

The Graduate School OF GOVERNMENT



In a new series of articles, we would like to introduce you to the four stand-alone research centres which operate within the Faculty of Economics and Business: the Centre of International Security Studies, the Institute of Transport & Logistics Studies, the Workplace Research Centre and the focus in this issue, the Graduate School of Government

ESTABLISHED IN 2003, the Graduate School of Government (GSG) is the Faculty's centre for outstanding research and teaching in the field of public sector management.

By engaging both high-profile academics and practitioners, the School has the intellectual resources to make it a leading learning institution as well as a driver of debate on key domestic and international policy issues. It is also a member of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) consortium of governments and universities, which aims to significantly enhance the management skills of leaders in the public sector through development and education.

The NSW Government nominates and supports 50 students in the School's Graduate Diploma in Public Administration and 30 students in the ANZSOG Executive Master of Public Administration. The GSG also offers a Master of Public Administration (MPA).

These courses are specially tailored to meet the needs of the contemporary public sector manager.

The School is now taking on an international dimension with the Australian Government sponsoring up to 10 international students to undertake the MPA through the highly competitive AusAID scholarship program.

Last year, the Graduate School of Government also provided short courses for AusAID in South Africa and Mozambique and for the State Government of Sarawak (Malaysia), as well as for the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Capacity-building initiatives in the region form another high priority for the School and discussions are being held with the Cambodian Royal School of Administration with a view to forming a partnership.

The Graduate School of Government's particular research strengths are in

government budgeting and expenditure management, whole-of-government initiatives and democratic governance.

Geoff Gallop was appointed as Professor and Director of the School in 2006. As a Rhodes Scholar, a former Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford University, and the Premier of Western Australia from 2001 to 2006, he brings both a distinguished record of scholarship and an extraordinary capability in the science and practice of public sector policy implementation to his role.

For more information about the Graduate School of Government, please visit its website at www.econ.usyd.edu.au/gsg.

ABOVE Professor Geoff Gallop and Dr Joanne Kelly pictured with students from the Graduate School of Government in 2007