

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

INVITATION

TOWARDS QUALITY RESEARCHING

RESEARCH DAY

NOVEMBER 15

UWS, HAWKESBURY

9am until 4.30pm

Opening Address by
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Graham Swain
Chair: Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Smith

With Guest Speakers

Dr Jim Peacock and

Dr Dale Spender

Banquet Lunch

Research Interest Group Activity

UWS, Hawkesbury RESEARCH DAY PROGRAM

9 AM	Opening Address - Theatre 2 (in Block G6, near Library) by Prof. Graham Swain Chair - Prof. Brian Smith
9.10	Dr Jim Peacock "Research : Accountability, objectivity and applicability do not negate originality, excitement and achievement."
10.10	Questions
10.45	Dr Dale Spender "Research as a Way of Life"
11.45	Questions
12.00	Finding a Research Path - 3 Views Mr Paul Clarke Dr David Leach Dr Frances Parker
12.30	BANQUET LUNCH - Poolside Function Centre
2.00	Research Interest Groups. An opportunity to select across campus research interest groups and network with UWS staff across the members.
	Enhancing Export Performance - Prof. Snow Barlow Biological & Chemical Sciences - Prof. Grant Wyllie Experiential Learning / Action Research - Dr Robert Woog Communities , Water, Waste & Environment - Prof. David Russell Finding your way round the research obstacle course Dr Dale Spender
4.30	
	Morning and Afternoon Tea will be served



RESEARCH DAY RESEARCH INTERESTGROUPS

ENHANCING EXPORT PERFORMANCE

Professor Snow Barlow

Clever Country or Banana Republic? What can we in the west do to use research and education to enhance Australia's export performance?

On October 14, 1991 the University's first Research Institute - the Research Institute for the Development of International Trade (RIDIT), was launched as part of International Business Week. RIDIT incorporates five research centres across UWS, each with important and diverse contributions to make.

In this workshop, directors of each of these centres well briefly describe what they're on about, and discussion will be facilitated towards the types of collaborative research projects that RIDIT might/should be embarking on.

Speakers will include:

<u>Professor Colm Kearney</u>, Director of Centre for Product Innovation & International Trade (UWS, Macarthur).

<u>Dr Estela Velvarde</u>, Director of Centre for Language Studies (UWS, Macarthur).

<u>Professor Ian Wilkinson</u>, Chairman of Westpac Trade Centre (UWS, Nepean).

<u>Associate Professor Geoff Skurry</u>, Acting Director of Food Export Centre (UWS, Hawkesbury).

<u>Professor Snow Barlow</u>, Director of the Horticultural Export Development Centre (UWS, Hawkesbury).

Come along and explore ways you and/or your Faculty can contribute to developing Australia's export performance through export of education, goods or services.

See you in Tokyo (The Horticulture Building). 2.00PM

BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL SCIENCES. ALL YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WHAT RESEARCH IS GOING ON AT THE UNIVERSITY BUT HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO FIND OUT!

Professor Grant Wyllie

An opportunity to find out what research is taking place in biological and chemical sciences on the campus in a casual atmosphere.

A number of active research workers on the UWS, Hawkesbury will be giving short talks on the their current research projects. "Volunteers" lined up include Heather Nonhebel, Paddy Osborne, Paul Wormell and David Leach.

These will be followed by discussions & spontaneous contributions from the floor. Leading to the meeting of like minds, the realisation of joint opportunities and the general development of a better communication network on the campus & within the University.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS, GET THE DINKUM OIL FROM THE HORSES MOUTH (anyone know the address of Cliches Anon? ed.)

SO BE THERE.

TIME: 2.00pm VENUE: T6 Applied Science Bld

COMMUNITIES, WATER, WASTE & ENVIRONMENT Professor David Russell

Short presentations will be made by Hawkesbury researchers on recent or current projects in which they are involved.

- * Brent Powis and Bruce Simmons on: Researching Environmental Management at the community level.
- Lesley White on: Communities researching local environments
- David Russell on:
 The social ecology of the re-use of waste water.
- John Bavor on:
 Options for water treatment and water re-use.

TIME: 2.30pm VENUE: Nursing, Roms S54 & 55

FINDING YOUR WAY ROUND THE RESEARCH OBSTACLE COURSE

Dr Dale Spender

"How to become a researcher in one afternoon".

How to do a PhD without even trying!

Join Dale Spender for a research fitness afternoon. Are you looking for a co-ordinated plan for research?

Then this is the group for you. Dale's view is that research is n honourous chore, but an enrichment.

TIME: 2.00pm VENUE: Poolside Function Centre

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND ACTION RESEARCH Dr Robert Woog

These two concepts will be defined and clarified, and immediately disagreed with by those doing the clarification. Researchers will talk about specific projects indicating theoretical underpinnings and relevant techniques and methods they have employed. Action research as a methodology appears to be particularly suited to areas of enquiry where there is confusion or contradiction regarding the assumptions delineating the problem area under study. Frequently the situation is further confused by the influence and the relative unaccountability and uncontrollability of the human element.

Action research not only takes into consideration human values as a methodology it carries an inherent desire to cause intervention, where it is applied, in such a way as to bring about improvement.

Alright, I hear you say to yourself - this is very confusing. Well, how about another try: are you intimidated by Habermas? Have you had soft systems methodology up to your ears? What is Kurt Lewin famous for?

This workshop will not answer any of those questions, but pose many more.

TIME: 2.00pm VENUE: Nursing room s52

Jim Peacock

Jim Peacock is a scientist of international repute, his most recent achievement is the leadership of the team that developed and commercialised 'Gene Shears'. He is currently Chief of the Division of Plant Industry, CSIRO Canberra,

Dr Peacock is immediate past Chairman of the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources. Rome and is on the Scientific Council for the Gene Expression Centre of the USDA, in Albany, California. He is author of approximately 165 research papers and editor of a number of books and scientific journals and participates regularly in international symposia. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, the Royal Society of London, and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. Jim Peacock was awarded the BHP Bicentennial Prize for the pursuit of Excellence in Science and Technology. His research laboratory has world prominence in the field of plant molecular biology.

Dale Spender

BA (Syd), Dip Ed (Syd), MA (NSW), Litt B (UNE), Phd (London) Dr Spender is a researcher, writer, editor, broadcaster and teacher. She has published more than thirty books, founded publishing imprints. series and journals. Dale is currently engaged in research on the implications of Information Technology (IT) and the relationship between books and computers - between print and print out, in the deprofessionalisation of the writer and in the presentation of research/academic reports in the media of the future - as well as intellectual property issues. Dale is convinced that writing, particularly personal writing, has an important role to play in a technological world. She is working on the nature of the clever society.

R.S.V.P by 8th November

Please tear off and return to Staff Development, UWS Hawkesbury by 8th November or ring Lesley Treleaven or Fiona Plesman on (045) 701408

I accept the invitation to attend Research Day.

RESEARCH INTEREST GROUP (Please indicate which afternoon interest group you intend to join, if applicable)				
BANQUET LUNCH (Will you be attending the lunch? Please indicate.)	YES NO			
NAME:	_			
CAMPUS:	_			
FACULTY/UNIT:				
TELEPHONE NUMBER:				

