

# FLATTENED LECTURER

I don't remember quite how it happened  
But when I woke up today I was flattened  
Too many zooms? Or was it no breaks  
Or maybe the amount of lockdown cakes?

In any case, here I am NLS student, with a competition for you  
Show me around your LGA and take pics of what we do  
I'd like to see your pets, maybe a dog, chook, or cat  
Or go for a walk or sit on a yoga mat.  
With no face-to-face classes, I've got to do something  
Even gardening or trampoline jumping.

Make sure you read the terms and conditions  
Because I can confirm that you will all be wishin'  
To be one of the winners (the prizes are good)  
So go on, join in, take me around your neighbourhood!

# Flat Stanley Project: The Law Lecturer Edition



As the self-appointed *Team Spirit Captains* of the Newcastle Law School, Dr Donna McNamara and I have decided to run a photography competition (with the support of our wonderful T&L Director Dr Kevin Sobel-Read and Dean and Head of School, Professor Tania Sourdin). We have decided to attempt the very first “Flat Stanley Project” run with Law students in Australia – if not the world! This pilot project will be rolled out amongst two cohorts, in furtherance of our rigorous methodology of selecting both a compulsory and directed course that is inclusive of a diverse sample of both LLB and JD students. As a NLS student, you have a chance to be a part of history, and given the link between creative hobbies and productivity, improve your concentration for completing assessment tasks this mid-semester break. Hopefully you will also have a laugh and snag one of the prizes for participating.

## **Competition:**

Take your Flattened Lecturer on an adventure. Document that adventure with a photograph. You are welcome to include yourself or your family members in the photograph if you wish (with their informed consent), but a “lecturer in the wild” photo is also OK (that is, lecturer in landscape, no other humans). Regardless of how you choose to set up your photograph, it is vital that you include your Flattened Lecturer and pay attention to:

- Creativity in composition
- Clarity
- Optimal angles
- Backdrop
- Getting eye contact from cute pets

Key themes for the photographs are:

- Student experience in lockdown
- The natural world
- Out and about in your neighbourhood

The judges will not judge you on the quality of the Flattened Lecturer available to you (you can include a laminated lecturer; paper lecturer, or your lecturer digitally) in your photograph – but you must use the cartoon image provided to you as part of this competition. A JPEG of your Flattened Lecturer will be available for download on your Course’s Blackboard Page if you were not part of the group that received the materials by post. One of the competition rules is that you are not permitted to digitally alter your photograph that features your Flattened Lecturer going on an adventure on Photoshop.

Multiple prizes (including gift cards) are up for grabs. A prize will be awarded for the Best photograph and runner up, and there will also be a random prize draw.

To Enter photographs in the Flattened Lecturer competition scan the QR code above or go to <https://pollunit.com/polls/kz9hoovdshd8im1yhoweuq>.

Throughout the competition period, we will be posting contest updates on Twitter with the hashtag **#flatlecturer** (Marie's Twitter account is @DrMarie\_IP and Donna's is @McNamara\_DM). For those of you that have/like Twitter, feel free to post your pics/tag us. Note that you will still have to manually submit your photos through the contest portal to be considered for a prize.

### **Competition Terms & Conditions**

1. You are invited to submit up to two of your best photographs of your Flattened Lecturer going on an adventure. Do not submit more than two photographs.
2. Submissions will be accepted up until Sunday 10 October 11:59. Submissions will not be accepted once the deadline lapses.
3. No photoshop is to be used on entries. Filters are permitted where they do not alter the substance of the photograph.
4. No third party may own or control any materials the photo contains, and the photo must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person.
5. While copyright remains with the individual, the organisers reserve the right to publish or use any part of your entry as part of Newcastle Law School promotions and in all forms of Media, including social media. Entry submission confers a non-exclusive licence on the organisers and the Newcastle Law School to communicate the Materials to the public by an online service delivered by means of streaming via broadband and narrowband technology.
6. Winning photos will be communicated online and/or printed and displayed in hard copy in NuSpace.
7. The winners will be announced by Sunday 17 October and prizes distributed thereafter.
8. The judges' decisions are final (no appeals). The judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to stated contest rules.
9. The winners will be contacted via email address provided during entry.
10. This competition is open to University of Newcastle Law students only.

Goodluck!

*Dr Marie Hadley*

*Dr Donna McNamara*

### **Further reading:**

For more information about the Flat Stanley project see:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Flat\\_Stanley\\_Project](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Flat_Stanley_Project)

For more information about the relationship between creative hobbies and productivity see:  
<https://hbr-org.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/hbr.org/amp/2019/02/why-you-should-work-less-and-spend-more-time-on-hobbies>