



# ANU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Staff Newsletter - Special End of Year Edition 2008

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the University and College Executive I would like to extend my best wishes to each member of the ANU College of Business and Economics community for a safe and happy festive season and an enjoyable and fulfilling New Year.

For the College and its staff and students, 2008 has been a fabulous year. The coming year will bring great challenges but in December 2009/January 2010 we will come to an important milestone in the development of the College; we expect to be in our new building.

I would like to acknowledge the achievements of both academic and general staff and to convey my thanks for your valued support and contribution to the success of the College this year. I look forward to our continued collaboration next year.

I would like to publically acknowledge the contribution of each of the Heads of School. Professor Kerry Jacobs as a relatively new Head of the School of Accounting and Business Information Systems has enhanced the quality of administration within the School and chartered a course for its future with two further professorial appointments and a series of other senior appointments. Professor Terry O'Neill, Head of School Finance and Applied Statistics continues to strengthen the School with a number of quality appointments and the development of a larger pool of students, particularly in postgraduate coursework. Professor Martin Richardson is relatively new to the task as Head of the School of Economics but has capably steered the School through what has been a challenging period during the formal review of the School. Dr Michael O'Donnell is also new to the task as Head of School of Management, Marketing and International Business and fulfills two important leadership roles both as Head of



New CBE Building Site: Concrete pour, second floor, 5.45 am Friday, 19 December 2008.



School and President of the NTEU Branch at the ANU.

The Associate Deans, Professor Farshid Vahid (Research Training); Professor Tom Smith (Research) and Associate Professor Alex Clarke (Education) have all made remarkable contributions to their respective portfolios. The Research Training portfolio has developed immensely with the careful "quiet achiever" management style of Farshid. The Education portfolio, which has undergone constant change during this year, has been extraordinarily well managed by Alex. Next year will be a big year for the research portfolio and Tom and his team are on top of the issues going forward.

Alex Clarke as Deputy Dean has demonstrated enormous expertise and significantly adds to the reputation of the College.

An important area that continues to operate with extraordinary efficiency is the administrative team within the College, which is led by the General Manager, Mr Tony Wynack. Tony has been with this University for many years and has significantly contributed to the University generally. During the years I have been with ANU, Tony's contribution to the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, the National Graduate School of Management and now the ANU College of Business and Economics has been extraordinary and this year was no different.

Season's Greetings and please enjoy the holiday break and return in 2009 refreshed and reinvigorated to join us in taking on the new challenges of the ANU College of Business and Economics.



After a weigh-in of the Dean, which was monitored by the former Auditor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Mr Pat Barrett, a weight loss of 8.6 kilos has resulted in \$200,000 grant, which will go towards the Peter Radoll Scholarship Fund and other indigenous student activities.