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## Reconnecting to Australia

# AusMates

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[www.ausmates.org](http://www.ausmates.org)

Students returning from a study experience in Australia present a unique challenge for anyone designing a re-entry orientation. As institutions only send a small number of students to Australia and those students are often spread out among many Australian institutions, returnees have trouble developing networks of individuals who have shared similar experiences. In order to help students keep their networks alive and remain connected to Australia, the AEO has introduced *Ausmates.org*. This web site is designed to allow students to register, chat with friends, provide advice to students who may be going over in the future, and even coordinate events in the US.

*Ausmates.org* comprises several key features:

→ A searchable database of individuals who have spent time at Australian universities. Individuals can register on the site and search by the year they studied in Australia, where they studied, what they studied, and by current location in the US. E-mails can be forwarded to other individuals registered on the site.

→ A forum site where individuals who have spent or will be spending time in Australia can ask questions of others. This should prove particularly useful for students who plan on going abroad and want to ask questions of students who have already been there.

→ A chat room where individuals can talk about their experiences in Australia or ask questions in real time. Australian university representatives will also occasionally be scheduled in the chat room to answer questions from potential students.

→ Links to Australian universities where individuals spent time as well as information on Australian news, music, culture, and sports. The site will even be personalized for individuals who register, providing recent news updates from the institution they attended.

The site will also have built in recognition features allowing registrants to not only get updates on the institution they attended, but also on any other institution in Australia.

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## Graduate Studies a Focus for AEO

Marketing graduate study at Australian universities has been a focus of the AEO during 1999. In keeping with our directive, AEO staff have been attending graduate fairs throughout the US during the months of September and October. Fairs were hosted by the following institutions: George Washington University, Gettysburg College, Franklin & Marshall College, Dickinson College, Bucknell University, Clemson University, Clark Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Emory University, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Richmond, St. Pauls College, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, University of Georgia, University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, Mt. Holyoke College, Amherst College, Smith College and Hampshire College, Bowdoin College, Bates College, Colby College, Rosemont College, Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College, Swarthmore College, and Villanova. The Federation Scholarship Program is in keeping with this marketing effort. Over 60 scholarships have been offered by Australian universities for graduate study. If you would like to receive a copy of the application packet, please contact Gail Fink at [gail@austudies.org](mailto:gail@austudies.org).

## Beyond the Outback Pre-Departure Guide in 2nd edition

The AEO's *Beyond the Outback: A Pre-Departure Guide for North American Students* 2nd edition has just been released. As always the

guide is available free of charge to North American Students calling the AEO directly. Enrollment programs and universities are charged \$1.00 per book to order in bulk. This 108 page guide gives students an overview of culture, history, issues, currency, temperature, and more and is a great companion piece for program specific literature. Use the order form in this issue to order copies or email [edu@austudies.org](mailto:edu@austudies.org)

## AEO Rounds Out at 39

The AEO is pleased to announce the addition of Swinburne University and the University of Southern Queensland to its membership. This rounds out university membership to include every university in Australia. This is a high honor for the AEO as university participation is on a voluntary basis. Representing all 39 universities will greatly improve our ability to "generically promote" Australian higher education.

## Familiarization Tour #11 Announced

On the heels of a successful familiarization tour in October, the AEO is announcing a tour in March 2000. Along with International Office Staff, this tour will also encompass more focus on Faculties of Education. US Deans of Education and other staff will be invited to attend as well as International Office Staff. The tour will visit with other faculties in Australia and still highlight the International student services that the universities offer. Universities scheduled to be visited are: University of Canberra, Australian National University, University of Melbourne, Deakin University, University of Ballarat, Australian Catholic University, University of Southern Queensland and Macquarie University. Should you have questions please contact [gail@austudies.org](mailto:gail@austudies.org) for a brochure or use the order form on page 5 and list Fam Tour 11 Brochure in the "Other" section.

Fam 10 Photo Here

*Participants on the AEO's 10th Familiarization Tour: Carri Kendrick (AEO), Brenda Robinson (Grand Valley State University), Mary Catherine Bunde (College of William and Mary), Jeff Sanson (Purdue University), and Dot Hunter (Baldwin Wallace College)*

## Secondment Program at AEO

The fourth quarter of 1999 meant the arrival of back to back Secondees at the AEO. This program, designed to introduce International Office Staff from Australia to the US and Canadian system has been in place since the AEO's inception in 1992, and recently hosted three staff members in the course of 3 months Jacqui Powell from Macquarie University visited in September (see photo pg. 7), Emma Goldsworthy from RMIT University visited during October and November and Jo Byng from Macquarie University visited in November and December. All spent about one and one half months in the States travelling to various universities, associations, fairs and conferences while spending time in the AEO's office working the phones and contributing in projects. The AEO secondment program allows participants to have a home base in Washington, DC and access to travel around the states. The AEO will list all future secondees in the newsletter, and if you would like to have a program representative visit your campus, please contact us at (202) 332-8285.

## *miscellanea*

### Down Under Tour

Ten Tourism Ambassadors are travelling around the United States to promote Australia as a dream holiday vacation. The tour will cover 18,000 miles through 21 states and 48 cities with a final destination of San Francisco in February 2000. The exhibition, which takes up half a football field, includes: An Olympic Gateway Pavillion with an interactive entrance and tributes to American Athletes and Olympic moments,

### Editors' Note

Well, December's Newsletter must contain a little mention about Student Visas. Luckily most advisors will be heartened to hear very little has changed with visa processing (forms, fees, requirements, etc) since last semester. In fact, the only change is a decrease in the processing fee to US\$195.

The best advice for current updates to the Student Visa Process would be for advisors and students to consult the AEO's web page (<http://www.austudies.org/aeo>) and look under the Student Visa section. Visa packages can also be ordered on-line. Please feel free to give the web address to students if they need to request forms.

Carri Kendrick  
John Wells

an inflatable Sydney Opera House with 80 seat theatre, a 5 story Olympic torch replica, high-tech 4 minute ride simulating the Outback experience, Indigenous Art Exhibit, Interactive Map and education curriculum unit.

1/27/2001 - 4/8/2001  
Chicago Public Library  
(312) 747-4050

4/29/2001 - 6/10/2001  
Boca Raton Museum of Art  
(561) 392-2500

### Exhibitions

*Dreamings: Aboriginal Art of Western Australia* is currently touring North America and features works by Aboriginal artists from Australia's Western Desert region. *Dreamings* acquaints viewers with an art based on ritual and a concept of time in which the past, present and future simultaneously co-exist. To view the exhibitions contact: Jason Gilbert at 1-800-473-3872 or email: [jason@ausa.org](mailto:jason@ausa.org).

*Tour Schedule:*  
11/4/99 - 1/7/2000  
University of Minnesota - Morris  
(320) 589-6230

1/28/00 - 3/16/00  
Kennesaw State University  
(770) 499-3223

6/9/00 - 8/11/00  
Museum of Fine Arts  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
(413) 263-6800

9/1/00 - 10/15/00  
J. Wayne Stark Univ. Ctr. Gallery  
College Station, TX  
(409) 845-8501

*Claiming Title: Australian Aboriginal Artists and the Land* features more than 60 paintings, prints and artworks from both traditional and urban community artists. This exhibit goes beyond the "dreamtime" aspect of aboriginal art and into the role of art in maintaining indigenous Australians' custodial ties to the land. Two themes emerge in the exhibition: man's relationship with the land, and the role of landscape in urban expressions of Aboriginality.

*Venues:*  
1/21/2000 - 3/12/2000  
Wriston Art Center Galleries  
Lawrence University  
(920) 832-6947

6/16/2000 - 7/30/2000  
Samuel Dorsky Museum  
SUNY New Paltz  
(914) 257-3847



## NTU Hosts US Student Contingent

iNTUition Vol. 11

Northern Territory University provided the venue for a series of lectures on wildlife management and fisheries for American undergraduates from Michigan State University in June. Eighteen students were part of a group of 166 based in Darwin for a two week summer school. After a week discovering the Top End, including a 4 day visit to Kakadu, the students spent their second week on campus in lectures and on field-trips to Fogg Dam, Territory Wildlife Park, and Crocodylus Park. The visit was coordinated by NTU's Key Centre for Wildlife management team and Dr. John Glaister, a NTU graduate currently serving as Director of NSW Fisheries.



## Reaching New Stages: Drama at Flinders

Flinders Journal Vol. 10

A new \$3.7 million complex had an opening on October 15 at Flinders University boasting 3 television studios, a "blackbox" studio which combines live performances with visual projections, a 425 seat theater, dance and voice training studios, and more. The new facility "represents a shift in emphasis changing the basic training of actors and directors to familiarise them with potential of computers and digital video in live performance", according to Professor Julie Holledge, Head of Drama. The new complex is also expected to attract increased numbers of visiting artists and companies. The School of Humanities at Flinders will also expand its pro-

gram of degree-level studies in creative arts, including launching an MA in Creative Screen Production, and both the Departments of English and Screen Studies will add new topics in screenwriting and editing.



## On-Line Courses a Success at Curtin

Independent Vol. 1

Developed in 1997 WEBCT is a web-based learning program that helps course coordinators and lecturers from different schools put their courses on-line. Students are able to participate in chat-lines, send emails to lecturers, and have access to bulletin boards all by having a username and password. There are now 22,000 students enrolled in 400 different courses.



## Outgoing Aussies

Smith's Vol. 40

University of New England hosts around 400 international visitors from 50 countries, and as an outcome of information sessions has

a list of over 25 Australian students looking at studying in the US. The most recent information session was held in August and was extremely well attended, according to Nick Hanson, Director of the International Office. The students would be participating in the program during 2000.



## Orpheus Island Attracts Scholars

Outlook Vol. 11

The first intensive course on Marne and Environmental Pollution was held on Orpheus Island and attracted 16 students from James Cook University, Flinders University, and Monash University as well as others for various parks and geological associations. Two students from California also attended the course which was comprised of lectures, seminars, practicals and fieldwork.



## Graduate Programs in Media Studies at La Trobe University Melbourne, Australia

- Graduate Diploma in Media Studies (1 year)
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- Masters in Media Studies (1 to 1.5 years)

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This form is meant to be photocopied for purposes of stocking or re-stocking AEO information on programs in Australia. All publications are free of charge with the exception of the *Beyond the Outback: A Pre-Departure Guide for North American Students*. There is a fee of \$1.00 per book when multiple copies are ordered. All publications are shipped US Postal Service or UPS ground depending upon weight unless otherwise specified.

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\_\_\_\_\_ AEO's main publication 68pgs., university profiles, course grid

\_\_\_\_\_ New Insert (for advisors who already have copies but need info on: University of Canberra, Swinburne University, University of Southern Queensland, and IDP Education Australia)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Beyond the Outback: A Pre-Departure Guide for North American Students**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Federation Scholarship Handbook** (lists over 60 scholarships at 20 Australian universities)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Study Abroad Advisors Guide** (will be available on-line in 2000)

\_\_\_\_\_ **1999 Guide to Australian Short Courses** (includes summer and winter courses and internships)

\_\_\_\_\_ **North American Speaker Series Info** (speaker info, host-site applications, etc)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ausmates Postcards** (for student mailers)

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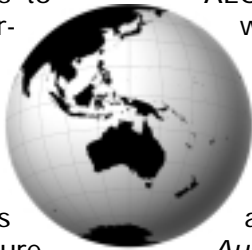
## Reconnecting to Australia

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Since students travel to other locations or meet students from other Australian institutions keeping up with sports teams, newspapers, and other noteworthy events at any Australian institution will be a key feature. This would also allow prospective students to find key links to relevant sites.

In designing the site, the AEO kept in mind the privacy of individuals who register. While it will be possible to search for people and send e-mails to them, the system will forward the e-mails and will not reveal the recipients e-mail address to the sender. Moreover, individuals will not be able to find registrants addresses or other secure contact details.



While the site has been designed for individuals who have already spent time in Australia, *Ausmates.org* should also be a valuable tool for students who

are thinking about studying or have been accepted to study in Australia. The forum feature will allow prospective students to ask individuals who have studied abroad for their opinions about institutions, cities, housing arrangements, and even travel advice.

In order to make *Ausmates.org* a success, student participation on the site is needed. Study abroad advisors are encouraged to tell their returned students as well as those who are applying to study in Australia about the site. The AEO has produced postcards which are meant to be distributed to students, and we would be pleased to send you copies of the cards for distribution to students. If you have any questions about *Ausmates.org* or would like to request multiple postcards to distribute to your students, please contact

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## Hails, Farewells and Moves



### Hails



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from the  
AEO Staff

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## CEA New Internship with ACU

The Center for Education Abroad will be offering a six-week, unpaid summer internship program in cooperation with Australian Catholic University (ACU). This internship program offers North American students the opportunity to develop their vocational knowledge and workplace skills through quality placements in Sydney's leading public institutions and a variety of reputable commercial bodies. Internships are available in the areas of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Business. Students are assessed by letter grade and must complete a written academic project that relates to

the placement area. The program awards six semester hours of credit and includes an orientation session upon arrival, and a debriefing program upon conclusion. The application deadline is March 31.

For further details please contact :

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*Macquarie University's Jacquie Powell attending SUNY Brockport Study Abroad Fair with while on Secondment to the AEO. She is shown here with Director of International Education John Perry.*

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Our mission is to develop and enhance bilateral relations between Australian and the United States and Canada by creating and fostering all forms of educational links.

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