VALE - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR NIGEL CLARKE
MBChB (1991, Otago University), PhD (2006, Sydney University), FRACP (Clinical Genetics)

It is with great sadness that Nigel passed away on 14 October 2015. He had been diagnosed with a brain tumour in June 2014.

Nigel was a wonderful academic, researcher, PhD supervisor and clinician and had joined the Discipline’s Postgraduate Team as Deputy Postgraduate Co-ordinator in March 2009. He penned his own bio in 2009 for the Postgraduate Student Newsletter:

Nigel has a medical background in Clinical Genetics and experienced the postgraduate student experience at the Children’s first-hand, completing his PhD with the Neurogenetics Unit in 2006.

Nigel then spent two years in Paris as a post-doctoral scientist and after comprehensive training in the delights of French culture and language, and with a serious cheese addiction, he has returned to work in the Neurogenetics Unit, studying genetic muscle diseases and with the roles of Senior Lecturer at Sydney University and Staff Specialist (Academic).

Nigel later became Director of the Institute for Neuroscience and Muscle Research (INMR).

Nigel was a kind and gentle person with a sense of humour. We will miss him dearly. May you be at peace Nigel.

NEW UPDATE SESSION FOR SUPERVISORS
An update for the Discipline’s postgraduate supervisors (both research and auxiliary) on new University policies, SydneyStudent, Research Periods, examination, the Postgrad Team and more will be held on

Friday 13 November 2015;
12.30pm – 1.30 pm;
Large Meeting Room, level 2, Kids Research Institute, the Children’s Hospital at Westmead.

Attendance is strongly encouraged for all supervisors. Lunch will be provided.
Register: postgradchw.schn@health.nsw.gov.au or accept the Outlook invitation sent for the event.

DIARY DATES
Discipline’s Update Session for Supervisors
Friday 13 November 2015, 12.30pm–1.30pm, Large Research Meeting Room, level 2, Kids Research Institute, CHW. Book postgradchw.schn@health.nsw.gov.au

Graduation ceremony
10 December 2015

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Why you need to make back-up copies of your work - true stories of students who lost their thesis

- All the office computers were upgraded with new software although there was a note not to update one pc which had the student’s data. The data & upgraded software were not compatible.
- The student’s laptop was stolen & it had the final version of the thesis ready to be submitted. The last copy made was five months previous.
- The six-month old laptop crashed; no recent backups for six months.
- The laptop with new data from a field trip was stolen from the car on a brief stop on the way home from the airport.
- The office burnt down & it had the only copy of the research data. (true!!)