The Arms of the University of Newcastle

The Arms of the University, granted in 1965, are based on the family crest of Lieutenant John Shortland, RN who charted the entrance to the Hunter River where Newcastle now stands. The name Shortland was given to the suburb in which the University was first developed and the two were synonymous until 1992. It was then that both the campus and the surrounding suburb were formally given the name Callaghan, in honour of the late Sir Bede Callaghan, the Chancellor of the University from 1977 until 1992.

For those interested in heraldry, the University Arms are described officially as: Azure a Sea Horse naiant in dexter chief a representation of the constellation of the Southern Cross of five Mules at Argent.
The University of Newcastle has developed significant relationships with the countries of South and East Asia. Through its eleven Faculties, four Special Research Centres, its research company TUNRA and its offshore programs, the University has established a proud record of excellence in its research and academic programs.

As Chancellor of the University, I take pride in presiding at this significant Graduation Ceremony, the third in Hong Kong since 1995. As a graduate of the University, you may benefit from the growing network of colleagues and contacts being developed through Convocation and through the many personal links developed between alumni. The University is working with graduates in Hong Kong and across the region to continue to strengthen and extend these important links. I invite you to take an active part in Convocation in coming years and hope to meet you at many future functions.

At the University of Newcastle, we have benefited greatly from your participation in University programs and activities and we have appreciated the opportunities for academic, cultural and social exchanges. Your presence on campus has helped to raise our consciousness of Australia's place in the world and to remind us of the importance of our graduates in building strong international ties. In coming years, the University's strategic directions include increasing the numbers of international students to ten per cent of enrolments, from a current base of approximately six per cent. I welcome the opportunities which will arise to build even stronger international ties.

With great pleasure, I congratulate each of you on your achievement and extend to you the University's best wishes for a successful future.

Ric Charlton AM
Chancellor
MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate, Family Members and Friends,

The University is proud to be hosting the third Hong Kong Graduation Ceremony, following very successful Ceremonies in 1995 and 1997. It is particularly proud to honour new graduates today and to celebrate the academic achievements leading to this graduation.

Alumni of the University of Newcastle in Hong Kong and across South and East Asia are increasingly occupying key positions in business, industry, government and the professions. The alumni groups meet and hold functions in the home countries, including in Hong Kong. I invite and encourage you as a graduate of the University to take part in the functions, to maintain contacts with your fellow graduates and to extend your network of friends and colleagues. I hope to meet you at future functions in Hong Kong.

Increasingly, attaining a university qualification is part of a continuum of lifelong learning. The nature of higher education is such that students will enter and re-enter universities for career enhancement and, hopefully, for the inherent rewards of study and scholarship as ends in themselves. The qualifications you have gained at the University will stand you in good stead for whatever path you may choose in the future.

By 2002, the University has a strategic target of ten per cent of enrolments being international students, from a current base of approximately six per cent. Graduates of the University are part of an expanding community internationally, particularly in South and East Asia and have much to contribute to the development of the region. Whatever your chosen career, I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Members of the University appreciate that international students enrich our own experiences, academically, culturally and socially. The University has benefited from your participation in its programs and activities and I hope that you have found your experiences rewarding and enriching.

Congratulations on a fine achievement. I wish you a rewarding and successful future.

Roger S. Holmes
Vice-Chancellor and President
MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

Chancellor
Ric M Charlton AM, BE, MESc (Syd), FAIM, FAICD

Vice-Chancellor and President
Professor Roger S Holmes, BSc, PhD (O'ld), DSc (Griff)

Pro Vice-Chancellor (External Relations)
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University Secretary and Registrar
Gem P-C Cheong, BA (N.U.S'pore)

Dean, Faculty of Economics and Commerce
Professor Stephen A Easton, BEc (Adel), MEc, PhD (Monash), FCPA, AAIBF

Warden of Convocation
Jill M Scott, BA, ATCL

Occasional Speaker
Sou Chiam, LLM (Camb.), Head of the Human Rights Policy Unit,
Human Rights Commission of New Zealand
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

At 2.30pm, the Master of Ceremonies will announce the imminent commencement of the Ceremony. The Assembly rises as the Procession of Graduates, and the Procession of the Dais Party enter. The Assembly remains standing for the national anthems of the People's Republic of China and Australia. The Assembly and the Dais Party take their seats thereafter.

The Chancellor will welcome guests.

The Chancellor will then call upon the Dean, Faculty of Economics and Commerce to present graduates from the Faculties of Architecture, Building and Design, Arts and Social Science, Economics and Commerce, Education, Engineering and Nursing.

Musical Interlude

The Chancellor will invite the Occasional Speaker to address the Assembly.

The Occasional Speaker will deliver the Address.

The Chancellor will thank the speaker for the Address. He will then invite the graduate chosen to speak on behalf of the graduates to address the Assembly.

The Chancellor will thank the graduate speaker and declare the Ceremony concluded.

The Dais Party and the Assembly will rise as the University Fanfares are sounded.

The Dais Party will leave the platform followed by the procession of graduates.

Musical Item

Brass Ensemble (Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts)

 выполняет гимн Пенсионарской Республики Китай и Австралии. Затем собрание и Дейс-парти садятся на свои места.

Ректор выступает в приветствии гостей.

Ректор приглашает декана факультета экономики и управления сдать дипломы студентов факультетов архитектуры, дизайна, искусств и социальных наук, экономики и управления, образования, инженерии и здравоохранения.

Музыкальное промежуточное выступление.

Ректор приглашает случайного речь. Он приглашает студента, выступающего на языке.

Ректор благодарит студента за речь и объявляет окончание церемонии.

Дейс-парти и собрание встают, когда звучит музыкальный звон." 

Дейс-парти покидает сцену, и процессия с выпускниками завершается.

Музыкальный объект

Brass Ensemble (Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts)

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MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN OF CONVOCATION

Welcome to Convocation

I am pleased to welcome you to Convocation, the graduate body of the University of Newcastle. When you graduate you automatically become a member of Convocation. Our first member received degree in 1966. Since then, Convocation has grown to include more than 45,000 members.

The role of Convocation is to strengthen the links between the University, its graduates and the community. Convocation also elects four representatives to University Council, the governing body of the University, thereby providing input to the future direction of the University.

A strong and active graduate association benefits all those who hold qualifications from the University by safeguarding the value of your academic awards and ensuring the interests of graduates are served.

As a member of Convocation, you will receive Cetus, the graduate publication, to keep you informed of Convocation activities and developments affecting the University. There are also a number of chapters which operate, or are in the process of being formed, in Australasia.

If you are interested in learning more about the University of Newcastle Alumni Association in Hong Kong, or you would like to update your address, please contact the Convocation Officer, University of Newcastle, Callaghan, NSW 2308, Australia or by telephoning (02) 4921 6459, by faxing (02) 4921 8730, or e-mailing convocation@newcastle.edu.au.

On behalf of Convocation, I wish you all the best. I hope your memories of university life are fond and that the friendships you made at the University last a lifetime.

Regards,

Jill Scott
WARDEN OF CONVOCATION