Lorraine Finlay Speaks on International Mediation Panel in Chicago

Murdoch Law Lecturer Lorraine Finlay has recently returned from Chicago where she was invited to be part of an international panel of mediators, lawyers and academics discussing ‘Cross-Cultural Issues in Mediation’.

The discussion panel was organised by the Chicago Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution in conjunction with the International Academy of Dispute Resolution and the Dispute Resolution Program of Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. The international panel included speakers from the USA, United Kingdom, Germany, Greece, Russia, and elsewhere.

Over one hundred mediators, lawyers and students from both Chicago and around the world attended the seminar, which was held on 5 March as part of the welcome reception for the INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament.

INADR Discussion Panel (Richard Calkins, Lorraine Finlay and Case Ellis)
Strategies to combat youth crime — Guy Hall

One of the state’s leading criminologists has welcomed the non-traditional techniques state government departments have begun using to combat the alarming rates of juvenile crime.

Murdoch University associate professor Guy Hall said the Department of Corrective Services’ youth justice board and the police’s 12-month $250,000 trial targeting Perth’s six worst crime families unveiled earlier this month were a step in the right direction.

The most recent Australian Institute of Criminology figures show juveniles were over-represented in criminal activity with the rate of juvenile offending consistently higher than adult offending from 2008 to 2011.

In 2010 to 2011, adults offended at a rate of 1727 per 100,000 people compared with juveniles who offended at a rate of 2936 per 100,000 people.

Corrective services figures show almost half (49 per cent) of juveniles detained will return to detention within two years.

The youth justice board was formed by a group of nine community members with expertise in Aboriginal health, drug research, child health and business.

The board will meet every three months to create strategies to steer young people away from crime.

A department spokeswoman said the issue of youth offending was pivotal because unaddressed early offending behaviour could lead to a lifetime of offending and other destructive behaviour.

“Children and young people who come into contact with the criminal justice system, even for a short period of time, become more likely to reoffend later in life,” she said. “As an advisory board, the board will operate differently to other government committees or boards...the board members will bring to the youth justice setting unique knowledge and perspectives, allowing for reform through innovation and fresh ideas.

“This type of innovative thinking will be instrumental in the face of entrenched issues, such as Aboriginal over-representation in the criminal justice system.” The police trial will enlist the help of a third party service provider visiting problem families for six hours a week.

The tender document stated the trial was aimed at breaking the intergenerational cycles of truancy, substance abuse and crime resulting in a high demand on WA police resources.

Prof Hall said the strategies mirrored the current health care model. “Rather than wait for everybody to get skin cancer we have slip slop slab, we have screening by GPs so there’s a lot of work being done today making sure people don’t get skin cancer,” he said.

“This is essentially the same sort of strategy, putting money into ways of trying to stop the development of crime in the first place.

“It’s an excellent first step, I think both commissioners are fully aware the best way of tackling crime is to stop it from occurring.” Prof Hall said he hoped the departments and police would not throw the programs out if they did not work straight away.

“The one thing that always worries me about these sorts of programs is there is a very strong tendency in the criminal justice system in that they’ll develop the program, find out the program doesn’t work and instead of saying okay, how can we fix it they stop it,” he said.

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Semester One has been extremely eventful for the Murdoch Student Law Society. The Education and Careers Vice-President (Edward Love) spearheaded the publication of the inaugural First Year Guide, as a means to introduce and welcome all the new students to the School of Law. This has been a busy Semester for our EVP, who also published a five-set Careers Guide, including the Firm Directory, Careers Directory, and Further Study Guide.

Edward also ran the highly successful Corporate Careers Day, which saw various top-tier law firms come down to Herbert Smith Freehills Lecture Theatre to provide information to our students on their clerkship and employment opportunities. Currently, a series of clerkship preparation seminars are being held each week to prepare law students for the upcoming clerkship application season.

The Competitions portfolio has also been bustling, with five competitions being run this semester alone. This included Paper Presentation, Senior Trial Advocacy, Junior Trial Advocacy, Senior Client Interview, and Senior Mooting. MSLS would like to congratulate the following winners:

- Paper Presentation: Joshua Richards
- Senior Trial Advocacy: Sam Harper
- Junior Trial Advocacy: Zia van Aswegen
- Senior Client Interview: Sam Harper and Adam Rida
- Senior Mooting Competition: Heather Costelloe

It hasn’t been all business; our Social Vice-President Kala Campbell, has also been hard at work organizing our yearly Law Camp, First Year Dinner, and Theme Party. This year also saw the introduction of the First Year Activities Night. The highlight of the social calendar, the annual Law Ball, is scheduled for 23 May 2014, to be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

The Criminology and Legal Studies portfolios have also been busy. This year, Carmel Hooshmand and Emily Dutton welcomed the Criminology and Legal Studies students to the Law School with a free lunch in the Law Café courtyard. Emily Dutton, alongside the Education Team, introduced the first ever Criminology and Legal Studies Careers Guide to the portfolio. Stay tuned for further careers events for the non-law students.

Social Justice Officer Jordan Burt is also organising Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research, in addition to the Horizontal Mountain Climb, which will see a team of adventurous and foolhardy mountaineers crawling across campus to raise money for Headspace.

The MSLS President, Lachlan Smith, is hard at work preparing this year’s delegation of Murdoch students to the 2014 ALSA Conference. This year, the Conference will be held in Brisbane, and we will be sending a team of ten competitions delegates to take on the rest of Australia’s student law societies.

You may have noticed that the Law Café has undergone a few changes this year. We’ve given it a lick of paint, and are slowly reinvigorating the Café with new furniture. Our Café Manager Rachael Lloyd has also updated our menu, to include a range of fresh sandwiches, as well as proper student food (i.e. two-minute noodles). Our reputation for $2 coffees has once again been honoured this year.

We also launched the first ever Murdoch Law hoodie and these can be purchased for $40 at the Law Café.

This is just a small sample of the initiatives MSLS has been working on this year. You can expect even more from us next semester.
SCALES Wins at the United Nations

SCALES has been successful at the United Nations in a case before the Human Rights Committee. The students at SCALES took the case on behalf of Franck who faced torture and arbitrary detention in the Democratic Republic of Congo before settling as a refugee in Perth. The process has been a long one but the Human Rights Committee found that the Congolese government had breached its international obligations, based on the evidence and submissions prepared by SCALES students.

Much of the work done by students at the SCALES clinic engages human rights, and the opportunity to use the international framework on behalf of SCALES clients is one that the students embrace. In other work, SCALES students have been challenging decisions which evict families to homelessness and also the use of solitary confinement in juvenile detention centres.

Unwinding the Law

Anna Copeland, Director of Clinical Legal Education, recently hosted a forum called Unwinding the Law as part of the Kickstart Festival. The forum was designed to engage and inform young people about their legal rights and the law in general. Held at the Hive in Northbridge, the forum was well attended and Anna facilitated a broad ranging discussion about such issues as young people in detention, the law around sexting and filming police while they are doing their work.

Panel members included Shaun Wynn-Jones; a Murdoch graduate and now Policy officer at Youth Affairs Council of WA; Phillip Kelly from Youth Legal Service; Graham White a WA Police Sergeant and representatives from PCYC and the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Migration Fundraiser a rocketing success!

The Students from Murdoch’s Clinical Program, run through SCALES Community Legal Centre, hosted a very successful fundraiser on Thursday the 16th of January. They showed the Oscar hopeful film the Rocket to benefit the Migration Aid Fund. This fund is designed to offer financial support to refugee families who need assistance in reuniting family members, particularly children. More information can be found on the face book page at https://www.facebook.com/migrationaid.

The audience included a large number of Alumni from Murdoch’s highly successful Clinical Program, who came out to support the work of the current students and enjoy an evening of culture and catching up with old friends. “This is just the first of many planned for the future” said Anna Copeland the Program’s Director.
My name is Hannah Lucas and I am in my final semester of my law and politics degree at Murdoch University. During the summer break in 2013/2014 I participated in the Aurora Native Title Internship Program.

The Aurora Project began in 2006 after a report into the situation of lawyers in Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRB’s). It is designed to introduce students to working in Native Title and Indigenous affairs generally and foster their interest to work in the area upon graduating. I had an interest in Indigenous affairs and law reform due to my experience working on Indigenous issues in human rights law. I was fortunate enough to be able to undertake two internships at different Native Title Representative Bodies in Western Australia. In each placement I experienced two very different stages of the native title process.

**Goldfields Land and Sea Council**

My first placement was at Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) in Perth for five weeks. I came to GLSC when litigation around a native title determination for a claim was in its final stages. During the next few weeks the majority of my time was taken up by preparation for the extinguishment hearing. I proof read submissions, did research on historical legislation, drafted case summaries, filed and organised tenure documents needed for the trial. At the hearing I was fortunate enough to be able to watch two prominent native title barristers argue their case. After the trial I worked on a claim which was being determined by consent.

Among many other tasks, I improved my research skills through case law research around the requirements for establishing occupation and the effect of a recent decision on leading occupation evidence in extinguishment hearings.

**Yamatji Marlapa Aboriginal Corporation**

My second placement was at Yamatji Marlapa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC). I completed my placement in the Geraldton office which works on claims in the Murchison and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia. It was a unique experience because of the access to claimants that YMAC Geraldton has. Many claimants live in town.

I was given a great mix of tasks to complete by the lawyers in the office. I prepared an application for four different claims to amend the Applicant’s on the claims which involved drafting numerous affidavits and relevant court documents.

I prepared an application to amend the boundary of a claim to reflect the traditional boundary of the claimant’s land which involved finalising affidavits and drafting court documents. In addition to research tasks on future act matters and government policy, I assisted with negotiations with third parties who wanted to conduct mining or exploration through drafting correspondence and a mining agreement.

**Overall experience**

In both my placements I experienced the frustration that NTRB lawyers face. The delays caused by under-resourcing, politics and cultural considerations result in a pervasive feeling of ‘head butting’ the wall. However, those that work in NTRB’s are resilient folk! They have big hearts, can always find a smile and are passionate about what they are doing. They are always welcoming and helpful despite their heavy workload.

I strongly encourage you to apply for the program, even if you aren’t sure that native title interests you as a career path. No prior knowledge of native title is necessary. You are given a wonderful opportunity to gain an in-depth experience of native title law. However you will be exposed to other areas of law during your internship such as corporations law, property law and mining law. You are given a greater level of independence and amount of trust placed in you than you would get in any other clerkship opportunity. The six week duration allows you to develop strong practical skills.

If you take one thing away from your Aurora internship it is an understanding of the complexity of the native title system and the immeasurable impact that lack of control over their traditional lands has on Indigenous Australians. For more information, visit the Aurora Project website: http://www.auroraproject.com.au/nativetitleinternshipprogram.

Applications for the 2014/2015 summer period close in August.
Dr Jo Goodie publishes new book on Environment and Climate Change

Dr Jo Goodie, senior lecturer in the School, is co-author with Professor Gary Wickham (Sociology, Murdoch University) of Legal and Political Challenges of Governing the Environment and Climate Change: Ruling Nature, published December 2013 by Routledge.

The book brings together Jo and Gary’s research interests in law, social and political theory to develop a unique analytical framework to examine the way law and politics combine to govern the environment and climate change.

Legal and Political Challenges of Governing the Environment and Climate Change: Ruling Nature

The environment has not always been protected by law. In the 19th century the law, in its tense but productive partnership with politics, did take at least some steps to save some aspects of ‘nature’ from the ravages of the Industrial Revolution. But it was not until the middle of the 20th century that ‘the environment’ came to be understood as an entity in need of special care. It was not until this time that the law-politics duo firmly fixed its focus on this issue.

Wickham and Goodie tell the story of how law and politics, having uneasily joined together as a single governmental force in early modern Europe, first came upon the environment as an object in need of its attention. The book begins with an examination of the significance of the ‘civil tradition’ of politics and rival perfectionist and anti-perfectionist understanding of nature for the emergence of modern law and politics of the environment. Followed by discussion of the unlikely intersection of aesthetics and science that made ‘the environment’ into the matter of great concern it is today. The second part of the book turns its focus to the way private common-law strategies and public-law legislative strategies have approached the task of protecting the environment. Throughout the authors consider the various ways in which the productive tension between politics and law frames and limits the government of the environment and climate change.

Gary Wickham is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Murdoch University. His most recent books in this area are: Foucault and Law (co-authored with Alan Hunt) Pluto, 1994 and Rethinking Law, Society and Governance: Foucault’s Bequest (co-edited with George Pavlich) Hart. 2001. His recent journal articles in this area have appeared in Journal of Law and Society, Griffith Law Review, Law, Text, Culture, British Journal of Sociology, and Journal of Classical Sociology.

Jo Goodie is a Senior Lecturer in law at Murdoch University. Reflecting on her work as a toxic tort lawyer, her recent publications have focused on the interface between legal and non-legal understandings of environmental risk: Goodie, J. (2011) ‘The ecological narrative of risk and the emergence of toxic tort litigation’ in A. Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos (ed.) Law and Ecology: Environmental Legal Foundations. London: Routledge, 65-82. She is currently researching the formation of the environmental legal advocate.
Rockingham Senior High School Visit Murdoch Campus

A group of sixty students from Rockingham Senior High School recently spent the day at our Murdoch campus, and enjoyed a mooting demonstration from the Moot Court Bench. During their day at Murdoch the students experienced an insight into University life and enjoyed presentations from a number of different faculties.

One of the highlights was the interactive mooting workshop led by the Moot Court Bench students. The Murdoch law students presented a demonstration debate on the topic ‘Compulsory voting is beneficial to the Australia community’ and provided some valuable advocacy tips to the students attending the workshop.

After the demonstration they had the Rockingham SHS students get involved in preparing debating points on the topics ‘That homework should be banned’ and ‘That the voting age should be lowered to 16 years’. Some brave volunteers then put the tips they had been given by the Moot Court Bench to the test by getting up and participating in a debate.

Victims of violent crime don’t fit mould

A Murdoch University School of Law researcher says traditional theories of forgiveness don’t work for victims of serious crime.

Dr Courtney Field said interviews with victims of violent assault, sexual assault and child abuse as well as those who had loved ones murdered revealed the need for a new approach.

“Traditional models view forgiveness as a social process oriented towards reconciliation, but for the people I spoke with, reconciliation was very far off the radar, and in many cases not even feasible due to issues of safety,” Dr Field said.

“These people tended to resent the prescriptive nature of traditional models, often comprised of steps that you follow to return to a positive place, and felt forgiveness was often pushed upon them.

“While they all moved towards forgiveness, it was personal – resolving the intense psychological weight of dealing with the event so they could survive – and had very little to do with the offender.”

The on-going project, which is also looking at the complexities of revenge, has identified four stages of resolution for victims of violent crime: self-awareness, letting go, perspective-taking and moving on.

The process begins when people recognise the profound impact of the event and the incredible feelings of disempowerment that violent crime creates.

They then have to let go of negative feelings, thoughts and behaviours and gain perspective, which can often mean accepting the randomness of the crime.

“In 2011, male victims of assault in Australia were more likely to be attacked by a stranger than a person known to them,” Dr Field said. “A victim’s first question is always ‘why me?’ There is a suspicion that they’ve done something to bring the assault onto themselves, because we have a desire to believe in a just world in which bad things happen for a reason, but that’s a cognitive fallacy.”

Dr Field said he was amazed at the resilience of those he met.

“The fact that these people carry on – often with incredible vigour – is a phenomenal testament to the human spirit,” he said.

“It doesn’t necessarily mean that their grief is any less, even if the event happened years ago, but they are able to have something positive as well.”

Dr Field’s study has been published in the International Review of Victimology.
Murdoch Students win International Mediation Awards

Students from Murdoch Law School travelled to Chicago recently for the 13th Annual INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament, which was held at Loyola University from 5-8 March. Against top quality opposition the Murdoch team excelled, winning four separate awards in the tournament.

The Murdoch team consisted of Molly Greenfeld, Bianca Grubor and Elyse Loughton, with coaching assistance provided by Lorraine Finlay (Murdoch Law School) and Brynn Horner (Corrs Chambers Westgarth). There were 56 teams from 12 different countries represented in the competition, with over 160 individual law students competing.

The INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament is organised annually by the International Academy of Dispute Resolution. The tournament requires teams to compete in both lawyer/client and mediator divisions, with each team member required to take on the roles of lawyer, mediator and client during the course of the competition. A unique aspect of this tournament is its strong focus on education and training, with students given the opportunity to participate in two days of advanced mediation training conducted by professional mediators before the commencement of the competition rounds.

During the preliminary rounds the Murdoch team competed against Chapman University (USA), Saratov State Law Academy (Russia), Michigan State University (USA), Queen’s University (Northern Ireland), University of the West of England (UK) and University of Augburg (Germany). Based on their outstanding preliminary round results, Murdoch was one of only a handful of teams to qualify for the semi-finals in both the lawyer/client and mediator categories. In the semi-finals Murdoch competed against Michigan State University and Loyola University. Despite winning both of their direct semi-final match-ups, the Murdoch team missed out on the Grand Final on the basis of winning margins.

The excellent performance of the Murdoch team was highlighted at the Awards dinner, where they were presented with four separate awards. The team won awards for their overall results in both the lawyer/client and mediator categories of the competition, finishing as the 5th and 7th ranked teams overall in those categories.

Bianca Grubor and Elyse Loughton were also ranked as the 6th best individual lawyer/client pairing, which was a ranking achieved against 168 individual pairings competing in the preliminary rounds. Finally, the team was awarded the H.Case Ellis Mediation Award, which is awarded to the team that best exemplified the spirit of mediation throughout the tournament.

Intensive Programme 2014

Winter Intensives
LAW341 Conflict of Laws - 23 - 27 June 2014 - Bruno Zeller
LAW3003 Special topics in Law - Personal Property Security Rights Law - 23 - 27 June 2014 - Henry Gabriel
LAW375 Introduction to Australian and International IP Law - 7 - 11 July 2014 - Dr Heather Forrest
LAW328 Trial Advocacy - 14 - 18 July 2014 (quota of 45 - now full)
LAW307/LEG307 Mediation - 25 - 29th August (quota of 60 - now full)

Spring Intensives
LAW365 Public International Law - 29 September - 3 October 2014 - Jurgen Brohmer

Summer/T1 Intensives – Enrolment from Mid-November 2014
LAW322 Oil & Gas (1-5 Dec) Tina Hunter
LAW356 Environmental, Sustainability & Climate Change Law (27 Jan - 1 Feb, Trimester 1) Glen McLeod & Merinda Logie
Introducing the Admin Staff

Annette Stewart - School Administrative Coordinator
Annette Stewart commenced as the School Administrative Coordinator on 31 March 2014. Annette has 20 years university experience with her most recent employment with The University of Western Australia in roles including Senior Administrative Officer and Business Manager. Annette holds a postgraduate qualification in Human Resources. This role provides high level support to specific projects and requirements of the school, with high priority currently focused on marketing & getting ready for open day. This role also provides relief for the School Manager.

Laura Tomizzi - School Administrative Assistant
Laura joined our team on the 24th February 2014 as the School Admin Assistant. Laura started her career working at Murdoch on the switchboard in 2008 and continued this work through her studies. In 2012 Laura graduated from Curtin with first class honours in International Relations and a degree in Journalism. Laura also has experience as an intern at the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and has spent some time travelling. This role provides general administrative support for the school, particularly with regard to casual contracts and travel requirements and is expanding to assist with TNE and marketing for the Graduate Certificate in Chinese Law.

Shirley Jones - School Academic Support Officer
Shirley started with the school on the 27th January 2014 and previously covered LSL for 3 months in 2013 in the Academic Support Officer role. Shirley has a wealth of previous university experience including most recently as School Manager for the School of Law at James Cook University in Townsville, Queensland. Shirley has Masters of Business Administration with distinction and is a qualified Justice of the peace. Shirley and her husband decided to move to Perth to be closer to their children and grandchildren. The main focus of this role is to provide support for academic planning, including timetabling, summer and winter intensive programs and the Genova and Macerata programs.

Carla Michan-Ranieri - SCALES and Clinical Support Officer
Carla returned from maternity leave in the middle of 2013 and has now filled the SCALES and clinical support officer role. Carla is a foreign qualified lawyer completing her Bachelor of Laws in Mexico. Carla has worked at various law firms both overseas and in Australia and been involved with some interesting immigration cases. Carla’s experience is perfect in the role she performs, by supporting the students in the SCALES clinical legal education program and the Graduate Certificate in Australian Migration Law and Practice plus involved with Work Integrated Learning (WIL) opportunities for the clinical programs.

Michelle Barron - Mooting and Events Coordinator
Michelle has recently moved into a new role as the Mooting and Events coordinator for the school. The main focus of Michelle’s role is supporting the Mooting Program and it’s events; as well as coordinating general school events such as the Dean’s reception and the Dean’s Award Ceremony. Michelle’s role ranges from providing administrative support for registrations, through to marketing and sponsorship, which has been assisted by her Diploma in Graphic Design and Business plus previous university admin experience. Michelle also directly supports the school’s (International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot) IMLAM, which this year is held in Hong Kong. Michelle travels with the IMLAM Director to support the students and the smooth running of the event.

Lauren McNaught - Student Advisor
Lauren launched herself into the role of First year advisor in Feb 2014 which is now known as Student Advisor for the school of Law. This is an important role for the school, as adjusting to university life can be daunting. This role is there to provide support to students, assist with queries and issues and can refer students to the appropriate person or service needed to get them through the bumps in the road of their learning journey. Lauren has a previous background in Education and is currently studying Psychology.

Fiona Peters - Personal Assistant to the School Dean
Fiona has been the PA to the Dean for the last two years and as well as providing support for the Dean, also supports a number of committees in the school. She also coordinates the visiting academics that come to teach some of our intensive units over the Winter and Summer. This is a busy role and provides the main contact point for the school.

Gail Wescombe - School Manager School of Law
Gail started with the School of Law as the School Manager due to a restructure of the university resulting in this new role being formed in the school from Jan 2013. The School Manager manages day to day operations of the school, provides direction to the administrative team and assists the Dean with the school strategic planning. Gail’s previous role in the University was as the Business Manager in the finance office. With over 13 years of experience at Murdoch and 11 years extensive experience outside of Murdoch Gail brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to lead this team, manage the day to day operations of the school and plan for the future.
Dr Zimmermann Launches new Constitutional Law book in Brazil

Dr Augusto Zimmermann, one of the most research-active academics in the School of Law, has just returned from his more recent travel to Brazil, where he was invited to launch his new Brazilian constitutional law book written with Dr Fabio Condeixa.

Published by a leading publishing house and launched on 20 December 2013, the book ‘Direito Constitucional Brasileiro – Tomos I & II’ amounts to an impressive 1,000 page treatise not only on Brazilian constitutional law, but also on the most important topics related to constitutional law and theory in general. It aims to become a leading reference on the subject in Brazil.

The book launch of ‘Direito Constitucional Brasileiro’ took place at a book shop in Rio de Janeiro and it was attended by approximately 100 lawyers, judges, public attorneys, politicians and the general public. Dr Zimmermann and Dr Condeixa have received numerous messages of congratulations for the important achievement.

Whilst visiting his native country, Dr Zimmermann took the opportunity to establish important contacts with the legal and academic communities in Brazil. For example, he was invited to visit Veirano Advogados, a leading law firm headed by Dr Ronaldo Veirano, the Honorary Consul of Australia to Rio de Janeiro.

In summary, Dr Zimmermann’s visit to Brazil was very fruitful and he is confident that his new Brazilian constitutional law book will be well received by both the academic community and the legal profession in the country. Above all, he believes that this new book will provide a major contribution to the understanding of the subject in Brazil.

The Law School congratulates Dr Zimmermann on another important achievement. Along the years he has consolidated himself as a leading academic not only in Australia but overseas.

Murdoch School Staff visit the Murdoch Singapore Office and our transnational partners

In May, Dr Peter Waring, Singapore Dean and Managing Director hosted staff from Murdoch University, in Singapore to meet key staff in our Murdoch Singapore Office and at our two partner locations, Kaplan and SMF. The School of Law have a variety of Business Law units taught at both of these institutions, as well as Business law units in Malaysia and Dubai.

We were fortunate whilst meeting our partner staff at SMF, to speak with the Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, Mr Philip Green, who was meeting with SMF’s President, Mr George Huang. The Australian High Commissioner of Singapore’s office provides information to Singapore Nationals about study and learning opportunities in Australia, recognition of qualifications and visa requirements to study in Australia.

5250 students in total study Murdoch awards in Singapore. 4400 at Kaplan and 850 at SMF. Murdoch University has the second largest enrolment size. 85% of the student population are domestic students (Singapore Nationals) and 15% are international. Murdoch has experienced a 330 per cent growth in unit enrolment since 2009. In the last twelve months Murdoch has strengthened its presence in Singapore by appointing a Singapore Dean, established the first Murdoch Singapore Office, Incorporated Murdoch Singapore Pty Ltd, appointed first Murdoch Singapore Academic Staff (8 to be appointed this year), established the TNE Consultative Group & TNE Liaison Team and identified research opportunities, having won a large research grant SGDS529K from Singapore Innovation and Productivity Institute.

SMF were pleased to have both parties from Australia visit their campus at Bukit Merah.