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Three minutes on pregnancy health earns finals spot in competition

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by Andrew McGarry

Shervi Lie thought long and hard before entering the UniSA Three Minute Thesis competition – now she's very glad she did, after winning the event and taking away the first prize of \$3000.

Shervi (pictured right), a PhD student in the School of Pharmacy & Medical Sciences, beat seven other finalists at the conclusion to UniSA's competition at the end of August. There were 27 entrants overall with heats held within each Division before the final.

"The only reason I went in was that I didn't think I could do it," Shervi said.

"It's a very different feeling I get from presenting my work in a scientific presentation, I'm okay with that. But in terms of public speaking in front of a lay (non-academic) audience, it really makes me nervous."

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) was originally developed by the University of Queensland for Masters by Research and Doctoral students. It has now become an annual event, taking in universities from Australia and New Zealand.

Competitors have three minutes to give an engaging and dynamic talk on their thesis topic, and its significance, in language appropriate to an intelligent, non-specialist audience.

Shervi's research focuses on the effects of under-nutrition in women, either side of conception, and sends a warning to mothers-to-be that they must be vigilant about healthy eating.

"Many women think that it doesn't matter what she eats before pregnancy, as long as she eats healthily during pregnancy, then the baby will be healthy," she said.

"However, what we've found is that nutrition before and just a few days after conception, when most women are not even aware that they are pregnant, is also very important in determining babies' metabolic health."

The study used sheep as a model, reducing the amount of nutrition given by 30 per cent, from 45 days before conception to 6 days after conception. The study found that when nutrition is decreased either side of conception, insulin signalling in foetuses is significantly decreased, which means the muscles' ability to uptake glucose from blood also decreases. Babies can end up with a high blood glucose level which, if it persists, can lead to the development of type 2 diabetes.

Shervi said the take home message for women was that by the time they knew they were pregnant, their babies' metabolic health may already be determined.

"As soon as you start planning (to have a child), you need to be careful about nutrition," she said.



Runner-up in UniSA's Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) final, Jessica Lu from the Ian Wark Research Institute, impressed the judges with her thesis on the lab production of a synthetic version of Eremophila plants used in traditional Aboriginal medicine. The synthetic compound is used as an anti-bacterial coating to prevent bacterial infection of biomedical devices and implants. Jessica also won the Audience Choice award.

Shervi now goes forward to take part in the Australia and New Zealand 3MT™ competition, to be held at the University of Western Australia on September 29.

Prizes up for grabs include a \$5000 research travel grant for the winner, a \$2000 research travel grant for the runner-up, and a \$1000 research travel grant for the people's choice award winner. The university whose representative wins the 2011 Australia and New Zealand 3MT™ Competition will host the competition in 2012.

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Wealth of a different kind

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by Kelly Stone

Geraldine Cox, the woman who found her true purpose in caring for Cambodian orphans, has inspired UniSA Global Experience students to follow their passion and encouraged them to step outside their comfort zone.

Guest speaker at a Global Experience Distinguished Guest Speaker Series forum, Cox – who is the co-founder of Sunrise Children's Villages situated just outside Phnom Penh – told students that before she went to Cambodia, she had a full life, but she never gave to anything.



Geraldine Cox with global experience student Ben Trewren.

"I never had a Save the Children child and I went out of my way to avoid the Salvation Army man on the street with his collection tin. Everything was about me," she said.

"But there is an immense joy you can get when the penny drops and you finally get it that the path you're on is not going to bring you any happiness."

In Cox's speech, titled 'Wealth of a different kind', she described the differences in her life before she went to Cambodia, and after.

"I was very materialistic. Life in the diplomatic world and corporate world was all about 'moi', the clothes on my back, the jewellery, the first class afares, the dinner parties, but I couldn't work out why I had this hole in my heart in the night," she said.

It wasn't until Cox lost her job, three weeks before she turned 50, that she was forced out of her comfort zone.

"I decided I was already out of my comfort zone, so I might as well really go outside my comfort zone and go to Cambodia," Cox says.

"At some stage in your life I think you should step outside your comfort zone, because it wasn't until I was out of mine that I had any conception of what I could achieve. You can come out fighting. Many people go their whole lives not knowing what they're capable of, because they've never had their back against the wall."

She told students working in an area they are passionate about is really important.

"You've got to have something that makes you get out of bed in the morning and you're passionate about," she said.

Cox says programs like Global Experience are invaluable for young people.

"Global experience and gap years in other countries will knock the rough edges off and make you understand how lucky you are to be living in Australia," she says.

"The school in Cambodia my children go to has 2500 students, there's two toilets with no running water, no electricity, no fans, no computers, half the time not enough books, and when I enrol a child I have to take a desk and chair because the school doesn't have the money to provide them, there's no extra-curricular activities, no sports grounds, then I look at the classrooms here and there's just no comparison.

"Education is really important. My advice for young people who would like to work in this field is to think about what degrees will be useful to you. You should be studying, travelling, looking for the right partner and getting all the experience that will help you in the life that you choose. You don't need to give up all the things of your youth, but when you've got all that under your belt, you can decide how you want to harness what it is you've learnt."

Global Experience student Ben Trewren, who has travelled to Cambodia as part of the program, said the opportunity to hear from Cox was fabulous.

Ben, who is studying journalism/international relations, said his own journey to Cambodia had reshaped his thoughts on what path he will take when he finishes university.

"I went to Cambodia thanks to a Global Experience Travel Grant for two weeks in January, working in a children's home with a group from my church called Activate," Ben said.

"I've always had a heart for people and coming back from Cambodia, where I saw opportunity and optimism, incredible hope ... I realised it's not about the money, it's not about recognition, it's not even about you."

As well as being a full-time student, Ben is State Director at the Oaktree Foundation and works on a refugee campaign called 'Welcome to Australia'.

There are 485 students currently registered in the Global Experience program.

Global Experience is available to all undergraduate, onshore domestic and international students currently enrolled in a UniSA degree. More information is available at the [website](#).

To learn more about Geraldine Cox and Sunrise Children's Villages, as well as how to donate, go to the [website](#).

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Sowing conservation agriculture with Iraq

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by Katrina Phelps

A UniSA researcher is part of an international team behind a research and development project that is helping Iraqi farmers recover from the war and its impact on their livelihood. The project is based at the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Aleppo, Syria, due to travel restrictions in Iraq.

Under the conservation agriculture project - funded by AusAID via the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) - Iraqi farmers, machinery manufacturers and research scientists from the northern governorate of Nineveh are being equipped with the skills, knowledge and technology they need to improve their cropping industry.

Dr Jack Desbiolles, Agricultural Research Engineer with UniSA's Barbara Hardy Institute, recently returned from a specialised training course in Syria, to assist Iraqi partners with knowledge and technology related to zero-till seeding machinery.

Dr Desbiolles has been involved with the project since 2008.

"The farmers in the dryland areas of Iraq have similar crops to what we have in southern Australia including wheat, barley, chickpea and lentils," Dr Desbiolles said.

"Iraqi agriculture relies on traditional methods that are cultivation-intensive and suffers from low availability of inputs such as improved varieties, fertilizer and pesticides. The war and sanction periods have severely restricted access to information and technology transfer. This has resulted in a continuous decline in agricultural production since the 1990s."

Conservation (zero-till) farming techniques have been developed in Australia over the past 40 years and have now reached 90 per cent adoption in many districts. The zero-till cropping method retains crop residue and better conserves water, a critical factor in rain-reliant conditions to produce better and less variable grain yields.

"The farmers, although sceptical at first, are really keen to adopt new technology and also drastically reduce their input cost, such as fuel," Dr Desbiolles said.

"My role in particular has been to raise awareness on the modern technologies available to upgrade



Jack Desbiolles discussing seeding technology principles with workshop participants.

existing seeding machinery and to deliver specialised training to industry stakeholders on zero-till seeding system principles and research issues, in support of the development of zero-tillage cropping in Iraq.



Group training activities during the workshops also involved machinery demonstrations and performance review in the field.

“We have been able to work with local manufacturers to improve and develop local machinery and assist an enthusiastic group of Iraqi farmers develop local seeder conversion kits for zero-till, now locally produced for 10 per cent of the cost of a conventional seeder.

“This leading farmer group has now formed the Mosul Society for Conservation Agriculture, similar to the development of Australian state-based no-till farmers associations, which exerted a pivotal role in the rapid growth of conservation farming in Australia.

“We are fortunate to be able to share our successful Australian no-till farming experience and help deliver valuable change in Iraq through integrated solutions for improved farming sustainability and productivity.

“Zero-till cropping is now rapidly gaining adoption, with the past cropping season seeing an estimated 6000 hectares being sown to zero-till in Iraq (54 farmers) and more than 15,000 hectares in Syria (450 farmers).”

The zero-till machinery workshops have created considerable interest from other countries in the region, with participants also coming from Syria, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Turkey.

A presentation on the zero-till development and adoption activities will be made by Iraqi farmers at the 5th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture in Brisbane next September.

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UniSA patron leads ideas festival

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by Katrina Phelps

Environmental stalwart, Barbara Hardy AO, will be honoured at this year's Adelaide Festival of Ideas with the event being dedicated to her.

Patron of UniSA's Barbara Hardy Institute for Sustainable Urban Environments, she has been a leader in the environmental field for more than 45 years.

Hardy (pictured right), will deliver a keynote address at the opening of the Adelaide Festival of Ideas on October 7. As a keen follower of the Festival over the years, Hardy says that the dedication of the Festival to her was a surprising honour.

"You never know in your life what is going to come around the corner," she said. "I really like this event because the concept of ideas is very good. You never know what you are going to come up with as an idea.



"The Investigator Science Centre was an idea that I had in the early 1980s as I thought everyone in the community should know a little bit about science and how the earth operates."

Thanks to Hardy's idea and her efforts in raising \$2.2m to fund the centre, the South Australian community had access to an interactive science exhibition from 1991 for 10 years, before rising costs forced it to close down. It is now a travelling exhibition called SciWorld.

Around the same time as Hardy thought up the Investigator Science Centre idea, she founded the National Parks Foundation of South Australia with three other people – Dr Mark Bonnin, Warren Bonython and David Cleland.

"We started off fundraising in order to purchase more land for national parks," she said. "We also raised funds to help care for national parks and natural bushland as there's only so much the State Government can do."

Hardy is still actively involved in the Foundation, which will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Apart from one year of work with the CSIRO after finishing her science degree in 1974, Hardy's vast array of environmental work has been undertaken on a voluntary basis. She says her love for the environment stemmed from regular camping trips with her sons during their school holidays.

"I really enjoyed being out there where things were quiet, natural and beautiful," she said.

"There are more people living in the world all the time, so we need to increasingly look after its natural resources upon which our lives and economy depend."

Barbara Hardy definitely practices what she preaches. The 84-year-old drives a hybrid car, has solar panels to power her house and hot water system, and water tanks big enough to take care of her

water needs. And she hopes to one day have a fully electric car that she can plug-in and charge from her own solar power.

A special Barbara Hardy exhibition and tour in the State Library of South Australia will be set up during the Festival.

This is the 13th year of the Adelaide Festival of Ideas, a free biennial festival that gives big ideas and contemporary debates greater space for exploration in a celebration of innovation, creativity and intellectuality.

Other UniSA people involved in the event include Director of the Sansom Institute for Health Research, Professor Kerin O'Dea and Director of the Research Centre for Sustainable Design and Behaviour, Professor Steffen Lehmann who are on the Festival Advisory Panel and are delivering sessions during the Festival.

Also delivering sessions are UniSA Professor of Public Health Robyn McDermott, Pro Vice Chancellor Education, Arts and Social Sciences Professor Pal Ahluwalia, and Director of the International Centre for Muslim and Non-Muslim Understanding Professor Salman Sayyid.

For more information about the Festival and to view a program, go to the [website](#). The Festival runs from October 7-9.

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PR student behind the wheel at Holden

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by Alex Doudy

A 12-month paid work placement with GM Holden Ltd has put third year public relations student Crystal Doyle (pictured right), firmly in the driver's seat of her career.

Thrown in the deep end as one of only two employees that make up the company's Corporate Affairs team in South Australia, Crystal says it's been a worthwhile, whirlwind experience.

"Since day one this job has been full-on. I'm in a unique position as part of the program because the rest of the team is at Holden HQ in Melbourne," she says.

"I have been able to experience a little bit of all aspects of PR, from media relations, event management and product launches to internal communications and community relations. I've been exposed to many different facets of the PR world."

The Holden 12-month Cooperative Student Program is designed to give undergraduates paid industry experience at Holden sites in South Australia and Victoria.

It is open to students with at least one semester left of their degree who are studying engineering, marketing, business, human resources, communications, logistics, design and IT.

Crystal says working as a publicist has shown her the variety available in a communications career.

"For me it involves media monitoring, writing and uploading content for the GM intranet, social media sites, the employee magazine and internal communications such as the newsletter and employee bulletins, event planning and logistics, media relations, community relations and much more," she says.

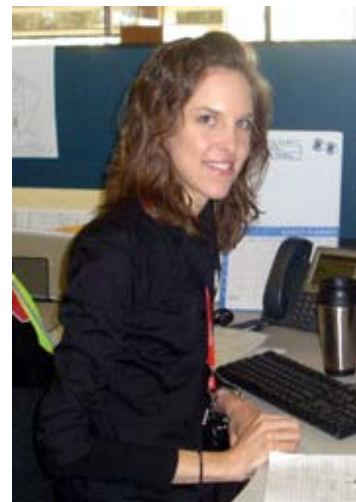
"I think it's too early to say for sure exactly what I want to do when I graduate but the program has shown me there are many more facets of PR than I had considered before.

"It has shown me that communications is definitely what I enjoy and the direction I want to take," Crystal says.

Crystal is encouraging interested students to apply for the program and says it's a great career booster.

"I feel extremely lucky to be part of this program. The experiences that I have gained and the relationships I have established as part of my role at Holden are going to be of great benefit to me in the future," she says.

Applications for the 2012 program have now closed. To learn more about the program visit the



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Learning in the land of the golden egg

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Forget the big apple, it is China's golden eggs that will be increasingly significant for Australian economics.

Knowing what *guanxi*, *mianzi* and 'big potatoes' mean in business communication in China may just be the secret to future success as a group of UniSA students recently found out.

The UniSA Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of International Business (MIB) students had the special opportunity to take part in a Business in China Intensive School (BICIS) program this year and learn from their in-country experience.



BICIS participants visiting Schneider in Beijing.

Led by Professor Fuming Jiang and Dr Song Yang, a group of 27 UniSA students from all over Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore journeyed to Shanghai and Beijing to take part in the two-week study and experience program.

And in a first for BICIS, UniSA students were joined by Masters students from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Donghua University and the Shanghai University for Science and Technology. The study group, representing 11 different countries, quickly became firm friends and study partners.

Students were hosted at the Glorious Sun Business School of the Donghua University in Shanghai and at the International Centre for Chinese Studies in Beijing, learning about business practices of one of the fastest growing and most dynamic economies in the world.

Program director, UniSA's Dr Song Yang, says it used to be said that if the US sneezed, Australia caught a cold but the economic focus has now shifted for Australia.

"There is a new terminology around this – for Australia it is now all about China's 'golden eggs' - they are what has protected Australia from the worst of the GFC," Dr Yang said.

"So it is only natural for Australian managers and students of economics to want to get a better idea of what the Chinese 'hen' looks like."

He says the BICIS study program was designed to give students a real insight into the Chinese business environment and style of conducting business.

The program involved formal lecturers as well as guest speakers from a range of industries and organisations including Austrade, the Chinese Academy for Social Science, Renmin University, Tsing Hua University, Shanghai University, and Ernst and Young.

Students also had the opportunity to see many Chinese businesses first hand with company visits to white goods manufacturers such as Datung, global electrical manufacturer, Schneider Electric and

thermal energy technology company Shen Wu.

"These visits were particularly useful in that students could network across industry and at the same time learn about different ownership structures in China," Dr Yang said.

"One of the most dynamic aspects of the study tour was a negotiation simulation exercise that pitted the Chinese students against the other students in a real life exercise to establish if an Australian pharmaceutical company could mount a joint venture company in China with a state-owned company.

"The Chinese students proved themselves to be extremely diligent and tough negotiators and gave the UniSA students an excellent first-hand experience of Chinese business culture.

"I think our students developed a much stronger appreciation of the importance of creating strong relationships (guanxi) and for "giving face" (mianzi) in working with Chinese parties."

Dr Sang says with China tipped to become the biggest economic power in the world in coming decades the BICIS program is incredibly useful for students.

"China is so dynamic and most of the knowledge published in business textbooks becomes obsolete very quickly so you can hardly get a clear picture about the business landscape of China unless you expose yourselves to the high-risk, high-return nature of Chinese markets," he said.

"Seeing how that all plays out in-country is just invaluable."

Head of UniSA's International Graduate School of Business Professor Milé Terziovski says the program is such an asset that it has become a key building block for the internationalisation of the MBA Program.

"China is a fascinating place from a cultural and educational perspective," Prof Terziovski said.

"The BICIS program provides our MBA students with an opportunity to experience both. This has been reflected in the outstanding feedback that we have received from our MBA students during their visit to China."

He says the program offers the chance for students to learn a great deal from each other about cultural differences and business styles, providing a rich experience and at the same time creating new business opportunities and lasting friendships across many countries.

For more information about BICIS program at UniSA, visit the [website](#).

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Governor-General visits the Australian Centre for Child Protection

The Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, visited UniSA's Australian Centre for Child Protection last week (September 12).

Ms Bryce, who has been the Patron of the Australian Centre for Child Protection since February 2009, has a long standing commitment to advancing the rights of women and children and a particular interest in the welfare of young people and families.

The Governor-General along with her husband met with the Centre's Director, Professor Marianne Berry and Deputy Director, Associate Professor Leah Bromfield to discuss contemporary child protection issues nationally and internationally.

"Her Excellency brings remarkable experiences as a lawyer and with the Children's Court to her current involvement with so many programs for women and children, and brings that breadth of experience and wisdom to our discussions of how best to support them," Prof Berry said.

Amongst a variety of topics discussed were the need for research into the incidence and prevalence of child abuse and neglect in Australia with lessons learned and comparisons to countries such as Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom; the use and understanding of attachment theory when making decisions on placement and support of children who are in out-of-home care; and Centre workforce development initiatives including the Building Community, Building Bridges project and current research into retention of front line child protection workers in SA. Ms Bryce praised the role of social workers in the field, commenting that they have one of the hardest jobs in the world.

Later in the visit, the Governor-General and Mr Bryce met informally with Centre staff and students, the Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj and PVC of the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences, Professor Pal Ahluwalia. Ms Bryce shared many of her own experiences as she chatted, providing encouragement and inspiration for both staff and students alike.

UniSA success in Tall Poppy Science Awards



Governor-General of Australia, Ms Quentin Bryce AC (middle) with the Australian Centre for Child Protection's Associate Professor Leah Bromfield (L) and Professor Marianne Berry (R).
Photo courtesy of photographer, Sam Noonan.



UniSA staff meet the Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, at the Australian Centre for Child Protection.
Photo courtesy of photographer, Sam Noonan

UniSA's Dr Craig Priest received one of the 2011 South Australian Tall Poppy Science Awards at the end of August.

Dr Priest, a research fellow at the Ian Wark Research Institute, works on ways to control liquids on different surfaces. Through his work, he envisages a future in which smaller, or even micro, is better, cheaper and faster.

One of Dr Priest's long-term goals is the development of an industrial processing plant on a chip, allowing mixing, heating exchange and other processes to be done on a micro-scale quickly, without any moving parts, without any human intervention and with the bare minimum of resources.

The Tall Poppy awards recognise outstanding work by scientific researchers in the early stages of their careers who are already making significant scientific contributions.

Dr Priest was one of five UniSA finalists in the awards. Neuroscientist Dr Michelle McDonnell, biomedical expert Dr Roger Yazbek, health scientist Dr Grant Tomkinson and cardiovascular nutrition expert Dr Alison Hill were the other four finalists.

For more details, see a [media release](#) about this.



Brookman Building award

Recent restoration work on the Brookman Building at the City East campus has been praised by the Australian Stone Architectural Association.

The restoration work, undertaken by Heritage Stone Restorations and Grieve Gillett architects, won a national restoration award at the annual Australian Stone Architectural Awards.

The restoration work focused on the external top of the building including the tower, chimney and pinnacles and involved shaping and fitting replacement stone and specialised cleaning.



All works were carried out in accordance with the Australian International Council on Monuments and Sites principles of 'doing as little as possible but as much as necessary' to maintain the heritage values of this significant Adelaide building.

The Brookman Building foundation stone was laid in 1900 and the building opened in 1903 to accommodate the South Australian School of Mines and Industries.

Open Universities Australia tutor award

A UniSA tutor has been named as one of four winners in a national tutor competition.

Chris Kandunias, from the School of Commerce, received the Open Universities Australia (OUA) Tutor Excellence Award for receiving exceptional student feedback and for contributing positively towards the future of online education by participating in the OUA Tutor Support Management program.

He was presented with the award by OUA representative Philip Paasuke, who says Kandunias has consistently received positive feedback from his students.



L-R: Brenton Fiedler, Philip Paasuke from OUA, Chris Kandunias and Janek Ratnatunga.

"OUA would like to warmly congratulate Chris Kandunias and the three other winners on their achievements," Paasuke says.

"We are proud of their contribution to OUA and online learning, and look forward to seeing this area of higher education improve even further in 2011 and beyond."

For more details, see a [media release](#) about this.

Open Day draws big crowd

UniSA's 2011 Open Day event on August 21 saw more than 13,000 people visit the City West campus to check out study options for 2012.

The day saw 80 well-attended lectures given about various program pathways for future students.

All presentations from UniSA Open Day are now available on its [YouTube Channel](#).



For future information events and application deadlines check our events [website](#).

For more information about program pathways, study options and application processes, call UniSA on (08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW (local call cost) or email.

Future students are also encouraged to explore [CareerShop](#) to discover more about career options.

Indian Consul donates 100 books to library

UniSA has received a generous donation of 100 Indian books from Amit Dasgupta, the Consul General of India, Sydney.

The books cover India's history, architecture, art, photography, tourism, economics, foreign relations, literature and more. They are now available for loan from the library, with most books at City West, but some also at Magill, City East and Mawson Lakes libraries.

Dasgupta visited UniSA last month to meet with Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj, Pro Vice Chancellor: International and Development Nigel Relph, and University Librarian Helen Livingston. Also present were SA's special envoy to India Brian Hayes QC and Major General Vikram Madan, Member of the SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission.



Consul General of India, Sydney Mr Amit Dasgupta, with VC Prof Peter Høj.

Livingston says both staff and students will benefit from Dasgupta's precious gift.

"These books fill a gap in our collection regarding scholarly information on India which is the second most populous country in the world," Livingston says.

"UniSA has many Indian students and the collection highlights our wish for them to remain connected in some way with their origins.

"Much of what we hear about India is either sport, cricket or recently the Commonwealth Games. These books show the diversity of India's geographical regions, the diversity of culture, its complex history and long intellectual traditions.

"Through this gift, India shows many more of its faces than we get in our daily news feeds."

Livingston says the gift not only raises awareness of India, but also strengthens UniSA's relationship with India.

"And the books are absolutely fascinating, a real treasure trove!" she says.

Click to see the [list](#).

Planning and Institutional Performance appointment

Sue Mikilewicz has been appointed to the position of Director of Planning and Institutional

Performance (PIP).

Sue has been Acting Director for the past year, after key roles within UniSA before that in which she supported improvement in teaching and learning, quality assurance processes and corporate planning.

In announcing the appointment, Chief Operating Officer Paul Beard said Sue will be leading PIP at a very exciting and important time for the University as it adjusts to a more competitive higher education environment, the establishment of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency and the introduction of compacts and performance targets.

New ITEK CEO

UniSA's commercialisation arm, ITEK, will have a new CEO next month.

Business development and biotechnology industry expert, Dr Stephen Rodda will take up the role with 13 years of experience at Business Development Director, Chief Executive and Director levels within innovation and technology development companies in the areas of scientific research, technology commercialisation and investment management.

Dr Rodda is currently working in dual roles as Business Development Director at Bio Innovation SA and Senior Investment Manager at Terra Rossa Capital Pty Ltd.

For more information about this appointment, see a [media release](#) about it.



South Australian Integrated Design Commission appointment

Associate Professor Joanne Cys from the School of Art, Architecture and Design has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the *South Australian Integrated Design Commission*. The Board will provide high level advice on, and review of, policies, projects and proposals prepared by the Commission.

Assoc Prof Cys, who has a deep knowledge of the design sector in South Australia built up from her research and professional activities, was nominated to the inaugural board by the Design Institute of Australia.

"I hope to contribute my knowledge of other government design strategies within Australia and the world," she said. "I am able to advise the Commission on ways in which all disciplines within the design sector may contribute to the quality and growth of South Australia's economy, environment, culture and commerce."



"UniSA researchers are able to provide advice based upon independent, up-to-date, evidence-based knowledge to external organisations such as the new Commission. It is very important that the Commission seeks the advice of experts from within and outside the state; from academia and the design profession."

The Commission aims to promote a more holistic, design-based approach to design, planning and development that acknowledges the interconnectedness of the built and natural world. To achieve this it is working with local, State and Federal Government, the design, planning and development sector and the community.

The Poetry and Poetics of Popular Culture: UniSA conference

UniSA's Poetry and Poetics Centre will be hosting an innovative international online conference in November.

The Poetry and Poetics of Popular Culture



conference will feature international speakers who have provided pre-recorded video presentations. It will also feature interactive online forums and chat-rooms.

Presenters will be able to submit written papers based on their video presentations to the *Asiatic* journal.

"We are seeking an eclectic range of presentations on poetry and poetics, and their relations and connections to popular culture in all its forms," said Dr Kit MacFarlane, Lecturer in UniSA's School of Communications and International Studies and Languages.

"Poetry has a significant influence on modern day popular culture and everyday life, and popular culture has an equally strong influence on poetry. It's a topic that we are really looking forward to exploring through a range of different speaker perspectives and experiences throughout the conference.

"By running this conference entirely online with video presentations, we expect to increase accessibility along with the variety of responses, as well as encouraging new levels of interactivity and discussion."

The conference will be held from November 11-12. Director of the Poetry and Poetics Centre Dr Ioana Petrescu is encouraging potential speakers to submit their video presentations by October 17, after which they will be notified of acceptance.

For more details, contact [Dr Kit MacFarlane](#) or see the conference [website](#).

The Keynote Presenter for the conference has been confirmed as Professor Kirpal Singh, Associate Professor of English Literature at Singapore Management University.

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Planning Asian Cities, Risks and Resilience

Edited by Stephen Hamnett and Dean Forbes

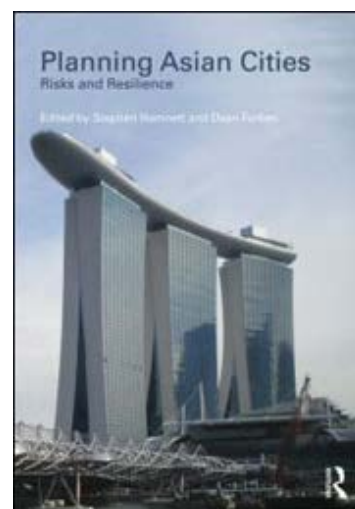
UniSA's Emeritus Professor Stephen Hamnett from the Barbara Hardy Institute has teamed up with Professor Dean Forbes from Flinders University to bring together some of the region's most distinguished urbanists to explore the planning history and recent development of Pacific Asia's major cities in this book.

"The book brings together perspectives on the current challenges faced by fast-growing Asian cities from some of the most highly regarded and eminent academic experts on each of the cities featured," Prof Hamnett said.

"The most significant message is the importance of pursuing governance reforms to allow for effective strategic planning which will enable the fast growing megacities and urban regions of Asia Pacific to manage the impacts of threats - economic, environmental and social - that they clearly face, and to develop the resilience which is needed to recover from shocks and disasters.

"These messages are illustrated well in the first chapter which deals with Tokyo, the largest city in the world. The book went to press shortly after the earthquake and tsunami which occurred just north of Tokyo. In Japan major earthquakes and tsunamis are inevitable in the future and the need for cities to prepare better for these could not have been more clearly demonstrated."

Prof Hamnett said the book is an important resource for policymakers who are responsible for planning Asian cities, as well as for planners and others in Australia who are involved with planning cities to meet the challenges of climate change while balancing economic growth and globalisation pressures.

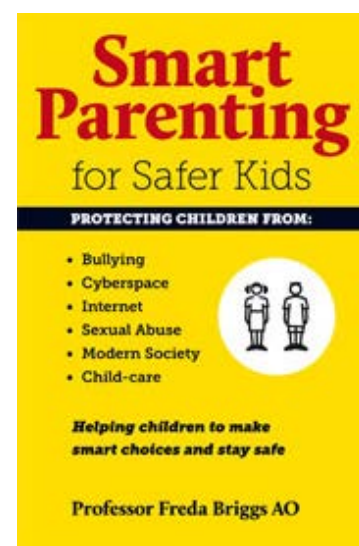


Smart Parenting for Safer Kids

By Freda Briggs AO

Australia's leading child protection expert, UniSA's Professor Freda Briggs AO, has recently released her new book which is a practical, explicit and realistic guide for handling parenting issues in contemporary Western society.

Smart Parenting for Safer Kids combines research findings with Prof Briggs' extensive experience in providing practical applications and solutions for safety issues. Parents, parent educators, counsellors and health service professionals alike are able to gain a wealth of knowledge about promoting healthy sexual development in children, developing children's safety skills online and in person, and child protection measures.



"Parenting is harder now than it has ever been," Prof Briggs said. "There are more and different hazards for children. Most parents want to be good parents but don't know what to do. Those who read the draft of the book said, 'if only I could have had this when my children were young'.

"The book talks about the grooming methods used by sex offenders to gain parents' trust. When children are abused by people they know, parents often suffer life-long guilt because they didn't spot the signals and unwittingly handed their children over. Hopefully the book will help parents and children to create safer environments."

The book also explores building stronger children who can make safe, smart choices and avoid danger; and safeguarding children from bullying, cyberspace and internet dangers.

Outdoor Education: Foundations for Tertiary and Secondary Education (second edition)

By Christine Froude and Scott Polley

UniSA Lecturer in Health Sciences and Human Movement, Scott Polley, has developed a text book on Outdoor Education for Year 11 and 12 students, university students as well as outdoor leadership course providers.

"Outdoor Education is a foundation for personal development, group skills development, care for the environment and an opportunity to explore social justice issues," Polley said.

"Outdoor Education can assist young people and others to learn about themselves in a natural environment that is less encumbered by social issues. It can provide opportunities for development of resilience, problem-solving, self-reliance, interdependence and leadership.

"It has a role to play in addressing issues associated with urbanisation such as increased screen time, lower levels of physical activity, disconnection from the natural environment and difficulties in making good decisions with regards to risks and challenge.

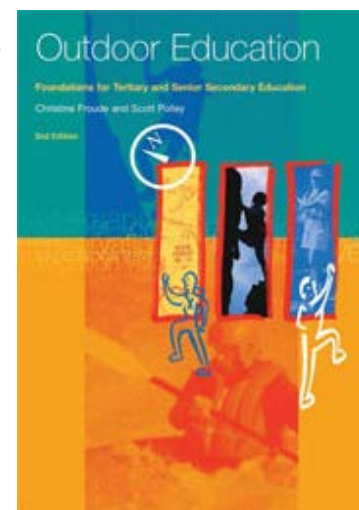
"It also provides an excellent backdrop for people to investigate Aboriginal cultural history, develop closer connections to the natural world and reflect on their role in society in moving towards a more sustainable future."

Besides being a resource for teachers, Polley said the Outdoor Education book should also be informative for an outdoor journey enthusiast, outdoor leader or eco-tourism provider.

"It should give them a good understanding of the planning, management and leadership issues involved in outdoor journeys, as well as foundations to develop richer perspectives of the natural world through direct contact with wild places," Polley said.

"The professional outdoor leader will also gain the foundation knowledge required to lead outdoor journeys for education, recreation, ecotourism or therapeutic outcomes."

Polley wrote the book as a more national adaption of Christine Froude's text books for senior Outdoor Education in Western Australia.



The Dynamics of Asian Labour Markets: Balancing Control and Flexibility

Edited by Professor John Benson and Professor Ying Zhu

This new book, edited by two UniSA professors, explores the nature, dynamics and functioning of Asian labour markets in eight major Asian economies – Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, China, Vietnam, India and Malaysia.

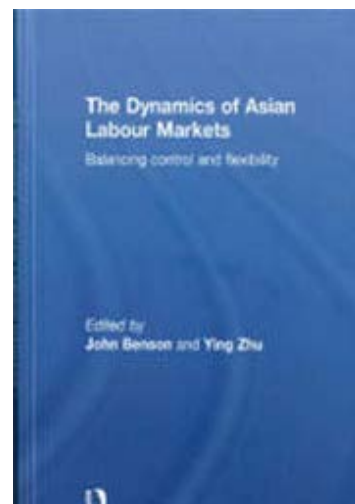
It examines the types of labour markets that exist in Asia, how they have responded to globalisation, and how flexible they are to changing social and economic conditions.

“There has been surprisingly little research undertaken on the nature and functioning of Asian labour markets and how globalisation has impacted on these markets over the past few decades,” said Prof Benson, Head of UniSA’s School of Management.

“Asia has undergone rapid transformation over the past two decades as many countries have embraced the processes of globalisation. Over this period the inflow of foreign capital into the region, the level of trade amongst these countries, and trade with other parts of the world has increased substantially. The ensuing economic growth has led to some significant changes in the world of work in Asia.”

A diverse range of leading scholars from Asia, Australia and the UK have contributed to the book.

This is the fourth book that Prof Benson and Prof Zhu have produced on Asia with previous books covering unemployment, trade unions, and economic reform in China (with Professor Michael Webber). This book is part of the Routledge Studies in the Growth Economies of Asia series.



Beyond Anarchy: The Complex and Chaotic Dynamics of International Politics

By Dylan Kissane

Dr Dylan Kissane, a 2010 PhD UniSA graduate, has released a book based on his PhD thesis that he wrote at UniSA under the supervision of Dr David Lundberg from the School of International Studies.

Dr Kissane, who is the Assistant Dean of the Centre d'Etudes Franco-Américain de Management in Lyon, France, won the University Medal in 2005 and 2006 while studying at UniSA.

Beyond Anarchy draws on interdisciplinary literature and offers a novel application of complexity theory to international politics.

“My research focuses on opening the door to re-founding international relations theory, not on anarchy but on the assumption of a complex international system,” Dr Kissane said.

“It is important to re-evaluate international relations theory on a regular basis because, as in any natural or social science, we are yet to find any single theory that completely describes, explains and predicts international relations.

“There is hardly a domain or event that does not have an international political component of some sort. Issues of war and peace, of which state owns minerals deep below the ocean surface, or something as seemingly simple as the flight path of a Singapore-bound jumbo jet, all have international political implications.

“The breadth of international relations makes it a very interesting field.”

Dr Kissane hopes that *Beyond Anarchy* is the beginning of a new and exciting stream of international relations theory for the 21st century.



Hossein Valamanesh, Out of Nothingness

By Mary Knights and Ian North

Hossein Valamanesh, an alumnus of the University of South Australia, is one of Australia’s most significant contemporary artists. This book is the latest of the SALA series of monographs

which are published annually by Wakefield Press and funded by Arts SA. Each year a South Australian artist with an international profile is showcased during the SALA (South Australian Living Artist) Festival.

The book on Hossein Valamanesh is co-written by UniSA Director of the SASA Gallery, Dr Mary Knights along with Professor Ian North.

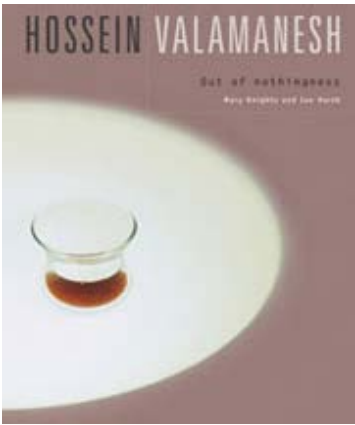
“Hossein draws on his Iranian heritage, including Sufi philosophy and experience of the Australian landscape to create enigmatic artworks that are filled with a disturbing beauty,” Dr Knights said.

One of the exciting aspects of the 2011 project was the participation of UniSA visual arts student Chris Rhys Jones who was the recipient of the 2011 SALA Book Mentorship.

“This has been an extremely valuable and rewarding experience as an emerging writer, editor and visual artist,” Chris said.

“During this period I have been given the opportunity to work with an eminent artist, Hossein Valamanesh and also work side by side with Mary Knights and Ian North as my mentors. Because of this I have been able to follow my mentors and learn how they approach writing and collaborating with each other in order to further the development of this book.”

UniSA’s Studio Head of Photography and New Media, Mark Kimber will be the subject of the 2012 SALA monograph which will be written by UniSA Lecturer in the School of Art, Architecture and Design, Jim Moss.



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From the Chancellery: ranking confirms continuing improvement

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Earlier this year I spoke at staff meetings about the gap between our performance and our reputation. Our performance has rapidly improved over the past five years, building on the strong foundations laid by those who established UniSA and guided its early development. Public perceptions of any changing institution often lag behind its performance and this is undoubtedly the case with UniSA.

As many of you know, we performed very well in the 2011 QS World University Rankings. UniSA ranked 256th out of the world's top universities, an improvement of 25 places from our 2010 ranking, which was in turn 14 places higher than in 2009. For the second year in a row, UniSA achieved the largest improvement of any Australian university. UniSA ranked 11th in Australia.

There are always reasonable questions about the validity of rankings and this result was greeted with some surprise in sections of the media. Such reactions naturally cause us to stop and think about whether the result is credible. On examining the various indicators that are available to us, I conclude that it is.

The ranking is consistent with our research income (14th in Australia), weighted publications (15th) and percentage of staff with a doctorate (in the top 10). In the federal government's Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA), we ranked 18th according to the number of disciplines rated world class or above. ERA only measured our performance in the period from 2003 to 2008, when we were very young as a university, and is already well out of date.

In the most recent graduate survey, the employment rate for our graduates was above the national average, and median starting salaries matched the national figure, despite the relatively small SA economy.

UniSA also performed very well in the 2011 International Student Barometer – a survey of the attitudes of international students. Professional accreditation panels are reporting very pleasing perceptions of our teaching programs.

In addition, our MBA has just been awarded five stars by the Graduate Management Association of Australia – one of only three MBA programs in Australia to have been awarded five stars for the past four years. (click [here](#) to see more details about this).

As many of you would know, we still have room for improvement in areas to do with the student experience. I am confident that the full implementation of our STEP2010 initiatives, the soon-to-be-launched and well-resourced new teaching and learning plan, and an even greater focus on the student experience will push us in the right direction. It must, for our graduates are of the utmost importance.

We need to keep improving in all of our activities. But as a university community, in its broadest



sense, we should also take confidence from our performance and remember to tell others about it – if we do not tell the good stories about UniSA, we can’t expect others to know what a strong institution we are part of. This is not just an obligation to ourselves and our current students, but to our 150,000 alumni, who are entitled to have their UniSA qualification rated as highly as it deserves.

UniSA Vice Chancellor
Professor Peter Høj

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Second-time graduate is first in new preschool program

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by Andrew McGarry

It's been 35 years between graduations for Di Hogg, and she is loving the feeling second time around, as one of the very first preschool teachers and early childhood consultants to complete UniSA's new Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (in-service) program.

Di (pictured right), 58, is a teacher at The Hub Preschool in Aberfoyle Park, Adelaide. She completed a three-year education diploma in 1976, then returned to study last year to upgrade her qualifications after the implementation of the Federal Government's National Quality Agenda. She graduated at UniSA's mid-year ceremony last month.



The program director for the Bachelor program, Dr Victoria Whittington, said the National Quality Agenda had introduced changes to the system, particularly the Universal Access provision by which all Australian four-year-olds will have access by 2014 to a preschool program with a teacher who is four-year early childhood degree qualified.

"In response to this national policy the South Australian Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) took a unique approach and offered scholarships to experienced preschool teachers in South Australia who either were degree but not early childhood qualified, or who had only a three-year early childhood qualification," Dr Whittington said.

The degree forms part of DECS' Universal Access Project.

"Already we have seen that the degree has brought very rich experiences for students," Dr Whittington said.

She described Di's work in completing the degree in just 18 months alongside her work duties at The Hub Preschool as "a very considerable accomplishment."

Di started the degree at the start of 2010, and completed her studies part-time in the minimum 18 months, while continuing her day job at preschool. She was among 86 people to take up the Bachelor program at UniSA, and one of the first two students to complete the course.

"The course was awesome, it was so enlightening and refreshing, it brought me up-to-date with knowledge, and all the changes I'd missed out on," she said.

"I was amazed that every one of the eight subjects linked in to my floor work - what I do in kindy every day."

In particular, Di nominated two subjects as favourites – Brain Development in the Early Years, taught

by Dr Whittington, and Education, Change and Society, taught by Dr Margaret Scrimgeour.

"In brain development, I was reading new discoveries and getting a new awareness that I could translate back into my own work," she said. "Education, change and society was about showing sensitivity to people's differences, such as cultural difference or personal difference, it was about having compassion, listening (to people) and promoting other points of view."

Most of Di's work has been as a kindergarten director, but she chose to move into teaching five years ago, and says she has never regretted it. She said she was excited to have completed her degree.

"It's made my job easier because my ability to articulate and have confidence in sharing my knowledge has increased," she said. "Sometimes it's been hard to explain to parents about what I do. It also means that I'm more willing to stand up for what I know if it is challenged. If I believe something I will go with that.

"For me it was hard work. When I received my degree from the Chancellor, he said "congratulations, you've earned this" and I looked at him and said "you bet I have!"

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to do this, to DECS, the Federal Government and UniSA, it was an excellent experience."

Di was among more than 1900 UniSA graduates who received their degrees over three days of ceremonies at the Adelaide Convention Centre in late August.

Also at the graduations, renowned Australian artist and UniSA graduate, Jeffrey Smart received an honorary doctorate from UniSA. For more information, see a [media release](#) about this.



The mid-year graduation ceremonies also featured an impressive line-up of guest speakers including Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Ian Chubb. For more information, see a [media release](#) about this or see [Dr Chubb's address](#) to the graduates.

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Health students look to country practice

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by Katrina Phelps

UniSA students from a range of health fields are being encouraged to put their skills to use in a rural or remote region, through two new separate initiatives.

Last month 20 students from UniSA's allied health areas including pharmacy student Stacey Putland (pictured right), joined five medical students from the Australian National University (ANU) for an intensive four-day immersion event that saw them learn how different health professions can work together in a country setting.



"The intensive, participatory program was supported by nine leading, experienced rural and remote medical, allied health and nursing practitioners," said UniSA Dean of Health and Clinical Education, Professor Esther May.

"These practitioners mentored the students through the application of primary health care and community empowerment principles for rural and remote patient care planning case studies.

"The experience enriched and informed the students' future inter-professional collaborative practice and assisted them to be workforce-ready for a rural or remote workforce environment.

"It is hoped that this experience will encourage students to undertake a rural placement next year and, on graduation, to see rural practice as a preferred option."

The workshop was held in Clare as part of a strategic partnership between ANU and UniSA that aims to improve access to university education in health and medical science. The Health Hubs and Spokes partnership is a \$3 million project, funded by the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' Structural Diversity and Adjustment Fund.

UniSA Bachelor of Pharmacy final year student, Stacey Putland, said the workshop was a valuable learning experience thanks to the input from other students and the mentors.

"It was great to have such a variety of mentors from different professions spend time with us and work through case studies," Stacey said.

"Living with the other students for four days also gave us time to get to know each other. I think this is a really important background to approachability and communication in professional working relationships, particularly in the country when your colleagues are your community."

Stacey, who grew up on the Fleurieu Peninsula, is an advocate for rural health and will take up an internship at Mildura Base Hospital when she finishes her study.

"Throughout my career, I hope to see and work in a number of places across the country, both rural and remote, with a diverse range of people and professions," Stacey said.

"I am quite excited about the possibility of working in a regional area."

In a separate initiative, allied health students are involved in placements incorporating a mobile health clinic for regional areas through a partnership between Helping Hand Aged Care and UniSA.

Under the initiative, a specially fitted out campervan-style vehicle will be located at Jamestown or Port Pirie Helping Hand Aged Care sites and undertake outreach clinics to older people in the rural areas of northern South Australia.

The partnership started under an Increased Clinical Training Capacity Grant from the Department of Health and Ageing nearly a year ago with students travelling to Helping Hand Aged Care facilities in the Adelaide metropolitan area. The recent addition of the regional program is a win-win situation for patients and students, according to Prof May.



Student Damir Metljak with UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj, Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler and CEO Helping Hand Aged Care Inc Ian Hardy.

"Students are gaining experience in a wide variety of areas such as rehabilitation, nutrition, medication management, and equipment and aids," Prof May said. "Most importantly the students are participating in providing services under supervision in residential and community settings, in the city and rurally, and interacting on inter-professional placements."

Final year Bachelor of Podiatry student, Damir Metljak is one student who has been involved with the rural mobile unit.

"The most enjoyable part is the ease of the mobile unit which allows us to undertake a somewhat rural placement," Damir said. "However, instead of having to be confined to a single hospital, we are able to take the clinic to other locations."

"I am open to the possibility of working outside the city after graduating, as the lifestyle of working rurally is one that appeals to me."

Meanwhile, podiatry and pharmacy students will take the Mobile Allied Health Clinic to a Homeless, Health and Housing Expo on October 20 in Whitmore Square in Adelaide, to help improve the health and wellbeing of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

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International exhibition for photography students

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by Rachel Broadley

UniSA photography students are saying “Ni hao Pingyao” as they head to China to exhibit their work at the country's leading photography exhibition this month.

Six students were selected by Mark Kimber, UniSA's Studio Head of Photography and New Media, to showcase their work at the 2011 Pingyao International Photography Festival, September 16 to 24, after he was approached by festival organisers.

Four of the students were so keen to attend that they raised \$4300 for their airfares by packaging together ‘rewards’ that offer limited edition prints in various sizes, badges and other goodies depending on the amount pledged, including prints donated by Kimber and two other established photographers.

They also baked their way to a further \$1000 through an on-campus bake sale and were awarded a \$7900 grant from the Helpmann Academy.

Kimber said there will be a section within the internationally recognised festival that showcases the work of up-and-coming photographers from around the world, including the six UniSA students.

“This is the biggest photographic exhibition in China, where the arts scene is huge and growing. Last year, in the week or so that the exhibition ran they had 200,000 visitors. That's pretty staggering,” he said.

“It's a good chance for people to see people from all around the globe in one spot; it's in these sorts of venues that often people are ‘discovered’ and taken up by other galleries in other countries.

“There'll be curators, writers, photographers, gallery owners, universities, colleges, forums, talks on all sorts of aspects of fine art practice and photography practice, from a conceptual and theoretical point of view. It's a place where people come together and exchange ideas in a big way, and there's still something about doing that face-to-face that is very important.”

Kimber says the students (Alice Blanch, Courtney Bignell, Aurelia Carbone, Sundari Carmody, CJ Taylor and James Tylor) represent a range of approaches to photography, from high-end digital techniques to processes that were invented in the 1860s, to showcase work that spans the 160 years of photography's history.

Honours photography student, Sundari Carmody, said they were thrilled to get the chance to head to China, but were now faced with the quandary of which cameras to take with them.

“We'll be in China for two weeks. We're really lucky to have been supported so much and to have



Photography students (L-R)
Sundari Carmody, Alice Blanch,
Courtney Bignell and Aurelia Carbone.

been selected to be alongside major artists," she said.

"I'm so excited about seeing the work that's going to be there because I've never seen a lot of it except online. It will be a real chance to see these photographs that I admire so much, and maybe even meet the photographers. That would be incredible.

"We may even have portfolio reviews which means even more of our work will be seen by curators and gallery directors.

"We're all really excited about this opportunity; being in another country representing our work with other artists is pretty cool.

"Mark Kimber has been a great support and our biggest cheerleader. None of this would have happened without him. We're also very grateful to the Helpmann Academy for their support."

For more information about the students' trip and to see examples of their work, please visit [their website](#).

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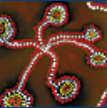
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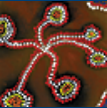
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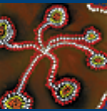
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