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Owen to open "Owen G. Glenn Building"

When Auckland became the adoptive home for Owen Glenn and his family after leaving war torn India in the early 1950's it was not in anyone's wildest dreams that he would return nearly 60 years later to open the newly built "Owen G Glenn" Building – the new home for the Business School, as part of The University of Auckland.

But that is exactly what he will be doing later this month when he returns for the formal opening of the world class facility on 21st February, 2008.

It was back in 2002 when the business school decided to grow and develop in order to make it one of the leading schools of the world. Top business schools build management capability and the capacity of enterprises and organisations to create wealth and economic prosperity. Such priorities meant the project had strong support from The University of Auckland, the New Zealand business community, and the New Zealand Government.

However it was one person's contribution – Owen George Glenn's massive gift of NZ\$7.5 million from the Glenn Foundation to the Business School in February 2005 which, at the time, was the single largest donation given to a NZ educational institution and one of the largest donations in NZ's philanthropic history.

Dean of The Business School, Professor Barry Spicer, expressed delight at Mr Glenn's contribution.

"Owen is an inspiration to young entrepreneurs. He has built a global business from nothing through imagination, vision and hard work. He made his way in a complex, globally-connected world and has contributed significantly to the development of logistics internationally. His career is inspirational in that it shows what is possible with intelligence, imagination, innovation, perseverance and drive. It is fitting that a NZer with these qualities and who as has succeeded in business internationally should grace the new building."

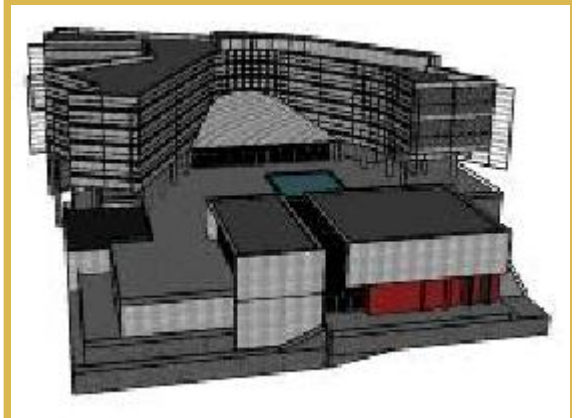
While buildings alone do not make a great business school, they are a vital part of developing a world class learning environment. Well designed, equipped and furnished facilities are critical both to the development of the Business School and transforming how people work and learn. Staff, students, alumni and the business community should feel comfortable and "at home" in the new building but also inspired to pursue knowledge, skills and relationships needed to succeed in a global economy. The new building is a place where people teach, learn, research and connect.

Designed by Australian and NZ firms [fjmt](#) + [archimedia](#) and built by Fletcher Construction, with engineering by Beca the Owen G Glenn Building is 7 storeys and approx 28,000 square metres. It is located at 12 Grafton Rd on The University of Auckland's campus.



Above: Owen on site in February 2005 with Dean of the Business School Professor Barry Spicer (left) and Vice Chancellor of Auckland University, Professor Stuart McCutcheon (right).

Below: Architects drawing of the Owen G. Glenn Building as per completion February 2008



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- Glenn Family Foundation Mission -

*To give hope where there is despair
To teach the hungry how to feed themselves
To educate those that want to learn
To provide medical resources to the sick
To nurture spiritual enhancement & faith
To develop self esteem and pride
To provide a self supporting life style
To encourage family to become the base
of a community*

Q? Who is Mother Mary Goisis?

Mother Mary Goisis is the modern day example of what it is to be truly selfless and totally devoted to giving. Now unable to walk, she is wheelchair bound, but disguises her 95 years with clarity of mind and a boom in her voice. (Photo taken back in 2007).

It was 73 years ago in Italy where Mother Mary Goisis took her vows as a Connosian Sister. She was then sent to Macau where she has lived all her missionary life. Her mother was the one who chose the Connosians for her calling. The 5th of nine children she had three brothers and five sisters. Her eldest brother is in his 104th year!

The prosperous Macau of today, with its glittering lights and casinos, belies the poverty of the war and post war years. She was once bed ridden for three months through weakness from sharing her half loaf of brick hard bread with those that had none. The little rice they could get had to be weeded for worms and insects.

It was her association with Fr. Luis Ruiz S.J. of Caritas that gave her the impetus to nurture the Macau Institute of Social Work. With pride and satisfaction she often reflects on their many successes. She always expresses her deep gratitude to Owen and the Glenn Family Foundation for the support given through the years that has helped brighten the lives of so many.

Now, in the autumn of her years, she shares the Connosian Home for aged nuns in Hong Kong with 19 others. Her new assignment is to translate from Portuguese to Italian the 100 year history of the Connosian Order in Macau. She says it comes easy for her, after all, Mother Mary Goisis has devoted her life to the Enclave for three-quarters of a century.

A: A living day saint!



**Mother Mary Goisis &
Owen G. Glenn**

*In the coming newsletter we will go into further detail
regarding Macau, Mother Mary Goisis and it's link to the
Glenn Family Foundation.*