



Construction is well advanced on the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre, Crawley.

Welcome

Welcome to the third issue of *Campus Connect*, The University of Western Australia's community update on estate projects, developments and news.

Inside this issue you will find developments on the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre, an update on the Mounts Bay Road bus extension lane and an array of information on UWA events that are available to you, our community neighbours.

If you have any feedback, we would love to hear from you using the details on the back of this issue.

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Building facilities for world class marine research

Construction of the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre continues to progress well. The collaborative project comprises the construction of a new \$60.6 million facility on UWA's Crawley campus, and a \$12.4 million refurbishment and upgrade to the Department of Fisheries' Watermans Bay Marine Centre.

Once complete, the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre will be a leading marine science partnership in the southern hemisphere with the largest marine research capability in the Indian Ocean rim.

Construction of the Crawley facility is progressing well, with the work now completed on the sixth and final floor.

The Crawley project is on track for completion in mid 2016.

The refurbishment of the Watermans Bay Marine Centre will be successfully completed in August 2015.

Both facilities are being developed as part of a collaboration between project partners The Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), CSIRO, UWA and the Department of Fisheries WA and are supported by a \$34 million grant from the Australian Government and contributions from the partner organisations.

To keep up to date on the progress of the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre, visit cm.uwa.edu.au/iomrc



ABOVE : Artist impression of the new accommodation and facilities.
Photo courtesy of St. Thomas More College.

‘Tommy More’ development progressing well

Construction of the new student accommodation and facilities at St. Thomas More College, located at 48 Mounts Bay Road, continues to progress well with significant activity underway.

The redevelopment of ‘Tommy More’ comprises two new buildings, providing 245 new student dwellings, administration buildings, and recreation and learning facilities.

Recently construction has entered into an exciting new phase with the roof

being installed on building one and the second building reaching its top level.

New student accommodation in close proximity to campus will allow a greater number of students to enjoy the benefits of campus and encourage alternative transport options.

Supported by the Federal and State Governments under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), the practical completion date aims for mid-December 2015. Please visit stmc.uwa.edu.au for further project updates.



Did you know?

In 2014 Campus Management commenced a carbon offset program contributing to the City Kids to the Country Partnership Project.

This initiative resulted in 2,500 trees being planted at the UWA Future Farm 2050 Project near Pingelly, where researchers are seeking the best practice farming techniques for the future. It is anticipated that these trees, together with 1,900 trees previously planted, will sequester 733 tonnes of carbon during their life span.

Mounts Bay Road Bus Lane - update

The Public Transport Authority (PTA) is creating a new west-bound bus-only lane along Mounts Bay Road, from Hackett Drive to Broadway.

The bus-only lane will help Transperth provide faster and more reliable bus services by bypassing congestion and helping road traffic flow more smoothly. In particular, this project will benefit the Transperth 950 bus service. Route 950 was introduced in January 2014 and became the highest frequency bus route in Perth with peak period services operating every 1-2 minutes from the city to UWA.

As part of the project, the PTA is improving the footpath alongside UWA to a shared path standard, with sufficient space for cyclists and pedestrians to use it together. The works will also include drainage improvements and the upgrade of the intersection at Broadway.

The most important outcome of the project will be the benefits to all road users. There will be improvements for bus passengers as well as cyclists and pedestrians from the creation of this new bus-only lane.

A joint project between PTA, Main Roads WA, the City of Nedlands and the City of Subiaco, the works commenced in mid-March and are expected to be completed in August 2015.

For more information, please visit the project's website at pta.wa.gov.au/Projects.



Art gallery exhibits Elise Blumann

The Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery is considered to be one of the finest art galleries in Western Australia and is open free of charge to the public throughout the year.

Elise Blumann: An Émigré Artist in Western Australia, 1938 – 1948 is a new exhibition which opened on 11 July, 2015 and will run until 19 September, 2015.

This exhibition concentrates on ten years of Blumann's art practice, from the series of bold portraits produced in the late 1930s to the increasingly

abstract renderings of the landscape in the late 1940s.

German artist Elise Blumann arrived in Perth in the summer of 1938. She was immediately struck by the local landscape and the piercing brightness of the Australian light. Her painting in the subsequent decade focused on the analysis of various plant forms surrounding her home in Nedlands and in the hills outside Perth.

For more information, visit lwgallery.uwa.edu.au
LWAG is open Tues – Sat, 11am – 5pm.



Elise Blumann, *On the Swan, Nedlands, 1942.*

Get involved

There are lots of free public concerts, lectures and seminars at UWA every month – go to culturalprecinct.uwa.edu.au for more information or search for 'UWA free events'.

Keeping verges tidy

The University prides itself on being a campus within the community.

Properties owned by UWA are routinely checked to ensure they present a tidy exterior and any unauthorised rubbish placed on verges is promptly dealt with by UWA Property Managers. We also engage a contractor to put rubbish bins out, and return them after they are emptied, at properties where there are more than five units. If you have any concerns email campusmanagement@uwa.edu.au

Recognising those inspired to give back

The University of Western Australia has recently launched its Benefactor Wall, celebrating the outstanding contribution of the University's significant donors.

Located opposite the entrance to Winthrop Hall and under the arches of the Vice-Chancellery, the Benefactor Wall is a daily reminder for the entire community, of those who believe and support the UWA mission to 'provide world-class education, research and community engagement for the

advancement of the prosperity and welfare of our communities.'

By investing in UWA, our benefactors have supported more than 100,000 graduates to go out into local and global communities as leaders of positive change.

Next time you are at UWA, take the time to visit and admire this new addition to the Crawley campus.



UWA community get on their bikes



ABOVE: UWA researcher and Nedlands resident Ingrid Ward and her children Alex and Jess on their tandem three-seater bike. (Photo: Peter Chan)

The University of Western Australia and the City of Nedlands teamed up to host a breakfast to celebrate cycling as part of Bikeweek, an initiative supported by the Department of Transport and WestCycle.

Nedlands and UWA cyclists were invited to roll up on their bikes for a sumptuous cooked breakfast, prizes, bike 'health checks' and the opportunity to talk with fellow cycling enthusiasts.

The annual event encourages cycling as a mode of transport that improves health, alleviates traffic congestion and helps the environment.

Did you know?

Over 1,700 bike trips are made to the campus every day, saving 13.8km of road space and three tonnes of carbon emissions.

Planning for improved transport

The University has collected information on the commuting habits of staff and students from across its Crawley, Nedlands and QEII sites.

The UWA Commuting Survey will provide vital information for developing strategies that provide reliable, efficient and sustainable transport to and from campus.

Previous commuting surveys have influenced the introduction of a range of sustainable initiatives including the high frequency 950 bus services and new and better facilities for cyclists – including more secure bike parking, lockers and showers on campus.

The survey will build upon previously gathered data to determine how commuting choices have changed over time. Previous surveys have shown that the percentage of staff and students cycling and using public transport to access the campus continues to increase.

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UWA hedges provide zoo food

Elephants, giraffes and tree kangaroos are especially partial to acacia.

So it's lucky there's a whole new hedge of it growing – opposite the University's James Oval.

Through a relationship with the Perth Zoo, UWA has established a usable fodder hedge for animals that also beautifies the University's grounds.

The fodder team at the Zoo make regular visits to UWA to collect some of the foliage enjoyed by a range of animals including bears, koalas, some of the occupants of the nocturnal house, pandas, primates, the tortoise, macropods and cockatoos.



TOP: Photo courtesy of Perth Zoo. ABOVE: Tanya Taylor from Perth Zoo prepares to prune the acacia hedge on the UWA Campus.

UWA Open Day community event

We hope you were one of the many visitors to campus when we opened our doors for UWA's Open Day this month.

The annual event offers a day packed with lots of useful information, hands-on activities and entertainment for the whole community.

The University welcomes its neighbours year round and invites everyone to enjoy the grounds or take part in the many events held on campus. Visit uwa.edu.au/engage/events