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## News

Ben Eggleton was awarded a NSW Government Science Prize (organised through the Office of Science and Medical Research) last Thursday, in the category "Physics and Astronomy". This is clear recognition of Ben's outstanding research work. [More information](#) here.

## Building works

The University has signed a contract with ICHOR Constructions to undertake major refurbishment on levels 1, 4 and 6. The new spaces are largely to accommodate former OFTC staff and students. Details to be posted in the School soon. Work begins 22 Sept 2008.

## Staff - Welcome

Many staff have joined in the last two months, including:

Teaching & Research	Postdoctoral Fellow
David Reilly (Quantum)	Chunle Xiong (CUDOS)
Pulin Gong (CS)	Tim Robishaw (IoA)
Research Fellow	Jeremy Mitchell (CS)
Torgny Karlsson (IoA)	Aisling Clarke (CUDOS)
Simon Ellis (IoA)	Ravi Pant (CUDOS)
Research Assistant	Miroslav Micic (IoA)
Jeremy Badcock (ISA)	Project Officer
Senior Technical Officer	Debra Gooley (IoA)
Brian Ford (2nd year lab)	Postdoctoral Researcher
Communication Manager	Michael Lamont (CUDOS)
Kali Madden (CUDOS)	Lab Manager
Admin Officer	Ebang Li (CUDOS)
Wendy Espinoza (CUDOS)	Harry Messel Research Fellow
Joanne Daniels (IoA)	Roman Kompaneets

## Staff - Farewell

And some staff are moving onwards and upwards:

Nigel Marks (Applied)	Peter Barnes (IoA)
Jeremy Bolger (CUDOS)	Shami Chatterjee (IoA)
Andrew Hopkins (IoA)	Verdi Arli (Admin)
Kostya Ostrikov (CS)	

## Student Recruitment Task Force

The Head of School has assembled a student recruitment task force to increase the number of undergrad and postgrad students in the School of Physics.

The taskforce is chaired by Geraint Lewis and includes John O'Byrne (APC Chair), Mike Ireland (APD Fellow, recent USyd postgrad), Phil Dooley (Chair of External Relations Committee) and Steve Bartlett (Honours Coordinator).

## Postgrad Recruitment

Potential PhD candidates from around Australia and NZ have been invited to the campus for a day on the 3rd of October. They will meet with prospective supervisors and current students face-to-face, as well as get a feel for the School and Uni. To get involved, call Phil.

Prospective research students have access to a new online database of projects, Research Supervisor Connect ([RSC](#)). To include your project, contact [Eve](#) on student\_support@physics.usyd.edu.au.

## Website Committee

A Website Committee has been created to keep the website up to date and ticking over. It consists of John O'Byrne, Phil Dooley, Lara Davis and Adam Selinger.

Research pages and the front page will be the initial focus. Suggestions to outreach@physics.usyd.edu.au.

## Media Noticeboard

A new noticeboard has been installed for media which features the School and its people. It is located outside Phil and Lara's office, next to the Council room. Please stop by and have a read, and if you have any stories you'd like to add, pop a copy of them in the Science Foundation pigeon hole in the mail room.

## Outreach & Science Foundation

The 2008 Science Teachers' Workshop (STW) was recently run in the School, and in regional areas in conjunction with the 2008 Kickstart on the Road Program.

Numbers for the 2008 STW surpassed previous years with 166 teachers attending the Sydney Workshop and 44 attendees at the Regional Workshops.

## Sydney Uni Live

On 30th August over 15,000 students attended SUL. Thanks to the SoP staff and students who assisted.

## Outreach Forum

In the next month there will be a School Outreach Forum, in the same vein as the Teaching and Research forums run previously. All are invited to attend.



Do you have any news? Send it to [outreach@physics.usyd.edu.au](mailto:outreach@physics.usyd.edu.au).