



MASSEY EXTRAMURAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY

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SERVICES, SUPPORT, REPRESENTATION



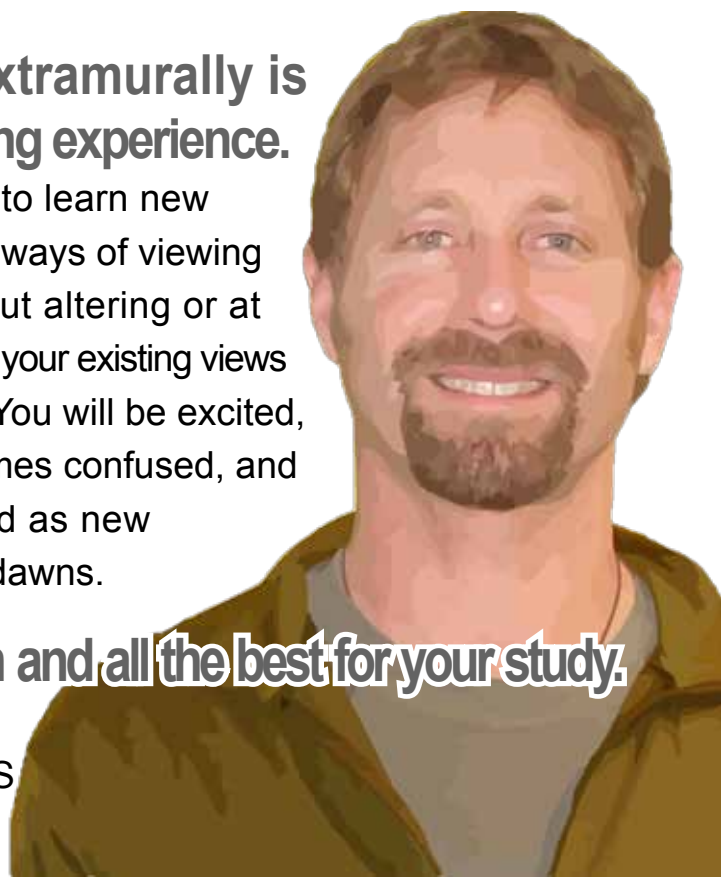
**Welcome to EXMSS.** My name is Ralph Springett, an extramural student and the elected President of the society. The President's mission is to represent and advocate on EXMSS members' behalf on issues that affect distance, part-time, and adult students. In order to represent you I need to be connected; being a student is helpful but not enough. I connect through members' emails, blog comments and face to face events. So If you have an opinion, I would like to hear it so I can work towards providing the services and learning environment you need and deserve.

**Studying extramurally is a life-changing experience.**

It isn't possible to learn new things and new ways of viewing the world without altering or at least challenging your existing views and perceptions. You will be excited, motivated, at times confused, and then exhilarated as new understanding dawns.

**Stay in touch and all the best for your study.**

Ralph Springett  
President, EXMSS



**WELCOME**

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## **EXMSS is an independent student body**

set up to look after the interests of distance learners. It is governed by a committee of student representatives who are elected by the EXMSS membership. Based at Massey's Manawatu Campus, EXMSS services are operated by dedicated staff, who in turn are supported by a group of volunteers (EXMSS Area Representatives) around the country.

## **Extramural study can be an isolating experience**

and that is where EXMSS can help. Strong connections with Massey and other students will boost your confidence. Our community website, Off Campus newsletter and local representatives are some of the EXMSS services that help build connections. We understand that you won't want anything to interrupt your learning journey, but on occasion, things do go wrong. That's when you call on us. We have professional experience in providing benefits and assisting students through difficulties.

Visit <http://exmss.org> for more details.

**We believe that decisions made at Massey** should place the welfare of the University's students foremost. For this reason we feel it is vital that an independent representative for students sits on key decision-making bodies at Massey. Join EXMSS if you wish to support independent advocacy for distance, part-time, and adult students.

**EXMSS represents students** on bodies such as: Academic Board, Academic Committee, Student Experience Working Group, Teaching and Learning Committee, and the Library Committee. EXMSS currently has two representatives on the Massey University Council, the University's governing body. It is the knowledge gained from and the voice within these meetings that allows the EXMSS President and Māori Representative to lobby for and promote issues that will benefit current distance students and extramural study in the future.

The President keeps you informed of current issues online @ <http://exmss.org/presidentsblog/>

**The Extramural Students' Society is here to support you.** Financial struggles, coursework problems and equity issues are all difficulties EXMSS is familiar with. EXMSS' connections and representation within the University will help you resolve these issues. No problem is too big or small. So if something worries you, let us help you sort it out. Chances are you won't be the only student dealing with it.

**All distance students** can access an independent advocate; Anne Palmer.  
Contact Anne at the EXMSS office (**ext 81182**)  
or email **anne@exmss.org.nz**

**EXMSS runs a peer support network . . .**  
for students throughout New Zealand. EXMSS Area Representatives (EARs) are volunteers who are experienced extramural students.

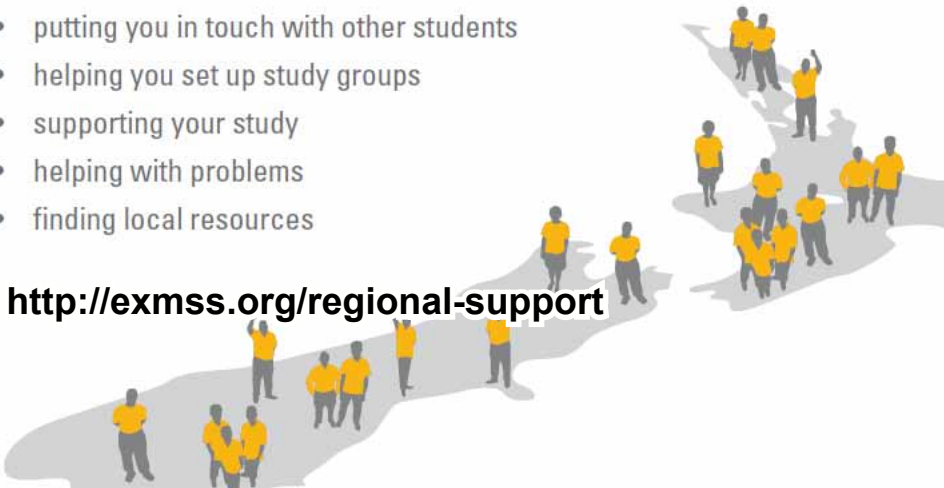
### **YOUR AREA REP IS HERE TO HELP YOU BY:**

- putting you in touch with other students
- helping you set up study groups
- supporting your study
- helping with problems
- finding local resources

**<http://exmss.org/regional-support>**

**SUPPORT**

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**EXMSS** supports a toll-free phone service to connect you with the EXMSS office, your lecturer, student-learning centre, or any other department on all campuses.

**0508 4EXMSS (0508 439 677)**

**Scholarships:** EXMSS offers a range of scholarships to current and prospective Massey extramural students. The deadline for scholarship applications is mid-January each year.

Forms and details @

**<http://exmss.org/services/scholarships>**

### **The Study Assistance Programme (SAP)**

is designed to assist students who are having difficulty meeting the costs of study, **due to emergency or unforeseen situations** which threaten the student's continued study. Applications may be made at any time, limited to **once per semester** and no more than **twice a year**.

Application forms are available from the EXMSS Office.

Email for more details:

**[info@exmss.org.nz](mailto:info@exmss.org.nz)**



# EXTRAMURAL ADVISORS

**Massey employs Study Advisors** who can offer helpful course advice, especially in the form of their assignment pre-reading service, study skills workshops and consultations by appointment.

Distance students can contact the Centre for Teaching and Learning to find out what support is available.

**PN:** Phone: (06) 350 2251  
Email: [slc-pn@massey.ac.nz](mailto:slc-pn@massey.ac.nz)

**ALB:** Phone: (09) 414 0800 Ext 9143  
Email: [slc-alb@massey.ac.nz](mailto:slc-alb@massey.ac.nz)

**WLG:** Phone: (04) 801 5799 Ext 62448  
Email: [wnlearn@massey.ac.nz](mailto:wnlearn@massey.ac.nz)

Details available under Academic and study skills @  
<http://student-services.massey.ac.nz>



**A number of services exist to encourage and support Māori students in whatever way is necessary during their time with Massey University.**

These services can be found online at:

**Massey University Māori Student Support**

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/maori/support/>

**Te Mana Ākonga**

<http://tinyurl.com/temanaakonga>

**EXMSS Māori Representative**

<http://exmss.org/maori/>  
[maori@exmss.org.nz](mailto:maori@exmss.org.nz)

**PN - Manawatahi**

<http://tinyurl.com/manawatahi>  
[Māori@musa.org.nz](mailto:Māori@musa.org.nz)

**ALB - Te Waka Ō Ngā Ākonga Māori**

<http://www.asa.ac.nz/twonam/>

**WLG - Massey Pōneke**

[te\\_waka@hotmail.com](mailto:te_waka@hotmail.com)



**EXMSS has an active web-presence,** including a thriving facebook group, and a regularly updated website with discussion blogs and information on upcoming events, opportunities, helpful advice and resources, as well as services and financial support.

The EXMSS Community website features:

- \* Information on EXMSS services:
  - Shuttle services
  - Scholarships
  - Hardship assistance
  - EXMSS freephone
- \* Regional accommodation suggestions
- \* Links to other useful services and sites
- \* Polls on current issues
- \* Classifieds
- \* Review It! survey
- \* Advocate's Blog
- \* President's Blog



<http://exmss.org>



<http://exmss.org/links/facebook>

## 'Off Campus' e-zine comes to members free.

Off Campus is an independent extramural student publication featuring education issues; stories related to distance, part-time, and adult students; notices; and offers an opportunity to be informed about government and institution decisions that will affect you. Contributions welcome.

Contact [ralph@exmss.org.nz](mailto:ralph@exmss.org.nz)

An archive of the Off Campus Magazine from 1999 - 2011 is available online at:

<http://exmss.org/services/magazine>



lets you review your papers, and is a valuable tool for assessing papers you are considering taking in up-coming semesters.

Review It! surveys run at the conclusion of each semester. Students are notified by email.

To find out how other students have rated a paper, check out <http://reviewit.net.nz>

**OFF-CAMPUS / REVIEW IT!**

# EXMSS runs an Information Help Desk

on the Manawatu Campus, to better support students attending contact courses during the semester breaks

Open every day during mid-year and mid-semester contact courses.

**Easter:** Sat 7th April - Sun 22nd April.

**Mid-year:** Sat 23rd June - Sun 15th July.

**S2 break:** Sat 25th August - Sun 9th Sept.

The Help Desk is located in the Students' Centre lounge adjoining the food hall, opposite the library.

You can leave your luggage with Help Desk staff **(during Help Desk hours)** either before you move into your accommodation or after you have vacated it on your last day (you will need to vacate on campus hostels by 10.00am on your last day).

Come to the Help Desk to find out about membership, book your outgoing airport shuttle or to check out what events will be on during your stay.

# EXMSS supports a shuttle service.

Operated in partnership with **Supershuttle**, this service transports students between the Palmerston North airport, bus and train stations and the Massey Manawatu campuses.

**All students** benefit from EXMSS negotiated subsidised transport to and from the Manawatu campuses, any time of the year, on presentation of their Student ID.

**EXMSS members** can also expect a free shuttle service leaving **from** the Manawatu campuses to the airport, bus and train stations during contact course periods. To utilise this service, members will need to provide both their Student ID and EXMSS Membership #.

**Supershuttle** will meet most flights for casual pickups at the airport but those arriving at the bus or train stations will need to book in advance.

**0800-SHUTTLE** (0800-748885)  
or visit <http://www.supershuttle.co.nz>

EXMSS SHUTTLE SERVICE

**EXMSS provides events and competitions** to distance students, online and on campus during key times of the year.

## **EXMSS Graduation Dinner:**

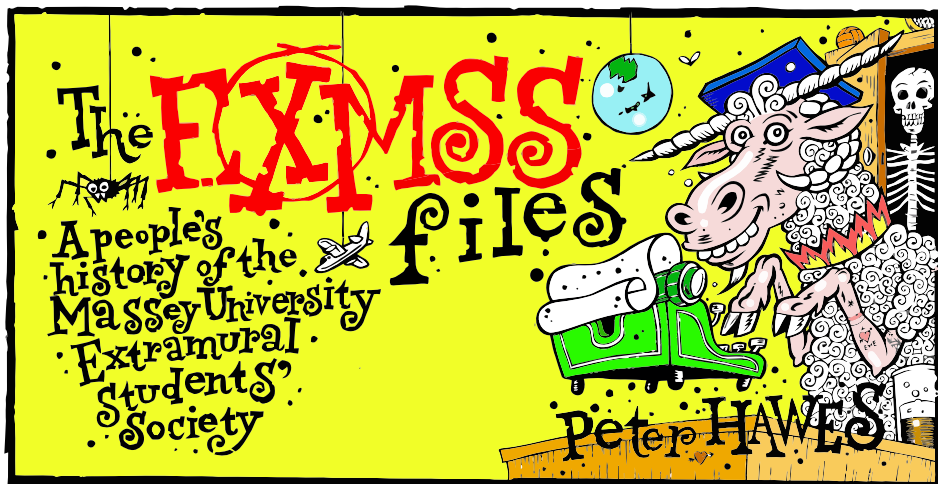
A highlight of the Massey events calendar is the annual EXMSS Graduation Dinner celebrating our graduates' achievements. Held in Palmerston North, the dinner is a wonderful occasion, where graduates and their families and friends gather together over dinner to share their stories.

## **Contact Course Events:**

During contact courses held in the Manawatu, Quiz evenings, 'Extramural Mingles' and meetings of the society are held to directly engage members and distance students. These are advertised through course controllers and lecturers, at the EXMSS Help Desk, and around the campus.

Email Events Co-ordinator Thérèse McCrea:  
**[Therese@exmss.org.nz](mailto:Therese@exmss.org.nz)**





Set in a parallel universe and populated with historic heroes and spiteful villains, The EXMSS Files, provides an insightful vision of the political manoeuvrings and societal trends that made Massey's extramural programme the premier distance education provider it is today.

Using a variety of voices, Peter Hawes tells the life-changing stories of extramural students who, over the past 50 years, have benefitted from this alternative and (initially) distrusted method of university education.

EXMSS is proud to sponsor this unique record of the evolution of distance education in New Zealand.

**Some books you should judge by their cover.**

**The EXMSS Files** is available for **\$25.00**

Phone **0508-4EXMSS** ext **81183**  
or email **Murray@exmss.org.nz**  
to order your copy today.

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