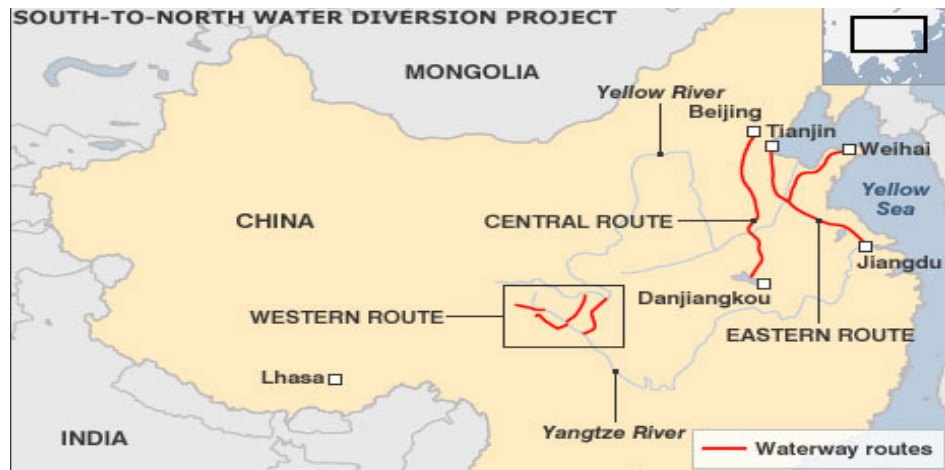
According to Professor Pressey, the Australian Government, has minimised the impact of marine protected areas on commercial and industrial interests, and so conveniently also minimised the contributions of these areas to protecting marine biodiversity where it is really needed.

Academic and Professional Development Meetings

China South to North Water Diversion Project

The Graduate Union is proud to have welcomed delegates from China who visited Australia in December 2012 to work with Australian experts in major dam and water projects on infrastructure engineering development in Australia, large public facilities construction management, design, water project planning, maintenance and quality assessment.

The Office of the South-to-North Water Diversion Project Commission (NSWDPC) is under the State Council of China and is responsible for one of the world's largest water diversion projects to increase water supply to 35% of the country's population by diverting water from the Yangtze River to the Yellow and Hai Rivers through so-called Central, Eastern and Western Routes shown in red on this map.



The delegation, led by the Deputy Director, Mr Yuan Qitian, attended a half-day workshop entitled *China South to North Water Diversion Project*. This was organised by the Melbourne School of Engineering, Chaired by Professor Peter Scales, Deputy Dean, School of Engineering and convened at The Graduate Union on the 13th December, 2012.

The distinguished Chinese visitors were from central, provincial and other departments of the NSWDPC, and also included Director Du Hongli, Deputy Director Liu Zhengcai, Division Chiefs Yuan Wenchuan and Liu Lijun, Deputy Division Chiefs He Yunhua and Yan Hongmei, Section Chief Liu Yanjun, Engineers Sun Yewen, Yu Fuchun, Zhu Jinxiang, Wang Qiang, Fu Tishan, Liu Jun and Gao Lijun, and Consultants Shi Xiaoli and Ma Qian.

Thank you for your patronage

Even during this quiet period, organisation members in the not for profit, government and professional development sectors have been in to meet, learn and help our communities.

Organisation

Event Date

Attendees

Rotary - making lives better and raising funds to assist the Carlton community.
Carlton Rotary Weekly Luncheon

15th January

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SAI Global Advanced Food Safety (AFS) - providing training services to the Australian and New Zealand food industry.

Principles and Applications of HACCP

15th - 18th January

14 each day



RECIPROCAL CLUB NEWS

Oxford and Cambridge Club, 71 Pall Mall

Over the years, many members of The Graduate Union have reported staying at the conveniently located Oxford and Cambridge Club at 71 Pall Mall in the centre of London, England.

This distinguished association is approaching 200 years of history with origins that can be traced to the 1820's with the coming together of a number of West End clubs founded by and for members and graduates of the universities after which the club is named.



The building holds a Grade II* listing, which means that it is a *particularly important building of more than special interest* – only 5.5% of buildings on The National Heritage List for England are Grade II* – having received a painstaking program of restoration and redecoration in Greek revival architecture. The result has been the return of Grecian interiors which were subject to, but survived, war time bombing to their former glory and elegance with only discrete modifications to ensure that the club meets the changing demands and expectations of its membership.



The facility is ideal - a terrace with views of the Westminster skyline, a coffee room, elegant morning and smoking rooms, a bar and a library. There are squash courts and a billiard room and the Club has an arrangement with a nearby sports club which has a pool with gym and sauna facilities. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served seven days a week, and catering options are available for light lunches or a quick drink.

There are more than forty comfortable en suite bedrooms (single, twin or double); including a luxurious Chancellor's suite which can accommodate one to four people and which has views over Marlborough House to Westminster. All rooms have a private bathroom and a flat-screen television. The library, on the second floor, holds more than 25,000 volumes and has a librarian in attendance on week days. Once largely theological, the collection has evolved over the years to now have particular strengths also in history, biography, literature and works dealing with the cities of Oxford, Cambridge and London.

The Graduate Union holds reciprocal arrangements with this prestigious club. This means that our members are guaranteed a warm welcome when choosing to stay at the Oxford and Cambridge Club; and that we, in turn, extend a warm welcome to their members when they choose to reside in Carlton or when visiting Melbourne. Members may be displeased to learn, however, that the club no longer provides free barley water for their horses but the Club has informed us that they hope to compensate for the loss of this invaluable service with the 44,000 bottles of selected wines in their celebrated cellar.



The Oxford and Cambridge Club will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of their club in 2013 and there will be a number of events planned to mark this occasion.

Images for this article have been sourced from the brochure sent to The Graduate Union from the Oxford and Cambridge Club Secretary, Alistair Telfer, who has extended a thank you for the article.

*Send in your story of a visit to a reciprocal club or to another college or association which you recommend for a reciprocal arrangement.
Feel free to include your holiday and work-related snaps.*

Research Scholarship

Opening for Applications

The Graduate Union Research Scholarship is to provide financial support to a resident member of The Graduate Union who is undertaking a research post-graduate degree (Masters or Doctorate).



Amount **\$5,000**

2013 Schedule	- Open for applications	28 th January 2013
	- Applications due	by 4.00pm April 10 th 2013
	- Interviews held	17 th to 24 th April 2013
	- Successful candidate announced	3 rd May 2013
	- Scholarship awarded at the Annual General Meeting and successful candidate gives short presentation to members	30 th May 2013

Candidate Eligibility

This scholarship is open to members of The Graduate Union who are also:

- residents of The Graduate Union for a minimum of nine (9) months over 2012;
- enrolled at a university to undertake a post-graduate research degree, such as a masters or a doctorate degree; and
- undertaking original research.

Selection Criteria

The Council of The Graduate Union will rank each eligible application according to the following criteria:

<u>Purpose</u>	The funds will be used for a well-described and well-defined specific purpose within the applicant's research project. Suitable specific purposes include: (a) the purchase or hire of specialised equipment and/or consumables; (b) attendance at a key international conference to present results; (c) payment of research expenses such as travel to field sites or payment to research subjects; and (d) publication or intellectual property costs (e.g. to print final dissertation; to print an article in a journal; to obtain a patent).
<u>Research Stage</u>	The applicant will be in mid to later stages of their research degree. Their research proposal will have been approved by the relevant post-graduate research committee of the university of enrolment, the ethics application (where relevant) will have been approved and the applicant will have commenced and made some progress with their research.
<u>Accountability</u>	Quotes and receipts will/can be provided to demonstrate specific purpose expenditure. Funds will not be expended on general living expenses (accommodation, food, utilities, etc.)
<u>Justification</u>	The funds are needed and are not currently available for the identified specific purpose. Funding of the specific purpose will advance the applicant's research project: (a) through inclusion of a needed project component; (b) by increasing the degree of innovation of the research; (c) by translating the research for public benefit; and/or (d) through supporting the applicant to complete and publish the dissertation and research outcomes.
<u>Presentation</u>	The submitted application will be professional and with attention to detail. The applicant will give confidence to Council at interview that they will represent The Graduate Union and the legacy of the scholarship with dignity and honour.

VALETE



The Graduate Union extends its condolences to the family and friends of Dr T. Ronald A. Davey who passed away early January 2013.

Dr Davey was a Life Member, Honorary Life Member, Chairman of the Council of The Graduate Union from 1981 to 1982 and a Past Vice President. He was also a generous contributor to The Graduate Union.

Dr Davey obtained his Diploma of Applied Science from The University of Melbourne to then work as a metallurgical engineer with Broken Hill Associated Smelters (BHAS) in Port Pirie before going overseas for employment in Germany and England. Subsequently a Professor at both Colorado School of Mines and The University of Melbourne, he gained international renown as a consultant for metal producers. He organised the first international decennial Lead-Zinc meeting of The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (TMS), a professional organisation in the fields of materials and engineering; and has been honoured through such awards as the President's Medal of the AusIMM (The Minerals Institute, a professional body which represents those in the global minerals industry) and the TMS Extractive Metallurgy Division (EMD) Gold Medal Award.

Death of the kid genius Swartz

The share-principled internet community has been shocked to learn of the suicide of 26 year old American internet activist, Aaron Swartz, Friday, 11th January, 2013 in Brooklyn.

At the age of 14 years, Swartz was involved in the development of RSS (Rich Site Summary; also nicknamed Really Simple Syndication) which allows on-line publishers to distribute and update stories through blogs, news sites and other web 'feeds' for access across the world by subscribers to their posts. Still as a teenager he helped to design Creative Commons licenses and later established Infogami (a wiki application framework), merging this company with Reddit early 2006.



This picture is of Professor Lawrence Lessig, Harvard University, with the young Aaron Swartz in 2001 at the launch of Creative Commons. [Permission is from photographer Ben Hammersley.](#) On-line commentators are attributing the suicide to the US Federal government's heavy-handed approach to this young man. They are asking why Swartz was labelled a 'felon' and are pleading for reforms in computer crime laws.

Since early 2011, Swartz has faced federal-level legal action from his downloading of millions of academic journal articles from JSTOR

(an on-line site providing access to digital copies of academic publications), an action which, according to Swartz's defence attorney was within his rights and for which Swartz was due to plead not-guilty at an upcoming trial. In the words of David Segal of Demand Progress *It's like trying to put someone in jail for allegedly checking too many books out of the library.*

In his poignant and fierce eulogy, Lessig writes that *anyone who says that there is money to be made in a stash of ACADEMIC ARTICLES is either an idiot or a liar* and that *Aaron had literally done nothing in his life "to make money"*. Rather he viewed Aaron as *only working for (at least his conception of) the public good, a ... kid genius. A soul, a conscience, ... driven to the edge.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COUNCIL?

What an exciting year 2013 promises to be. Our staff have already planned the majority of our activities for the year which can be seen from the calendar distributed to you late last year.

Your dedicated Councillors have been working diligently over the festive season on important documentation reviews to enable them to plunge promptly into meetings, beginning with the first Council meeting for the year on Thursday the 17th of January.

As mentioned in the December edition of The Melbourne Graduate we are pleased to welcome to Council our new President, Major General Professor Jeffrey V Rosenfeld AM, together with the new Vice Chancellor's representative from The University of Melbourne, Joanne Ligouris from the Faculty of Arts, and co-opted members Mr Keith Ryall, Dr Meredith Doig and The Hon. Justice Tony Pagone. We also welcome member Peter Clark to our Accounting and Audit Committee. All Council positions are voluntary and unpaid. I am thus most grateful for the generosity of my fellow Councillors and members for their contributions of time, energy, skills and expertise.

I am proud to report that we continue to make significant advances on many fronts, particularly with regards to the structure and governance of our association. Building on the productive Strategic Planning days in September and October last year, we are close to finalising a five-year strategic plan in which we have identified strategic priorities, key result areas and our major business activities and initiatives in the short to medium term.

We are also developing a new constitution for transition from a state-based incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Act to a Company Limited by Guarantee under the Corporations Act. The challenge of constructing this new constitution has been embraced by all Councillors and I would particularly like to thank the Chair of the Governance and Policy Review Committee, Cheryl Kidston, for having led this charge and for having developed the first draft for discussion at the January meeting of Council.

We intend to provide this constitution for consideration by our members at consultation forums in the months following the annual general meeting late May (Thursday 30th). I encourage your attendance at the forums to offer your views. Later in the year we shall call a general meeting and request your vote to pass the proposed constitution. The date for this meeting of members is yet to be confirmed but, again, I urge your engagement with this important matter and your vote.

From early December 2012, we have been registered (automatically) with the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission (ACNC) and are seeking to ensure that our new constitution and organisational structure align with the requirements under this new national regulatory body. Council is thus considering its governance charter, councillor proceedings and a new structure of committees to which Council delegates authority.

We look forward to a productive and convivial year as we move to hold true to our traditions while maintaining and building a currency and vibrancy to attract graduates from all over the world to The Graduate Union.

David Sparks
Chair of the Council of The Graduate Union

From its establishment in 1911, members have lived, learned and met together to continue the ‘experience’ as they entered the workforce, had families, became leaders and volunteers across the world and retired.

These members built this organisation through great generosity in the form of donations of funds and buildings, bequests and sponsorship, together with volunteer and pro bono work.

We seek always to honour this legacy and to foster a culture of active and contributing membership.

Tear off this page and send in your giving preference.

Your gift is acknowledged in the Melbourne Graduate and is tax deductible.

REGULAR GIFTS of MONEY	Donation Amount	Frequency of Donation (tick one)				
My regular donation will be:	\$AUD	Weekly		Monthly		Yearly
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send me a reminder to send in a cheque or bank transfer money to The Graduate Union account						
debit my account directly for the indicated donation amount and at the indicated frequency						
debit my credit card directly for the indicated donation amount and at the indicated frequency						
The relevant authorisation form will be sent to you according to the selected above option.						
I authorise The Graduate Union to direct my donation: (tick one)						
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The William Berry Wing (222-234 Leicester St)		The Main Building (216-220 Leicester St)		The Stella Langford Wing (210-214 Leicester St)		
for Resident Members						
scholarships, awards, prizes		excursions functions		in financial difficulty		
for non-Resident Members						
career development		fellowships, awards, prizes		in financial difficulty		
GIFTS with NAMING RIGHTS						
I would like my family name to hold place at The GU in perpetuity:						
for a space within The Graduate Union (building, floor, room, other space)						
for a scholarship or an award to a resident member						
for a recognition of excellence award for a resident or non-resident member						
to support career and retirement development of in-career and retired members						
MY BEQUEST (Will)						
I would like to discuss the terms of my bequest to The GU						
I am happy for The Graduate Union to telephone						



THE GRADUATE UNION - COUNCIL Notice of Election

Nominations are hereby called for the election of seven Council members to hold office for three years from the date of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 30th May, 2013. Any other vacancy occurring prior to the close of nominations will be included within this election. The terms of current Council members is set out in the tables below. Elected and co-opted members who are retiring in May 2013 (as indicated by the asterisk*) are eligible for re-election/election.

An Election Kit is available from The Graduate Union or by application to the Returning Officer. The Kit contains essential information for any member who would like to be nominated for the election. The Kit includes:

1. the Nomination Form.
2. The Graduate Union Election Regulation.
3. a form for completion by the nominee to provide background information that will be published on The Graduate Union website.
4. guidelines for the nominee in preparing their details (photograph and personal statement) for inclusion in the mail out of voting materials.
5. any other relevant information.

Members should note the following key dates:

- Open of Nominations 11th February, 2013
- Close of Nominations 20th March, 2013
- Mail out of Voting Materials 15th April, 2013
- Close of Voting 23rd May, 2013

The Election Kit is available from the Graduate Union or by application to the:

Returning Officer

PO Box 265

MOUNT WAVERLEY VIC 3149

Nominations close Wednesday, 20th March, 2013 at 4.00pm

Following completion of the Nomination Form and the other forms provided in the Election Kit, these should be lodged by post to the Returning Officer's address above or by email (signed, scanned and as an attachment) to ronritchie@optusnet.com.au. The completed forms may also be placed personally in the ballot box at the Graduate Union.

Ronald G Ritchie, Returning Officer

Elected Council members as at 31st January 2013

Until May 2015	Until May 2014	Until May 2013*
Mr Andre Cleghorn Mr Kingsley Davis Dr Jane McKellar Mrs Glenda Fisher	Mr Phillip Cobbin	Ms Cheryl Kidston Mr David Sparks Mr Leo Santalucia

Co-opted Council members as at 31st January 2013

Co-opted until May 2013*			
Ms Vivienne Corcoran	Dr Meredith Doig	The Hon Justice Tony Pagone	Mr Keith Ryall