Living within the law

Describing herself as a footsoldier of our legal system, "working at the interface of the most fascinating jurisdictions of all: the criminal courts,

The audience was far from short-changed. Ms Cunneen delivered an extraordinary lecture with a sincere message for members of the legal profession. "One can always find licence, within the law, to justify one's position. But justification does not necessarily lead to justice."

Summarising the changes over the years in investigative technology and procedures, and the gathering and presenting of evidence, Ms Cunneen said that trials are now longer and more difficult. "Where there was temporal and trial judgments as to admissibility made, even exonerated, exonerated and matters reversed inevitably arise."

Perhaps it is time for us to consider whether public confidence in the courts is now being eroded by the perception that the pendulum has swung rather too far in the direction of the protection of the rights of the accused person."

"What I wish to challenge you to do, in your practice of the criminal law, is to bring your sense, your humanity and your conscience with you. Justice isn't focused on the rights of the accused person but on the rights of the victims.

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What’s in a name?

In 1964, a year before the University of Newcastle gained its autonomy, Harvard University Press published a monograph entitled ‘The Modern Tradition of Australia’s Universities’. This seminal work by James R.A. Chalmers reflected on the origins and evolution of Australian tertiary education institutions. In his book, Chalmers highlighted the importance of universities in shaping the nation’s future, and the need for them to adapt to changing circumstances.

In recent years, there has been a growing emphasis on the role of universities in regional development. This is especially true in Newcastle, where the University of Newcastle has played a significant role in fostering partnerships with industry and community groups.

New partnership forged

The University of Newcastle has, for the second year running, held the largest University Careers Expo in New South Wales. This event aimed to address the skills shortage by forging valuable partnerships with industry.

Professor Paul Foster arrived in Newcastle at the end of last year the CRCAA was undertaken in Newcastle is that it brings untold costs and inefficiencies. Published research findings can be re-read today. One key feature of the research being undertaken in Newcastle is that it is occurring at the cellular and molecular level and testing at a clinical level with patients. Professor Foster is involved in the Virotherapy technique involves killing off the cancerous cells.

Newcastle is now recognised as a Centre of Excellence nationally and internationally for asthma research,“ said Professor Paul Foster, who is the University’s Vice-Chancellor. "The University of Newcastle has, for the second year running, held the largest University Careers Expo in New South Wales."
**Community responsibility**

To stimulate intellectual thought, provoke argument, offer expert opinion, defend and/or debate social, environmental and moral values and perhaps even speak out in criticism, to conduct research into every facet of our daily lives — these are the qualities for which academics are traditionally renowned and respected.

**Spotlight — Faculty of Business and Law**

Almost 10 years old, the University of Newcastle Legal Centre is not only the only thing in the Great Northern Bush that don't get any better with age, according to its director, Associate Professor Harry Mackee, but it is also the longest-established volunteer law centre in Australia.

Mackee says the Centre was established to provide free legal advice and assistance to members of the community in the Newcastle region. The Centre currently has 40 volunteers who provide legal advice and assistance in 14 areas of law, including employment, family, criminal, landlord, wills and estates, consumer and administrative law. It also has a program to provide legal advice to members of the community who are suffering an illness which is likely to be life-threatening, who are unable to pay the Centre's hourly fee of $200.

The Centre is one of only five in the NSW north east region to receive an annual government funding grant of $5,000 from the Department of Community Services and they are the only ones to explicitly require a fundraising component.

Over the years, the Centre has assisted hundreds of people who not only fought for the right to be heard but who have gone on to win important rights for themselves and their families. They've also contributed to developing law and policy through the Centre's work in a variety of fields including criminal, family, industrial and human rights law.

**Strong bonds**

The University is committed to forming strong bonds with the local community. In 2004, the University College of the Hunter (UClark) was incorporated into the University of Newcastle at the beginning of 2002, the Faculty of Law was established and the Centre for Rural and Remote Studies (TAS) teachers. Since then, the Centre has become a prime example of the public/private partnership involvement in the area of regional development.

The Centre has also been working with local community groups to develop a Community Law Program for schools to help them address legal issues in their local areas.

**Wider Pathways**

The University has long been recognised for its commitment to apply in education.

- 1998 Following the announcement that BHP would close its Rod Bar and Wire Products Division, the University implemented a specific retraining program for students and would not be possible without $1,000 to their school.
- 2001 Provides tax-grown in establishing an Aboriginal acupuncture and Australian herbs.
- 2004 The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority has received a grant through the University's Cycleways Movement, Inc and through that, a wide range of people in rural areas and remote communities are being immersed into every facet of our daily lives – these are the qualities for which academics are traditionally renowned and respected.

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Work not over yet

Ron retires

Ronald Buss Riedel retired from the University in April 2005 and after one year a semi-retirement funding scheme was established. Most of the University’s current CRCs were established during his period as Chair of Physics. He cites (modestly) that among his most significant involvements was the development of nitric oxide as a fixative for the study of cellular processes, which can improve the condition of cut flowers. He emphasised his commitment to ensuring that there is access to a quality education as paramount. “It is important that tertiary education is accessible to everyone and that is just one area in which need exists.”

In the name of Peace

A bi-craplication Bronnie Nieto Brenda Atzin Miranda Martinez

This article has been edited.

Musical drawings on display at Ourimbah

NUSport and NUSwim newly awarded

New Appointments

All images have been cropped for the purpose of this document. Further information can be found in the original sources.
What’s Happening @ The University of Newcastle

Ceremonies
April 19
Outreach graduation ceremony

April 18 – 21
Graduation ceremonies

May 8
Bicentenary ceremonies

Forums
May 12 (1.00pm)
Panel on Racism
Griffith Bowler, Batty, Collegian campus

May 18
Panel on Racism

Celebrations
May 27 – June 3
National Reconciliation Week

June 4
Annual Recital/Dance
Music in the Art Gallery

Rare Books Luncheon Readings
Reading will be from the Library Reading Room.
April 1
Bible and Book

April 14
Books in Brief

April 23
Books from the Lambton

Rare Books Lunchtime Readings
Reading will be from the Lambton

Music in the Art Gallery
Lunchtime Reading

June 3

Musica Viva

April 28 – May 15
A Festival

Music in the Art Gallery
Lunchtime Reading

April 12

Music in the Art Gallery
Lunchtime Reading

April 30

Musica Viva

Music Lovers’ Club

April 27
17th Century American Theatre

May 19 – 21
18th Century American Theatre

May 26 – 29
19th Century American Theatre

May 30 – June
20th Century American Theatre

The Music Lovers’ Club was founded in 1989 by a group of people who felt that there was a gap in the provision of music, particularly classical music, in the Hunter Region. The Club is open to everyone, and to people of all ages, whether they have a musical background or not. The Club also runs music lessons for kids and adult classes to promote a better understanding of music.

For further information, please contact either Linda Albin (0405 257 052) or David Barker (0402 932 929).

The cost for evening sessions is either an annual subscription of $20 ($20 Conc) or $5 ($5 Conc) for each evening.

Music in the Art Gallery
Lunchtime Concert

Sunday May 22 (2.30pm)
Newcastle University Choir
Presenting their last concert this season.  The choir will be performing a light programme of songs from around the world, sung in different languages.

Music in the Art Gallery
Lunchtime Concert

May 2 (1.45pm)
Brenda Whitcher – Teacher of Singing

May 14 (1.45pm)
Lynette Sheldrake – Teacher of Singing

May 26 (1.45pm)
Sheli van der Post – Teacher of Singing

May 16 (1.45pm)
Joanne Price – Teacher of Singing

May 28 (1.45pm)
Annabella Redman – Teacher of Singing

Music in the Art Gallery
Lecture/Discussion

May 10 (2.30pm)
Daniel Wilson – Apprentice Performance Artist

May 19 (1.45pm)
International Morrison

May 26 (1.45pm)
Sheila Whitcher – Teacher of Singing

June 3 (1.45pm)
Sandra Whitcher – Teacher of Singing

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