

WHAT'S NEW AT THE KOORI CENTRE



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Teaching Excellence Award

Congratulations to **Sharon Galleguillos** who received a **2005 Teaching Excellence Award** from the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

Academic Board Review

Thank you to students and staff of the University who participated recently in Phase 2 of the Academic Board Review of the Koori Centre. We will find out shortly how things went and will let you know in the next issue where you can get hold of a copy of the Report.

AEA Dinner

You may have noticed on the Koori Centre Calendar that 22 April was set aside for the AEA Dinner. This event which is now being referred to as the 30th Anniversary Dinner has been postponed until 31 March 2006. We will give you more details of this event over the coming months.

Dr Charles Perkins Oration

It has been confirmed that the Dr Charles Perkins AO Memorial Oration will be held on 27 October this year. So

please mark this date in your diary. This will be the 5th Anniversary of the Oration and special dinner is being planned to commemorate the event.



Dr Charles Perkins tying his shoes in the Main Quad - photo by Robert McFarlane

Scholarships & Bursaries

The following bursaries and scholarships are now closed: Chancellor's Committee Bursaries, Continuing Undergraduate Scholarships for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Sciences & Technologies, and the University of Sydney First Year Bursaries.

Applications for the First Year Undergraduate Scholarships close on 31st August 2005 so there is still plenty of time to get an application in.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all of the following students: Jasmin Stewart, Laura McBride, Elizabeth De Pater, and Phillip Orcher who received the Aboriginal Education Council (AEC) Award for the Ken Brindle Scholarship. Clark Webb and Michelle Musselwhite both received the Wesley College Indigenous Scholarship. Clancy Crean, Brianna Dennis, Jessica Higgins,

Nygarie Roberts and Kathleen Tsimbas all received the Women's College Indigenous Scholarship. The ANZ Indigenous Scholarship went to Kirsten Cheatham and the Karen Lynch Scholarship was awarded to Peter Hawkins.

Congratulations to Luke Toohey who was on the Honour Roll of the School of Information Technology for 2004, for achieving a Distinction average across computing units of study.

Congratulations to our Graduates of the Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Aboriginal Studies) Margaret Smith, Jodie Edwards; and the Diploma in Education (Aboriginal): Janelle Ryan-Maunders, Pat Field, Tina Toomey, Jacque Welsh, Kerrie-Ann Cook, Deborah Lennis, and Toni Tyson.

Congratulations to Stuart Gray who graduated with a Bachelor of Science.



2005 Graduates from the Bachelor and Diploma

College Accommodation

This year we have eleven Indigenous students staying in College accommodation on Campus, it is the largest number ever. This is mostly due to the foresight and persistence of Koori Centre and University College staff who in their efforts to support students, have

been working to put together accommodation scholarships for Indigenous students for the past 3 years. Nine of the students were recipients of the Indigenous Accommodation Scholarship Awards. Students welcomed this wonderful initiative and were quick to take advantage of this much needed support.

Website

More and more information is being added to the Koori Centre website each week. With the inclusion of photos, everything should be just about finished. Please remember to give Curtis feedback on the site and also let him know if you see anything that needs to be changed, or isn't quite right. Navigation is an important part of how well a site works. If you have any trouble finding anything, please let us know. We welcome suggestions on how to make the site better.

NSW Language Revitalisation

Over the past year John Hobson has been involved in a project with the Walgett Language Program to develop an introductory course in Gamilaraay-Yuwaalaraay language. It is a collaborative project with Brother John Giacon and the New England Institute of TAFE (NEIT) and is continuing throughout 2005.

Pastoral Care

Students may already be aware through our recent copy of the March Newsletter of changes to the way in which the Koori Centre will deliver Pastoral Care. The Centre has commenced a roster system for the following Koori Centre academic staff members: Jeff Dunn,

Wendy Brady, Sharon Galleguillos, Leah Lui-Chivizhe and John Hobson to provide pastoral care and support should the need arise for you to talk to someone about any difficulties you may be experiencing or problems you may be having. A Pastoral Care Roster will be available shortly on the website under Student Support. Please don't hesitate to contact Sherrie Connors on tel: (02) 9351 5177 or email: sherrie@koori.usyd.edu.au, to make an appointment with one of the above staff members. If the matter is urgent and you are unable to contact Sherrie, please contact or leave a message with Deborah Kirby-Parsons on 9351 2992.

Klub Koori

A new society has been established by Indigenous students of the University. Known as **Klub Koori** the society aims to address Aboriginal issues both within and beyond the University. **Klub Koori's** first meeting was held on 4 April 2005, and the following members of the Executive were elected: Clark Webb (President) Peter Hawkins (Vice President) Ineke Wever (Treasurer) and Vivian Paul (Secretary). Information about Klub Koori can be found on the Koori Centre website at: http://www.koori.usyd.edu.au/news/klub_koori.shtml. Both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students are welcome to join by emailing the Secretary **Vivian Paul** at vpau4534@mail.usyd.edu.au. In the email students should include their **Student ID number, phone numbers** and **residential/postal address**.

Winter School

The Yolngu Way will be offered in Winter School this year. Starting on 11 July and running until 15 July inclusive. Hours are: Mon + Fri 9-5 and Tue, Wed, Thurs 9-4. Assessment is based on two written assignments: 1500 words and 2500 words. The Yolngu Way unit of study may count towards a number of awards including BA and DipArts. Please see The Sydney Summer School website for more information and details on how to apply: <http://www.summer.usyd.edu.au/> or have a chat with Jeff Dunn.



Gapapuyngu Yolgni Dancers at the Garma Festival of Traditional Culture (August 2004)



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Conferences

The Koori Centre will be well represented at the *Indigenous Knowledges Conference* in New Zealand this 22-25 June at the Victoria University of Wellington. Papers being presented include:

Why Indigenous Australian Students don't do University Science

Diana Day & Claire McLisky [UMelb]
Privatisation of Australia's Freshwater Commons: Implications for Indigenous Water Culture

Diana Day

Transforming academic paradigms and creating new frontiers? Or, is it just incorporating all things 'indigenous' into academic programs?

Katrina Thorpe

The conflict of knowing in the academy

Wendy Brady

Exit stage left Indigenous

Australian Contemporary Theatre

Michelle Blanchard.

Research

Diana Day and Claire McLisky have completed an internal report on the use of learning journals at the Koori Centre. They are now preparing research papers for external publication on the issues of: a) assessment of learning journals in undergraduate teaching, and b) on the professional benefits of the use of learning journals for academic researchers.

Events/ Meetings

Associate Professor Diana Day will give the Occasional Address at the Graduation Ceremony for the Schools of Environmental Science and Management and Natural and Complementary Medicine at Southern Cross University, Lismore NSW on 23 April. Diana is Adjunct Professor, Division of Health and Applied Sciences at the University. She recently visited the College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at SCU to outline

Koori Centre research on science and Indigenous students and support for postgraduate academics.

Reconciliation Week

There are special events planned on-campus for each week-day of Reconciliation Week. On National Sorry Day, 26 May, the inaugural **Indigenous Carnivale** will be held at the Manning Bar from 7.30 onwards. There will be an extensive line-up of Indigenous performers throughout the evening and everyone is welcome: students, staff, parents, members of the community. Tickets will be on sale out the front of Manning 12-2pm each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday leading up to 26 May. In other words: 10th 11th 12th 17th 18th 19th 24th 25th and 26th.

The flag raising will be held on 27 May at 11am on the terrace at the Manning Road side of the Main Quad. This will be followed by a morning tea, please come along. Other events during this week include: Sea of Hands, film screenings, trivia night, forum and more. Please remember to check the Koori Centre website for details.



*2004 Sea of Hands near the Main Quad
Design by Deborah Lennis*