



Campus Director,  
Dr. Muyesser Durur

At CSU Port Macquarie, 2013 has started in the only way our [young campus](#) knows how—gaining rapid speed as we move toward permanent development. Now halfway through the teaching year, it's time for an update; a mere snapshot of what has been and what is to come in the next few months of campus life.

To start, we would like to welcome [Johnathan Hewis](#) to our academic team. Johnathan is a Medical Imaging Lecturer who comes with previous academic experience and a diverse range of clinical skills from the UK. He has a passion for teaching and also the guitar. Our academic year is well and truly underway, starting with the [orientation](#) of 150 first-year students in January, our Small Business Management Foundation Seminars in April, and the Public Lecture Series commencing in the same month: it's been an exciting time for staff, students and our local community. To top it all off, a site has been secured on Major Innes Road to develop our permanent [campus](#) (scheduled for construction in 2014). This land was purchased with the aid of the Federal Government's Structural Adjustment Fund and, thanks to the support of Lyne MP Rob Oakeshott, will also host a [food, soil and water research centre](#) in partnership with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. It's all happening here and we have no plans to slow down!

## Working with the community:

### *Assisting Small Businesses*

Between March and May this year, CSU Port Macquarie introduced a series of free [Small Business Management Foundation Seminars](#) in collaboration with the Edmund Barton Centre, Mid North Coast Business Chamber, Hastings Business Women's Network and the Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce.

The seminars were short, sharp and engaging, focusing on topics such as Online Marketing; The Small Business Workplace; and Small Business Finance.

Each session provided established and aspiring small business owners with first-hand knowledge from a prolific range of guest speakers. An impressive 165 attendees experienced the seminars, all chaired by Dr. Lan Snell, Course Director of CSU's Graduate Certificate in Small Business Management.

## 2013 Public Lecture Series:

### *CSU Invites You*

On the 10<sup>th</sup> April we introduced the first in a series of four public lectures delivered by prominent CSU academics - hosting over 120 attendees at the Port Macquarie Glasshouse. Designed to encourage debate and get the community thinking about the tough issues and ideas facing society today, the first two lectures



CSU Public Lecture 1:  
Dr. Muyesser Durur, Rev. Prof. James Haire and  
Prof. Ross Chambers.

featured topics as diverse as **the Christian-Muslim dialogue** by Rev. Professor James Haire and **Tastes, Markets and Trends in the Australian wine industry** by Prof. Alain Deloire and Prof. Chris Steele.

On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August** we're expecting 120 people at the third in the series: [Advances in Emergency Medicine](#), with Mr. Joe Acker. Another 85 people have already booked in to the fourth lecture in our series on [Terrorism and Australia](#), so they clearly are events not to be missed.

To read more about these upcoming lectures, click the links above or refer to our [Upcoming Events](#) highlighted on page 4.

## National Reconciliation Week: *Indigenous Integration*

CSU Port Macquarie has continued its commitment to supporting the region's indigenous community during a two-day conference in May.



**Dr. Muiyesser Durur, Mr. Gary Shipp, Birpai elder Uncle Bill O'Brien and Prof. Garry Marchant.**

Discussing ideas for the campus' Indigenous Education Strategy, university officials (including Campus Director, Dr. Muiyesser Durur; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Garry Marchant; Head of Campus, Prof. Ross Chambers; Director of the Centre for Indigenous Studies, Assoc. Prof. Wendy Nolan and special advisor for indigenous affairs, Gary Shipp) met with Birpai elder Uncle Bill O'Brien and

members of the local indigenous community to redress the under-representation of indigenous students completing higher education.

With such a large indigenous population on the North Coast, CSU's Port Macquarie campus is ideally situated and well equipped to tackle such issues. The conference, which coincided with National Reconciliation Week, added to the work CSU is already doing with the indigenous community.

Birpai elder, Uncle Bill O'Brien was pleased with the outcomes of the conference, stating:

*'We've never had an enterprise like CSU working specifically for the benefit of the Aboriginal community.'*

## Darrambal Skills Assessment Program: *Higher Education Opportunities*

Twenty-two indigenous high school students travelled from Coffs Harbour, Macksville, Bellingen, Kempsey, Wauchope, Port Macquarie, Camden Haven and Forster recently to attend the [Darrambal](#) Skills Assessment program. Over three days, students attended workshops based on expectations of university level study and were assessed on literacy and numeracy skills with a view to gaining entry into CSU courses in 2014.



**Amelia Cooke-Webber trying on a graduation gown – a powerful motivation for success.**

## In the Schools:

### *Building Aspiration*

Principals and key staff of secondary schools from around the region met recently with Campus Director, Dr. Muyesser Durur, visiting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Garry Marchant and School Outreach Co-ordinator, Sandra Wallace to discuss the development of the University in the region, future links, relationships and joint opportunities for CSU to work with students and teaching staff to encourage more students from the Mid North Coast to participate in tertiary education.

Schools have welcomed CSU's [Future Moves](#) aspiration building program which consists of a range of activities designed to

- **Encourage** students to explore career options and the opportunities that come from higher education;
- **Inspire** students to both consider and access university as a viable option;
- **Help** students to identify the appropriate pathways to achieve their goals.

In the past 12 months, over 1200 students have participated in activities delivered by the Future Moves team.



Local students presenting their Career Connections map

## Luminosity Youth Summit:

### *Dangerous Ideas*

From the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of July, 2013, a Summit for young people aged between 15-30yrs will take place in Port Macquarie.

Following discussions with other educational leaders and community members, CSU Campus Director, Dr. Muyesser Durur realised a gap existed in leadership development programs in the region, and requested that an event take place to address this shortfall. From there, [Luminosity](#) was born.

With CSU Port Macquarie as a founding sponsor, the Luminosity Youth Summit is aimed at, and hosted by young members of the community. The inaugural event will focus on *challenging today's generation to become tomorrow's leaders'*, with the theme "Dangerous Ideas" at the centre of proceedings.

The programme features a diverse range of keynote speakers, workshops and social events focusing on sport, the arts, academia, business & entrepreneurship, philanthropy and finance.

Organisers hope to host a mix of 300 students, workers and jobseekers from all over the Mid North Coast and, upon its success, anticipate making it an annual national event.

To register or become a sponsor click [here](#).



## Signing off:

*for now...*

Courses from our Faculty of Science are flying thanks to the Hunter & Coast Interdisciplinary Clinical Training Network (ICTN) providing a \$98, 869 boost to support the campus' paramedic education and clinical placements earlier this year, as well as a three-year agreement signed with St Columba's Anglican School in Port Macquarie to assist students with access to laboratory facilities.

The course profile for 2015 and beyond is on the agenda in the coming months and 2014 will see the addition of two new undergraduate and postgraduate courses: Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology), Bachelor of Psychology, Masters of Nursing (DE Supported) and Masters of Clinical Nursing (Nurse Practitioner).

Information on these courses, along with the existing [eight undergraduate degree programs](#) will be available at CSU's Port Macquarie Open Day on August 29th. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with lecturing staff and student advisors and get answers to all their burning questions.

It is our aim to serve and integrate with the Mid-North Coast community and we intend to do just that over the next few months. Our upcoming Dialogue and Diversity Iftar Dinner with the Muslim community will celebrate diversity in our society and mutual respect.

Now, with almost 200 new students and so many mutually benefiting partnerships being forged in the local community, it is hard to believe we are only just over one year old.

So, while there is a lot that has already happened this year, there is clearly much more to come. Until next time,

*Muyesser.*

## Upcoming Events

### Diversity & Dialogue Iftar Dinner

12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

Quality Resort Sails Port Macquarie

### Luminosity Youth Summit

24-26<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

The Glasshouse and Rydges Port Macquarie

Cost: \$250, registration closes soon

(More information [here](#))

### CSU Public Lecture 3 (Mr. Joe Acker)

*'Advances in emergency medicine: When does time really matter?'*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2013

5-7pm, The Glasshouse Port Macquarie

Cost: Free and open to public

(Bookings required. More information [here](#))

### CSU Public Lecture 4 (Prof. Nick O'Brien)

*'Terrorism and Australia: Risk and prevention including the role of financing in terrorism'*

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013

5-7pm, The Glasshouse Port Macquarie

Cost: Free and open to public

(Bookings required. More information [here](#))

### Campus Open Day

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

27 Grant Street, Port Macquarie