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NeW in the Library:

- Extended exam hours
- Info Commons showcased on youtube
- Getting assistance in the Library: classes and consultation
- New book features photos from our Cultural Collections
- Official opening of Auchmuty Roof Terrace



Rovers Amy Probert and Declan Clausen introduce a new video about the Library Information Commons

New Video showcases the Library's Information Commons

Students, staff and Library Rovers feature in a new video highlighting the Library's 24 hour Information Commons at the Auchmuty, City and Ourimbah libraries.

Answers to the question 'Why do you come to the Information Common?' included 'fast wi-fi, long hours, comfy lounges, pc access, space to study, good coffee and friendly, helpful staff.'

Thanks to all staff involved in the project including Carla Pilarski and Julie Mundy-Taylor, and special thanks to Rover and film-maker Moz Waters for his hard work filming and editing the material.

View the video on the Library homepage or at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2MHtdw-XLw>

Support from the Library: Research Support and Consultations

Did you know Honours or postgraduate students, researchers, academic staff or University conjoints can book research consultations with a subject specialist librarian? Did you also know library presentations and workshops can be individually tailored for your discipline, research group, or School, at your work location?

Faculty Librarians (based at the Callaghan Campus) and Liaison Librarians (based at the Ourimbah campus) are available to assist with all your research information needs.

The Faculty and Liaison Librarians have been busy this year. From January to the Easter break they were involved in 308 workshops and research consultations, reaching 1160 researchers. Workshop sizes ranged from 5 – 50 participants.

Growing in popularity this year have been requests for consultations and workshops on how to use NURO (the Research Publications Management System), searching and managing systematic reviews, and how to track citations and understand the various researcher and journal metrics.



Faculty Librarian for Science and IT, Ann Stokes

Researchers and students have also shown interest in:

- constructing effective search strategies for literature reviews
- staying current with the scholarly literature
- effective management of research data
- managing references using EndNote
- new publishing models – in particular various forms of open access publishing.

Please contact your Faculty or Liaison Librarian if you would like to organize a consultation or training opportunity for you or your research group.

www.newcastle.edu.au/library/support-for-researchers/faculty-liaison-librarians

Support from the Library: Classes and tutorials



ASK THE LIBRARY

The Library offers a range of classes and tutorials to help students. Classes are created for different audiences – for example - Open Foundation or ELIOCOS students, or designed for a particular subject or course.

Library staff also offer general classes which focus on specific skills such as finding resources or managing references. Between January and April this year, Library staff taught 332 classes to more than 6300 students across five campuses.

Students can also get more help via 15 minute drop-in sessions or by contacting staff at the

information desk or logging on to online chat. There are also a number of online tutorials as well as a comprehensive selection of detailed Subject Resource Guides. Check out the “Access” and “Learn” sections of the Library website to find out more <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/learn>



New Book features photos from Library Cultural Collections

Black and white photos from Cultural Collections have been included in a book by Juan Mahoney -- *The Digger's View*. Juan and his team digitally enhanced the images with colour to emphasis detail.

The book also includes letters written in the trenches by Australia soldiers fighting in Gallipoli and later Belgium and France – many from the Hunter Valley Region.



Fund raising/recruitment drive for the 35th Battalion featuring horse and cart from Scott's Ltd on the corner of Hunter and Wolfe Streets, Newcastle <https://www.flickr.com/photos/uon/1309441586/in/photostream/>



Major (later Colonel) Brent Burnell Rodd 9th Brigade, First AIF, 1917

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/uon/2414943169>

Major Brent B Rodd was from Newcastle and an officer in both the 35th and 36th Battalions. Much of his family and military history is held here at Cultural Collections.

The Cultural Collections Flickr site includes many images of the First World War.

Juan Mahoney's book *From the Home Front to the Front Line: Images of the Great War* also featured a number of photographs from our collections.



OLTC Nomination for Amanda Valent

Foundation Studies Librarian Amanda Valent has been nominated for a national Office of Learning and Teaching (OLTC) award.

Amanda worked with staff from the Centre for Teaching and Learning on the Week Zero project. The team citation was for:

Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning for Week Zero For developing an outstanding and innovative online orientation which has significantly enhanced the engagement and experience of students commencing an online enabling program.

Need Help or want to provide feedback?

Help is available at our Lending and Information desks, and via Chat, email and phone.

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/help-and-information>

General Inquiries: 4921 5851

Vice-Chancellor opens Auchmuty Roof Terrace

Students studied in the sun while Friends of the University, past and present staff, Project Architect Mr Stuart Campbell, and representatives from CKDS Architects gathered for the official opening of the refurbished Auchmuty Roof Terrace. Also present were Dr Ted Flowers, University librarian when the Auchmuty Library opened complete with roof-top reading area in 1968, and the then master planner for the Shortland site, Mr Gordon Fuller.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Caroline McMillan welcomed guests and recounted the history of the roof terrace before assisting the president of the Friends of the University, Mr Vic Levi, to unveil a plaque and declare the roof terrace open.

Outdoor learning areas are now common in universities, but an outdoor reading area in a library in the 1960s was unusual.

The area was popular from the start, but structural problems and water damage led to its disuse. However University Librarian, Mr Greg Anderson, was determined to restore the area. Following a number of proposals CKDS Architects re-developed the current very popular, innovative and award winning space.



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Caroline McMillan and Mr Vic Levi

LIBRARY EXTENDED EXAM HOURS

SEMESTER ONE Week 11 | Week 12 | Week 13 | Exam Week 1

Please check www.newcastle.edu.au/library for opening times during the Exam Study period at Auchmuty Library and Ourimbah Library.

A promotional poster for library extended exam hours. It features a smiling young woman with blonde hair holding a tablet. The text is in large, bold, black and green fonts. A green box at the bottom contains a URL and information about opening times.

Extended weekend hours until June 22nd

Auchmuty Library:

Friday: 8:00 am - 9:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am – 9:00pm

Ourimbah Library

Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday: 10:00 – 6:00pm
Sunday: 10:00 – 6:00pm

Information Commons Auchmuty, City and Ourimbah Open 24/7