Where do the weeks go???
Can you believe how fast this session is going??

All our new students have well and truly settled in and everyone is busy tackling assessments and exams.

Many thanks to all of our continuing students who have taken the time to get to know new students, provide advice and encouragement. The first semester of university is always quite stressful, dealing with so much information, and it’s nice to know that others have experienced the same thing, and come out the “other side”.

Please make use of the Learning Development, Careers and Counselling support services available on campus, particularly as your workload gets heavier – even one tip from these guys can make a huge difference to your study and results.

We would love for as many students as possible to take part in the Regional Campus Academic Review forums on 21st May. This is your chance to give the University feedback about what it is like to study at a regional campus, and make recommendations that will shape the future of our campus.

We also have a big 15th birthday celebration on 25th May. All students are invited to celebrate and join in the “ground-breaking” ceremony for our new $1.5 million campus building project!

Hope to see you all there!
Sam & Brittany

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International Student Experience Presentation

On Tuesday 21st May 2015, UOW Bega Staff and Students sat down to bowls of hot popcorn while listening to students Claire Brown, Ange McKechnie and Fiona Irvine share their exciting student exchange stories!

Master of Teaching student Claire Brown, said she gained “so much confidence” from her six months on exchange at the University of Connecticut in the USA during 2011. Similar to Claire, Arts students Ange McKechnie and Fiona Irvin both agreed that their 2 week Study Tour in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands “taught them skills they didn’t foresee” and all three students would highly recommend overseas student experiences to others.

As a UOW student, you can learn another language, undertake international studies as a minor to your degree and gain first-hand international experience as a participant of the International Student Exchange Program. There are also study tour subjects offered to UOW Bega students as well as holiday programs such as AIM International you can take part in.

There are many options to choose from, and we encourage you to consider incorporating a period of student exchange at one of our 140 partner universities around the world into your UOW degree!

Grants are also available to assist with the costs of travel and accommodation, for further information please visit: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange/index.html

You can also search “Study Tour” in the UOW Webpage and/or look at overseas study experiences with http://aimoverseas.com.au/

Check out our pics from the presentation day below!
Research News

Bega Education Centre Consortium of Research Scholars (BECCORS)

All students and/or staff are welcome to join BECCORS, an inclusive higher degree research group that meets once a month to share experiences and resources. BECCORS is a great platform to test out new research ideas and/or discuss intellectual and academic debates and issues.

If you are an undergraduate student who is thinking about honours, please feel free to come along and test out your ideas and research questions with the group! You will be tapping into a diverse range of academic expertise and would gain support and encouragement from like-minded peers. If you wish to join BECCORS please email, Jodie Stewart at jls564@uowmail.edu.au for notification of future meetings.

Research update: Jodie Stewart

Jodie Stewart is a PhD candidate and tutor in the faculty of Laws, Humanities and the Arts at UOW, Bega. Jodie is documenting the development of the Bundian Way shared history project as an important and potentially recuperative public history initiative. Pathways into History: Exploring the Contemporary Aboriginal Past on the Bundian Way, examines how various community members and visitors to the pathway, which stretches from the coast to the high country, think about, evaluate and understand the Aboriginal past via tactile and bodily encounters with Aboriginal cultural landscapes.

See below for update!

“I have just returned from a highly productive research field trip to the State Library in Sydney sourcing 19c manuscripts for my research. I am putting the finishing touches on two conference papers I will be delivering in early July. I have also been selected to be part of a three personal panel at the Australian Historical Association conference that will discuss Indigenous engagements with the tourism industry. I am trying to write every day and avoid too much coffee and sweets!” – Jodie Stewart.
Research News

Visiting Prime Minister's Literary Award Winning Poet – Melinda Smith

On Friday the 1st of May, award winning poet Melinda Smith visited the UOW Bega Campus to share a poetry reading and discussion with 25 attendees. The evening was a huge success and after the event Melinda remarked about the Hub and our event management:

‘Brilliant work, sorted the space, publicity, nibbles, RSVPs, all I had to do was turn up. PLUS as a thank you present they gave me my own weight in cheese’!

We are hoping this positive feedback will entice prospective writers and poets to come and share their work with us.  Jodie Stewart
In2Uni Bega has hit the ground running in 2015! We welcome back all our new and continuing mentors and look forward to another bumper year working with all our schools across the district!

Bega In2Uni Mentors have already facilitated 5 Year 11 HSC Boot Camp workshops for students at both the Sapphire Coast Anglican College and Bega High School! The University Preparation Program has also kicked off to a flying start this term with 52 students enrolled from Bega High School, Sapphire Coast Anglican College, Eden Marine High School and Lumen Christi Catholic College. We look forward to working with these keen young students over the next two terms with a view towards achieving their aspirations to attend university!

Upcoming workshops include:

- Future Finder Workshops at Bega, Eden and Bombala High Schools.
- Year 11 Boot Camp at Bombala High School.
- Year 12 Road to Success at Lumen Christi Catholic College and Bombala High.

AIME

AIME at the Bega Campus has been awesome and the programs haven’t even started! There has been strong interest in the AIME program from the local University students, this has translated into over 35 AIME mentors who will be working closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout 2015. Wearing the AIME hoodie the mentors are trained up and ready to change the game for the local community. First program day is on Friday, 22nd May. We can’t wait! Jon Youens
Education Update

This year has seen the start of two new education programs at UOW Bega.

The Master of Teaching has started with a small, but keen group of pre-service teachers. They have been immersed in schools one day each week in this first semester, and are seeing plenty of teacher practice and student behavior that they can bring back to our classes here on campus to discuss. They’ve also been preparing for teaching themselves, with reflection, microteaching and of course assignments. All this will be put into action when they go out on Professional Experience at the end of semester.

The Bachelor of Education, Early Years program has started with 4 students on mixed progression (ie they have come in to the second year of the program). All are working in early childhood centres locally, and have plenty of experience to share. They are also involved in a Professional Mentoring Program with a local centre, to support and guide them throughout the course. Sue Duchesne

See below for our M.Teach class of 2015/2016!
Regional Campus Academic Review

You may have been contacted by your Faculty or Department to inform you that in 2015, the University of Wollongong will be conducting an Academic Review of our Regional Campuses.

A working party has been formed to oversee the review and will be chaired by Mr John Steele, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

As a staff and students of a UOW Regional Campus, you are invited to be a part of a focus group held at Bega on:

Thursday the 21st of May:

09:00-12:00  Staff consult  G12

Topics for discussion include:

1. What is the current scope of your campus?
2. What are the main issues and challenges?
3. Do you think that there are opportunities for your campus to grow? If so, what are they?
4. How do you think your campus could attract more students?
5. What the frustrations around technology?
6. What are the frustrations around infrastructure and resources?
7. What would you change if you could?
8. What opportunities do you see for innovation and change?
9. How do you currently communicate/interface with Faculty staff? How could this be better facilitated?

12:30 – 14:30  Student Consult  G12

Topics for discussion include:

1. To what extent have you been satisfied with the quality of teaching and learning at your campus? Why?
2. Are you satisfied with the overall quality of your course? Why?
3. How has your university experience matched your expectations?
4. Do you feel that the current resources and infrastructure that you have available to you at your regional campuses meets your needs? How?
5. What has been your experiences of accessing student support at the Regional Campuses? Has it met your needs?
6. What are the benefits of attending a Regional Campus?
7. What do you see as opportunities for improvement?

To thank you for your involvement, light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to brbrown@uow.edu.au
In 2015, the UOW Bega Campus celebrates its 15th birthday as the University of Wollongong celebrates 40 Years of Independence.

To mark this special milestone, UOW Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Eeva Leinonen will lead a ground breaking ceremony heralding the start of construction on the $1.5 million Nursing Simulation Lab at UOW Bega.

Join us on Monday 25 May, from 12:00pm for the ceremony, which will be followed by refreshments with staff, students and alumni at Bega Campus, 176 Auckland Street, Bega.

We hope you’re able to join us to celebrate the past, present and future of UOW Bega campus.

Please email bega@uow.edu.au to let us know if you’re able to attend. We hope to see you there.
Bega Campus Snapshots!

Check out the great pics from HIST350’s excursion to the Pioneers Museum in Bega!
In the News

Excerpt taken from Bega District News (Online) 26th March, 2015

Bega Valley Shire councillors were so impressed by the calibre of applicants for council’s Young Women’s Scholarship that they awarded four this year’...

The $500 scholarships were presented to Georgia Shellard, Jacinta Griffin, Lily Nugent and Kaela McCulloch.

Georgia Shellard, 21, of Candela is doing a Bachelor of Nursing degree at the University of Wollongong Bega campus and mentors school students exploring career aspirations.

She works as an assistant in nursing at the Bega District Hospital and as a receptionist and children’s activities coordinator at a local caravan park during her university holidays.

Ms Shellard hopes to get a nursing position at the new regional hospital on graduation before undertaking a Bachelor of Midwifery. She will use her scholarship to assist in her university work placement.