

# ALUMNI events

## CONNECTING OVER COFFEE

ON 11 MARCH, a full house of alumni gathered at The Tea Room in the Queen Victoria Building to hear guest speaker Heather Ridout (BEc Hons '76) speak at the first Graduate Connections Breakfast for 2008. Ms Ridout, who is Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Industry Group, presented a lecture on the Rudd Government and Australian business, giving her first impressions of the new Government.

Join us for the next Graduate Connections Breakfast on Tuesday 22 July which will feature Geoffrey Atherden (BArch '65), President of the Australian Writers' Foundation and creator of the classic comedies *Mother and Son* and *Grass Roots*, speaking on the topic "Australian culture: more than a fridge magnet?" To purchase a ticket, please contact the Alumni Relations Office on (02) 9036 9278 or email [rsvp@usyd.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@usyd.edu.au).

## COCKTAILS WITH BELINDA HUTCHINSON



BELINDA HUTCHINSON AM (BEc '76), Non-Executive Director of QBE Insurance Group Limited, gave graduates an insight into the turmoil facing today's financial markets at the Faculty's most recent get-together, a cocktail reception held at the Union, University and Schools Club on 30 April.

Alumni from a cross-section of graduating years heard Ms Hutchinson speak on the issues facing non-executive directors in turbulent economic times, including her thoughts on how companies might have prepared themselves for the current market conditions and what opportunities the future might bring.

The next Connect over Cocktails function will be held on Wednesday 29 October between 6.00pm and 8.00pm in a Sydney CBD venue. For more information, contact Kim Lockwood on (02) 9036 6271 or at [k.lockwood@econ.usyd.edu.au](mailto:k.lockwood@econ.usyd.edu.au).

## R J CHAMBERS MEMORIAL RESEARCH LECTURE

ONCE A YEAR, the Accounting Foundation and the Faculty of Economics and Business hosts the R J Chambers Memorial Research Lecture, created in honour of the late Professor Raymond Chambers.

This year's lecture will be delivered by Ken Peasnell, Professor of Accounting and Finance from Lancaster University Management School in the UK, on Thursday 18 September in the University's MacLaurin Hall. Watch this space for more details closer to the day or email [alumnievents@econ.usyd.edu.au](mailto:alumnievents@econ.usyd.edu.au) and we will keep you informed.



Did you graduate in a year ending in 8? Remember that a full-day family celebration for alumni from years ending in 8 will be held on Saturday 8 November in and around the University's Main Quadrangle. To register your interest, contact the Alumni Relations Office on (02) 9036 9278 or at [rsvp@usyd.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@usyd.edu.au).



## STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS IN 2008

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