



MU-CEL POSTGRADUATE NEWSLETTER February 2008

Welcome to the Centre for Environmental Law (MU-CEL). This Newsletter is designed to give you information on some services, facilities and events that are available to help you with your studies.

MU-CEL Web Site

The first place to go to find information about MU-CEL is our website:

<http://www.law.mq.edu.au/MUCEL/index.htm>

You can find information about MU-CEL and its Staff, News and Events and Academic Programs. In addition there is a link to Resources & Publications where you will find Study Guides for this semester as well as past semesters (these may be useful in helping you choose future subjects) and our journal the *Macquarie Journal of International and Comparative Environmental Law*.

MU-CEL Units in Semester 1

Units on offer this Semester include:

- LAW 852/816 Trade and Environment Law
- LAW 853/817 Comparative Environmental Law
- LAW 855/811/510 Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- LAW 858/845 Pollution and Environmental Regulation
- LAW859/804/542 Heritage Law and Policy
- LAW 867/826 Water and Marine Resources Law
- Law878/879 Environmental Law & Policy Clinic
- LAW863/864/810/846/847 Legal Dissertation Units
- Law 856 Environmental Economics

Individual Unit Blackboard CE6 sites

This year all MU-CEL Units will have an individual Blackboard CE6 (formerly WebCT) site. These sites will include the Unit Study Guide and Assessment questions, a Calendar of key dates and a Discussion Board so that students can exchange views with others enrolled in the subject. Depending on the Unit and Convenor they may also include lecture PowerPoint slides, Course Notes, Course Readings, Tutorial Questions, Quizzes and Self Tests. Students should make sure they consult the site regularly. All Blackboard sites can be accessed via <http://learn.mq.edu.au>

Studying Law

We would recommend two books for students new to law and writing in law. The first book provides a background to the Australian Legal System and the second specifically focuses on studying and writing in law. Both books are available in the library:

1. *Understanding the Australian Legal System* by John Carvan (5th Ed) (2005) Lawbook Co - Library Ref KU47.H87 2006 or Chisholm and Nettheim, *Understanding Law: An introduction to Australia's Legal System* (2007) Butterworths - Library Ref KU68.C48 2007.
2. *Research and Writing in the Law* by Terry Hutchinson (2nd Ed) (2006) Lawbook Co - Library Ref KU47.H87 2006.

In addition we recommend students have access to the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation* which can be purchased from the bookshop if you would like a hardcopy or alternatively downloaded from

<http://mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au/aglc.asp>

Essay Writing Workshops

The Department of Linguistics offers a number of writing workshops for postgraduate students throughout the year. These workshops are particularly helpful for students whose first language is not English. However, some more general workshops are also offered that are suitable for students who have returned to university study after some time. Workshops include an in-depth study of introductions, conclusions and abstracts in research; reports; and the purpose, structure and language of essays. Dates for these classes will be posted to the Blackboard CE6 sites when they are available.

Library

For all postgraduate students research skills are very important. The library provides online tutorials, notes and workshops on how to use the library and electronic databases. For further details of online training see <http://infoskills.mq.edu.au/>. For notes see

<http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/training/notes/>.

For workshops

<http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/training/courses.php?cat=1&mask=PGCourse>.

Software

The library has online tutorials, worksheets and courses about how to use software to produce your essays and dissertations. For example, a tutorial is available on how to use MS Word to footnote your assignments. Also, Endnote software is available and tutorials on how to use it. For further details of online tutorials see <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/training/online.html>.

For notes see

<http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/training/notes/>.

And for classes

<http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/training/courses.php?cat=1&mask=PGCourse>.

Macquarie University Website

Functions, seminars and general information is readily accessible through the Macquarie University main web page at www.mq.edu.au. There is usually a list of this week's activities at the bottom of the screen. All services, staff details, departments and divisions can be accessed through this main site.

The Macquarie Globe

This is an electronic Newsletter produced by and for international students. There are many interesting articles and events. It can be accessed at

<http://www.international.mq.edu.au/globe/>.