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From the Editor

Welcome to the fifth edition of the ANZALS Magazine.....

I am excited to present to you my first edition of the ANZALS magazine. I realise that I have “big boots to fill” after taking over the news editor role from Arianne Reis in January. I hope this edition lives up to your expectations. We have a lot of exciting news from our Patron Universities, including amongst others Newcastle University, a new Patron in 2016. We also have ANZALS news and news from around the networks.

A few highlights include the forthcoming state of leisure paper, the work updating the leisure charter and our 25th anniversary symposium in November and next year the 2017 conference in Tasmania.

I hope these items keep you informed and connected with colleagues and issues in the leisure studies field. As always contributions are very welcome. Please forward them to news@anzals.org.au

Happy reading!

Hazel

Dr Hazel Maxwell, Faculty of Health, University of Tasmania

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President's Message

The success of the 2015 ANZALS Conference has faded to a pleasant memory as everyone has shifted to all the 2016 responsibilities. The ANZALS Board continues to follow through with our activities designed to meet the needs of members and the wider leisure community. I am appreciative and humbled to have the support of ANZALS members to continue on the Board, and the Board's support to continue in the role of ANZALS President. My responsibility with ANZALS provides me with a great opportunity to keep in contact with members and to be engaged with a range of leisure activities in Australia and New Zealand and with our colleagues around the world.



Board Activities

I would like to formally welcome the new Board members, Roslyn Kerr – Secretary; and Trudie Walters – Membership; and thank the returning Board members: Richard McGrath – Vice President, Ruth Jeanes – Events, Robyn Cockburn – Treasurer, Ruth Sibson – Membership, Clayton Hawkins – Online Engagement, and Hazel Maxwell – News editor. Katie McDonald has been appointed to a position of student engagement so we can build better links with student members. I also want to thank Adele Pavilidis for her involvement with the ANZALS Board. Unfortunately, Adele could not continue with her role on the Board so she had to resign. Adele's resignation brought some changes in Board responsibilities, Trudie Walters was appointed to the vacant position and will be involved with New Zealand and international memberships; and Robyn Cockburn is assuming the Treasurer's responsibilities. Last year we were sorry to say farewell to Arianne Rees and Carmel Foley because they did not seek another term. Arianne and Carmel both made important contributions over the years and continue to be involved in ANZALS activities. Finally, I want to acknowledge the contribution from Neil Carr and his team for the success of the Annals of Leisure Research.

Clayton, Hazel and the UTas team are doing a marvellous job getting the 2017 ANZALS Conference organised. Members should have the dates and times in their 2017 diaries and be ready for the first ANZALS event in Tasmania. We are also getting the planning for the 2019 Conference organised – there will be a call for expressions of interest to host the 2019 Conference distributed in coming weeks. Members are encouraged to talk with their colleagues about hosting the 2019 Biennial ANZALS Conference.

2016 is a big year for ANZALS as we prepare to celebrate our 25th anniversary. This celebration is planned to occur in November in Melbourne as part of an ANZALS Symposium and the 2016 AGM. Details about the event will be circulated soon.

Special Projects

I have been involved with two important ANZALS projects that are helping to shape ANZALS strategies over the coming years. During 2015 we started a project called the State of Leisure Studies, this included contributions from some of the ANZALS patrons and a workshop at the 2015 Conference. Richard McGrath, Ruth Sibson and

I continue to lead this project to help identify a range of issues that impact on leisure studies in Australia and New Zealand. The paper will be finalised over the coming months and will be used to guide ANZALS strategies to help maintain / grow leisure studies over the coming years.

Tony Veal started sharing his ideas about the review of the World Leisure Organisations (WLO) Charter for Leisure at the 2015 ANZALS Conference. At the recent WLO Congress, Tony delivered the initial keynote address highlighting the need to update the Charter. His article about this is provided in the Magazine. I am excited about the updated version of the Charter because of its potential to be contextualised in an Australian and New Zealand context so we can use this platform to be more actively engaged in public policy developments.

ANZALS has also established a mechanism for special interest groups (SIGs) to be established under the ANZALS umbrella. More details about the SIGs are provided in the Magazine. members are encouraged to collaborate with their colleagues to develop initiatives that meet ANZALS's purposes.

I encourage all ANZALS members to become involved in your association's activities – please contact the relevant portfolio manager or contact me if you want to become involved or want to raise an issue that will help ANZALS achieve its mission. I hope all ANZALS members and colleagues around the world are making the most of their leisure in 2016.

John Tower, July 2016



The 12th Biennial Australia and NZ Association of Leisure Studies (ANZALS) conference was held in Adelaide on the 9th-11th December 2015 hosted by the University of South Australia's School of Health Sciences.

The 12th Biennial ANZALS conference was organised by a team of University of South Australia staff (Dr Richard McGrath, Dr Janette Young, Dr Caroline Adams and Dr Edoardo Rosso). The committee was also supported throughout the conference by a team of volunteer UniSA students (Kristen Stevens, Emma Milanese, Kim Creeney and Caellyen Somerville).

The focus of the conference was to provide an open and collegial environment where academics, policymakers and practitioners could come together to discuss and debate a variety of global and local issues pertaining to the conference theme of Leisure as a Human Right.

Building on the success of previous ANZALS conferences the organising committee sought submissions for Session Themes from academics and practitioners across the globe. A total of seven Session Theme applications were submitted and accepted for the conference. These were:

- Animals & Leisure: Rights & Wellbeing
- The human rights of athletes: Do athletes need further protection?
- Health and Leisure (where we live, work and play): Lessons learned
- Sport, recreation, fitness and leisure facility management
- Sport and Development: Past, Present and Future
- Is therapeutic recreation adding to peoples human rights, or taking away those rights?
- A Place for Practitioners

In addition to the three day presentation format the 2015 event included a pre-conference PhD workshop. This workshop was conducted on the Tuesday afternoon and focused on three elements:

- Knowledge Exchange – Developing an understanding of the need to disseminate research across a variety of sectors (i.e. academia, public/private sector, general public, media)
- Journal paper feedback
- Networking

A total of 68 papers were presented at the conference by delegates from across Australia, NZ, UK, Canada, USA, Japan and China. In addition, the conference included keynote sessions from Honourable Kelly Vincent MLC (Disability for Dignity), Brad Chilcott (previous CEO of Welcome to Australia) and Haydyn Bromley (Executive Director & Commercial Tour Operator, Bookabee Australia).

As with all ANZALS conferences a number of social activities were included in the program.

A pre-conference Welcome Reception was held on the Tuesday evening. This event was sponsored by the University of South Australia's Centre for Tourism & Leisure Management and School of Management. During this event a MOU was signed between the ANZALS President, Dr John Tower and the Australian Health Promotion Association (SA Branch) President, Dr Janette Young. The focus of the MOU is to create a working partnership between academics and practitioners working in the fields of health and leisure.



The ANZALS conference tradition of providing a fun and lively Trans-Tasman Challenge was fulfilled in 2015 with a visit to the Cirkidz School of Circus. Following a short 'training' session conducted by young Cirkidz performers, teams of delegates were challenged to create their own short 'circus' performances. A great deal of laughter, fun and enjoyment was had by all participants, with some delegates clearly showing they have the potential to develop another career in circus performance in the future 😊. Following much deliberation and discussion amongst the Cirkidz judges, the Trans-Tasman Challenge was awarded to a delegate team representing Australia.



The conference finished with delegates attending a dinner at the Adelaide Town Hall. During this social event the ANZALS's President, Dr John Tower presented a number of awards. These included the Student Paper Prize, awarded to Georgia Cervin and the Elery Hamilton-Smith Early Career Researcher Paper Prize, awarded to Dr Edoardo Rosso.

[Dr Richard McGrath](#)

ANZALS Symposium, AGM and 25th Anniversary celebration

This year ANZALS is turning 25! The establishment of ANZALS is due to the commitment of a team of leisure academics at University of Technology Sydney including Tony Veal, Rob Lynch, Paul Jonson and Bruce Hayllar. ANZALS was established at the World Leisure Congress in Sydney in 1991.

As 2016 is a non-conference year ANZALS will be hosting a Symposium in Melbourne on 25 November and hold its Annual General Meeting / Anniversary Celebrations. Details are currently being finalised for the Symposium

topics and the AGM / celebrations. More information is available from Ruth Jeanes – ruth.jeanes@monash.edu and will be shared in future ANZALS e-News.

ANZALS Membership – your benefits

In 2016/2017 all members of ANZALS will receive:

- An electronic copy of our quarterly refereed journal, Annals of Leisure Research.
- Information on research, staffing and developments at the member universities through our six-monthly ANZALS magazine, and regular e-news.
- Opportunities for collegial support and promotion of the benefits of leisure studies as an area of research, teaching and scholarship.
- Access to member only sections of the ANZALS website.
- Discount rates at ANZALS conferences and seminars including, for 2016/2017 members, a generous discounted rate to the 13th Biennial Conference to be held at the University of Tasmania in 2017
- Discount rates for some publications and events offered by related organisations, such as Parks and Leisure Australia, World Leisure Organization (USA), CAUTHE, Leisure Studies Association (UK), and more to come.

Join Us - go to our membership page at <http://anzals.org.au/members/join-anzals>

ANZALS Special Interest Groups

In 2015 the ANZALS Board established an opportunity for members to develop Special Interest Groups (SIG's). These SIG's are designed to facilitate communication and collaboration between ANZALS members working in similar areas. They are also intended to provide a vehicle for the organisation of the annual conference.

Aims - The aims of ANZALS SIG's are to:

- Facilitate communication and collaboration between members working in similar areas
- Provide a basis for streams within ANZALS Biennials Conference programs by having a designated time slot at the annual conference (where possible SIG sessions will be scheduled concurrently at the conference)
- Be recognised for three years (groups can then be reformed, or restructured where appropriate)
- Have a designated Convenor and
- Have a presence on ANZALS website

Establishing an ANZALS SIG & Formation Submissions - ANZALS members are invited to submit proposals for SIGs. Proposals must:

- Specify a SIG title;
- Have a short description of the SIG's aims and objectives (suitable for the website and other publicity);

- List the names of a Convener (and any Co-Conveners);
- Identify a minimum of 5 ANZALS members (including the convenors) who are members of the SIG;
- Be endorsed by all members of the proposed SIG.

Submissions to form an ANZALS SIG should be sent to ANZALS’s Vice President, Dr Richard McGrath richard.mcgrath@unisa.edu.au

Submissions will be considered at an ANZALS Board Committee meeting. The ANZALS Board generally make decisions regarding a SIG formation at their quarterly meetings.



To support this initiative, the ANZALS Board has established a grant scheme to SIG’s with conducting activities and events that support their relevant theme.

If you are interested in establishing an ANZALS SIG, please contact ANZALS’s Vice President, Dr Richard McGrath richard.mcgrath@unisa.edu.au for more details concerning SIG Terms of Reference, Convenor Roles and Responsibilities and the SIG Grant Scheme.

Annals of Leisure Research now on Scopus!

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Rank website: www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=21100331602&tip=sid&clean=0



Leisure and Human Rights in Adelaide, Durban and ...?

by Tony Veal, University of Technology, Sydney

The last few months, have seen signs of members of the leisure studies community giving belated consideration to the relationship between human rights and leisure.

- At the 13th World Leisure Congress in Mobile, Alabama, in 2014, a group of scholars led by Arend Hardorff of the NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences, held a workshop to discuss the relevance of human rights to leisure studies curricula.
- ANZALS announced that leisure and human rights would be the theme of its 2015 conference, held in Adelaide in December 2015.
- The World Leisure Journal published my paper on 'Human rights, leisure and leisure studies' (Veal, 2015).
- Leisure Studies, the journal of the Leisure Studies Association (LSA), published a call for contributions to a special issue on human rights and leisure.
- The Leisure and Recreation Association of South African (LARASA), devoted a keynote presentation and two workshop sessions to leisure and human rights at the 14th World Leisure Congress, which it hosted in Durban in June/July 2016.

In essence, these discussions focus on a simple proposition. In 1948, in the aftermath of the Second World War, the newly formed United Nations endorsed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and saw fit to include, among its 30 articles, three articles which declared, respectively, the right to freedom of movement, to leisure time and to cultural participation; those of us concerned with the field of leisure should seriously consider the implications of this for research, teaching and practice.

At the ANZALS conference, I gave a presentation calling for a review of the World Leisure Organization's own statement on leisure rights, the Charter for Leisure, and repeated it at the World Leisure Congress. In discussions at the last ANZALS AGM, members called for the association to become involved in this process and to consider the implications for Australia and New Zealand. The ANZALS Board endorsed the proposal and John Tower raised the matter with the WLO Board at its meeting in Durban. As a result, the WLO Board asked Atara Sivan (President of the World Leisure Academy and Editor of the World Leisure Journal) and myself to conduct a review of the Charter for Leisure in consultation with other organizations concerned with leisure research, education and practice.

Just how this process will unfold is being worked out. Our initial step has been to create an email list of individuals interested in becoming involved in the process. Any members of ANZALS who would like to be added to this list should send me an email at: Tony.Veal@uts.edu.au.

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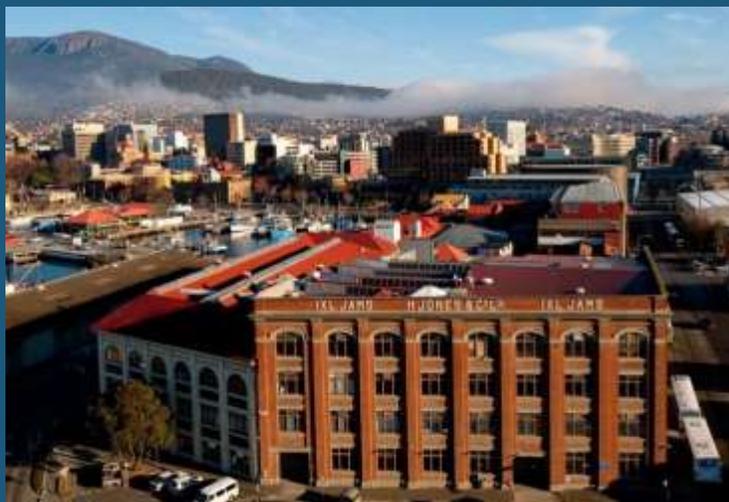
Save the ANZALS 2017 Conference Dates

	Opening Date	Closing Date
Call for Themed Session	3rd October 2016	27th January 2017
Call for Papers and Posters	20th February 2017	19th May 2017
Early Bird Registrations	1st April 2017	30th September 2017
Standard Registrations	1st October 2017	24th November 2017
Conference	4th December 2017	7th December 2017

ANZALS 2017 Conference Update



Having mounted a case for leisure as a human right at the 12th Biennial ANZALS Conference in Adelaide 2015, in 2017 we will explore leisure as an agent for social change. The 13th Biennial ANZALS Conference to be held in Hobart, Tasmania calls on all to review leisure as a social change agent at individual, community and societal levels in a rapidly changing world.



This event will seek to build on the long tradition of ANZALS conferences by asking presenters and attendees to reflect on and discuss both the positive and negative roles leisure plays across a number of significant global, regional and local issues. The conference will provide an avenue for the dissemination of leisure studies research that cuts across a variety of domains such as business, health, the environment, tourism, events, education and disability as well as transport,

planning, policy, place management and infrastructure.

The conference is a collaboration between the [Institute for Regional Development](#), the [Tasmanian School of Business and Economics](#), the [Faculty of Health](#) and the [Tourism Research and Education Network \(TREnd\)](#).

Local Organising Committee:

[Dr Clayton J Hawkins](#) (Conference Chair), [Dr Hazel Maxwell](#) (Deputy Chair), [Dr Anne Hardy](#), [Dr Kim Lehman](#) and [Dr Gemma Lewis](#)

Scientific Committee:

[Professor David Adams](#), [Professor Catherine Palmer](#), [Professor Andrew Hills](#), Professor Can Seng Ooi, [Dr Clayton J Hawkins](#), [Dr Hazel Maxwell](#), [Dr Anne Hardy](#), [Dr Gemma Lewis](#) and [Dr Alison Dunn](#).

Engaging Legacies: 15th Canadian Congress on Leisure Research 2017

Call for Proposals, Pre-Conference Workshops, Deadline for Proposals:

Friday, September 16, 2016

Pre-Conference Workshops: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

CCLR15: Tuesday Evening, May 23 to Friday, May 26, 2017



Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

The CCLR program committee invites those interested in hosting a pre-conference workshop to submit a proposal for consideration by Friday, September 16, 2016. Please note that admission to pre-conference workshops is NOT INCLUDED in the CCLR conference registration fee, but rather represents additional intellectual opportunities for conference attendees. Workshop fees will be waived for all confirmed speakers associated with workshops, though.

Workshops provide an informal setting in which participants can discuss focused topics and engage in an active exchange of ideas. They should offer opportunities for intellectual growth, learning, and/or professional development for CCLR conference participants. In general, workshops may be method/methodology-focused (e.g., a qualitative inquiry writing retreat), topic-specific/theoretically-focused (e.g., a research roundtable on community sport organizations), and/or education/skills-focused (e.g., a workshop on structural equation modelling).

The CCLR organizing committee will provide workshop organizers support in terms of publicity, registration, fee collection, space arrangement, audio-visual support, and catering coordination. Workshop organizer(s) will be responsible for the programming and the submission of necessary details to finalize workshop fees. Acceptance

of proposal submissions will be based primarily on an evaluation of the workshop's relevance, expected level of interest in the topic, and the organizers' ability to lead a successful workshop.

CAUTHE 2017



CAUTHE 2017: Dunedin, New Zealand, 7-10 February

The 27th annual CAUTHE conference will be held in Dunedin, New Zealand's scenic South Island, from 7 February to 10 February 2017. The conference theme is: Time for big ideas? Re-thinking the field for tomorrow. The theme broadly deals with the future of tourism, hospitality and events. We call for new, innovative ideas, concepts and methodological approaches that will challenge the thinking in our field as we embrace the future. A wide range of submissions are welcome. Sub-themes include:

- The future of tourism, hospitality and events
- Emerging technologies
- Sustainability
- Ethics, morality, justice, equality
- Well-being, wellness, quality of life
- Cross cultural and indigenous perspectives
- New markets and destinations
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- Changing consumers
- Critical approaches in the field
- Innovation and methodological advances
- Other topics that relate to the conference theme.

The conference will feature a usual selection of high quality CAUTHE events, including the PhD/ECR workshop, the Great Debate and social events such as the Welcome Reception and the Gala Dinner. Next year we are also pleased to announce a brand new, Research Assessment Workshop. This workshop will incorporate a wider debate surrounding the position of tourism, hospitality and events and the variously named research assessment exercises and research management initiatives, such as Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) in New Zealand, Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) and Research Excellence Framework (REF) in the United Kingdom.

The conference will be held at St David lecture theatre complex at the University of Otago and the Gala Dinner is scheduled to take place at Dunedin's historic Larnach Castle with views over the city and the Otago peninsula. The venues will be accessible to people with disabilities and all forms of equity will be observed in the selection of speakers, panel members and chairs during the conference. Key submission deadlines are shown below and registrations will open shortly.

- Full Papers: 17 October 2016
- Working Papers: 31 October 2016

For further details about the conference theme, venue, location, accommodation options and other details

please visit the [conference website](http://www.otago.ac.nz/cauthe2017/index.html). <http://www.otago.ac.nz/cauthe2017/index.html>

SMAANZ 2016



The Sport Management Association of Australia and New Zealand 2016 conference will be a multidisciplinary conference targeting thought-provoking research within the broad topical areas of management, marketing, and the governance of sport at all levels and in all manifestations. You are invited to submit an abstract and attend SMAANZ 2016 in Auckland, New Zealand – hosted by Auckland University of Technology. The conference will take place from 23-25 November 2016. Check out the website for further details: <http://www.smaanzt.org>



Edith Cowan University

Sport, Recreation, Event, Tourism & Hospitality Management Program



Teaching and Learning Activities

The Applied Disciplines team have been working on a range of activities designed to improve the student experiences across our degrees. Recent highlights include:



Dr David Lamb was involved with recruiting and sourcing volunteers for the Perth International golf tournament/event, which is part of the PGA European tour and was played at Lake Karrinyup Country Club in the northern suburbs of Perth. A number of sport, recreation and events students took part in volunteering roles such as hole marshalling, drink dispensers, walking scorers, leader board monitors, and practice range supervisors. Over 700 volunteers were involved in the event in February 2016. Students were provided with food and drinks, a free uniform, and got to meet the players close up! They were also offered a free round of golf at the course after the tournament.

Mr Graham Muir organised for 35 students enrolled in the 3rd year unit Business Events Management unit to volunteer at LNG 18, the world's largest conference and exhibition for liquefied natural gas held in Perth in April. The event attracted over 4,000 participants from 60 countries. Students were required to write a report on the event, which included the event's business purposes, expectations of stakeholders and economic benefits for Western Australia. They were also required to write a dialogic and critical reflection on their experience.

Dr Ruth Sibson has used her study leave during semester 1 to focus on some teaching and learning research projects relating the benefits and use of guest speakers in the classroom; e-Portfolios and professional identity development in undergraduate business students; and the Indigenisation of curriculum in the sport, recreation and event management program. She also has a forthcoming book chapter with her colleagues focusing on Professional development to support the embedding of ePortfolios within higher education programs.



Dr Ruth Sibson, Senior Lecturer, School of Business and Law



It has been a busy start to 2016 in the teaching and learning space for the Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management, Griffith University. During this time there has been a renewed emphasis on innovating classroom practices, and connecting with industry to provide opportunities for students to undertake work integrated learning and industry internships. Department staff have also been actively involved in numerous outreach programs, aimed at introducing local high school students to the learning environment at Griffith University. Further, the Department now also offers our Hotel Management major through Open Universities.

Griffith University has become an Official Partner of the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. This has opened up opportunities for our students to undertake internships with the Games organising committee (GOLDOC). In total, 250 internships will be offered to Griffith University students in a range of areas. This internship program will provide our students with an exceptional opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom to the planning and delivery of this major event.

This year, Professor Graham Cuskelly, our incoming Head of Department, and Dr Brad Hill have also established an MOU with Venue Management Association (Asia and Pacific) Limited. Through this MOU our students will have new opportunities to undertake Work Integrated Learning in leading sport and entertainment venues throughout the Asia Pacific region, and we will also welcome students from VMA's Diploma program into our Event and Sport Management Majors.

This year our Hotel Management major is being offered through Open Universities Australia. Several staff within the Department have been busy developing, convening and delivering courses such as Introduction to Hotel Management, International Food and Beverage Management, Rooms Division Management, Marketing and Sales for Hotels, Conference and Convention Management and Hotel Service Operations Management. While the Department is embracing these new online learning opportunities, staff also continue to offer 'hands-on' learning experiences. In February this year Professor Dave Weaver and Assoc Professor Laura Lawton accompanied 14 students on a five night cruise in South East Asia. During the cruise students learn about the ship (in this case Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas which accommodates 3600 passengers), its amenities, and how the design of the 'shipscape' aids in maximising passenger experiences. The cruise is preceded by a week of intensive workshops wherein students learn about how tourism and the cruise industry have had major economic, environmental and social impacts on the ports in which ships call.



Finally, Department staff have continued to be actively involved in various offshore teaching and outreach programmes. Currently, some of our sport management staff are involved in intensive teaching at Yunnan Normal University in China, while staff from our Event and Hospitality majors deliver courses at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Closer to home, in May this year the Department hosted the 'Schoolgirls Breakfast Career and Experience Day', which welcomed over 200 local schoolgirls, teachers and careers advisors to our Gold Coast Campus to learn about the opportunities for careers in sport. [Dr Millicent Kennelly](#)

At the end of 2015, Professor Ken Hughey and Dr Stephen Espiner were awarded Excellence in Supervision Awards in recognition of the outstanding supervision they have carried out over the last decade. Ken has primarily supervised students in the area of environmental policy, including a number of tourism students while Stephen has supervised students studying national parks, tourism and recreation. Many of their students have gone on to either academic positions or significant governmental positions.

In March, students from RECN 213: Event Planning, co-hosted the Sports Spectacular together with Sport Canterbury. A large number of school children participated in a wide range of sporting activities and the students were praised for their role in the event.



In April, Professor of tourism David Simmons visited Bangladesh courtesy of his Commonwealth PhD Scholar Shoeb Rahman. David visited the Chittagong highlands trekking area, the site of Shoeb's field research and an area of ethnic groups where tourism offers one plank for reconciliation of longstanding tensions resolved in some part by the 1970 peace accord. David reports that conditions are similar to Nepal some 25 years ago – although considerably hotter on the edge of the Ganges plains. Returning to Dhaka saw David and Nazmun engage in a number of formal events; meeting the Vice

Chancellor of Dhaka University (established under British tutelage in the 1920s, and now at 70,000 students), present a workshop with senior undergrad tourism students, and be the guest of honour at a (PATA sponsored) industry event. Here they met with various tourism luminaries including the CEO of the Bangladesh Tourism Board, and representatives of the New Zealand Consulate.

In April, polar tourism researcher Emma Stewart co-hosted a week-long workshop with Daniela Liggett from Gateway Antarctica at the University of Canterbury. The workshop brought together the core members of the UN's World Meteorological Organisation's (WMO) Polar Prediction Project who focus on the social and economic aspects of weather and other environmental information in the polar regions.



In June, Emma Stewart, Stephen Espiner and Jude Wilson hosted a study group of 32 undergraduates from the University of Georgia last Friday. The group are on a month-long tour of Australia and New Zealand, and popped into the Department of Tourism, Sport and Society to hear about research on the implications of climate change for New Zealand National Parks. Stephen provided a great contextual introduction and Jude and Emma followed up with case study examples from the Westland and Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park.

Dr Roslyn Kerr, Department of Tourism, Sport and Society



University of Newcastle

Tourism and Sports Management



Tourism and Sports Management at the University of Newcastle are cross-faculty programs facilitated by the Newcastle Business School. They are offered as majors in the Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Social Science and Bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice degrees, and as a minor in other degree programs. Leisure and tourism courses are taught at our Newcastle, Central Coast and Singapore campuses. The Leisure and Tourism Discipline in the Newcastle Business School is a nationally award winning group as recognised by a Tourism Training Australia National Award in 2010. Academics in the Leisure and Tourism Discipline are recognised as leaders in the Faculty of Business and Law for external engagement activities with regional and national tourism organisations. Working closely with the local industries and the wider community in research and curriculum design ensures that our graduates are well prepared to work in the global leisure and tourism industries. Leisure and tourism academics working in the Newcastle Business School are dedicated researchers with a strong international profile evidenced by contributions to the global academy. Individual academics have also been recognised for the outstanding contributions to teaching and learning, research and industry engagement. Examples include:

- A Gold Award for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual to Local Tourism, Qantas Link, Hunter and Central Coast Tourism Awards (2013)
- An OLT Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning (2015)
- Two Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching (2007, 2014)
- Two Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research Supervision (2013)
- A Vice-Chancellor's Award for Research Excellence (2010)

Dr Tamara Young, Newcastle Business School

Learning and Teaching

An extensive building program at UTS has teaching and learning as its centrepiece with a focus on formal and informal collaborative learning spaces. Coupled with our new Learning. Futures teaching practice we are promoting the philosophy of the sticky campus. From our observations the strategy appears to be working to some extent – the spaces are filled with students, studying, socialising, working in groups. There is still work to be done – buildings still to be upgraded – building 2, next door to the infamous Tower, is next on the list and this new building will also house our new library.



New Degree Program - The [Bachelor of Management](#) was rolled out in the city campus in 2015 and is thriving. Numbers and ATAR are up in 2016 and the move from Lindfield to the city campus appears to have been a contributing factor. Both students and staff are enjoying the vibrancy of the city not to mention the thousand bars and restaurants within close proximity! We are two years into our reviewed programs with the Bachelor of Management now having a core on entrepreneurship and innovation, majors in events, sport business and tourism, and a fourth major in 'Digital Creative Enterprise' commencing in 2017. At the postgraduate level we have a suite of Master of Management programs including events, sport and tourism, together with creative and

cultural industries, not-for-profit and social enterprise, strategic supply chain, and human resource management. Majors and sub- majors in events, sport and tourism can also be taken with the [Master of Business Administration](#) programs.

Event Management - Event Management students enjoy easy access to an abundance of local event spaces including Darling Harbour and the soon to be opened International Convention Centre which are both now linked to the campus by the Goods Line. This has strengthened our industry engagement through both our industry advisory committee that includes the CEO of Business Events Sydney, Lyn Lewis Smith, together with curriculum involvement of major venues including Carriageworks, SCG and Moore Park Trust, and Attractivity. The city location has opened up more opportunities for internships and field trips as well as easier access to industry guest speakers which is great for students. Correspondingly we have seen an increase in students with a corporate event interest together with many major businesses (e.g. Commonwealth Bank) having their own events units.

Sport -Exciting times for the sport management and sport science students at UTS! The University has partnered with the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) to create the new 'Sports Central Campus' at Moore Park. First classes have already started at the SCG and more specific short courses and industry engagement partnerships are to follow in the coming years. The opportunity to take our sport science and management courses to the precinct ensures that our students are very closely connected to the 'real world'. At the same time, the Australian Centre

for Olympic Studies (ACOS) continues to offer exciting initiatives to students and researchers, such as a recent 'FIFA in Crisis' symposium that featured mega-event scholars and practitioners including Prof. John Sugden, Bonita Mersiades and Prof. David Rowe. The upcoming 'Olympic Day Seminar' promises to be of equally great standard – feel free to [register online](#).

Tourism - During 2016 tourism at UTS has enjoyed a surge in undergraduate enrolments compared with previous years. This reflects the very positive outlook for global and Australian tourism growth. In 2016 we launched a brand new subject, reputation and risk management in tourism. The city location of UTS has made it easier to attract high quality guest speakers for tourism studies. This year we have had extensive engagement with key industry leaders from the Centre for Aviation, Qantas, Virgin Australia, Tourism Australia, International SOS, Reliance Risk and the Accor Hotel group. In March 2016 UTS played host to the Council of Australian Tour Operators, Risk and Crisis Management Forum in which Dr David Beirman was the keynote speaker to an audience of 80 tour wholesalers. In June 2016 UTS joined forces with [Randwick Council](#) to run a very successful Risk and Reputation management forum which attracted 75 attendees.

Honours and Higher Degree Research - The group continue to contribute to the substantial management honours and PhD program with Associate Prof Deborah Edwards in charge of the HDR program with some 70 strong PhD candidates across all areas of Management. Dr Stephen Schweinsberg coordinates the Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Management honours programs where we currently have 12 honours students enrolled. Both programs have a four subject coursework component covering qualitative methods, quantitative methods, thesis preparation and advanced theorising. Given our access to industry being in the heart of the city, many of the honours and HDR students have a practical engagement with industry. This is seen to be ramped up even further with the introduction of an industry embedded doctoral program. The UTS Business School is hosting the Australia and New Zealand Association of Management (ANZAM) PhD research student and ECR workshop in June 2016 that has the focus on Research with Impact.

Staff movements - The old the UTS Kuring-gai leisure, sport and tourism group has substantially changed over the last two years with a number of long-standing staff taking retirement. These include Associate Prof Paul Jonson, Dr Jennie Small, Associate Prof Stephen Wearing, Dr Johanna Adriaanse, Tony Griffin, and Dr Rob Harris. The collective wisdom of the loss of this group is substantial and while the roles that they played will never quite be the same, the rest of us hope to continue their substantial legacy in the best way that we can. We are lucky in that most of these staff are maintaining a research associate status with the UTS Business School so their expertise is not lost and we hope many take Adjunct Prof Tony Veal's direction and maintain a keen intellectual interest and output. Dr Hazel Maxwell has moved from a number of years working as a research assistant and casual teaching to a full-time position with the University of Tasmania and Dr Ashlee Morgan after two years casual teaching and research work has taken up an entrepreneurial opportunity in Western Australia and will also be working with a number of universities in Perth. We are currently recruiting for staff in events, the creative industries and sport business so if anyone is looking for a move to Sydney get your applications in quickly!

Professor Simon Darcy and Associate Professor Carmel Foley

The UQ Business School tourism cluster introduced a number of new teaching and learning initiatives this year. As part of the work integrated learning placement program, students complete placements with a range of tourism, hospitality and events organisations. One of these, the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business, and the Commonwealth Games, set postgraduate students the task to create a report on ‘What motivates international students to study in Queensland?’ Students were required to present their findings and prepare short videos featuring international students’ views on why they chose Queensland. The students’ findings indicated reputation and climate were key in choosing a university, with different nationalities having different motivations on why they travel to study in Brisbane rather than Sydney or Melbourne. Dr Tony

Callaghan General Manager, Policy and Planning, Tourism Division Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business, and the Commonwealth Games said they really enjoyed the student’s presentations.

“The students clearly put a significant amount of time, effort, energy and creativity into it. I was particularly impressed with the way they all worked so well together to present the findings with obvious pride in their work. The attributes demonstrated will be of great benefit as these students move forward in their careers,” he said. The students report, presentation and videos can be located [here](#) on the DestinationQ website.

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A group of undergraduate and postgraduate tourism students also had the opportunity to participate at Australia’s largest international tourism trade show, the Australian Tourism Exchange last month. Students with fluent language skills in Mandarin, Japanese, and Korean offered assistance at the trade show where they were able to gain invaluable experience at the world class event and see how international buyers and sellers engage information. Another learning initiative that took place recently was that five high achieving undergraduate students had the opportunity to attend the QTIC World Environment Day lunch, which focused on recognising and showcasing sustainable nature-based tourism operations. Student attendee Mackenzie Golightly said she was honoured to be able to attend such an insightful event. “This was my first taste of what the commercial tourism industry has to offer, and I was very impressed what a career in tourism could offer me. I have become more interested in real world issues and sustainable practices in Australia and around the world, thanks to the insightful and educational panel discussion at the lunch. “As a student, I was very lucky to learn about what is happening in the real world within this field. I hope to find myself attending similar events in the future not as a student, but as a professional in the Australian tourism industry,” she said. To find out more please visit [our website](#). Amy Vining, UQ Business School



The University of Waikato

Sport and Leisure Studies

The next 12-18 months will provide many exciting opportunities for the ongoing development of our Sport and Leisure Studies programme. This area has been targeted by the university as part of the strategic investment plan in order to achieve higher levels of national and international recognition. One significant recent advance has been the opening of The University of Waikato Adams Centre for High Performance at Mt. Manganui's Blake Park. The centre features the largest high performance gym in New Zealand in terms of floor space. It is also equipped with the very latest in sports science and research capability – it boasts the only environmental chamber in New Zealand capable of controlling heat, humidity and altitude. This site provides an additional teaching and research infrastructure to aid the development of our postgraduate programmes that have seen a significant increase in enrolments over the last two years.



At the other end of the spectrum the Applied Sport Science Education Programme conducted at the Avantidrome in Cambridge continues to grow in popularity. This programme has been designed to provide schools with something that is more than just a visit to a facility. The aim is to be able to share expertise and expose students to some situations that involves them actively, and also brings some of the sport science theory to life in a meaningful way. To support year 11, 12 and 13 Physical Education students we offer four modules that align with the New Zealand Curriculum and

specific NCEA achievement standards. These modules are designed in a way that scaffolds learning across levels 1, 2 and 3. Each module introduces students to specialist sport science equipment used in assessing elite athletes, whilst at the same time being provided with a hands-on opportunity to make links between theory and practice.

At the undergraduate level students continue to be exposed to foundational concepts in the field of sport and leisure and emerging trends. Senior undergraduates are pursuing the most of the opportunities provided through collaborative research projects, with community organizations, in their final year of study. Supervised research projects have seen students working in areas of performance analysis, biomechanics and recovery strategies with national level sports teams. Sport and Leisure Studies at Waikato retains



its strong socio-cultural focus on understanding movement practices and undergraduate students are provided with multiple opportunities to integrate interdisciplinary approaches throughout their degree.

Looking ahead we are excited by the prospects of curricula renewal through the university wide Curriculum Enhancement Programme. This aims to deliver coherently structured curricula that are more relevant to existing student, employment and societal needs and is flexible enough to respond quickly and appropriately to changing needs. What this means is that we will be developing a series of new majors in Sport and Leisure Studies for introduction in 2018 that will reflect the growing importance of the sector in New Zealand and internationally. We'll keep you updated on these exciting initiatives.

Dr Mike Brown, Faculty of Education



University of Otago

Department of Tourism



Our taught Master of Tourism programme continues to grow with good numbers of students of students from around the world. Currently we have around 40 students, from countries including China, India, Egypt, Indonesia, Germany, Norway. Students are attracted by the opportunity to complete the programme over a twelve-month period, and the chance to participate in a range of critical and industry-oriented papers, including a new paper that consider tourism and global environmental change, and a tourism events paper. A group of Masters students have just returned from their ethnographic fieldtrip to Thailand where they undertook an intensive six-week period of study and research into tourism and development topics in the Chiang Mai region.

Our PhD programme continues to be popular with our department having one of the largest programmes at Otago, with approximately 30 PhD students currently enrolled. Most students are successful in gaining a University of Otago PhD scholarship. We currently have students undertaking fieldwork in a number of exciting and exotic destinations, including Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Nepal and Italy.

Our undergraduate programme remains steady, and we expect an increase in enrolments next year given the very high profile that tourism has had in the New Zealand media this year- with record numbers of international visitors raising the tourism again to be New Zealand's top export industry. We have just had students attending, along with staff, the Tourism Industry Aotearoa regional discussion event at Queenstown and being very excited about the chance to mix with 'real' industry movers and shakers. [Brent Lovelock, Associate Professor](#)

Southern Cross University

School of Business and Tourism

A large cohort of students from Papua New Guinea recently graduated at the Southern Cross University Lismore Campus. For most, it was the first time out of PNG, and many travelled with members of their family or with friends. The School hosted an afternoon tea on Friday afternoon at which Professor Betty Weiler welcomed them on behalf of the School and the Vice Chancellor also spoke. The trip - and the Graduation Ceremony - proved to be inspirational for many of the students, who are now talking about finding sponsors so they can undertake a masters with SCU.

This is an outstanding achievement for as our colleague Assoc. Prof. Kevin Markwell (Currently academic director in PNG) reports “[t]he greater majority of students...have to overcome a variety of hurdles that our students studying at other locations, simply don’t. Lack of reliable electricity. Difficulties with accessing Internet and often very slow speeds. Lack of access to books, indeed many students grow up in families where one or both parents are illiterate. Lack of proper nutrition. Lack of running water. It struck me a few weeks ago that very few of our students here wear glasses. That’s because there are very few opportunities for students to have their eyes tested”.



Acknowledgement - Joanne Cooper

External relationships and teaching and learning - The Work Integrated Learning team was recently successful in securing funding through the Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Programme (HEPPP) to provide a WIL Grants Program. The 2016 SBaT WIL Grants Program aims to encourage and facilitate low SES student’s preparation for and participation in WIL. It is being instituted to address concerns relating to barriers to participation in WIL activities (e.g. industry events, industry and volunteering experiences and formalised internship placements), particularly among undergraduate students who are financially and educationally disadvantaged. The grants of up to \$1000 per student will support their access to professional learning and networking opportunities that are consistent with their career goals and aspirations, but that might otherwise be beyond their attainment due to lack of financial resources or weak industry connections.

PhD Success - Closer to home we have had a number of PhD completions and graduations.

Dr Madalyn Scerri - Madalyn's thesis was on "The Language of Service in Australia's Luxury Hotels: A Grounded Theory Approach". Madalyn was supervised by Professor John Jenkins, Dr Grant Cairncross and Dr Genevieve Lovell.

Dr Laura Fendt - Laura's thesis was asking "What it is like to be a surfer girl: a phenomenological exploration of women's surfing". Laura was supervised by Dr Erica Wilson, Dr Kay Dimmock and Professor John Jenkins

Dr Sabine Muschter – Sabine's thesis explored "European students' decision-making processes when choosing to study in Australia and their travel behaviour during their stay". Sabine was supervised by Dr Meike Witsel and Associate Professor Kevin Markwell.

Other News - Dr Mieke Witsel is the new co-chair of the CAUTHE (an affiliated organisation with ANZALS) Teaching and Learning special interest group. Mieke's focus is improving the learning outcomes of students through innovative teaching and learning approaches. The aims of the SIG is to promote and foster the scholarship of teaching and actively support and encourage members to engage with each other to achieve beneficial career outcomes in teaching, and teaching research. For more information about the SIG please contact Mieke directly at mieke.witsel@scu.edu.au

Dr David Scott and Joanne Cooper

Victoria University

College of Sport and Exercise Science



2015 College Orientation - In February 2015 the College had its second comprehensive Orientation for all our first year students. Traditionally the College simply participated in the generic VU Orientation program but it was decided in 2015 to have a full day of activities for students in the College. This year over 500 first year students participated in the College Orientation. Their participation assisted them to be more familiar with their first semester subjects, to meet staff and most importantly helped them to meet other students in their courses so they could begin the semester among friendly faces.

Partnership with Auckland University of Technology - Eric Schwarz and Caroline Symons visited Auckland University of Technology to explore Learning and Teaching opportunities and start activating this aspect of a strong University partnership. They shared first year engagement strategies and good practices in quality assurance. They agreed to embark on an international benchmarking of assessment project, acknowledging mutual benefits such as meeting Government accreditation requirements, enhancing quality practices and the curriculum / student engagement at our respective institutions as well as providing professional development for staff. We also explored opportunities for staff from Outdoor Education / Recreation and Sport Management and Sport Coaching to develop research, and learning and teaching opportunities.

Blended Learning Developments - The College has secured funding to develop up to 18 units of study in a variety of blended learning modes over the next 8 months. The blended learning developments will assist the students to become more engaged in their learning via a range of online opportunities.

Community Engagement - The College strives to embed industry, community and sport engagements in ways that have a direct benefit to our key industries and community as well as to the students and staff. An example is the partnership between the College and the A RACV Community Foundation to implement the Western English Language School (WELS) Water Safety Program. This program teaches water safety to migrant children at the Western English Language School (WELS), based in Braybrook, who have never learned to swim. The children, aged six to 12, are migrants, refugees or detention-centre residents who have recently arrived from countries including Myanmar, Vietnam, Sudan, Iran, China, Sri Lanka and Lebanon. They have little or no experience around water and are now living in a country where learned water skills can mean the difference between life and death. College students completing aquatic units and training to qualify as swim instructors and lifeguards teach the children in one-on-one weekly sessions as part of their community engagement and learning. About 200 children a year completed the five-week program.



New Adventure Unit in the Sport Management - Course Starting this year all students studying Sport Management at VU will take a unit focusing on the unique contribution adventure plays in our lives within the context of sport, recreation and active living. The new unit titled Introduction to Adventure in Sport and Active Communities exposes students to the core concepts and practices of adventure relating to peak sporting bodies, community sport and recreation clubs and groups that focus on public health and education.

Drawing on a long tradition of adventure based theory the unit explores how adventure is a component of all of our lives and that through it we can experience a range of community, health, wellbeing and personal development outcomes. The unit introduces adventure theories, models and concepts with the skills of adventure programming and implementation and the safety procedures necessary to manage adventure activities in sport and recreation contexts. The unit is delivered using a combination of lectures, workshops, and field based practicum. At the conclusion of the unit students have the option to pursue an academic and vocational pathway in adventure through taking the Outdoor Leadership major offered as a stream of the Sport Management degree.



John Tower with contributions from Caroline Symons and Michael Clayton