



Celebrations at the Burwood Campus

From the Vice Chancellor

Welcome to the first edition of dKin Times for 2017.

The year is still young and as the clock ticks over to a new semester, it prompts us both to celebrate and to reflect — to assess how we performed and to resolve to do better as we go forward. The symbolism of the new year is common to all cultures and is also reflected across history. The Babylonians would return borrowed objects; Jews seek, and offer, forgiveness; and the Scots go "first footing," visiting neighbours to wish them well. In China, fireworks celebrate the coming of the new year as well as acting to drive out evil. In my family we have a tradition of having a last swim and then toasting the hope of a new year as the sun sets on the western side of Australia. The world over, family and the sharing of food are common to all celebrations. Many Australians will also celebrate the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival on January 28 — the first day of the New Year in the Chinese calendar.

[Read more.](#)

Alumni News

[Alumni Survey: Results and Winners](#)

Each year we ask our community to provide feedback on our alumni program and share their thoughts on how we can adapt to ensure we offer the best activities possible.

[From Classroom to Conservation — Liam Turner](#)

By the time he graduated in 2016, Liam Turner had already gained experience in conducting fieldwork in fish ecology and fur seal ecology. Just months after graduation, Liam has now commenced work on the Gnaraloo Sea Turtle Conservation project, an ambitious 30 year project to survey nesting population and activity trends of three turtle species.

[Training the next generation of Cambodian experts — Dr Christine Spratt](#)

Dr Christine Spratt has a master's degree and PhD from Deakin, and credits her master's degree with preparing her to be creative and innovative as she launches into a senior role as an education leader in health sciences.

Philanthropy News

[Changing lives around the world](#)

Deakin University will be offering more scholarships than ever before thanks to our generous alumni. Over the past three years we have received overwhelming support for scholarship programs that have changed the lives of hundreds of Deakin students and thousands of people around the world.

[Giving in Australia — new report paints a picture of philanthropy in Australia](#)

Giving Australia 2016 was commissioned by the Department of Social Services and investigates attitudes and trends for giving and volunteering in Australia. This data was last collected in 2005 and the 2016 study's key findings show that many things have changed. You can read the full report online at the [Community and Philanthropy Partnerships Week website](#).

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[Low SES university applications at turning point, says Deakin researcher](#)

Applications to university for people from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds are continuing to increase in Australia. Deakin University researcher Dr Nadine Zacharias claims this is due to success of equity initiatives funded by the Commonwealth over the past six years.

To support our diverse student body, Deakin offers a number of scholarships supported by donors, including the [AusNet Services Women in Power Engineering Scholarship](#), to help remove financial barriers to education. AusNet Services is fostering diversity by backing female students with the motivation to change the landscape of engineering and technology.

If you are considering a gift to Deakin, [Give Now](#)

Deakin University News



A student examines books at the Burwood Library

[FutureLearn and Deakin University the first to offer range of degrees delivered entirely on a MOOC platform](#)

A set of British postage stamps commemorating world-leading Deakin University research into sea turtle conservation has been released this week.

[Deakin ranked world's best for sport science](#)

Deakin University's School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences has been ranked the world's best in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) ratings of Sport Science Schools and Departments.

Alumni Services and Benefits

[Postgraduate bursary](#)

Boost your career trajectory with a Deakin Postgraduate Degree in 2017. A 10% Postgraduate Course Fee Bursary is offered to alumni and their immediate family who commence in 2017. [Conditions apply, please see the website for details.](#)

[Garmin 15% Discount](#)

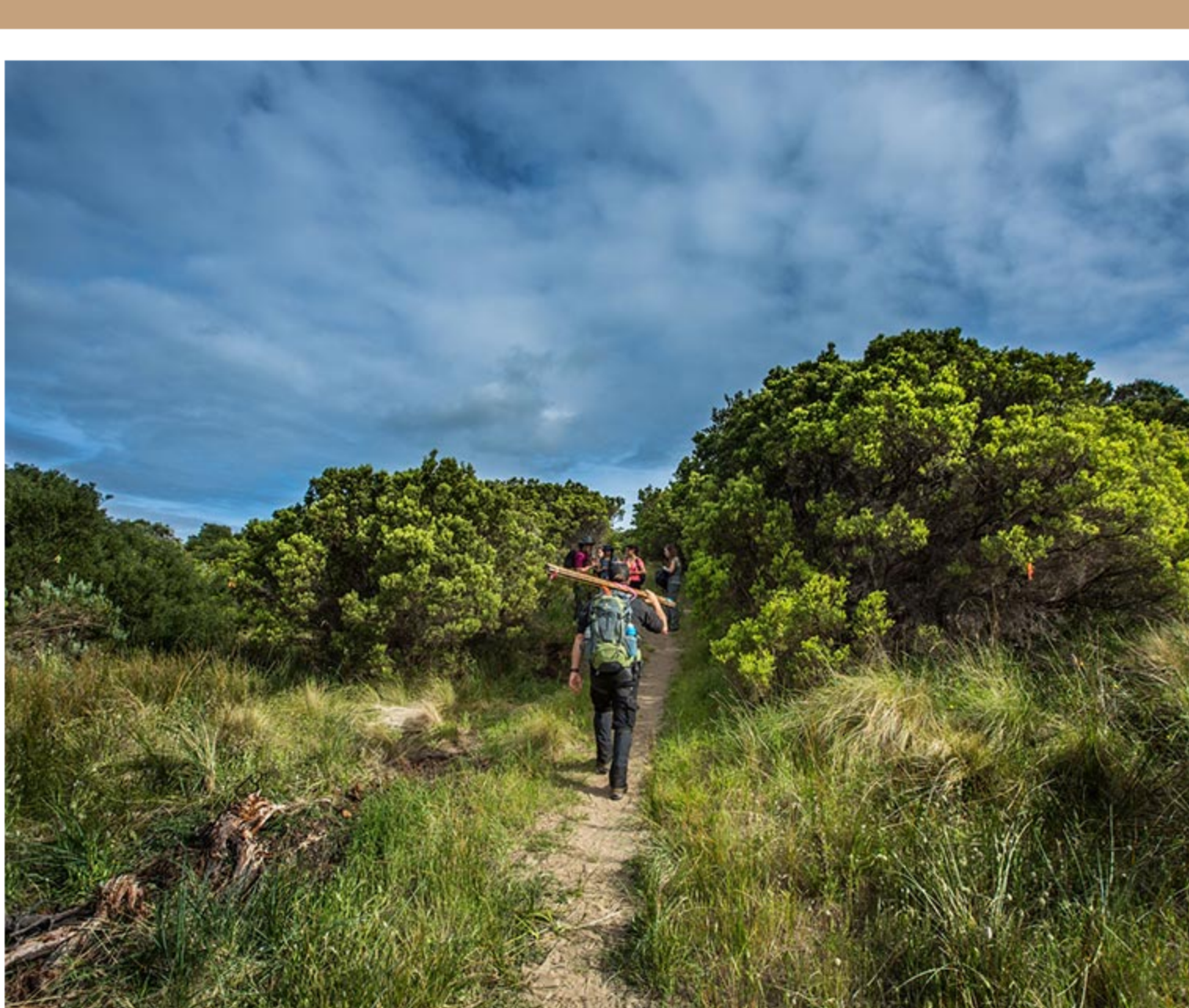
Eclipse yesterday's results with our exclusive Garmin alumni 15% discount. As you feel good about tracking your fitness, you can feel even better knowing that your purchase returns a percentage of profits to Deakin University, supporting students to gain access to a world class education. For more information, or to purchase, [visit the Alumni Community Portal](#). This discount is only available via the [alumni link](#).

[Deakin Melbourne Boomers Discount Tickets](#)

Deakin University is delighted to offer our community discounted tickets to the Melbourne Boomers home games. Discount tickets go on sale 72 hours before home games and you can purchase your tickets [online](#). The next Boomers' home game is Sunday 5 February.

[Find out more about alumni benefits.](#)

Class Notes



Students on a field trip at Cape Otway

Matthew Newland's passion for education has seen him teach and motivate children across schools in Melbourne, South Korea and Hong Kong. During his studies, a passionate Unit Chair introduced Matthew to the concept of internationalism and education equity, inspiring Matthew to take his teaching beyond the classroom.

For Robyn Haydon, learning is a lifelong habit. Since graduating on the Dean's list in 1990, Robyn has forged a career as a consultant and has published three books: The Shredder Test, an Australian Institute of Management bestseller on the topic of proposal writing; Winning Again, on contract and customer retention; and **Value: how to talk about what you do so people want to buy it.**

After completing his MBA (Technology Management), Anand Shukla started Fishmart, an international seafood marketing company. Anand describes success as 'contributing best to the lives of people at large.'

For over 20 years, Henk Van Leeuwen has been touring international acts in Australia. Henk encourages current students to check out experienced practitioners in their field and take no shortcuts in their journey.

Events And Webinars



'Poles Apart' sculpture by Brigit Heller, located outside the Deakin University Art Gallery, Burwood Campus

Events

Victoria

[Sam Jinks](#)

Monday 30 January — Friday 24 February. Exhibition open Monday to Friday, 11.00am-6.00pm. Deakin University 'Pop Up' Gallery, Deakin Downtown, Level 12, Tower 2, Collins Square, 727 Collins Street, Melbourne Docklands

[Sam Jinks — Exhibition Opening](#)

Thursday 2 February, 6.00pm-8.00pm. Deakin University 'Pop Up' Gallery, Deakin Downtown, Level 12, Tower 2, Collins Square, 727 Collins Street, Melbourne Docklands

[Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance Seminar with Prof Axel Kämmerer](#)

Thursday 9 February, 5.30pm-8.00pm. Deakin University, Level 12, Tower 2, Collins Square, 727 Collins Street, Melbourne Docklands

[Superfoods or Supermyths — Warrnambool Alumni Event](#)

Wednesday 22 February, 5.30pm-8.00pm. Lady Bay Resort, 2 Pertobe Road, Warrnambool, Victoria

[River's Gift - Bringing Harvard to Geelong](#)

Thursday 9 March, 5.30pm-7.00pm. Waurn Ponds Estate, Deakin University Waurn Ponds Campus, Nicol Drive South, Waurn Ponds, Victoria

International

Singapore

[Australia Alumni Singapore — Networking Event](#)

Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm-9.30pm, 6 Shenton Way, OUE Downtown 2, #33-00, Singapore 068809, (c/o Deloitte LLP Offices at Level 20)

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