



Dear **First Name**,

August was a big month! We officially said goodbye to Winter here in Australia.

Dr Tony Tan became the 7th President of the Republic of Singapore. India celebrated Independence Day. In China, Peoples Liberation Army Day was celebrated. National Womens Day was celebrated in South Africa. The Feast of the Assumption was celebrated in parts of Europe. In the United Kingdom, a Bank Holiday marked the end of Summer holidays.

Wherever you are in the world, we hope you have a great September. Our Canadian alums celebrated Labour Day on Sept 5. Teachers Day is celebrated in China. Heritage Day is celebrated in South Africa and Labour Day is also celebrated in USA.

A huge thank you to all whom have consented to be profiled in this edition. We love following your careers and our readers love reading about them. Keep sending in those dot-points and photos. Additionally, join our social networks and tell your own story there.

Regards,

Amber

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Curtin University Alumni



Feature

Curtin Open Day 2011

Alumni Alley was brought back to life at Curtin Universitys Open Day for 2011. The Alumni Relations team challenged all alumni and visitors to test their skills and have some fun in the University Life marquee. [Read more](#)



News



From a Curtin Social Work graduate to the Head of Social Work at Curtin

Social Work has been part of Curtin University since the 1960s. However, throughout this time there has never been a



A love for international relations

Right from the beginning of Tomas Shores career he developed a passion for international relations and



Univation 2011 and launch of the WApp Awards

Have you ever wanted to showcase your very own mobile application to a panel of world-leading investors and

Curtin Social Work graduate at its helm - until July 2011. Social Work graduate Angela Barns became the Head of Social Work when Dr Angela Fielding, esteemed former Head of Social Work for four years, stepped down from the throne.
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policy. His interest in technical and creative writing has enabled him to share his thoughts and actions in this area with communities around the globe.
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entrepreneurs? Then you should apply for [the WApp Awards](#). You could win prizes to a value of \$150,000, which would enable you to build and launch your app. [Read more](#)

Upcoming events

7 September

Mature Age Information Session
Presented by Curtin Future Students Centre
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CIME Minerals Seminar Series
Presented by Curtin Institute of Minerals and Energy
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23 September

Mature Age Information Session
Presented by Curtin Future Students Centre
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14 October

2011 Intervarsity Golf Competition
Presented by Curtin Stadium
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21 October

Public Policy Forum Luncheon:
How Business Innovation Can Transform an Economy: The Story of Cambridge UK
Speaker: Dr Shai Vyakarnam, Director of the Centre of Entrepreneurial Learning at the University of Cambridge
Presented by Curtin Business School
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Awards and recognition

The new **Curtin Singapore Student Career Centre** has been opened with a small ceremony on 15 August. This joint effort represents the strong collaboration between the **Curtin Singapore Alumni Chapter Committee** and **Curtin Singapore**. By providing advice and additional support through mentors, seminars and other activities, the Career Centre assists the final year students in transforming from study to a professional career.



Dr Theodora Issa of Curtin Business School has received the CBS New Researcher of the Year Award at the CBS Research & Development Awards 2010. The ceremony was held on 3 August 2011 at the John Curtin Gallery.



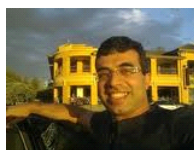
Adjunct Professor Philip Bland of Department of Applied Geology at Curtins WA School of Mines has been awarded an Australian Laureate Fellowship for his ongoing research into meteorites and how they can reveal the origin of the solar system. Australian Laureate Fellowships are awarded by the Australian Research Council to researchers of international repute who will play a significant, sustained leadership and mentoring role in building Australia's international competitive research capacity.



To honour the achievements of Indigenous Australian Rules footballers, Curtin research fellow, **Dr Sean Gorman** launched his second book *Legends: The AFL Indigenous Team of the Century* at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 15 August.



Dr Ali Saeedi of Department of Petroleum Engineering has won an internationally esteemed 2011 PhD Thesis Prize for his research into CO₂ geo-sequestration, a process involving injecting carbon dioxide underground.



Master of Philosophy in Civil Engineering graduates **Ahmad Jabari Kohpaei** and **Ashok Aryal** have won three year scholarships for new desalination research by the National Centre of Excellence in Desalination Australia (NCEDA).

Sporting corner

Children School Holiday Program

Proudly brought to you by Curtin Stadium, the popular School Holiday Program is tailored for children aged from 6 to 12. Running from 3 October to 14 October, Monday to Friday, the Program delivers fun and exercises through a variety of sports and activities.

For further information or to complete your registration, please go to the [School Holiday Program website](#).

2011 Intervarsity Golf Competition

Another event worth saving in your calendar! The 2011 Intervarsity Golf Competition will be held on Friday 14 October at Mosman Park Golf Course. Dont miss out on this wonderful opportunity to network with other University staff and alumni while enjoying a game of golf. For further details on registration and payment methods, please contact Lee Stringer on +61 8 9266 3363 or l.stringer@curtin.edu.au

Did you know

Curtin University at the MBA & Postgrad Expo in Perth

On Thursday 22 September at Parmelia Hilton Hotel, Curtin University and Curtin Business School will be showcasing the most comprehensive selection of degrees in WA. Courses range from specialised research degrees to graduate, masters and PhD programs. Entry is FREE so come along and get the best advice on further studies or explore new career pathways. For more information, please visit the [Postgrad Expo website](#).



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