

The world gets high-tech help

Research

University of Wollongong lecturer **Holly Tootell** tackles technology and hopes to make the world safer, and balance that with privacy issues.

I investigate the use of tracking technologies called Location-Based Services when they are applied to national security issues. This might be managing natural disasters or recovering from a terrorist attack. I look at what effect the technology has had on the levels of privacy and security an individual has.

Will it save the world? No, but it will help to make it safer.

Years spent trying: Three years.

Are you getting anywhere? Yes - my PhD is almost complete.

Best part of your research? Meeting colleagues researching in the same area anywhere around the world and being able to talk about the issues that drive us.

Funniest moment: Trying to get colleagues at a conference in New York to pronounce

Wollongong.

Ugliest moment: Talking about the effects of 9/11 at a conference in New York and realising how enormous an impact that event has had on the people of New York.

Have you had a true "Eureka! I've found it!" experience? Not yet - but there's plenty of time for that.

Has it made you rich? No, but there's always hope.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? A pharmacist.

Has your career followed a straight line? Fairly straight, but there have been a few bends in it.

What would you change? I wouldn't change a thing. You learn a lot from the past.

Advice for young researchers: Find a topic you love and then try to meet people



University of Wollongong lecturer Holly Tootell is investigating the use of tracking technology. Picture: HANK van STUIVENBERG

who are working or researching in that area to get an idea about the latest research topics. The uni website and staff profile

pages are very helpful for this. **Next adventure:** Not sure, but I'll be ready for it. **Website for further**

information: www.itacs.uow.edu.au/school/staff/holly/

Holly Tootell is a lecturer at the University of Wollongong's School of IT and Computer Science.

Noticeboard

Sunday

PCYC hip hop night, Sublime under-18 disco, Shellharbour Workers Club, 6-9.30pm, \$12.

Next Tuesday

Information night for high school students, parents and teachers about courses at 313, 5.30-7pm, 1-5 Miller St, Coniston, 4227 1715. Courses include studio recording, multimedia, live production, theatre, events, TV and radio production.

FREEBIES

Today

Live and Become, 5.45pm, UOW theatre: 20.3, presented by the Australasian Union of Jewish Students as part of Jewish Film Week.

Tomorrow

Ushpizin, Jewish Film Week, 5.45pm, UOW, Theatre: 14.G01.

Tomorrow

History Week, Joseph Davis speaks about artworks inspired by Lake

Illawarra, 6pm, Wollongong City Gallery.

Thursday

National Campus Band Competition - NSW Southern Region semi-final, special performance by NSW State winner, Midnight Swim, 7.30pm, UniBar.

CHEAP THRILLS

Today

Tigtarse Tuesday, \$2 tacos, \$3 Coronas, entertainment by Leeroy Lee & Tim Weekes, 3.30pm, UniBar.

Wednesday

foreplay, cheap drinks, UniBar, 5pm.

Friday

Friday Slide, cheap drinks, 4.30pm, UniBar.

EXHIBITIONS

Until Friday

Cross Connections: Into the Light, 21 Christian artists, UOW, McKinnon Building.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

313 workshops in TV production, studio recording, introduction to

compositing (video animation), multimedia, DJing, 1-5 Miller St, Coniston 4227 1215. Introductory workshops in the first week; advanced in the second, 15 years or older, \$65 per workshop or two for \$110.

Until February 4

Pirates!, National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Free on school days, \$7 each or \$20 for families, weekends and school holidays.

MOVIES

Tomorrow

The Libertine and *Stay Alive* at UniMovies, 7.30pm, UniHall, \$5.

Tomorrow

Ten Canoes, 10am, 1.30pm, 9.15pm, Gala Warrawong.

COMING UP

Friday 29 September Karnivool, UniBar, \$16 UniCentre gold members/\$18 non-members.

Noticeboard deadline is Friday: education@illawarramercury.com.au.



A scene from *The Libertine*, showing on Wednesday night at UniMovies.

Review of regional politics

University of Wollongong Professor Jim Hagan has edited a groundbreaking new two-volume set of books which puts 150 years of NSW regional political history under the microscope.

The book - *People and Politics in Regional NSW (1856-1950, volume 1)* and *People and Politics in regional NSW (1950-2006, volume 2)* - has chapters contributed by academics across the state including UOW.

Published by Federation Press it includes two chapters on the Illawarra region including Wollongong and two other chapters on the south-east region which includes the coastal strip south of the Illawarra to the

Victorian border.

Prof Hagan and Dr Henry Lee from Wollongong University College wrote the chapters on the Illawarra while Prof Hagan and Dr Glenn Mitchell (School of History and Politics) wrote the chapters on the south-east region. Prof Hagan also teamed up with economist and UOW Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof Rob Castle, to write the two chapters on the Mid-North Coast region.

Belinda Selke (UOW, History and Politics) worked as a research assistant on the project which was funded by the Committee for the Celebration of the Sesquicentenary of

Responsible Government in NSW.

Other chapters deal with the eight regions in NSW outside the Sydney metropolitan area.

Volume one is the story of changes in representation as towns became cities as a result of industrialisation and the traffic through ports.

Volume two recounts half a century of democratic government at a time when old certainties were undermined and established economies were uprooted.

It explores the political history of each of the 11 regions of country NSW in the second half of the 20th century.

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