



ABOVE: Features of the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre include breakout meeting spaces for staff, research laboratories, the new 11.5 metre beam centrifuge. (RIGHT) The Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre at dusk

## New marine and engineering facility ready for researchers

### Welcome

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

Inside this issue you will find news about a range of projects, upgrades and refurbishments occurring across campus, plus an array of information on UWA events available to you, our community neighbours.

We take pleasure in keeping you updated with news about the UWA campus. If you have any feedback, we would love to hear from you. Contact details can be found on the back page of this issue.

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**Take a sneak peek inside one of UWA's newest and largest buildings – the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre.**

Located on Fairway, this purpose-built facility has reached practical completion.

The Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre is a collaboration that brings together four of Australia's leading research organisations working in and around the Indian Ocean – the Australian Institute of Marine Science, CSIRO, UWA's Oceans Institute and the Department of Fisheries WA.

This collaboration will allow for the development of multi-disciplinary research teams and create a graduate training environment that will significantly advance Australia's marine science and engineering capacity, capability and profile.

The Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre includes:

- Workspaces for researchers, technicians and postgraduate students
- Wet and dry laboratories
- Flexible collaborative spaces designed to encourage greater interaction and innovation
- A ground level multi-purpose lecture theatre linked to a large interaction space with a courtyard
- Outdoor undercover field staging, loading bays, technical areas and boat storage
- Centre for Offshore Foundation Systems – including a new 11.5 metre beam centrifuge.

The Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre has been made possible by a \$34 million grant from the Australian Government's Education Investment Fund and contributions from the four collaborating organisations.



Artist impression

# Forrest Hall. A home for our future research pioneers.

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## Forrest Hall construction now underway

Work has begun on Forrest Hall – a new accommodation development designed to attract outstanding researchers to Western Australia.

Named after philanthropists Andrew and Nicola Forrest, whose \$65 million donation through the Minderoo Foundation in 2013 made the project possible, Forrest Hall will provide a creative living environment

for Forrest Scholars and Fellows attending all five Western Australian universities on Forrest Research Foundation Scholarships.

Construction company JAXON has the contract to build the Forrest Hall facility at the corner of Mounts Bay Road and Hackett Drive at the University of Western Australia’s Crawley campus.

Site establishment works have begun on site with the project scheduled for practical completion in early 2018.

### Winthrop Ave works

A new podium for five flag poles, signage, lighting, landscaping and improvements to the road alignment will feature in a program of works being undertaken at the University’s Winthrop Avenue entrance over the summer break.

There are currently three flag poles at the northern entrance to the University. The University’s policy is to fly the National flag, the State flag and the Aboriginal flag. The works will allow for additional flags as required, e.g. the Rainbow/Pride flag in Pride Week, or for when there are visiting dignitaries.

## Facility improvements across campus

An extensive refurbishment project is now underway to revitalise teaching, research and student amenity spaces across the University’s Crawley campus.

Designed to improve the campus experience for students, staff and visitors, the extensive program of works will modernise learning spaces across 35 central teaching facilities – including laboratories, study and research areas and result in the upgrade of 62 toilets/washrooms.

Improvements will be seen within the Arts, Social Sciences, Law, Physics and Engineering precincts and will be completed in February next year.

### Physics foyer

Over at the Physics building, the foyer has also recently been upgraded.

New paint, lighting, fixtures and furniture have been installed to create a new entrance to the building which houses two of the busiest lecture spaces on campus – the Ross and Clews Theatres.



**Did you know?**

The UWA Crawley campus incorporates more than 393,535m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area for teaching, learning and research.

# #Reidvitalised

The Reid Library refurbishment project is now complete, creating a rejuvenated and welcoming space on the Crawley campus for students to learn and interact.

The project has delivered a new ground-floor entrance off Saw Promenade, new zones for collaborative learning, improved access to WiFi, upgraded bathrooms and the opening of the Quobba Gnarning café.

Since the upgrade, the Reid Library has become a popular hub with 39,986 visits to the space in a single week in September 2016. That's a 74.5 per cent increase on visits during the same period in 2015.

The success of this project has prompted plans for further refurbishments at the other libraries across campus including the UWA Medical and Dental Library (see story on this page).



The new ground floor of the Reid Library

## Did you know?

The Reid Library is one of six libraries on campus? It receives more than one million visits annually, and is open to students, staff and the wider community.



A concept design of the planned UWA Medical and Dental Library refurbishment at Monash Avenue

## Medical Library set for new era

**An extensive refurbishment of the Medical and Dental Library – located at the QEII Medical Centre on Monash Avenue Nedlands – is set to begin early next year.**

Since the library was built in 2002, there has been a rapid decline in the use of physical book and journal collections in favour of online resources. Quiet, reflective study has been replaced by students working together in communal set ups and utilising digital resources.

In response, the University has committed to a revitalisation of this traditional academic library into a modern learning facility.

Although books will continue to be a fundamental resource, the upgrade will create more interactive, flexible and collaborative spaces designed to inspire the next generation of scholars and also provide a new home for the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

The Faculty's vision is to 'advance health through education and innovation' and the creation of a high quality 'education and learning hub' through the redevelopment of the library will help achieve this goal.

All three levels of the library will be stripped back and re-purposed to create a state-of-the-art education hub which will provide a:

- Strong strategic presence for UWA and the Faculty on the QEII Medical Centre campus
- Library for all users – future, current and past students, researchers, academics, alumni and the community
- High quality education and learning environment including e-Learning suites, collaborative learning areas, bookable meeting spaces and a more focused collection of high use print books and journals.

Works are scheduled to begin in January and be completed by September 2017.



The pool is now retiled and ready for summer

## Ready for summer

Just in time for the warmer weather, the pool at the School of Sport Science, Exercise and Health, has been given a facelift.

Since it first opened in 1991, the five-lane, 25-metre pool, which is covered, has been used by thousands of students, staff and community members, aged from four to over 80, for education, health and fitness.

The refurbishment has included concrete repair works, tiling, waterproofing of the pool gutters, new gutter grates and a new stainless steel ladder.

More information about the pool and the popular UniSwim program can be found at [uniswim.uwa.edu.au](http://uniswim.uwa.edu.au)

## #UWAcampus green thumbs

Did you know there is a community garden on campus?

The Botany Annexe Community Vegetable Garden is located in the south east corner of the University behind car park 8, off Hackett Drive entry 3.

People are welcome to help plant, weed and harvest from the selection of herbs and vegetables – which also includes edible native WA plants.

For more information visit [www.facebook.com/botanyannexecommunityvegetablegarden](http://www.facebook.com/botanyannexecommunityvegetablegarden)



Broad beans are getting close to harvest in the community garden

## Art exhibitions open

Art that transports people to Iran, celebrates the strength and diversity of feminism and reveals how humans have mapped the WA coastline will be on display at a new series of free exhibitions opening at our Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery.



Things Learnt About Feminism  
Kelly Doley,  
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The exhibitions will run between Saturday 8 October and Saturday 10 December, with the gallery open 11am–5pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

The exhibitions feature Hossein Valamanesh's exploration of the main bazaar in the Iranian city of Arak,

an investigation of the similarities and differences between European and Aboriginal ways of mapping the sky, the sea and the land, and Kelly Doley's subversive textual experiments.

Full program details are available at [lwgallery.uwa.edu.au](http://lwgallery.uwa.edu.au)

## Save the date

The 2017 Perth International Arts Festival (PIAF) will be held from 10 February – 5 March 2017. The Festival's ever popular film program will run from 28 November 2016 – 16 April 2017.

For a full program of the events held on campus visit [culturalprecinct.uwa.edu.au](http://culturalprecinct.uwa.edu.au)

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