Construction is expected to start later this year on Forrest Hall – the exciting new accommodation development designed to attract some of the world’s brightest scholars to Western Australia.

Forrest Hall will be a stunning addition to the UWA landscape, providing a stimulating and creative living environment for Forrest scholars and rising research stars attending all five Western Australian universities on Forrest Research Foundation Scholarships.

Designed by internationally renowned Kerry Hill Architects – Kerry Hill is one of UWA’s first graduates of architecture – Forrest Hall will be built at the corner of Mounts Bay Road and Hackett Drive, overlooking the Swan River.

The four-storey development will include 33 self-catered one and two bedroom apartments, an outdoor terrace, undercroft parking facilities, and beautifully landscaped grounds with pedestrian access through to the river, for both residents and the local community to enjoy.

Views of the University’s iconic Winthrop Tower will be maintained from both Mounts Bay Road and the Swan River and, although it will be a modern building, Forrest Hall will reflect UWA’s tradition and history.

Forrest Hall is being made possible by the philanthropic donation of Andrew and Nicola Forrest, who in 2013, made the largest single donation in Australian history of $65 million. Fifteen million dollars has been provided for Forrest Hall, with the remaining $50 million to be used to establish the Forrest Research Foundation to fund scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships across all five WA universities.

Forrest Hall is scheduled to open in 2018.
Advancing Australia’s marine science capacity

If you live locally, you may have observed the progress of our newest building on the UWA campus – the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre.

Once complete, the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre will become a campus landmark and a beacon for marine science research in the southern hemisphere.

The next stage of works will involve the extensive fit-out of the internal space including specialised laboratories and work stations before the landscaping works begin.

In addition to the purpose-built facility on the Crawley campus, the project has included the refurbishment of the Department of Fisheries’ Watermans Bay Marine Centre – the Indian Ocean’s first seawater facility for broad marine research.

The building was completely stripped back and reconstructed. The replacement of all building infrastructure and services including a new roof and landscaping, upgraded internal marine culture facilities and laboratories, plus improvements to the building’s environmental performance have now been completed.

Together, the two facilities will bring together more than 300 researchers in fields ranging from marine engineering, oceanography, to marine technologies and geochemistry. The facilities will build Australia’s international marine research status through stimulating innovative, collaborative research and the teaching and training of the next generation of researchers.

The Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre is being made possible with a grant from the Australian Government and contributions from the project partners – the Australian Institute of Marine Science, CSIRO, UWA and the Department of Fisheries WA.

For further updates visit uwa.edu.au/IOMRC

Safety at UWA

The safety of all visitors to campus is one of our main concerns and our security team works hard to create a safe campus for all.

We urge all students, staff and visitors to help make UWA a better community by reporting any security related concerns to the University Security Office – call 6488 3020 (24 hours a day) or security@uwa.edu.au. In the case of an emergency please call 6488 2222.

New lights for Riley Oval

Riley Oval on the eastern side of the UWA campus is receiving a lighting upgrade.

Two existing poles in the centre of the oval are being removed and six new light poles are being installed on the perimeter. By maximizing the coverage of lighting, the upgrade will improve the safety of all users of the facility.
Reid Library transformation well underway

One of the busiest student buildings on the University’s Crawley campus is undergoing a major upgrade.

The Reid Library refurbishment project is transforming the ground-floor of the library and delivering upgrades to various services throughout the building.

A contemporary design by SCHIN Architects will create a more open and light space which flows through to the northern terrace, making the most of the library’s beautiful and central location on campus.

The refurbished facility will feature a new entrance off Saw Promenade and increase the number of student spaces for collaborative and informal learning on the ground floor from 350 to 700.

In addition, there will be improved access to WiFi, power points and locker space, increased and upgraded bathrooms and a new café.

Since its completion in 1964, Reid Library has adapted to radical technological changes, accommodated the growing university population and remained one of the busiest and most loved spaces on campus.

It receives more than one million visits annually, and is open to students, staff and the wider community.

New innovation hub launched

Robots, virtual reality, collaborative touch screens and 3D printing were on show at a new facility launched by Australia’s Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove at the University last month.

The Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove met UWA staff and students during their tour of the new Futures Observatory, which houses the latest emerging technologies to inspire academic staff across the University to create new educational experiences for students.

Professor Gilly Salmon, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education Innovation) said the Futures Observatory provided a stimulating meeting space for enabling ‘futures thinking’ about learning at UWA.

“The Futures Observatory is about embracing future opportunities and providing UWA students with a more engaging and exciting learning environment,” Professor Salmon said.
Did you know the University has a Community Partnerships Program?

The University provides support for a wide-range of initiatives including those in the fields of art and culture, sporting, education and philanthropy.

From in-kind assistance such as University venue space and merchandising to advertising through UWA channels and staffing, the program is enabling us to engage with, and give back to, the wider community.

In 2015 UWA was proud to support a wide range of organisations including the Leukaemia Foundation, West Australian Symphony Orchestra, The Smith Family and the United Nations Youth Association.

Visit uwa.edu.au/communitypartnerships

Image above: UWA’s Community Partnerships Program proudly supported the Leukaemia Foundation’s 2015 Light the Night event at UWA

Get active on campus

Looking for an opportunity to get fit and healthy?

Come and visit the UWA Recreation and Fitness Centre.

The Centre recently invested in new cardio and weights equipment, flooring, WiFi and many more added extras with membership options for students, staff, alumni and the general public.

Open from 6am to 11pm Monday to Friday, and between 6am and 9pm Saturday and Sunday there is plenty of opportunity to pop in for a quick workout!

Visit sport.uwa.edu.au or drop in and see the team at car park 1, at the north end of the Crawley campus.

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