Welcome to the School’s June newsletter. Again, the newsletter is full of a diverse range of news and achievements relating to staff, students, and others associated with the School.

It seems a long time ago when the University went through a process to increase the research intensiveness of the School’s staff profile, through the “re-shaping” process. It has been a slow process for the School to fill the available research academic positions, and we are pleased to have finally filled the last one of these with the arrival of Professor Luke Haseler from Griffith University in April. There is no doubt that the high quality of the research academics we have recruited, as well as the steady development of our many staff in teaching and research roles who have completed PhD’s in the past five years, have contributed to an impressive growth in research outcomes in 2016, that is continuing into 2017. When comparing outcomes for 2015 to 2016, there has been 75% growth in research income; 44% increase in research publications, and 14% increase in our Higher Degree by Research students. We look forward to ongoing growth in these key research outcomes. We also congratulate Associate Professor Graham Hall on his prestigious international award of becoming a Fellow of the European Respiratory Society for his contributions to research, education and clinical leadership in respiratory medicine.

Once again the School contributed many hours of very welcome massage to tired walkers in the recent Relay for life at the WA Athletics Stadium. For the majority of the 24 hour duration on the weekend of 29 April, the School had two hourly shifts with six students and two staff on each shift (overall 50 students and 16 staff were involved) providing five minute massage stints, and raising valuable money for the Cancer Council. Thanks to Peter Gardner for coordinating the School’s involvement, and to all students and staff who generously contributed their time to this very worthwhile event.

Our Exercise Science staff also ran a very successful event during Exercise Right Week as part of a national approach by Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA). Over half of the School’s first year Exercise Science students were involved in providing Pre-Exercise Screening Assessments and Fitness Assessments on staff, students and members of the public. Well done to all involved.

The School has a long history and, therefore a large alumni community. As part of Curtin’s year of celebrations (50 Years of Innovations) commemorating 50 years since the formation of the Western Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT, the predecessor of Curtin), the School is hosting a special alumni event on Thursday, 23 November. Further details are included in this newsletter. We hope many of our alumni can join us at this special event.
STAFF PROFILE

Judy Campbell
Physiotherapy Clinical Administrator and Placement Officer

1. In 25 words or less, tell us about the main elements of your current role.
Coordinating all aspects of our clinical placements, ensuring all updated pre-placement information is available on SONIA; that mandatory requirements are satisfied and practice agreements are in place.

2. What drives you / motivates you to carry on?
Every day holds a new challenge! Juggling all the different balls without dropping any is interesting too! What motivates me to carry on? The hope that one day I will be able to say, “I’ve ticked everything on my To Do list!”

3. What is currently in your inbox / what project are you currently working on?
Producing a procedures manual with the purpose of providing a step-by-step guide for anyone stepping into the role of Physiotherapy Clinical Placement Officer in the absence of both myself and my colleague. (Just in case we both get run over by the same bus!).

4. Your best / most memorable / most outstanding experience and why?
I have a few – some best forgotten! Those I will always remember are: parasailing in Bali for the first – and only – time! A spur-of-the moment decision on my 50th birthday. (Glad I didn’t hear the horror stories until afterwards!) Attending the Adele concert at Domain Stadium with my daughter and 64,498 others in March this year was an amazing experience! Visiting the UK in 2016 with my daughter Bonnie, to introduce my dear mum to her 4-month-old great granddaughter Adelyn would have to be the most special; and ending the holiday with a trip to Amsterdam with Bonnie, her husband, and Addy!

5. If you weren’t working in this role, what would you be doing?
If I could afford to retire, I would write a book, spend more time with my 15-month-old granddaughter, do more travelling, more dancing. Could I live the Lotto Life – sure could!

Professor Luke Haseler

Luke started with the School on Monday, 10 April in the role of Research Academic. Luke joins us from Griffith University, where he has been the Director of the Heart Foundation Research Centre (HFRC).

His research is in the field of human skeletal muscle physiology. A central focus of his research has been the investigation of oxygen transport and utilisation within exercising human skeletal muscle, the role of oxygen in the control of mitochondrial respiration during exercise, and its implications in aging and the disease states of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and chronic heart failure (CHF).

Luke has received a range of Category 1 grants, as well as health and industry (Health Department / hospital) funding. In 2015 Luke was made a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine (FACSM) for his research contributions in the field of human physiology of exercise. Luke has strong international linkages, including with the National Heart Centre - Singapore.

Luke’s strong research experience and international collaborations will be highly valuable in assisting to further grow the School’s research activity. Welcome aboard Luke.

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Laboratory Technician
Renae Nicholson

The final stage of our major Workplace change in Technical Services was to appoint the Laboratory Technician.

Renae Nicholson, who has been working at the School on a casual contract for the last 14 months, was the successful applicant.

Congratulations Renae.
STAFF SECTION

European Respiratory Society
Associate Professor Graham Hall

In May Graham became a Fellow of the European Respiratory Society.

This is a prestigious international award and recognition of Graham’s lifetime excellence and contributions to research, education and clinical leadership in respiratory medicine. He is now part of a prestigious group of leaders who are entitled to use the designation ‘FERS’ after their name.

ERS is an international organisation that brings together physicians, healthcare professionals, scientists and other experts working in respiratory medicine. They are one of the leading medical organisations in the respiratory field, with a growing membership representing over 140 countries. Their mission is to promote lung health through science, education and advocacy to alleviate suffering from disease and drive standards for respiratory medicine globally.

Graham has been invited to a reception for the Fellows of ERS, which takes place during the ERS Congress in Milan on Tuesday, 12 September.

Congratulations Graham on this highly respected award. It is well deserved.

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Dr Karen Richards
Professional Doctorate

Karen Richards successfully completed her Professional Doctorate in June.

Karen is the second graduate from this course. The title of her thesis is “An investigation of neck posture clusters; their relationship to neck pain and biopsychosocial factors”, and her supervisors were Dr Darren Beales, Professor Leon Straker, Associate Professor Anne Smith and Professor Peter O'Sullivan.

Congratulations to Karen and her supervisors on this excellent achievement.

Spotlight on Women in STEMM
Dr Elissa Burton

Dr Elissa Burton featured in the April edition of the Curtin Health Sciences Faculty News. Dr Burton was interviewed for Spotlight on Women in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine).

The article covers her current role with Curtin and the work and challenges involved in achieving her success to date (which includes being a Chief Investigator on ten grants over the last eight years, for over $700,000; receiving a PhD scholarship with Healthway and Curtin; and selected Valedictorian for her undergraduate Bachelor of Science [Sports Science with First Class Honours] in 2001).

Congratulations to Elissa for her achievements to date and we look forward to seeing how far her hard work and determination takes her.

It’s an interesting and inspiring article. Please read it in full on the Curtin website—Spotlight on women in STEMM—Dr Elissa Burton


ESRS Supplementary Course

On 12 April the School received confirmation that all our past graduates who completed the supplementary course are now eligible for ESSA accreditation.

Congratulations to all staff involved, this is an excellent outcome that required a significant amount of work from many staff to make it happen.

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**Jess Anstiss  
World Youth Cup Team**

One of our ESRS 3rd year students, Jess Anstiss is a West Coast Fever midcourter and has been named in the 2017 Australian Netball World Youth Cup Team following her outstanding Suncorp Super Netball debut season.

Her many years of hard work has paid off and Jess will be part of the team representing Australia at the 2017 Netball World Youth Cup being held in Gaborone, Botswana from 9 to 16 July.

Congratulations on making the team Jess and good luck next month in the competition.


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**Simulation Exercise for  
Communication in Physiotherapy Unit**

*By Sharon Parry*

On 1 and 2 May the Communications team (myself, Liz Bell, Steph Parkinson and Ginny Mulvey) with the assistance of Anne Furness and Di Dennis, conducted an in class simulated learning activity. This activity was in collaboration with first year theatre acts students and second year physiotherapy students in the Communication in Physiotherapy Unit. Over first semester, the theatre acts students develop a character and as part of their learning outcomes, the students were taught how to modify their performance when injured. Theatre acts students were provided with generic descriptions of common injuries and these were incorporated into the students’ character. The theatre acts students were asked to come to this session in character, with some type of injury and they were instructed that they needed to consult physiotherapist about the injury. The physiotherapy students interviewed the theatre acts students and each student provided structured peer feedback to each other.

The simulated learning activity took place in the new Medical School. One large teaching space was used to pre-brief the students and the interviews took place in 24 consultation suites - all suites had two cameras and microphones. There is also a central observation/control room where teaching staff were able to see and listen to the activity in each room, and were able to talk to students in each room separately or all the whole floor. The system worked exceptionally well and the students behaved in a very professional manner. The group of over 50 students are the first to make use of all of 24 suites at one time.

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**Hands-on work experience with the Fremantle Dockers  
Get an inside look at the benefits of work integrated learning**

Many of you will be aware of our student and staff involvement with the Dockers women’s team late last year and early this year - this u-tube video highlights this experience from the students’ point of view, with a brief commentary from Tania Althorpe and Jess Colliver.

Congratulations on a great job to all concerned.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiiO8OzzpaU&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiiO8OzzpaU&feature=share)

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STAFF PROFILE
Evan Coopes
Director Professional
Post Graduate Courses

1. In 25 words tell us about the main elements of your current role.
As Director of Professional PG Courses I oversee our suite of PG programs. As an educator, my role straddles both the UG and PG worlds. Throw some clinical supervision in there and that’s me.

2. What drives you / what motivates you to carry on?
I am a passionate believer in, and advocate for, our profession. As an educator I have the great privilege of helping to teach / equip / guide / mentor the future generations of our profession. I get to work alongside some simply outstanding people (fellow staff, clinicians and the many UG and PG students that we teach). Without getting all misty-eyed, I am blessed to be able to work amongst such a collegiate, considered and supportive bunch of people.

3. What is currently in your inbox / what project you are currently working on?
I am prepping the School’s next Physiotherapy Abroad study tour / clinical placement in Nepal where we will have nine final year physio students undertaking a one month clinical placement in Kathmandu. This will be my 9th trip to Nepal and possibly my last.

4. Your best / most memorable / most outstanding experience and why?
Many years ago I can recall examining one of our current PhD students during a prac exam. It was late afternoon and my attention may have been wandering as I sat on a Fitball. Unbeknownst to me the ball was rubbing up against a sharp corner and suddenly exploded under me with a noise like a grenade going off. I ended up on my back with my legs in the air looking up at John Watson in the next cubicle having punched a big hole in the wall with my elbow. My student took it all in her stride, asked if I was OK and carried on (all whilst trying very hard not to lose it).

5. If you weren’t working in this role, what would you be doing?
A music critic for Mojo magazine (after first ending up as a failed, washed-up rock musician and former member of a long-forgotten and unsuccessful 1980’s New Wave band).
Associate Professor Maria EH Larsson
Strengthening our international research collaboration

When Associate Professor Maria E.H. Larsson, from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, visited Curtin in November 2016, she expressed an interest in doing some work on the Raine Study data. She returned in June to work with Associate Professor Anne Smith, Professor Leon Straker, Professor Peter O’Sullivan and Dr Darren Beales on the project.

Maria is an Associate Professor in Physiotherapy at the Department of Health and Rehabilitation at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Her research focuses mainly in musculoskeletal related disorders within primary care. This includes research on peoples’ attitudes towards responsibility for musculoskeletal disorders, primary care triage as well as physiotherapy-led orthopaedic triage, implementation of clinical guidelines, physical activity on prescription and patients’ experiences of treatment.

Recently Maria has been involved in research in depression and anxiety and sickness absence. She also holds a position as the primary care Director of Research and Development, Research and Development Primary Health Care, Region Västra Götaland.

Welcome back to Curtin, Maria.

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Dr Leo Ng
Academic Study Program

Dr Leo Ng began his academic study program in Hong Kong in mid June. He visited Hong Kong Polytechnic University and met with the Head of the Physiotherapy School, Professor Gabriel Ng as well as the Head of Discipline, Associate Professor William Tsang, to discuss topics relating to working as a physiotherapist and physiotherapy student education in Hong Kong.

Leo then presented his research in “How to Incorporate Psychosocial Factors into Your Assessment” to faculty staff, clinicians and Curtin Alumni living in Hong Kong.

Leo was also invited to present at the School of Public Health at The University of Hong Kong. The topic was on “Research Updates in Sports Science”. Following the lecture, there were many questions, mostly related to how to enroll to study at the School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science at Curtin University, which highlights the great international reputation of our school.

Leo has a busy schedule over the next few weeks. He will travel to, and present in China and Macau in the latter part of June and then presents his research in Melbourne and the USA. We look forward to reporting on more of Leo’s ASP experiences in the next newsletter.

Above: Leo presenting at the School of Public Health, University of Hong Kong.
Right: Leon with Professor Gabriel Ng and Associate Professor William Tsang.

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Bellarmine University Student Visit

Physiotherapy and Exercise Science staff and students from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky visited the School for two weeks in May. During their stay they attended lectures and labs at Curtin and gained some on the job experience.

A **BIG** thank you to all the private clinicians who allowed the Bellarmine students to shadow them to see how Physiotherapy and Exercise Science works this side of the pond.

Whilst they were kept busy with classes and prac, they still managed to find time to see a bit of Perth and attend the Dockers v Carlton match at Domain Stadium on 20 May—sorry Keith, they witnessed the Dockers annihilate your beloved Blues.

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Ramesh Sada Nepalese Physiotherapy Colleague

Ramesh Sada, a Nepalese physiotherapy colleague, has been offered a place in the one-month Manual Concepts Certificate course commencing in late June.

Ramesh has, for a number of years, very kindly overseen the supervision of our final year students when they undertake clinical placements at the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital in Kathmandu.

Welcome to the School Ramesh.
Tots and Tech: Challenges for early childhood in a digital age
Professor Leon Straker

Professor Leon Straker was invited to present on “The physical implications of technology use by young children” at the Tots and Tech conference in Melbourne on Friday, 5 May.

The conference was hosted by the Australian Council on Children and the Media and brought together early childhood educators, academics, health professionals, policy makers and parent organisations. It focussed on the benefits and downsides of media and technology use in early childhood and the potential impact it has on relationships.

WorkCover WA Return to Work Conference
3 and 4 May 2017

The WorkCover WA Return to Work Conference was held on 3 and 4 May 2017 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Perth.

Dr Darren Beales and Dr Tim Mitchell both spoke at the two day conference, along with:
Dr Norman Swan, the host of The Health Report on ABC Radio National, and Tonic on ABC News24;
Dr Jordan Nguyen, a biomedical engineer who will explore the future of health technologies;
Dr Rory Gallagher, the Managing Director of The Behavioural Insights Team, who will discuss how nudge theory is being used to influence widespread behavioural changes;
Ms Claire Madden, a generational expert and social researcher;

and 18 other injury management professionals across the medical, insurance, workers’ compensation, business and rehabilitation streams.

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Celebrating Excellence Awards and Collaborating in Melbourne
Dr Elissa Burton

Research Fellow, Dr Elissa Burton recently travelled to Melbourne to meet with a group of researchers from the Royal District Nursing Association (RDNS) Victoria. Much of Elissa’s previous research has been with community care clients and this was a fantastic opportunity to link with an agency in the east. Discussions were held around projects in falls prevention and frailty and it is hoped this meeting will create future collaborations.

While in Melbourne Elissa also accepted an award for highest ranked student in the Applied health economics and health policy unit at Monash University. Elissa has been studying for her GradDip in Health Economics and will hopefully finish in 2018.

Congratulations Elissa!
The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) WA branch hosted the Cutting Edge Research Event on Tuesday, 13 June at the School.

It was a great opportunity to not only hear from three of our ECR about the latest research in ageing and gerontology, but also to meet with like-minded colleagues. The evening started at 5pm with a bit of networking, followed by the presentations.

Sam Neylan:
To refurbish or not to refurbish - that is the question.

Jacqui Francis-Coad:
Preventing falls in residential care.

Sheridan Read:
Person centred planning in dementia care.

RESEARCHER IN PROFILE
Associate Professor
Anne Smith
1. In 25 words or less, tell us about your research.
My research encompasses back, neck, hip, knee and shoulder pain, nonsurgical and surgical interventions for musculoskeletal pain, movement / physical activity, and pain science.

2. What drove you to this / what motivates you to carry on?
I am hugely motivated by the people I work with… like-minded researchers and clinicians who share my love of analytical thinking and passion for research.

3. What is currently in your inbox / a project you are working on?
I have a lot on the go but I am most excited about the great PhD candidates I am co-supervising. I really like how they all intersect and have synergy with each other (both the projects and the people!). We have a mix of cohort, lab-based, clinical and qualitative studies all exploring links between the way people in pain think and feel, the way they move, and their pain experience.

4. Your best/most memorable/most outstanding publication and why?
I am most satisfied by my publications in top quartile journals in which I have utilised my skills as a biostatistician in combination with my knowledge of musculoskeletal science to harness data complexity, for example identifying subgroups of people with different postures, pain trajectories, psychological profiles or tissue sensitivity levels.

5. If you weren’t researching, what would you be doing?
All the things I already do but would have more time for... hanging out with family/friends and my dog, traveling (hiking and cycling holidays), keeping fit by running, cycling, swimming and yoga, trying to surf, reading novels, watching movies, expanding my culinary repertoire (particularly vegetarian). One day when I have more time I would also like to do volunteer work in a field in which I can use my skills to best effect.
Professor Leon Straker
School Holiday Guide
Article in Perth Now on 10 April 2017

Children risk 50 hours of screen time unless they are unplugged. A typical child in WA could easily spend at least 50 hours stuck staring at screens over the fortnight during the Easter school holidays.

Dr Kristy Goodwin was interviewed on the amount of screen time children could clock up over the Easter and School two week holiday break and Professor Straker provided information on current research.

Curtin University is working towards a world-first study examining whether too much screen time is hindering children’s muscle and bone development.

Young brains needed time spent playing outdoors to properly develop and some children were suffering from “nature deficit disorder”.

You can read the article in full on Perth Now.

Associate Professor Kevin Netto
Huge Uptake in Cycling
Interview on ABC Drive with Barry Nicholls on 10 May 2017

Professor Netto was interviewed about mamils (middle-aged man in lycra) and the increase in popularity of cycling, particularly over the last five years. He claims cycling is the new golf, though it is more energetic than golf.

They discussed the one-metre rule proposal, awareness that people who are not fully protected and the behavioural traits of mamils. You can listen to the interview on ABC Radio Perth.

Dr Vin Cavalheri
Preoperative exercise helps lung cancer surgery recovery
Article in Health Times on 8 June & Canning Examiner on 15 June 2017

A new systematic review has found lung cancer patients undertaking one to four weeks of supervised exercise training before surgery go home earlier and have fewer post-surgery complications.

Dr Vin Cavalheri, is the lead researcher of this Curtin led review which was supported by a Cancer Council WA Postdoctoral Fellowship. The review, published in the Cochrane Database of Systemic Reviews reveals the benefit of supervised exercise before surgery in patients with lung cancer.


Read all about it!
RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Articles published since last newsletter by staff and Adjuncts


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As part of the funding the school receives for our research activity, the School initiated a program for interstate or international visiting fellows in 2017 and early 2018. The Scheme aims to provide up to $5,000 funding to institute a Visiting Fellowship program led by an Early Career Researcher or Mid Career Researcher from within the School (with at least one mentor or senior researcher within the School). The key aim is to fast track the School's profile and relationship building with more experienced, external researchers.

Funding is provided to support an experienced researcher (in an area of research relevant to the School) to come to Perth for perhaps a week or more to develop a relationship and plan for future activity between the researcher and the ECR/MCR (and other researcher in the School).

A component of the program is for the visiting research fellow to provide presentations that will be open to School staff and colleagues. We are expecting our first visiting research fellow to arrive in August so keep an eye out for information on guest lectures and presentations.

The following staff were successful with their applications:

Vin Cavalheri, visiting Fellow – Professor Martijn Spruit (The Netherlands / Hasselt University, Belgium).
Focus of visit: Exercise training and promotion of physical activity in people with chronic cardiorespiratory disease.

Elissa Burton, visiting Fellow – Professor Julie Bernhardt (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health – University of Melbourne).
Focus of visit: Physical activity, stroke, and older people.

Sharon Parry, visiting Fellow – Dr Josephine Chau (School of Public Health, University of Sydney).
Focus of visit: Workplace physical activity and sedentary behaviour - interventions, monitoring, surveillance and impact on health and work productivity.

Sian Williams, visiting Fellow – Dr Lee Barber (Child Health Research Centre, University of Queensland).
Focus of visit: Muscle growth and development of young children with Cerebral Palsy.

Andrew Lavender, visiting fellow – Professor Kemal S. Türker (Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey).
Focus of visit: Understanding the mechanism of Whole Body Vibration and how this can be an effective intervention to enhance exercise training outcomes for older people (improving function and reducing falls).

Merv Travers, visiting fellow – Dr Thorvaldur Skuli Palsson (Department of Health Science and Technology, Aalborg University, Denmark).
Focus of visit: Correlating radiologically confirmed cervical nerve root compromise with areas of pain and dysesthesia - Do traditional dermatomal patterns correspond to patients’ symptom locations?
Relay for Life — 29 and 30 April

The School, again, provided the walkers and runners participating in the Relay for Life with much needed foot and calf massages (it also gives our students a chance to practice their massage skills and raise money for a very worthy cause too).

This year we reviewed our usual timetable (of working over the entire 24 hours), with massage sessions running from 2pm to 10pm on the Saturday and again from 6am to 12 noon on the Sunday. Logistically this seemed to work better and we managed to raise approximately $1100.00 for the event.

Thanks to all our amazing staff and students who helped organise, set up and participate in the event.
EVENTS

Massage Session for
Australian Men’s and Women’s Hockey Teams
on Wednesday, 10 May

Elite athletes from the ‘Kookaburras’ and the ‘Hockeyroos’, our national Field Hockey teams, are being kept on the pitch by some of our Physiotherapy Students. They are benefitting from weekly massage as they enter into intense training blocks as they prepare for World League Hockey Tournaments in late June and July.

Physiotherapy students from 1st to 3rd year have volunteered their time twice weekly, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.00am to 10.30am. The students provide up to half an hour for each athlete to have identified areas released and massaged. The Athletes have been assessed by Hockey Australia Director of Physiotherapy Michael Wood who is also a member of our staff on the Masters of Sports Physiotherapy course.

Michael also helped prepare the students for their massage service by providing a Massage Refresher Workshop on Wednesday, 10 May. This was to ensure that the students provided the best service possible and benefitted themselves by learning in the process, as Michael demonstrated techniques (some new to the students) that they could use on the hockey players.

A big thank you to the students for volunteering to massage the Hockey Australia players. This is a good experience for both students and the athletes.

And a big thank you to Leo Ng and Brendyn Appleby, Head of Strength & Conditioning for Hockey Australia for coordinating the students and athletes.

This program is planned to be continued through the rest of this year and towards the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

HDR Social Get-Together
Friday, 12 May 2017

A small group of our HDR students organised a social function at the Windsor Hotel in South Perth.

Lisa Wolski is a Curtin undergraduate Alumni who is now a PhD student at the University of Sydney and a member of the School Psychologists Association of WA. At a recent SPAWA Committee Meeting she met Associate Professor Kathy Briffa and, as a Sydney student, expressed her desire to meet other PhD students in Perth.

Seven of our PhD students went along and a good time was had by all — Mike Chapman, Tara West, Kevin Wernli, Robin Lines and Nardia Rose. Mike, only arrived to Perth (from England) at the beginning of May so it was a great opportunity for him to meet a few people too.

Mike’s project is with the Army and Lisa also works in the Army, based in Garden island. Lisa is using the DorsiV in her PhD which Tara and Kevin will also be using in their PhD, so hopefully, they can help each other out.

May this be the first of many social and networking events this year.
This extremely successful event was organised and run by our Exercise Science staff to coincide with ESSA’s Exercise Right Week.

91 of our 2nd year and 165 of our 1st year Exercise Science students conducted Pre-Exercise Screening Assessments and Fitness Assessments on staff, students and members of the public in the area outside Curtin Stadium. We had around 85 people attend across the week with our students having a fantastic opportunity to experience integrating the skills they are learning in class to “authentic” practical activities, as well as collaborating across year levels with some informal mentoring.

Thanks to all the staff who assisted with the event —the logistics around organisation, promotion, setting up and packing down each day for such a large event cannot be underestimated!

An unofficial leader board was started (yes, that healthy competitive School spirit is alive and well) and there were some pretty impressive results from our staff:

- Daniel Gucciardi just topped the leader board in the end but Kevin Netto, Sarah Stearne and Alan Reubenson were all hot on his heels vying for top spot;
- Leo Ng was considered most competitive;
- Paul and Vin rated a solid A for effort; and
- Toni Johnson received an A for attendance.

To all staff and students who helped make this such a great event.
OTHER NEWS

OPEN DAY
SUNDAY, 6 AUGUST 2017

50 Years of Innovation
Activities are being held throughout
2017 celebrating Curtin’s 50 year
anniversary so please check the
Curtin website for details.

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