

**Funding for  
Disaster Resilience**

Researchers secured \$77,000 funding in the Australia-ASEAN Council grant program for their project 'Disaster Resilience Education Capacity Building in South-East Asia' drawing on UON's position as a centre for resilience education excellence.



**Improving access to  
Higher Education**

UON secured five Higher Education Participation Programme (HEPP) National Priority Pool (NPP) grants totalling almost one million dollars, to help improve the tertiary education experience for students from diverse backgrounds.



JANUARY

FEBRUARY



**Law on the Beach  
celebrated 13 years**

Student-run program, 'Law on the Beach,' provided free legal advice in a uniquely Novocastrian setting with the team focusing on younger members of the community during this year's five day event.



**Pre-schoolers get to  
grips with STEM**

KU Kintaiba pre-schoolers at UON's Callaghan campus were the first in the region to get 'hands-on' discovering the science behind the elements of water and air in 'The Little Scientists Newcastle Network' initiative.

**Architecture and Built Environment ranks top 50 in the world**

Architecture and Built Environment ranked in the top 50 in the 2016 QS World University Rankings for the second consecutive year with three other subjects, geography, engineering (civil and structural) and nursing, joining the top 100 subject rankings.



**China Representative Office opened in Beijing**

UON co-located its China representative office with AustCham (Beijing), expanding our global footprint and offering direct access to the Chamber's influential government, industry and business network.



MARCH

APRIL



**Stroke researchers share in \$13.7m grant**

A National Health and Medical Research Centre (NHMRC) Program Grant was awarded to Professor Mark Parsons and Professor Chris Levi, along with colleagues in Melbourne, to provide five years' support to the research project: Saving Brain and Changing Practice in Stroke.



**Visionary students' designs shine**

Visual communication students from the School of Creative Industries, Katarina Gerritsen, Lauren Moulton, Genevieve Read and Emily Sneddon exhibited their work as winners of a New York Type Directors Club Award.

**Breakthrough  
microscope unveiled**

After two decades of work, the world's first scanning helium microscope (SHeM) has been unveiled. The microscope was developed by a team led by Professor Paul Dastoor, in collaboration with researchers from the University of Cambridge.



**UN flag hoisted  
over City Hall**

Newcastle became Australia's newest United Nations City and a training hub for the Asia-Pacific region, under the leadership of Associate Professor Graham Brewer, following a UN decision to locate an International Training Centre at UON.



MAY

JUNE



**PhD's feature film  
premiered in Hollywood**

Filmmaker Stuart McBratney's comedy/drama Pop Up combined stories shot on location in both Newcastle and Transylvania and was selected as one of only sixteen features to be world premiered at the prestigious "Dances with Films" festival.



**Animations hit the  
big screen**

Three animation students from UON were hand-selected to feature at the Melbourne International Animation Festival with Zoe Lawrence and Renee McIntosh's shorts screened in the Australian Panorama, while Andrew White's work was included in the competitive Student Showcase.

**Milestones in Indigenous education**

We reached 1,000 Indigenous enrolments (3.5% of the University's population) - the largest number of Indigenous students at any Australian university – and celebrated the Wollotuka Institute's accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium, an Australian first.



**Business programs ranked in top 5%**

UON's Business School (NBS) programs received accreditation from USA-based Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) – an honour earned by fewer than five per cent of the world's business programs.



JULY

AUGUST



**Watt Space gallery wins prestigious Architectural award**

Our Watt Space gallery won the prestigious Blacket prize, which recognises the best architectural projects in regional NSW. The gallery also won an award in the small project architecture category and was officially shortlisted for the public architecture category at the 2016 Architecture Awards.



**Partnering for educational gain**

A partnership between Muswellbrook Shire Council and UON saw the establishment of a tertiary education and research precinct in the Muswellbrook CBD. The Council and the Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources (NIER) established the Hunter Region Innovation Precinct to promote economic diversification across energy and environmental disciplines.

**UON in top rankings**

UON received double recognition as one of the top 250 global universities in the prestigious 2016-17 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings and appeared for the first time in the fiercely-contested QS World University Rankings as a top 250 player.



**Aboriginal health and wellbeing funding boost**

A \$2.26 million national grant was awarded to UON public health researchers Professor Billie Bonevski and Dr Gillian Gould, for a culturally competent smoking cessation program focused on the health and wellbeing of pregnant Aboriginal women, developed in collaboration with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.



SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER



**Superfood discovered**

Dr Vincent Candrawinata made a remarkable breakthrough in antioxidant extraction technology. The antioxidant targets inflammation – a factor in lung, colon, prostate and pancreatic cancer in particular.



**MOU signed with HKU SPACE**

The Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Advancement), hosted a visit and a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony with Professor William Lee (Director) and Professor Liu Ning Rong Deputy Director (Business and China) of Hong Kong University School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE).

**Singapore campus marks 10-year milestone**

UON's Singapore campus celebrated ten years of producing world-class graduates, contributing to the regional economy and strengthening Australia-Singapore relations.



**WGEA Employer of Choice for third year running**

UON was recognised as a leader in driving workplace equity, achieving a citation as an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality (EOCGE) from the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) for the third consecutive year.



NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



**International leaders converge on UON**

Thought-leaders from around the globe gathered in Newcastle for the 2016 Univer-Cities Conference, hosted by UON, exploring how universities with strong medical credentials differ and the potential this presents for their cities and regions.



**School of Education recognised for contribution**

Professor Jenny Gore, Director of UON's Teachers and Teaching Research Centre, delivered the prestigious Radford Lecture at the Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) conference, while she and co-authors, Rosie Barron, Professor Kathryn Holmes, and Professor Max Smith, won the Springer Award for best paper published in The Australian Educational Researcher.