University Appoints New Vice-Chancellor

Professor Nicholas Saunders MD, FRACP, FRCP(C) has been appointed to the position of Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Newcastle for an initial five year contract from 11 October 2004.

Professor Saunders says he is delighted by the Council's decision. "It's wonderful to be returning to the University of Newcastle. It is a great university with tremendous opportunities and I look forward to working closely with students, staff, the community, industry and government over the next five years."

With a view to where the University may be in five years' time, Professor Saunders has a very clear vision. "In five years' time, I envisage a vibrant place in which to work and study - full of energy and ideas and daring to be different. Internally, I would like the University to be a place where both staff and students know they're valued. We will have an enabling culture, a 'can-do' attitude, where both staff and students have input to setting directions and making decisions."

"The Ourimbah campus will grow to be a very valuable asset. It's in an important geographical location, it has room to expand and we should continue to develop its potential in a number of areas. The Callaghan campus can also continue to grow by cementing its status as a 'first choice' university, and research student numbers."

"In terms of research, the University has a significant national and international reputation in engineering, sciences and health. It is also well known for its commitment to Indigenous students and Indigenous studies. I would like to see these areas continue to do well, even better, but I also envisage research in the arts, humanities and social sciences becoming strong. We can't be internationally renowned for everything we do but there's every reason to expect that we can develop research excellence across a broad front."

"Externally, our partnerships will continue to be strong - the University has an outstanding record of engagement. I would like to meet with community and business representatives to determine how the University can be a keen contributor to our region. The University's and the regions' destinies are intertwined - we all will benefit from a united approach. I'd like to see Newcastle continue to develop as a 'university city' - a lively place that values education and scholarship, encourages debate and innovation and energetically promotes culture and the arts."

Chancellor of the University, Professor Trevor Waring said, "Professor Saunders is held in the highest regard in the higher education sector and is an excellent choice for the position of Vice-Chancellor and President. Our ability to attract someone of Professor Saunders' calibre and President is an excellent choice for the position of Vice-Chancellor and President. Our ability to attract someone of Professor Saunders' calibre and Professor Saunders."

"Professor Saunders' curriculum vitae is on the University web at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/services/uni_president.html"

Premier Marks History

The Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Bob Carr, delivered the opening address at the very successful 12th Biennial National Conference of the Australian Historical Association in Newcastle on 5 July.

The Conference attracted some 450 delegates from throughout Australia, New Zealand, the UK and the US. It is believed that this is the largest number of delegates to attend the Conference in recent times.
The University of Newcastle will receive $380 million in places for 2005, with an additional $120 million being provided in each of the following two years, according to the Vice-Chancellor and President, Dr Mark Lucchini. The funding will be used to provide higher education places to the University’s 26,800 new places for the sector by 2008.

Following the opening of the University’s new Clinical School in Port Macquarie from 2005 and as we build on our international reputation, McKeown noted that the University will continue to invest in the delivery of high-quality education and research.

The Federal Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) provides funding for the University’s student equity initiatives, in the form of the working party’s grant, which is used to fund students who face financial or personal barriers to accessing higher education. These projects have received very positive feedback, with DEST funding of just under $4,750 to $25,000.

In acknowledging that many students need help with learning, the University’s Working Party on Education and Training has been established, with the aim of considering the student learning outcomes that will be achieved by 2005.

The University’s Working Party on Student Equity will be responsible for the implementation of the Education and Training plan. Dr Mark Lucchini, who has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of this new University, has said that the University should be responsible for the program’s implementation and development.

The Benchmarks for Cultural Inclusiveness (BCI) is a new benchmark for universities and other tertiary education institutions, which requires the participation of both students and academics in order to achieve the same objectives as the other students. The BCI is designed to show students how to develop and use cultural perspectives in their research, training opportunities in the field of folate nutrition and genetics interactions.

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For 21 years Wollotuka, the Awabakal word for ‘eating and meeting place’, has been providing support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in higher education in Newcastle.

Dr John Maynard is the editor of UniNews. When not involved with UniNews, he is the Associate Dean (Students) and Academic Director, Learning Environment for the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is also Professor of Indigenous Health and the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Banner Image: "One of Wollotuka’s key values is that all Indigenous students are treated as individuals. When we welcome someone to the family, we want them to feel like an important member of the family." - Kristy, Wollotuka Student.
The University has an ongoing program of development of all major teaching and learning facilities and the upgrade and installation of educational technology. The current program of development includes the following major projects:

1. The Legal Web
   - The Legal Web is a comprehensive online resource for legal professionals, students, and researchers. It includes case law, statutes, and other legal materials
   - Website: www.law.unsw.edu.au

2. TUNRA's New Website
   - TUNRA is a research centre at the University of New South Wales. Its new website provides access to research papers, news, and events.
   - Website: www.tunra.unsw.edu.au

3. Being Organised
   - The Australian University Quality Commission (AUQC) has awarded the University of New South Wales a highly commendable rating in its 2004 review of the University's organisational development.
   - Website: www.aucq.org.au

4. MCA/Freedman Fellowship
   - The MCA/Freedman Fellowship is awarded to outstanding younger researchers and foreign nationals.
   - Website: www.mca.edu.au/fellowships

5. Education and Arts
   - The University of New South Wales has been confirmed as the top performing university in Australia in the Australian Research Council's Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2001 evaluation.
   - Website: www.era.edu.au

6. Self Similar Network Structure and Scale
   - The University of New South Wales has been named as one of the top 100 most influential universities in the world.
   - Website: www.unsw.edu.au

7. Achievements
   - The University of New South Wales has been awarded several prestigious awards for its research and teaching excellence.
   - Website: www.unsw.edu.au/awards

The University, with its outstanding research and teaching reputation, is committed to providing the best possible education and research opportunities for its students and staff. It is a leader in its field and continues to make significant contributions to the world of education and research.

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**Website Update**

The Contact Management System (CMS) website provides the latest news on the University. It includes updates on developments, important dates, and events.

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**The Legal Web**

Take a look at the new website for the University of New South Wales at www.unsw.edu.au. It provides a comprehensive guide to the University's legal services, including advice on intellectual property, privacy, and intellectual property.

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What’s Happening @ The University of Newcastle

Celebrations
August 23 - 27 Cultural Awakenings Festival Callaghan campus A week long celebration of the cultural diversity at the University of Newcastle.

September 8 Awards Presentation The University of Newcastle in conjunction with the University of Newcastle Union invites you to a night of celebration. Chancellor Professor Trevor Waring will present the 2003 Comonwealth Award for Professional Excellence and the 2003 Newton John Award. 6.30 - 8.30pm University House, cnr King and Auckland Streets, Newcastle. All past and present students are invited to attend this special community event. Cost: community/staff $42.50, staff $55, group bookings $100 (up to 10 guests). Bookings and enquiries to Rebecca Monk on 4921 1009 or Rebecca.Monk@newcastle.edu.au

Ceremonies
September 30 Semester 2 Graduation Ceremonies Callaghan campus Contact: graduation@newcastle.edu.au

Conferences
October 4 - 6 Cancer Conference - New Therapeutics Newcastle Civic Hall Presented by the Hunter Medical Research Institute and the University of Newcastle. For more information please go to http://www.hmrcancerconference.madonnaubs.org/

November 12 - 13 (One for your diary) Weaving Stories - Spinning Yarns The inaugural Quiltabout campus. Children’s Literate Festival. Byrae Courtyard AM and Jackie French on co-pimpers of the Festival. Includes special sessions for school students. Contact Festival Committee, Jenny Booker on 4494 4478 or email quiltabout@list.newcastle.edu.au

Lectures
August 17 The Marple Lecture Presented by the University of Newcastle and the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle “The God who kills?” by Dr John Perrett, priest and author. 6.30pm (Doors open 5.15pm) Newcastle Civic Hall, King Street. Five free public lectures series presented by the Hunter Valley Research Foundation. For information or bookings call 4693 4566 or visit www.hfrf.com.au

August 25 Democracy and a Civil Society Two Revolutions: Globalisation and Technology - The Implications for Democracy and a Civil Society - Dr Neil Suver, Social commentator, author and broadcaster. 6.30pm (Doors open 5.15pm) Newcastle Civic Hall, King Street. Free public lecture series presented by the Hunter Valley Research Foundation. For information or bookings call 4693 4566 or visit www.hfrf.com.au

September 2 The University of Newcastle’s Human Rights and Social Justice Lectures Walking away from Omelas: What price a just society? Moria Rayner, lawyer, writer, speaker and human rights activist. 1.00pm Griffith Duncan Theatre, Callaghan campus Light refreshments will be served in the foyer at the conclusion of the lecture. To assist with catering, please RSVP by August 24 to The Equity and Diversity Unit, Ph: 4921 8547 or email enq@hondgi.newcastle.edu.au

September 8 Democracy and a Civil Society: Civic Culture and the Community Economy Professor Edward Blakely, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Sydney 6.30pm (Doors open 5.15pm) Newcastle Civic Hall, King Street. Free public lecture series presented by the Hunter Valley Research Foundation. For information or bookings call 4693 4566 or visit www.hfrf.com.au

Seminars & Workshops
September 14 Research Centre for Gender and Health Lunchtime Seminar 1: 2pm Causes and Cancers: Descriptions and attributions for psychological distress in mid Australian women, Dr Sue Quinter Case Study Theatre (room 207), David Maddison Building, cnr of Watt and King Sts. Findings from the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women’s Health (Women’s Health Australia) are discussed at each seminar. Enquiries - Please contact the RCCH office on 4923 6872 or whasec@newcastle.edu.au

September 23 Women at the University of Newcastle Workshop 1: 4pm (including lunch) Rebalancing and reconfiguring. Does it take a civic art to effectively combine work and family? Tree House, University Union, Callaghan campus A panel of speakers will talk about their experiences of balancing and jobgigging and work and caring responsibilities.

October 12 Research Centre for Gender and Health Lunchtime Seminar 1: 2pm “Things are getting better all the time!” Three Generations of Australian Women Canadian Retirement. Dr Penny Warner Smith, Dr Christine Ewingham Case Study Theatre (room 207), David Maddison Building, cnr of Watt and King Sts. Findings from the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women’s Health (Women’s Health Australia) are discussed at each seminar. Enquiries - Please contact the RCCH office on 4923 6872 or whasec@newcastle.edu.au

Information Days
September 4 Careers and Courses Callaghan and Ourimbah campuses. Providing the opportunity for prospective students and their parents to visit the campus, attend presentations and activities, and gain information on University programs, processes and student life. Enquiries: Student Recruitment, Careers & Employment on (+61 2) 4921 5888

Arts and Drama
August 4 - 22 Cloth Art-Marie-Therese Winiowski Walking with Refugees Iritah Samayi Print Projections: Michael Meany Experimental Drawing: Jonathan Carroll Strike a Pose: Colin Hoad Watt Space, Orr King and Auckland Streets, Newcawle Wed - Sun, 12 noon - 6pm

August 17 - 21 Girl Interrupted Adapted from the American text by James Mangold Directed by Laura Jeffries Drama Theatre, Callaghan campus Tues - Sat, 7.30pm

August 25 - September 12 2004 Annual Student Acquisitive Art Prize Watt Space, Orr King and Auckland Streets, Newcawle Wed - Sun, 12 noon - 6pm Curated by Cheryl Brown

August 31 - September 4 More a workshop production Written and Directed by Laura Brittain Drama Studio, Callaghan campus Tues - Sat, 7pm and Fri - Sat, 6pm

September 7 - 11 Svetlana in Slingbacks by Valantina Levkowicz (Honours Production) Directed by Cassandra Burt Drama Theatre, Callaghan campus Tues - Sat, 8pm

September 14 - October 3 Queen 2004 Watt Space Selectors Watt Space, Orr King and Auckland Streets, Newcawle Wed - Sun, 12 noon - 6pm

September 21 - 26 Sainted Demons (Honours Production) Written and Directed by Danielle Brone Drama Studio, Callaghan campus Tues - Sat, 7.30pm

Music
Presenting our concert listing here are what we hold at the University of Newcastle Conservatorium, Civic Laman and Auckland Streets, Newcastle unless otherwise stated. For bookings please call 4921 8531.

August 18 Lunchtime Concert - New Music 1.00pm $6.00, Child $5.00 A Composers Concert presented by the students of the Conservatorium.

August 19 Lunchtime Concert - Piano Recital 1.00pm $6.00, Conc $5.00 Solo music of Keith Jarrett, Colin Spiers. Piano. Keith Jarrett’s (1945) is universally respected as one of the greatest improvising artists of his generation. Best known as a jazz musician, Jarrett also gained fame during the 1970s for his long, unplanned, solo piano improvisations which often lasted entire hours of the standard recital format. In this concert, Colin Spiers, a member of the Conservatorium’s full-time staff, will perform transcriptions of Jarrett’s shorter pieces, including those from the albums “Dark Intervals” and “Book of Days”.

August 20 Lunchtime Concert - Classical Guitar Recital 1.00pm $6.00, Conc $5.00 The Guitar Academy.

August 21 Lunchtime Concert - Chamber Music 1.00pm $6.00, Conc $5.00 The University of Newcastle Chamber Choir. Conductor – Philip Matthias. Award winning Choir and Symphony Orchestra. Blue Danube - Offenbach, Coronation Scene - Boris Godunov-Mussorgsky Adult $12.00, Conc $8.00, Child $6.00, Family $25.00

August 21 Musica Viva - Duo Sol and Li-Wei 8.00pm “Men for presentation and preparation. Duo Sol play the violin and piano repertoire with lively concentration and intimate ensemble”. The Sydney Morning Herald. Composers – Dear, Strauss & Dvorak. Enquiries: 1800 688 482

August 26 Lunchtime Concert 1.00pm $6.00, Conc $5.00 The University of Newcastle Chamber Choir. Conductor – Philip Matthias. Award winning Choir in a program of a capella music from Australia and the world.

August 27 Piano Recital 8.00pm Adult $20.00, Conc $10.00, Child $10.00 Nurturing the First Prize winner or a major prize winner from the Sydney International Piano Competition 2004.

August 30 Piano Recital - Stephen Hough 8.00pm Adult $25.00, Conc $20.00, Student/Child $15.00 “The most perfect piano playing conceivable” - The Guardian. “A virtuoso who begins where others leave off” - Washington Post. Program includes: Piano Sonata No.5; Piano Sonata E minor; 084N-Scubett; Alleluia del Grazioso- Ravel; Debussy, Alberty and Muczkiowski.

HRonline is a new facility that gives staff secure access to view their own payroll information and leave entitlements from a personal computer. It also enables updating of selected payroll and personal details.

A flyer containing log in instructions was included with staff payslips in the pay period ending 15 July 2004. In addition an introductory memo was enclosed containing important messages for staff using this system.

Copies of the flyer and memo can be found at http://hronline.newcastle.edu.au

For further enquiries email Human Resource Services on hronline-enquiry@newcastle.edu.au or phone ext. 15266