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Thank you to all staff who have worked or are about to work so hard on the various Open Days. It is certainly a month of Sundays for La Trobe in August. I do appreciate the time and effort that so many staff put into making these days so valuable and successful for the Faculty and its programs.

Congratulations go to Dr Peter Cox and also to his principal supervisor Professor Gilah Leder and his co-supervisor Dr Graeme Byrne. Peter has been awarded the Stewart Fraser Exemplary Thesis Award which is awarded each year through the School of Educational Studies. Peter and his supervisors will each receive a certificate and medal and Peter will also receive a monetary prize. This is a most prestigious award and we are delighted that Peter has won it for this year. The awards will be presented on Thursday August 10th at Bundoora. Congratulations also go to all of the award winners in the various prize ceremonies which have been held at Bendigo and at Albury-Wodonga. These were excellent occasions where educational achievements of both our staff and students are showcased to the University community and to the wider community.

The Inaugural Dean's Lecture will be held at the Bendigo campus on September 11th at 6.00pm. The presenter will be Dr Samuel Totten whose topic will be "Who Cares About Human Rights and Genocide? A Major Educational Issue". Dr Totten will focus on international human rights, the genocide in Darfur, and the rebuilding process in Rwanda where he is currently working following the 1994 genocide. The Inaugural Dean's lecture will be held at the Albury-Wodonga campus on October 17th and will be presented by Dr Ramon Lewis. Further details will be provided before this occasion.

We welcome Professor Noel Gough to his role as Head of the School of Outdoor Education and Environment. We wish Noel all the best as he takes on this appointment and assure him of our support. I also take this opportunity to formally thank Dr Peter Martin most sincerely for the incredible dedication and commitment that he has displayed to the School during his time as Head of School. We are greatly indebted to him and also wish him well as he moves back more intensively into his own research and scholarship.

We are pleased to have been granted additional Commonwealth Supported Places for the Bachelor of Physical and Outdoor Education, Bachelor of Physical and Health Education and the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) all at the Bendigo campus. These places came to

the University through the Commonwealth Government's last allocation of new places to priority areas within universities.

The Associate Dean (Research), Dr Margaret Robertson has been working with representatives from each School and with Heads of School and senior Faculty managers regarding setting up some research and scholarship focus clusters around themes which are central to our academic strengths within the Faculty. Shortly Dr Robertson will be providing further information to all staff regarding this exciting new direction and a staff "workshop" will be held later in the year when the Faculty as a whole will set the directions for the next phase of our growth in the areas of research and also learning and teaching.

There are many different University wide reviews being conducted at the moment and these are likely to set the future for the next decade or so within the University. These include Workplace Productivity, PR/Marketing, Branding, Demographics and Catchment areas for the University, real estate usage at Bundoora campus, and space and facilities across all campuses. All of these reviews will inform the strategic plan which has been articulated for the University until 2010 and beyond. I also am to give the annual report for the Faculty of Education to the University Council at its October meeting. In bringing all of the information together for that I will be asking people to provide details of various programs, events and important directions of the Faculty over the past year. It has been an amazing 12 months and I am sure that this first formal Annual Report of the Faculty of Education will show the growth and continued dynamism of this Faculty. There are also some course reviews occurring within this Faculty and it is crucial that we be as bold and forward looking in these as we possibly can. Doing what we have always done in the way we have always done it will not be sufficient to take us forward into the next decade of our operations and thus, those who are charged with course reviews, will be called upon to be creative, far sighted and contemporary in the way they regard learning, teaching and research. We look forward to the outcomes of these course reviews and to a new and exciting time ahead.

Cheers,