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Breaking ground on UniSA's Great Hall

It was a ground breaking moment for the Great Hall last week as a turning of the sod ceremony set in motion the start of construction on the new \$50 million building, which will become a landmark at the heart of both City West campus and the Adelaide's West End precinct upon completion in 2017.

Situated next door to the University's award-winning Jeffrey Smart Building, the new sporting and cultural complex is expected to continue the revitalisation of the West End, providing versatile spaces for students and the wider community.

With a Welcome to Country provided by Uncle Lewis O'Brien and the first soil of the site being shovelled by dignitaries including UniSA Chancellor, Dr Ian Gould, the event was further marked with the burying of a time capsule. The capsule contained an indigenous artefact, an edition of UniSA's *enterprise* magazine from 2015, a UniSA Sports item, a donor book and a 2015 graduations book.

Those attending also had the opportunity to view the design plans of the Great Hall, including its sports complex, which will feature a 25-metre, five-lane, heated swimming pool, to be built alongside a fully-equipped gym and an exercise studio.

With a main multifunction space that can be transformed to cater for different types of events, the Great Hall will be used for graduations, exams and other functions including alumni gatherings, sports meetings, seminars and exhibitions. A mezzanine function space will also add to its flexibility as a venue.

Award-winning South Australian firm JPE Design Studio, renowned Norwegian architecture firm, Snøhetta, and South Australia's own JamFactory are behind the design of the building.

For more information on how you can embed yourself in the Great Hall, go to the UniSA [website](#).



UniSA challenging the STEM gender gap with new SAGE pilot

In an effort to combat the gender gap within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers, UniSA has joined the first Australian trial of the successful UK Athena Swan gender equity accreditation program, the Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) pilot.

The pilot aims to promote and retain women and gender minorities in STEM by introducing a gold, silver or bronze award rating system that evaluates the gender equity policies and practices of the participating organisations.

With UniSA named as one of the 32 Australian organisations participating, Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research and Innovation, Professor Tanya Monro has expressed her passion and excitement for the University's involvement in the program.

"UniSA is committed to working towards the advancement of gender equity in academia, addressing unequal gender representation across academic disciplines, and removing the obstacles faced by women at major points of career development and progression," Prof Monro says.

"Women make up more than half of science PhD graduates and early career researchers, but just 17 per cent of senior academics in institutions across the country.

“Reaching gender parity in science leadership in Australia is really important. It’s about keeping our brightest minds in the fields in which they have the most potential to deliver.

“UniSA is proud of our existing gender equity policies and activities such as women-specific research scholarships and professional development programs, but being part of SAGE is an opportunity to go that extra mile and be recognised as a real leader in Australia.”

The SAGE pilot, a partnership between the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, will be in effect at UniSA by September 2016.

For more information, see the [related media release](#).

Team UniSA shines at the City to Bay

More than 120 Team UniSA participants from a diverse range of backgrounds and academic fields hit the pavement last month for the 2015 City to Bay Fun Run.



The Team UniSA participants joined thousands of competitors, who ran or walked from the Adelaide city centre to Glenelg, with some great results.

Adrian Potter was the first male UniSA competitor to complete the 12 kilometre run, finishing an impressive 24th place overall with a time of just 40 minutes and 11 seconds. The first Team UniSA female to cross the line was Elise Bennett, in a time of 53 minutes and 22 seconds.

In the six kilometre run, Tony Cooper ran a time of 30 minutes and 41 seconds to be the first UniSA male to finish, while Krystle Crouch was the first UniSA female to finish with a time of 33 minutes and 54 seconds.

For human movement student Angus Pike, it was the first time he had competed in the City to Bay. He said he felt a sense of accomplishment after finishing the 12 kilometre run.

“I set goals and achieved them as I went which was good,” he said.

“The event had a great atmosphere, and the event volunteers contributed to that as much as the participants did.

“I highly recommend being part of Team UniSA because the team was great to run with and everyone was really encouraging and supportive.”

For more highlights and photos, go to the [UniSA Sport website](#).

UniSA marketing professors among the world’s most cited

A new analysis of the citation impact of Australian marketing professors places UniSA ahead of business schools at Harvard, Wharton, Melbourne and Sydney.

The report, published in the *Australasian Marketing Journal*, shows that marketing professors in Australian and New Zealand business schools perform well in terms of both the quality and quantity of research publications, with a few universities, such as UniSA and Western Australia, performing at the very highest of world standards.

The analysis covered 195 universities, 2263 marketing academics, and their publications this century (2001-2013).

You can view the report [online](#).

Alumni stand out at Telstra Women’s Business Awards

UniSA alumni took out four awards in the 2015 Telstra SA Business Women’s Awards this month.

The 2015 Telstra South Australian Business Woman of the Year went to MBA alumna Kate Thiele (pictured right), who is Chief Executive of Guide Dogs SA/NT.

Thiele also won the For Purpose and Social Enterprise Award for having overseen extraordinary growth in her organisation.

The 2015 Telstra South Australian Young Business Woman of the Year went to Ashleigh Stiling, who is Operations Shift Coordinator for Harsco Metals and Minerals. Stiling, a Bachelor of Business and Enterprise graduate, was recognised for her rapid rise through the ranks in a male-dominated industry.

Michaela Webster, Chief Operating Officer for On the Run/Peregrine Corporation, who is a Bachelor of Business graduate, won the Corporate and Private Award.

Congratulations to UniSA staff finalists in the Government and Academia category:

Professor Marie Wilson, Pro Vice Chancellor (Business and Law) UniSA Business School; and Professor Allison

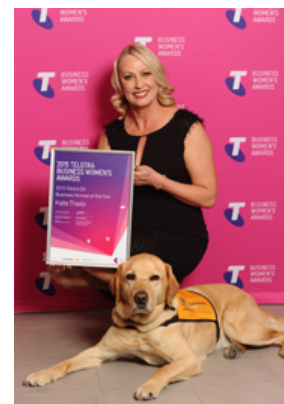


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Cowin, Research Professor, Future Industries Institute, UniSA.

A further five UniSA alumni were among the finalists: Julie Astley a MBA graduate who is Director of Operations (Client Services) at Novita Children's Services; Sharyn Broer, CEO Meals on Wheels SA who is a Bachelor of Applied Science, Occupational Therapy graduate; Karina Bunker, General Manager of Human Resources with Novita Children's Services who holds a Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Management; Helen Edwards from Diabetes Counselling Online and Recycled Interiors who has a Bachelor of Social Work; and Stella Thredgold, Executive of Corporate Resources, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank who holds a Bachelor of Accounting.

Soil scientist secures special award

UniSA Adjunct Professor Nanthi Bolan has been presented with the 2015 American Society of Agronomy (ASA) Fellow Award, the highest honour bestowed by the scientific society.

The annual ASA awards recognise outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research. Only 0.3 per cent of the society's thousands of active and emeritus members can be made Fellows.

Prof Bolan has already been presented with the American Society of Soil Science Fellow Award in 2011 when he was working as the Chair of Environmental Science at UniSA.

Prof Bolan, whose research focuses on sustainable approaches to maintain soil health, was nominated for the award by colleagues for his impressive professional achievements and meritorious service to ASA.

"It is a great honour to be recognised by ASA for the soil and agronomy research work undertaken at UniSA," Prof Bolan said.

"I believe I was able to achieve this award because of the excellent laboratory facilities and research support provided by UniSA and colleagues at the Centre for Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation (CERAR)."

Across his career in soil sciences and environmental remediation, Prof Bolan has served as the Dean of Graduate Studies at UniSA and as the leader of the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment Programme on Prevention Technologies.

He is currently a Professor of Environmental Chemistry at the Global Centre for Environmental Remediation at the University of Newcastle.

Unitopia is back

Unitopia is a chance for UniSA students to take a break from the stressful exam period and treat themselves to a day of rest and relaxation.

The UniSA Student Association (USASA) hosted event will alternate from the City West, City East, Magill and Mawson Lakes campuses towards the end of October.

Free drinks and ice-cream will be available, as well as massages, henna tattoos and meditation sessions to help relieve the stress of exams.

Unitopia will also feature an animal petting zoo which will allow everyone to interact with a number of farm animals including rabbits, lambs, ducks, and chickens.

"It has been scientifically proven that interaction with gentle, friendly animals can have beneficial effects on physical and mental health," USASA marketing coordinator Tom Wilson says.

"Unitopia presents an opportunity to relax, smile and forget about your exams and deadlines without having to leave the campus."

This is the second time Unitopia has taken place this year, following on from the popular inaugural event in June, and USASA are hoping to replicate that same success next month.

Wilson also said USASA is hoping to continue running the biannual event into the next year and beyond.

Unitopia will start at 11am at Magill on October 21, and later move to Mawson Lakes on October 22, City West on October 27, and City East on October 28.



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