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Professor Alison Sheridan
Head of School

This month has been another busy one, as T1 came to a close and final grades were all submitted last week. Thanks to all those who were able to submit their grades on time, as this makes the collation of the final grades before the board of examiners meeting more ordered. Once the board of examiners meets, any changes to grades must be done through submitting individual changes of grade forms and this creates a lot of work for everyone, so timely submission of grades is greatly appreciated.

Earlier in June, UNE hosted a visit by staff from Shaan'Xi Normal University (pictured above), in which we discussed the opportunities for further collaboration. As we seek to deliver our strategy in developing innovative partnerships, such relationships are important. To widen our relationships, I am travelling to Indonesia this week to visit two universities - Universitas Andalas (UNAND), Padang and Bogor Agricultural University (IBP) - to explore opportunities for pathways and student exchange. I am particularly looking forward to visiting IBP, as a number of their senior staff are alumni of the University of New England, and I remember tutoring them as post-graduate students here in Armidale in the early 1990s.

With respect to staffing news, Derek Baker has accepted the position of Professor in Agribusiness and will take up his role in late October 2013. We are currently recruiting for a new professor in financial accounting. Dr Dessalegn Mihret will be leaving us this month. Dessalegn has been a valued member of the Accounting and Finance discipline and I wish him well in his new position.

The PVC/Dean of the Faculty of The Professions, Professor Victor Minichiello is retiring on 19 July 2013. Victor has been a visionary leader of the Faculty since its inception in 2008. He has fostered an external focus among the Schools, reinforcing the importance of UNE's strategy of being regionally located, internationally connected, while promoting collaboration within the institution. As well as managing the Faculty so well over the past 6 years, he has continued to be an extraordinarily prolific researcher, an ARC panel member and constant source of new ideas. His energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed as he moves on to the next stage in his career.

Research Outcomes

Journal Articles

Dollery, B. E. and Grant, B. (2013) Introduction, Public Finance and Management, Symposium on Amalgamation and Financial Sustainability in Local Government: Part 1, Edited by Brian Dollery and Bligh Grant, 13(2), pp. 1-5.

Dollery, B. E. and Grant, B. (eds). (2013) Public Finance and Management, Symposium on Amalgamation and Financial Sustainability in Local Government: Part 1, <http://www.spaef.com/pfm.php>.

Grant, B., Dollery, B.E. and Kortt, M. (2013) Recasting leadership reform in Australian local government: a taxonomy from political theory, *Local Government Studies*, (in print).

Lewis, C., Dollery, B. E. and Kortt, M. (2013) Building the education revolution program: Another case of Australian Government failure?, *International Journal of Public Administration*, (in print).

Nahar, B. and Siriwardana, M. (2013) Trade opening, fiscal reforms, poverty, and inequality: A CGE Analysis for Bangladesh, *The Developing Economies*, Vol.51, pp.145-185.

Rindfleish, J. (2013) Standardising mediocrity: The use of student evaluations to measure quality assurance in Australian Universities, *Management Education: An International Journal*, 12(2), pp. 1-12.

Valadkhani, A. and Bollen, B. (2013) An alternative approach to the modelling of interest rate pass through and asymmetric adjustment, *Economic Letters*, (in print).

Valadkhani, A., Chen, G. and Anderson, J. (2013) A cluster analysis of petrol profit margins across various regional and urban locations in Australia, *Australasian Journal of Regional Studies* (in print).

Conference Papers

Dollery, B. E. (2013) An Emperor with no clothes: Local government amalgamation, *2013 Future of Local Government National Summit*, Melbourne, 23 May 2013.

Dollery, B. E. (2013) Publishing in local government, *Local Government Researchers Forum*, Adelaide University, 6 June 2013.

Dollery, B. E. (2013) Evaluation of reports on local government revenue and a National Finance Authority, *Local Government Researchers Forum*, Adelaide University, 6 June 2013.

Dollery, B. E., Kortt, M and O'Keefe, S. (2013) Local co-governance and environmental sustainability in Australian Local Government, *Local Government Researchers Forum*, Adelaide University, 7 June 2013.

Valadkhani, A. and Araee, M. (2013) Estimating the time varying NAIRU in Iran, *The International Conference of the Association of Korean Economic Studies (AKES)*, Korea and the World Economy XII: Toward Broader and Deeper Economic Collaboration in Asia, University of Tehran and University of Isfahan, Iran, 25-27 June, 2013.



Calendar

July

- 1 Lectures start for Trimester 2
- 5 Seminar Series - Dr Bligh Grant
- 15 School Meeting
- 19 Seminar Series - Dr Sujana Adapa
- 23 The Business of being creative - Mr Patrick McIntyre @ the Hoskins Centre
- 25 R&RT Committee Meeting

August

- 12 School Meeting
- 16 T2 lectures end
- 17 Intensive Schools start
- 29 R&RT Committee Meeting
- 31 Intensive Schools end
- 31 Census day

September

- 2 T2 lectures recommence
- 26 School Meeting

October

- 4 T2 lectures end
- 7 Labour day
- 8 T2 exams start
- 21 School Meeting
- 21 T2 exams end
- 21 T2 ends
- 25 T3 orientation day
- 26 Graduation
- 28 T3 lectures start
- 31 R&RT Committee Meeting



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UNE Business School

Research that matters

Within the UNE Business School we are committed to delivering research that matters, and is recognised by our peers and the wider community as excellent.

Our Research Themes are:

1. Applied, Agricultural and Environmental Economics
2. Business Development and Sustainability
3. Policy and Governance
4. Business Education

Siriwardana, M., Meng, S., and McNeill, J., (2013) Border Adjustments under Unilateral Carbon Pricing: The Case of Australian Carbon Tax, *Third Asian Conference on Sustainability, Energy and the Environment*, Ramada Hotel, Osaka, Japan, 6-9 June, 2013.

Meng, S., Siriwardana, M., and McNeill, J. (2013), Australian Carbon Tax: Winners and Losers, *Third Asian Conference on Sustainability, Energy and the Environment*, Ramada Hotel, Osaka, Japan, 6-9 June, 2013.

Sajeewani, D., Siriwardana, M., and McNeill, J. (2013), Economic Effects of a Carbon Price on the Australian Economy: A Computable General Equilibrium Results, *Third Asian Conference on Sustainability, Energy and the Environment*, Ramada Hotel, Osaka, Japan, 6-9 June, 2013.

Siriwardana, M., Meng, S., and McNeill, J. (2013), Border Adjustments under Unilateral Carbon Pricing: Are they Warranted in the Case of Australian Carbon Tax, *16th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis- New Challenges for Global Trade in a Rapidly Changing World*, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, Shanghai, China, 12-14 June, 2013.

Meng, S., Siriwardana, M., and McNeill, J. (2013), The Impact of an Appreciation of the Chinese Yuan on the Global Trade, *16th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis- New Challenges for Global Trade in a Rapidly Changing World*, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, Shanghai, China, 12-14 June, 2013.

Occasional Papers

01-2013 Adapa, S. and Rindfleish, J. (2013) Rhetoric or Reality: Corporate Social Responsibility in Small and Medium Sized Accountancy Firms in Northwest NSW, *UNE Business School Occasional Papers, Business Development and Sustainability*.

PhD Graduates

The following UNE Business School Postgraduate students will graduate on 26 October 2013, congratulations.

Siew King Ting

Thesis Title: An Empirical Analysis of Administrative Productivity and Efficiency in Sabah Local Government

Supervisors: Brian Dollery and Rene Villano

Hasnah Hasnah

Thesis Title: The Potential of the Cacao Agribusiness for Poverty Alleviation in West Sumatra, Indonesia.

Supervisors: Rene Villano, Euan Fleming and Ian Patrick



Centre for Local Government

Professor Brian Dollery travelled to Port Pirie to visit one of his former PhD students Dr Andrew Johnson (PhD UNE, MBA UNE). Dr Johnson is the CEO of Port Pirie.

At a welcoming mayoral reception, Professor Dollery presented Port Pirie Mayor Brenton Vanstone with a copy of his new book entitled *Funding the Future: Financial Sustainability and Infrastructure Finance in Australian Local Government*. The book was co-authored with Dr Michael Kortt and Dr Bligh Grant. Professor Dollery was accompanied by Dr Mike Kortt from SCU, who is a member of the UNE Centre for Local Government. Dr Johnson, Professor Dollery and Dr Kortt plan a book on Australian local government.



Funding the Future

On 11 June **Dr Bligh Grant** attended the launching of *Funding the Future: Financial Sustainability and Infrastructure Finance in Australian Local Government* (Federation Press) at the Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government (ACELG) Researchers' Forum, Adelaide University.

Pictured below: Dr Bligh Grant, Dr Andrew Johnson, PhD Candidate Darren Dallinger, Professor Brian Dollery and Dr Michael Kortt.



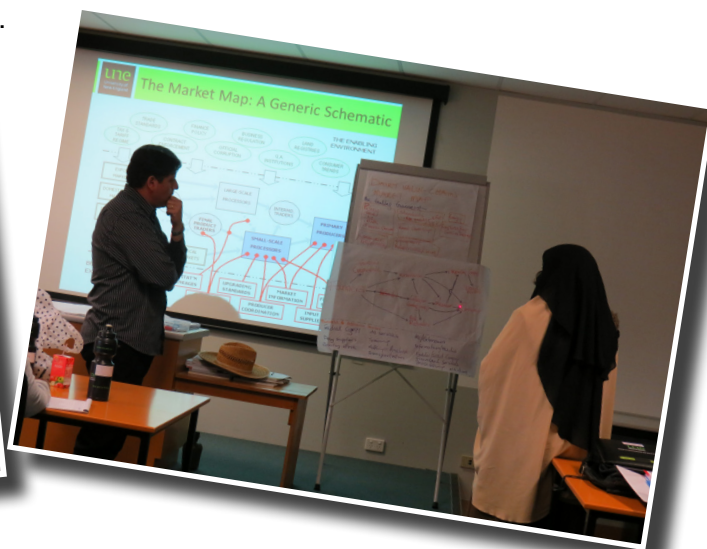


Dr Emilio Morales
Lecturer

Value Chain Analysis

On 6 May **Dr Emilio Morales** delivered a workshop session on Value Chain Analysis to a group of 15 officers working for the government of different African countries, including South Sudan, Sudan, Botswana, Zambia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Burundi and Mali.

The Value Chain Analysis training was a component of the AusAID Livestock Course coordinated by Professor John Gibson, School of Environmental and Rural Science. The objectives of the 6 weeks course are to improve food security and production efficiency through commercial farming using a pro-poor approach. Each participant identified an area of improvement in an agricultural value chain and developed through the training course an action plan to be implemented in their respective country. Dr Morales held individual meetings with participants and engaged in the discussion of action plans, providing feedback on areas they need to improve to increase their effectiveness.



Agricultural & Resource Economics Society, New England Branch

On the 7 June Professor Alan Randall (Head of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Sydney) gave the annual John Dillon Memorial Lecture. The title of Alan's lecture was, *Grappling with Public Risks in Complex Systems – a progress report*. The lecture was video recorded (and will be uploaded to the AARES branch web page in the near future) and it was also streamed live to the Future Campus at Parramatta.

A summary of the content of the lecture follows:

Risk in public life attends novel but risky interventions and the overstressing of familiar systems in the course of business as usual. The menu of approaches for addressing such risks includes prevention, avoidance, mitigation, management, remediation, and adaptation. And the whole business of grappling with these risks is an exercise in the practical ethics of public life. The lecture began by sketching a fairly coherent approach to public risks in complex systems, addressing the key issues of threat, evidence, and remedy. Focusing on the case of climate adaptation, it then made some tentative steps toward fleshing-out and operationalizing the framework described. It concluded with some observations on the vogue for security, asking what new insights might emerge from framing food, soil, water, and energy issues in terms of security.

The Pricing Behaviour of Australian Banks and Building Societies

Professor Abbas Valadkhani recently wrote a paper titled:

Valadkhani, A., (2013), The Pricing Behaviour of Australian Banks and Building Societies in the Residential Mortgage Market, *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money*, 26,.

The results of this paper have been included in the websites of 7 major national newspapers: The Australian, Courier Mail, Daily Telegraph, Perth Now, Herald Sun, Sydney Sun and Australian Herald.

Please click on the links below to view the full story:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/difference-between-best-and-worst-home-loans-1000-a-year/story-e6frg6n6-1226660632522>

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/money/money-matters/difference-between-best-and-worst-home-loans-1000-a-year/story-fnihpjrg-1226660632522>

<http://www.news.com.au/money/money-matters/difference-between-best-and-worst-home-loans-1000-a-year/story-e6frfmd9-1226660632522>

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/money/money-matters/difference-between-best-and-worst-home-loans-1000-a-year/story-fni0ctf0-1226660632522>

<http://www.perthnow.com.au/money/money-matters/difference-between-best-and-worst-home-loans-1000-a-year/story-fnhld7gq-1226660632522>

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/money/money-matters/difference-between-best-and-worst-home-loans-1000-a-year/story-fni0ctkz-1226660632522>

<http://www.australianherald.com/index.php/sid/215066754/scat/ae0def0d9b645403>

<http://www.sydneynews.com/index.php/sid/215066754/scat/ae0def0d9b645403>

LONG AND SHORT OF THE BEST AND WORST MORTGAGE RATES



TOP 5			BOTTOM 5		
Lender	Home loan rate avg 2000-12 (%)	Current rate (%)	Lender	Home loan rate avg 2000-12 (%)	Current rate (%)
Heritage Bank	7.01	5.89	Citibank	7.43	6.44
Newcastle Permanent	7.04	5.80	Arab Bank Australia	7.41	6.75
Hume Building Society	7.06	5.75	Westpac	7.34	6.26
Greater Building Society	7.08	5.75	Bendigo Bank	7.32	6.26
Adelaide Bank	7.12	5.56	AMP	7.32	6.25

Sources 2000-12 rates: Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions & Money, Current: Lender websites



Professor Abbas Valadkhani

Lucky Duck

Every fortnight, the UNEBS and EDC teams will host a **LUCKY DUCK** morning tea. This will be held every pay day (so you can remember it), in the EBL cafe.

See you at the next **LUCKY DUCK** morning tea, Thursday 11 July at 10 am.





Naomi McGrath
Educational Development &
Communications Officer

EDC Update

Just a reminder that Trimester 2 release is Monday 24 June and thanks to Unit Coordinators, the Admin team and EDC staff we were able to have unit material ready and checked prior to the release date to students.

The SAF project is well underway and Cubic have been busy working with coordinators to come up with enhancements in their Trimester 2 units. The same process will apply for Trimester 3 units and the EDC Team will send out information about this closer to the date. As mentioned in the last newsletter, a number of suggestions by coordinators relate to later parts of the project, as they are system related and will be applicable to the whole University ie dashboards, interactive whiteboards, equation editor functionality and improvements to Moodle. These will be pursued in the next stage of the project.

Tim is off to Moodlemoot (<http://moodlemoot.org.au/>) in Melbourne next week.

The theme "Moodle & Beyond" challenges delegates to consider how we can best use Moodle to keep pace with radical changes to teaching, learning, technology and the environment. With streams including sustainability, flipping the classroom, student-centric learning and Moodle as a launching pad, we are looking forward to hearing all about the conference and the great ideas that Tim will come back with.



We will be holding another Teaching and Learning Showcase in mid-July. If you have been working on some innovative ideas in your units and would like to present to your colleagues please contact Naomi (naomi.mcgrath@une.edu.au). We will send out invitations and information about the showcase and presentations closer to the date Keep an eye out!



Dr George Chen
Seminar Series Coordinator

UNE Business School Seminar Series

Professor Andrew Worthington from Griffith University presented his paper Forecasting the Impact of Generation Mix on Wholesale Electricity Prices in Australia, in the UNE Business School Seminar on 31 May 2013. It was a great turnout and this topical issue attracted vibrant discussions between Professor Worthington and the audience. For those who were unable to attend the seminar, a 5-minute Q&A clip will be made available on the School's website for viewing later on.

If you would like to invite a speaker to present at our UNE Business School Seminar

See you at the next seminar.....

Dr Bligh Grant

Friday 5 July @ 1pm, LT5 W39

Dr Sujana Adapa

Friday 19th July @ 1pm, LT5 W39

IT Support

UNE has free Sophos antivirus software available for home use for staff and students,

It is available from <http://www.une.edu.au/antivirus/download.php>

If you download and install Sophos please follow the instructions to remove any other antivirus programs to avoid conflicts with Sophos.

Staff members can purchase a home use license of the CAUDIT software for their home computer if it is used mainly for “work related purposes” from the IT Service Desk. Though the cost of the license is covered by CAUDIT, there is a small charge for the CD, see below for costs.

Software	System Requirements	Cost
Office 2010 Professional		\$35
Windows Vista Business Upgrade	-	\$35
Office 2011	MacOS 10.4.9+	\$35
Windows 7 Professional Upgrade 32-bit	-	\$35
Windows 7 Professional Upgrade 64-bit	-	\$35
STAFF can also purchase (and download) Office 2010 Professional, Office 2011 for Mac and Windows 7 Professional Upgrade at a special discount rate (currently \$15) from http://www.microsoftup.com/hupau/home.aspx?culture=en-AU		
NOTE: This offer requires a Programme Key - please contact the IT Service Desk servicedesk@une.edu.au or 5000 for details)		

Students enrolled at UNE can purchase discounted versions of Windows and Office 365 from Microsoft’s “It’s Not Cheating” website http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msaus/en_AU/pdp/productID.260298000?resid=Tx5@1woHAtcAADNvHJ8AAAA&rests=1327940596476

SPSS 21 is now available at no cost for **UNE owned computers only** it is not available for installation on private or non UNE computers.

To have it installed on your UNE computer you will need to fill in the form at https://une.service-now.com/internal/sw_install_request.do

You will be asked for your computer serial number (on Dell computers this is the 7 digit service tag).

The software will be installed remotely onto your computer. To do this you will need to have TeamViewer. This can be obtained from

<http://www.une.edu.au/it-services/common/software/remote-desktop.php>

Once you have downloaded the file, run it and use the user id and password when asked by the help desk.



Bernie Groen
Senior IT Officer

UNEBS *News*

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Send your contributions to:
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Get inspired!

The UNE Business School, the Armidale Business Chamber and the TAS Hoskins Centre
Warmly invite you to hear

Mr Patrick McIntyre,
Executive Director of the Sydney Theatre Company

speaking on

The Business of Being Creative

Raised in Armidale, Patrick McIntyre will deliver a compelling insider's perspective on working and managing a creative enterprise. This is a tremendous opportunity to hear Patrick's story and gain insight into the immense benefit of harnessing your creative energy, particularly when having to adapt to change. Come along and hear how creative thinking combined with energy can produce extraordinary outcomes. Get inspired!



**SYDNEY
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All Welcome

When: Tuesday 23rd July 2013

Time: 5.30pm Networking Drinks and Light Refreshments for a 6.00pm start

Where: TAS Hoskins Centre

Cost: Armidale Business Chamber Members \$25

Non-members \$35

High School Students and UNE Undergraduate Students Free

RSVP: Bookings essential for catering
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