...the University of Wollongong acknowledges the Dharawal people, on whose land our Wollongong campus is located. Acknowledgement, as well as deep appreciation, is offered to the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Wauguladjan people for their role in supporting the establishment of our Shoalhaven campus.

The Wollongong, Djirranganj and Eora people are also acknowledged as the traditional owners of our Batemans Bay, Bega and Sydney Centre sites.

The University of Wollongong supports the vision of the Reconciliation movement for a "united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all."
The faces of the University of Wollongong

Justice Robert Hope was the University’s first Chancellor, a position he held for 22 years until his retirement in 1997. Highly regarded and much loved, Justice Hope was known for his wisdom, sensitivity and invariable good humour. He died in 1999. He is remembered Australia-wide as the QC and former NSW Court of Appeal judge who headed two landmark royal commissions into Australia’s security and intelligence services. He also presided over three controversial security-related hearings: the Coomba-Ivanoff affair; aspects of the Sydney Hilton Hotel bombing; and the Sheraton Hotel break-in by members of Australia’s Secret Intelligence Service. As President of the Council of Civil Liberties, he was a champion of student rights. Justice Hope was admitted to the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1991. The Robert Hope Scholarship, to support Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students, was established in July 2001.

Noriko Dethlefs is a lecturer in Japanese in the Faculty of Arts. She was born in Japan and studied Accountancy at Sydney University. Noriko worked in New Zealand and in Papua New Guinea prior to settling in Wollongong with her family in the early 80s. Shortly after arriving in Wollongong, her association with the University began as a part-time tutor in the Accountancy and Economics departments. When the Japanese program commenced in the early 90s, Noriko was asked to assist in devising and implementing the course and she has since continued to work in enhancing students’ experiences in the learning of Japanese. Noriko has a Masters in Japanese Business Studies and is also undertaking a PhD, through the Science and Technology Studies department, examining technology options for aged care in Japan.

Peter Robertson is the President of the Alumni Board of Management and his leadership has enabled a proactive and dynamic Board to be focused on the quality and range of Alumni Association assistance to the University and its graduates. As Vice-President Operations Planning, Coated Products at BHP Steel, Peter has an impressive history in operations management and has seen considerable mutual benefits delivered for the University and BHP Steel from their long relationship. This result reinforces Peter’s belief that strong relationships are one of the keys to success in any endeavour. Peter has a Masters in Logistics Management and is currently undertaking his PhD on the subject of ‘Integration of Supply Chain Logistics Processes’. Peter’s wife Jenny works in the Faculty of Engineering at UOW and his eldest son Daniel is currently studying Graphic Design within the Creative Arts Faculty.

Erick Maldonado, Karine Champagne and Lucas. Erick came to Wollongong from Chile to study Psychology. Having won a Research Scholarship to investigate the use of computers in the study of visual perception, Erick became more interested in the IT aspect of this study and consequently changed career paths. He is currently working for the University’s Information Technology Services while doing his Masters in Information and Communications Technology. Karine came to Wollongong from France to study English for a semester at the Wollongong University College. She and Erick met at the duckpond through mutual friendships with other international students. Karine is now in her third year of a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Their baby Lucas is three weeks old and, according to Erick, is looking forward to his future experiences at UOW.

Ariane Lewis will graduate at the end of this year with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Politics and History. She is the editor of the student magazine Tertangaia. Last year Ariane was named Wollongong Young Citizen of the Year. Her extensive work with community broadcaster VOX FM as researcher, producer and director has led to her involvement in local and state government committees. She currently sits on the Centenary of Federation Committee, Cultural Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee with Wollongong City Council, and is the youth representative for the International Year of the Volunteer Advisory Committee for the NSW government. Earlier this year, Ariane represented Australia in Amsterdam at the International Volunteers Conference. She is ‘deeply passionate about humanitarian, cultural, social and political issues and has a passion for writing and politics’; she loves ‘the moon, the blue sky and the way the autumn sun makes everything golden’. Ariane is planning a career in international relations.
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University of Wollongong

October 2001

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Being awarded ‘University of the Year’* an unprecedented two years in a row, highlights the immense talents within our University community. We are pleased to receive such awards because it means that your qualifications, as a University of Wollongong graduate, are well regarded and highly valued.

Just as the past has been exciting and pioneering, the future holds even more potential. The University of Wollongong will continue to be visionary and innovative in its planning for the future. Our commitment to our geographic community is strengthened by our rich diversity and international links and we are committed to the highest standards in teaching, research, management and leadership.

I invite you to be a part of this future and I look forward to what we can continue to achieve together.

Professor Gerard Sutton
Vice-Chancellor

* Good Universities Guide
AUSTRALIA’S UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR
Outstanding R&D Partnerships – Joint Winner 1999-2000

The Editor gratefully acknowledges the contributions of Professor Jim Hagan, Josie Castle and Lynn Woodley in sourcing information.
As the nation celebrates the Centenary of Federation in 2001, Australia's University of the Year, the University of Wollongong, celebrates its 50 year anniversary.

The University traces its origins to 1951 when a division of the then New South Wales University of Technology was established in Wollongong. In 1983, the University amalgamated with the Wollongong Institute of Education, which had begun life in 1962 as the Wollongong Teachers' College. The merger formed the basis of a period of rapid growth in the 1980s and the emergence of the University of Wollongong's distinctive identity as an enterprising institution with a personal style and a growing reputation for excellence in teaching and research.

**1951-1960**
- 1951 - The NSW University of Technology formed a division in Wollongong, enrolling 171 students in four schools: Applied Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Mechanical Engineering.
- 1959 - Local industry donated £138,000 towards the creation of Wollongong University College. The Lord Mayor's Appeal raised a further £50,000
- 1961 - First buildings erected at the Northfields Avenue site.
- 1962 - Wollongong University College opened on 1 March 1962 by His Excellency The Right Honourable Governor-General, Viscount de L'Isle, offering courses in Engineering, Metallurgy and Science.
- 1963 - The first Wollongong University College graduation ceremony held on 29 March 1963.
- 1965 - Union Building and Wollongong Teachers' College officially opened.

**1961-1970**
- 1969 - Wollongong University College Council formed.
- 1971-1980
- 1971 - Establishment of University of Wollongong with Professor Michael Birt appointed as the first Vice Chancellor.
- 1975 - Students protests delayed work on the duckpond excavation in June 1978.
- 1976 - Installation of first Chancellor, Justice Robert Hope.
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- 1980 - Acquisition of International House as off-campus hall of residence.
- 1981-1990
- 1981 - Dr Ken McKinnon appointed as Vice-Chancellor.
- Centre for the Arts founded.
- Illawarra Technology Corporation (ITC) established.
- 1983 - Amalgamation of University and Wollongong Institute of Education.
- Research Centres for Technology and Social Change and Mining established.
- Faculty of Commerce established.
- Centre for Arts became School of Creative Arts.
- 1986 - Interactive Science Centre opened.
- 1987 - Administration Building, Union Hall and Sports Association Building completed.
- 1988 - Campus East purchased as another off-campus residence.
- 1989 - The Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences and the Faculty of Informatics founded.
- Interactive Science Centre opened at Campus East.
- In a ceremony believed to be unique in academic history, three former Prime Ministers were honoured by the University in December 1989, Mr Michael Somare, Mr Gough Whitlam and Sir John Gorton each received the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).
The University has since grown to become one of Australia's leading universities. It is recognised nationally and internationally for its innovation and initiative. In 2001, 2700 international students from more than 70 countries have chosen to study at UOW in preference to any other university in Australia or overseas. Thousands of students from the Illawarra, Sydney and other parts of NSW also make UOW their University of first choice.

UOW is proud of how it has grown and prospered over the past 50 years. It salutes the dedication and talent of its staff and students and the support of its community.

1991-2000

1991
- Faculty of Law officially launched in a ceremony attended by major figures in the judiciary and legal profession
- Introduction of the Foundation and the Alumni Association
- The Governor-General, Mr Bill Hayden, officially opened Hope Theatre
- Telecom Australia and Nortel both set up research and development laboratories at the Illawarra Technology Corporation
- Alliance formed with SBS to offer professional training courses by television, using programs developed by the University and the National Technology University in the United States
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- Keira View (now McKinnon) Building completed
- The University embraced the use of multimedia technology with computer-assisted learning in Arts and Science, and exciting CD-Rom work in Education

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- Establishment of National Network of Multimedia Research and a Cooperative Multimedia Centre
- Establishment of the BHP/University of Wollongong Institute for Steel Processing and Products
- The University achieved 19 successful Australian Research Council (ARC) grants and ranked second in Australian Postgraduate Awards
- UOW ranked among the top 10 universities in Australia by the Federal Quality Review for research management and outcomes
- First Federal Quality Review ranked UOW among the top 9 Australian universities for community service

1996
- Launch of the International Business Research Institute and Integral Energy Power Centre
- Research Institute of Social Change and Critical Inquiry created

1997
- Establishment of the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute and the development of the Centre for the Estuarine and Coastal Catchment Studies (Berry campus)
- Three Research Centres launched: Institute for Molecular Recognition, Environment Research Institute and Institute for Telecommunications Research
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- Faculty of Education Interactive Multimedia Learning Laboratory, in collaboration with the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA), won a British Academy of Film and Arts (BAFTA) award for their CD-Rom 'Stage Struck'
- Relative to size, the University received the highest level of Australian Research Council (ARC) grants and secured funding for two out of eight available Key Centres: the Centre for Asian, Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPTRANS) and the Smart Foods Centre
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- University of Wollongong awarded Australia's University of the Year 1999-2000 Joint Winner for Outstanding Research and Development Partnerships by the Good Universities Guides
- Based on operating budget, the University of Wollongong was rated best performing university in Australia for Australian Research Council grants

Major international consultancy projects negotiated with AusAID, Asian Development Bank and World Bank
Professor Doctor Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol, a member of the Thai Royal family, received an Honorary doctorate.

PhD student Kirsten Benkendorff named Young Australian Scientist of the Year for her work, which led to the discovery of a new antibiotic. The young scientist found the common dog whelk mollusc contained a natural antibiotic with the potential to fight diseases that are becoming immune to modern medicines. Her discovery of Tyrividin, the source of a rich purple dye worth more than gold to the ancient Romans, has been hailed as a breakthrough in modern drug development.

Faculty of Creative Arts launched the federally funded Film Illawarra Project to attract film and television location production to the region.

University of Wollongong awarded Australia's University of the Year Award for 2000-2001 Joint Winner for Preparing Graduates for the e-World, making it the first university to receive the Good Universities Guides award in two successive years.

Received the highest rating for graduate employment, outcomes and starting salaries (Good Universities Guide) and featured in Asiaweek magazine's list of the top 10 Australian universities.

New Science Centre, Planetarium and Observatory opened to the community.

South Coast Educational Network launched with the opening of the Shoalhaven Campus at Nowra and Education Access Centres at Batemans Bay and Bega.

The Careers Service achieved a Department of Education and Training & Youth Affairs (DETYA) Best Practice Award.

Launch of the CampusNet service - an Australian first - providing wireless Internet access from laptop computers or other mobile devices.

Memorandum of Understanding signed between the University of Wollongong and WIN Television to encourage collaboration on the research of digital media.

The Library won the Australian Quality Council's Australian Business Excellence Award.

The Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention established.

New UniBar and Wollongong University College buildings completed and the University Recreation and Aquatic Centre upgraded.

Immediate future

Further expansion of University of Wollongong presence in Southern Sydney and the Southern Highlands.

Proposed development of an advanced research and technology precinct on 15 hectares of centrally located state-owned land in Wollongong (Brandon Park).

Proposed establishment of SEALAB (South Eastern Australia Laboratory for Ocean and Coastal Research) near Jervis Bay on the Southern Coast of NSW.
The Vice-Chancellor at any Australian university is the person responsible for vision, leadership and the day to day management of the University. The University of Wollongong's Vice-Chancellors have responded decisively to the demands of a thriving and vibrant institution in rapidly changing times. These profiles do not do justice to their wonderful contributions but merely give a brief overview of their breadth of vision and wisdom.

Michael Birt (1975 – 1981)

Michael Birt came to the newly independent University of Wollongong as the first Vice-Chancellor at the relatively young age of 43. As was custom in Australian universities at this time, Michael Birt's background was an academic one. He was a distinguished biochemist (his research on blowflies earned him the nickname “Blowfly Birt”) and he had been the Foundation Professor of Biochemistry at the Australian National University in Canberra. As well as being a scientist, Professor Michael Birt was interested in the humanities and interested in the nature of universities (it was rumoured that he always carried a copy of Newman’s Idea of a University). These academic credentials were ideal at the time and added to the legitimacy of the new University.

Under Michael Birt's leadership, the vital administrative structures and academic coherence foundational for a new university were established. He also established the completion of degree sequence: prior to this, some degrees were commenced on campus but completed at the University of New South Wales.

The growing demand for university education also led to the spread of faculties, an increase in undergraduate programs, and post-graduate and doctoral courses. The Vice-Chancellor also wanted to establish a medical school and regretted that this idea did not come to fruition.

Michael Birt had laid the foundations and by the end of his term, the University of Wollongong was established and well on its way. In 1981 he took up the position of Vice-Chancellor at the University of New South Wales.


By all accounts, Ken McKinnon was a man who took the opportunities to get things done. His appointment as Vice-Chancellor was unusual for the time because he was not an academic but rather a Harvard-educated manager with a great capacity to operate in the political arena.

The University greatly needed this in the eighties, a time of funding cuts and the failure of the resources boom to materialise. Ken McKinnon's skill in discerning future trends and seizing opportunities created quite an advantage for the University. Among other initiatives, he managed the amalgamation of the neighbouring Wollongong Institute of Education with the University to establish the Faculty of Education and orchestrated the development of programs, and post-graduate and doctoral courses. The Vice-Chancellor also wanted to establish a medical school and regretted that this idea did not come to fruition.

Ken McKinnon's philosophy was to bring together scholars, researchers and students not only in pursuit of knowledge but also to advance society and improve lives. He pursued an unrelenting campaign to create a campus that enriched the learning experience, supporting the acquisition of fine works of art, the construction of aesthetically pleasing buildings and the establishment of beautiful and peaceful grounds.

Gerard Sutton (1995 – present)

As Deputy Vice-Chancellor at UOW and Foundation Pro Vice-Chancellor at the University of Technology (UTS) Sydney, Professor Gerard Sutton brought invaluable experience to the top job when he was appointed Vice-Chancellor in 1995. He inherited a thriving University which he has consolidated and on which he has continued to build.

Under his leadership, the University is recognised nationally and internationally as an institution of high repute, having won the University of the Year award an unprecedented two years in a row, being listed by AsiaWeek magazine as one of the foremost Australian universities, recognised as the most research-intensive University in Australia and judged by The Good Universities Guides, for the second year in succession, as the University with the highest number of ratings for the overall education experience of students and outcomes for graduates. Across the range of criteria in The Good Universities Guide 2001-2002, UOW is the strongest performer of any university in Australia.

Gerard Sutton's vision is also a global one. He has enriched university life through his commitment to cultural diversity providing broadening experiences for all students. The University is active in an increasing number of countries through the development of academic programs and through the University's international programs.
The Alumni Board
The Board, in its strategic planning, has highlighted a number of initiatives which will be of value to alumni, current students and the University. A priority is to maintain links with our graduates so that you can be informed about these various offerings. Please send us your details, particularly your email address by either filing in the back of the flysheet that came with this magazine or via the form at www.uow.edu.au/alumni/contactus.html

Campus Chapter
This wonderful Chapter of senior alumni works to raise money to provide Merit and Equity Scholarships annually for continuing students at UOW. Without these scholarships, it would be difficult for students facing hardship to complete their studies. The Chapter raises its funds through proceeds from their bookshop which offers a large range of used books at very reasonable prices. Please support the bookshop which is open every weekend from 1pm – 5pm and is situated at Campus East, Cowper St, Fairy Meadow.

Commerce Chapter
The Commerce Chapter has awarded its annual Distinguished Alumni Award to Dr Abdullah Haji Ahmad from Malaysia, Senior Business Development Analyst/Planner with Petronas National Berhad (PETRONAS), Malaysia’s national oil and gas company as well as the Country Coordinator/Facilitator, Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline Project of the ASEAN Council for Petroleum (ASCOPE). The Chapter has also published its newsletter for graduates Commerce Links, held a networking evening for Commerce graduates and organized Commerce alumni to help current students at the Commerce Students Specialisation Information sessions.

Creative Arts Chapter
This recently formed Chapter has big plans and the Chapter members certainly have the enthusiasm and talent to execute these ideas. The first upcoming initiative is a performance – “Derek got off the florist” produced and directed by our Creative Arts graduates to tour schools at the end of this year.

Dubai Chapter
The Dubai Chapter has been working hard to update contact details of Dubai campus graduates and publish a Who’s Who directory for graduates. The Chapter has also been active in supporting current students through the Careers Expo and supporting alumni through a professional development seminar and networking program.

Education Chapter
The initiatives of the Education Chapter have included a breakfast seminar for Education professionals featuring guest speaker Rodney Cavalier, former NSW Minister of Education, a job skills program for current students and a mentoring program where Principals and Assistant Principals, all UOW graduates, mock interview final year students in preparation for their Department of Education interviews later this year. The Chapter also presented a $500 prize for a BEd (Hons) research student. The selection and presentation process was stimulating and rewarding for students, alumni and faculty staff.

Dubai campus students (from l to r) Zahra, Panjoteh and Tamaz.

Wollongong Teachers' College Graduates - 1961

The Education Chapter is collecting memorabilia from the early years of the teachers' college, the College of Advanced Education and the Institute of Education. Alumni have donated graduation booklets, photographs, a blazer, a netball uniform, and a sad and sorry paint-covered sweat shirt with the teachers' college logo. If you have any treasures (not covered in house paint) and you wish to donate them for display in the Education Chapter room located in building 67, room 312, please contact Lenore Armour at lenore_armour@uow.edu.au or phone 02 4221 5617.

The Chapter is also considering producing memorabilia fashioned from the timber removed from the eaves of the old teachers' college library, later known as the Curriculum Resources Centre (or the CRC). The building was renovated last year and the timber retained for just such a purpose.

But is there a market for nostalgia? Would you be interested in a business card holder or a desk organiser bearing the old logo? Please contact Lenore Armour at lenore_armour@uow.edu.au or phone 02 4221 5617.

Picture of the Chapter award presentation.
**Engineering and Information Technology Chapter**

This innovative Chapter has worked with the Institution of Engineers Australia to provide a Job Skills program for our final year Engineering students. Alumni representatives from engineering employers, Douglas Partners, Forbes Rigby, HATCH, Muston and Associates and the Roads and Traffic Authority provided students with excellent advice and the opportunity to hone their job hunting and interview skills. The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive. The chapter has also secured one page a month in *The Mercury* (the Wollongong regional newspaper) for stories and information on UOW alumni.

**Health/Physical Education**

This newly formed sub group of the Education Chapter is focusing on developing the ActiveHealth website so that PE/Health graduates can share teaching resources, to enable employers to locate UOW graduates easily and to allow graduates to maintain their links with each other throughout their teaching careers.

The ActiveHealth home page can be accessed at www.activehealth.uow.edu.au/

**Honorary Chapter**

The Honorary Chapter has initiated a University of Wollongong Ambassador program appointing Mr Ronaldo Veirano from Brazil as our first honorary Ambassador. Mr Veirano is the Australian Honorary Consul to Rio de Janeiro and is very active in working to develop Australian-Brazilian business relations. Mr Veirano was recently in Australia as guest speaker at a function sponsored by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He is a distinguished lawyer and legal academic.

**Hong Kong Chapter**

The Hong Kong Chapter is calling for graduates in Hong Kong to contact Joseph Leung who is currently co-ordinating the Chapter's initiatives (email: joeleung@att.net.hk). Joseph would like to know what activities graduates would be interested in attending.

**Shoalhaven Chapter**

Always a very active Chapter, the Nowra based Shoalhaven Chapter works to raise money for scholarships which encourage students to continue their studies at the Nowra campus. The Chapter's activities involve the whole Shoalhaven community thus bridging the gap between 'town and gown' and their very successful activities recently have included a Cricket day, a Trivia night and a cultural evening featuring the Nowra Players.

**Thailand Chapter**

Great news from our Thai Alumni who have formed a committee in order to develop UOW alumni relations in Thailand.

This outstanding group is doing great work. They have gathered over 500 names of Thai graduates for their database and have formed three sub-committees focusing on public relations, on developing the Thai alumni website and on developing a quarterly newsletter for Thai alumni.

**Benefits for UOW graduates**

A range of benefits has been negotiated through the Alumni Association to support our graduates. These can be found at www.uow.edu.au/alumni/membership.html and includes the following for all alumni:

- a Home Loan with 0.50% off the Standard Variable Interest Rate
- $0 Establishment Fee for new home loans or if switching current home loan from another institution
- a market leading Credit Card
- $5 per month flexible Cash Management Account
- competitive Savings and Investment Accounts
- dedicated AMP Banking staff for UOW alumni

Phone AMP Banking on 1300 360 525 and ask for the University of Wollongong Alumni Banking Package.

(Neither the University of Wollongong nor the Alumni Association receives any commission on this offer to graduates)

**Discounted Hertz Car Rental Rates**

To access excellent discounted rental rates simply ring 13 30 39 and quote this number: 1250403

(This service has been negotiated by the University of Wollongong Alumni Association as a benefit for alumni. The Alumni Association may receive commission on these member services. Any commission income received is used to enhance member services provided by the University of Wollongong Alumni Association)

50% off rack rates at Medina Apartments: Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane

This excellent offer is available to financial members only (financial membership is $25 per year and assists the Chapters in carrying out their initiatives. See www.uow.edu.au/alumni/membership.html)

For more information on Medina Serviced Apartments see www.medinaapartments.com.au Be sure to specify that you are from the University of Wollongong when making your reservation.

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Looking Back

In the Aboriginal Dreaming, the child Geera sat hunched, with her arms around her ankles for such a long time that she turned to stone. This stone of course is Mt Keira. Always magnificent in the background, and ever changing with the seasons and the time of day, Mt Keira has not only taken our breath away, but provides a constant image of steadfastness and security.

Mt Keira

A focal point for the University and a perpetual meeting place for students, the 400 year Moreton Bay fig stood to the right of the duck pond as you looked out from the library. Orientation Week activities, the first public questions forums, graduation tea parties and lunchtime music (from Bach to the Rolling Stones) were all held under its spreading branches. Gales in August 1987 uprooted the fig tree but some of its timber was used to make the University lectern and part of the University mace.

Rabbits

Remember the first time you saw a rabbit on campus and what you thought was a rare sight came to be an almost daily occurrence? And what about the first time you thought you would have an idyllic lunch by a duck pond only to be invaded by ducks and seagulls?

The rabbits, ducks and seagulls are still doing well and it will soon be time for ducks and ducklings to slow down traffic as they leisurely waddle across the road.

Food glorious food

If you didn't enjoy a barbecue lunch by the duck pond, chances are you would have indulged in the occasional chip roll or the nachos special.

Image

Every graduate will remember that there was always something being built whilst they were at Uni. Some interesting facts and figures: the main campus is built on 92.4 hectares; there are 47 buildings on campus (not including the 17 buildings that make up the residential college Koolabong) and a further 44 buildings off campus. The Buildings and Grounds personnel number 126 and there are 2,570 car park spaces.

These images and icons are shared by graduates of all ages and backgrounds. Some may be more prominent in our individual memories than others but they represent some of what we may collectively remember about our time at UOW.
The McKinnon building is probably our most recognized building. Built in the early 1990s and named after our previous Vice-Chancellor, Ken McKinnon, the building echoes the characteristics of our distinctive university architecture. The area outside the McKinnon building is now rivalling the lawn area outside the library as the favourite lunchtime spot.

The end of the road, family photos, celebrations and that great sense of accomplishment.

Since its foundation, the University has awarded over 40,000 degrees and diplomas. Each year over 3,000 students graduate including about 100 students from the University's satellite campus at Dubai and another 100 students from courses offered at overseas locations including Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia.

The SRC continues to be the voice of students on campus and campaigns around issues relating to the welfare of students and the facilities provided for them. If you were ever involved in some of the SRC events, you were sure to have been enlightened, informed and empowered.

We all have memories of those lecturers and tutors who inspired, motivated and encouraged us. And we also have memories of support staff who helped us when we needed it. Some of these are not only icons but living legends. Pictured (from left to right) are Peter Costigan, Geoff Truscott, Maree Barnett, Norm Gal, Tony Kent and Professor William (Bill) Upfold.
Celebrate Good Times - C’mon!

For a weekend to remember, come and catch up with uni friends and lecturers at UOW’s 50th birthday bash.

October 13 - 14 promises to be a weekend of entertainment, celebration and reminiscing.

Bring your friends and family, track down people from your graduating year and make a date to celebrate.

Highlight

*UOW Community Festival

- a day of celebration! will provide a showcase of your University and its achievements. Music, entertainment, food, displays, campus tours and activities for all will ensure that you have a great day back at UOW. Make sure you come and say ‘Hello’ to us at the Alumni stand and be in the draw for a case of Cambewarra Verdelho, especially labelled for this event.

When: Sunday October 14, 11am - 3pm
Where: UOW campus - Duckpond Lawn

For more information, visit the UOW website - www.uow.edu.au or email leanne_crouch@uow.edu.au

Highlight

*The Annual Dinner - celebrating 50 years!

featuring Dr Kerryn Phelps who will inspire you with her views on Success and Achievement. Then dance the night away to The Disciples of Groove, an innovative 5 piece vocal/instrumental group with a repertoire to suit all tastes: from Latin Cha Cha to Cool Jazz, Swing, Rock & Roll, 70’s disco and the latest top 40.

This spectacular event also includes a three-course dinner and drinks.

When: Saturday October 13, 6.30 for 7pm Where: University Hall
Dress: Semi Formal Cost: $40 for alumni ($45 others)
Tickets: Phone Jan on (02) 4221 8000

We look forward to seeing you on this weekend to celebrate 50 years of achievement at your University, the University of Wollongong.