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## Autumn Technology Park Newsletter

Dear all,

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the University of Ballarat Technology Park newsletter. I trust that you will find the following news and information of strong interest.

### IBM IT Services Centre

In previous editions of this newsletter I have reported on the proposed new IBM IT Services Centre, currently being constructed in University Drive. It is pleasing to report that the construction programme is on schedule and the building will be completed later this year.

Provision will be made within the new IBM IT Services Centre to accommodate 370 plus IT staff. Whilst the business functions within the building will be determined over time, it is anticipated that the IT Services Centre will undertake:

- Business processing and business transformation services
- Product operations (storage, security, data base management)
- Call Centre and remote technical support

The University is currently working with the City of Ballarat in relation to the design and construction of a traffic round-a-bout at the intersection of University Drive and Enterprise Grove. These road works will be important in terms of facilitating traffic flow to and from the IBM IT Services Centre, and moreover, will improve traffic safety and flow through the Park.





## Education Investment Fund

Recently the Federal Government called for submissions for funding under the Education Investment Fund (EIF) in 3 categories, namely Higher Education, Research and TAFE. The purpose of the EIF is to provide funding for projects that create or develop significant infrastructure in higher education institutions, research institutions and vocational education and training providers, in order to:

- Transform Australia's knowledge generation and teaching capabilities
- Boost participation in tertiary education
- Position Australia to meet domestic skills needs, now and into the future
- Enhance Australia's innovation capacity
- Invigorate the growth of Australia's research capabilities
- Enhance Australia's international competitiveness in education and research.

The University submitted one application for each funding category. Our response in the Research funding category aims to establish an Industry Research Training Facility.

A summary extract from the University's submission to the Federal Government is as follows:

*The University of Ballarat is recognised for producing industry-ready Bachelor graduates. Based on a unique environment of industry-research laboratories, funding is sought for an Industry Research Training Facility designed to carry out world-class research and produce – for this first time in Australia – industry-ready mathematics and informatics doctoral graduates. The research will build on existing expertise, international collaborations and industry partners and, facilitated by a purpose-built centre, will provide optimal solutions to problems in national priority areas in energy, security, mining, water, environment and health. The outcome will be world-class research that advances industry capabilities and produces high quality research training.*

The University is seeking approximately \$22 million in funding for the Industry Research Training Facility and \$80 million in total for all 3 submissions.

If our proposal is successful then the Industry Research Training Facility will be established within the UBTP. We expect to be advised by the Federal Government of the status of our submissions in the very near future.





## New Commercial Tenants

**Westwind Energy** has taken occupancy of suites 1 and 2 within the Global Innovation Centre from March this year. Westwind Energy is an Australian company dedicated to the development, construction and operation of wind farms in Australia.

**Grampians Rural Health Alliance (GRHA)** has relocated from the Ballarat CBD to suites 4 and 6a of the Global Innovation Centre in mid January this year. GRHA is one of five alliances of Victorian rural health agencies that are responsible for the delivery of the Victorian Information and Communications Technology (ICT) strategic planning and development within each rural health region. The Grampians ICT Alliance covers the Victorian Department of Human Services Grampians Region of Western Victoria

**Triton Commercial Systems** has formally established a Victorian office and moved into suite 1 of the Greenhill Enterprise Centre in February this year. Triton are specialists in production recording, weighing, labelling, and inventory control systems for the Meat and Food Processing and Cool Storage industries. Triton recognises the benefits of moving into the Technology Park, particularly from the longer term perspective of software development.

## Employee Numbers in Technology Park

Total persons (fulltime, part-time and casuals) employed in UBTP currently totals 1479, associated with the following enterprises and University 'business incubation' centres:

- IBM Australia
- Emergency Services Telecommunications Centre
- ID Research
- State Revenue Office
- Ambulance Victoria
- Greenhill Enterprise Centre
- Global Innovation Centre

The following advice is provided in relation to the aggregate UBTP employee numbers:

- It is anticipated that the total numbers of employees within the Emergency Services Telecommunications Centre (ESTA) will significantly increase within the near future. The recent Victorian bushfires highlighted some deficiencies with 000 call taking, and anticipated changes are likely to positively impact staffing levels at ESTA
- The new IBM IT Services Centre will become operational later this year (October) with an initial employee intake of 100 employees across year one. The building will ultimately accommodate 370 employees across a number of years
- Based upon the above, it is anticipated that 2000 persons will be employed in the UBTP within the next 3 years. This would be an excellent outcome for the Park, the University and the region.



## Technology Park Breakfasts 2009

The very successful monthly Technology Park and Ballarat IT Specialists Breakfasts are continuing in 2009, operating from the Neighbourhood Cable Conference Centre, Greenhill Enterprise Centre, commencing at 7.45 am. Please diarise the following Breakfast events:

**Tuesday 21 April:** Mr. Ian Powell, Manager Planning and Strategy, Technology Services, Country Fire Authority

**Wednesday 13 May:** This event will be an Australian Industry Group sponsored Breakfast which will highlight the diverse range of businesses at the Park and give participants the opportunity to see first hand how the Park can work with local businesses on a range of levels. Keynote speaker, Elizabeth Lewis-Gray, Gekko Systems, will demonstrate how innovation can be used to grow your business. (As this Breakfast is part of the Ballarat Innovation Festival, please note it will be held on a Wednesday and not a Tuesday).

## Ballarat Innovation Festival

The University of Ballarat Technology Park will again support the Ballarat Innovation Festival in May through the following events:

### AI Group Tapping into Technology to Grow your Business

Date Wednesday 13 May 2009

Time 7.45 am to 9.30 am

Fees \$20 for BITS members and \$30 for non Tech Park members

Venue Neighbourhood Cable Conference Centre, Greenhill Enterprise Centre,  
University of Ballarat Technology Park

Bookings Kay Macaulay [kaym@aigroup.asn.au](mailto:kaym@aigroup.asn.au) or Marianne Drake [m.drake@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:m.drake@ballarat.edu.au)

### Innovation in Renewable Energies (Expert Panel)

Date Wednesday 13 May 2009

Time 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Fees No charge

Venue Neighbourhood Cable Conference Centre, Greenhill Enterprise Centre,  
University of Ballarat Technology Park

Bookings Marianne Drake [m.drake@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:m.drake@ballarat.edu.au)

### Technology Park Innovation Showcase

Date Wednesday 13 May 2009

Time 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Fees No charge

Venue Neighbourhood Cable Conference Centre, Greenhill Enterprise Centre,  
University of Ballarat Technology Park

Bookings Marianne Drake [m.drake@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:m.drake@ballarat.edu.au)

### Regional Innovations in Cyber Safety – Twilight Forum

Date Wednesday 13 May 2009

Time 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Venue Neighbourhood Cable Conference Centre, Greenhill Enterprise Centre,  
University of Ballarat Technology Park

Fees No charge

Bookings Helen Thompson [h.thompson@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:h.thompson@ballarat.edu.au)

Please call or email if you require any additional information or advice in relation to the above.

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