

Professor Alister Jones appointed as DVC

Professor Alister Jones, the newly appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor, has been asked by the Vice-Chancellor to take the academic lead for the Tauranga Portfolio.

As DVC Alister is responsible for research development, the academic curriculum, quality assurance and will continue to progress teaching and research collaborations at national and international levels.

Formerly Dean of the Faculty of Education, Alister's background is in science and technology education. He has been a director of the Centre for Science and Technology Education Research and of the Wilf Malcolm Institute of Educational Research. He is currently a visiting professor at Kings College London and at the Institute of Education Hong Kong. He is also a member of the APEC working group on science and maths teacher education.



Alister has had a long involvement in the Bay of Plenty through his work with Education and is looking forward to expanding this connection through his new role.



Polytechnic and University host 'Business After 5'

Tauranga business people had an opportunity to find out more about the University and Polytechnic partnership at the October Chamber of Commerce networking event, 'Business After Five'.

Around 130 people turned up to hear Dr Alan Hampton and Professor Roy Crawford talk about how the partnership is working with business and industry to develop relevant pathway programmes that contribute to the economic and social wellbeing of the region.

Daylight saving gave guests the opportunity to enjoy the city view from the Bongard's rooftop cafe.

Caption: At BA5 from left, Professor Roy Crawford, CEO Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Max Mason and Alan Hampton

Marine Science joins growing list of partnership pathways

From 2012 students completing BoPP's Diploma in Marine Studies and Diploma in Environmental Management will get the opportunity to pathway through to the third year of UoW's Bachelor of Science (BSc) majoring in Biological Science.

BoPP Group Leader Marine, Dean Tully, says the new pathway provides an exciting opportunity for the students and creates smoother pathways into post-graduate research. "This will enhance the relationship between the two organisations and BoPP staff are looking forward to working with their counterparts at UoW."

"The recent appointment by the UoW of Professor Chris Battershill as the Chair of Coastal Science for the Bay of Plenty has also helped enhance the relationship between the two organisations. It's fantastic to have someone of Professor Battershill's calibre helping to lead and explore new research opportunities within the region and he also provides a useful academic liaison role."



Marine surveying out at Tuhua Marine Reserve

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Mr Bowker has lived in Tauranga since 1996 and shot to local fame when he proposed the redevelopment of the old Tauranga Club in Devonport Road in the heart of the city. His plan to develop the building into a 16-level apartment and hotel complex changed the profile of the inner city and led the way for future development in downtown Tauranga.

In the early 2000s, Mr Bowker decided to upskill and completed an MBA at the UoW in Tauranga. He has since gone on to become active in the business community and strategic development of Tauranga, invited by the Tauranga City Council to be a member of the City Centre Strategy Steering Committee.

"It's my continued ambition to undertake challenges that ultimately make positive differences. Tauranga, as one of the faster growing cities in New Zealand, has both opportunities and challenges in abundance," says Mr Bowker. "Being involved in different aspects of this growth has been personally rewarding and fun."

"This award, from such a reputable academic institution is certainly acknowledgement of the validity of my endeavours and as such is greatly appreciated."



Fay Cowan, UoW (left), and Victoria Allot,, BOPP, explored the benefits of the Health & Wellness meditation session with facilitator Terry Keillor

'Get Match Fit' Health and Wellness week

The annual Health and Wellness week kicked off at the Atrium on 23 September with the Open Mic challenge where our home-grown, stand up comedians reminded us of the health benefits of a having a good laugh. The week comprised a range of activities from bone density testing, nutrition, laughing yoga, meditation, health and wellness checks and more. The week finished with the ergo team rowing challenge led by the Bay of Plenty Steamers.

Partnership Secondary School Study Intention Survey

For the last seven years BoPP and the UoW have undertaken research with nine local secondary schools in order to help understand the demand for tertiary education in our region. The field work for 2011 will begin in October with reports due out March 2012.

The main objectives of this research are to identify secondary school students' choice of programme, the level of qualification that students aspire to and the extent to which students would study in Tauranga. If you'd like to review the results of the 2010 Secondary School Study Intention Survey, please contact maggie.hope@boppoly.ac.nz or ncalder@waikato.ac.nz

ISS Update

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A Federation Project was launched by the two organisations last month to enable UoW staff seamless access to resources based at Tauranga. Staff will be able to log on from any BoPP machine and access all of their resources they would normally have access to. It is planned for this to be ready at the start of Semester One 2012.

The BOPP Team are also working to implement EduRoam which will allow all UoW staff to access Wi-Fi on BOPP campuses.

BoPP End of Year Graduations

Graduation week will commence on the 12 December. Details are:
Applied Technology Graduation; Monday, 12 December @ 6:30pm
Applied Science Graduation; Tuesday, 13 December @ 2:00pm
Business Studies Graduation; Tuesday, 13 December @ 6:30pm
Design & Humanities Graduations (2); Wednesday, 14 December @ 11:00am and 3:30pm

All ceremonies will be held at the Holy Trinity Event Centre. If you would like to attend any of these ceremonies, or for further information please contact the BoPP Event Co-ordinator: nicole.richardson@boppoly.ac.nz

In Brief

UoW Post-Graduate Research Day – Friday 21 October

As part of Post-graduate research month, the University will be running workshops for supervisors and students, and those considering post-graduate study, on Friday 21 October in Tauranga. For more information, <http://www.waikato.ac.nz/sasd/postgraduate/postgraduatemonth.shtml>

The Westpac Business Awards will be held this year at the TECT Arena on Friday, 4 November. Both institutions are sponsors at this annual event:

BoPP - Community Organisation Award
UoW – Manufacturing and/or Distribution Award

Maharaia upgrade

Work is in progress on installation of new lift.

Christmas Holiday Shutdown

BOPP will be closed from 5pm on Thursday, 22 December and will re-open on Monday, 9 January.
UoW will be closed from 5pm on Friday 16 December and will re-open on Wednesday 4 January .
BOPP ISS and Facilities will provide skeleton support for UoW staff for the week ending 6 January.

Suggestions

If you have any suggestions or something you'd like to contribute to the quarterly Partnership eNewsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Meg Jones meg.jones@boppoly.ac.nz or Millie Freeman milliefr@waikato.ac.nz

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