

Brian Horan

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Physical Geography 1981

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UOW alumnus Brian Horan has drawn from what he has learned in a quarter of a century educating teenagers to write a novel designed to encourage and motivate young people.

New Windows of Opportunity (publishing by the Global Publishing Group) is described as a novel designed to inspire teenagers and young adults to discover their passion and purpose in life and realise their potential.

The story is centred on four characters, their choices in life and the factors behind their choices.

The UOW Arts graduate, who spent 24 years in state and private schools as a teacher and careers counsellor and two years at Mission Australia working with unemployed youth, says he has based his novel on his professional encounters with teenagers and young adults over the years.

"I have seen many individuals rise out of their disadvantaged circumstances and the ashes of their past to go on to live fruitful and fulfilling existences," Brian said. "These testimonies, along with my study of personal growth principles, were the motivation for the book."

Brian has established a private careers consultancy business based in the Illawarra called *eCareers Academy*, with clients ranging from high school and university students to people re-entering the workforce and corporate employees in transition. He is also the founder and CEO of a corporate training organisation, *Empowering Training Solutions*.

Brian remains a strong supporter of UOW, and has volunteered to promote his old University on recent trips to Canada and France, encouraging students to consider Wollongong as a Study Abroad option. As an Illawarra community member, he is also involved in UOW's Networking After 5 activities and Entrepreneur Club events.

For copies of the book, visit www.NewWindowsOfOpportunity.com