



Titled: *Within Place/Landscape Series*  
Medium: *Brown glass, Wheel Worked. Variable dimensions.*  
Artist: *Kristel Britcher*

Presented by UniSA's South Australian School of Art, 'FIRST' is an exhibition by graduates with a First Class Honours degree in Visual Arts. The work is quite diverse and includes ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, installation and textiles. The 'FIRST' exhibition is being held as part of Adelaide Fringe 2008.

The School of Art would like to invite your Art students to a tour of the exhibition!

To book a for school tour please register your interest with the SA School of Art, email to [sasa@unisa.edu.au](mailto:sasa@unisa.edu.au) or telephone 8302 0380.

'FIRST' Liverpool Street Gallery, UniSA City West campus 11.00 am-5.00 pm Thursday 6 March – Sunday 9 March 2008.

Visit the Adelaide Fringe website on [www.adelaidefringe.com.au](http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au) for additional information.

## News about campus upgrades



### Mount Gambier

A new UniSA building has been built on the campus site shared with TafeSA at Wireless Road. The \$1.5m federally funded building will open its doors for the start of the academic year in early March. The new complex will provide a clearer presence with a new reception area, science laboratory and staff offices.

Speaking about the project, Cathy Hughes - Manager: Mount Gambier Regional Centre, said it was an exciting development that would directly benefit current and prospective students.

"This is a very important achievement that demonstrates UniSA's long term commitment to the region and provides us with an expanded capacity to meet

the needs of our regional communities."

For Mount Gambier program information visit: [www.unisa.edu.au/cre/mountgambier](http://www.unisa.edu.au/cre/mountgambier)

### Whyalla campus

At Whyalla there were significant upgrades to many campus buildings and facilities during 2007, and further landscaping work will continue this year.

"Additional videoconferencing equipment has recently been installed at Whyalla and this will facilitate delivery of the Associate Degree in Engineering by UniSA staff from Mawson Lakes", said Professor Neil Otway, Director for the Centre for Regional Engagement.

For Whyalla program information visit: [www.unisa.edu.au/cre/whyallacampus](http://www.unisa.edu.au/cre/whyallacampus)

## Scholarships

At UniSA we believe tertiary education should be a viable option for everyone. That is why we offer a range of scholarships designed to help fund the costs of tertiary education. Since 2005, UniSA has been operating a grants scheme to provide financial support to over 2000 undergraduate students from designated UniSA equity groups. The scholarships

represent UniSA's largest ever contribution to scholarships or grants funding and will help more students than ever to successfully undertake a higher education degree. In addition to this, UniSA is offering seven different types of Commonwealth Scholarships in 2008 via the new Scholarships Management System. Applications for UniSA Study grants

[www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/undergraduate/unisa\\_study\\_priority\\_grants](http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/undergraduate/unisa_study_priority_grants), UniSA Transition Grants [www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/transitiongrants](http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/transitiongrants) and Commonwealth Scholarships [www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/undergraduate/cls](http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/undergraduate/cls) can be submitted by enrolled UniSA students via their Student Portal [www.unisa.edu.au/myunisa](http://www.unisa.edu.au/myunisa) by 29 February.

## What's on.

### Do you have students that missed out on gaining entry to University in 2008?

If so, then they might like to consider the SAIBT pathway to UniSA.

SAIBT provides programs in the areas of business and commerce, computing and information technology, and media and communication, to both Australian and international students. SAIBT diploma programs are equivalent to first year bachelor degree programs at UniSA and are recognised by many other well known universities throughout Australia.

Information sessions are being held every Wednesday during February, phone 8302 2343 or visit [www.saibt.sa.edu.au](http://www.saibt.sa.edu.au) for more information.

### Open Day 2008

Planning has begun for UniSA Open Day 2008!! Once again students will have the opportunity to attend program information sessions, meet academic staff and students and of course, visit our new Hawke Building which features the second largest private art gallery in SA, the Anne and Gordon Samstag Museum of Art. Open Day 2008 dates (including regional campuses) are:

**City West campus**  
70 North Terrace  
Sunday 17 August 2007

**Whyalla campus**  
Thursday 22 August 2007,  
10am-3pm

**Mt Gambier campus**  
Friday 19 September, 1-6pm  
Detailed information about Open Day 2008 will be available at: [www.unisa.edu.au/openday](http://www.unisa.edu.au/openday)

### Step to the Future youth forum

UniSA is a proud sponsor of the "Step to the Future" youth forum to be held at the Convention Centre on Friday 29 February 2008. The forum will present a range of high profile speakers from various fields such as business, sports, politics and education; and young people who are making a difference, sharing their personal experiences on how they have achieved their dreams, overcoming adversity and the role education has played in making their dreams a reality. Further information can be found at [www.steptothefuture.com](http://www.steptothefuture.com)

### Career counsellor session

Invitations to our Career Counsellor Session will be posted out to you soon. Please pencil in the afternoon of Tuesday 13 May 2008 into your diary.

## Staying in touch

Each year we update your contact details and your preferred method to receive UniSA links. Please take a few moments to fill in the 'keep in touch fax back form' inserted inside this edition. Thank you.

### Services and contact information

There are a wide range of services that UniSA can provide for both you and your students. Our staff are available to present information about university entry and programs to students, both local and international, parents and staff.

**Career and parent information evenings**  
UniSA staff and students can attend your career and/or parent evenings.

**Campus Tours**  
Campus tours can be organised on all of our campuses for year 11 or 12 students.

Please note: a staff to student ratio of 1:20 is necessary on campus tours

**University of South Australia presentation**  
The presentation contains information about career pathways and UniSA programs, entry requirements and support services. It can also be tailored for year 10-11 students and can be made at your school or one of our campuses. At year 10 level the presentation focusses on career pathways and by year 12 it focuses on university options.

**savvy presentation**  
UniSA's year 10 savvy careers program now enters its 5th year and we have been overwhelmed with the feedback from schools, parents and students. The savvy careers program helps students keep their 'finger on the pulse' allowing them to indicate areas of interest while UniSA keeps them informed of any changes to entry requirements or program content through our final years of senior school. [www.unisa.edu.au/savvy](http://www.unisa.edu.au/savvy)

### Bookings

Please contact one of our Student Liaison Officers to schedule events

Ryan Bailey, Ann Pocock, Rebecca Graeber  
Phone: 8302 7088  
Fax: 8302 9150  
[studentliaison@unisa.edu.au](mailto:studentliaison@unisa.edu.au)

To ensure that the service provided to you from our staff is of the highest quality, please provide a minimum of two weeks notice when making bookings.

### Future Student Enquiries Centre

The Future Student Enquiries Centre has information on all UniSA programs. The friendly, professional staff can assist students, parents and teachers with high-quality information about prerequisites and admission processes. Phone: 8302 2376  
Email: [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au)  
[www.unisa.edu.au/future](http://www.unisa.edu.au/future)  
For Student Advisers [www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers](http://www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers)

# UniSA Links



UniSA

A regular update on UniSA programs and events

Welcome to the first edition of UniSA Links for 2008 (also available online)

[www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers/unisalinks](http://www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers/unisalinks)

For your convenience, this edition also includes a copy of our main publication, UniSA News. You can continue to receive this in the future by subscribing online at [www.unisa.edu.au/news/mailling](http://www.unisa.edu.au/news/mailling)



Alan Davis of Team UniSA winning stage 3 of the Tour Down Under

## Domestic student recruitment team

After a hectic January in which Team UniSA became the first composite pro cycling team to participate in a UCI Pro Tour event, the first outside Europe, our very own "Team UniSA" are again looking forward to assisting you and your students throughout 2008.

There have been a few changes to the team since 2007. Kolynda Maguire continues her secondment with the School of Natural and Built Environments and, after baby number two, Shona Mathieson is

on maternity leave for the remainder of 2008. Ryan Bailey remains a familiar face and is joined by Ann Pocock and Rebecca Graeber to form a professional and dedicated team of Student Liaison Officers. Please feel free to contact any of the Student Liaison Officers in relation to our savvy Program, careers and parents nights, counsellor events, school visits and campus tours.

I encourage you, your students and their parents to utilise our dedicated Future Student Enquiries Centre. You will find the service an excellent resource with staff available to provide

expert advice, via phone or email, about UniSA programs and admission processes.

For those of you who receive queries from parents or friends about returning to study, Judy Sykes, our Senior Equity and Diversity Officer, is happy to provide advice on alternative entry pathways into UniSA.

Finally, our team will continue to work tirelessly in the provision of information and advice to secondary students, parents and of course yourselves, who play such a critical role in guiding students through the career planning process. We are always

striving to improve our services and are excited by the prospect of implementing new initiatives in 2008. Above all, we value your expertise and informed comment and therefore appreciate any feedback or suggestions that you believe would assist you in your role.

The contact details for the Student Liaison Team and Future Student Enquiries are provided on the last page of this newsletter. I encourage you to contact us at anytime – we are only too happy to help!

Darren McInnes  
Manager: Domestic Student Recruitment

## Working at UniSA



Cassandra Crothers

"Hi, I am Cassandra, a year 11 Gleeson College student. In October 2007 I was privileged enough to attend UniSA's Marketing and Development Unit for work experience.

While there I learnt many new skills and had the opportunity to be involved in meetings about marketing and advertising. I even attended a UniSA marketing lecture! Although there were many office jobs to do, I got the chance to attend savvy presentations. These presentations were fun and provided the students with ideas on how to make career choices. I was impressed to see all the year 10 students take part and ask questions about the careers.

While doing work experience I was surprised to learn that there are many different ways to advertise and market products. Doing work experience at UniSA was fantastic and I am still definitely considering marketing as a career path!"

## UniSA's Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine A healthy outlook for young medical scientists.

'There is going to be enormous opportunity for young laboratory medicine professionals in the future. I really think this particular profession is going to be in demand over the next five to ten years. Genetic and Molecular Pathology are very much the new frontiers in laboratory medicine. We are now diagnosing at the level of DNA – looking at the molecular basis of disease, disease process, and of disease-causing organisms. That's been the biggest change over the last five to ten years. There is a trend towards more rapid diagnosis. The other trend is for medical scientists to provide value-added diagnostic information rather than just a stack of numbers. It's important to provide information that allows doctors and other health workers to diagnose and treat.'

**Darryl Graham**, Manager, Laboratory Medicine, Women's and Children's Hospital

What do your students need to study to become a Medical Scientist? UniSA's Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine trains medical scientists who are ready to take on vital roles in

the detection, diagnosis and management of diseases, in laboratories, hospitals and research organisations in Australia and around the world. Medical Science is a dynamic profession with excellent long-term career prospects including management, research, education and specialised laboratory work.

Accredited by the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS), UniSA's four year program begins with core studies in physical and biomedical sciences, followed by specialised studies in the major pathology disciplines (including haematology, histopathology, microbiology, clinical chemistry, transfusion science, and molecular pathology). The degree includes a one year full-time clinical placement where students gain practical experience working alongside professionals in real world laboratories.

Recent UniSA graduate Kelly Betterman talks about where her Laboratory Medicine degree has led.

'I'm working on a project that is investigating whether there is a link between

lymphatic development and mammary development, which could lead to finding better treatments for breast cancer. My job involves a lot of hands-on work in the lab performing experiments, reading papers and working with other researchers. I like the unpredictability of it. You don't know what's around the corner, what result you might get and what those results might lead to. Working in medical research is very satisfying for me personally as I believe without research we couldn't have made all the wonderful, serendipitous and life-saving discoveries in health science that we have, now and into the future. I feel privileged to be a part of it all!'

If you have students who are interested in science, are inquisitive, have an analytical mind and attention to detail, encourage them to look further at UniSA's Laboratory Medicine program and a career as a Medical Scientist. [www.unisa.edu.au/pmb/undergradprograms/labmedicine](http://www.unisa.edu.au/pmb/undergradprograms/labmedicine)

Please find enclosed a UniSA Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine poster to place in your school.



*Kelly Betterman - Research Assistant, Lymphatic Development Laboratory, Hanson Institute/Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science*

If your School is part of YouthJET come and see UniSA at the Health, Medical and Community Services Careers Evening, Tuesday 26 February, Loreto College, 6.30pm. For further information please contact YouthJET on 83635984.



*Megan Lloyd*

### PowerGrads. Meet some of the School of Communication's most successful graduates!

The School of Communication has been producing high quality graduates for more than 30 years. The school has put together a new website profiling a number of successful graduates from a variety of our undergraduate and postgraduate programs, including Journalism, Multimedia Studies, Professional Writing and Communication, Film and Video Production, Gender Studies, Communication Studies, and Media Production.

Our Power Grads have told their success stories with full video interview available on this site, [www.unisa.edu.au/com/powergrads](http://www.unisa.edu.au/com/powergrads)

Here is a sneak peek of what one of our Power Grads, Megan Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief of Messenger Newspapers, (formerly a Bachelor of Journalism student) had to say:

"I always used to describe doing the BA in Journalism as a bit like "finishing", I felt more rounded when I came out of it because it was a real opportunity to study lots of different areas. My Liberal Studies major was in Australian Studies and within that I got to do Aboriginal Studies, Australian History, Australian Politics and Australian Urban Design. I also studied Life Drawing, TV analysis, American Politics, and Japanese Studies, so I got to do things that I hadn't studied at school."

## First qualified Vietnamese female pilot in Australia

**Debra Tran**

Bachelor of Applied Science (Civil Aviation)  
To graduate March 2008

During my first year of tertiary education at UniSA in 2003, I studied the Bachelor of Commerce. However, although I was physically present during economics and financial accounting classes, my mind and spirit always wandered beyond the realms of business studies in search of where my aspirations really were: 'To be soaring high in the clear blue sky, with the world at my feet and the freedom to enjoy nature's tranquillity at its best'.

My career turning point came when I saw a group of UniSA aviation students (dressed smartly in uniform) and looking as though they were enjoying university life that I had always dreamed of. In 2004, I transferred programs



and commenced UniSA's Bachelor of Applied Science (Civil Aviation).

UniSA was the first university in Australia to offer a tertiary qualification for pilots and it continues to remain the only university in South Australia to offer civil aviation as well as an integrated flight training program at its Aviation Academy. In summary, the program taught me all the broad theoretical and practical knowledge of aerodynamics, aircraft systems, meteorology, navigation, and flight planning. In addition, I undertook extracurricular studies by learning Japanese to gain a multi-lingual competitive edge when I enter the workforce.

The most exciting part of my tertiary education so far has been flying training to obtain my solo licence and private pilot's licence. Currently, I am training to obtain my commercial pilot licence as well as my instructor rating. In the short-term, I will work as an instructor and will apply to fly for private airlines (such as REX or Pel Air), while my long-term vision is to become the chief pilot for Cathay Pacific or ANA Japan Airlines.

For further information about the Bachelor of Applied Science (Civil Aviation) visit [www.unisa.edu.au/aviation](http://www.unisa.edu.au/aviation)

## GMI; a great start to your marketing career.

Studying at the School of Marketing has really paid off for Carly Lane and Hannah Gleeson. Both graduates of the Bachelor of Management (Marketing) have recently gained a 12 month Graduate Marketing Internship (GMI) with prominent South Australian businesses: Mutual Community and Elders Ltd respectively.



*Carly Lane*

According to Eric Granger, State Manager at Mutual Community, "Carly has hit the ground running. She is going to be great."



*Hannah Gleeson*

Hannah also sees her graduate role as an enormous step in her marketing career; "I am provided with a great opportunity to be involved in driving national marketing campaigns," she said.

Over the last two years, the School of Marketing

has worked hard to form partnerships with Mutual Community, Elders Ltd and SA Lotteries.

These strong links with business provide students from the School of Marketing an exclusive opportunity to gain work for their first 12 months out of study. Carly and Hannah are also unique graduates, after being accepted into the Marketing Planning Project (MPP). This project is in place of four UniSA courses, and has the student working in pairs in a SA business, for four days a week over 16 weeks.

Students complete a marketing project and then present their findings and recommendations to their class and the organisation, adding an extra dimension to their skills set.

### Career counsellors web resource. Meet UniSA students from your schools.

As there is no better way to find out about UniSA's facilities, staff and programs than straight from the people who have experienced them, the Division of Education, Arts & Social Sciences have created a web page containing testimonials from students studying in Architecture, Australian and Indigenous

Studies; Communication, Education and International Studies; Social Work, Social Policy and Psychology. We've also listed the students by High School, so take a look to see if there are any testimonials from your old scholars! Feel free to include any of these testimonials in your School newsletter and

career/program information. To view student testimonials by UniSA program visit [www.unisa.edu.au/eas/newsevents/testimonials](http://www.unisa.edu.au/eas/newsevents/testimonials)  
To view student testimonials by High School visit [www.unisa.edu.au/eas/newsevents/counsellor](http://www.unisa.edu.au/eas/newsevents/counsellor)

## The beginning of UniSA law

After almost a year of preparation, UniSA has just accepted its first intake of students into the Bachelor of Laws with an outstanding TER of 91.2. The newly established Law School is proud to welcome our new students, and begin teaching its innovative and industry-focused degree in 2008.

Our academic team is very strong, with members from all over the state (including both Adelaide and Finders Universities) and from across the globe. They will bring many and varied research strengths, and an abundance of new ideas and initiatives to make the experience for our students relevant and exciting.

UniSA's School of Law will be the first in the state to offer a law degree which can be completed within three calendar years – a true point of distinction. The practical element required for a student to be admitted to practice law (the GDLP) can also be undertaken in the final year of study. By studying at UniSA you can be a qualified lawyer in three years!

Our degree will cover the fundamental principles and concepts of Australian law, and will include a tailored elective program based on the research strengths within the school: Business and Innovation, Public Law and Policy Development, and Sustainable Societies. We also have an extensive range of double degree options, which allow students to apply their law degree to other fields of work.

Mock trials and moot courts will be features of the course, and classes will be kept small for more personalised teaching. We are dedicated to providing a quality program to inspire the next generation of legal professionals.

Students can still apply for entry into the second or third intakes for 2008 (commencing in June and September subject to demand) through Apply Online at [www.unisa.edu.au/applyonline](http://www.unisa.edu.au/applyonline) or find out more information by contacting the School of Law on 8302 7125.

## Siemens Science Experience 08

UniSA hosted 60 Year 10 students in January for the annual Siemens Science Experience. The three day event is designed to give high school students a taste of life at University as well as expose them to the different areas of science study and work.

Students from all over the state from Tanunda to Kapunda, Modbury to Mitcham and even as far as Alice Springs enjoyed three fun filled days of hands on science related workshops and activities at UniSA's Mawson Lakes and City East Campuses. Activities included making sun block, visiting the planetarium, using science methods to catch a criminal, IT networking, building a sustainable environment and fun with electronics.



As a joint venture with Rotary, students paid a small fee for the event or obtained sponsorship through their local Rotary club. Current UniSA student ambassadors hosted the students and gave insider tips and notes about studying at UniSA in science related fields. On completion, students commented that

they had a great time and learnt a lot of new things about science as well as the career and study opportunities available after school.

For more details about the Siemens Science Experience visit [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

## IT is all POGO!

Year 9 St Mary's College students were given a first-hand introduction to IT programming through UniSA's School of Computer and Information Science (CIS) at its annual Engineering Day held on 16 November, 2007.

CIS academic staff engaged students in a programming application which featured a penguin created with a Java applet, POGO. Through applying basic programming concepts, the students could control the penguin and perform various commands like walking, jumping and dancing.

St Mary's College Principal Eileen Young was impressed by the programming activity.

"From a curriculum perspective, the College saw it as a good way of integrating maths, science and technology to increase student awareness of the relevance of these subjects



to a range of industrial and domestic applications," she said.

"We appreciate the bridges being built between the University (of South Australia) and the College. We believe this outreach program will have great benefits for students considering tertiary pathways."

Given the positive feedback from the pilot at St Mary's College, the School of Computer and Information Science would be willing to undertake a similar program for a limited number of Schools in the metropolitan or near metropolitan area.

For further information, contact Mr Adrian Dezen, School Marketing Officer on 8302 7086 or email [adrian.dezen@unisa.edu.au](mailto:adrian.dezen@unisa.edu.au)