THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE AUSTRALIA

SINGAPORE
SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

2008

Chinese Orchestra Concert Hall
MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

Dear graduates, family members and friends

Congratulations to all graduates today on reaching the significant milestone of completing your degree. After years of hard work and commitment, today is a proud moment for you as the University recognises your achievements.

A Graduation Ceremony is a cause for celebration for all members of the University community as well as our graduates' family and friends. Today, we recognise their important contribution in supporting you through the highs and lows of your time as a student. To all of you we offer a special welcome and congratulations.

In partnership with the highly respected PSB Academy, the University of Newcastle's Singapore campus continues to go from strength to strength.

Our ongoing commitment in Singapore offers our 1900 students high-quality, comprehensive degree programs that are designed to produce graduates with a professional outlook and career-ready profile.

As a graduate, you are supported by the University's national and international standing in teaching and learning, and research.

The University is widely recognised for its expertise in innovative approaches to teaching and learning. This year, our staff received national recognition from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council for outstanding contributions to student learning. The Australian Universities Quality Agency in their 2008 report described the University as a 'vibrant and well-managed institution with enthusiastic staff and students' and commented on our high academic standards. The Report also acknowledged the strength and success of our partnership with PSB Academy, and noted the very positive comments from students in Singapore about the University's programs.

In Australia we consistently rank in the top 10 universities for research. The University continues to attract increasing funding from the Australia Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council for vital research in the areas of health, energy and the environment, and science and information technology.

The University also continues to raise its standing in the esteemed Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities.

Today signals your entry into the University of Newcastle's alumni community. Your own Singapore Alumni Association was founded in 2003, and is now under the capable leadership of President Mr William Wong and his team. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities the alumni community can provide. Please make sure you keep a current email address lodged with the University through the alumni website so we can keep in touch with you.

I hope your time at the University of Newcastle has been academically rewarding, and that you have friends and memories you will treasure for many years. Congratulations on your achievements and I wish you continued success in the future.

Professor Nicholas Saunders
Vice-Chancellor and President
Elected Members
Two persons who are members of the academic staff of the University elected by members of the academic staff of the University:
Professor Leonie Ashman
BSc(Hons)(Flinders), PhD(Adelaide)
Professor Val Robertson
BA(Physio), BA(Hons), PhD
One person who is a member of the non-academic staff of the University elected by members of the non-academic staff of the University:
Ms Leanne Holt
Dip HR, MME
One person who is an undergraduate student of the University but who is not a member of the academic or non-academic staff of the University elected by the undergraduate students of the University:
Ms Beth Maloney

External persons who are members of Convocation
Ms Dianne Allen
BCom(Newc), CAMAICD, FCAICD
Mr Peter Cockbain
BScEng(Newc), FIEAust, CPEng, FIPENZ
Dr Geoff Leonard
BCom, FCA, HonDBus(Nc1), FCPA

Vice-Chancellor and President
Professor Nicholas Saunders
MD(Syd), HonLLD(Monash), FRACP

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Professor Kevin McConkey
BA(Hons), PhD(Adelaide), FASSA, FAICD

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor Barney Glover
BSc(Hons), MSc, DipEd, PhD(Melbourne)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Services)
Dr Susan Gould
BSc(Hons)(Edin), PhD(Flinders), FAICD

President of Academic Senate
Professor Linda Connor
BA(Hons), PhD(Syd)

Pro Vice-Chancellor (International)
Professor William Purcell
BCom(Hons), PhD(UNSW), DipLagStud (Kyoto University of Foreign Studies)

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor Pat Michie
BA(Hons)(UNE), PhD(Macq), MAPS

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)
Professor Bill Hogarth
BSc(Hons)(UNSW), PhD(UC), FAE

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Business and Law)
and Professor of International Business
Professor Stephen Nicholas
BA(Syracuse), MA(Iowa), FASSA

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education and Arts)
Professor Terence Lovat
BEd, GradDipED(SAust), BLitt(Deakin), BTheol, TheoM(MelbDivColO), MA, PhD(Syd)

Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Engineering and Built Environment)
Professor John Carter
BE, PhD, DEng(Syd), MASCE, FIEAust, CPEng

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Health)
Professor Michael Calford
BSc(Hons)(Monash), PhD(Monash)

Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Science and Information Technology)
Professor Bill Hogarth
BSc(Hons)(NSW), PhD(Newc), FIMA, CMath, FAustMS

Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Central Coast Campuses)
Professor Stephen Crump
BA, DipEd(Macq), MEd(Hons), PhD(Syd)

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Development and Community Partnerships)
Associate Professor Martin Fitzgerald
MSocRes(Surrey), LLL(Hons)(UCE), PGCE(Higher Education)(Green), Solicitor(England and Wales)

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Singapore)
Mr Robert J. Cochrane
B. Business Accounting, CPA
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Sunday 23 November 4pm
At 4pm, the Master of Ceremonies will announce the imminent commencement of the Ceremony.
The University Fanfares will herald the commencement of the Ceremony.
The Assembly will rise and remain standing until the conclusion of the playing of the Singapore and Australian National Anthems.
The Chancellor will welcome everyone and declare the Proceedings open.
The Chancellor will invite Dr. Gary Willmott to address the Assembly.
Musical and Dance Interlude
The Chancellor will call upon the:
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) to present research higher degree graduates
- Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Business and Law to present graduates from that Faculty
- Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Education and Arts to present graduates from that Faculty
- Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment to present graduates from that Faculty
- Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Health to present graduates from that Faculty
- Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) to present graduates from the Faculty of Science and Information Technology
The Chancellor will invite the graduate chosen to speak on behalf of the graduates, to address the Assembly.
The Chancellor will declare the Ceremony concluded.
The Dais Party and the Assembly will rise as the University Fanfares are sot.
The Dais Party will leave the stage followed by the Academic Procession.
The Procession of Graduates will follow the Dais Party.

AWARDS

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND LAW
Bachelor of Business
Singh Aji
Bo-Min Bae
Weng Khong Daniel Choo
Siddharth Surender Choudhary
Santhiya Do Kaliappan
Sathiyah Do Kaliappan
Yun Jian Ge
Rena Luciani Husada
Hendrik Jap
Li Min Koh
Junming Leong
Ruishan Clara Leong
Zhi Mei Leong
Hsiao Wei Evelyn Lew
Joycieanne Lolohoa
Jie-Ying Sherialyn Ng
Le Ngoc My Nguyen
Jun Qi Henry Ong
Se Ryoung Park
Sayaseng Saysi
Stella Sim Shijie
Felix Surya
Mei Fen Pamela Tan
Si Ling Serene Tan
Wei Sheng Thomas Teo
Theingi Aye
Denis Tju
Kang Wei Kenny Toh
Yi Ting Toh
Yong Zhen Gabriel Tong
Hnin Phyu Wai
Yingjie Joseph Wang
Wan Yi Woo
Trisna Yuniardi
Yuli Lisha Zhang
Bachelor of Commerce
Hyoo Jin Back
Wei Jian Goh
Fathimath Shaheen
Hyung Sik Yoon
Bachelor of Economics
Nurulasra Rashad
Bachelor of Finance
Hensey De Sheng Ong
Bachelor of Management
Dinah Jakosalem Agacita
POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK
Graduate Certificate in Business Administration
Chin Seng Ang
Wai Ming Chan
Amiruddin Md Johar
Yoshinori Obata
Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
Chia-Hsing Chiang
Master of Applied Finance
Busarin Khundilokkorn
Sutee Nirunmapaphan
Wattanai Pattarasen
Walailak
Patthanacharoen
Narinee Ramsiri
Harshil Shah
Master of Business
Pawant Amornrattanasak
Zhiping An
Pitinuch Anunyapisit
Mol Anutrasotti
Siwatra Aramvongsamut
Thanapol
Aussavarungnirun
Suphawoon Boonyanurak
Sirinun Boonyathitipun
Pakkamon Boonyubol
Julius Anton Caeser
Jarune Chaiwattanachai
Po Wen Chang
Mei-Fang Chen
Hsiang Chun Chiu
Thin Kiong Chong
Chobkat Chookinoon
Hsui-Chu Chou
Chi-Chun Chu
Wiwatchai Damrongkraileert
Arpa Deekorn
Yun Feng
Qiang Fu
Yulei Gong
Jirus Hanprasitchai
Takashi Hashizume
Jing Jing He
Andrew Tan Hong Chee
Chih Hung Hsiao
Cheng-Lun Hsieh
Wei-Ming Hsieh
Chiu-Ju Hsu
Ai-Ling Hua
Kuo-Chao Huang
Lai Na Huang
Wei Ju Huang
Budsara Janwerod
Tae Eui Jeong
Supakanya Junturukka
Hyunjin Kang
Kajohnyos Kasavapanich
Seiya Kawasaki
Lina Ke
Nuthathai Klangthong
Thaniva Kongthong
Thitisporn Kong-Usha
Chong Haur Lai
Somphob Lawawiboon
Kit Ping Lee
Min Jae Lee
Neng-An Lee
Jie Li
Long Fei Li
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Master of International Business
Benjawan Boonamnuayvitya
Pisara Boonrawdpanich
Chi-Ting Chen
Po-Yu Chen
Mulika Kulsiripruck
Te-Fen Lee
Hathairat Sailob
Jurairat Wattanapan

Master of International Business with Merit
Shin Sin Liew

Master of Human Resource Management
Suvinol Bussakornmun
El Cid Castillo
Kuan Yun Chen
Heribert Emeayauta
Hee-Ho-Lien Liu
Ronie Nieva
Megawaty Rakhman
Yvonne Rococol
Li Lu Shi
Muhammad Akhsan Tenrisau

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES
Doctor of Philosophy
NEWCASTLE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Arief Budiman
BEC(Indonesia), MMktg

Thesis Title: Brand Status Drivers: A Consumer Behaviour Exploration of Indonesian Generation Y’s Perceptions of Status Brands

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Mohd Rafi Yaacob
BSc(Malaysia), MBA(Middx.)

Thesis Title: An Investigation of the Malaysian Palm Oil Industry’s Environmental Strategies, Stakeholders’ Pressure, Environmental Effectiveness and Competitive Advantage

Malliga Marimuthu
BA(Hons), MA, MBA(ScU.Malaysia)

Thesis Title: Factors Influencing Spatial Technology Adoption: A Study of Retail Businesses in Australia
AWARDS

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering with Honours Class II Division 1
Masahiko Tatsumi

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering with Honours Class I
Minn Than Htun
Seoh Peng Lim
Khee Yong Wong
Shuai Yang

LEADERSHIP

Bachelor of Engineering in Telecommunications Engineering
Yuan Pin Ang
Huei Sheng Steven Chan
Rui Xia Chee
Swee Chin Choong
Tze-Min Benjamin Giam

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES

Master of Engineering
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
Md Ashraf Ali
BScMechEng(B'desh.Engr.)
Thesis Title: Lattice Boltzmann Simulation of Fluid Mixing in T-Shaped Micromixer

Doctor of Philosophy
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
Md Mainul Islam
BScEng(Mech)(BIT Khulna), MEng(Kyushu Japan)
Thesis Title: Syntactic Foams and Their Sandwich Composites: Manufacturing and Properties

Sameer Khare
BTech(Nag.), MTD(Nether1ands)
Thesis Title: Heat Transfer in Air-Fired Pulverised Fuel Furnaces Retrofitted to Oxy-Fuel Coal

SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
Mauritsius Tuga
BEng(Math)(Cendana), MMath(Bandung'T)
Thesis Title: Simulated Annealing-Based Hybrid Heuristics for Educational Timetabling Problems

FACULTY OF HEALTH

Bachelor of Biomedical Science
Tian Mun Chee
Shook Hui Chia
Tiong Sun Chia
Yu Wooi Ching
Wen Ya Khoo Koay
Brian Prakash Krishnan
Su Pin Lim
Swetha Srinivasu Murali
Hock Luck Tay
Hsin Yi Tseng

Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) with Honours Class II Division 1
Lin Kooi Ong

Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) with Honours Class I
Michelle Wai Yin Wong

Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) with Honours Class I
Michelle Wai Yin Wong

Bachelor of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety
Mohammad Izwan Ahmat
Elias Bin Mohamed
Hassan
Pui Fun Ho
Kok Hwa Lee
Kum Wai Low

Radhakrishnan
Karumuthu Manigandan
Christopher Benjamin Nonis
Swee Peng Ong
Hnin Phyu Saung
Ming Ming Soh
Limin Sor
Eu Seng Tan
Loon Boon Tan
Tian Woo Tan
Wei Fang Tan
Ka Lok Tsui
Mun Piew Danny Wong
See See Wong
Boon Hong Yap
Yong Sing David Yap
Hon Yean Yong

Bachelor of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety with Merit
Leng Leng Ang
Mi-Sun Oh
Shih-Han Weng

Bachelor of Biomedical Science
Hye Ra Chin
Chih-Ying Chiu
Kim Mi Ja Cho
Hui-Min Huang

Bachelor of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety with Merit
Leng Leng Ang
Mi-Sun Oh

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
Fang Ying Lim

Bachelor of Physiotherapy
Im Sook Chiu

Bachelor of Medicine
Amy Lee
Li Yen Yim

Bachelor of Nursing
Pei-Chun Chiang
Hye Ra Chin
Chih-Ying Chiu

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science in Nuclear Medicine
Nader Mafie

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science in Radiation Therapy
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### AWARDS

**Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology**
- Ariful Bashar Arif
- Wduarachchige Don Aruna
- Shantha De Silva
- Nur Hafidha Hikmayani Nobumi Ogi
- Polwatage Mark Perera
- Fuminobu Sugai

**Graduate Diploma in Diabetes Care**
- K Krupa Devi MD
- K Abdal Rahman
- Soundian Ravisankar MD

**Graduate Diploma in Genetic Counselling**
- Sachai Gulati
- Master of Applied Management (Health)
  - Mohamed Fahim Abdul Cader
  - Harry Faisal
  - Naomiki Mori

**Master of Clinical Epidemiology**
- Junko Iwasaki

**Master of Diabetes Care**
- Bikash Bhattacharjee MD
  - Paritosh Roy MD
  - P Selvapandian MD

**Master of Medical Science (Clinical Epidemiology)**
- Chie Mori

**Master of Medical Science (Clinical Epidemiology) with Merit**
- Tracie Ann Renten

**Master of Medical Statistics**
- Hidetaka Sato

**Master of Nursing (Advanced Practice)**
- Heather Anne Loryman

**Master of Occupational Health and Safety**
- Jacques Rohan

### RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES

**Doctor of Philosophy**

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**
- Van Nhu Ha
  - MSc (Med)(Ha Noi), MPublicHealth(RTropicalIns)
  - Thesis Title: Flood Disaster Management in the Health Sector of Viet Nam

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**
- Dieu Thi Thu Huynh MD(Vietnam)
  - Thesis Title: Assessment of Risk Factors for Excess Weight Gain and Development of Obesity in PreSchool Children in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Bachelor of Applied Information Technology**
- Syed Husain B Ali Almutahar
- Kim Huat Christopher Ang
- Wei-Jin Kevin Ang
- Wen Ho Joey Chan
- Si Beng Cheo
- Em Leong Chew
- Mei Ling Chia
- Yoong Fui Chong
- Yan-Hao Jason Chui
- Sen Feng Chua
- Chuan Hui Jansen Foo
- Min Thu Ya Hlaing
- Wee Ping Ho
- Li Kuang
- Chen Lei
- Chee Weng Leong
- Shuang Sheng Leow
- Junhe Li Ke Li
- Kok Ngee Liang
- Ee Chern Lim
- Han Seong Lim
- Kai Ling Lim
- Keng Hui Jason Lim
- Kun De Lim
- Runying Lim

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**Bachelor with Merit**
- Sachal Gulati

**Bachelor of Biotechnology**
- Jia Lerk Chai
- Ee Cheng Cheong
- Kim Fei Meng
- Widanelage Ravinda Praveen Soysa
- May Kuan Sun
- Kwang Hong Tay
- Terence Wei Yang Tiew

**Bachelor of Development Studies**
- Kajitsu Iwasaru

**Bachelor of Environmental Science (Honours) with Honours Class I**
- Duong Thuy Phan

**Bachelor of Food Science and Human Nutrition**
- Siau Yun Ng
- Diana Citrawati Susilo
- Chian Harn Teh

**Bachelor of Information Technology**
- Kia Ying Ang
- Qing Fa Ang
- Bagus Waskito Anggoro
- Weiren Michael Chan
- Yee Keong Chan
- Ong Yao Chen
- Yu Hsin Cheong
- Kok Loong Chew
- Kok Eng Wayne Choe
- Ji Ye Choi
- Chen Zong Chong
- Kek Wei Chong
- Ying Liang Derek Chong
- Woon Chey Chua
- Mun Wei Chung
- Jenish Dakhwa
- Man Liang Janice Eu
- Tian Lock Jonathan Eee
- Chee Hoong Foong
- Chee Keong Alvin Foong
- Siew Feng Fun
- Meng Gim Goh
- Wan Jun Francine Goh
- Chia Yin Han
- Jia Jing Han
- Kuk Pyo Han
AWARDS

Xiaoke He
Shi Lin Heng
Chee Kong Heong
Chia-Yu Ho
May Lyn Ho
Yun Yao Ho
Raynold Hsu
Fei Hung
Ikandar Bin Basman
Yoo Seok Jung
Chang Seon Kim
Lee Chi Khoo
Teck Kok Koo
Shun He Lam
Alice Lee
Lee Kiang Tan
Khwou Lee
Koh Sun Tuck
Victor Lim
Miang Cher Lim
Ming Siong
Xing Ying Esther Loh

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES

Master of Philosophy
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL
AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES
Imam Kambali Kambali
NEng(Indonesia)
Thesis Title: Determination of Deuterium and Hydrogen Adsorption Sites on Pd(100) Using Low Energy Ion Scattering Spectroscopy

Master of Science
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AND LIFE SCIENCES
Hong Phuc Luu
BSc(FSc&Tech)(Vietnam)
Thesis Title: Evaluation of the Quantities and Values of Byproducts of the Fish Processing Industry in Vietnam with Special Reference to the Utilization of Fish Bone

Doctor of Philosophy
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AND LIFE SCIENCES
Rohani Ambo Rappe
BSc(Fisheries)(Hasanuddin), MSc(MarSc)(Indonesia), GDipSc
Thesis Title: Environmental Impacts of Habitat Fragmentation and Heavy Metal Contamination on Estuarine Seagrass Communities

THE UNIVERSITY MEDAL
A University Medal may be awarded to a candidate who has achieved First Class Honours and displayed exceptional academic ability.
To be considered for this award, a graduate must have a consistent record of exceptionally high academic achievement at all levels of a Bachelor's degree program, and qualify for a Bachelor's degree with First Class Honours.

Mr Kok Leng See
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical)
Dr. Gary Willmott

Born in Sydney, Australia, Dr Gary Willmott has worked in the education sector for more than 40 years, dedicating the last decade to vocational education and training. He received a Bachelor of Economics and Diploma of Education from the University of Sydney; and holds a Masters in Educational Administration from the University of Alberta, Canada, and a PhD from Flinders University in Australia. Dr Willmott has been influential in the establishment of the Australian national training system including the development of the Australian Quality Training Framework and the Australian Qualifications Framework. He moved to Singapore in 2003 to take up the role of Deputy Chief Executive of the Singapore Workforce Development Agency. In this position he played a key role in the development of the Singapore Workforce Skills Qualifications System. In April 2008, Dr Willmott was appointed the founding Executive Director of Singapore's Institute for Adult Learning. The Institute promotes high quality continuing education and training, supporting adult educators through learning opportunities, resources, qualifications and professional development. In recognition of his services to education, Dr Willmott was conferred with the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2007.

Robert J Cochrane
CPA
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Singapore

In 2007, the University of Newcastle expanded its presence through the opening of a campus in Singapore. This modern and fully-equipped campus has been developed by our partners PSB Academy and is strategically located in the heart of Tiong Bahru (behind Tiong Bahru Plaza and Tiong Bahru MRT station). The campus spans 19,000 square meters and consists of two purpose-built blocks. The University of Newcastle is delighted to be offering a significant range of degree programs in Singapore in partnership with PSB Academy including: Bachelor of Information Technology; Bachelor of Business; Bachelor of Commerce; Bachelor of Communication; Bachelor of Engineering across several specialisations; Bachelor of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety; Master of Business Administration. We are also developing regional links in research with Institutions in SE Asia, and our Singapore based staff have started to provide research outcomes that will enhance the UoN Research Profile. The University has supported a large cohort of staff to provide the campus start up and continued operation. This includes my role as Pro Vice-Chancellor, Singapore, academic staff on secondment from Newcastle, Singapore based Newcastle academic Staff, a Deputy Academic Registrar and 5 Student Administration / support positions. 2008 has seen enrolments grow and the beginning of research based in Singapore. We therefore look forward to a strong, positive future, as we grow and learn from our engagement with Singapore.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION

Dear Graduate,

May I extend my congratulations to you. As a graduate of the University of Newcastle, you are well justified in being proud of your achievement, and also of your association with such a fine University.

You are now a member of a very special group, the University's Alumni. As such, you are ambassadors for the University of Newcastle, contributing to its ongoing quality and prestige, and are part of an Alumni network that comprises 110,000 people in more than 95 countries.

This network is built on strong, collaborative relationships that foster academic, business, social and career opportunities for graduates. It also assists the activities of the University, locally, nationally and internationally.

As President of the Executive Committee of Alumni (Convocation), I encourage you to take an active interest in your continued association with the University. As a valued member of Alumni, you are also eligible to become an elected member of the Executive Committee, a vital and rewarding role.

The Executive Committee meets several times a year and has an advisory role to the University Council on all matters relevant to Alumni. These can range from curriculum development, University Council representation or community engagement and ambassadorial roles, through to Alumni social, networking and professional development events, e.g. public lectures by prominent individuals or prestigious awards to outstanding graduates.

It also plays an important role in supporting the various Alumni Chapters throughout Australia as well as overseas, to establish and maintain effective and beneficial networks for all Alumni members and to host and facilitate a variety of events throughout each year.

Just one example of Alumni networking events is the Alumni Breakfast Meeting Program, a popular initiative recently introduced in the local Newcastle area where Alumni can meet and network with other graduates, maintain their links to the University and participate in professional development opportunities in a relaxed and time-effective format. We are planning to expand the program and offer the Alumni Breakfast Meetings through Alumni Chapters in Australia and where appropriate, internationally.

My vision for the University of Newcastle Alumni is to facilitate networking and community spirit among our graduates for the positive improvement of the University, the individual and the community.

To achieve this, we need you to stay in touch with the University. We invite you to keep your current contact details with the Alumni Office, especially your postal address (as some events are location based) and email address. This can be done easily through the Alumni website: www.alumni.newcastle.edu.au

I can also be contacted directly via email: alumni-president@newcastle.edu.au

With my sincere best wishes,

Brian Kennaugh
President, Executive Committee of Alumni (Convocation)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE

The main objectives of the University of Newcastle Singapore Alumni Chapter are:

1. To encourage, foster and strengthen relationships between the University of Newcastle and the University's alumni residing in Singapore
2. To promote continuing relationships between all the University's alumni residing in Singapore
3. To encourage, profile and promote achievements of the University's alumni residing in Singapore
4. To strengthen ties between the community in Singapore and the University
5. To assist the University in the achievement of its objectives as a leading educational institution with a diverse representation of nationalities in its student body

The current Committee of the Singapore Alumni Chapter is as follows:

President Mr William Wong
Vice-President Mr David Liau
Secretary Ms Eeleen Tay
Treasurer Mr Mark Chim
Assistant Treasurer Mr Kaushik Bhanushali
Activities Chairman Mr Aasac Goh
Membership Chairman Mr William Anthony

The Singapore Alumni is an active and supportive organisation actively facilitating networking opportunities and the promotion of the University to the local community. They are part of the University's global Alumni Network. They welcome new graduates and will further strengthen its connections with other groups and associations.

New graduates are invited to join through the website http://alumni.newcastle.edu.au

I can also be contacted directly via email: alumni-president@newcastle.edu.au
The graduation ceremony is one of great antiquity. Its essential features have been the same since the 12th century when the first universities came into existence. Its necessary constituents are the Chancellor or his or her deputy, the academic staff, the graduates, and the public.

The church had a monopoly of education, partly because it was the guardian of true doctrine, and partly because clerics were almost the only people who could read and write. As a result, the only person who could license a teacher was the bishop of a diocese until, under pressure of other business, he deputed the task to his chief secretary or chancellor. As learning spread, teachers wanted a licence to teach not just in one diocese, but everywhere, and the only person who could give them that was the Pope. The Chancellor’s authority, then, came from the Pope. The Chancellor’s authority, then, came from the Pope. But at the Reformation, Henry VIII assumed for the Crown all the rights which had previously been the Pope’s in England. That is why all subsequent universities in England have been created by Royal Charter. It is for this reason also that the Chancellor does not wear ecclesiastical robes, as would have been worn in the Middle Ages, but robes similar to those of the Lord Chancellor of England.

The second group participating in the ceremony is the academic staff. In the 12th century they would all have been called “masters” or MAS. At that date they were paid no salaries, but hired their own lecture rooms and charged their own fees. But they also formed themselves into a guild or union, which is what universitas originally meant. As in all guilds they were insistent that they, and only they, should determine who should be of their number, and since this involved saying who should be teachers, they soon found themselves in conflict with the Chancellor. In the 13th century they won a great victory when they persuaded the Pope to decree that Chancellors were obliged to confer degrees on all those nominated by the masters. That is why the masters examine the candidates, why the Dean, as their spokesperson, reads out the names of those who are to receive degrees, and why the masters at this ceremony watch to see that the Chancellor or his Deputy does what is required of him.

Thirdly the graduates. The word “degree” comes from the Latin gradus, which means “a step”. When students are admitted to a Bachelor degree they move one step up towards the mastership. When they are admitted to a master’s degree they climb another step and come up on a level with the masters, who then receive them into their guild or universitas. In the Middle Ages they would then have stayed on the dais, so that their old master could invest them with the symbols of office. But that was only part of the business. The new master had to deliver an inaugural lecture, entertain the whole guild of masters to dinner and preside over disputations for forty days continuously. For that reason, taking one’s master’s degree was called “inception”, or the beginning of one’s career as a master.

The public is the fourth participant. It has an important function because the whole point of the proceedings is that they should be seen and heard by valid witnesses. The public hears the words of the Dean and the Chancellor and sees the new graduates dressed in their respective gowns or robes. The academic gowns are derived from the everyday dress of the medieval clergy. In the Middle Ages they were not open in front, but closed like a clergyman’s cassock. It was in about 1500 that academics had the front opened up so as to display the fine clothes which they were wearing underneath. The hood was the normal medieval headwear, but it soon acquired a coloured lining. By the 17th century, if not earlier, these colours were strictly controlled so that anyone could identify from the colour of a graduate’s hood, the university and the degree.

The foregoing is an adaptation of an Address given at a Graduation Ceremony at the University of Birmingham by Emeritus Professor R H C Davis and reprinted in his book ‘From Alfred the Great to Stephen’ (Hambledon Press 1991), pp. 307-309. It is reproduced with kind permission of the author’s widow.
THE MACE
The Mace is the symbol of formal authority. The Mace used today belongs to the University of Newcastle and was designed by gold and silversmith, Gerald Banney. It is made of Australian walnut and silver and its head represents an open book – the traditional symbol of learning. The Mace was a gift from the University of New South Wales to commemorate the establishment of the University of Newcastle as an autonomous institution on 1 January, 1965. It is always borne ahead of the Chancellor in the academic procession during formal ceremonies such as today's presentation of academic awards.

THE UNIVERSITY MEDAL
The award of a University Medal is an honour made only when there is a candidate of sufficient merit.

To be considered for this award, a graduate must have a consistent record of exceptional academic achievement at all levels of a bachelor’s degree program, and qualify for a bachelor’s degree with first class honours.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE FANFARES
In mid-1994, staff and students of the University’s Faculty of Music were invited to submit entries for a competition to compose the University Fanfares. The composition had to be capable of being performed either on organ or on brass.

The winning entry by Professor Robert Constable, was first played publicly at the University’s overseas graduation ceremony held in Singapore in August 1994.

The Fanfares are performed at all ceremonial functions to herald the entry and departure of the Chancellor and other members of the Council.