

# Sport and Recreation Management

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## Congratulations to our newest graduates:

### Post Graduate



for the degree of *Doctor of Philosophy*  
Christina Hagger

### Honours



for the degree of *Bachelor of Management (Honours)*

Jessica Clark  
Yves Sibenaler

### Double Degrees

for the degrees of  
*Bachelor of Management (Administrative Management)* and *Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management*

Jodie Rowland

for the degrees of  
*Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management* and  
*Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management*

Dara Braithwaite

Anna Milne



Shanae Aubrey &  
Candice Butler

### Undergraduate

for the degree of *Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management*

Val Alonso

Shanae Aubrey  
Sam Bowman  
Candice Butler  
Bec Campbell  
Chris Davis

Sam Dawkins  
Andrew Edwards  
Alec Hall

Leonne Hewson  
Ashley Higgins  
Daniel Joyce  
Brendan Littler  
Paula Malkin

Sophie Molyneux  
Kasey Parker  
Angela Perkins  
Daniel Pomeroy  
Tiffany Price

Melissa Priest  
Jason Rivett  
Katherine Robb  
Scott Rogasch  
Marc Saffin

Georgia Stojanovski  
Holly Thompson  
Kenrick Tyrell  
Ramon Vincent

Teresa Wilkey  
Stephen Woods

Congratulations to Holly Thompson, Dara Braithwaite and Adam Norton whose outstanding efforts were acknowledged at the Prizes and Awards Ceremony at Veale Gardens in March 2010.



Richard Mellon, Office for Recreation and Sport, presented *The Prize for Academic Excellence in Recreation Studies* to Holly Thompson as the graduate of the LBRL program with the most outstanding second and third year result.



Professor John Benson, University of South Australia, presented *The SeaLink Travel Group Prize* to Dara Braithwaite who obtained the highest mark for the course TOUR2006 Tourism and Hospitality Marketing.



Matt Schmidt, ACHPER (SA), presented *The ACHPER (SA) Prize* to Adam Norton as the student with the best academic performance in the first year of the LBRL program.

Read on for updates from our most recent graduates:

## Upcoming Events

29 March 2011 (3pm)  
Graduation Ceremony

24-26 August 2011  
Graduation Ceremony

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Dr Christina Hagger & Dr Rob Hallak are the proud new *Doctors of Philosophy*. They are pictured here with Professor Graham Brown (left) at Graduation. Note the different gowns & "hats" denoting qualification.

**Dr Christina Hagger** writes:

"It is fascinating being on the other side of the fence!

As Dr Hagger I am now working as a Research Fellow at the Joanna Briggs Institute at the University of Adelaide. JBI is located at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and its core mission is to improve global health through the generation, synthesis, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based practice. A distinctive, and particularly from my perspective, very appealing feature of the Institute, is the emphasis it places on qualitative and policy research in addition to quantitative evidence. This is an excellent opportunity for me to extend my knowledge of qualitative research philosophy and practice.

I am working as Postgraduate Coordinator with projected intakes of some 10 Research Masters each Semester (and yes that is busy!) - particularly as we are now a new School within the University. I am supervising Masters students and teaching Qualitative Research Methods locally, interstate and internationally. On the research front I am exploring the contributions of both the interpretive and critical paradigms on dual fronts: health from the JBI perspective and tourism to maintain my personal research interests."



**Yves Sibener** left UniSA, CDFC and Adelaide for training in Darwin early on Graduation day. He is now a fully fledged Firefighter with the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service, based in Alice Springs (with 1st Class Honours). Still came back for yet another premiership though...



**Jessica Clark** is working with us as a Senior Researcher with the Centre for Tourism and Leisure Management incorporating CERM (PI)<sup>®</sup>. Jess has continued tutoring in Sport and Event Management, Sport and Tourism Development, and Fundamentals of Sport and Recreation.

Updating our most recent LBRL and double degree graduates:



**Val Alonso** is the Event and Development Assistant for Hockey SA.



**Ashley Higgins** is undertaking post grad studies in



**Jason Rivett** is the North Adelaide Football Club Development Officer.



**Shanae Aubrey** is working at Life. Be In It.



**Daniel Joyce** works part-time facilitating after school programs at both Playford and Salisbury councils.



**Katherine Robb**



**Sam Bowman**



**Brendan Littler**



**Scott Rogasch**



**Dara Braithwaite** celebrated her graduation by going overseas until the end of June.



**Paula Malkin**



**Jodie Rowland**



**Candice Butler** is seeking a position in developing sport, recreation and leisure programs for organisations with the demand for them.



**Anna Milne**



**Marc Saffin**



**Bec Campbell**



**Sophie Molyneux**



**Georgia Stojanovski**



**Christopher Davis** is coordinating leagues and coaching ultimate frisbee while seeking full-time employment.



**Kasey Parker**



**Holly Thompson** is living in Ballarat, working hard, and still can't give up the study . Onto Honours now.



**Sam Dawkins**



**Angela Perkins** is working with tennis SA.



**Kenrick Tyrell** is with the AIS cycle program.



**Andrew Edwards** is the Crows Merchandise Assistant.



**Daniel Pomeroy**



**Ramon Vincent**



**Alec Hall**



**Tiffany Price** is working with the Sports Commission.



**Teresa Wilkey**



**Leonne Hewson**



**Melissa Priest** is full time at Parks and Leisure Australia SA/NT/ One Eighty Sport and Leisure Solutions (two organisations run from same office) .



**Stephen Woods**

Remember those "hats" the post graduates wear? Undergraduate degree recipients wear a mortarboard (pictured).



The post-nominals for the LBRL undergraduate degree are:

**BSportRecMgmt.**

Graduation Pictures



Back Row: Andrew Edwards, Chris Davis, Jason Rivett  
Front Row: Daniel Joyce, Angela Perkins, Shanae Aubrey & Candice Butler



Melissa Priest, Katherine Robb, Holly Thompson, Marc Saffin, Sophie Molyneux & Paula Malkin



Thank you to **Candice Butler** (right) pictured at Graduation with Shanae Aubrey for sharing her photos



**Andrew Edwards** (graduated March 2010) obtained a full time job with the Adelaide Crows in February as the Merchandise Assistant. He was selected from a pool of 80 applicants for what Andrew “could bring to them in terms of enthusiasm, experience and people skills”. Andrew says he “fully understands all the volunteering experience that helped me acquire such a great opportunity”. Andrew controls all the stock that comes into Crowmania: stock count, record keeping, pricing, organising, selling, etc and is kept really busy. Pre-season, he had already travelled with the team to Alice Springs to play a Community Match and worked for the Crows at Clipsal.

**Elise Przytula** (completed January 2010) is working full time at Underdale High School as an Student Services Officer in the PE Department. She works closely with the PE teachers in classes doing pretty much anything the teachers ask including some admin (eg booking excursions, organising sports day & inter-school sport, data entry, etc), assistant class teaching, refereeing, coaching. She was involved in lots of training with the students for the Inter School Athletics Carnival. She also keeps equipment marked with the school name and carries out any repairs needed. Her biggest job is keeping the store room tidy. Elise says: “Its lots of fun working in a school, get to muck around with the kids a bit as I'm not a teacher which is good fun.”

**Brett Stanford** is a teacher of Outdoor Education at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre in Boonah, Queensland (at the back of the Gold Coast). After completing his BAppSC(RecPIMgmt) in 1998, Brett went on to get his BEd(H&PE).

**Jayne Egarr** recently started as a full-time Reception/Function Assistant role at the Australian Institute of Management SA.



**AAMI STADIUM**



**Nick Hambour** has been employed at AAMI Stadium since September 2009 as the 'Membership & Stadium Administration Coordinator' with the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

Working under the Stadium Manager, his day to day work involves liaising with other departments as well as the Adelaide and Port Adelaide Football Clubs in preparation for the weekends match. The other side of his role involves coordinating the AAMI Stadium Memberships with others in the department, creating promotional material, updating website content, and assisting any other tasks required by the Stadium Department that arise during the year. On match days his role involves assisting the Stadium Manager in supervising the event and handling any issues as they may arise.

**Stacey Johnston** left ACHPER (SA) in March for a new position at Onkaparinga Council as Recreation Services Officer. Stacey says “My new job at Onkaparinga is fantastic. I'm really enjoying expanding my knowledge and networks! Plus working with Larissa is a huge advantage-she has been involved with councils for a while now so I love picking her brain!”

**Jacob Gracey** is a Development Officer for the Special Olympics.

**Danielle Gillis** won the position at the AIS Cycling within the High Performance section. Her position involves working with athletes who are Australian Champion, World Champion and World Record holders in their respective Cycling discipline. This position became vacant when **Kenny Dudek** was promoted to High Performance Administrator, AIS.

**Neville Scown** took on the Event Operations Supervisor at the Adelaide Event & Exhibition Centre early this year.



## Graduate News

Hockey SA recently employed **Val Alonso** (graduated March 2010) in an Event and Development role. Her position involves working in the development area with hockey SA, including the In-Schools' Program, to increase the quantity and improve the quality of hockey players in South Australia.

She has been working with Hockey Club officials and School staff in areas of developing Programs within zones. Part of her role involves preparing promotional materials for junior club and school level coaches and hockey SA Website as well as administration duties (maintaining data bases, collating surveys undertaken in the development area, answering phones, faxing, photocopying, emailing, etc).

Val writes: "I'm part of hosting the Men and Women's Australia Hockey League Championships which provides me a great opportunity to work and meet Olympian professionals (ie Technical Director, Hockey Australia staff and other State Hockey Development Managers). I also work with people from the Office for Recreation and Sport and relevant Schools Sports Associations concerning development programs. I'm always meeting new people, which helps me understand and increase my knowledge in recreation and sport areas.

It's amazing how much I have learnt during the past four months with Hockey SA, I remember my first interview when I knew nothing about the sport itself, only that it is play with a hockey stick and a ball. I know this is a career starting point only and I'm ready to take on more challenges and achieve higher and better positions in the future."



Val & Team

Laura Hester

Gold Medal

Sophie Kneebone

At the Competitions

Val also wishes to share her outstanding success story from volunteering with the Special Olympics. Read on...

### A time to shine! National Games Special Olympics 2010 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of April

"Special Olympics really gives people with intellectual disabilities a time to shine..The games kicked off on Monday April 19, with the opening ceremony at The Dome (Findon), home of the Adelaide 36ers. Athletes, coaches, volunteers, families and friends were in full spirits as honorary guests and entertainers welcomed all to the host city of Adelaide.

My job was simple, I was given the opportunity to volunteer as the coach for the Rythmic Gymnastic for the Special Olympics. With my dancing background, I was able to support and encourage the athletes to demonstrate their skills and ability throughout the year to help the athletes to get where they are now. It was an honour to work with Gymnast Laura Hester, winner of four gold medals at the 2007 Special Olympics World Games in China and Sophie Kneebone first time winner of a gold medal at 2010 Special Olympics Australia IX National Games. Competition was hard for Sophie and Laura. It's hard for a lot of people. But for these two athletes, competition wasn't about winning or losing, it was about having an opportunity in their life time and remembering forever. As the Special Olympics athlete oath state: *Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.*

Emotions were mixed at the gymnastic competition as athletes showed their talents with poise and grace. Also, in the stands were pupils from a local primary school. Law Enforcement Torch Runner, Pam Reynolds from Hindley Police Station came to cheer on SA's Laura Hester, who ran with her on part of the Run. But let me tell you what impresses me the most about the athletes is their enthusiasm, spirit and ability. Nothing is impossible and they're passionate about what they do. Sometimes it's too easy to be negative in life, but their attitude has rubbed off on me and given me a far more positive outlook on things. I would actively encourage anyone who doesn't currently volunteer to do so: it's truly a life-changing experience. Not only that, it's pushed me to live outside my comfort zone which has helped enormously with my personal development. This experience brought me tears to see how hard the kids are trying.

No matter whether the event is running, tossing or kicking, every athlete is a winner and the medals make new memories. In the middle of the cheers and celebrations, is about counting who has got more medals to take home... The best thing is they get to see the smiles on the faces of the athletes as they cheer them on. They'll go home with a warm feeling inside because these children just love for them to be there, and they love the attention! It was lovely to see all the friends, families, supporters and other visitors cheering them all along. Their support throughout this event was tremendous and I have enjoyed being a part of it and I'm taking home some very special memories."

*Editor's Note: Val's girls received 1 Gold and 5 Silver at the Competitions.*

## International Exchange

UniSA students can apply to the International Office (8302 0904) to spend one semester of their studies overseas. Applications for travel scholarships are required before June (for SP2 of the following year) and before September (for SP5 of the following year).

LBRL students must love to travel because we have 5 international exchange students overseas in 2010: Steven Ryppl went to Brock Canada and Marnie McManus to San Diego. Chloe Oborn and Amy Godfrey are in Buffalo, New York while Charise Bristow is studying in Northern Arizona.

Please discuss with your Program Director (currently Anne Eastgate) before submitting an application.

## Careers Seminar

Gavin facilitated yet another event cementing his reputation for running “the most outstanding events in the Division”.

One of the highlights was the presentation from Robert McMurtrie (Managing Director, Sportspeople.com.au) which was attended by both 2nd & 3rd year students.

Jason Rivett (Development Officer, North Adelaide Football Club), Monica Bachmayer (Office Administration, Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre), Riannah Roach (Manager, Salisbury Recreation Precinct) and Kat Norris (Regional Manager, Australian Sports Commission) were our other guest speakers.

## Honours

An Honours degree with the Division of Business provides the opportunity for advanced study in business and enables the development of research competencies. This qualification represents elite academic performance and a high level of professional and academic development which is recognised nationally and internationally.

If you have completed, or are expecting to complete, your undergraduate degree, the Honours program offers you an opportunity for advanced study in core and elective areas. By undertaking the independent research project in the Honours program, you will develop sought-after skills to identify, analyse and address relevant topics in business today.

On successful completion of the program, an Honours graduate has an advantage in employment over a graduate with an undergraduate degree and is also prepared for carrying out postgraduate research (e.g. a PhD, Masters by Research). More information can be accessed online at <http://www.unisa.edu.au/businesshonours/default.asp> and on the Honours scholarship page: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/management/current-students/Prizes%20and%20Awards/honours%20scholarship.asp>.

Students interested in further study after graduation are encouraged to discuss their options with their Program Director (currently Anne Eastgate).

## 2010 Elite Athletes



In 2004, UniSA was endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission as an Elite Athlete Friendly University. This means that UniSA supports the Australian Institute of Sports (AIS) and recognises and promotes the value of combining sporting and academic aspirations, especially for elite athletes.

Within the LBRL Program, we currently have 5 students recognised as elite athletes under the guidelines: Sam Boehm (volleyball), Luke Habel (football), Georgia Macri (women's soccer), Stephanie Morrison (cricket) and Alex Sunaski (soccer),

More information can be found at <http://www.unisa.edu.au/policies/codes/academic/eliteathlete.asp>.

## Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Program Structure

### From 2010, incorporating the *Sport Management Stream* and *Recreation Management Stream*

Existing LBRL students complete 8 Division core courses, 2 Management core courses, 4 Sport and Recreation courses and 2 practicums before completing either a Sport Management or Recreation Management stream. They may then choose a second identifiable minor, or choose their own electives.

Core Sport and Recreation Management courses are:

- Leisure Concepts
- Fundamentals of Sport and Recreation
- Leadership in Recreation and Sport
- Recreation and Sport Event Programming

Students undertaking a Sport Management Stream choose any 4 of the following courses:

- Sport and Event Management
- Sport and Recreation Facility Management
- Sport and Tourism Development
- Sport Governance
- Sport Sponsorship and Development

Students undertaking a Recreation Management Stream choose any 4 of the following courses:

- The Future of Leisure and Society
- Operations Management in Recreation (course overview below)
- Qualitative Research in Sport and Recreation (not available in 2010 - 2011)
- Recreation Planning in the Urban Environment (not available 2010)
- Sport and Recreation Facility Management

*NB: Not all "stream" courses will be offered every year. Under a current review, some courses will undergo name changes to more accurately reflect course content.*

### "Developing Managers for Parks and Leisure" (incorporating SPRC3017 Operations Management in Recreation)

The 6th annual "**Developing Managers for Parks and Leisure**" course was held in April 2010. This course was specifically designed to bring together experienced managers, emerging managers and final year degree students in a stimulating learning environment. Supported by practising managers, industry leaders and key academic staff, the course provides a mix of pragmatic "on the job" experience with the latest research, development, and contemporary studies from the parks and leisure industries.

We welcome interest from industry professionals interested in attending the 7th annual course to be scheduled 18-22 April 2011 as **4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> days of professional development**. Final year students may choose this course as a **4.5 unit course** within the Recreation Management Stream or as an elective.



**Standing:** Gary Howat, Hamish Black, Amy Godfrey, Nathan Vaughan, Jake Pilcher, Rachel Staffin, Dobi Kljaic, Paula Dickson, Maraea Howe, Michael Hewitt  
**Front Row:** Fiona Balnaves, Chloe Oborn, Danielle Shafik  
**Absent:** Shane Stenhouse

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## Publications and Projects



Cornelia Voigt has been awarded the 2010 Sir Frank Moore Award for Excellence from the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Sustainable Tourism. The award was based on the quality of doctoral research funded by the CRC and judged on Examiner Reports and the ability of the research to influence policy formulation. The judging panel noted that, this year, "the standard of applicants was extremely high". Cornelia's research was titled, 'Understanding wellness tourism: an analysis of benefits sought, health promoting behaviours and positive psychological well-being', and was supervised by Professor Graham Brown and **Associate Professor Gary Howat**. Cornelia will receive her certificate and prize of \$5000 at a special ceremony in Adelaide in June.



On behalf of the CERM Performance Indicators Project Team (within the Centre for Tourism & Leisure Management), **Associate Professor Gary Howat** conducted a series of seven workshops for New Zealand research clients in Auckland, Manukau, Tauranga, and Christchurch. These workshops were attended by managers and staff from participating councils, to consider results for customer service quality reviews for 32 major aquatics and leisure facilities.



CERM PI is now the proud sponsor of the industry prize "**Customer Service Officer Award**" to be awarded at the Victorian Aquatics and Recreation Annual Award Ceremony by **Raylene Jones**, Project Officer (Research). This new Award recognises excellence and commitment to the facility including knowledge and skills relating to customer service, interpersonal and leadership skills, contribution to the facility and commitment to excellence. For further information please check the website: <http://www.aquaticsandrecreation.org.au/awards>.



On 24 February the School of Management held a seminar to review the papers presented at last year's ANZAM conference including the paper by **Alicia Stanway** & Dr Sarbari Bordia, 'Setting the scene: psychological contract and an assessment of personality traits in the dance industry'.

We farewelled 2 staff from the CTLM Team:

**Dr Emily Moskwa** left at the end of the financial year.

**Richard McGrath** took a position with Health Sciences in September 2010. We wish them all the best for the future.



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