



Perth and Adelaide host Harvard visitors

Harvard Club Chapters in WA and SA have both enjoyed recent get-togethers occasioned by University visitors.



In Perth, on 21 July, HCA members caught up with Michael Tushman, Paul R Lawrence Professor of Business Administration, and his colleague Assoc Prof Scott Snook, when conducting a senior executive forum at UWA.

Tushman is faculty chair of Harvard's Advanced Management Program, and leads Change and Organizational Renewal. Snook serves on the faculty of Program for Leadership Development. UWA's three day live-in forum was jointly sponsored by UWA Business School and AIM.

Over cocktails and canapés at the UWA Club overlooking the Swan River recent AMP alumni in particular enjoyed chatting with Prof. Tushman and hearing his views on recent events in the USA and how this may affect the way business is done. The event was well hosted by Gaye McMath, UWA's Exec. Dir., Finance & Resources and, equally importantly, members of AMP175.

Adelaide's HCA members were similarly treated to fine fare and erudite discussion on 7 July when SA Chapter's Dep Convenor Charles Irwin MLA'85 arranged a welcome for Dr Kavi Bhalla of Harvard's Initiative for Global Health. Kavi, one of this year's Australia-Harvard Fellows funded by HCA Foundation, is collaborating with Assoc Prof James Harrison at Flinders Uni's Research Centre for Injury Studies, volunteering their effort to WHO's survey on Global Burden of Disease.



Their particular research helps quantify the scale and cost of traffic injuries across the world. Guests at North Adelaide's Citrus Restaurant included senior representatives of local universities and a cross section of HCA members. Foundation Secretary John Turner AMP'86 presented Kavi with his Fellowship citation.

WA Chapter also reports a convivial event addressed by UWA's Vice Chancellor Alan Robson. On 3 June, Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge clubs joined together for cocktails which WA Convenor Ken Perry MBA'80 describes as a "very enjoyable evening marked by the ease with which the three groups mixed".

So much so that they agreed to make it an annual event. Again the venue was UWA Club with the Vice Chancellor as host. Prof Robson's address was amusingly introduced by Ken Perry.