

WE'RE BACK AND JAM PACKED!



Welcome to the second edition of La Trobe Student News! After a successful release of our first edition last month, we are back again to deliver to you news about the “going-ons” of La Trobe University. We aim to keep you up-to-date with news and events from *your* university.

The Student News has been designed to cover the necessary news, important announcements and opportunities on campus relevant to you. The Student Engagement team also aims to ensure that students from *all* campuses are represented. We welcome student contributions, and suggestions or tips for articles can be sent to:

studentengagement@latrobe.edu.au

Student Bonus Update

Thanks to the Rudd Government’s \$10.4 billion stimulus package designed to help counter the global economic crisis, some 440,000 TAFE and university students will receive a one-off \$950 training and learning bonus to assist with costs for this academic year. For students to be eligible for the payments, they must be receiving Centrelink payments.

In addition, students who worked part-time and lodged a tax return last financial year will also qualify for the \$900 stimulus payment. All, up some student’s will receive \$1850.

“Graduate Certificate, Diploma and a small number of Coursework Masters may be eligible for the Training and Learning Bonus, but only if they had not exhausted their Austudy or Youth Allowance entitlements and were still recipients as at 3 February 2009. ABSTUDY recipients will be eligible for the Bonus regardless of course of study (although eligibility requirements specific to the package still apply).” CAPA President, Nigel Palmer said.

Payments are distributed by postcode, so don’t stress if you have not received your entitled stimulus. The Tax Office asks people to be patient and not to call about the progress of payments until after May 16 because of the large number of payments it is making.

Source: The Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) (<http://www.capa.edu.au/>)

A QUEST FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE: Fighting corruption around the world

A public lecture hosted by La Trobe University’s Public Sector Governance and Accountability Research Centre in Conjunction with Transparency International (Australia).

To be delivered by Cobus de Swardt, Managing Director for Global Programs at Transparency International, the world’s leading non-governmental organisation fighting corruption. As a campaigner for tougher international action against global corruption,

Cobus' efforts have won him international acclaim. Joining Cobus in responding to this global issue is Tim Costello, Chief Executive of World Vision, Australia.

For more information visit:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/lawman/events/event-20-05-09>

Wednesday 20 May 2009

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Agora lecture theatre, La Trobe University

Admission is FREE

Email: l.damevski@latrobe.edu.au

Phone: 9479 5183

What is the Australian Graduate Survey?

After completing your university studies, you will be invited to participate in the Australian Graduate Survey (AGS). The survey includes the Graduate Destinations Survey and Course Experience Questionnaire.

These surveys provide the University with valuable information on where our graduates get jobs and the level of satisfaction with courses. This data helps with planning, resourcing and improving the University's course offerings.

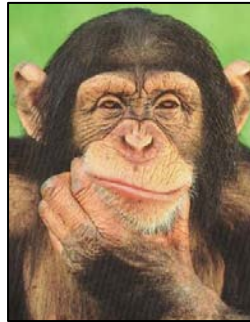
The 2008 survey tells us that

- The median annual starting salary for new Australian resident bachelor degree graduates aged less than 25 and in their first full-time employment in Australia was \$43 000 (\$41 500 in 2007).
- Overall satisfaction with courses measured by the Course Experience Questionnaire (CEQ) remains at a high level, with 89.3 per cent of graduates expressing broad satisfaction with their courses.

For more information about the Australian Graduate Survey, please visit www.latrobe.edu.au/students/ags

Name The News!

Applications are still open for your chance to "Name the News". Just email your suggestion for this newsletter and you could win a \$30 JB HI-FI voucher.



Suggestions so far include:

- La Tro**B**EES
- Scholar Age
- La Trobe *UN*ty
- The Charles. J. La Trobe Journal

Thanks to everyone who has submitted a suggestion- please send your ideas in and they will be put to the vote in the June edition, so get in quick!

Email entries to: studentengagement@latrobe.edu.au

WINTER WARMERS: good grub on a student budget

As other students will more than likely tell you, there are 3 major concerns when organising your meals: How expensive is it? Does it taste good? And, how long does it take to make? Time and money are not resources that students are renowned for having an abundance of, so here are some quick, easy, and inexpensive ideas for making some good grub instead of spending a fortune at Uni.

Omelettes

Omelettes are easy and inexpensive to make, and make for a great "anytime" meal. You can pretty much add anything you like to an omelette, so try experimenting by adding some of your favourite extras. Place 4 eggs in a bowl and beat lightly with a fork. Add 2 table spoons of water and chopped capsicum, onion, tomato and parsley, and let it stand for 5 minutes.

Brush a frying pan with a little oil, and heat. Pour mixture into hot pan. Using a spatula, lift the edges of the partly cooked omelette so that the uncooked mixture spreads evenly over the base of the pan. Tilt pan allowing uncooked egg to flow to the edge. Repeat until mixture is set but still moist. You can also add filling inc. bacon, cheese or mushrooms!

Nachos

A student favourite! Top low salt corn chips with taco sauce mixed with sauté vegetables. Sprinkle with low fat grated cheddar cheese. Grill or bake in moderate oven for approximately 10 minutes or in microwave for 60 seconds. Serve with mashed avocado or low fat sour cream/low fat cottage cheese

Check out other student recipes at www.studentrecipes.com

Arnold answers your questions

Dear "Arnold",

I have noticed things that need fixing around campus such as drinking fountains, and lights that don't work. How can we notify the maintenance department of these jobs?

Regards,
 Jim Royston
 Hi Jim!

Yes, I too have noticed some maintenance issues around the University as of late. The best way to begin to rectify these would be to contact the department in charge of the area that is in need of maintenance. For example, if the toilets are damaged in the Donald Whitehead building, perhaps contact the School of Business Office located on level 2. This similarly goes for other schools at La Trobe.

If the maintenance issue is outside the faculty buildings, you can contact the La Trobe maintenance service. Their details are listed at: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/bg/maint.html>

You can send an email to maintenance@latrobe.edu.au or call (03) 9479 2017. It is good to see people taking an interest in the wellbeing of their University. Keep it up, Jim!

SQUARK!

ASK ARNOLD!

Arnold is your campus oracle, possessing the knowledge and wisdom needed to answer all your questions about university life. Whether it is finding out how to start your own student group, how to get the most out of lectures, or where to get the best coffee on campus, Arnold is the man... err... bird!



Email Arnold at studentengagement@latrobe.edu.au and your answer will appear in the next edition of Student News. (Arnold is an actual student!)

LaTrobe University Library

Did you know?

Your Library is fully networked which means students at all campuses have access to the

resources of a major academic Library. This is becoming more important as more resources are now online so it does not matter whether you are studying in Mildura or Melbourne, you have access to the 400+ databases of scholarly materials that the Library subscribes to, e-books and journals and more. What you see on the shelves at the campus Libraries is only half of the picture – there are at least as many resources again online!

Library News

The latest edition of *Library News* is out now! Find out what we are doing in response to the feedback you gave us last year, and the new Web2.0 Library Guides on nearly 100 subject areas including one for everyone - 'Can't I just Google?' - about how using some good search and Library skills can help you increase your grades and get your study done more quickly.

There's also information about new resources, services and events. Read *Library News* at

www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/about/publications.php and subscribe online so you don't miss another edition!



Handy academic calendar/bookmark

Do you have one of these handy book marks with key dates for your studies printed on one side? If not, pick one up at your campus Library.

Considered Volunteering Overseas?

The Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) Program aims to strengthen mutual understanding between Australia and the countries of the Asia-Pacific region and make a positive contribution to development.

The Program achieves these aims by placing skilled young Australian (18-30) on short-term assignments in developing countries in the Asia Pacific region. AYAD volunteers work with local counterparts in Host Organisations to achieve sustainable development outcomes through capacity building, skills transfer and institutional strengthening.

Every year, the AYAD Program places 400 young Australians on short-term assignments (3-12 months) in developing countries across the Asia Pacific region.

AYAD assignments cover a diverse range of sectors including Education, Environment, Gender, Governance, Health, Infrastructure, Rural Development and Trades.

The AYAD Program is an Australian Government, AusAID initiative and is fully funded by the Australian Government's overseas aid agency, AusAID. For more information, visit:

<http://www.ayad.com.au/asp/home.aspx>

Need to find work?

Register to online at:



www.latrobe.edu.au/careers

You can also check out other useful employment websites and events on and off campus.

Win a free UK Travel Experience!

myOE are giving twenty UK Travel Prizes to Aussie & Kiwi undergraduates in 2009, and one will be from La Trobe University.

myOE wants to give students a unique taste of UK lifestyle during the mid year break in July, as a reward for their hard work. Each unique UK travel prize is valued at \$8000. Your 'once in a lifetime' two week tour will include:

- return airfares from Sydney or Auckland to London
- accommodation at the myOE London Guest House
- allocated travel expenses and spending money

- adventures to UK's best sights + lots of free time
- the UK ride of your life in the myOE Van

Can you catch our eye?

Entrants have been using video and photos and words to show us why they should be amongst the chosen few. And are we giving out extra points for being original, creative or even a bit mad? Yes!

So get registered! www.myOE.com/freeOE

Entries close midnight Friday 15 May, 2009-04-28

Students with Refugee/Asylum Seeker Background

The Equality and Diversity Centre offers a support program for students who arrived in Australia as refugees or asylum seekers. Support includes assistance in applying for a place at La Trobe University and/or a Commonwealth Scholarship, financial assistance in the form of textbook gift vouchers or transport tickets, and scholarships including a residential scholarship covering the cost of on-campus accommodation.

One such student that has benefited from the support program in Bendigo is student Abdihakim Sharif. This year Abdihakim has received a residential scholarship designed to help students from educational or culturally disadvantaged backgrounds with accommodation for the full year. With a VCE ENTER score of 90.55, Abdihakim originates from Somalia and is studying Bachelor of Oral Health.

Support offered by the University can make a huge difference to the lives of students with a refugee background. The programs and scholarships offered by the University's Equality and Diversity Centre

encourage refugees and students from a disadvantaged background to aspire to higher education.

If you have any questions or queries on the support programs for refugees, or any other equity programs, please contact your nearest La Trobe Contact Person:

Bundoora: Ms Holly Langfield	Phone 9479 2900
Bendigo: Ms Claire Nihill	Phone 5444 7941
Albury Wodonga: Marita Quaglio	Phone 6024 9628
Shepparton: Ms Rhonda King	Phone 5821 8316
Mildura: Mr Simon Gibson	Phone 5051 4001

Albury-Wodonga News and Events

Graduation Ceremony provides inspiration and distinction

A very successful graduation ceremony at the Albury-Wodonga campus on the 17th April included a positive new element - a Valedictory Address, which was delivered year by a graduate from the Faculty of Law and Management.

The inaugural Address was delivered by Mr Khodadad (Jason) Rezaee, who overcame significant hardship as a refugee from Afghanistan in 2001 to further his education, graduating with a Bachelor of Business from the Albury-Wodonga campus.

Jason's inspiring speech was a fitting end to the formal ceremony and he has since delivered his speech again at the recent Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony in Melbourne.

2009 Dean's Lecture

Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering
 Professor David Findlay, Dean

“What’s needed to engage rural students in Science?”

Many of the issues that involve us all, such as climate change, the introduction of new technologies, the quality of our environment and the production of food, all have a strong science and technology foundation. Will we have the skilled people in these areas, especially in rural Australia, to lead and advise us in the future?

Thursday 21 May, commencing at 6:00pm
 Main Lecture Theatre, Building 6

RSVP Essential - by 14 May

T (+61 2) 6024 9895

E psych.aw@latrobe.edu.au

Refreshments will be served following the lecture.



Students please remember that the Library Training Room is open each weekday to provide access to more computer terminals, unless booked for training. Reference staff are also available at the Information Desk to help you in person or you may like to contact us online.

You can [Ask a Librarian](#) to receive a response via email or take advantage of the Online Chat which is now operating from 11am to 1pm each weekday

Hangar Café & Bar



Renovations are **FINALLY** over!!

Come in and enjoy our new surrounds.

Great food, including our daily meal specials, home made salads, our fabulous, fresh salad bar (for all your roll and sandwich needs), the ever popular fried food and much more!

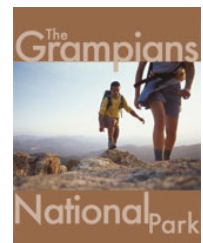
Don't forget to use your free coffee voucher

Bendigo News and Events

Grampians National Park Trip

Saturday 23rd- Sunday 24th May

The Grampians National Park is famous for some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in Australia and the perfect place for relaxation and adventure.



Experience amazing lookouts and cascading waterfalls before spending the night in Halls Gap. Brace yourself for an exhilarating introduction to rock climbing the following day.

Cost: \$85 Guild
 \$95 non Guild LTUB students
 \$130 General

Includes: Transport, accommodation (bunk bed, linen supplied) dinner & breakfast, rock climbing session

Dep: 8:00am from University

Return: approx. 4:00pm on Sunday

Students who are interested will need to go to the BSA Info Centre and register their details & pay a 50% deposit. **11 Spots available.** Please call 5444 7988 if you have any queries relating to the trip.

Have your say about the La Trobe website- and get fed!

The University wants to understand how you are using the internet to access services for students. We want to have a discussion with students on your thoughts on how services are and should be made available online. Your opinions and ideas will help us provide a service you want.

Every participant will receive a free meal as well as a \$20 book store voucher.

Undergraduate students at Bendigo are welcome to attend a focus group:

Date: Monday May 11 Time: 1-2pm
 Location: IBC108
 Register here <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/yoursay/>

Help welcome new students

Volunteers sought (Australian locals and international students) to help out at the Welcome Festival for the second semester International Students.

Attend a panel and answer questions from the new students about campus life, and life in Bendigo on July 21st at the Iron Bark Centre. Lunch Included.

Please contact: Grace White Feather
 Coordinator, International Student Support Services,
 Bendigo
 Email: G.WhiteFeather@latrobe.edu.au
 Tel: 5444 7286

Bendigo Campus Events Calendar

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/bendigo/events>

Bundoora News and Events

May Careers Seminars

Resume Seminar

Tue 26th 1.00pm — 2.00pm

Job Hunting Seminars

Fri 8th 1.00pm — 2.00pm

Wed 20th 1.00pm — 2.00pm

Interview Seminars

Wed 13th 1.00pm — 2.00pm

Mon 25th 1.00pm — 2.00pm

All seminars held in the Careers and Employment Seminar Room, Peribolos East, Bundoora Campus.

Become a Careers Ambassador

Careers and Employment is looking for enthusiastic students who want to participate in the Careers Ambassadors Program in semester 2, 2009.

Are you seeking an opportunity to enhance your skills in communication, public relations, marketing, research and administration?

Do you want to develop new skills and add valuable experience to your resume?

Voluntary positions for Careers Ambassadors are now available at Careers & Employment, Bundoora campus.

TO APPLY: Download the position description from the website, or drop in. Web: www.latrobe.edu.au/careers

Drop in: Level 1 - Peribolos East, Bundoora

Email: careers@latrobe.edu.au

Mid-Year Entry Expo

Tuesday 19 May

3-7pm State Library of Victoria

This is a great opportunity to discuss your study options – whether you’re thinking about further study, or wanting to change career paths.

Please mention the event to any friends and family who may be currently considering university studies.

For more info visit www.latrobe.edu.au/midyear or simply call us on 1300 135 045.

Community Events

Saturday 9 May

Book sale at Reservoir Scout Hall

Stock up your home library without spending a fortune. There’s a huge variety of second-hand books for \$1 or less. Darebin Libraries in partnership with Reservoir Scouts.

Where: Reservoir Scout Hall, Edwardes Lake Park

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

www.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au

Saturday 16 May

Art in a Teacup – Cancer Council fundraiser

Join Bundoora Homestead for an afternoon tea party to help raise money for the Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. Come along and enjoy an exhibition of works donated by local artists including paintings, drawings, ceramics and the indispensable items for any tea party - tea cosies and tea towels! All works will be for sale and the proceeds will be donated to The Cancer Council Victoria.

Where: Bundoora Homestead Access Gallery, 7-27 Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora 3083 (enter from Prospect Hill Drive)

Time: 2:00pm www.bundoorahomestead.com

Ongoing- Every Sunday

Greensborough Community Market

The Greensborough Community Market which has been operating for over 30 years in Greensborough is moving to Darebin due to the redevelopment of the Greensborough Precinct. The market, with over 100 stalls including fresh bread, fruit and vegies, second hand goods, plants, coffee and treats is relocating to La Trobe University.

Where: La Trobe University Car Park 2

Parking: Free Parking is available in Car Park 1

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm No Dogs.

Mildura News and Events

Adjusting to Tertiary Life

First year students are invited to take part in a mentoring programme, to help prepare for life ahead as a University student.

The application process includes a training session for both mentors and mentees, an interview and an interest survey (for matching purposes). Mentors and Mentees can then set a time to meet, that suits both of them.

To find out more, please contact:

Troy Fikaris, Student Services Officer

Ph: 5051 4033

E-mail: t.fikaris@latrobe.edu.au

**LaTrobe
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Mildura

Have you seen the new workstation in the library?

It not only adds extra computers for you to use, but makes the area more spacious and attractive. There are two sections with no built –in computers. These are ideal for users with their own laptops.

Returning students who still have the old blue cards should look at getting their cards updated to the new red type. These work more reliably with the new Transact LaTrobe card register.

Did you know you can now request videos from other campuses for yourself? Just use the *Request Forms* link on the library home page to bring you to

Intercampus loan (audiovisual) form. Fill out the form and the video/DVD will come to the library ready for you to pick up.

Don't try this with books though. If you put a hold on a book, it will sit on the HOLD shelf in Bundoora, Bendigo or Albury –Wodonga waiting for you to pick it up!

Community Events

Mildura City Heart Sunday Market Sunday 10, 7am-1pm

Langtree Mall, between 8th & 9th Streets

You can find a number of goodies including crafts, clothing, home cooking, fruit & veg as well as jams and pickles.

Tri-State Masters

Sunday 17 to Saturday 23

Coomealla, Berri, Mildura Golf Courses

Golf tournament for male and female adult golfers.

Played over 3 states-Coomealla (NSW), Berri (SA) and Mildura (VIC). For more information contact 5024 6799.

Shepparton News and Events

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Shepparton

Wireless access

Students can now bring their laptops into the library to access the LTU network – this is great for group work and for Thursday mornings and Sundays when the five library computers are much in demand while the lab is

being used by a class. Ring SITS (5444 7888) for assistance with configuration.

Printing

The library now has a new printer supplied by Campus Graphics. It does double sided copies and colour prints, though its main attraction is that it is quick; students were quite frustrated with the old one that would sometimes take longer to print lecture notes than the actual class! That may be an exaggeration but the new printer has been well received.

A Cash Reloader has been installed in the library so students can add coins to their Transact accounts. Money can still be added at Welsford St or Online.

Community Events

Turaton Music Company at the Movies

Concert entertainment at it's best - performed by Turaton Music Company full choir together with individual artists showcasing well known theme songs from the movies such as Shrek, Saturday night Fever, Mamma Mia, Southern Pacific and much more.

Wednesday 13 May 2009, 7.30pm

St Augustines Church Hall, Tickets at the door

Contact: 0358 214 076 for more information.

Submit an article

Students and staff are welcome to submit articles.

Next cut off date is: Wednesday 27th May

Email: studentengagement@latrobe.edu.au