For Melbourne students, helping make the world a better place can be through participation in Australia’s inaugural Interdependence Day hosted by the University, enrolling in the new subject Community Volunteering. For Change in which students undertake internship in a not-for-profit organisation, or getting involved in projects like the Ilahita Engineering Expedition on water supply and sanitation in Papua New Guinea. Shane Cahill explores these activities.

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neath the watchful gaze of 19th century students and the aim of universal peace. From this starting point the committee was comprised of issues including whether advances in electronics and technology which offer us ever more intricate ways show me that no matter where you are in the world beyond our own experiences cultural relationships with each other; and what initiatives should universities be taking to encourage students to become active global citizens, with a sense of their response – ability to make a positive difference in the world.

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Student Daniel Grose, the concept of interdependence was an idea that I was drawn to, as it explores the idea that our actions affect people on the other end of the planet and that our irresponsibility travels far beyond our borders.” For Committee member, third year Science student Daniel Grose, the concept of interdependence has no boundaries.

“Regardless of your cultural background or nationality, gender or sexual orientation, discipline or profession, political persuasion or religious belief, interdependence offers the opportunity to unite as global citizens,” he says.

“This is particularly important in today’s society with increased international tensions and will be even more so in the future.”

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Lily Pradhan, a fourth year Arts student, believes interdependence can be best defined as a mutually beneficial relationship.

“This could be between countries or individuals, where they can exchange what resources or skills to create something better,” she says.

“I see it as an act of sharing in the positive resources of a nation or an individual. It is important however that interdependence does not become dependence and that countries are still self-reliant however they are being aided by other nations or people for the greater good. In my life interdependence is relevant as I would love to live in a global society where I can travel and gain the benefits of other countries and have them enjoy the benefits of mine.”

After a stirring Didgeridoo performance and traditional Wurundjeri dance by Indhi Wosukak, followed by a Welcome to Country by Wurundjeri Elder, Anny Murphy, participants were welcomed by Deputy-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement) Professor Susan Elliot.

“The Australian Literary Review for September has a lead article entitled ‘America’s last Olympics – the true cost of 9/11’. Professor Elliot says, ‘This message is that the post 9/11 declaration of the war on terror resulted in terror and a tragic diversion of resources that could have been much better used for the good of humanity’.

Australia is well positioned to provide a truly global perspective to the meaning of interdependence and to our understanding of the world beyond our own experiences. The opportunity to make the world a better place already has strong foundations at Melbourne through projects like the Melbourne School of Engineering’s continuing water and sanitation project at Lathli in Papua New Guinea.

“You can’t understand the people’s hardships until you get there,” says Engineering and Arts graduate Melisa Ng who took part in the third visit to the project in July 2010.

“They physical needs are met, they have what they need from the bush to build shelter, they grow their own food. Their desires, on the other hand, are unfilled, albeit submerged beneath the constant of everyday chores.”

“However, the people don’t consider themselves poor in the sense that they don’t have a TV or car. Some of them just wanted money to buy fresh fish, or for school fees. Globalisation introduced discrepancy in status and revealed new possibilities. This is where we come in.”

For 2012, all undergraduate students will be able to volunteer into their degrees through newly introduced subject ‘Community Volunteering for Change’. Melbourne leads Australia in World University Rankings. See page 5.
From the Vice-Chancellor

Engagement: Essential to a full education

The University of Melbourne is renowned for research success and the quality of its teaching and learning. The University is committed to contributing to national and international development as our students, equipped with a world standard education, become leaders in every sphere of public life.

For those less well-known are the many ways the University works directly to benefit the local, national and international communities through staff and student engagement.

The University supports a host of programs that encourage students and staff to use their skills and knowledge to benefit communities. Some of these initiatives—sometimes a small sample from a rich menu—are recognised recently, through the annual Vice-Chancellor’s Engagement Awards.

Among the 2011 staff projects celebrated was African Voices of Carlton, which sees staff from the University’s Centre for Cultural Partnerships use intercultural storytelling to engage the Horn of Africa (VHCA) community and other refugee groups in the Carlton Housing Estate.

The Awards included 14 DiverseStart student grants to fund projects proposed by student groups across the institution. One group of students is working to create a Bogotaerig water capture and storage system in Tonle Sap. Working closely with the local community, the team has designed a sustainable waste treatment system for methane gas created by household waste in housing communities being built on the banks of the river. Their project examining engagement and leadership opportunities in the local community through the Leadership, Involvement and Volunteer (LIV) program.

LIV hosts a range of volunteering programs and resources, and helps students and staff connect with many community organisations.

It also administers programs including the Student Ambassador Leadership Programme (SALP). SALP is an extra-curricular program, which students complete over three semesters, balancing training with working on a group project and community responsibilities.

Providing opportunities for our students and staff to engage is central to the University’s mission. Engagement is a key island of the triple h that defines Melbourne, sitting alongside, and often intersected, with research and teaching.

The University is proud of its engagement, and of the students and staff behind their skills and projects to help make the world a better place.

Glyn Davis
Vice-Chancellor

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Dengue virus spread blocked by fruit fly bacteria

New research is developing a novel way to reduce the global burden of dengue fever which affects more than 50 million people annually. Nerissa Haminik reports.

The trachoma elimination program also includes the fruit fly, which is the vector of dengue fever. In a recent study, researchers from the University of Melbourne have shown that fruit flies can be used to block the spread of dengue fever.

Professor Amy Hoffmann, who is leading the research, says, “The fruit fly can be a useful tool in controlling the spread of dengue fever.”

The research involves using a type of fruit fly, called wMel, which is naturally Wolbachia infected. Wolbachia is a bacteria that can block the transmission of dengue fever by interfering with the ability of the fruit fly to transmit the virus.

The research is part of a larger project called the “Wolbachia Project,” which is aimed at reducing the spread of dengue fever in the Asia-Pacific region.

Professor Hoffmann says, “We are using the fruit fly to reduce the risk of dengue fever by preventing the transmission of the virus.”

The research has been funded by the World Health Organization, which is working to reduce the burden of dengue fever around the world.

The research is being conducted in collaboration with other institutions, including James Cook University in Australia and the University of Melbourne.

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Late last month Australian labour historians gathered at the University of Melbourne to commemorate the referendum on the banning of the Communist Party of Australia. Interestingly, the conference was played out against a contemporary political landscape which bears uncanny similarities to that of 60 years ago. Gabrielle Murphy reports.

O n 22 September 1951 the government of Robert Menzies introduced a referendum intended to give his conservative administration the power to ban the Communist Party of Australia. It was narrowly defeated.

But with the High Court’s decision to rule unlawful the federal government-enforced AppleWebKit deal with the United Kingdom and the United States, the role of the Australian-American Fulbright Program (with specialisations in Marketing, Economics, Business, Business Administration, English, Creative Arts and Humanities) is being re-defined to give his conservative administration the power to ban the Communist Party of Australia.

As with the High Court’s decision in August 2011, was it a flimsy attempt to prevent future problems,” Dr Patterson says. “Or was it a more strategic attempt to manage and protect Zambian wildlife that is facing funding, resources and inadequate equipment, meaning they are often unable to respond to wildlife in need of veterinary attention, and rehabilitation?” she asks.

PAWZ is being established in partnership with the local government, local universities and conservation organisations to fill the gap.

The team will provide veterinary care to and rehabilitation of such animals that have been injured, orphaned or illegally hunted or killed, but also those that are found abandoned in their natural habitat or need prolonged treatment before being released back into the wild or into the zoo.
Melbourne still number one

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE is still Australia’s highest-ranked university and one of the top 40 institutions in the world, according to the latest Times Higher Education rankings.

The rankings measure performance across teaching, research, citations, industry income and international outlook. The University of Melbourne is the highest-placed Australian university and one of the top three in the world rankings.

“The University of Melbourne is also Australia’s leader in the Shanghai Jiao Tong and Higher Education Evaluation, and Accreditation Council of Taiwan rankings, and second nationally in the QS table.”

Tackling non-communicable diseases in developing countries

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as cancer, cardio-vascular and chronic lung disease are a major threat to health across the world. A recent World Health Assembly in May outlined the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which called for the reduction of NCDs by 25% of the 2015 level by the year 2030.

Today, the School has a vibrant engineering

The 7th Annual Nossal Oration and Forum were held at the end of August to focus on the problems NCDs are causing in the Asia-Pacific region, and how Australia might be able to contribute to these problems. The Gala will bring together Melbourne engineering alumni, industry partners, and current students from across all disciplines and years including senior alumni, prominent industry partners, and current students.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Sir Peter Baxter, AO, one of the best-known playwrights and screenwriters, and a former student of the School, who has been known to draw on some of his experiences for inspiration.

The Patron of the 150th Anniversary, the Chancellor of the University of Melbourne was responsible for producing many of the prominent industry partners who have supported the School leading up to the United Nations High Level Political Forum in New York. He is known for his work on 20 October in New York. It is only the second time that the UN has observed a special General Assembly meeting on a health issue.

NCDs have been rapidly growing in the past few decades, they now account for over 60% of deaths worldwide and are predicted to cause 75% of all deaths by 2030, primarily due to a rising prevalence in the developing world.

During the forum a number of eminent and diverse groups presented a range of different solutions to NCDs.

Three factors include urbanisation, ageing populations, and globalisation. In addition to huge commercial interests such as the tobacco, alcohol, food and beverage, and energy industries, and behavioural changes such as high smoking rates, high consumption of salt, sugar and fat, decreasing levels of physical activity, and of course individual biological factors.

There's strong evidence linking poverty, a lack of education and other social determinants to the impact of NCDs, which in turn can reinforce poverty through a decreased ability to work productively and increased expenditure on health care. Additionally, NCDs reduce a country’s productivity and can place economic development at risk. Many of the social and economic changes currently taking place in the Asia-Pacific region are influenced by the rates of NCD risk factors, such as an unhealthy diet and lifestyle choices.

These points were reinforced by Patrick Marhan from the World Bank, who outlined his recent work in China where they have assessed the current rates and impact of NCDs. Similarly, Laura Ryan from the Heart Foundation in New Zealand outlined the dramatic impact NCDs are having on Pacific islanders – both those living in the Pacific and those living in New Zealand.

The prevention and treatment of NCDs in Australia, in our region and globally require political leadership and will. This has been highlighted by Senator Richard Colbeck, a public health physician before entering politics. Senator Professor Alan Tậtowski, the Inaugural Director of the Centre for Health Promotion and Evaluation at the University of Melbourne, and by the Editor of the Medical Journal of Australia, Dr. Armita Khalili.

There is no doubting the importance of NCDs – not only as causes of premature death, avoidable illness and disability, but also for their economic impact. NCDs cost Australia $25 billion a year and will continue to have an individual, social and economic impact. It is hoped that the UN High Level Political Forum will provide a statement of commitment. What is required, and something to which the forum has contributed significantly, is the involvement of the health NGOs, such as the Heart Foundation and the Asian Heart Foundation, and the international development NGOs, together with multiple government departments such as AusAID and the Department of Industry, Science,

Professor Stevens is also giving his name to the Len Stevens Scholarship Appeal, to ensure the work of Len Stevens is continued for future generations. Stein Stevens was a member of the Melbourne School of Land and Environment and Research, was recently named an Honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Melbourne Research, was recently named an Honorary Fellow of the

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Harvesting Melbourne’s urban stormwater could provide up to three times the water as is produced as a product by the new Victorian desalination plant, according to research being led by Professor Tim Fletcher and Associate Professor Chris Walsh from the Melbourne School of Land and Environment.

Harvesting stormwater in the catchment to save in brief

Keeping stormwater in the catchment to save water and waterways

The Little Stringybark Creek project is the latest in a series of projects that the University of Melbourne is testing new ways of encouraging the community to become involved in stormwater projects. The research team ran a “Stormwater Catchment Challenge” earlier this year, which aimed to involve the community in identifying and developing projects on their property. At the same time, the research team had the opportunity to engage with the Little Stringybark Creek, the site for the project. The Little Stringybark Creek is in Melbourne, and is the subject of a long-term research project with colleagues at Monash University, Melbourne Water, The Department of Sustainability and Environment, Yarra Valley Water and the Yarra Ranges Council, to trial new approaches to urban stormwater management in the catchment of Mount Dandenong (see www.urbanstreamsmelb.edu.au).

Among the most exciting of these projects is the “Vegetable Raingarden” trial, which is testing whether it is possible to harvest rainwater from a vegetable garden, and at the same time, the research team is monitoring the effects of stormwater management on the Little Stringybark Creek.

While stormwater can have adverse effects on stormwater management systems, the extent of these effects is currently unknown, and there is a lack of research into the potential benefits and costs of stormwater management. The project aims to develop a better understanding of the potential benefits and costs of stormwater management, and to develop a methodology for assessing the potential benefits and costs of stormwater management.

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Next generation graduate doctors

Well into the first year of their exciting journey towards becoming our next leading doctors, the initial cohort of the Doctor of Medicine (MD) is thriving on the experiences and challenges so far. Blaise Murphet reports.

A lthough there are some MD graduates, the MD has attracted a diverse range of people looking to draw upon their life experiences to diversify their doctoring career. For Kaia Taghian, an MD student who is in her fourth year with the course, she says it has been a highly enjoyable yet challenging, particularly in harnessing time management skills.

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The patient was part of the Coeliac Society and he gave them all the same level of attention," she says. "It was good to get a patient perspective, it helps you think about the illness."

"We went and did a tour and I really enjoyed that. We went up to the top of the volcano and climbed up a hill and it was really relaxing."

"I am a law graduate, and the MD has given me a great opportunity to work with everyone from Australian to international and UK law professionals."
Laugh out loud

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The project fits this model perfectly. "It's a steep learning curve, but I'm enjoying it," saysGRACE'S piece, Aaron Mannion for his work, varita's piece, Anna May Wong was named the best TALENT, Richard Duval for his work, as well as Vanessa Ng, who received a strong element of design he decided to design a stand-alone book, because biography was the key to the success of the project, and design. Humour was to be a central focus. The project was aimed at encouraging University students to complete an in-depth essay about the TVN film archive of 20th century Australian cinema, in simple terms, the conservation steps that students produced written material, short videos and still shots that were significantly contributed to urgently needed conservation work, ensuring that accurate digital copies could be widely produced. Importantly, the project was also used as an e-case study for the postgraduate coursework, Experiential Conservation, in which students produced written material, short videos and still shots that were uploaded to the CCDC website to explain, in simple terms, the conservation steps required to address water-damaged film collections.

In February, Kelly Leadbe, on behalf of the postgraduate student team of Sarah Brown and Art Sherman, presented their findings and recommendations to the 2011 Winter Meeting of the Photographic Materials Group of the American Institute for Conservation. "The TVN film archive of 20th century Australian cinema is highly significant to cultural identity," says Ms. Leadbe. "As a result of this relatively modest conservation project the collection will have an extended lifespan, a safer digital repository to which students compared to the same manual approaches. Students had the invaluable opportunity to enjoy the work of University of Melbourne conservation students, and to enjoy the work of University of Melbourne students, and will subsequently provide greater opportunities for public access and enjoyment." The 2011 Vice-Chancellor's Engagement Awards, showcasing and celebrating the work of University of Melbourne student and staff teams project, were announced at the Elizabeth Murdoch Pavilion on Friday 30 September.

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Tradition revived

What began as a one-off opportunity to showcase the rivalry between Australia’s two oldest universities has been revived as a feature event on the annual water sport calendar, involving the University of Melbourne and its interstate counterpart, the University of Sydney. Danielle Kitchel reports.

Now run annually, the Australian Boat Race involves a one-on-one race along either the Yarra River or Sydney Harbour, between the best male and female rowing eights of each university. The first race took place in 1866 on Melbourne’s Yarra River. The University of Melbourne came away victorious, setting the stage for a continuation of the rivalry, which is now in its 151st year.

The tradition was revived in 2009 after Vice-Chancellor Professor Glenn Davis, of the University of Melbourne, and the University of Sydney’s Vice-Chancellor Dr Michael Spence, issued a call for each university to present their best male and female eight rowing crews for a new challenge to coincide with 150 year celebrations of both university boat clubs.

“The Universities of Melbourne and Sydney share a proud sporting history,” says Melbourne’s Professor Davis. “The first race began soon after both institutions were founded, and the annual boat race was revived in 2009 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Melbourne University Boat Club. In an exciting race along the Yarra, the Melbourne female and male teams triumphed.”

“In 2010 Sydney Harbour proved a spectacular setting for the second race, this time commemorating the 150th anniversary of the University Sydney Boat Club. Once again the Melbourne University Boat Club female squad won their race, but the Sydney men secured a victory.”

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The design is intended to reflect the traditional rivalry underpinning the relationship between Australia’s great universities. Nike and the lion appear as guardians of the trophy with a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in 1891 and the strength and rich history of the relationship between Australia’s oldest universities. Nike and the lion appear as guardians of the trophy with a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in 1891 and the strength and rich history of the relationship between Australia’s oldest universities. Nike and the lion appear as guardians of the trophy with a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, rowed in a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton.

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Alice McIlhargey: Melbourne graduate student – Doctor of Medicine (MD)
Sarah Tait: Melbourne graduate student – Natural Resource Management
Robin Selby Smith: Melbourne alumnus – Science / Law
Emma Whalley: Melbourne graduate student – Arts
Olympia Ward: Melbourne graduate student – Arts
Monica McGuigan: Melbourne graduate student – Doctor of Medicine (MD)
Phoebe Stanley: Melbourne alumnus – Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Optometry
Cox – Frankie Rickard: Melbourne undergraduate student – Science
Coach – Peter Kupris: MU Alumni – Bachelor of Commerce
Reserves: Sophie and Charlotte Sutherland – MU Undergraduate students – Bachelor of Agriculture

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Ellie Winstanley: Sydney graduate student – Applied Science (Exercise & Sports Science)
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Julie Wood: Sydney alumnus – BCorn
Marianna Doumanis: Sydney undergraduate student – Bachelor of Oral Health
Cox – TBC
Coach – Gonzalo Briones: alumnus University of Sydney
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Cameron McKenzie McIntosh: Melbourne graduate student – Masters of Applied Science
James Marburg: Melbourne graduate student – JD Law
Josh Booth: Melbourne undergraduate student – Science
Sam Hookway: Melbourne undergraduate student – Commerce
Stuart Alexander: Melbourne undergraduate student – Commerce
Gary Buchner: Melbourne alumnus – LLB
Jordan Smith: Melbourne graduate student – Science
Cox – Sam Sloss: Melbourne undergraduate student – Ramedale
Coach – Alex Henshilwood: Melbourne alumnus – BA Environmental Design and MA Urban Design
Reserves: TBC

SYDNEY MALE CREW
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Nick Hudson: Sydney alumnus – B. Science (Environmental)
Ed de Carvalho: Sydney undergraduate student – Arts
Kit Cunningham-Read: Sydney undergraduate student – Arts
Jon Rundle: Sydney undergraduate student – Commerce
James Goswell: Sydney graduate student – Master of Commerce
Brian Hall: Sydney graduate student – Master of Commerce
Richard Allsop: Sydney graduate student – Master of Commerce
Sasha Belomosoff: Sydney undergraduate student – Applied Science (Exercise & Sports Science)
Cox – Will Raven: Sydney undergraduate student – Liberal Arts and Science
Coach: Mark Potter – Sydney alumnus – Science
Reserves: Ryan Edwards: Sydney graduate student – Master of Commerce
Tom Searc: Sydney undergraduate student – Arts
Jen Goddard: Sydney undergraduate student – Commerce and Liberal Studies

World champion Olympians battle it out on the yarra

Stuart Alexander

Richmond

Melbourne rowers from left to right: James Marburg, Cameron McKenzie McIntosh, Ali McIlhargey and Kim Crow. Sydney rowers from left to right: Ryan Edwards, James Goswell, Beatrix Shulidt and Sabina White.

Edmund Barton inspires the crews

New trophies named after significant figures in the history of the University of Melbourne and the University of Sydney for the winning men’s and women’s crews have been commissioned for the 2011 race.

The men’s trophy will be named after Edmund Barton, who, apart from being a moving force behind Federation and Australia’s first Prime Minister, rowed in the number two seat of the Sydney boat in the first official intervarsity rowing race on the Yarra between Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide universities in 1870.

The Women’s trophy has been named after Bella Guarino, who became the first woman to graduate from an Australian university when she gained her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Melbourne in December 1883. Sculptor Jennifer Mann, who was commissioned to create perpetual trophies for the Boat Race says, “I wanted to create something that will convey a sense of the historical beginnings of the Boat Race and the identities of these two great universities.”

“The design is intended to reflect the traditional rivalry underpinning the race, and the strength and rich history of the relationship between Australia’s oldest universities. Nike and the lion appear as guardians of the trophy with a shared responsibility for the Boat Race.”
Since Sydney and Melbourne University Boat Clubs contain some of the nation's finest athletes, the competition for selection was fierce. It is a great honour for athletes to be selected. Not only will they have the weight of expectation from their teammates, but also the pride of their universities and states are at stake.

The race is gruelling and physically demanding. Only the best make the cut. Only those who prove themselves up to the challenge are selected to be part of the crew in the Australian Boat Race.

Typically, the race comprises a long-distance one-on-one race between University of Melbourne and University of Sydney eight-man rowing crews and eight-woman rowing crews. Competitors must be physically fit in order to be able to take on the 4.2 kilometre long course. Strength and endurance are also paramount.

But it is not just the physical aspect of the race that matters. In addition, this historic competition is designed to test a rivalry that has endured between the Sydney and Melbourne Universities for over 100 years, and as such the rowers bear the weight of their fellow student communities’ and teammates’ expectations, with the pride of their respective institution on the line.

Yet there are other rules regarding the selection of athletes to participate. In 2011, both the male and female teams from each university must consist of at least six full-time current students as rowers, and no more than two alumni as rowers. Another full-time current student must also be selected as coxswain. Current Youth, World and Olympic champions are able to be selected if they meet the other selection criteria, allowing each club to seek the edge that will win them this year’s historic title.

The 2011 race will feature world class rowers all aiming for the Australian Olympic team for London 2012.

They include from Melbourne James Marburg who along with Cameron McIntyre-McHarg, took silver at Beijing in 2008; Alice McNamara, a member of the crew that won the World Cup at Lucerne in 2010, and also winner of the Empire State Building Run Up 2011; and Kim Crow, silver medalist at the 2010 and 2011 World Championships.

The Australian Boat Race revives a tradition started on the Yarra River more than 150 years ago. The Sydney Men’s Eight in action in 2009.

The Sydney University Boat Club will feature the men’s competition. Melbourne is expected to feature the women’s competition. Both clubs have a strong reputation in Australian rowing and are likely to field strong teams in the event.

A highly anticipated annual event, this historic battle for supremacy on the water between the country’s oldest rowing clubs is sure to once again draw a crowd, with the outcome certain to keep this friendly interstate competition alive.

A number of Yarra River Cruise operators will provide on-river viewing of the race and hospitality for spectators to watch the race. Visit the official race website for details.

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10 October
6 Degrees of Separation: Music of ‘Sex & Sex’
Sheen Hamilton soprano, Lenoston piano
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David Tatlow piano
Schubert – Piano Sonata in A Major D 950
Schubert – Donau, an. 549
24 October
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22 October, 8.00pm
Celebrating the 200th birthday of the granddaddy of piano virtuosi. The program will feature solo piano music, music for voice and piano and piano duo. Artists will include Jon Lomhim, Rosemond Bly, Yip Makool and Olga Khvanovskaya.

Venue: Molti Hall, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music
Admission: $20

■ The University of Melbourne Oratorio
30 October, 5.00pm
Conductor: Fabian Russell
Alfred Lennon – Inscription, Theme & Variations
Vivace – ‘The Day of Sping’ Supported by The Sidney Myer MSD Trust and the CMF Rogers Bequest
Venue: Melbourne Town Hall,
Cnr Swanston and Collins Sts, Melbourne
Admission: Free

■ Melbourne Conservatorium of Music Wind Symphony
21 October
Director: Andrew Mott
Venue: Molti Hall, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music
Admission: Free

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AND THE CONSTITUTION
THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 6PM
Recognising Indigenous Australians in the Constitution. By Professor Adrian Dix, chair, Melbourne. To be held on the Melbourne University of Victoria Campus.

Venue: Melbourne Conservatorium of Music
70 Franklin Street, Carlton

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