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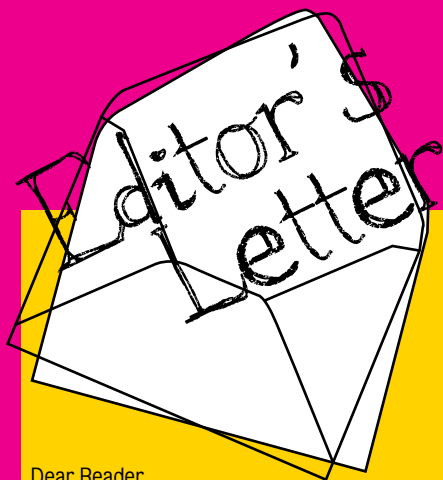
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Dear Reader,

I'm a neat freak. No, really. To some, it can be seen as obsessive compulsiveness – arranging, re-arranging, putting stuff away, picking up clothes off the floor, arranging pillows, aligning books. I can't help myself – it's like I can't get my work done without making sure everything is in order. Truth be told, I have woken up in the middle of the night, just to make sure everything was clean and in its place. Weird as I may sound, I have no one to thank but my grandmother and mother, who are both intensely neat people. From a young age, I was always told off for having a messy room, and Sundays would be spent cleaning the house from top to bottom. So, it can be of no surprise to anyone that their cleanliness and pedantic nature has rubbed off on me. Funnily enough though, my brother is messy (maybe it's a boy thing in general?), and loves to hoard obscure objects – random papers, cables, pieces of string, buttons, batteries... the list is endless. To the annoyance of us 3 women, we have to pick up after him, and secretly throw away stuff when he's not looking. And honestly, it's like that even in my extended family. All the women are neat freaks, and all the men are slob!

What I'm trying to get at is this – I love aesthetically beautiful environments, i.e. clean spaces. So I hate it when I walk around and see litter, all because someone was too lazy to get up and put something in the bin. I have to admit, we're pretty good here at UNSW. But if you see something on the floor or somewhere it shouldn't be, I would put it in the bin. That way, you can be certain that the UNSW Towards Zero Waste Program will dispose of it properly, and in the most environmentally friendly way.

Stay clean!

NOTE:

The correct email address for submissions to the Three Foot Square Gallery is [threefootsquare@unsw.edu.au](mailto:threefootsquare@unsw.edu.au). We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Alina Petanec**  
Blitz Editor

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# Chair's Report



Dear reader,

Wow, the good weeks just don't stop rolling.

I mean last week was just pure awesome. I really hope you got a chance to check some of the sweet exhibitions and classes at Artsweek because it's an awful long time until the next one! And then to back it up with Environment Week (although not quiiite as much of an extravaganza) is just flippin' mad.

And I can't believe that I just said flippin' mad (again).

But even more exciting than primary school phrases is how the whole global warming/ climate change/ planetary emergency issue has ploughed into the mainstream in the past few years – not at all to suggest that this has been fast enough OR that we're EVEN CLOSE to enough action on a solution... but at least most people accept it IS something worth talking about these days...

Sure, the amount of advertising \$\$ spent green washing Exxon Mobil and others may have been better spent feeding half of Zimbabwe... but ever the optimist(!), I take heart that enough of the world cares about the issue these days that executives think appearing 'environmentally friendly' will help them sell their stuff!

Too optimistic? Probably. I guess it equally shows how little most of us really know about the problems and what

we can or should do to fix them.

Actually, I just finished *The Weather Makers* (Tim Flannery, big recommend on that one) and I think the biggest thing I took from it was just how AMAZINGLY dumbed down the info we're generally hearing is...which is why I'm going to spend this week trying to learn a new thing or two about the world.

Enviro week here I come!

**Simon Crawford- Ash**  
Chair of the Board

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# 2008 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5.00 PM ON TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2008

## POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED

### OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT OF THE SRC
- EDUCATION OFFICER
- WOMEN'S OFFICER (only women may stand and vote for this position)
- SRC @ COFA REPRESENTATIVE (only students from the COFA campus may stand and vote for this position)
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER (only international students may stand and vote for this position)
- ENVIRONMENT OFFICER
- POSTGRADUATE OFFICER (only postgraduate students may stand and vote for this position)
- STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OFFICER (only students with a disability may stand for this position)
- WELFARE OFFICER
- ETHNIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (only students from a culturally and linguistically diverse background may stand for this position)

### Sharing of Positions

Up to 2 members may stand for and hold any Officer position for which they are eligible, other than President. As well as individually completing a normal nomination form, a Position Sharing form must be jointly completed by both participants.

### COUNCILLORS

**UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT:** (only undergraduate students may stand and vote for these positions)

3 Undergraduate representatives from Electorate A (at least 1 must be a woman)

3 Undergraduate representatives from Electorate B (at least 1 must be a woman)

**POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT:** (only postgraduate students may stand and vote for these positions)

3 Postgraduate representatives from Electorate A (at least 1 must be a woman)

3 Postgraduate representatives from Electorate B (at least 1 must be a woman)

### OTHER:

- 5 Tharunka Editors
- 7 NUS Delegates

### SRC @ COFA

(The SRC @ COFA is convened by the SRC @ COFA REPRESENTATIVE, an Officer of the SRC, whose position is included with the other Officers above. Only students from the COFA campus may stand and vote for these positions)

SRC @ COFA EDUCATION AND WELFARE OFFICER

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SRC @ COFA ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

SRC @ COFA POSTGRADUATE OFFICER (only postgraduate students may stand and vote for this position)

SRC @ COFA STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OFFICER

(only students with a disability may stand for this position)

SRC @ COFA ETHNIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (only students from a culturally and linguistically diverse background may stand for this position)

3 Undergraduate representatives (only undergraduate students may stand and vote for these positions, and at least 1 woman must be elected)

3 Postgraduate representatives (only postgraduate students may stand and vote for these positions, and at least 1 woman must be elected)

### SRC @ COFA – Sharing of Positions

Up to 2 COFA members may stand for and hold any Officer position in the SRC @ COFA for which they are eligible. As well as individually completing a normal nomination form, a Position Sharing form must be jointly completed by both participants.

### ELECTORATES

#### • ELECTORATE A

Electorate A is comprised of students from the faculties of Arts and Social Science, Commerce and Economics, and Law.

#### • ELECTORATE B

Electorate B is comprised of students from the faculties of the Built Environment, Engineering, Medicine, and Science.

#### • SRC @ COFA

SRC @ COFA electorate is comprised of students in programs controlled by the College of Fine Arts.

### TERM OF OFFICE

Officers and Councillors hold office from 1 December in the year of election until 30 November of the following year.

Officers and Councillors may only hold any one office for a maximum of 2 years.

### NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are available from:

The Internet [www.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au)  
The Reception counters, Arc @ UNSW  
The Blockhouse, Kensington  
Level 1, D Block, COFA

Only students who are members of Arc @ UNSW as at the close of nominations are eligible to stand as a candidate or nominate a candidate. All UNSW students (including COFA) are eligible to vote. To nominate a candidate you must be eligible to stand as a candidate in the same election.

Nominations open on Tuesday 26 August 2008.

Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 9 September 2008.

Nominations must be addressed to The Returning Officer, and lodged at Arc Reception at Kensington or COFA before the deadline to be valid.

### VOTING

**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD FROM TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER UNTIL THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2008.**

Voting will be available at Kensington and COFA campuses at times to be advised.

### CAMPAIGNING

Only UNSW students may campaign at the Student Representative Council election. All campaign material must bear the name and student number of a candidate who is authorising and taking responsibility of such material. Candidates should ensure they understand the full campaigning rules, as breaches can lead to the disqualification of individuals or tickets.

Please direct all queries to Ema Esteves (the Returning Officer) via email to [returning.officer@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:returning.officer@arc.unsw.edu.au) or phone 0432218026.





# Being Environmentally Friendly in your own Environment

Georgia Carthey

There's a handful of people around who are saying that basically, environmentalism is the newest fad - something that humanity as a whole has suddenly rushed into being crazy about, and will one day simply turn around and stop being crazy about again. I, for one, am not convinced;

I remember being 8 and taking careful note of all the environmental tips they gave out on the Nickelodeon kid's channel on weekends, even rushing to share them with family members. From memory, I think my parents would typically say things along the lines of "that's nice dear" while continuing recycling practices they'd already established long before, but I think my enthusiasm should count for something.

In any case, my environmentalism isn't a phase; nor is it for many of your fellow students and the people around you. I have (most of) a degree, that basically says I am equipped to tell you that the environment is important, and that it's being damaged faster than ever before. On those grounds alone, environmentalism is probably in your best interests, whether or not it's really "fashionable".


But everyone says it's important to care about the planet! What does it even mean? And what can you do about it, being a poor broke student as you are? Plenty of things!

Behaving in an environmentally friendly way can mean a thousand small changes, any one of which will barely inconvenience you, but which overall will help save our planet. And if it'll help, I'll issue stickers. Or maybe Greenpeace will; they're big on that. Anyway, anything from saving water to recycling to changing your face wash can help protect our planet. No - really. Here's why.

## Recycle paper. Recycle everything.

When people think recycling, they usually think plastic bottles and paper. And sure, that's a great place to start. But even if you throw empty containers into a recycling bin, do you buy recycled goods? Because one won't get you far without the other.

Most plastic bottles you buy in stores aren't made from recycled materials. And neither is a lot of paper. Happily, Arc @ UNSW has begun stocking notebooks made from 70% recycled paper in the stores, so that's a good buy if you're needing one. Other than that? May I suggest you buy cans of soft drink instead of bottles? Aluminium is expensive enough to make that it's almost always recycled. Plus cans are cheaper, you know...



“Almost as good as hand-me-downs are thrift or second-hand stores. While they may not be the best place to get all your signature pieces or something new for a party, they're a fairly good place to go to pick up basics”

## Eat Happy, Healthy... and Environmentally Friendly

You may not be aware of it, but your groceries may have a bigger carbon footprint than you do. Given our poor soils and our penchant for living near the coasts, a lot of Australian foods can travel long distances before they end up on your kitchen shelves. For example, there's one supermarket chain that gets all of their beef from a specific town in NSW. This supermarket chain has a store in the town. But here's the thing - because of the store's policy, all the beef has to be sent to a storage and distribution centre in Sydney. And then it's sent back to the store to be sold.

Then there's the case of winter fruit, especially strawberries. Fruit growers in NSW have a particular means of making sure we have strawberries all year round, and it's not so great for our atmosphere. They grow the strawberries in Victoria where it's cool, then, when they've grown, put the plants on a truck and rush them up to Queensland to ripen, where it's warm. And then they're trucked back to Sydney to be sold in our markets.

The moral of the story? Know what you're eating. A lot of products in our supermarkets now come with labels declaring where the produce is grown, so read them before buying. Don't eat fruit that's out of season, because you have no idea where it came from. And here's a tip - most fresh salad leaves in our stores are actually grown in market gardens in Sydney - so lay off the strawberries and eat some salad.



### Fashion goes in circles. So should your clothes.

So, here's the thing. My sister is a style queen. She's very much in the minute, buying what's in, having a different outfit for every occasion and an endless variety to choose from. It kind of makes me crazy, but it's also great, because every year she has to clean out her wardrobe. Long story short, I haven't had to buy jeans since I finished high school. Hand me downs are gold. Also free. And you don't have to go to a store and spend what feels like the majority of eternity in a tiny stall trying to decide if you can really justify forking out \$80 just because they make your butt look like that.

Almost as good as hand-me-downs are thrift or second-hand stores. While they may not be the best place to get all your signature pieces or something new for a party, they're a fairly good place to go to pick up basics – plain shirts and jeans are usually there in scads. They're a great way to find new clothes without the clothes needing to be brand tagged or made from new materials. They're also about a tenth of the price of new clothes. It's up to you.



### Ride a bus, ride a bike... or walk.

Yeah, yeah. You know this one. Cars are super bad for the environment – not just because of petrol, but because of how much work goes into making them. So if you buy a second-hand car, you might get points for not getting a whole new car, but your CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are going to be awful. You can't win with a car.

So hop on a bus, or get a bike – the Bike Collective can even show you how to tune it up – or just walk. In fact, save on a gym membership and greenhouse emissions by not driving to the gym for your exercise. Try walking there and back. You'll get some fresh air, stretch your legs, and you won't have to inhale that weird gym smell the whole time. How can you lose?

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# Blitz office Feng Shui

Stanley Hong

As the world has recently gone China-crazy due to a little sports carnival in Beijing, we here in the Blitz office have decided to follow the flock of sheep heading towards the East.

Although Blitz is widely distributed across campus, this reporter has recently been asking: can we be even more omnipresent? How can we improve our 'qi' so we can become a publication with an abundance of good fortune?

Scratching your head at what we're going on about? Well 'qi' is a Chinese term for energy, or more specifically the life force that flows throughout the earth. We're interested in improving our fortune, and since we can't afford a feng shui expert to grace our offices to enhance our balance, we chose the next best thing – a book from the library!

'Qi' has both the forces of wind ('feng'), but also flows like water ('shui') allowing for everything to be interconnected in the world. The Chinese believe that our surroundings dictate how successful we are as a publication. Which begs the question: How does the Blitz office stack up according to the laws of feng shui? Um, the short answer is: not very well.

Firstly, our work spaces, besides Alina's (the Editor), are cluttered and disorganised, which is a big no-no in feng shui. Also, the way we have placed

things is haphazard and with no real direction. Feng Shui proponents believe that items should be arranged symmetrically with an eye towards decorating things in even numbers.

Well, I guess we're doing OK in the decoration department because the pictures hanging in our office are even in number and the personal photos that grace the wall of our Editor are also evenly set out.

The seating arrangements of the Blitz staff have also added to the negative flow of energy. It is considered inauspicious for workers to have their backs to the door because in order for us to benefit from qi, we must be seated so that we're facing the point of where the qi enters. So the Designer and 2 Reporters can't feel the qi, but surprise, surprise, our illustrious Editor has her desk facing the door so she hogs the life energy all to herself! That bitch!

Wait, it gets better. It is also considered bad luck to have your desk facing a wall because the qi can't flow to the person at the desk. You guessed it, 3 out of the 4 staff have their desk facing a wall, whilst our Editor has her desk facing the door!

Can this Reporter ask if any of you fine readers out there are concerned about our well being? If not, just at this moment our Designer came back to the office with her pinkie finger bandaged due to a mishap with a door.

Bad feng shui all around Blitz (except for Alina).

"Our illustrious Editor has her desk facing the door so she hogs the life energy all to herself!"



# STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION NOTICE

## NOMINATIONS OPEN

### Student Development Committee (SDC) Positions Available:

- Three (3) student representatives elected by and from Affiliated Clubs;
- Two (2) student representatives elected by and from Volunteer Programs;
- One (1) student representative elected by and from COFA Students.

Nominations for the SDC Election open on Monday 25 August 2008. **All nominations must reach the Returning Officer before 5.00pm on Thursday 4 September 2008.** Nominations can be submitted in person at Arc Reception at COFA (D Block) or Kensington (Blockhouse) or by email to the Returning Officer ([sdc.ro@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:sdc.ro@arc.unsw.edu.au)). All nominations must be addressed to the Returning Officer.

Candidates are invited to submit a statement of not more than 150 words containing information in support of their candidature, and a recent photograph. These must be submitted in electronic format, either on CD or by email to the Returning Officer. All statements must be in Word format, and photos in JPEG format. The candidates name must appear in the subject heading of the email.

Nominations must be made by at least 2 nominators (who satisfy the below conditions) on approved nomination forms available from:

- [www.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au)
- Arc Reception: The Blockhouse, Kensington or  
Level 1, D Block, COFA

To stand for nomination as a **Clubs Representative**, the nominee must be a student of UNSW, an Ordinary Member of Arc and a member of an Affiliated Club. These conditions also apply to those nominating and seconding nominees.

To stand for nomination as a **Volunteer Programs Representative**, the nominee must be a student of UNSW, an Ordinary Member of Arc and have participated in a volunteer program within the Student Development Department within two (2) years prior to the election (September 2008). These conditions also apply to those nominating and seconding nominees.

To stand for nomination as a **COFA Representative**, the nominee must be a COFA student and an Ordinary Member of Arc. The nominee must also be a member of an Affiliated Club and/ or participated in a Volunteer Program within the Student Development Department within two (2) years of the election (September 2008).

If more nominations are received than there are positions available, online voting will be conducted. For further information on who is eligible to vote, please visit the Arc website [www.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au).

The term of office for the above positions is 1 year beginning December 2008.

The electoral roll will close on the same day as nominations, which is Thursday 4 September.

Please send any enquires to the Returning Officer at [sdc.ro@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:sdc.ro@arc.unsw.edu.au).

**Nitasha Prasad**  
**Returning Officer**

# Have you got **Yellow** (shirt) Fever!



**Do you remember your O-Week? Maybe you turned up without knowing anyone at UNSW, or maybe you came with a whole group of school friends. One thing's for sure though - if you came to O-Week at UNSW, you will remember the Yellow Shirts.**

At UNSW, O-Week is organised and run by students – Yellow Shirts – who volunteer their time over summer and the week before semester starts to make sure that new students are ready for life at UNSW. It's not just about finding the buildings – it's about being able to make friends, knowing where to buy food, supplies or coffee, and knowing where on campus you can chill out for a while.

Applications for Yellow Shirts 2009 are now open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students, so if you want to play a part in O-Week, now is the time to apply.

Volunteering to be a Yellow Shirt in the Arc O-Week Program is hard work, but it's one of the best things you can do on campus. You'll gain skills in talking to strangers, communication, teamwork, leadership, and event management that will help you find a job after you finish at uni. Not only that, you'll meet heaps of awesome people and the opportunity to make a real difference to a first year students' university experience.

To be a Yellow Shirt, you'll need to be available for a number of compulsory dates. There's O-Week itself, where you will be on campus from 7am until after 9pm, and

there are also two training days and training camp.

The first pre-O-Week compulsory date is 16 January, so if you're planning some time away, better check that the dates don't clash before you apply.

The written applications close next Friday (12th September) with half-day group interviews and activities held from 19 – 22 September. If you're interested but still want a bit more information, you can email Tom (the O-Week Coordinator) on [o.week@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:o.week@arc.unsw.edu.au), or drop by the Library Lawn any day next week and chat to one of the team leaders for O-Week 2009. You can also come along

to one of the information sessions being held on 3 September at 12pm in CLB 1 and 4 September at 1pm in CLB 4. Application forms are available from the Library Lawn stall, CONTACT, Arc Reception in the Blockhouse and online from [www.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au).

Volunteering to be a Yellow Shirt is one of the most rewarding things that you can do at UNSW, both for yourself and for your community. So before you commit to a summer of sitting at home, travelling, or watching the cricket, maybe it's worth considering some time in yellow instead?





# Environment Collective

The Environment Collective is a group of students who meet weekly to discuss issues of environmental concern, to campaign, learn, organise events and have fun!

We encourage different levels of participation, from providing resources for people to organise their own events, to letting people know when things are happening so they can just come along. We are unlike other clubs and societies in that

there is no membership fee and you can come and go when you please. We do have officers on the SRC within Arc so we are provided with support from them and we get to meet other great student activists. Some of the projects we work on include the Stationery Re-use Centre, providing free recycled stationery for students, gardening, hosting workshops and forums, and events such as Environment Week

## Environment Week

Week 6 is dedicated to hosting events around campus designed to raise awareness about various environmental issues and to learn more about what is happening on and off campus in areas of sustainability. Some highlights include the Green Jobs Expo and the Emissions Trading Scheme Forum. Check out What's On for more about what's happening during the week!

Jacqui and Maria  
Arc Environment Officers

# GRADUATE LAW

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

11 SEPTEMBER 2008

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## MONDAY

1 September

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**Library Forecourt**  
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social benefits of being involved with  
one. Run by Monika Baumann.  
**Blockhouse, Training Room 1**  
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**Hare Krishna  
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11am-1pm

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FREE

**Water Crisis Panel**  
1-2pm

The Water Crisis Panel will be  
presenting a range of pertinent  
topics relevant to the situation of our  
water resources in NSW, as well as  
in the wider Australian context.  
With Dr. Stuart Kahn, Dr Andy  
Pitman, and Dr Martin Andersen.  
**Law Theatre G23**

**Students with Disabilities  
Collective**

**1-2pm**  
**Level 2, Library Disabilities  
Resource Room**  
FREE

**Women's Collective**  
2-3pm

The Women's Collective is a group for  
female-identifying persons who organise  
around gender issues on and off campus.  
Come meet other awesome women,  
chat, eat delicious co-op food, and  
get active in our Stop Violence Against  
Women Campaign! All women welcome.  
**Women's Room, Level 1,  
East Wing, Blockhouse.**

**Rosary**  
4pm

**Level 3, Squarehouse**  
FREE

**Yarn - Indigenous Meeting**  
5-6pm

Meet at the library steps  
FREE

**Happy Hour**  
5-6pm

The happiest hour of the day,  
with all the happiest people.  
**Roundhouse**

**Poker in the Round**  
5pm registration, 6pm game  
**Roundhouse**

**Debsoc Internal Debates**

**6pm**  
Come along, watch a debate, or  
join in! Everyone welcome.  
**Law Foyer**



## TUESDAY

2 September

**Thoughtful Foods Coop**  
10.30am-4pm

Your on campus Food Co-op is open  
throughout the semester. Swing by for  
tasty snacks and whole-grain goodness!  
Volunteer training at 11am & 3pm

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the Roundhouse, on the  
Squarehouse side**

**UNSW Law Revue 2008:  
Bar Wars: Episode QC -  
Revenge of the Silks**  
11am-2pm

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chosen one - get your tickets early to  
avoid missing out! Discounts for group  
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**Law Building Foyer, Library  
Lawn and Quad**

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WED); AND \$10 STUDENTS/\$15  
ADULTS (THU/FRI)

**Bible Studies**

**11am**  
**Level 3, Squarehouse**  
FREE

**UNSW Bike Club**

**12-2pm**  
**Quad Lawn**

**Daily Mass**

**12.10pm**  
Want to go to mass today?  
**Quad G055**  
FREE

**Womyn on Top**  
12.30-3.30pm

Come relax, listen to music and play  
games with other queer women on  
campus at our weekly gathering.

**Queerspace, Chemical  
Sciences 920**  
FREE

**Trivia**

**1-2pm**  
What was the tallest mountain before Mt  
Everest was discovered? Find out at trivia.  
**Roundhouse**

**Workshop: EcoFeminism**  
2-3.30pm

As if the title of the workshop isn't  
intriguing enough! Come and discover  
the links between feminism and  
environmentalism over lunch.  
**Law Building, 301**  
FREE

**Bible Studies**

**2pm**  
**Level 3, Squarehouse**

**Education/Welfare  
Collective**  
3-4pm

The Education & Welfare Collective  
meets once a week to discuss issues  
affecting students and organise  
campaigns around them. If you're  
passionate about issues such as illegal  
course costs, 12 week semester,  
Student Poverty and many other  
concerns facing students and want to  
get involved, this is the place to be.  
**Training Room 2, Blockhouse**  
FREE

**Rosary**

**4pm**  
**Level 3, Squarehouse**

**Toastmasters Meeting**

**4.45-7pm**  
Meetings held twice a week designed  
to improve public speaking and  
leadership skills. Persons from  
beginners to the experienced are  
welcome. Learn to structure speeches  
to inform, entertain and inspire.  
**Quad G026**

**Happy Hour**  
5-6pm

The happiest hour of the day,  
with all the happiest people.  
**Roundhouse**

**Pool Comp**

**5-6pm**  
Come test your skills  
against your friends  
**Roundhouse**

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7.45pm

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**UNSW Science Theatre**  
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### WEDNESDAY

3 September

#### Thoughtful Foods Coop

10.30am-4pm

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#### Our diet and the environment

11am-12pm

**Blockhouse Training Room 1**

#### UNSW Law Revue 2008: Bar Wars: Episode QC - Revenge of the Silks

11am-2pm

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#### Guy 2 Guy

11.30am-3.30pm

Come and join other queer, gay, bi or trans males to socialise, relax, or just play games with.

**Queerspace, Chemical Sciences 920**  
FREE

#### Yellow Shirt Info Session

12-12.30pm

Get all the info about the Arc Yellow Shirt O-Week Program and how you can apply to Yellow Shirts for O-Week 2009. Have all your questions answered by the Coordinator and members of the Organising Team.

**CLB1**  
FREE

#### Environment Collective

12-1pm

**Quad Lawn**

#### Daily Mass

12.10pm

Want to go to mass today?

**Quad G054**

#### Pottery Induction

12.30pm

A safety induction to introduce you to the Pottery Studio and how it is run. The studio is free for members to use and \$15 per hour for non-members once they have attended an induction.

**Pottery Studio**  
FREE

#### Volunteer for UNSW International Festival

1-2pm

Are you free on 17th or 18th Sept? Then be part of the biggest multicultural fest at UNSW by volunteering! Get briefed or email [international@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:international@arc.unsw.edu.au).

**Blockhouse**

#### Talk: Why Catholics are Christians

1.10-2pm

Come and find out why the Catholicism is the fullness of the Christianity with speaker Peter Holmes.

**Quad G054**  
FREE ENTRY & FOOD

#### Bingo

1-2pm

**Roundhouse**

#### How to ride a bike... with Chris Moore!

2-4pm

Want to learn how to ride a bike in a super-fun environment? Bring your own bike or just use one of ours.

**Physics Lawn**  
FREE

#### Cultural Diversity Collective

4-5pm

Come chat, eat and act on race issues with passionate students. Let's combat racism and strive for social justice.

**Quad Lawn**

#### Rosary

4pm

**Level 3, Squarehouse**

#### Tharunka contributors' meeting

4-5pm

Want to contribute to your second best student magazine?

**Tharunka Office, Blockhouse**  
FREE

#### Enviro Gig

5-9pm

It's time to party for a more sustainable world! The evening will feature Abby Dobson, tich, Megastick Fanfare, and We Say Bamboulée.

**Roundhouse, Beergarden**  
FREE

#### Happy Hour

5-7pm

The happiest hour of the day, with all the happiest people.

**Roundhouse**

#### Live Music

5-7pm

Show support for our live musicians.

**Roundhouse**

#### Toastmasters Meeting

5.45-8pm

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**Quad 1048**

#### UNSW Filmsoc Screening:

Nights of Cabiria

(Federico Fellini, 1957)

6pm

Underrated Fellini masterpiece starring his dazzling wife Giulietta Masina.

**Robert Webster Room 327**

\$5 FOR NON-MEMBERS TO BECOME MEMBERS

#### Whitlam Club Drinks Night

7-10pm

Join us at the Club Bar for a night of friends and fun. With special guest Rose Jackson, one of the candidates for Waverley Local Council. All are welcome and entry is free. So come along and show your support for this young progressive female candidate in the upcoming election! Details also on Facebook: [www.new.facebook.com/event.php?eid=22389744874](http://www.new.facebook.com/event.php?eid=22389744874)

**Club Bar, Roundhouse**  
FREE ENTRY

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**UNSW Science Theatre**  
\$8 students/\$13 adults



### THURSDAY

4 September

#### Thoughtful Foods Coop

9am-6pm

Your on campus Food Co-op is open throughout the semester. Swing by for tasty snacks and whole-grain goodness! Vegetable pickups from 2pm.

**Tucked neatly behind the Roundhouse, on the Squarehouse side**

#### Trauma Teddies

10am-12pm

Calling all charitable hearts! Come along and join us for trauma teddy knitting and meet new friends. Trauma teddies are knitted by volunteers and distributed by the Red Cross to hospitals around Australia to those in need. No knitting experience required. See you there!

**Alcove next to the Wurth room, Roundhouse**  
FREE

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# WHAT'S

## Bible Studies

**11am**  
**Level 3, Squarehouse**  
FREE

## Community Garden Field Trip

**12-2pm**  
Want to know more about community gardens? Take a tour around our local: the Randwick Community Organic Garden. The tour will leave from the Library Lawn just after noon.  
**Meet at Library Lawn**  
FREE

## Daily Mass

**12.10pm**  
Want to go to mass today?  
**Quad G055**

## Queer Collective

**12.30-2.30pm**  
Come and join others in UNSW's Queer/LGBTQI community and discuss issues over drinks and free snacks.  
**Queer Space, Chemical Sciences 920**  
FREE

## Yellow Shirt Information Session

**1-1.30pm**  
Get all the info about the Arc Yellow Shirt O-Week Program and how you can apply to Yellow Shirts for O-Week 2009. Have all your questions answered by the Coordinator and members of the Organising Team.  
**CLB 4**  
FREE

## Bible Studies

**1pm**  
**Level 3, Squarehouse**  
Free

## Yoga Class

**2-3pm**  
Come along to a yoga class suitable for all levels, thanks to the lovely crew from Yoga in Daily Life Kensington and Thoughtful Foods. Mats are provided, just wear comfortable clothing.  
**Lawn outside Thoughtful Foods, around the back of the Roundhouse, facing the Unigym**  
FREE

## Learn to make your own beer

**3-4pm**  
**Blockhouse**  
FREE FOR ARC MEMBERS

## Rosary

**4pm**  
**Level 3, Squarehouse**  
FREE

## Enviro Flicks Launch: "Sharkwater"

**5pm**  
**Ritchie Theatre**

## Happy Hour

**5-6pm**  
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**Roundhouse**

## Live Music

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## FRIDAY

5 September

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## Happy Hour

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**Roundhouse**

## Weekly Atheist Meet up

**5-7pm**  
Want to go to mass today? Then don't bother coming to this event!  
**Goldstein G07**  
FREE

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## SATURDAY

6 September



## SUNDAY

7 September



# THE PART TIME OF YOUR LIFE

UNSW is blessed with many organisations, societies and programs designed to wholisticly enhance student experiences at uni. One such organisation commonly overlooked is the UNSW Regiment (UNSWR), a military training establishment that has been turning UNSW students and members of the community into leaders for the Australian Army Reserve for over 50 years.

As a student of UNSW, you can join the Army Reserve First Appointment Course, which, upon completion, will see you commissioned as a full Lieutenant. Training is designed to occur during university holidays, and the University has a Defence Force Reservist Policy that ensures students will not be disadvantaged academically as a consequence of participation in Defence Reserves activities.



There are plenty of benefits when you join the Reserves including tax free pay, free access to military health and fitness facilities and

all your training is civilian accredited. Some of the other UNSWR bonuses include parking in the depot during uni hours, a cheap bar and a multiplicity of social

events and functions. The Army also runs a program called the Officer Tertiary Recruit Scheme, whereby you attend uni and all your HECS fees are covered by the Army whilst also getting paid over \$28,000 a year.

The Regiment is holding an open day on Saturday 6 September at our Kensington depot and you are welcome to attend. There will be drill displays by Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Officer Cadets, weapons displays and various other stalls to help you get more information. We also run information sessions during Wednesday parade at 7pm with the Recruiting Officer. If you would like to speak to a current UNSWR member feel free to contact me personally at Grant. Donald@defence.gov.au

## UNSW soundsproject

**VOLUME 01** ARTSWEEK LAUNCH 2008 SPOTLIGHT OF MUSICIANS & SOUND ARTISTS

**TRACK 01 LOVE SOLDIER** ELISHA KEEN • **TRACK 02 MODERN MAN** UNICRON'S REVENGE • **TRACK 03 SMOKING ELEPHANT** BEAU GOLDEN/ WALSH/ PINEDA/ AVENAIM • **TRACK 04 A SONG FOR LINDA** DYAN TAI • **TRACK 05 GOOD TIMES** ALAMODE • **TRACK 06 CITY DAYS** LIKE STARS • **TRACK 07 MAJA** TOM HOGAN • **TRACK 08 THE SILENCE IS HEARD** AIRBRIDGE • **TRACK 09 YOU'RE NO MORE A CHILD** Y.S. LIU • **TRACK 10 GOING NOWHERE** HAPPY HOUR • **TRACK 11 WANDERER** JIM PENG • **TRACK 12 WIND SHIELD MAN** CASEY GOLDEN & DANIEL WALSH • **TRACK 13 GENEROCK** RISEJOHNSUN • **TRACK 14 FIRST PLAY** JOE CUMMINS & SAM PETTIGREW

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# The lush of UNSW gardens

Stanley Hong

**Amidst all of the brutal architecture at UNSW, there is believe it or not, some award winning greenery. Yes, this concrete jungle has some beautiful gardens which we can escape to if academic life is getting us down.**

UNSW pre-1990 was a decidedly unwelcome place, to put it mildly. Students and the public as a whole felt that the campus was utilitarian in nature, and not reflective of the underlying vibrancy that was a hallmark of the university. So, it wasn't surprising that the powers felt that a new direction was needed, resulting in the Campus Redevelopment Strategy, which was enacted to make the University a more warm and fuzzy place to be.

Aesthetically speaking, UNSW has made a remarkable cosmetic transformation that would make reality show contestants blush. The Redevelopment Strategy not only has made areas such as the Wenham or the Wenham Gardens more hospitable, but the designers also had the vision to revamp the urban areas, such as the University Mall for instance, into attractive places for students and the public alike to enjoy.

In fact, so successful was the Redevelopment Strategy in 2002, UNSW were the winners of the Randwick Garden Competition. The Institute of Horticulture were so impressed with the design and the maintenance of the various gardens and spaces, resulting in the prestigious award.

Next time you find yourself feeling overwhelmed by the demands of the University, take some time out to enjoy your surroundings. It's easy to take for granted the surroundings we find ourselves in and lose sight that UNSW is truly, a remarkable place to be.

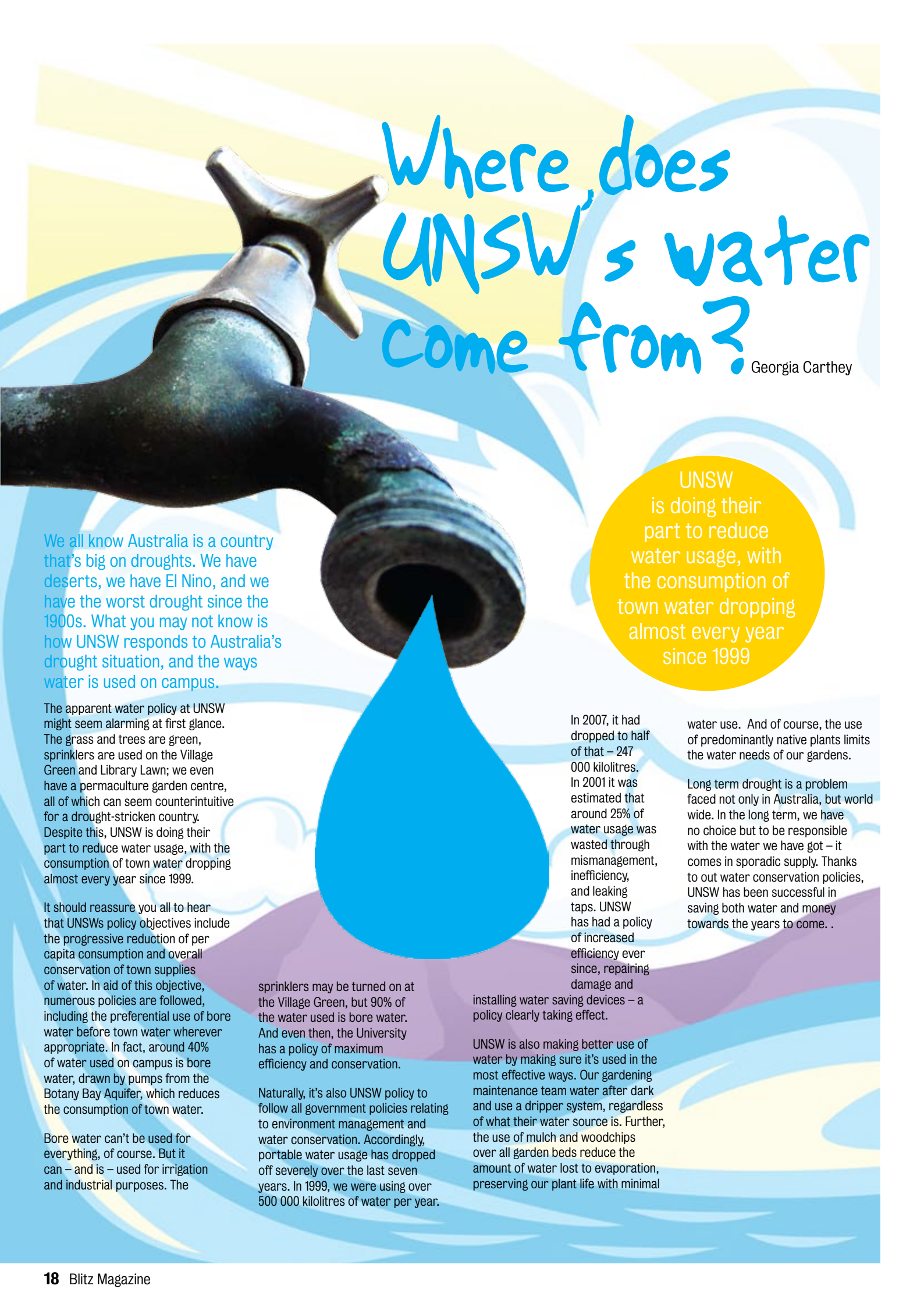




Take some time  
out to enjoy  
UNSW's beautiful  
surroundings







# Where does UNSW's water come from?

Georgia Carthey

We all know Australia is a country that's big on droughts. We have deserts, we have El Nino, and we have the worst drought since the 1900s. What you may not know is how UNSW responds to Australia's drought situation, and the ways water is used on campus.

The apparent water policy at UNSW might seem alarming at first glance. The grass and trees are green, sprinklers are used on the Village Green and Library Lawn; we even have a permaculture garden centre, all of which can seem counterintuitive for a drought-stricken country. Despite this, UNSW is doing their part to reduce water usage, with the consumption of town water dropping almost every year since 1999.

It should reassure you all to hear that UNSW's policy objectives include the progressive reduction of per capita consumption and overall conservation of town supplies of water. In aid of this objective, numerous policies are followed, including the preferential use of bore water before town water wherever appropriate. In fact, around 40% of water used on campus is bore water, drawn by pumps from the Botany Bay Aquifer, which reduces the consumption of town water.

Bore water can't be used for everything, of course. But it can – and is – used for irrigation and industrial purposes. The

sprinklers may be turned on at the Village Green, but 90% of the water used is bore water. And even then, the University has a policy of maximum efficiency and conservation.

Naturally, it's also UNSW policy to follow all government policies relating to environment management and water conservation. Accordingly, portable water usage has dropped off severely over the last seven years. In 1999, we were using over 500 000 kilolitres of water per year.

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In 2007, it had dropped to half of that – 247 000 kilolitres. In 2001 it was estimated that around 25% of water usage was wasted through mismanagement, inefficiency, and leaking taps. UNSW has had a policy of increased efficiency ever since, repairing damage and

installing water saving devices – a policy clearly taking effect.

UNSW is also making better use of water by making sure it's used in the most effective ways. Our gardening maintenance team water after dark and use a dripper system, regardless of what their water source is. Further, the use of mulch and woodchips over all garden beds reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation, preserving our plant life with minimal

water use. And of course, the use of predominantly native plants limits the water needs of our gardens.

Long term drought is a problem faced not only in Australia, but world wide. In the long term, we have no choice but to be responsible with the water we have got – it comes in sporadic supply. Thanks to our water conservation policies, UNSW has been successful in saving both water and money towards the years to come. .



# BE A YELLOWSHIRT IN 2009!



## Applications are now open!

As a Yellowshirt you receive a chance to help new students make a positive transition to UNSW. You will receive training in leadership, teamwork and communication and get to help organise and run tours, activities, entertainment and parties during O-Week.

### Get your application form from:

- Arc Reception in the Blockhouse (Lower Campus)
- CONTACT (Level 2, Quad)
- Library Lawn from 12-2pm in Week 7
- Online at [www.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au)

All volunteers need to be available over the 2008-2009 summer break for training. Applications are open to everyone!

Come along to an info session:  
Wed 3 Sept, 12pm, CLB1  
Thurs 4 Sept, 1pm, CLB4

**Applications close on Friday 12 September @ 2pm**

**Arc**  
UNSW Student Life

### Computer Fair at the Roundhouse

Sat Sept 20, Sat Oct 18, Sun Nov 2, Sat Dec 6, Sat Dec 20.

Save up to 50% on computers, notebooks, accessories, digital cameras, flash drives, inks and more. Over 30 stalls. Door prizes at the show. Open 10am to 3pm Entry \$3(Kids FREE). For more information contact 0414 961 117 or visit website: [www.computerfairs.com.au](http://www.computerfairs.com.au)

### Hypesmiths needed

Arc @ UNSW is seeking FUN, ENERGETIC volunteers to promote the upcoming UNSW Oktoberfest. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a love for fun. Be part of the biggest party of the year! Interested? Email Matt at [hypesmiths@arc.unsw.edu.au](mailto:hypesmiths@arc.unsw.edu.au) or call 9385 7630 and join the Oktoberfest 2008 team.

### Wanna be a Yellow Shirt?

Arc's Yellow Shirt volunteers run activities and events over summer and during O-Week to help new students settle in to University life. As a Yellow Shirt, you'll gain experience in team work, leadership, and communication, not to mention have a great time, meet a whole bunch of new people, and make settling in to Uni easier for new students. Applications open this week - you can grab one from Arc Reception, CONTACT, or for more information check out the 'Jobs' section at [www.arc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au)

### Seeking Males 18-25 Years with a Family History of High Blood Pressure

- Do you know that if your parents/
- grandparents suffer from high blood
- pressure you are likely to suffer from high
- blood pressure later in life? Young healthy
- males with normal blood pressure may
- already have early markers of hypertension!
- If you are interested in finding out about your
- blood pressure, cardiovascular health and
- how fit you are, contact me to get tested.
- You will also receive lots of information
- about your health and fitness once the
- study is finished. Please contact: Michael
- Goldberg, Health and Exercise Science,
- UNSW z3159124@student.unsw.edu.au.

### Are you interested in RESISTANCE EXERCISE & TRAINING?

- MALES aged 18-27 are needed for a
- Resistance Exercise Study in the Faculty
- of Medicine @ UNSW. Participating means
- you come in for 2 sessions and find out
- more about your health and fitness! You get
- analysed using expensive technology and
- methods for FREE. Interested? Questions?
- More Info? Contact Chris on 0413 194 011
- or email z3192957@student.unsw.edu.au.

### 2008 UNSweetened Literary Journal

- UNSweetened, UNSW's premier literary
- journal has now been printed! Pick up your
- free copy from Arc Reception, Blockhouse.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### 2009 Student Representative Council Elections Info Session

Wednesday September 3 from 4-5.30pm The 2009 SRC elections are in Week 9. Come hear about the elections process, how to get nominated for an Officer position, about collectives, and about what the SRC does! Near the metal ball sculpture outside the Mechanical Engineering building.

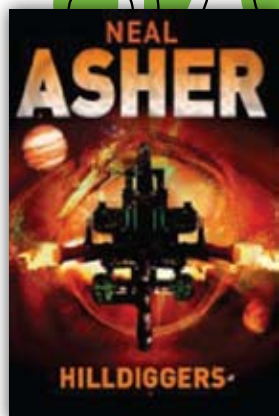
### Mining Society Ball & AGM

The Mining Society welcomes all students to attend its annual ball and GM at the Star Room, IMAX Theatre on September 18, at approx. 7pm. The event is black tie with a 3 course meal and beverages included in the ticket price. Representatives from the industry will be present, so it's a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in the metallurgy, mining and minerals sectors to make new contacts. Ticket prices are \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members. Tickets will be on sale until Wednesday September 10. Contact Ryan Davidson on 0429 668 233 for more details.



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# Reviews



## Hilldiggers by Neal Asher Thomas George

Neal Asher once held the mantle as one of my favourite writers of all time. His unique and wonderful future utopia universe in Gridlinked governed by A.I, brought a whimsical and idealistic hopefulness for our future. He followed this up with another awesome and perhaps favourite book in The Skinner where he merges old world sailing and life with new world technologies in a masterly crafted way, that only true writers know how to do.

Unfortunately, he then had a string of pulp novels that tried to cash in on the fame and popularity of the original characters, by pitting them into more improbable and impossible situations. The worst by far was Brass Man and it was reflected in the camp writing and overuse of tacky metaphors.

Hilldiggers alleviates this pain slightly, because it doesn't deal with any of the main characters from his last books. It still resides in the same universe, but on the other side of it. The story deals with two civilisations that have left humanity and are now about to be re-absorbed into the Polity. However, there is a civil war between the two races that is almost over. An alien entity known as the 'worm' has been thrown into the mix, and the fragile truce between the two warring factions is about to be shattered when the envoy for the Polity arrives.

This is a good story and well written. It doesn't seem rushed and disjointed like Asher's last few books. Hopefully, this trend will continue as Hilldiggers is a welcome change from the usual storyline that Asher has become bound by. It also has an ominous undertone that may be the start of some truly interesting times ahead in his universe. Perhaps the omnipotent rule of the A.I is finally coming to an end?



## Lovers Electric – Whatever You Want Thomas George

Lovers Electric is an eclectic band that only recently formed in 2006. Despite this, their unique brand of indie electric pop still manages to make an impact and resonate with something unique and different from all the other sounds around them. This is their first album, and it's titled Whatever You Want. They manage to stand out on their own, with no one easily comparable to their sound. Perhaps if Delta Goodram's pop goodness had a child with Daft Punk's electronic abilities, you'd get Lovers Electric.

The album features 12 tracks on the singular subject of love. Though love cannot be fully covered in one CD, Lovers Electric manages to come close. By the end of the CD, you'll be definitely and totally "loved out" of the topic. The songs are infectious and easily repeatable. You'll find yourself bopping along and hating yourself with equal measure.

The overly pop nature of the music could also be the one failing of Lovers Electric. However, if you enjoy the music for its sound rather than its brand or genre, you'll have no complaints.

I would recommend this to one and all with any musical taste. Go forth and support this Adelaide-based band. Check out their website, it's also worth discovery and contains much entertainment. They haven't listed any recent tours, but I'm sure if you badger them enough on the forums, they'll come out to UNSW and do a show!



## Tropic Thunder Thomas George

I wrote this review before I'd even seen the movie and now that I have, no corrections need to be made, as this movie lived up to my expectations of it. So, I'll stick with what I wrote originally and let you judge for yourself how accurate my predictions of this movie were.

I expected this to be a good comedy, like Zoolander, which was also co-written by Ben Stiller. And also, like Zoolander, I expected that Ben Stiller and to a lesser extent, Jack Black, would annoy me with their mere presence on screen. I expected there to be many laughs and a metric tonne of memorable one liners, yet, there also to be an underlying subtext to the movie, that will make me stop and say, "yeah, this movie had a definite underlying subtext to it!"

I expected to be dazzled and amazed by Robert Downey Jr. I expected to fall in love with him even more and know, sadly, that my love for him will be forever unrequited. I expected to question my sexuality and affirm that if I'd ever go "gay" for anyone, it'd be for Robert Downey.

What I didn't expect was Tom Cruise's awesome performance as the head of the studio. I didn't expect to like his evil scientologist ass, and wish that he wasn't such an A-grade nut job, because that boy has some awesome acting talent and made me "lol" pretty damn hard. I expect I'll have to rewrite this review as it doesn't say much about the movie, which is a comedy about spoilt actors getting into an unlikely and dangerous scenario, where they have to pull together as a team to make it.

I expect you to go see it and judge for yourself what you think. All I can do is tell you this - I loved it.



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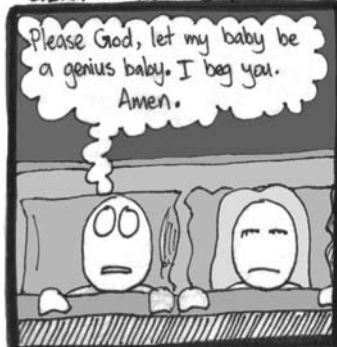
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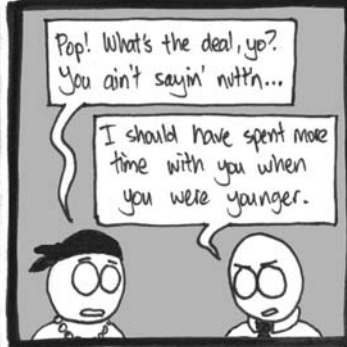
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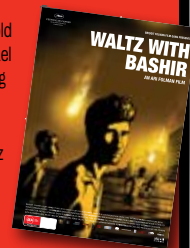
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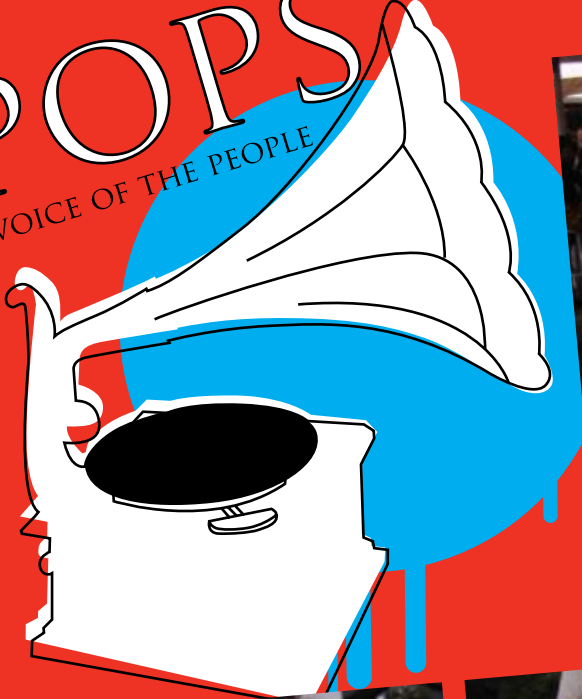
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☞ I take really short showers  
☞ The weather



**TORA**  
☞ I throw my cigarette butts in the bin  
☞ Short, short dresses



**CAT**  
☞ I recycle?  
☞ You can dance naked in nature



**NINA**  
☞ I never litter and I sign petitions that I think are worthy  
☞ The warm weather



**ELLIOT**  
☞ I don't pour milk down the sink  
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