



USQ leads research to discover new worlds

USQ astronomer Dr Brad Carter is part of an international team that has discovered a new planet in orbit around a nearby star.

Dr Carter is the lead author with the Australian/US/UK collaboration which discovered the Jupiter-like planet using the Anglo-Australian telescope in New South Wales.

The planet orbits the star HD70642 in about six years, with a nearly circular orbit of more than three times the Earth-Sun distance, and has a mass about twice that of Jupiter (Jupiter orbits the Sun in 11.9 years).

HD70642 is in the southern constellation Puppis, and has properties very similar to that of our Sun.

Dr Carter said the planet and star bore the closest resemblance to Earth's Solar System of any of the 100 or so extra-solar planetary systems found to date.

"It's the closest cousin to our Solar System yet and the best evidence that we are not unique and we may find others with planets like the earth and therefore life."

Dr Carter said the team's long-term goal was the detection of true analogues (or cousins) to our Solar System - planetary systems with giant planets in long circular orbits and small rocky planets on short circular orbits.

Though the new planet is not directly visible, as it orbits the star, the gravitational pull causes the star to move back and forth in space.

"We've monitored this star very patiently for five and a half years, or nearly one orbit and we've been able to detect the very slow wobble of the star as the planet and star both move around their common centre of gravity.

"That wobble can be detected in the 'Doppler' shift it causes in the star's light. As



FAR OUT: Dr Brad Carter with computer image of a possible scene of a moon orbiting the extra-solar planet in orbit around the star. (Background image by David A. Hardy (astroart.org))

the star moves towards us it shines more blue and it becomes redder as it moves away."

Dr Carter said the team had surveyed hundreds of stars with possible planets, and was laying the foundation for more detailed future observations using space-based telescopes.

Other members of the Anglo Australian Planet Search team include Dr Chris Tinney (Anglo Australian Observatory), US researchers Dr Paul Butler and Dr Chris McCarthy (Carnegie Institute of Washington), Dr Geoffrey Marcy and Dr Deborah Fischer

(University of California and San Francisco State University) and UK researchers Dr Hugh Jones (Liverpool John Moores University) and Dr Alan Penny (Rutherford Appleton Laboratory).

The paper describing the new planet will be published in the *Astrophysical Journal Letters* later this year.

More information on the new planet and other astronomical research can be found at <http://www.aao.gov.au/local/www/cgt/planet/aat.html>

Deborah Marshall

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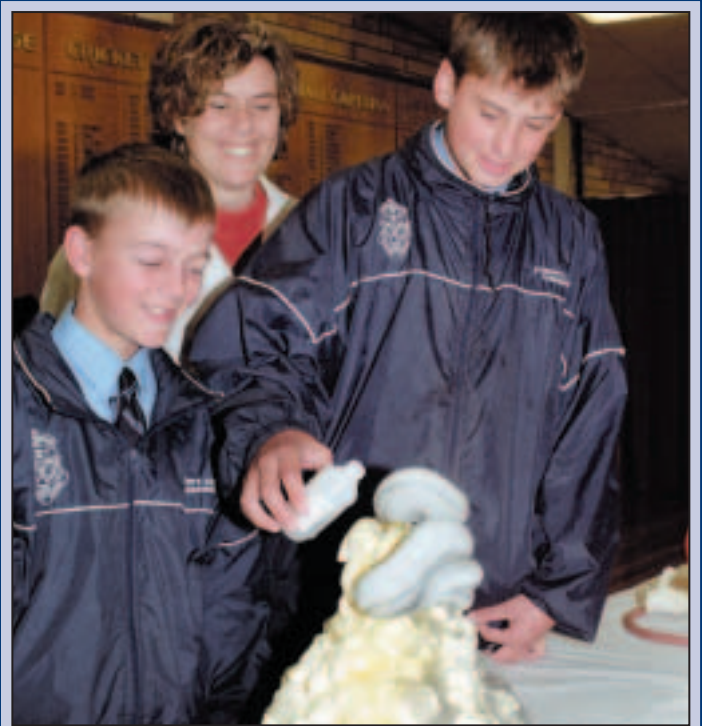
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MULTIPLE MOSAICS: Byron Bay mosaic tutor Scott Harrower helps student Lynita Page with her design at the recent McGregor Winter School. No stranger to the creative process, Lynita has attended five McGregor Summer Schools where she completed painting classes, and this was her first Winter School.



BOYS AND SCIENCE: More than 100 Years 5 to 7 students from St Mary's College experienced the fun and excitement of maths and science during a June workshop conducted by USQ lecturers Dr Tania van den Ancker and Robyn Pigozzo. The students watched chemicals bubble, froth and explode and discovered how slime was made. The workshop aimed to introduce young people to the interesting and diverse area of science and maths in a fun-filled atmosphere. Dr van den Ancker, who is pictured overseeing Year 7 students Jaryd Burgess (middle) and Robert Lunney conducting the volcano experiment said the program was a trial that could extend to other schools.



SMILING DONS: Burstows Funerals Director Don Burstow and Chancellor Don Stevens relax for the camera at a Corporate Club function in June.



CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING: Dr Angus Macfarlane, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Human Development and Counselling at the University of Waikato, New Zealand presented his research findings on **Culture and Learning: Theory into Practice** at a recent Faculty of Education seminar. Dr Macfarlane studied a number of educational institutions in America and New Zealand which had successfully built a supportive social and education climate for indigenous and minority students. He found that there were "ethnically linked ways of thinking, feeling and acting that are acquired through socialisation". He said it was important for teachers to have some knowledge of the culture of the students they taught. The studies he referred to in his presentation revealed that teachers who understood and incorporated indigenous cultural practices into their classrooms both enriched and informed the learner and the teacher.



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS: As part of the recent NAIDOC Week celebrations the USQ Kumbari/Ngurpai Lag Higher Education Centre held a public seminar titled **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures**. Lecturer Bill McCann (pictured) together with fellow lecturers Ray Martin and Ron Hampton presented an overview of the different cultures of indigenous Australians and Torres Strait Islanders. Other activities held during the event were a community march, flag-raising ceremony and barbeque.



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Peter Swannell



has been doing superb work in astronomy and his work is bringing great distinction to the university.

Also in the Faculty of Sciences, Andrew Hoey has gained more than \$US200,000 funding to carry on his outstanding work in muscular dystrophy. The Muscular Dystrophy Association of America is the source of the money and it will enable Andrew to press ahead with ground-breaking work in this very important area. Once again, the research brings great distinction to this university.

We now have been told what resources we are likely to obtain following the release by DEST of their assessment, based on 2002 data, of what USQ will receive by way of operating grant funding in 2005, 2006 and 2007. I am most pleased to be able to share with you that USQ, based on the figures released recently, will receive an increase of 9.01% on the 2002 Operating Grant for the first year of the new Commonwealth Grant Scheme in 2005. We will receive further additional funding in subsequent years. This lifts the operating grant in 2005, including the present levels of HECS payments, to approximately \$80.5M and goes some way towards correcting the under-funding experienced by the university over the last few years.

If these funding levels are confirmed, it will then enable the university to constrain the increases in HECS charges that, without this level of funding, might otherwise become far too great a burden for many of our students. All these matters will be given detailed attention during the ongoing discussions on our funding from 2005 onwards as we also prepare our 2004 budget.

THERE has been three excellent pieces of news regarding our research. They all have occurred through the great work being done within the Faculty of Sciences and I am sure that you will have read about them in the national press.

Professor Desley Hegney's Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health has established a partnership on behalf of USQ with the University of Queensland. The two universities will be undertaking world-class research that is relevant to regional Australia and I congratulate all those concerned on bringing together the capabilities of our nurses and the Rural Practice Division attached to the UQ Medical School.

Brad Carter has hit the headlines with his participation in the outstanding work being done at the Anglo Australian Telescope that has resulted in the exciting discovery of a Jupiter-like planet. It is not exactly next door, but it is certainly a most important discovery! Brad

Rural health care focus of new USQ-UQ Research Centre

THE health of communities in rural and remote Australia will benefit from a new health research alliance between USQ and the University of Queensland (UQ).

The jointly-badged Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health (CRRAH) was officially opened this month by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, Ms Trish Worth.

Ms Worth congratulated USQ and UQ on the alliance and said the development of the centre was testament to their dedication and commitment to rural and regional health.

"The research work of the centre will provide a valuable contribution to shaping the provision of health care services in rural and regional areas. The evidence-base that such research provides allows the development of initiatives that address genuine community needs," Ms Worth said.

CRRAH Director Professor Desley Hegney said the centre was an exciting research venture involving USQ and UQ.

She said the joint-badging demonstrated the benefits of universities, government and the health industry working together to improve community health care to disadvantaged communities.

"CRRAH has been operating at USQ for two years but this alliance will deliver high-level research collaboration as it combines USQ's rural and remote nursing expertise with UQ's expertise in medicine and rural clinical schools," Professor Hegney said.

She said the centre aimed to improve access and the standard of health care for rural and remote Australians, as well as improving the education and training of the health workforce.



HEALTH BENEFIT: Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing Trish Worth (middle) officially opens the jointly-badged Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health (CRRAH) with CRRAH Director Professor Desley Hegney (right) and Deputy Director Associate Professor Peter Baker.

The centre currently employs 12 staff including three at St Vincents Hospital in Toowoomba.

Professor Hegney said under the agreement that the director of UQ's Rural Clinical Division based at Toowoomba Hospital, Associate Professor Peter Baker, had been appointed an Honorary Professor at USQ and Deputy Director of the centre.

UQ's Acting Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Professor Bruce Abernethy, said the new centre demonstrated UQ's continuing

commitment to development of regional health infrastructure and workforce recruitment and the training of health professionals to work in regional and rural communities.

"It is anticipated that the new centre will not only provide high quality research that has relevance to these communities, but will also support the need to attract health professionals to work in regional areas," Professor Abernethy said.

John Austin

Quality teachers more important than gender balance

THE education system should not employ more male teachers at the expense of talented women according to USQ Faculty of Education Dean Professor Frank Crowther.

"A student's intellectual, social and personal development is influenced more by the quality of teaching than by factors such as gender, age, ethnicity or religion of the teacher."

Despite ongoing concerns about the diminishing number of male teachers in the profession, Professor Crowther said the core issue was the quality of teaching and the positive outcomes for students.

"Educational development is the major responsibility of the school and you can't sacrifice that by introducing criteria which may reduce the quality of teaching."

Professor Crowther questioned any new policy that challenged the law prohibiting employing teachers on the basis of gender.

He said such a policy could be more harmful than beneficial if it resulted in a reduction of creative and talented teachers.

"At USQ our concern is not whether there are enough male graduates but whether our graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge to positively impact on the students they teach in a complex, knowledge society."

He said the education system, including the tertiary sector, had done a poor job in managing some of the issues associated with the dwindling supply of male teachers particularly promoting the rewards of a teaching career to men.

Although most Toowoomba primary schools did have an imbalance of male to female teachers this was not an insurmountable obstacle.

"Male teachers are often highly visible in schools and do act as positive role models. Many schools have also introduced programs such as family days and father-to-son days which aim to create constructive relationships involving adult males."

Currently 15 per cent of primary school teachers in Australia are male compared to 40 per cent in the 1960s but Professor Crowther said this was largely the result of the profession being marginalised for more than 30 years.

He said teaching as a career had diminished in status especially during the 70s to the 90s when teachers' work became less valued than curricula, administration and policy processes.



QUALITY CONTROL: Rangeville State School teacher Liam Hackwood is one of 15 per cent of Australian primary school teachers who are male but USQ Faculty of Education Dean Professor Frank Crowther said the core issue was the quality of teaching and not the gender imbalance.

"By the early 1990s teaching as a profession had been reduced in its political influence, its public image and its ascribed status. Public opinion surveys of the time recorded a sharp decline in the public image of teaching as a profession and teachers' own sense of professional esteem."

He said reports of child abuse also discouraged males from pursuing a teaching career, particularly in primary schools.

But he said the status of teaching was improving dramatically and USQ was attracting increasing numbers of highly talented students.

"We will continue to strive for quality of teaching and education rather than any particular mix of male and female students. Only then will we get the best education for young Australians."

Heather Smith

INDELTA partnership aids global e-learning

THE Toowoomba-based web solutions and e-learning company INDELTA Pty Ltd recently signed a partnership agreement with the University of Cincinnati (UC) to collaborate on the university's e-learning delivery.



David Ross

INDELTA, which is 50 per cent owned by USQ and has its headquarters at the university, will provide the infrastructure, web-learning platform and web hosting for UC to assist with the conversion of the university's face-to-face teaching materials into an online format.

Chief Executive Officer of INDELTA, Professor David Ross, said the company already operated in-country web portals in Korea, India and Malaysia that provided similar services for a number of universities and training organisations in Europe, the USA, the UK and Korea.

"Distance education and online education is relatively new to many universities in Europe and the Americas so we will be helping the University of Cincinnati convert their early childhood education programs into a web format so that they can be delivered to students all over the world," Professor Ross said.

"This will be the first online program to be offered by UC's Faculty of Education which believes that there is a large global market for online early childhood award programs. In Korea alone, where two income families have

become the norm, day care centres and schools with early childhood programs are in big demand and are therefore qualified personnel to work in those centres."

Professor Ross said UC would now be working with INDELTA's Korean partners to identify opportunities for the delivery of other online education programs. He said there were also opportunities for collaboration between UC and USQ in online education delivery where USQ already had web content and programs suitable for specific markets.

"Income from the collaboration with UC will be based on a revenue sharing model where UC will earn 60 per cent, INDELTA 20 per cent and our in-country partner 20 per cent of student fees. As USQ is a 50 per cent shareholder of INDELTA it naturally also guarantees an income stream for the university," Professor Ross said.

UC has 30,000 on-campus students in Cincinnati, Ohio which is also home to major global enterprises like AT&T, General Electric, Proctor and Gamble and Milachron.

Gus Snow-McLean

Aviation safety under the spotlight

A person is far more likely to be injured or die in a car accident than a plane crash, yet one of the biggest issues facing the aviation industry today is combating negative public perception of aircraft safety.

"The public is not very tolerant of aviation incidents even though the aviation industry has



the best safety record of all transport systems in Australia and Australia has the best record of all countries," says Head of USQ's Psychology Department Professor Gerard Fogarty (pictured).

"In the past 10 years there have been no fatal accidents involving scheduled commercial flights within Australia whereas about 2000 deaths and 30,000 serious injuries can be attributed to motor vehicle accidents every year.

"The figures are not as impressive for aviation once you step outside scheduled commercial flights but even in the case of private business flights, there are only three fatal accidents per 100,000 hours of flight time. It's a very safe industry.

"The toughest part of any plane trip is the drive to the airport."

Professor Fogarty, who heads a team of PhD Psychology researchers, has been conducting research into the psychology of air safety for the past five years - initially on fatigue and stress workload factors and more recently on maintenance-related incidents.

The 1998 Townsville Black Hawk helicopter crash was the beginning of Professor Fogarty's involvement in researching maintenance errors.

"While maintenance errors did not cause the crash, it did reveal some non-standard maintenance practices that required further investigation."

With funding from the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), Professor Fogarty and his team interviewed more than 450 army aviation personnel using a variety of research methodologies and produced a report proposing a series of recommendations aimed at reducing maintenance errors.

"The two main problems in aviation safety are errors and violations. Errors can be caused by oversights or attention lapses. Violations occur when a person does not comply with standards when completing a task," he said.

"Not all errors lead to safety incidents and usually people will realise their mistakes and rectify them.

"In fact, research has shown that people in critical roles, like surgeons and pilots, routinely make small errors that they detect and correct themselves.

"We cannot eliminate error completely but we can discover contributing factors and take steps to minimise them."

A major concern in all high-risk industries is the identification of background factors contributing to accidents and incidents and the development of systems that help prevent errors and minimise their consequences.

"In the case of our own research program we wanted to find out the psychological causes of maintenance incidents. Our research included measuring fatigue and stress and then linking them with reported errors to determine the causal link with those psychological states and the incidence frequency.

"We also examined social processes embedded in the organisational structure.

"My research is also concerned with the implementation of designing incident reporting systems which are practical, usable, and which capture enough information about every day work operations to give an accurate picture of the overall safety status of the organisation," Professor Fogarty said.

Deborah Marshall

Graduate reaps MBA rewards

MBA graduate Geoffrey Mulherin says studying at USQ helped smooth his transition from the military to the non-public sector.

"It gave me the opportunity to learn much of what I needed while I kept working," said the Director of the New-South-Wales-based Law and Justice Foundation (LJF).

Mr Mulherin, who also won the Graduate Management Association of Australia Inc Best MBA graduate prize, worked for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) for more than 20 years before his move to the LJF.

After graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1981, he served as artillery officer and was involved in a range of command, staff, training and research and development positions. His overseas service included time as a United Nations Military Observer with the UN Iran/Iraq Military Observer Group in 1988/89 supervising the cease-fire in the Iran/Iraq war, and with the Australian Rifle Company in Malaysia.

"Probably the biggest highlight though, was being fortunate enough to command the ADF's humanitarian relief operation in Irian Jaya, Indonesia in 1998," Mr Mulherin said.

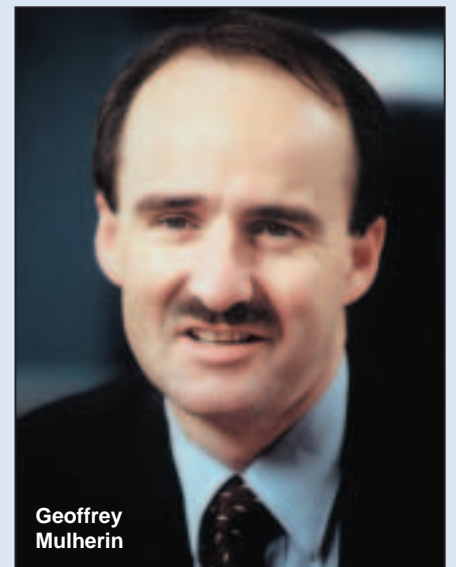
A humanitarian theme has continued in his work with the LJF which was established to contribute to a fair and equitable justice system, particularly for economically and socially-disadvantaged people.

"Much of what I have learnt in the MBA has been essential for me in a management role outside the Defence Force and I found the final course Strategic Management highly relevant as I have worked to develop the strategic capability of my own organisation.

"My responsibilities as director are very broad, covering the law, the legal system and how these affect disadvantaged people as well as a range of general management responsibilities including accounting and budgeting, strategic and business planning, investment and a wide range of communications requirements."

"I think the USQ MBA gives graduates a good knowledge base that can be applied to the varied issues that confront them and provides a sound framework to allow the graduate to undertake further research and investigation.

"I particularly appreciated the distance



Geoffrey Mulherin

flexibility, the quality of the materials, the online access and the excellent outreach service.

"If you want to learn and challenge yourself in areas with which you are unfamiliar and be able to do this while you maintain a busy or mobile career, then USQ could be a good option for you."

Deborah Marshall

What's On

Today

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME: Official welcome of international students. Allison Dickson Lecture Theatre, 10am. All welcome.

19 July

BIG BAND: The Ergon Energy USQ Big Band is proud to announce a unique partnership with the Queensland Biennial Festival of Music to perform at Logan Garden's gospel festival Hallelujah Logan.

26 July

BLEDISLOE BANQUET: Dine, dance and watch the stars, Cathedral Centre, 6.30pm. Includes Bledisloe Cup on the big screen, dinner and live music. Semi-formal. \$40 each or book and pay for a table of 10 by 1 July and receive \$25 bar tab. Contact St Saviours Primary School 4637 1555, or Steve Stewart 0418 749 859, or Jacinta Gordon X 1664.

26 & 27 July

BIG BAND: The Ergon Energy USQ Big Band will present a collection of entertaining swing, jazz, jazz rock, latin, ballads and funk pieces. USQ Arts Theatre. 26 July 7.30pm and 27 July 3pm. For bookings phone 4631 1111.

1 August

DOWNLANDS ART EXHIBITION: Champagne supper \$25, The Graham Centre Downlands College, Saturday, 2 August and Sunday, 3 August 10am to 4pm. Admission \$4, students free. Ph: 4690 9500 b/h or 4690 9554 Art exhibition hours only.

2 August

PETER RORKE RECITAL: Internationally renowned Australian classical guitarist Karin Schaupp presents an exciting and innovative program. USQ Arts Theatre 7.30pm. \$18 Adult/ \$14 Concession/ \$3 Child.

5 August

PROFESSORIAL LECTURE: Department of Psychology Professor Gerry Fogarty will present *Reducing Errors in High Risk Industries: A Psychological Perspective* in the Steele Rudd College Dining Hall, Baker Street, Toowoomba at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Annette Moore 4631 2451 or moore@usq.edu.au

17 August

OPEN DAY: USQ invites prospective students to tour the campus and learn about the courses on offer. Entertainment will be provided by Brisbane-based band *Shutterspeed*.

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Newsmakers

DR BRAD CARTER: Faculty of Science, was interviewed by ABC Radio Southern Queensland, ABC Online, WIN TV and BBC TV and was quoted in *The Chronicle*, *The Courier Mail*, *The New York Times*, *The LA Times*, and *Le Monde* in France about a new extra-solar planet discovered Dr Carter and a international team of astronomers.

PROFESSOR DESLEY HEGNEY: Featured in *The Chronicle* about the opening of the Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health (CRRAH) which is a joint collaboration with the University of Queensland and USQ.

CHRIS KOSSEN: Was interviewed on ABC Radio Southern Queensland about an international conference he attended at Sterling University in Scotland in June. The conference focused on issues relating to Ageing and Employment. Chris also talked about his own doctoral research into the lives and challenges facing mature age workers marginalised from the labour market.

ROBYN PIGOZZO: OPACS lecturer was quoted in *The Chronicle* about a science and maths workshop she conducted together with

Faculty of Sciences lecturer Dr Tania van den Ancker with Years 5-7 St Mary's College students.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ANDREW STURMAN: Faculty of Education, was quoted in *Campus Review* about his recent ARC grant of \$85,000 for research into learning technologies to help isolated rural high school students.

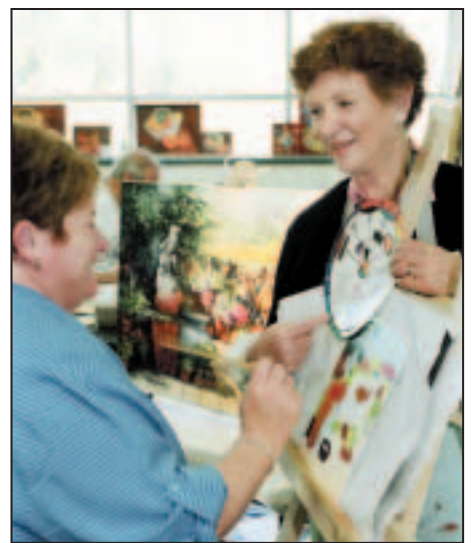
VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR PETER SWANNELL: Was quoted in *The Chronicle* about the advantages and disadvantages of studying a third semester.

PROFESSOR GERARD VAN ERP: Faculty of Engineering, was quoted in *The Courier Mail* about the development of fibre composite bridges in Australia leading to the eventual replacement of Australia's 20,000 ageing transport bridges.

In Brief

Calling all writers

The Co-Op Bookshop Dialogica Awards aim to encourage excellence in written communication by academics, researchers and teachers with the broader public. With \$28,000 in prize-money up for grabs this is your chance to display that inherent writing talent. The cut-off date for entries is Monday, August 25, 2003. Contact davidm@camrev.com.au for more details and an entry package. There will also be details of the awards in the July 9-15 No 26 issue of *Campus Review*.



McGREGOR MOMENTS: Painting student Pat Consen of Laidley receives tips on colour from acrylics tutor Heather Bell at the McGregor Winter School this month. More than 140 novice and established artists took part in the 16th annual creatives' retreat at USQ.

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Busy schedule for Big Band

THE Ergon Energy USQ Big Band begins its performance season with a blessing at Logan Gardens this weekend.

In partnership with the Queensland Biennial Festival of Music, the 23-member band will perform at the Hallelujah Logan Gospel Festival on Saturday, 19 July.

Vocalist and USQ Bachelor of Music student, Louise Radecker, will make her debut with the band at the weekend celebrations.

Gospel music will turn to jazz and swing when the band presents an eclectic and funky mix of internationally flavoured music at two performances on 26 and 27 July at the USQ Arts Theatre at 7.30pm and 3pm.

Ergon Energy USQ Big Band director Martin Crook said the concert would combine swing, jazz, jazz rock, latin, ballads and funk from the 1930s to the present.

"This performance will be a real toe-tapper and finger-clicking affair," Mr Crook said.

The concert will also incorporate some pieces from the American premier jazz repertoire and include favourites such as *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *Operator* and *Blue Skies*.

On 17 August the band will play at the USQ Open Day followed by a performance at *Jazz in the Vineyard* at Ballandean Winery on 23 August where they will play alongside legendary jazz musician James Morrison.

In spring, the group will head to Fraser Island for a performance at the Kingfisher



BIG SEASON: The Ergon Energy USQ Big Band directed by Martin Crook (above) and featuring vocalist Louise Radecker will present a rockin' mix of swing, jazz, latin and funk on 26 and 27 July at the USQ Arts Theatre as part of its season performances.

Resort and USQ Wide Bay campus, and farewell Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Swannell at his official retirement function in Toowoomba on 19 September.

In October the band will conduct workshops with schools in the Millmerran Shire

in partnership with the Millmerran Shire Council. The workshops will culminate in a community concert.

For further details about performance times and venues contact 4631 1111.

Heather Smith



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International guitarist for Rorke recital

LOCAL music lovers are in for an international treat when world-renowned Australian classical guitarist Karin Schaupp appears as soloist in USQ's annual Peter Rorke Recital at the USQ Arts Theatre on Saturday, 2 August at 7.30pm.

The program for the concert includes works by Scarlatti, Albeniz, Granados, and Barrios as well as new works by celebrated Australian composer Phillip Houghton.

Born in Germany, Karin began playing the guitar at the age of five and first performed in public the following year. While still in her teens she won prizes at international competitions in Lagonegro (Italy) and Madrid, where she was also awarded the special competition prize for the Best Interpretation of Spanish Music.

Karin now spends much of her time touring the world as a recitalist, featured soloist and festival guest to the highest acclaim from critics and audiences alike. She has given countless solo recitals in Australia, Europe, Asia, the USA, Mexico and Canada.

She is also no stranger to international television audiences. In 1997 she performed live as a special guest artist to 20 million viewers and listeners in China, on the occasion of China Radio International's 50th Anniversary celebrations. More recently, Karin was invited to join a prestigious line-up of international artists in the opening Gala of the Goodwill Games, which was broadcast on live international television.

Karin Schaupp signed a recording contract with Warner Music internationally in 1997 and has since released three highly acclaimed solo CDs: *Soliloquy* (1997), *Leyenda* (1998) and her latest release, *Evocation* (2000). All three CDs made the classical best-seller lists shortly after their Australian release.

Taught almost exclusively by her guitarist mother Isolde Schaupp, Karin Schaupp holds a Bachelor of Music (First Class Honours) and a Masters degree from the University of Queensland and was also the recipient of a University Gold Medal. Isolde Schaupp is currently teaching classical guitar to two promising young USQ Bachelor of Music students.

Recently, Karin extended her performing activities to become a founding member of two new guitar ensembles- *The World Guitar Trio* (with Chris McGuire and Carlos Barbosa-Lima) and *Saffire*, The Australian Guitar Quartet (with Slava Grigoryan, Gareth Koch and Anthony Field). Her busy 2003/04 touring schedule includes invitations to play throughout Australia, the US, UK and Germany.

Gus Snow-McLean



GUITAR GREAT: Celebrated international guitarist Karin Schaupp is set to delight the audience at USQ's annual Peter Rorke Recital. The recital honours Professor Peter Rorke's 21-year career as head of music at USQ. Professor Rorke, who died in 1998, only three years after his retirement from USQ, was a nationally recognised composer, conductor, accompanist and music educator whose life-long goal was to help others gain the great joy that he himself received from music. Professor Rorke was appointed as an Officer in the Order of Australia in 1995.

BIG BAND
The Ergon Energy USQ Big Band presents an exciting brew of old and new - combining toe-tapping favourites with funky new arrangements including more Ed Wilson charts and a host of Swing Era and Latin music

Sat 26 July 7.30pm
Sun 27 July 3pm
USQ Arts Theatre

The Good Woman of Szechwan

A moral fable about the cost and consequences of doing good.

This free adaptation of **Brecht's** celebrated play will take you on a theatrical cavalcade beyond this world.

18 - 23 & 27 - 30 August
7.30pm USQ Arts Theatre
Matinee 11am Wed 27 August

Peter Rorke Recital

Internationally renowned Australian classical guitarist, **Karin Schaupp** presents an exciting and innovative program

Saturday 2 August
7.30pm
USQ Arts Theatre