Building 201 has hosted an amazing display of Eco-Pod designs by our students, created as part of a work integrated learning project between the Integrated Building Research Unit and the Place Activation team. Students were asked to design a “Spirit-Trap” – a pod that was designed for a specific place on Curtin’s campus.

Mapping software was used to determine the best locations on campus for the EcoPods and a video is now available showing a visual “walk through” of the winning pod design. The full story including interviews with the lecturer and students involved will feature in Inside Curtin during Semester 2.

**Curtin Stadium celebrates NAIDOC Week**

Curtin stadium paid tribute to Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by lighting its walls with the colours of the Aboriginal and Islander flags. Black, yellow and red lights alternative with black, blue white and green for one minute each between 6pm and 7am on the Northern, Western and Southern walls of building 111 (Curtin Stadium). 2015 NAIDOC (originally an acronym for National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) is held annually in July. Thanks to Chad Cutmore Electrical Technician in Properties, Facilities and Development for suggesting and coordinating the NAIDOC week lighting.

**Student services new roles**

As part of the review and restructure of our student services areas, the vacant Associate DVC Student Experience role will be replaced with two new roles, the Academic Registrar and the Chief Student Services Officer.

This recognises Curtin’s commitment to academic integrity in an environment of increased global Academic cheating and its focus on the Student Experience through the delivery of operational effectiveness.

The Academic Registrar which will oversee compliance, governance and regulatory requirements for student administration and the Chief Student Services Officer will have responsibility for the strategic and operational leadership of Student Services across the University.

The positions will be recruited through the University’s Proactive Recruitment Team and will be live on Futurestaff from Monday, 13 July. A print advertisement will also run in The Australian on Wednesday, 15 July with the closing date for applications one month later on Monday, 17 August.

Both positions are offered on a five-year full-time contract and both require significant experience in a tertiary environment.

We are recruiting Australia-wide, either position could offer an excellent career advancement opportunity for existing staff with the relevant skills and experience and I would strongly encourage you to consider your suitability for either role by reviewing the position description.

Make tomorrow better.
Poppies for Remembrance Day installation

Our student servicing team are coordinating a Remembrance Day installation called “One Minute” in conjunction with the John Curtin Gallery. Staff, students and visitors are invited to visit the gallery and make a poppy, anytime between now and November.

The poppies will form part of the installation, which will be on display from 1 to 13 November.

Preview Episode 7
Inside Curtin

Curtin student Arial Tresham presents the latest episode of Inside Curtin screening at Wesfarmers Court from 27 July to 10 August.

In this program we find out how our midwifery students are making a real difference in the lives of their patients. We check out the new bubble tea outlet on campus and ask our students what all the fuss is about. We hear about the amazing work being done to recreate a famous historical shipwreck in 3-dimensions and check out some innovative artwork.

Screening daily at Wesfarmers Court

Curtin has launched a one hour program of video news, events, and student film and design work from Inside Curtin.

Curtin TV screens daily in Wesfarmers Court between 10am and 2pm, and is created with contributions from our students, the Curtin Student Guild, the Stadium, our place activation team and other Curtin staff working on improving the student experience.

Leading each episode is a Welcome to Country by Elder-in-residence Associate Prof Simon Forest, followed by the most recent episode of our Inside Curtin news bulletin.

The Business of Mining MOOC

More than 2500 leaners from 137 countries were enrolled for The Business of Mining MOOC when it went live on the edX platform on 1 July.

By 22 July, there were 3383 enrolments including 95 who have agreed to pay $50 to verify they completed the four module course. We also have some Spanish speaking students taking the course.

Initial feedback has been very encouraging with one student posting: “I am thoroughly enjoying the course as well - really like the way it is structured and the content etc is awesome!”

Instructors, Mehrooz Aspandiar and Allison Dugdale from Applied Geology, both of whom were heavily involved in the MOOC content, are monitoring the discussion board to assist with student queries. Associate Professor Felix Chan from Curtin Business School hosted a two-hour Ask Me Anything financial and economics session this week which prompted another surge of enrolments.