Edith Cowan University 1991-2001: the journey so far

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EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY 1991-2011
the journey so far
In celebrating the 20th anniversary of Edith Cowan University (ECU), we have reflected on: our history; our rapid growth in student numbers; course offerings; infrastructure; and the many achievements of our talented people and, of course, the University as a whole. In looking to the future, we recognise the strength and determination of the people who make up our University community will drive our continued success — our students, staff, alumni, partners, and members of committees, Boards and Council.

At ECU we are proud to be recognised as an inclusive and accessible University with a focus on quality teaching and research inspired by engagement and partnerships that benefit our communities. Results of annual national surveys repeatedly reveal that our students consider the quality of teaching at ECU to be among the best in Australia.

We have world-class teaching facilities, such as the ECU Health Simulation Centre, which enable students to gain confidence in technical aspects of service delivery without risking lives. Infrastructure projects recently completed include the construction of a multi-storey engineering building at Joondalup and, at Mount Lawley, new student accommodation and an extension to WAAPA, ECU’s highly acclaimed Performing Arts Academy.

Our research capability has been developing steadily and we are now proud to be at the forefront in many fields of research with a growing range of quality partners. Highlights, to name just a few, include research into social justice; child health issues such as cyber bullying; laser technology; ecology; Parkinson’s Disease; Alzheimer’s Disease; and our work with the ECU-Fogarty Professional Learning Centre, which uses video technology to improve how teachers engage with students.

A culmination of our University’s engagement partnerships to date was the honour of receiving, against Australia-wide competition, the 2010 Business/Higher Education Round Table (B-HERT) Ashley Goldsworthy Award for Sustained Collaboration between Business and Tertiary Education — a testament of our contributions and commitment to the community.

This book, published on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of ECU becoming a University, highlights just some of our people, facilities and achievements from the past two decades. In planning for this publication we received many fine photographic contributions for which we are immensely grateful. It is unfortunate that we have been unable to incorporate all of them.

“Edith Cowan University 1991-2011: The Journey So Far” is dedicated to all who have been a part of ECU’s history. It is my great pleasure to thank all of you for your tremendous efforts, which have contributed to this success story. We look towards building on these strong foundations. In moving forward, we hope that all of our graduates maintain their contact with ECU through our Alumni and share with pride our successes.

Kerry O. Cox
Vice-Chancellor and President
January 2012
EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

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JOONDALUP CAMPUS Above and opposite: Modern, bold architecture is the hallmark of Edith Cowan University’s Joondalup Campus, as seen in the striking design of the Chancellery Building.
It is Western Australia’s oldest tertiary educational institution and Western Australia’s newest university.

When Edith Cowan University was awarded university status in 1991, it signalled the transformation of a collection of colleges that had offered Teacher Education — a role that dated back to 1902 — into a tertiary institution that today provides more than 400 courses to more than 25,000 students, and undertakes research of great benefit to the communities the University was established to serve.

A university is more than a collection of buildings and people. The creation of Edith Cowan University gave an opportunity to reshape the ways higher education was delivered in Western Australia and to design campuses in ways that were distinctive and well-suited for the vision of the new University.

In its design, in its gardens and vistas, in its very walls, the built environment of the University reflects much about Edith Cowan University’s approach to life and the mind — spaces that encourage inspiration and collaboration, room for reflection and thought, invigorating spaces, and provocative ones.

Since its inception, the University has carved a unique place in the landscape of Western Australia, through the five campuses it has occupied in its 20 years. From the historic limestone buildings at the University’s former campus in Claremont, to the soaring modern architecture at its home campus in Joondalup, to the stunning bush setting of its campus in Bunbury, each place tells part of the story of Edith Cowan University.
JOONDALUP CAMPUS  Opposite: The striking Library and ICT Building on the Joondalup Campus has won numerous architectural awards, including the Royal Australian Institute of Architects WA Chapter’s Best Building (Public Architecture) award in 2007, the RAIA Public Architecture Award and the Royal Institute of British Architects International Award. Above: The Science & Health Building at Joondalup, completed in 2001, was recognised immediately for its novel and imaginative interiors and exteriors. Designed by architects Jones Coulter Young, in close association with artist Andrew Leslie, the building attracted the Public/Institutional Award at the annual WA Architect Awards held by the Australian Institute of Architects. Top right and below: Architectural forms, landscaping and outdoor art are used to create attractive external spaces that link the buildings with the bustling life of campus.
Edith Cowan University began its work on five campuses — in Churchlands, Claremont, Mount Lawley, Joondalup and Bunbury — occupying land and buildings that had formerly housed the Western Australian College of Advanced Education.

Today, the University is much more consolidated and cost-effective, with three campuses that cover very different locations: on the edge of the inner city of Perth, in the city’s northern suburbs, and in the South West city of Bunbury.

The Joondalup Campus, 25km north of Perth, is the headquarters of Edith Cowan University. Designed in concert with plans for the northern city hub, the Campus is home to a remarkable blend of striking architecture and natural settings. It was always the goal of the University to make Joondalup a showcase of what a modern university could achieve through buildings and gardens.
JOONDALUP CAMPUS Left: Joondalup Campus has been designed along a central spine that provides a clear view from the Chancellery Building to the Campus lake. Opposite right: The Science & Health Building at Joondalup. Above: The newly built Health and Wellness Institute Building is a state-of-the-art facility with simulation suites that can be configured to different settings to help students experience environments such as an operating theatre, emergency department, consulting room and intensive care ward.
MOUNT LAWLEY CAMPUS Above and opposite: The Kurongkurl Katitjin building was completed in 2005, after being designed in consultation with local Nyoongar elders. The goal was to represent graphically Aboriginal culture and the Australian landscape, something achieved in the three-storey, state-of-the-art building clad in colours that reflect both the earth and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Nyoongar words about place and family are etched into the walls and a constellation of the Southern Cross on the roof symbolises the link with the natural world. Right: Lawns provide a place for students to relax between classes.
Edith Cowan University’s Mount Lawley Campus, just 3km from the centre of Perth, sits on the fringe of the City’s arts quarter, a place known as a centre for creative performance, music and dance.

The Campus is also home to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, which became part of Edith Cowan University 20 years ago and has produced some of Australia’s finest actors and performers over the past 30 years.

The University also works closely with the Perth Institute of Business Technology, an institution for international business students, as well as local schools and the community as part of the Mount Lawley Education Precinct.

Mount Lawley is the focal point for the University’s School of Education, the largest in Western Australia, and the School of Communications and Arts, where the University offers nationally recognised creative arts, communications and humanities programs.

Mount Lawley also is home to Kurongkurl Katitjin, the Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, which plays a leading role in research and learning in Indigenous Australian issues.
In recent years, considerable work has been undertaken on the Mount Lawley Campus to replace or rejuvenate older buildings, transforming older facilities and incorporating greater use of colour and natural light.
BUNBURY CAMPUS Above and opposite: Edith Cowan University’s South West Campus reflects its regional location, with remnant bushland, native gardens and trees providing a visual link between buildings and the landscape. It is a relaxed and peaceful campus that attracts birds and native animals. Far right: Students enjoy the walk back to their campus accommodation, located a short bus ride from the City centre and close to beaches and shops.
Nestled in a bush setting near the City of Bunbury, a two-hour drive south of Perth, Edith Cowan University’s South West Campus is the biggest regional campus in Western Australia.

The early decision to develop a University campus in the South West region was inspired — the population in the region is growing at one of the fastest rates in Australia and there is strong demand for tertiary education in the region. The Campus sits within a health precinct, with the South West Health Campus, St John of God Hospital and South West Area Health Services. It is also part of an educational precinct, with the South West Institute of Training and Manea Senior College.

In recent years, the Campus has become the hub for debate and discussion on the future of the region, through its involvement in the Critical Horizons Regional Futures project, where groups come together to decide a vision for the region.
CHURCHLANDS CAMPUS  This page: Set in landscaped gardens, the buildings represented a break with the institutional architecture used on other campuses in earlier decades. The Campus is fondly remembered by many staff and former students as being an open, relaxed place. Opposite: The buildings were considered very advanced at the time for their abundant use of natural light.
from simple beginnings

CHURCHLANDS CAMPUS

The Churchlands Campus, built in the early 1970s, was advanced for its time, with a low-density design appropriate for its location, tucked between suburban residential streets and bushland, close to beaches and near protected wetlands.

The buildings were designed to capture natural light and link the classrooms and lecture theatres with the natural environment outside.

The headquarters of the new University’s central administration were at Churchlands until 2003 when they were relocated to the fast-growing campus at Joondalup.

In the late 1990s, the decision was made to consolidate the University across three campuses: Joondalup, Mount Lawley and Bunbury. The Churchlands Campus site has since been sold off in stages for residential housing, with the proceeds being directed towards the development of the other campuses.
CLAREMONT CAMPUS Above and bottom right: Claremont's much-loved limestone building with its distinctive square tower was set on lawns near the river. The Campus was too small to provide much space for the rapidly growing University and was therefore used primarily for conferences and functions. Top right: The closing ceremony for the Claremont Campus was a chance to celebrate its century-long role as a home for education.
The historic limestone campus at Claremont represents Edith Cowan University’s link to the earliest days of higher education in Western Australia. For 50 years, the building was the only place teachers in the State could train externally in education and many of the State’s finest educators learned their craft in the halls of the distinctive Victorian Tudor Revival-style college.

The main college building with its crenellated tower and sweeping verandahs is believed to have been designed by Hillson Beasley, known for his work on the Governor’s residence, Government House, and Perth’s Central Post Office building. It was completed in 1902 and was listed in 1981 by the National Trust.

Claremont served as a conference centre and elegant location for functions and training events in the earliest days of the new University. The campus was sold in due course as the University focused on expansion elsewhere to meet community needs.

The closing ceremony was marked with all the pomp and circumstance the old campus deserved, attracting alumni from throughout its century of service as an educational institution.
DRAMATIC ARCHITECTURE Above: The iconic image of the Joondalup Campus is that of the award-winning Chancellery Building, a landmark with spires that pierce the Joondalup skyline and are visible long before the University comes into view.
The commitment by successive executives at Edith Cowan University to build extraordinary campuses for the future has been acknowledged in the numerous awards received for excellent architecture. Rather than following the cloistered limestone model, the University has always sought innovative, flexible and imaginative designs.

The Chancellery Building, designed by architectural firms Francis Jones Morehen Thorp and Hassell, was awarded the New Zealand Institute of Architects Auckland Architecture Award and was short-listed at the World Architecture Festival. The two firms were commissioned to design the building after an invited design competition.

Vice-Chancellor Millicent Poole, who oversaw the design and construction of the building, described it as reflecting the University’s sense of itself and its mission.

“It is dynamic, different and innovative… (and) locates this University firmly in the 21st century,” Professor Poole said of the iconic design.

“The asymmetric design, the marriage of wood, steel and glass — they all symbolise our confidence, our aspirations and our outward focus.”
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION Above and opposite: ECU Village, Mount Lawley’s new student living complex, with apartments ranging from studios to six-bedroom accommodation. The facilities include a swimming pool, student lounge with a pool table and table tennis, barbecue areas and a common TV room.
As the number of students enrolled at Edith Cowan University climbs, so too does demand to live in one of the University's three student community accommodation facilities. In 2011, the latest student apartments opened on the Mount Lawley Campus, a $40 million project that gives students a chance to live in stylish, self-contained accommodation.

The ECU Village project added 357 new rooms, taking the total number of beds available across the University campuses to 723. In addition to 24-hour support and a unique residential life program, the complex features a swimming pool, student lounge, e-library, music room and basketball court, accessible to all residents. It sits opposite Edith Cowan University gym and fitness facilities and is just a few minutes' walk from lecture theatres and classrooms. The project was designed and built by student accommodation specialist Campus Living Villages in partnership with Edith Cowan University, and partially funded by the Australian Government.
INSPIRING SPACES Things have changed considerably from the days when every student learned at a desk. Today, Edith Cowan University students frequently operate in hands-on environments that are more conducive to learning. These include performance studios, workshops, small meeting and working rooms where students can operate singly or in small groups, and, in award-winning libraries with meeting and conference rooms, as well as quiet areas for personal study.
diverse and INSPIRING SPACES

With light-filled classrooms, bright and colourful corridors and playful furniture, the physical form at Edith Cowan University has been designed to inspire those within the walls.

This goal of providing room for ideas and creativity to flourish can be seen in each studio, theatre, workshop, office or classroom, where form is considered alongside function.

Rooms are spacious and lit by natural light. The atmosphere is relaxed rather than formal.

Attention has also been paid to the role art and design can play in being able to inspire students and educators — throughout all three campuses works of art, photography and sculpture by emerging student designers are displayed alongside those of prominent Australian artists.
COLLABORATIVE SPACES Beanbags, couches, bench seats and booths — care has been taken at Edith Cowan University to provide places that foster and encourage interaction of people and of ideas. Throughout each campus are sitting nooks or corner spaces where students can work together on a project or simply relax in company before class.
where minds meet

COLLABORATIVE SPACES

Outside the schedule of lectures and workshops, away from the study desk and library, students and educators need room to meet, discuss, and share ideas.

Edith Cowan University’s open campuses provide extensive landscaped gardens for some much-needed downtime, but care has also been taken to provide places where people and minds can meet.

The use of vibrant colour and different textures on walls and surfaces breaks up spaces and creates nooks for conversation and debate, ensuring the University never feels like a cold or impersonal institution.

These collaborative places are vital in preparing students for a world where communication and teamwork are essential to progress.
WORKING SPACES With a growing emphasis in many courses for students to graduate with excellent real-world and job-ready skills, students learn to operate in authentic situations that reflect the world they will encounter after university. Top: Engineering students have the opportunity of working with industry-grade equipment. Above: Students frequently work off-campus, with placements in industry, at hospitals or in schools. Opposite: The award-winning computer laboratories provide a place for students to work on projects separately or together. Far right: Science and nursing students receive education in practical settings.
The diversity of education at Edith Cowan University is reflected in its working zones, where students operate in authentic and hands-on environments that enhance both their learning experience and enjoyment of their courses.

The University offers state-of-the-art simulation hospital wards that are used to help nursing students prepare for their critical roles.

It provides workshops and studios where students work behind the scenes to design and create costumes for theatrical productions.

In its world-class engineering laboratories, students can access the very best equipment available, so they learn to operate with the same systems used by industry.

In these investments, the University has sought to transform the concept of the classroom, providing students with internal spaces that capture the essence of the industries and professions in which they will one day work.
NATURAL SPACES Above and opposite top: The Joondalup Campus lake is a focal point for the Campus. Right: The grounds of the University campuses incorporate a mix of lawns, shady areas and native gardens. Opposite: Hardy native plants have been used on the campuses to attract birds and other wildlife and to reduce the need for extra water.
The ambition of creating truly modern campuses included incorporating into planning and design the understanding of the benefits of natural landscapes and gardens as a way to build an attractive, peaceful and very Australian university.

Just as the built forms at Edith Cowan University are striking, so is the environment in which they stand. The three campuses include lawn areas where students and staff can relax, read or study, with shady trees and native plants, and the extensive use of outdoor art.

The landscaping of the campuses has been completed with care and consideration. Outside Mount Lawley’s Kurongkurl Katitjin building, gardens have been designed to represent the six seasons counted by the local Nyoongar people. At the Bunbury Campus, bushland that attracts native animals has been retained, while at Joondalup, the on-campus lake reflects its location near the protected wetlands of Yellagonga Regional Park.
a new beginning

VICE-CHANCELLOR DOUGLAS JECKS, 1991-1993

CHANCELLOR THE HON. JUSTICE ROBERT FRENCH
1991-1996

Edith Cowan University opened its doors as a university on January 1, 1991, born from the belief of the organisation’s predecessor, the former WA College of Advanced Education, that as a university, it could offer a teaching and learning experience that would be unique in Western Australia.

Overnight, it became one of the 15 biggest universities in Australia, with more than 17,000 students, possessing one of the largest University libraries in the country and offering the third-biggest teacher education program in the nation.

The first Vice-Chancellor, Douglas Jecks, had long worked for the creation of the new University, which was to be named after Australia’s first female member of parliament, Edith Dirksey Cowan.

When the University opened in 1991, the inauguration coincided with the 130th anniversary of Edith Cowan’s birth, and the 70th anniversary of her election to the Western Australian parliament, where she fought tirelessly to improve conditions for women, children, families, the poor, the under-educated and the elderly.

Inspired by the spirit of its namesake, and with almost a century of education tradition behind it, Western Australia’s newest university was off to a very promising start.

The first Chancellor was the Hon. Justice Robert French, a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, who is widely respected both for his intellect and for his considered position on issues such as Indigenous affairs. Justice French presided at the precursor institution and as the Foundation Chancellor. In that time, he presented testamurs to more than 28,000 graduates at 45 ceremonies.

PEOPLE Above: Vice-Chancellor Douglas Jecks argued for many years for the right to transform the WA College of Advanced Education into a university. Right: Justice Robert French remained Chancellor until 1996 and is today the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. In 1998, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Edith Cowan University. Opposite: The first executive and staff members attend the inauguration ceremony for the new University at the Perth Concert Hall.
an opportunity to build

VICE-CHANCELLOR ROY LOURENS, 1993-1997
CHANCELLOR THE HON. JUSTICE ROBERT NICHOLSON
1997-2004

Professor Roy Lourens was appointed the second Vice-Chancellor of Edith Cowan University in 1993 after the retirement of Douglas Jecks. Professor Lourens was a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Western Australia, whose three children studied at Edith Cowan University. He brought with him considerable experience and understanding about the challenges any new university might face.

His leadership provided an opportunity for the University to consolidate and build on its early successes. He encouraged staff to further their own higher education and strengthened the role of Deans and faculties, as they developed courses that continued to attract a growing number of students.
Professor Lourens further made a number of significant appointments that reflected the University’s determination to offer excellent teaching and research opportunities for students and staff.

A significant moment during Professor Lourens’ time as Vice-Chancellor came with the decision by the Commonwealth Treasury to feature the University’s namesake, Edith Cowan, on the Australian $50 bill. The University hosted a garden party on October 15, 1995, at the Claremont Campus to celebrate the occasion. In 1999, two years after his retirement from the position as Vice-Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Lourens was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his dedication and work.

After the success of his predecessor, the University turned to Justice Robert Nicholson, another Federal Court Judge, as its second Chancellor, in 1997. Justice Nicholson had a family connection with Edith Cowan — his grandfather, John Nicholson, was a fellow parliamentarian and considered her a friend.
The appointment of Professor Millicent Poole as Vice-Chancellor in 1997 came as universities across Australia were forced by tighter funding to be increasingly competitive and to demonstrate their value to the Australian community through relevant research and teaching.

Professor Poole embraced the challenge and the opportunity to help shape the future of a young university and embarked on a strategic plan that would help Edith Cowan University prosper even as public funding decreased.

Professor Poole understood that to succeed, Edith Cowan University needed to develop expertise in key areas and had to be able to showcase its research and teaching strengths.

This thinking underpinned the University’s decision to consolidate the five campuses into three, and Professor Poole encouraged the University and staff to be more business-like and entrepreneurial in seeking opportunities for the University to differentiate its teaching and research from any competitor.

Professor Poole was noted in her time at the University for her particular commitment to improving the representation of Indigenous students.

PEOPLE Professor Millicent Poole, left, signs a banner to mark National Sorry Day in 1999, expressing sorrow and regret at the damage caused by Australia’s treatment of the Stolen Generation. Under her leadership, Edith Cowan University achieved one of the highest number of Indigenous student enrolments of any university in Australia.
In 2004, the position of Chancellor was accepted by the Hon. Dr Hendy Cowan, a grand-nephew of the University’s namesake and a distinguished former parliamentarian. Dr Cowan had been an elected member of the WA Legislative Assembly in the seat of Merredin for 27 years, including 23 as Leader of the National Party and eight years as Deputy Premier of Western Australia, and had won respect for his commitment to and success in advancing Western Australia’s economic development and also for his work in regional areas.

Dr Cowan is a recipient of the Federation Centenary Medal and holds Honorary Doctorates in Commerce (Edith Cowan University) and Science (Murdoch University).
Professor Kerry Cox, formerly Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Ballarat, commenced as the new Vice-Chancellor of Edith Cowan University in 2006, following the retirement of Professor Millicent Poole after eight and a half years in the role.

Professor Cox came to the University with a strong record in research in his field of microbiology and immunology, and has made securing research achievement at the University a key goal.

Under his leadership, Edith Cowan University has seen a steady increase in research income, academic publications, and research commercialisation income. Much of this increase has been the result of increased engagement between the University, its people and the non-University community.

Engagement has become a strategic priority for Edith Cowan University and partnerships have been formed between University staff, researchers, educators and students with external groups, including governments, industry and the community. These partnerships bring mutual benefits for those involved, and ensure that the University is respected and valued for its contribution and work.

An indication of the esteem in which Edith Cowan University is held for its engagement activity can be seen in the national Business-Higher Education Roundtable Awards, held annually. In 2006, the University was recognised in three of the ten categories. In 2008, it was short listed in the final three for the top award for engagement, and in 2010, Edith Cowan University was awarded the Business Higher Education Round Table Ashley Goldsworthy Award for Sustained Collaboration between Business and Higher Education.

**PEOPLE** The Ashley Goldsworthy Award recognises a sustained effort by a university, business or individual to foster collaboration between the sectors, resulting in significant benefits to higher education, business and the broader community. It was a major achievement for the University and reflected how far it had succeeded in linking all its work — from teaching to research to its operation as a major employer and institution — with the community it was created to serve.
The University Council is the governing body which controls and manages the operation, affairs, concerns and property of the University. It is comprised of significant and prominent community members, many appointed by the Governor of Western Australia. Other members are appointed by the Education Minister, co-opted by the council and elected from the ranks of academic and salaried staff, students and alumni. Together the Council helps direct the University and ensure that it achieves its organisational goals. The Executive Team work in partnership with the Council and conduct the day-to-day and strategic operations of the University.

in the company of prominent leaders

From its earliest days, Edith Cowan University has hosted political figures, dignitaries and prominent Western Australians, inviting them to see the University and discover the ways in which it has sought to improve education and research in the State. Whether it is through their presence at the opening of new facilities or in the many public lectures delivered on campus, the input of these leading figures has helped connect the University with the broader community.


PEOPLE Above: Deputy Vice-Chancellor John Wood and Vice-Chancellor Millicent Poole welcome Cherie Booth, QC, to Joondalup in 2003. Ms Booth delivered the annual Edith Cowan lecture on the topic “human rights — the British experience”. Image courtesy Steve Ferrier, The West Australian. Below: Prominent businesswoman Janet Holmes à Court speaks at the University before Ms Booth’s address.
Edith Cowan University has sought to recognise and reward the success of students and staff in many ways since it opened its doors, including through the presentation of scholarships that encourage higher study and through the use of internal awards and permanent memorials to success.

It is an approach that has served the University well in allowing it to attract and retain excellent students and staff members, who then act as ambassadors for the achievements of the University in the areas of teaching, learning and research.

**PEOPLE** Top: Western Australian company Mrs Mac’s has been a strong supporter of rural students, providing financial assistance scholarships that help students who must live away from home to study. Here, Mrs Mac’s Director of Community Services Richard Howell awards a scholarship to Hayley Mincham. Right: Professor Susan Holland was an experienced senior executive at Edith Cowan University who made a difference for more than 35 years in education roles across Australia and as part of a number of noteworthy international projects. She served as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Community Services, Education and Social Sciences; Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Learning and Professional Practice, and Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Education and Arts. The Dr Susan Holland Scholarship is awarded each year to one doctoral student within the School of Education. Far right: WAAPA graduate Karina Carvalho, formerly anchor for the ABC News in Western Australia and now with the ABC in Melbourne, was awarded the Lillian P. Kavanagh Scholarship in 2004 for her broadcasting skills.
Edith Cowan University's Path of Honour is inscribed with the names and contributions of people who have made significant contributions to the University or the community. Dr Brian Shepherd, for 20 years a Director of the ECU Museum of Childhood, is recognised at a ceremony in 2005.

Below: WA General Manager of the Commonwealth Bank Ken Lynch, awards scholarships to students Leonard Tuia and Adriana Mulder. Bottom: Executive Dean Patrick Garnett, later Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 2004-2006, congratulates Ron Oliver, now Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Teaching and Learning, on winning the Australian Award for University Teaching in 1997. The award, for the use of multimedia in teaching, was conferred during the inaugural Australian University Teaching Awards.
Since its creation, Edith Cowan University has awarded more than 20 honorary degrees in recognition of the work of prominent people who have shown outstanding personal achievement or made significant contributions to society and the University.

The honorary degree is the University’s most prestigious honorary award.

In addition, the University has recognised a number of Fellows of the University and Fellows of the WA Academy of Performing Arts, which are particularly significant University honours conferred only rarely.

The title of Emeritus Professor has also been awarded to a number of the University’s retiring educators, acknowledging their extensive work and expertise in their fields.

PEOPLE Top: Businesswoman Janet Holmes a Court, AC, is awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Arts in 2011. Above left: Professor Fiona Stanley, AC, receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in 2010. Professor Stanley, a former Australian of the Year and leading epidemiologist, was recognised for her contribution to Aboriginal maternal and child health in Western Australia. Above right: Australian naturalist and nature television presenter William ‘Harry’ Butler, CBE, another former Australian of the Year, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in 2003.
PEOPLE Top: Dr Cowan congratulates Pro-Chancellor Steve Abbott on being awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of the University. Left: Respected Australian actor William McInnes is welcomed as a Fellow of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts by WAAPA Director Professor Julie Warn.

PEOPLE Top: Vice-Chancellor Kerry Cox, left, congratulates Sam Walsh, AO, Chief Executive officer of Rio Tinto Iron Ore, after the conferring on him of the honorary degree of Doctor of Commerce in 2010. The honorary doctorate was awarded in recognition of Dr Walsh’s outstanding achievements as a business and community leader. Above: Dr Hendy Cowan welcomes Professor Margaret (Peggy) Brock as Emeritus Professor, and William Gillespie, OAM, as a Fellow of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts in 2011.
welcoming those

WHO SHARE KNOWLEDGE

Edith Cowan University each year seeks notable and exceptional speakers to address the University community on significant matters. One forum for this is the annual Vice-Chancellor’s Distinguished Orator address, given by speakers who represent the highest levels of government, professions, education and community organisations.

Another forum is the annual Vice-Chancellors’ Oration, co-ordinated by the Western Australian Universities’ Vice-Chancellors and the Office of Multicultural Interests.

Since 2009, the University has also celebrated International Women’s Day by inviting prominent and inspiring women to address staff and students in the Edith Cowan Memorial Lecture. Speakers include leading businesswoman and aged care provider Dr Penny Flett, child health research Professor Donna Cross, and Australia’s first full-time Aboriginal magistrate, Dr Sue Gordon.

PEOPLE Top: Brightwater Group Chief Executive officer Penny Flett, left, is welcomed by Professor Colleen Hayward, centre, and Professor Brenda Cherednichenko before presenting the inaugural Edith Cowan Memorial Lecture in 2009. Above: WA Minister for Education, Dr Elizabeth Constable, gave the 2011 Vice-Chancellor’s oration, speaking on the impact on the lives of many made by Edith Dircksey Cowan, who was elected as Australia’s first female representative. Edith Cowan was initially the subject of criticism from the newspapers of the day who mocked the idea of housewives taking up political roles, Dr Constable said, but by the time she left Parliament, she had been able to inspire both women and men with her competence, passion and tenacity.
PEOPLE Above: Chancellor Dr Hendy Cowan, left, Vice-Chancellor Kerry Cox, right, and WA Chief Scientist Lyn Beazley, AO, second from left, welcome Professor Cheryl de la Rey, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria in South Africa, as the 2010 Vice-Chancellor’s Distinguished Orator. Professor de la Rey addressed the University on the issue of gender equity in the 21st Century and examined the hurdles still limiting women’s progression in the workplace.

PEOPLE Far Left: The Vice-Chancellor’s Distinguished Orator in 2008 was the Hon. Dr Fred Chaney, AO, a former lawyer, federal parliamentarian and Minister, as well as a former Vice-Chancellor of Murdoch University. Now Director of Reconciliation Australia, he called for a change in the approach of governments and business to indigenous issues. Left: The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, AC, presented the 2010 WA Vice-Chancellors’ Oration at Edith Cowan University on the history of combating racial discrimination in Australia and the challenges that remain for the future.
striving for excellence
IN ALL OUR WORK

The work of Edith Cowan University’s educators and researchers has garnered national and international recognition. Staff have received numerous awards and accolades that reflect the University’s commitment to engaging excellent educators and providing them with the support and time they need to develop their expertise. From the earliest days of the University’s operations, the decision to seek out and attract world-leading academics has proved an extremely successful strategy and today, Edith Cowan University can rightly claim to be home to some of the world’s best research and teaching.

PEOPLE Above: Professor Donna Cross, Foundation Professor of Child and Adolescent Health and Foundation Director of the Child Health Promotion Research Centre, is recognised as one of Edith Cowan University’s top performing researchers, attracting several millions of dollars in research grants to the University for her work in reducing bullying and cyber-bullying among young people. Professor Cross was a finalist for the 2011 WA Citizen of the Year and in November 2011 was named the WA Australian of the Year 2012, recognising her 20-year record in improving the health and well-being of young people. She received the award from WA Governor Malcolm McCusker, AC, and Premier Colin Barnett at a ceremony at Government House Ballroom.
PEOPLE Above: Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett, left, congratulates Vice-Chancellor Kerry Cox and Facilities and Services Director Brian Yearwood on Edith Cowan University’s success in the 2009 Premier’s Awards. The University was recognised in the environment category for its work in developing a sustainable University community. Below: ECU’s Health and Wellness Institute was a finalist in the 2011 Premier’s Awards in the Strengthening Families and Communities category. Here, Institute Director Associate Professor Daniel Galvão, left, is congratulated by Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett.

PEOPLE Above: Associate Professor Ralph Martins, Edith Cowan University’s Chair in Ageing and Alzheimer’s Disease, was the first researcher to propose and demonstrate that the Alzheimer brain was under oxidative stress, a position now widely recognised by the Alzheimer research community. His remarkable work in this field includes the establishment of the Sir James McCusker Alzheimer’s Research Unit at Hollywood Hospital, and work with his team on the role of beta amyloid protein on the disease. Professor Martins was named WA Australian of the Year for 2010 by the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Dr Ken Michael, AC, and WA Citizen of the Year (Professions) in 2011.
PEOPLE Above: Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Advancement) Professor Cobie Rudd is one of five recipients of the prestigious National Teaching Fellowships for 2011 from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. Right: Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous) Brenda Cherednichenko, third from right, celebrates International Women's Day with Dr Susan King, Professor Colleen Hayward and Professor Donna Cross, State Member of Parliament Andrea Mitchell and Professor Arshad Omari. Professor Cherednichenko is nationally recognised for her research and work in education. In 2008, she was one of only four Australians to be awarded the prestigious Fulbright Senior Scholarship.
Above: Diane Slade, Director of International and Industry Partnerships in the School of Communication and Arts, became the first Australian to be awarded the International Advertising Association (IAA) medal of merit, as part of the IAA 42nd World Congress in Moscow in 2010. The award recognises her passion and dedication to her students as well as her professional development in the field.

Right: Professor Colleen Hayward, Head of ECU’s Kurongkurl Katitjin, Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, has been inducted into the Aboriginal Awards of Achievement Hall of Fame. The 2009 awards, organised by the WA Department for Education and Training, recognise, promote and honour outstanding individuals for their contribution towards Aboriginal education. In 2008, Professor Hayward was awarded the title of national NAIDOC Aboriginal Person of the Year, appeared in the Who’s Who of Australian Women and was named as one of WA’s 50 most powerful women. Far right: Professor Rob Newton receives the Keith Wilson Oration Award from ACH Group General Manager Jane Mussared at the 2009 Australian Association of Gerontology annual conference.
PEOPLE  Top left: Senator Louise Pratt, left, congratulates Professor Beth Walker on securing $457,000 from AusIndustry to deliver a state-wide program assisting small businesses as they take their operations online. Professor Walker is Director of Edith Cowan University’s Small and Medium Enterprise Research Centre, which has attracted more than one million dollars in research funding in recent years. Bottom left: Vice President (Corporate) Warren Snell, the longest serving member of Edith Cowan University’s executive, retired at the end of 2011 after a significant career that dates back to 1985, when he was Head of Finance and Associate Head of Administrative Services with the predecessor institution, the Western Australian College of Advanced Education. As a member of the ECU Senior Leadership Team, he has contributed to the development of strategic priorities and strategies, the achievement of the University’s goals and the leadership and management of the University and its resources. Above: Professor Kamal Alameh, Director of the Electron Science Research Institute, was named 2007 WA Inventor of the Year in the “early stage” category for his invention of the High-Speed Inter-Chip Optical Interconnect. The device allows computers to exceed speeds of up to 10 gigabytes per second making them more than 100 times faster than conventional computers.
Top: Professor Craig Valli receives the title of 2011 Achiever of the Year at the Western Australian Information Technology and Telecommunications Awards in 2011. Professor Valli, Head of the School of Computer and Security Science, has over 20 years in the IT industry and in 2010 was also finalist for the WA Inventor of the Year Award.

Above: Associate Professor Lynne Cohen, Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning in ECU’s Faculty of Computing, Health and Science, was one of only nine academics named a Teaching Fellow in 2010 by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. The prestigious Fellowships recognise outstanding leaders from universities across Australia who are constantly working to improve academic standards and the student experience.

Below: The Director of Edith Cowan University’s Health and Wellness Institute, Associate Professor Daniel Galvão, has been instrumental in groundbreaking prostate cancer research in conjunction with ECU’s Foundation Professor of Exercise and Sports Science, Rob Newton. In December 2011, the Institute was awarded $450,000 for the team’s work in prostate cancer research, funded by Cancer Australia in partnership with the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Beyond Blue. It was the third nationally competitive category 1 grant secured in 2011. The funding will be used to further develop research into exercise as medicine for prostate cancer.
celebrating the
SUCCESS OF OUR GRADUATES

Since the inception of Edith Cowan University, more than 90,000 students have graduated, including international students from 145 countries.

Ceremonies or celebrations are held in Bunbury and Perth and also overseas, including Dubai, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Beijing and Hangzhou, for graduates in courses organised jointly by Edith Cowan University and partner institutions.

Graduation is an opportunity to mark students’ academic success as well as to welcome them to the University alumni. This network of graduates provides career support, allows opportunities for graduates to connect with other members of the Edith Cowan University community, and encourages former students to share their knowledge and experience with future generations of undergraduates.
Above: Alex Prudnicki, Nerissa Blake, Anita Welsh and Tasha La Mer receive their University Certificate in Humanities and Arts in 2010 after successfully completing Mission Australia’s Catalyst Clemente Program at Edith Cowan University. The program encourages people who might not normally consider university study to improve their personal situation through learning. Through the program, they can develop essential skills and renew their interest in study in a supportive environment.

Above: After the conclusion of graduation ceremonies, a Toast to Graduates is held to give family, friends and the successful students a chance to celebrate their academic achievements.
GRADUATIONS Above: In what has become a tradition, each graduating class at ECU South West gathers in their academic regalia for a pre-graduation parade through the centre of Bunbury before heading to the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre for the graduation ceremony.
GRADUATIONS Above: More than 130 students from the joint Edith Cowan University and Emirates Group Security Centre of Aviation and Security Studies program celebrate their graduation in 2011 at a special ceremony held at the Emirates Group Headquarters in Dubai. The ceremony was attended by the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Emirates Airline Group, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, and Edith Cowan University Vice-Chancellor Kerry Cox, who presented diplomas for Aviation Security, Management, Ground Handling and Business. Left: Chancellor Dr Hendy Cowan congratulates a new graduate at a ceremony in Bunbury in 2005.
building on the work
OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Edith Cowan University has a long-standing commitment to encouraging the higher education success of Indigenous Australians.

In 2011, the University celebrated the 60th anniversary of the first Aboriginal graduate, Len Hayward, who graduated in 1951 from the University’s predecessor, Claremont Teachers’ College.

Mr Hayward was a pioneering Indigenous teacher who went on to become the first Aboriginal principal in the State in 1979.

At a special ceremony in November 2011, Edith Cowan University recognised Mr Hayward’s role as an inspiration to Indigenous students, as well as the achievements of 500 other Indigenous alumni, including Cheryl Kickett-Tucker, who became the first PhD graduate of the University in 2000.

The event, entitled Rock Solid Foundations, saw the unveiling of seven granite pillars to represent the 501 ECU Indigenous alumni.

The University continues to work closely with Indigenous students, staff and community groups to develop strategies that encourage, foster, support and celebrate Indigenous higher education achievement.

PEOPLE Top: Geoffrey (Ted) Penny became one of the first four Indigenous Australians to graduate from Edith Cowan University’s predecessor institution in 1958. Above: Head of Kurongkurl Katitjin Professor Colleen Hayward (right) celebrates the unveiling of the pillars with Dr Ken Wyatt AM. Dr Wyatt graduated from the Mount Lawley Teachers College (one of the colleges that preceded Edith Cowan University) in 1973, and has had a celebrated career in the areas of health, education and Indigenous affairs. Dr Wyatt was awarded an Order of Australia in 1996 and received the Centenary of Federation Medal in 2000 for his efforts and contribution towards improving the quality of life of Indigenous and other Australian people. He held the position of Pro-Chancellor of Edith Cowan University from 2001-2003 and in August 2010 became the first Indigenous Australian member of Parliament’s lower house, as the Western Australian Liberal member for the seat of Hasluck.
Above: Hendy Cowan, leh, (since appointed Chancellor) is awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Commerce in 2003 by Pro-Chancellor Ken Wyatt. Dr Wyatt was made a University Fellow in 2004 in recognition of his work for the organisation as well as his remarkable advocacy in Indigenous issues.

PEOPLE Left: Narelda Jacobs became the first Aboriginal student to undertake the WA Academy of Performing Arts Broadcasting course, with support provided through the WMC Resources Aboriginal Arts Sponsorship Awards program in 1998. Today, she hosts Channel 10 news as Australia’s first Indigenous female news reader. Below: When Len Hayward started his studies at the Claremont Teachers’ College in 1950, he was already a stellar athlete and footballer for South Fremantle. His sporting prowess helped him win popularity and acceptance at a time when few Indigenous Australians were involved in higher education. Throughout his studies, leading up to his graduation in 1951, Mr Hayward was mentored and encouraged by others within the teaching profession who applauded his hard work and determination. He became Western Australia’s first Indigenous principal in 1979 at Wiluna Special Aboriginal School.
Edith Cowan University’s mission is “to further develop valued citizens for the benefit of Western Australia and beyond, through teaching and research inspired by engagement and partnerships”.

Our vision is for “staff, students and graduates to be highly regarded as ethical and self-reliant contributors to more prosperous, inclusive and sustainable communities.”

The success of these goals can be seen in the awards and recognition gained by so many current and former students, not only for their academic prowess but also for their roles as leaders within the community.

The University’s students consistently perform at the highest State and national levels, and frequently receive top international awards, as they demonstrate their talents across a range of fields.

**STUDENTS** Right: With a double major in business and psychology, Rebecca Olsen is an example of an Edith Cowan University student using her time studying to great effect. In 2009, she was the winner of the Business Icon Competition, which is an annual event that invites young people aged 18 to 25 to demonstrate creativity, innovation, leadership skills and teamwork in a 10-day competition. Rebecca used the experience to start her own business, which she ran while finishing her degree, and has spoken at numerous business events.
STUDENTS  Top left: Jazz performer and WAAPA graduate Johannes Leubbers, right, is congratulated on being named winner of the 2009 WA Citizen of the Year Youth Arts Award category by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Advancement) John Finlay-Jones. Top: Ben Smith was the winner of the 2010 WA Business icon competition. Above: Jamie Burnett won the prestigious Student Journalism Prize at the WA Media Awards in 2009. Edith Cowan University’s broadcasting and journalism students have won the prize every year since 2007. Left: WA Governor Dr Ken Michael, AC, congratulates WAAPA graduate Amy Hammond on winning the Bendat Family Foundation Perpetual Youth Scholarship at the 2009 WA Citizen of the Year Awards for her work in Aboriginal theatre and volunteering.
STUDENTS Right: Boomerang@ECU, the first student chapter of the International Advertising Association, celebrates their win at the prestigious 2007 IAA Dentsu InterAd XI Global Student Competition in New York. The team beat 29 other entries from 22 countries with a campaign prepared for the United Nations. Below: The work of many Edith Cowan University students and staff members is internationally competitive. In 2010, the University was one of six international finalists in a multi-million dollar robotics competition established by the Australian Defence Science and Technology Organisation with the US Department of Defence. Here the autonomous robots can be seen with team members Frank Ophelders, Adrian Boeing and Robert Reid.
STUDENTS Above: Edith Cowan University undergraduate students Georg Widschwendter (left), Michael Allbeury and Marjorie Fouquereau beat teams throughout the Asia Pacific to win the annual Google Challenge for the region in 2010. The Google Challenge is a unique competition that enables student teams to work as online marketing consultants and compete against university teams from around the world.

Far left: Education student Lisa Capewell becomes the first Western Australian to be awarded the Governor-General’s Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship in 2010. This award enables Indigenous students to undertake teacher education studies with a higher education provider. Left: Midwifery student Sarah Sheehan accepts her award as Graduate Midwife of the Year at the WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards 2009.
**STUDENTS** Edith Cowan University is committed to helping our students develop an international outlook, and a large number of our undergraduates spend at least some time overseas either studying with partner institutions or on field trips and placement opportunities that allow them to better understand other cultures. Right: Final-year Nursing students have the opportunity to undertake work in countries including Laos, Thailand, Tanzania and the Philippines. The project helps Nursing students expand their cultural horizons and exposes them to community life and health issues in very different settings. Below: Undergraduate and post-graduate Tourism students travelled to Sabah in Malaysian Borneo in 2010, as part of a nine-day study tour where they explored local attractions and examined the ecotourism potential of the area. As part of the trip, the students donated $2000 worth of piping to a well project in the village Terongkongkan Darat in Kudat and helped connect the water pipes so locals could access clean drinking water.
Above: In what has become an annual tradition, Edith Cowan University Photomedia students collaborate with students from Pathshala, South Asian Media Institute in Bangladesh, working side by side in photography workshops and field work. Together students from the two institutions produce stories exploring the rich diversity of life in Bangladesh.

Left: In 2011, 17 Exercise Science students from Edith Cowan University spent 13 weeks living and studying at Shaanxi Normal University in Xi’an city, China. Led by Dr Sophie Nimphius, the group was the first to undertake the placement as part of an international partnership between the two universities that is designed to encourage the internationalisation of learning for Edith Cowan University students.
ACHIEVEMENTS In 2009, Edith Cowan University hosted the nation's largest Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, with 1881 people from 90 countries becoming citizens at the event held on the Joondalup Campus, cheered on by thousands of family members and guests. Federal Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Christopher Evans declared the event the second biggest citizenship ceremony ever held in Australia. Among those who became citizens, 388 were born in the United Kingdom, 253 were from South Africa and 122 were from India. The next largest representations came from Zimbabwe, New Zealand, China, Singapore, Kenya and Afghanistan. Image courtesy of the City of Joondalup
Engagement is a key priority for Edith Cowan University. The University believes collaboration is the best way to achieve the goals we have set and, to this end, we engage with governments, businesses, the non-government sector and individuals, working in partnership with the communities we were established to serve.

The University has made increasing engagement in teaching, learning and research a priority for the organisation. We seek to be known for the productive ways in which we engage with communities and stakeholders, with our partnerships acting as a point of differentiation for the University.

To achieve this, the University works in concert with our communities in all our operations. We liaise with industry in the design of coursework, place students in hospitals, schools, businesses and government service as part of their studies, welcome the transfer of ideas between academics and other noted experts, and work jointly with research partners to improve understanding and outcomes.

In each case, the engagement delivers mutual benefits, with students and educators contributing to the community and engagement partner, while simultaneously learning and developing through the relationship.
celebrating the past
AND OUR HERITAGE

Edith Cowan University is very proud of its namesake, Edith Dircksey Cowan, who was the best known woman in Australia at the turn of the 20th Century and a tireless campaigner on social issues.

Born in 1861 at Glengarry, near Geraldton, Edith Cowan believed education was fundamental to tackling the social issues of the day and fought to improve conditions for women, children, families, the poor, the under-educated and the elderly.

Among her many achievements, Edith Cowan was instrumental in obtaining votes for women in Western Australia. She was awarded an OBE in 1920 for her work during the war and in 1921, at the age of 60, became the first woman elected to an Australian Parliament.

Her most important feat as a parliamentarian was her contribution to the passing of the Women’s Legal Status Bill, which became an Act in 1923. The Bill opened legal and other professions to Western Australian women for the first time.

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Above right: In 1996, the University opened Edith Cowan House, the colonial weatherboard property in which the young Edith Cowan (right) and her family had lived in West Perth at the end of the 19th century. In the 1980s, the house, in Malcolm Street, had been dismantled and removed, until a suitable location could be found. Restored and re-erected on the Joondalup Campus as a writers’ centre, it opened to coincide with the 75th anniversary of Edith Cowan’s election to State Parliament. Far right: Vice-Chancellor Millicent Poole outside Edith Cowan House, with Mary Cowan, Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton and Justice Robert Nicholson.
standing together
AS A COMMUNITY

Edith Cowan University students come from diverse backgrounds and are connected to events that occur around the world. After the South-East Asian Tsunami disaster in 2004, the University hosted an interfaith Tsunami reflection service at the Joondalup Campus designed to remember those affected and express the University’s support for students from countries who lost citizens in the tragedy.

Students and staff were welcomed to the service by Vice-Chancellor Millicent Poole and Chaplain Joanne Barnes, and members of the University community offered prayers and readings from different faiths.

A number of students attending the service represented their nations and remembered the casualties and deaths of countrymen who perished in the disaster. Floral tributes were put on the lake and condolence books signed for countries affected.

ACHIEVEMENTS Above: Students cast floral tributes on the Joondalup Campus lake to remember the victims of the 2004 South-East Asian Tsunami. Left: Condolence books signed by students and staff were later presented to the Consuls of India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand at a function on the Joondalup Campus.
Edith Cowan University’s South West Campus has worked to develop particular strengths in the industries most needed in the region and engages with community partners to ensure education in this area is both relevant and of an excellent standard. An example of this is in the engagement work between School of Education students and Kingston Primary School. Promising students undertake a year-long paid internship at the school while they finish their studies, with in-class time counting towards their degree. The partnership provides excellent on-the-job training for new teachers while also supporting the needs of the school.

Social work is another field that has become very important for the South West Campus, with Edith Cowan University offering the only online social work program in Western Australia, meaning people in isolated areas can study a course in strong demand for the region.
Edith Cowan University’s commitment to offering a different kind of education can be seen most strongly in the partnerships it forms with external organisations for the benefit of all involved.

Students often conduct part of their studies through an industry or community placement, learning from the real challenges arising in their chosen profession.

An example of this valuable engagement is the partnership between Edith Cowan University, the Fogarty Foundation, the Department of Education and Roseworth Primary School.

The school is home to the ECU Fogarty Professional Learning Centre, a research facility where pre-service and in-service teachers can observe and research classroom teaching methods and behaviour management techniques.

University students have access to learning opportunities through the project, while the school benefits from the additional support and expertise provided by the University.

Another example of students making a difference is through the Business i Lab, which connects local businesses with skilled students pursuing projects of value to the business owners.
Edith Cowan University has received a five-star rating for its teaching quality and graduate satisfaction from The Good Universities Guide 2011, in part for the quality and diversity of the courses it offers. The University has not only been able to develop excellent courses that address traditional academic areas, but has deliberately sought to provide different and unique study opportunities for our students.

Many of the University’s courses are taught exclusively by Edith Cowan University. It is the only University in Western Australia able to offer Social Science courses in youth work, human services, and children and family studies. The Psychology specialisations of forensic psychology and community psychology are also taught exclusively at the University. From 2012, Edith Cowan University will offer a new undergraduate sports science course in soccer (football) making it one of only a handful of universities in the world to provide this specialisation.

The Science degree in surf science, which has attracted students from around Australia and internationally since it was introduced in 2002, will from 2012 offer students an increased range of study opportunities in meteorology, coastal zone management and ocean ecosystems, as well as the option of studying for a semester in England or Hawaii.
Edith Cowan University’s Mechanical Engineering and Motorsport courses attract many students who have a passion for cars and racing and the University has been able to channel that passion into success in competition. Each year, the University submits a team to the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers international competition, in which students design, build and test a prototype race car based on a series of rules that encourage clever problem solving and ingenuity. In 2010, the Edith Cowan Team and their car, Scarlet, came first among WA teams entering the Asia Pacific Region competition and finished fifth overall.
Edith Cowan University has developed considerable expertise in the area of public health through research bodies such as its Child Health Promotion Research Centre and the Population Health Research Group, and it carries that mission of improving health and wellbeing into other activities as well.

Each year, staff and students at Edith Cowan University undertake a host of fundraising, volunteer and charity activities designed to strengthen research in important public health areas.

Causes supported by the University community include the promotion of breast cancer awareness, research into melanoma and skin cancers and the support services provided by Parkinson's WA.

The University is also committed to encouraging healthier behaviour on its grounds. Campus food services provide a range of healthy food options for staff and students, regular wellness and exercise programs are offered free of charge to promote physical activity and the University will go smoke-free with a ban on cigarette use on all campuses from 2012.

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Top: Edith Cowan University’s iconic Chancellery Building at the Joondalup Campus is lit up with pink lights in 2008 as part of Global Illumination, an annual event that raises awareness for the National Breast Cancer Foundation’s research into prevention, detection and treatment of breast cancer. Above: Vice-Chancellor Kerry Cox joins staff members in strapping on a purple bra in support of the Breast Cancer Foundation of WA Purple Bra Day in 2010. More than $4,500 was raised for the Foundation, which provides invaluable support to women suffering from breast cancer. Left: Edith Cowan University Vice-President, Corporate Warren Snell, Project Manager Facilities and Services Gail Barbera, Wellness Co-ordinator Fiona Peters and Manager Building and Services Russell Noble support the Council decision to make all campuses smoke-free as of January 2012.
The construction of the five-storey Health and Wellness Building at Joondalup has been a major development for the University, as it cements its position as a leading centre for research and program delivery in the area of community health and disease prevention.

The distinctive, state-of-the-art facility houses the Health and Wellness Institute, a multidisciplinary centre where knowledge, skills and resources of researchers combine to improve community health outcomes. It is also home to the School of Medical Sciences, School of Nursing and Midwifery, as well as clinical laboratories and research centres for health and wellness, interprofessional learning, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, exercise physiology, paramedicine, and dietetics and nutrition.

The Health and Wellness Institute delivers evidence-based programs to the community through the Vario Wellness Clinic, including vulnerable or frail community members who might not normally be able to access holistic health and exercise services. The Institute also houses ParkC, a centre that links community groups and researchers with a shared interest in Parkinson’s Disease.
In 1993, two years after the University opened its doors, the Australian University Games sporting competition was launched, giving higher education teams a chance to compete against each other in various sports. Today, Australian University Games involves more than 7000 students from around the country and is the nation’s biggest annual multi-sport event. The team sent to the games by Edith Cowan University continues to grow as well, with more than 300 athletes competing in 2010 at the games, which were held in Western Australia. The University finished the year fifth overall out of 39 teams. The University also fields sporting teams for other community events, such as the annual City to Surf Fun Run and has clubs on campus where people can pursue their sporting passion.
ACHIEVEMENTS Above: Deputy Vice-Chancellor John Finlay Jones, third from left, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Arshad Omari, centre, pose with the 300-strong 2010 University Games team. Top far left: The women’s AFL team celebrate their silver medal at the 2010 Australian University Games. Below far left: Team managers for the 2010 team, Tarryn Dickerson, Belinda Somers, Josh Van Kampen and Corey Bessant. Left: The ECU Cycling Club began in 2006 with the goal of bringing together staff and students who love to ride. Here inaugural club president Jeremiah Peiffer is seen with fellow enthusiasts Chris Abbiss and Samuel Yang.
world-class training

FOR OUR LEADING LIGHTS

The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts on the Mount Lawley Campus has a 30-year history of training in the arts. Known affectionately as WAAPA, it presents more than 300 performances annually, including musicals, plays, dance performances and opera and holds a wide range of concerts.

Many of these performances take place in venues at the Mount Lawley Campus and increasingly the WAAPA performers present shows and concerts in external venues, giving students excellent performance and backstage experience and allowing greater access to the wider public. The Academy is a world-renowned performing arts training institution, recognised for the quality of its graduates both on stage and behind the scenes. It offers a diverse range of courses, taught by world-class staff.

Notable graduates include actors Hugh Jackman, Frances O’Connor, Marcus Graham, William McInnes and Lisa McCune, musical theatre stars Lucy Durack and Verity Hunt-Ballard, sopranos Rachelle Durkin and Emma Matthews, jazz saxophonist Jamie Oehlers and musical comedians Eddie Perfect and Tim Minchin.

ACHIEVEMENTS Top and above right: Actor Hugh Jackman has achieved international acclaim for his musical, stage and movie roles, including winning a Tony Award for his performance as Peter Allen in The Boy from Oz. Jackman graduated from WAAPA in 1994. Above left: Award-winning actress Lisa McCune remains one of the youngest-ever graduates from WAAPA, gaining her Bachelor of Arts in musical theatre at just 19 years of age. She has since performed in multiple television and stage roles, and has won four Gold Logies, an award presented to the most popular personality on Australian Television.
ACHIEVEMENTS Above: Violinist Madeleine Antoine performs at one of more than 300 public concerts given by WAAPA staff, students and notable guests each year. Below left: Sam Pilot plays the didgeridoo at the opening of WAAPA’s New Theatre and East Wing in 2004. The addition of the two-level court-style theatre, able to seat 130 people, takes the number of public performance spaces at the Academy to eight. The project, including rehearsal, production and design facilities, was funded by a $7.9 million Australian National Training Authority grant and contribution from the University. Below right: WAAPA Jazz singers and performers perform in The Cotton Club: Music from the Roaring 20’s, paying homage to The Andrews Sisters and the rich musical tradition of big bands and swing.
ACHIEVEMENTS Below and top right: Second and third-year Music Theatre students put on Crazy For You in June 2011. University students were involved in all aspects of the production, with director Crispin Taylor describing the size of the cast and orchestra as representing “by far the most ambitious production WAAPA has ever attempted in its 31-year history.” Photographs by Jon Green.

ACHIEVEMENTS Above: WAAPA Classical Music students perform at the Warana Concerto Competition in 2010. Top right: WAAPA graduate dance company LINK perform Over and Out in 2010, a production showcasing contemporary dance works created by acclaimed French choreographer Fabien Prioville and Australians Anthony Hamilton and Cass Mortimer Eipper. Right: Dancers perform in Seirenes, choreographed by Justin Rutzou. The work featured in Dream, the final production of the 2010 dance season. Photographs by Jon Green.
welcoming the world

TO OUR CAMPUS

Edith Cowan University plays an active role in the community and this has meant encouraging the community to come on to campuses to see the University and our work.

Every year, the Joondalup and Mount Lawley campuses host an Open Day, which allows the University to showcase our facilities and courses to potential students and their families, while also providing an opportunity to display some of the research and expertise emerging from Edith Cowan University.

The University also hosts annual Harmony Week events in March. Harmony Week is a State Government initiative that celebrates the cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity of the State.

Western Australia has the largest proportion of overseas-born people in Australia, representing more than a quarter of residents. There are 270 languages spoken in WA, including 70 Indigenous languages, and one in 10 people speaks a language other than English at home.

With students from more than 90 countries studying on our campuses, Edith Cowan University has become one of the leading locations for Harmony Week celebrations.

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Top: Kurongkurl Katitjin Cultural Awareness Officer Jason Barrow demonstrates Aboriginal tool making techniques at the Joondalup Campus during Harmony Week in 2009. Above: Irish dancers perform at the annual Harmony Week fair.
ACHIEVEMENTS Top left: Open Days are an opportunity for prospective students and their families to meet Edith Cowan University staff and learn about the courses on offer. Top right: The Student Guild is operated by students for students, and provides a range of support services and cultural and social events on campus. Above: Colourful and vibrant, Open Day events attract many thousands of visitors to the campuses.
ACHIEVEMENTS  Top: WAAPA students hold an annual free public concert with the support of the City of Stirling, attracting crowds of more than 3500 people each year. The 2011 WAAPA in the Park concert featured the Academy’s 18-piece Big Band, with live performances from Contemporary Music students. Above: Edith Cowan University annually screens Lotterywest Festival Films at the Joondalup Campus as part of the Perth International Arts Festival. The films are shown at The Pines, next to the Campus lake — a relaxed outdoor venue where moviegoers can picnic under the stars as they watch the movies. Right: An estimated 7000 people enjoy A Sunset Valentine in 2005, a concert organised by Edith Cowan University in partnership with the City of Joondalup and other stakeholders. Held on the ninth fairway at the Joondalup Resort, it was the first time the WA Symphony Orchestra had played in Joondalup. The concert, with a full 70-piece orchestra, was a free event open to the public but gold coin donations were accepted to raise funds for the South East Asian Tsunami, which had occurred only a few months before.
striking a chord

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Edith Cowan University’s campuses are part of geographic precincts that represent a chance to work together with similar bodies and institutions in ways that achieve the common vision. The University’s main campus is part of the Joondalup Learning Precinct, which includes the West Coast Institute of Training and the WA Police Academy, as well as the City of Joondalup. The University also works with the Joondalup Health Campus, owned by Ramsay Health Care, and with local governments in its regions.
working for justice
IN A FAIRER SOCIETY

Edith Cowan University has had a long association with issues of law, policing, security and justice in modern society and considers this area one of the cornerstones of its teaching and research practice.

The University opened its School of Law and Justice in 2005, offering students a unique set of learning opportunities, including becoming the first WA university able to deliver its Bachelor of Laws course online. The School caters for students with an interest in law, law enforcement, customs and intelligence, and the growing area of juvenile justice.

As part of its research commitment, the School’s Sellenger Centre for Research in Law, Justice and Social Change undertakes high-impact research, education and training, including the Criminal Justice Review Project, which works to fight for the exoneration of people wrongly convicted.

Similarly important work is pursued by the Social Justice Research Centre in the School of Psychology and Social Science, which conducts research with a focus on social justice, social inclusion, and wellbeing. The multidisciplinary centre includes researchers from areas such as psychology, sociology, youth work studies and community studies, and engages in partnership with the community and government.

ACHIEVEMENTS Top: Foundation Chair in Social Justice Caroline Taylor, AM, and Dr Fred Chaney, AO, at the launch by Dr Chaney of the Social Justice Research Centre in 2010. Above left: Barrister, philanthropist and Western Australian Governor Malcolm McCusker, AC, left, attends a student awards ceremony with Faculty of Business and Law Executive Dean Professor Atique Islam. His Excellency Mr McCusker has had a long association with the University and the McCusker Charitable Foundation provides three prizes that are awarded to students from the faculty, including the student with the highest grade in Advanced Criminal Law. Above right: WA Supreme Court Chief Justice Wayne Martin, QC, has chaired the Law Program Consultative Committee at Edith Cowan University for several years.
Edith Cowan University’s commitment to the recognition of Indigenous status and improvement of Indigenous circumstance can be seen both in its support for students and through research and programs conducted by Kurongkurl Katitjin.

The centre’s name means ‘coming together to learn’ and the University seeks to make this a reality for a greater number of Indigenous students and staff members through its Reconciliation Action Plan. The plan, introduced in 2011, will incorporate Indigenous cultural learning into courses and make changes designed to boost Indigenous enrolment and support for these students’ future success.
Preparing our students for life after university

Edith Cowan University is working with industry and government to ensure that the students educated today are prepared for the changing and dynamic workplace they will face tomorrow.

The University works closely with industry partners so that graduates are aligned with the needs of the Western Australian economy. Partners include major engineering, construction, mining and resource groups, who support the University as it prepares graduates for these booming economic sectors.

Industry partners sit on consultative committees that help inform the University about specific demands for skills and learning, and major donations have enabled the University to conduct particularly valuable research.

Since 2007, for example, electronics and electrical engineering group Siemens has provided generous funding to the University, which has allowed it to set up the Siemens Instrumentation Control Laboratory, offering industry-grade facilities in automation and control.

Similar donations have come from other organisations to support the education of security, engineering, health and science, and business students, and the University is increasingly working with national and offshore partners to meet specific workforce demands.

The close relationships formed with industry also advance the University’s teaching and learning goals. Across the curriculum, experts from professions and industry engage in teaching, by delivering lectures and conducting workshops on-campus and providing learning opportunities for students in the workplace.

Achievements: Top: Bachelor of Science (Aviation) graduate Robert Pedri was able to learn from professional aviators throughout his course, a measure that ensures courses are relevant and improves student relationships with members of their chosen profession. Before he had even graduated, he was offered a job as a flight instructor at The Royal Aero Club Of Western Australia, one of the biggest and most prestigious flying training organisations in Australia. Above: Amanda East is studying Counter Terrorism and Security Science, a course designed in concert with security authorities and anti-terrorism agencies.
The University is also working closely with governments to ensure our graduates are prepared for very different work environments — where flexibility, cultural and international awareness and integrity are valued alongside core skills such as communication, innovation and teamwork.

The University is redesigning all courses to ensure graduates are able to rise to this challenge and, to this end, was the first University in Australia to secure funding from the Australian Federal Government’s Structural Adjustment Fund.

This initiative is designed to help universities make structural changes that will allow them to operate more competitively in the higher education environment and enhance the learning available to students.

In 2011, the University received $6.9 million from the Fund, which we will invest in changes to undergraduate courses that will better prepare students for the workforce, with better online learning, increased use of practical and work-oriented assessment, and additional training for staff to boost the job-readiness of students.

It is a bold step for the University and a necessary one, as we prepare our students for a bright and exciting future.
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