



Welcome to iC News

August 2011

Premier Praises Innovation Campus as Key to Regional Economy

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said the University of Wollongong's Innovation Campus was a key to the diversification of the Illawarra regional economy during a visit on 1st September, to open the campus' \$40 million commercial building, iC Enterprise 1.

The Premier acknowledged the coincidence that amid news of the cutbacks in manufacturing, 800 people would be working in "knowledge economy" jobs at iC Enterprise 1 – including 400 new positions.

UOW Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton thanked the Premier for his support, and said his visit was the sign of "a Premier and a Government committed to the city and the region, and to the University and the Innovation Campus".



NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell (right) with UOW Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Judy Raper at the opening of iC Enterprise 1

iC Enterprise one is the fifth building to open on the Innovation Campus, and has been designed so that commercial tenants can develop synergies with each other and close links with the University's research institutes.



Premier Barry O'Farrell with Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Joe Chicharo, Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton and Kiama MP Gareth Ward at iC Enterprise 1

Welcoming guests to the opening, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Judy Raper pointed out that this week had also seen a ground-breaking ceremony for the \$25 million Sustainable Buildings Research Centre at the Innovation Campus.

"It is said that when one door closes, another one opens. But here at the Innovation Campus it is a case of when one building

Prime Minister visits iC

Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced at the Innovation Campus on 30th August 2011, that Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton will play a key advocacy role in helping to create a sustainable manufacturing future for the region.

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister visited BlueScope Steel workers, business leaders and union heads in Wollongong before travelling to the Innovation Campus to host a roundtable meeting with various regional representatives.

The Prime Minister was joined by Innovation Minister Kim Carr, Member for Cunningham Sharon Bird, Member for Throsby Stephen Jones, NSW Minister for the Illawarra Greg Pearce, local business owners, unions and other key members of the Illawarra community including Professor Sutton.



Prime Minister Gillard arrives at the Innovation Campus flanked by politicians (from left) Senator Kim Carr, Sharon Bird and Stephen Jones along with UOW Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton

The Vice-Chancellor has been invited to join a Taskforce to help identify future manufacturing directions for the region and also to work as a special advocate directly alongside the Head of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Don Russell.

The Taskforce's job will be to inform the Government's Working Group overseeing and co-ordinating the entire government support package.

This process has worked successfully in other regions around the country, the PM said.

For example, she highlighted how more than 2,500 jobs have been created through Innovation Funds in regions such as Adelaide and Geelong where major plants have closed.

Professor Sutton stressed that a "whole of government" approach was needed for any effective change to be made – that is, Federal and State working together.

The Vice-Chancellor said he hoped the steel industry, despite recent setbacks, could be made stronger but at the same time there was a need to investigate new manufacturing areas such as the production of medical bionic devices through the Innovation Campus.



Attending the sod turning ceremony for the RRSB program are (from left) Stephen Jones, Sharon Bird, Senator Kim Carr, Marty Burgess (TAFE-Illawarra), David Varcoe (BlueScope), Professor Judy Raper (UOW Deputy V-C for Research) and Professor Sutton

Following the Prime Minister's visit, a soil turning ceremony was held at the site of the proposed Sustainable Buildings Research Centre, which is located at the Northern end of the Innovation Campus. It will form the centrepiece of the overall Retrofitting for Resilient and Sustainable Building (RRSB) program which aims to make buildings more energy efficient.

The RRSB will be designed and operated as a world class environmentally sustainable buildings and will be an industry exemplar. The project will fully integrate with the existing environmental improvement programs of each of the major partners – UOW, TAFE-Illawarra, BlueScope and Housing NSW.

It has been funded by the Federal Government through its Education Investment fund.

"This project will help transform our construction industry by discovering sustainable building practices and products and find ways to improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings," Senator Carr said.

The Minister and local Members highlighted the \$30 million Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund, announced last week in response to job losses at BlueScope Steel.

For further information, please contact the University's media department on (02) 4221 5942.

Laureate Fellowship means \$3 million Boost to iC Research

There were great celebrations on iC in July as Professor Gordon Wallace from the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute was awarded a prestigious 2011 Australian Laureate Fellowship.

The fellowship worth \$3 million will result in expansion of the research team at the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute, lead node of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science (ACES), to 55 post doctoral research fellows and 34 PhD students from around the world.

Professor Wallace's work in the area of advanced nanomaterials creation for use in medical bionics and energy storage and conversion has resulted in world recognition as a leader in the field. He is a sought-after speaker at Australian and international conferences and was named as NSW Scientist of the Year (Chemistry) in 2009.

"The Australian Laureate Fellowship will enable us to continue to build a world leading Nanobionics research team here in Wollongong – covering all aspects from biomolecules to bionic devices," said Professor Wallace, "we are developing innovative approaches to bionics, including new material composition, new fabrication methods, new nano visualisation methods and innovative approaches to energy storage for bionics."



Professor Gordon Wallace . . . joins an elite group of Laureate Fellows

BHP Officially Opens iC Office

Scores of Illawarra Coal suppliers, customers, staff and supporters gathered on the Innovation Campus on 18 July to celebrate the official opening of the Illawarra Coal Office in the recently completed Enterprise 1 Building.

The event was hosted by Illawarra Coal President, Colin Bloomfield who spoke of the Company's commitment to the region and the strong partnerships it has with a range of local businesses who supply services to the business.

BHP Billiton Metallurgical Coal President Hubie van Dalsen Performing the Official Opening said he was proud of the role that Illawarra Coal plays in the community, and recognised the quality of the office space provided to Illawarra Coal in the Enterprise 1 building.

UOW Vice Chancellor Prof Gerard Sutton spoke proudly of the long term collaboration between Illawarra Coal and UOW in terms of research and student graduate training and placement. The VC also recognised the opportunity to continue developing that sense of collaboration into the future which is very much a fundamental purpose in the establishment of iC.

Local MP Noreen Hay, a guest at the function commented "The Innovation Campus has jumped from strength to strength since its inception and opening in mid 2008 and I congratulate Gerard Sutton and all those involved for their Vision. The move to set up office in the modern surrounds will no doubt see the continuation of the Company's strong involvement with the University of Wollongong.

The Award winning Innovation Campus extends a warm welcome to the 147 Employees of Illawarra Coal who now officially form part of the iC community.

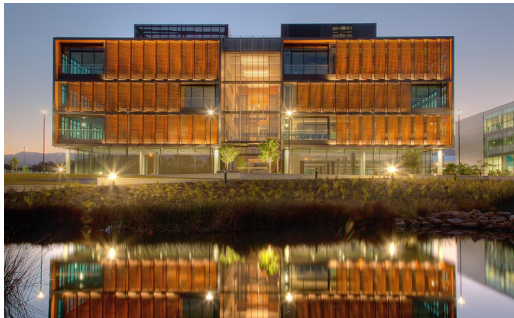


From Left: John Brannon – Illawarra Coal Head of External Affairs; Gerard Sutton - Vice Chancellor University of Wollongong, Noreen Hay MP - Member for Wollongong; Anna Watson – Member for Shellharbour; Hubie van Dalsen – President BHP Billiton Metallurgical Coal; Colin Bloomfield – President Illawarra Coal

Welcome to iC's newest arrivals!

It is with pleasure that we warmly welcome Tickets.com and The Cancer Council NSW, to the Innovation Campus. Both tenants have recently relocated to their stunning new offices in iC Enterprise 1.

We also welcome up to 30 team members from the University of Wollongong's Centre for Health Initiatives, who now call the ITAMS building home.



iC Enterprise 1

Daffodil Day at iC Central

The Cancer Council Southern Regional office had many reasons to celebrate Daffodil Day this year. In addition to it being 25 years since Daffodil Day began they also celebrated their very recent move to the Enterprise 1 building at the Innovation Campus.

The Daffodil Day stall did a roaring trade with many existing, and a few brand spanking new tenants, stopping by to meet and greet, purchase a football and make a donation.

With the support of Innovation Campus the team raised a whopping \$652! Well done and thanks to all those who contributed to their vision of cancer defeated.



Wollongong - Knowledge Services Capital

On Friday 19th August, KPMG partner and internationally acclaimed demographer, Bernard Salt addressed a 150 strong field of Wollongong business leaders on the opportunity Wollongong has to claim the mantle of Australia's Knowledge Capital for Business, Research and Education.

"Wollongong has an excellent foundation for growth given the strong support of the University of Wollongong and its proximity to major markets such as Sydney and Canberra", Salt said. "What is required now is to nominate prominent Wollongong identities as Ambassadors for the city to ensure the great name of Wollongong is shared globally". Bernard reinforced the points that Wollongong has a world of opportunity and through continued efforts by the Wollongong City Council, NSW Department of Trade and Investment and The University of Wollongong – further success will follow. Salt continued "We can not ignore the growth markets in India and China. They have positions of enormous global power and continue to be our most valued trading partners. Much can be gained by meaningful and two way collaboration with these countries".

The function was held at the acclaimed Ocean View room at the Innovation Campus *(photos courtesy of Greg Ellis)*



Bernard Salt, KPMG Keynote speaker



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australian health services research institute

The Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Collaboration, AHSRI will be hosting a professional development 'study tour' for rehabilitation clinicians and administrators from China.

AROC in conjunction with Maximize Asia was successful in obtaining funding under the AusAID ALA Fellowship Program for a party of 20 Chinese rehab clinicians and managers to visit Australia for a period of 3 weeks commencing 29 August 2011.

The delegation will undertake training in the Australian rehabilitation system, benchmarking and casemix at AHSRI from the 29th – 31st August, then visit a number of Australian rehabilitation centres in Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane.

For further enquiries, please contact Frances Simmonds on (02) 4221 5879



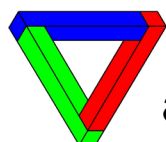
Staff only spring gym membership!

The weather is warming up, and summer is just around the corner – so SPRING into action and join on our 3mth Spring Special - \$180 for 3months!

This offer is exclusive to Innovation Campus staff and includes a free program with a qualified fitness trainer! Visit iC health now as the offer ends on the 30th September 2011.



Please contact hannahl@uow.edu.au for more information or call the health club on 4221 4666



Science Centre and Planetarium

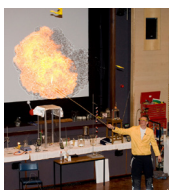
Just Add Water

Presented in the Illawarra Coal Science Theatre

Monday 26th September to
Thursday 29th September

11.00am and 2.00pm daily

Bookings / enquiries: PH: (02) 4286 5000



“The Dark Side of the Universe” Women in Physics Lecture Tour 2011

Free Public Lecture at Wollongong Science Centre

7.00 pm, Friday 9 September 2011

Bookings / enquiries: PH: (02) 4286 5000

Please note: School holidays runs from Monday 26th September to Friday 7th October. During this time the Science Centre patrons parking bay will be in heavy use.

Lunch at iC for Tour Duchenne

Twenty five cyclists will ride almost 400km from Sydney to Canberra to raise money and awareness for a cause close to their hearts - Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Tour Duchenne will be visiting iC on Monday 12th September for a healthy lunch sponsored by the AIIM building research group, ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science (ACES).

Please join us to support the cyclists and find out about their ride. Bring your lunch over on Monday 12th to the outdoor area in front of the new AIIM P&D building at around 12.30pm. All

The Illawarra's Premier Economic Event



IRIS Economic Outlook Luncheon

When - Thursday 29th September 2011, 12:00pm – 2:30pm

Where - Villa D'oro, 39-41 Flinders Street, Wollongong, NSW

How much - This event is free for IRIS members (depending upon membership package) and \$95 for non-members or additional guests. Discounts are available for group bookings.

RSVP - Complete the online registration form or call IRIS on (02) 4285 4446 by 5pm Friday 23rd September 2011