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From the Chancellery: Breaking down the barriers

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Grain silos are a feature of the rural Australian landscape. Standing side by side, dominating the skyline of a small country town or sometimes just an isolated railway siding, they are symbols of agricultural productivity.

In contrast, silos in a workplace represent the opposite of productivity. Their invisible but strong walls mark out the boundaries between sub-cultures in an organisation. Silo behaviour is often described as 'tribal', and different 'tribes' within a large organisation may display a remarkable degree of hostility towards each other.

Leaders and managers struggle with silos. So do many other workers who recognise the barriers that silos present to innovation and effectiveness.

In his recent book, *Individuals, Groups and Business Ethics*, Associate Professor Chris Provis, who has just retired after a long career at UniSA, notes that in experimental situations where people are allocated randomly to groups, they develop an 'us versus them' mentality extremely quickly. This is even when the groups are completely artificial and people don't know other members of the same group. So we are clearly dealing with a very strong human propensity.

According to Yves Morieux (writing in the Harvard Business Review) 'conflicts between front and back offices are often inherent. Back offices typically need to standardise processes and work, and front offices have to accommodate the needs of individual customers.' I'm sure that many of you have experienced the frustration of not being able to adapt standardised university processes to meet the needs of individual students. On the other hand, many of you would have been irritated when someone breached a carefully thought out procedure with what to you seemed little regard for the wider effects.

In my August column, I wrote about the importance of the 'one UniSA' team spirit. Given human beings' propensity to form groups at the drop of the proverbial hat, we need to ensure that people identify with those outside their own area as strongly as they do with their immediate colleagues. One way to make this happen may be to not interact all the time by email. When a problem appears, perhaps the first thing we should be doing is physically spending time with the other people involved so that we can understand what is driving them. As I have also said before, listening is a vital part of this – we don't learn about another person's point of view if we spend all the time telling them ours. It is obviously also critical that those of us who are managers set the right incentives and don't model an 'us versus them' approach.

At UniSA, I think we do this quite well, but we could always do it better. It helps to have a common aim; for us, it is that we all want to produce outstanding graduates. That doesn't mean that a particular problem necessarily has a simple solution, but it at least gives us a yardstick with which we can measure what we are doing.



**UniSA Vice Chancellor
Professor Peter Høj**

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Commercial nous meets creativity for design students

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by Rachel Broadley

Ten UniSA Master of Industrial Design students combined commercial nous with creativity in late October as they displayed their wares for sale at Adelaide's hip Bowerbird Bazaar in the city's West End.

From chic chairs to zeppelin-shaped lamps, the students presented their unique designs at a stand designed and supplied by the University.

The bazaar, which was open from October 28 to 30 at the Queen's Theatre on Playhouse Lane, showcased art and design by Australian artists. It was the first time the University had been involved.

Students provided their own business plans and funding, while UniSA provided support and feedback for the students and access to the workshops for production.

UniSA lecturer Peter Schumacher, who came up with the idea, said the bazaar was a great success and an important experience for the students involved.

"Some of the students sold out of their products, and everyone sold something. The response from shoppers was very encouraging and the students had a ball," he said.

"In terms of the learning objectives of the Masters program, they had to design and develop a product for a price, create multiples, develop a costing structure and brand identity, and deliver products on time, meeting legal standards operating a small business.

"This is about taking what they have learnt over the past three or four years and putting it into practice on a small scale; taking design from the classroom into a business and entrepreneurship operation where they were responsible for decisions and their own business.

"It's a great way to help students transition to a commercial reality. They end up caring more about the commercial context than their marks – it was their own money, so their risk and profits at stake."

Master of Design student Kendyl Katzenberg, who acted as project manager, said there was a great atmosphere at the event.

"Bowerbird Bazaar provided a dynamic and upmarket environment where the graduating Industrial Design students could showcase and promote their work alongside local and interstate designers, artists and craftspeople," she said.



Back row left to right: Max Hughes, Marta Cherednik, Demelza Nussio, Toby Nowland, Kendyl Katzenberg, James French.

Front row left to right: Thomas Pyrzakowski, Sami Immonen, Tom Fowler. The tenth student is Sarah Neilson (not pictured).

"It was a fun atmosphere over the weekend and we had lots of feedback from both customers and retailers. Everyone really liked our cardboard display and thought our whole set-up was very professional.

"It was the first time I had run something like this and I think it came off exceptionally well. It was exciting selling your own designed products and knowing there is a market out there for South Australian design.

"It was a really intense weekend and preparation was the key in getting everyone organised with their product and the stall identity developed.

"Acting as project manager was a whole new experience for me, but it has been really eye-opening. I had never really appreciated the work that goes into running a business, albeit a small one."

Kendyl said it was also a great opportunity to network with retailers and business from South Australia and interstate and has high hopes for the next event.

"I wanted to establish the stall as a sustainable business opportunity for graduating industrial designers, but in retrospect it could really be a collective stall with graphics graduates, illustration graduates and industrial design graduates," she said.

"From the Bowerbird Bazaar about four students have been approached to market or sell their products in retail environments. It really is a worthwhile experience for students to get their name out there and promote their own work."

Lecturer Peter Schumacher says they hope to show at the bazaar again next October. For more information about Bowerbird Bazaar, click [here](#).

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Dedication rewarded

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by Rachel Broadley

UniSA success at Australia Water Association awards

UniSA staff and students enjoyed a very successful evening at the Australian Water Association SA Branch awards dinner in November, with the Premier's Water Medal going to UniSA's Adjunct Professor Dennis Mulcahy.

The Premier's Water Medal is awarded annually to an outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution to the water industry in South Australia.

Now Adjunct Professor with SA Water Centre for Water Management and Reuse at UniSA, Prof Mulcahy (pictured right with Premier Jay Weatherill) has been working at UniSA and its antecedent institutions for more than 40 years.



"I was surprised and delighted to be awarded the Premier's Water Medal," he said.

"I've had many, many memorable moments in my career; possibly the most memorable was when the number of postgraduate research students taken on by the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Quality and Treatment reached 100."

Premier of South Australia, Jay Weatherill, presented the award to Professor Mulcahy. Speaking at the event, the Premier said Prof Mulcahy had made an important contribution to water issues in South Australia.

"Dennis has made numerous contributions to science and education, publishing over 100 scientific papers in his research areas of physical, analytical and environmental chemistry; including the development of microelectronic sensors for assessing water quality, but his greatest achievements have been in the supervision and mentoring of water science and engineering students, many of whom have gone on to forge long and successful careers in industry," he said.

"These sort of contributions are often the most difficult to put a dollar or direct value on, suffice to say that in an industry that is crying out for competent and professional graduates Dennis has provided a key lifeline by channelling students into the water professions.

"A large amount of this channelling has come about through his unflagging energy and real passion for the area. The outcomes that Dennis has achieved in the CRC, WQRA and in his broader educational role at the University of South Australia would be remarkable enough but he has continued to serve both organisations in a voluntary capacity several years after his rather nominal retirement.

"He is a dedicated and inspiring individual, and his contributions to the water industry both in South Australia and beyond make him an extremely worthy recipient of this year's Premier's Water Medal."

The University's SA Water Centre for Water Management and Reuse also had three finalists in the Postgraduate Research Award Category: Mohammad Kamruzzaman, Juan Jang and Shuaifei Zhao (high commendation).

Professor Linda Zhou was a finalist for the SA Industry Research Merit Award for her project 'Developing nano-structured carbon electrodes for capacitive desalination in inland communities'.

Lifetime achievement award for UniSA pharmacy professor

Professor in Pharmacy Practice in the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences, Andrew Gilbert, has been named the 2011 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's Excellence Awards.

Prof Gilbert (pictured right) who is former Director, Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre in the Sansom Institute, was nominated for, among other achievements, his work as a pioneer, role model and selfless advocate of the pharmacy profession over a period spanning some 40 years.

Prof Gilbert said the award, presented in October, was a true honour and he was delighted to receive it.

"To be recognised in this way by an organisation that I have been a member of for 40 years is a very special honour," he said.

"I am very proud of our research achievements over the years and in particular our contribution to improved health outcomes for patients through pharmacists' interventions and quality use of medicines.

"I am also proud to be a pharmacist and I am passionate about the re-professionalisation trajectory on which the profession is embarking. I am committed to, and passionate about, pharmacists claiming their legitimate role and responsibilities in the health care system, using their evidence-based knowledge gained from years of study in the pharmaceutical, therapeutic and clinical sciences, and their competency in delivering pharmacist care to patients."

Prof Gilbert, who has worked with UniSA for around 20 years, said the most memorable moment of his career was the life-changing decision to return to university to undertake a PhD which aimed to improve the pharmaceutical care delivered to older people.

Professor Allan Evans, Pro Vice Chancellor: Health Sciences, said the award was well deserved.

"Professor Gilbert's commitment to educational and research excellence is matched by his commitment to the profession of pharmacy and the support pharmacists can provide to the health care needs of our community," Prof Evans said.

"UniSA is extremely proud of his achievements that have been acknowledged by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).

"In his role as an academic he has inspired thousands of pharmacy graduates in his home state, and through his work with agencies such as the PSA he has provided the profession at large with support and inspiration for the development of new models of professional practice."

Dr Gilbert's achievement follows the award of the Australasian Pharmaceutical Sciences Association Medal for 2010 to Professor Allan Evans and reinforces the university's strong position in this discipline.



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Will Santa fill your stocking with sleep credits this Christmas?

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by Daniel Hamilton

As a year of long work days and hectic schedules comes to an end, many are looking forward to a long Christmas-induced slumber more than the fabled roast turkey dinner.

But as tempting as it is, it may not be wise or productive to sleep the holiday away with long summer morning sleep-ins. UniSA's Dr Siobhan Banks (pictured right), Research Fellow at the Sleep Research Centre, says you don't have to make up for a year's lost sleep in the short time you have off.

"The good thing about sleep is we don't need to replace it hour for hour," she says.

"In one experiment we restricted people's sleep quite a lot over a week and found that one night of ten hours' sleep actually got people pretty much back where they were in the beginning."

Although many may see the Christmas holiday period as a good chance to make some big sleep investments, unfortunately Dr Banks says you won't be able to build a sleep storage facility in your mind as you start the new year.

"You can't really bank sleep and use it throughout the year, it's better to see the holiday period like a runner preparing for a long race ahead – get healthy and get good sleep. It's not like saving up sleep credits but it will give you resilience going into the new year where you might become sleep-deprived," she says.

"It's also worth remembering at some time in the future you are going to have to go back to school or back to work, so if you can try to go to bed and still get up at the same sort of time it will mean you'll be able to keep your sleep to a healthy rhythm and be able to cope better when you have to start work again.

"The key to when you're changing routine is to always try to get up at the same time."

Dr Banks says time off in the holiday season could be a chance to look at your usual routine, adding that it may not be healthy to work to the bone with limited sleep during the week and aim to catch up on the missed sleep over the weekend.

"The most important thing to remember about sleep is that consistency is really important, so swinging from short sleep in the week to long sleep on the weekend can actually make you feel much worse on the Monday," she says.

"It makes it very difficult to get up and get going for work on a Monday morning.

"Over a long period you probably want to try and achieve a balance with your sleep routine."



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Exploring the brain at new neuroscience lab

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by Jennifer Strand

Why do some people develop dementia but not others, and why do our cognitive powers change as we age? A team of UniSA researchers will be exploring these issues and many more at the recently launched Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory at UniSA's Magill Campus.

Drs Owen Churches, Hannah Keage and Mark Kohler (pictured right, have welcomed the opportunity to further investigate the brain, behaviour and cognition at the new lab which opened on 7 December.



With start-up funding from the School of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy and the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences, Dr Kohler says the idea of the laboratory was based on a collaboration of common interest.

"Hannah and Owen arrived about six months ago from Cambridge University and both of them have different experience in cognitive neuroscience, which complemented my interests.

We got together and looked at what our common interests were, what we could do, what we wanted to do, and the lab was born," Dr Kohler said.

Dr Keage says despite an understanding about how the brain controls behaviour and how this behaviour affects brain function and structure, there is still so much more to discover.

"It's a really exciting field, and UniSA has great potential for developing a world-class reputation for cognitive neuroscience research and teaching, Dr Keage said. "The laboratory serves as the first step in this long-term goal."

Dr Keage hopes to use the laboratory to further investigate how and why cognitive abilities change as we age, and why some individuals develop dementia and Alzheimer's disorder.

"The hope is that results will feed into potential preventative strategies, diagnostic tools and treatments for cognitive decline and dementia in old age," Dr Keage said.

Dr Kohler will also be incorporating his background research in sleep and child development into researching how sleep is important for memory consolidation and learning and cognitive development.

"The theory is that we take in a lot of information during the day and it's held there temporarily.

"While we sleep our brain goes about filing it, so during the next day we can retrieve that information when we need it. If sleep is disrupted then that filing process is disrupted and that can interfere with memory and, of course, accumulation of learning and development," Dr Kohler said.

Dr Churches, whose area of study is geared toward social neuroscience, will investigate how the brain facilitates our social experiences and how these encounters affect our brains.

"Social functioning is such an important part of living a full and healthy life that it is easy to take the skills needed for granted – until they are gone. Skills like the ability to determine from a glance at a person's face what their identity, emotion and focus of attention is," Dr Churches said.

The laboratory will also be used to provide practical training for future cohorts of undergraduate and graduate psychology students with a new, Commonwealth-supported, cognitive neuroscience course.

"We could see the area that was lacking in the School was a practical, applied research experience. We offered to develop a new course that is practical-based and research-based, in an area where there wasn't a current expertise," Dr Kohler said.

A group of seven 2011/2012 summer scholars will complete the first project in the laboratory, by investigating how fonts affect how we process written verbal information.

"There has been a lot of behavioural research suggesting that typeface affects our understanding of written information, but no one has looked at why this is in terms of brain function," Dr Keage said.

"Results will inform the design of written information, for example, text books that best facilitate learning."

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Risks and resilience – future-proofing Asian cities

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by Jennifer Strand

A UniSA professor has co-authored a book on some of the greatest challenges facing Asian cities as they plan for the future after an unprecedented population boom.

UniSA's Emeritus Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Stephen Hamnett (pictured right), and Dean Forbes from Flinders University have brought together a collection of essays from the region's most distinguished urbanists, in a new book, *Planning Asian Cities: Risks and Resilience*.



"The book provides a history, a picture of contemporary life and a discussion of future urban challenges in 11 of the most important cities in the Asia Pacific region," Emeritus Professor Hamnett said.

"Our approach was to ask each author to write a personal account of his or her city, while covering a number of common themes – urban history, the impacts of globalisation and major environmental and social challenges."

Asia has more than half of the world's megacities, including Shanghai, Beijing and Manila, which each have more than 10 million people, while Tokyo, the largest city in the world, has 36 million.

Emeritus Prof Hamnett suggests that the overwhelming issue facing many Asian cities is the sheer scale and pace of growth.

"According to the United Nations, 1.6 billion residents of Asian countries live in towns and cities. China now has more than 100 cities of a million people or more," he said.

"Migration of younger people to these cities continues at historically unprecedented rates.

"By some estimates around two-thirds of the world's population now lives in Asia. There is an urban revolution under way of the sort that the world has never seen.

"Many people are amazed that cities like Jakarta or Bangkok continue to function, despite longstanding concerns about their excessive size, congestion and fragile environments. However, Asian cities offer proof of the ability of human societies to adapt to rapidly changing conditions."

According to Emeritus Prof Hamnett, resilience to shocks and disasters is regularly tested by natural disasters such as floods, typhoons and earthquakes.

"Tokyo was almost completely destroyed twice in the 20th century, first by the Great Kanto earthquake of 1923 and then by the fire-bombings of World War II," he said.

“Tokyo escaped major damage from the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, but there remains great concern about what will happen when an earthquake and associated tsunami next strike. While recent buildings in Tokyo are built to resist earthquakes, vulnerability to flood and fire remain high.”

The book emphasises the importance of social capital and community networks being resilient in the face of shocks and disasters. It also covers environmental issues facing Asian cities and the responses of city and national governments to these issues.

“Singapore, for example, has made remarkable progress in recycling its water and sewage and has some of the best examples of green buildings anywhere,” Emeritus Prof Hamnett said.

“Seoul has an ambitious national plan for addressing climate change which goes much further than the aspirations of most western countries.”

Emeritus Prof Hamnett argues that globalisation has exposed a new set of risks to Asian cities as the integration of the global economy has exposed them to the shocks of regional and global economic crises.

“Chinese cities are catching up fast and the events of the recent past have left us no doubt about how important China is to the world economy,” he said.

“The speed and scale of China’s economic transformation over the past 30 or so years has had profound impacts on its cities, leading to the relocation of millions of people and to deep economic polarisation between, for example, the rural population of western China and the new middle classes of coastal cities like Shanghai.”

Planning Asian Cities: Risks and Resilience is available now through Routledge Press and the University of South Australia library.

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Banker wins top alumni award in China

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by Michèle Nardelli

Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj was in Beijing to congratulate Dr Chi Man Cartier Lam when he was named the winner of AustJOBS Australia China Alumni Award for Banking and Finance in November.

At a gala dinner Dr Lam, Deputy Chief Executive of the Bank of East Asia (China) Ltd, was recognised for his achievements across a 22 year career in banking and finance.

A graduate of Murdoch University's MBA Dr Lam graduated from the University of South Australia first in 2004 with a Master of Advanced Business Practice and then again in 2006 with a Doctor of Business Administration.

Before taking up his current role, he worked as general manager of BEA's Dalian branch and Xiamen branch and deputy general manager for the bank in Taipei among other senior roles across the bank.

His great skills and innovative approach helped to guide the BEA to become one of the first four foreign banks to be locally incorporated in China.

Voted by *Asian Banker* as 2007 Best Foreign Retail Bank, the bank now has almost 100 outlets across China and is leading the way with four consecutive years as top foreign bank in Asia.

Also active in community service, Dr Lam is a committee member of the Shanghai Overseas Chinese Friendship Association and the Vice President of the Shanghai Public Relation Association. He is a member of CPPCC Huangpu District, Shanghai, and a standing committee member of the Shanghai Huangpu Overseas Chinese Friendship Association. He is also an invited Member of CPPCC Dalian and is appointed as an overseas economic advisor to the Dalian Municipal Government.

He also held the role of executive committee member of the Dalian Banking Association and Xiamen Banking Association, the standing executive member of the Dalian Association of Industry and Commerce, as well as the Standing Director of the China Chamber of International Commerce Dalian Chamber of Commerce.

Dr Lam founded the Soong Ching Ling Foundation BEA Charity Fund in 2009 to support children's education in China. The Fund has raised over RMB12 million and 10 "Firefly" projects have been established to modernise teaching equipment and library facilities in primary and secondary schools in rural locations in China.



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Graphic design to improve health

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by Rachel Broadley

Visual arts and health care may seem worlds apart, but a UniSA PhD student is researching a way to improve patient care using graphic design.

Belinda Paulovich (pictured right), 25, hopes her PhD research will help develop and describe a model for how designers and health professionals can work together to produce effective visual communication for patients.

Instead of reading lengthy instructions about how to use health equipment or perform a procedure, patients will be given a graphical representation which will be quick to understand and easy to follow.

The visual communication graduate said issues such as poor health literacy and time constraints can make effective health communication a challenge.

"Health care professionals have to educate patients and their carers on a wide range of issues, which can be very difficult when people have poor health literacy or have to remember how to do a medical procedure after only having seen it a few times," Belinda said.

"Some of these challenges can be overcome with the use of visual devices. Visual communication is effective because humans have a preference for picture-based information.

"Visuals can be more inclusive and can act as a 'frozen language'."

Belinda will be working with the Women's and Children's Hospital on a range of health issues that could benefit from her research.

She will collaborate with health professionals to develop a design to communicate a health procedure on how to use equipment, and will produce prototype designs before settling on the final version and then implementing it. The patients and clinicians involved will provide feedback about how helpful they found the designs to use.

Belinda said she is delighted to have the chance to work with clinical staff and patients from the Women's and Children's Hospital.

"Visuals need to be designed collaboratively with health practitioner input; it's a key component to the success of the overall solution as the visual information needs to be accurate and therefore requires that specialist knowledge," she said.

"The long-term aim is to develop a model for how designers and health professionals can work together to produce visual communications that are of most benefit to patients."

Belinda has been awarded a scholarship to undertake her PhD following on from her Master of Visual Arts (Specialisation), in which she worked with Dr David Parsons, an internationally recognised cystic



fibrosis researcher.

Belinda's opportunity to work with the Women's and Children's Hospital arose from client-focused experiential learning opportunities facilitated by matchstudio, an interdisciplinary research and professional practice studio that supports students' transition from university to work life.

Matchstudio Director Jane Andrew said the memorandum of understanding the University signed with the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation in 2009 is a great strength in the School of Art, Architecture and Design's ambition to develop an area of specialisation in art and design for health and wellbeing.

"By introducing art, architecture and design students to the health sector they are able to consider and strengthen professional development opportunities within the health sector, but it also provides the experience of working on real life problems with real clients," she said.

"It also means the School's coursework experiences are absolutely genuine and that's vital in engaging and motivating students.

"Through the participation in client-based project activity, matchstudio provides students the opportunity to develop skills in client consultation, client-focused concept development, project costing and time and project management skills."

Belinda is currently consulting with clinical staff at the Women's and Children's Hospital to finalise the health conditions she will be creating graphics for.

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Learning in the workplace helps international students stand out

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by Jennifer Strand



Learning in the Workplace students with course managers Peter Sahb and Roopa Howard (pictured second row from front, second and third from left).

Starting a job straight out of a university degree isn't always easy, but thanks to a UniSA-based course international students are finding opportunities to boost their confidence by exposing them to Australian workplaces during their studies.

Learning in the Workplace (LWP) is an elective offered to international students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma in Professional Practice which aims to provide a balance between the academic knowledge students gain through their study and the practical learning that occurs in the workplace.

According to course manager, Roopa Howard, one of the key aspects of this course is the development of applied skills and knowledge.

"The course provides an opportunity for students to use their existing academic knowledge by working on an industry project and developing applied knowledge," she said.

"Project work is balanced by a very interactive tutorial content consisting of business and intercultural communication, self-career management and knowledge, transferable skills awareness, occupational health and safety, networking and even a session on Aussie slang."

So far, 64 international students have completed this program since it was developed by Associate Professor Brenton Dansie, Dean of Teaching and Learning in 2010.

Nevin John, who completed a Master of Engineering (Telecommunications) in 2010, learnt about the course while studying his Graduate Diploma in Professional Practice in 2011.

"The LWP course was very helpful in gaining an insight into the way a professional

workplace/workforce operates in Australia,” Nevin said.

“It provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop their transferable skills, improve their confidence and gain invaluable work experience while studying.”

“I learnt that the development of one’s transferable skills is of utmost importance when trying to gain employment in Australia.”

As part of the Learning in the Workplace course, Nevin undertook a work placement project with the Electrotechnology Water Skills Board to design a practical training program for National Broadband Network trainees. This led him to apply for, and win, a job in Adelaide with Visionstream, a national telecommunications constructions, maintenance and engineering organisation.

“The best thing about the work placement project for me was the opportunity to apply my theoretical knowledge to a practical component related to the exciting and significant National Broadband Network project,” Nevin said.

Amal Meegahawattage graduated from the University of South Australia in 2011 with a Master of Engineering (Transport Systems) and won a position as a project engineer (Road Traffic) in Canberra.

He undertook his final year work placement at the City of Salisbury as part of the Learning in the Workplace program, on a project focused on the management of security camera data in the council area.

“It complemented my academic work with some real work experience, which helped me convince my employer about my adaptability to the Australian workplace,” Amal said.

Course managers Roopa Howard and Peter Sahb both feel a sense of pride to see the success rate of students undertaking the Learning in the Workplace program.

“There is a feeling of achievement when we see the confidence that international students who enroll in LWP develop over the 13 weeks of the course,” Roopa Howard said.

“And of course when they come back to tell you they have won a job in their field of specialisation, you feel really happy for them.”

The course is also offered in limited capacity to students from other programs. To find out more contact [Roopa Howard](#).

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VC Awards for Professional Staff Excellence

The VC Awards for Professional Staff Excellence were held in early November in the Bradley Forum in recognition of outstanding contributions by professional staff.

Gail Jackman, Industry Liaison Manager: ANU Hubs and Spokes Project, won an individual award, in the category 'Working Across Boundaries', for her Safe and Sustainable Cambodia Project. To read more about this project, click [here](#).

The School of Pharmacy and Medical Science's Bill Tyrie and Jane Walford, who work in the Veterans' MATES Administration Team, won an award for providing quality service, while the School of Nursing and Midwifery's Practice Based Laboratories team won an award for leading change with team members Tina Jenkins, Deb Surman, Jasmine Hutchison, Sally Pocock, Louise McGee, Teresa Reid, Peter Gregory and Jenny Shepherd.



The Clinical Placement Unit in the School of Health Sciences won a team award for working across boundaries. The team members are Fay Hanns, Carmen Baker, Danealle Swenser-Smith, Deb Hannemann, Lia Nigro, Emma Owens and Bernadette Noonan.

As well as receiving certificates, the recipients will each receive professional development funds to be used for conferences or work-related short courses.

UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj said the awards were established to acknowledge, promote and celebrate the achievements of professional staff.

"At UniSA, we believe that the success of our institution is due to the talents and efforts of our people," he said.

"Today's recipients have certainly demonstrated an impressive level of creativity, resourcefulness and dedication, and an aptitude for solving problems and getting the job done.

"Without such skills and commitment, the university will not thrive in, or indeed survive, an increasingly tough educational climate."

He thanked the winners for their hard work and dedication, and said that he was delighted they were part of the university community.

For more information about the awards, which are held annually, click [here](#).

Celebrating excellent teaching

UniSA's Celebration of Teaching Awards event was held in early November at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The special guest speaker was Keith Bartley, Chief Executive of the Department of Education and Children's Services (pictured right).



Four members of staff won Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. They were Dr Jane Warland, Senior Lecturer in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Dr Mei Lim, Lecturer in Accounting in the School of Commerce, Veronika Kelly, Lecturer in the School of Art, Architecture and Design and Dr Sarah List, Lecturer in Biosciences in the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences.

Dr Malgorzata Korolkiewicz from the School of Mathematics and Statistics won the UniSA Award for Teaching Excellence, while the Enhancing Learning Award went to David Morris, Lecturer at the School of Art, Architecture and Design.

UniSA Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning went to Vivien Chanana from the School of Marketing, Associate Professor John Fielke from the School of Advanced Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering, and the Ethics and Communication Development and Teaching Team from the School of Health Science.

A further 59 members of staff received UniSA 2011 Supported Teacher Awards, which recognise high levels of performance in teaching.

UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj said that good teaching was at the heart of every successful university.

"Our teachers develop graduates who will become leaders through the professional and intellectual contribution they make in government, industry, business and society," he said.

"Good undergraduate teaching is also part of a successful research culture. Undergraduate students who are inspired and encouraged appropriately are much more likely to become the next generation of innovators contributing to the development of societies in both big and small ways. So it is important that all of our teaching and learning activities are informed by the most exciting new insights from research.

"We are proudly celebrating staff who contribute at the highest level to fulfilling the ambitions of the university, and I congratulate all the 2011 award winners. Their dedication to excellence in teaching and learning inspires all of us."

Magic vision lab wins best demo at international symposium

UniSA's Magic Vision Lab became the first in the country to win the prestigious Best Demo Award at IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality in Switzerland in late October.



Director of the Magic Vision Lab, Dr Chris Sandor, said there was stiff competition for the title.

"Our demo won against 40 other demos from top research labs, such as Georgia Institute of Technology, INRIA, European Space Agency, Monash University, as well as companies like Volkswagen, Bentley, Sony and Nokia, so we're thrilled," he said.

"In the demo, a user experiences their own hands interacting with complex graphics simulating smoke and fire effects in the environment. The user looks through a stereo head-worn display at their own hands, which start to smoke and interact with flames."

"Although similar fire simulations have already been shown in Hollywood movies, the technical achievement of our demo is a one million times speed-up compared to these. For special effects in

movies, the computation time for one frame is typically around one hour. In our demo, the computation time is 40ms, as we have to react to the dynamic environment and need to keep a frame-rate of 25 frames per second.”

To see the award-winning demo, click [here](#).

Skills to be shared around the region thanks to scholarship winner

UniSA nursing lecturer Dr Julie Reis (pictured right), become the inaugural winner of a prestigious scholarship which she will use to inject leadership skills into the local Mount Gambier and South East community.

The Grace Benny Award aims to promote women in political leadership positions and is presented by the Australian Local Government Women’s Association.

As well as a lecturer Dr Reis (pictured right) is Councillor for the District Council of Grant where she is able to see the importance of political leadership first hand.

“Being on council is a great opportunity to learn about and be involved in decision-making processes at a local level,” she said.

As a lecturer at UniSA, Dr Reis spends considerable time with future professionals and says she would like to see more young people becoming leaders within regional communities.

“I think there has been apathy from a lot of younger people towards politics which I would like to see change,” she said.

“It would be great to get younger people engaged with political processes. There is an opportunity to learn so much about the ways the community and country is run and if people get involved the community will be enriched by this.”

The forum will be used to build confidence and leadership skills among female councillors and local government staff which Dr Reis hopes will then inspire others to take on leadership roles within their communities.

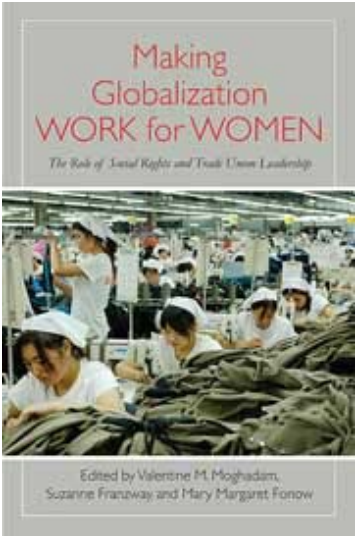


New book: *Making Globalization Work for Women*

UniSA’s Associate Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies Dr Suzanne Franzway has collaborated with Dr Valentine M. Moghadam and Dr Mary Margaret Fonow to publish a book titled *Making Globalization Work for Women*.

Within a global context the publication explores the potential for trade unions to defend the socioeconomic rights of women. It identifies barriers faced by women workers across the world and assesses the progress unions have made in response.

Making Globalization Work for Women also investigates challenges faced by female leadership within unions, laissez-faire governance, and the limited success of organisations working on these issues globally. It brings together the work and ideas of feminists, unions, non-governmental organisations, and other human rights workers.



Rare recognition for UniSA professor

Rare recognition has been given to UniSA’s Professor Nanthi Bolan (pictured right, on the left), who has been awarded a fellowship to the Soil Science Society of America.

Just 0.3 per cent of Soil Science Society members are recognised with a fellowship at any given time. The exceptional recognition for Professor Bolan will allow him to exchange more

ideas with scientists around the world.

“It will enable me to achieve greater interaction with international scientists in my research areas – soil remediation and sustainable management of natural resources,” he said.

“For example, I will be actively involved in organising the next World Congress of Soil Science to be held in Korea and the International Conference on Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements to be held at the University of Georgia.”



Professor Bolan is the Research Chair of Environmental Science at the Centre for Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation (CERAR), which is the only research centre of its kind in Australasia to focus specifically on environmental risk assessment and remediation.

Professor Bolan and his team have been on the cutting edge of soil research into lowering greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing carbon sequestration in soils.

“Our group at CERAR undertakes major research projects on carbon sequestration and wastewater irrigation which have direct impacts/benefits for primary producers,” he said.

“Traditional ways to lower carbon emission while increasing soil fertility include spreading organic wastes, such as composts and manures, on agricultural land – but research has shown that these degrade quickly.

“This results in the release of carbon dioxide; therefore the carbon stabilisation in these organic wastes is achieved by converting them to biochars or composting with novel amendments.”

Emeritus Professor Robin King elected to ATSE

Former Pro Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment, Emeritus Professor Robin King (pictured right), was among the 31 new Fellows elected to the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering last month.



This accolade recognises Emeritus Prof King’s work in engineering education practice, innovation and accreditation and his contributions to several international bodies concerned with accreditation and quality assurance in engineering education.

Since retirement from UniSA in 2007, Emeritus Prof King has been busy. As a consultant, he supports the Australian Council of Engineering Deans as part-time executive officer, and has managed several projects for them, including the 2007-8 review of engineering education in Australia.

He currently runs the ALTC/DEEWR national network for supporting engineering and ICT academics.

As chair of the accreditation board of Engineers Australia he has overseen the development and introduction of new accreditation standards. His international work for Engineers Australia has included election as chair of the international agreement on the accreditation of engineering technologists, the Sydney Accord.

Emeritus Prof King said he does not spend all of his time on engineering education and accreditation.

“My wife Penny and I are now living back in Sydney, and I am playing more golf, and doing more woodwork,” he said.

“Grandchildren take up quite a bit of our time, and we also continue to walk in mountain country. Visiting Tibet this year, with a trip to the Mount Everest north base camp, fulfilled one of our lifetime ambitions.”

Emeritus Prof King counts his time at UniSA as among the best (so far), and he enjoys meeting up with former colleagues on his occasional visits back to Adelaide.

Australian Learning and Teaching Council grant success

Four UniSA researchers have been awarded a \$191,000 grant by the former Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC), in conjunction with external academic colleagues, for a project exploring the potential of design as a catalyst for creative problem-solving.

The project team includes UniSA's Dr Denise Wood (pictured right), Ron Corso, Stuart Gluth and Associate Professor Kazem Abrahary, with academic colleagues from the University of Adelaide, the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, James Cook University, the University of New England and Massey University.



Carolyn Bilsborow, a current PhD candidate and tutor in the School of Communication, International Studies and Languages, has been appointed as research assistant, and Anthony Christou, a postgraduate student and sessional staff member in the School of Art, Architecture and Design has been appointed as the project's designer. Charles Morris, a programmer who has worked with Dr Wood on previous ALTC funded projects, is the software developer.

The major focus of the project is on curriculum renewal and innovation in development in learning and teaching through the use of new technologies.

It aims to design and develop a creative problem solving framework and associated online system to support academics in the development and redevelopment of curricula in which design is embedded and serves as a catalyst for engaging students in creative problem-solving.

Project Leader, Dr Denise Wood, said the project focuses on issues of emerging and continuing importance by developing strategies to support teachers and learners in ways that foster creativity in the higher education curriculum across a wide range of disciplinary areas.

The team anticipates completing the project by the end of 2012 following a series of trials in courses undertaken in each of the participating partner universities.

Layton named South Australia of the Year

Adjunct Professor at UniSA's School of Law, Robyn Layton (pictured right), has been named Australian of the Year in South Australia for 2012.

The award acknowledges her outstanding contribution to the legal profession and the justice system.

The former Supreme Court Judge has fought for the rights of the disadvantaged throughout her working life. Her interest began in the late 1960s after she went into partnership with the late Honourable Elliott Johnston, renowned campaigner on behalf of Aboriginal people. There she worked pro bono on behalf of Aboriginal people charged with criminal offences. She was appointed as solicitor for the Central Aboriginal Land Rights team from 1972–74, travelling extensively to see for herself the conditions and issues people had to deal with in remote Aboriginal communities.



Now, as co-chair of Reconciliation South Australia and Adjunct Professor at the University of South Australia School of Law, Prof Layton is a highly respected commentator on Aboriginal issues.

She has also made an important contribution to improving child protection, both during the Child Protection Review and, since 2005, as Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Australian Centre for Protection.

Prof Layton is Patron of the Migrant Resource Centre and International Women's Day Committee, and is a member of the National Advisory Group of the National Children's and Youth Law Centre.

Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj said the award was a fitting acknowledgment of Professor Layton's contribution.

He said her dedication to protecting and developing the rights of children and Aboriginal people and her considerable international engagement through the International Labour Organisation and in disadvantaged geographic areas were evidence of values that were strongly resonant with the UniSA mission.

Prof Høj said Prof Layton's roles on the Law School Advisory Board and the Australian Centre for Child Protection's National Advisory Council were highly valued by the University.

"We are privileged to benefit from Prof Layton's experience," Prof Høj said.

UniSA plays key role in national flagship automotive and environmental research centres

Researchers at the University of South Australia are set to play a major role in building sustainable, innovative and efficient technologies as key contributors to two national Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) announced in late November.

The Federal Government funding announcement saw the foundation of a new CRC for Low Carbon Living, attracting \$28 million and extended support for the AutoCRC with further funding of \$26 million over the next five years.

The CRCs are established as collaborations between universities, industry and government and the additional contributions from the partners boosts the research and innovation budget through cash and in kind support to almost \$98 million for the AutoCRC and more than \$104 million for the Low Carbon Living CRC.

UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj said he was delighted with the announcement and the continued strong support from the Government for the CRC program.

For more information, read a media release about this [here](#).



Barbara Hardy Institute launch

The Barbara Hardy Institute was officially launched at a symposium in late November in the Hilton's Grand Ballroom.

The launch highlighted the Institute's activities in research, education and community engagement. It was also the culmination of many months of work by Institute members who contributed to a new multidisciplinary book about sustainability, a video about the Institute and a new website.

Director of the Barbara Hardy Institute, Professor Chris Daniels (pictured right, on the right), said the launch was a great success.

"The event was in three sessions: two sessions of symposium presentations and then a final session including a video launch and an industry presentation," he said.

"We had more than 300 people at each session, and the event was attended by many industry, government and academic collaborators.

"The event was a great opportunity to showcase the research of the Barbara Hardy Institute and network with collaborators."



(L-R) Dick Thomson, Chair of the Barbara Hardy Institute Advisory Board, Barbara Hardy AO, Patron of the Institute and Professor Chris Daniels, Institute Director.

Those who attended were given a copy of a book on sustainable communities, *Creating Sustainable Communities in a Changing World*, edited by UniSA's Philip Roetman and Prof Daniels.

The book provides multidisciplinary perspectives on sustainability by 50 authors associated with the Institute. For more information, click [here](#).

CERM celebrates 21 years of partnership

UniSA's CERM Performance Indicators® Project, (CERM PI) within the Centre for Tourism and Leisure Management, School of Management, celebrated 21 years of partnership with Australasian public aquatic and leisure facilities last month.

The 21-year milestone was celebrated on Friday 11 November at Chloe's Restaurant and Function Centre, and was attended by Professor Gerry Griffin, Pro Vice Chancellor: Division of Business, Professor John Benson, Head of the School of Management, academic and professional staff, current and past employees of CERM PI, industry colleagues and members of the Centre for Tourism and Leisure Management Advisory Board.

The CERM PI Project started in 1990 to facilitate quality management in the leisure industries.

Initially, collaboration was with local government indoor sports and leisure centres. Subsequent collaboration has included a range of leisure industry segments and university colleagues in Australia, New Zealand, USA, Taiwan and the UK.

CERM PI currently provides reviews for over 200 sports and leisure facilities in Australia and New Zealand.

To find out more about CERM PI, click [here](#).



Industry members of the Centre for Tourism & Leisure Management advisory board Brett Jude (left), of Community Leisure Management New Zealand and Ian Swan, of Aquatics and Recreation Victoria at the celebration.

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UniSA Vice Chancellor appointed to CSIRO Board [Back to story index](#)

by Michèle Nardelli

Professor Peter Høj, Vice Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia will take up a position on the Board of the CSIRO commencing in 2012.

Announcing the appointment Innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr said Prof Høj's strong appreciation and understanding of the important relationships between Government, research science and the higher education sector would be an asset to the CSIRO Board.



"I congratulate Professor Høj on his appointment and look forward to his contribution to the Board, in support of the important work done by CSIRO," Senator Carr said.

"His insight into Australia's broader research and innovation environment and practical knowledge of scientific research within a collaborative framework will be invaluable additions to the suite of skills available to the CSIRO Board."

Welcoming the news, UniSA Chancellor and Chair of the CSIRO Minerals Sector Advisory Council, Dr Ian Gould said he believed Professor Høj would make a significant contribution to Australian science through his work on the Board.

"On behalf of the University of South Australia community I want to congratulate Peter on this important appointment," Chancellor Gould said.

"It reflects his own outstanding research career and contribution to research policy in this country and recognises his exceptional leadership of the University and UniSA's own emerging research success and achievement. I know he will be a strong advocate for the nation's innovation agenda."

Professor Høj said he was pleased to have the opportunity to serve on the CSIRO Board.

"The CSIRO is an international research powerhouse and I hope I can contribute in a tangible way to Australia benefitting even further from the organisation's capacity to address complex problems through excellent collaborative research," Prof Høj said.

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Endeavour scholarship winner to continue research into teacher retention

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by Daniel Hamilton

Soon-to-graduate UniSA PhD candidate, Lisa Papatraianou, has been awarded an Endeavour Scholarship, allowing her to collaborate with British universities to research issues affecting teacher retention.

Lisa, a UniSA Bachelor of Education (Honours) graduate, focused her PhD research on teacher retention which incorporated emergent themes of social media use and bullying.

Talking about her recent research, Lisa says she found teachers may benefit professionally from social media use, particularly when it allows them to connect with other teachers online.

"Early career teachers are sharing workplace practices online in ways that enhance their resilience, because online networking is another avenue they can use to articulate their problems and receive feedback from people.," she says.

"I think the worry is if regulations are placed on teachers to not use social media sites, then the additional avenue of support that enables teachers to cope with workplace stresses is eliminated."

Her research coincides with the recent policy announcement from the South Australian Department of Education banning teachers from befriending students on Facebook; Lisa says she found teachers were very aware of the risks social media presented to them as professionals.

"What I did notice in the study is that teachers had a very high level of discretion – they could identify the difference between school and home," says Lisa.

Lisa says the nature of social media networking means even with tight security settings a teacher's private life can be exposed through friends of friends.

"Adelaide is quite small and a few of the teachers found after they befriended a student once they left school they often had younger brothers and sisters, so through various networks they ended up being indirect friends with students at school," she says.

"There were at least five or six teachers I spoke to who said they had photos of themselves drinking on Facebook, they may not be doing anything wrong but parents of students may perceive that as bad behaviour.

"Teachers found it hard to keep their weekend life from being known to students because of social media."

The prestigious Endeavour Scholarship won by Lisa is a merit-based government award aimed at



giving researchers the opportunity to grow international ties and develop strong research capacity within Australia.

During the PhD research Lisa worked with Goldsmith's College at the University of London, and it's there along with the University of Nottingham and the University of Warwick she will collaborate under the Endeavour Scholarship.

"I will be pursuing the theme of teacher victimisation, not only the cyber bullying of teachers by students but also looking at a range of perpetrators. It's a quantitative and qualitative study looking at the prevalence of bullying," she says.

"I feel privileged to be able to continue examining ways which will enhance the experience of classroom educators, which will in turn lead them to staying in the profession longer."

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Samstag scholarship success for UniSA student

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by Rachel Broadley

Making your name in the art world is no easy feat, but one UniSA Master's student is off to a great start as the recipient of a prestigious Samstag scholarship, renowned as a 'golden passport' to professional success.

Administered by UniSA's Samstag Museum of Art, each year the Anne and Gordon Samstag International Visual Arts Scholarships are awarded to Australian artists to fund their travel and study expenses at a leading international art school of their choice, along with US\$37,000 for living expenses for the year.



This year's Samstag scholars are UniSA's Monte Masi (pictured above) and Tasmanian artist James Newitt.

Monte, who will finish his Master of Visual Art early in 2012, said he is thrilled to have been awarded the scholarship.

"The Samstag scholarship is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons and interact with a network that's harder to access in Australia because of our geographical location," he said.

"I hope it will be an opportunity to see some great art and to make new networks. I'm trying to be open-minded to see where things will take me."

Although he has not decided where he will be studying yet, Monte is looking at fine art institutes in London, Rotterdam and Chicago.

Monte, who also completed his undergraduate degree at UniSA, said his current practice looks at the production and distribution of online vernacular video to inform his artworks.

"Since the start of 2010 I've been pursuing a vein of creative practice which essentially sees me as artist, highlighter, promoter and educator of other people's practices or other artworks," he said.

"I've made work which has been short interviews or idiosyncratic promotional videos for the work of other artists. Within this work I try to look at what I can do to host the practices of others, with hosting as a form of authorship in itself, and there's also a genuine desire on my part to have people look at the stuff I'm examining.

"I'm exploring whether there is anything an artist can do when he or she turns his or her attention to other artists that a curator or art historian cannot do."

Erica Green, Director of the Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, said Monte is an artist with a promising career ahead of him.

"A graduate of the UniSA's School of Art, Architecture and Design, Monte Masi has developed a dynamic performance and video-based art practice that draws on a variety of influences from popular culture and plays on the role of artist, curator and critic," she said.

"Monte's Samstag scholarship will introduce him to stimulating new experiences overseas, and provide him with a generously funded basis for further development of his professional arts practice."

To view Monte's work, [click here](#).

Tasmanian James Newitt was also awarded a 2012 Samstag scholarship. James has a PhD in Fine Arts from the University of Tasmania. To view his work, [click here](#).

The two Samstag International Studio and Curatorial Program (ISCP) Residency Scholars have also just been announced; this year's scholars are Jackson Slattery and Marco Fusinato, both from Victoria.

Now in its second year, the ISCP Samstag Residency is a partnership with the Australia Council for the Arts and offers two Australian artists the chance to take part in the ISCP in New York.

The residency provides the artists with space to research and create artwork, as well as a stipend of AU\$25,000 per six-month period and accommodation in an apartment in Long Island.

For more information about the Samstag scholarships, [click here](#).

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Waste not, want not... Food at Christmas

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by Daniel Hamilton

Deep into December stomachs rumble as festive feasts draw near; when the day of celebration arrives many of us will do our face-stuffing best to ensure we fill out our oversized board shorts before the New Year. But try as we might to fill our tummies to the brim, much of the tucker we can't squeeze in will end up in landfill.

According to PhD candidate and researcher, Atiq Zaman, from UniSA's Zero Waste SA Research Centre for Sustainable Design and Behaviour (sd+b) we have a bad habit of buying much more than we are capable of eating.

"In Australia food waste is produced at around 197kg per year per household, for a total of three million tonnes per year worth \$5.2 billion; a UK study suggests we produce 80 per cent more waste around festival time which seems to be emulated in Australia," says Zaman.

"Festive time exemplifies the food waste habits of Australians who on average send 20 to 25 per cent of the food purchased weekly to the scrapheap."

As well as adding to the unpleasant pong encountered by garbage disposal officers, the waste also contributes considerably to carbon emissions.

"The average Adelaidean produces 19 tonnes of greenhouse gas every year and food contributes 23.3 per cent – the highest contributor to greenhouse gases," Zaman says.

"The average person in the industrial world currently eats about 220 grams of meat a day and Australians consume more than 300 grams per day."

The decision to buy a mountain of meat and not consume it all also flies in the face of the farmer and producers who helped get it to the plate.

"To produce a one-kilo beef steak, it takes 15,500 litres of water and 70 kilowatts of energy over a life cycle – that's how much we can potentially save by not consuming too much," Zaman says.

According to Zaman, much of the waste is down to the mentality and lifestyle associated with food and the specials offered by supermarkets.

"We shouldn't be biased by marketing strategy when it comes to buying food, we should stick to what we intend to buy and not be swayed to buy more food because a higher quantity is on special," he says.

"If you looked into your freezer you would find more food than you really need."



Zaman gives five tips to ensure food efficiency:

Avoid over-shopping – plan your Christmas party with a list of food and quantities needed, and resist the specials aimed at making you purchase more.

Avoid waste during processing – develop a system in the kitchen to collect leftover food while preparing meals rather than using the garbage bin.

Preserve food – drying, refrigeration, freezing, adding salt or sugar, canning, and bottling can all add to the length of food life.

Share with the neighbours – if you can't eat or preserve it, offer it to your neighbour and grow that social connection.

Recycle – an active compost bin to compile food scraps reduces emissions, fertilizes soil and protects our environment.

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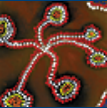
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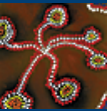
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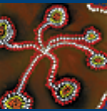
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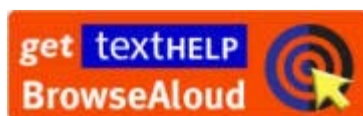
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