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WIDE BAY RECEIVES \$1.5 MILLION TOWARDS NURSING FACILITIES

LEFT: USQ Wide Bay Provost Professor Ken Stott, with Queensland Premier Peter Beattie after the funding boost was announced.

ABOVE: USQ Nursing students at Wide Bay.

USQ's Wide Bay Campus received \$1.5 million in the State Government's mini budget announced last month.

Announcing the funding Premier Peter Beattie said the money would help address immediate needs and build a better health system for the future.

"The funds will provide specialist nursing facilities such as wards, a preparation room, storage space for medical equipment and teaching aids, a technician's work area, office space and fit out including hospital beds, nursing models and medical equipment," he said.

USQ Wide Bay Provost Professor Ken Stott said the funding from the State Government would enable USQ to serve the regional community in new and more impressive ways.

"With the funds from the State Government, USQ will be able to expand its nursing department and better serve our nursing students," Professor Stott said.

"The selection of USQ for this grant is testament to the high regard in which our nursing faculty is held."

USQ Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove said the extension would help the Campus to meet the growing number of nursing places it was receiving.

In 2004 USQ received 15 more Nursing places, with another 41 to come by 2008.

"This development is of the utmost importance to USQ Wide Bay to enable it to cope with the high level of demand and the associated growth in enrolments at the campus," Professor Lovegrove said.

Premier Beattie and Health Minister Stephen Robertson jointly announced the funding for USQ, along with more than \$500 000 to increase elective surgery at public hospitals in the Wide Bay-Burnett region at an announcement at the Hervey Bay Hospital.

The funding builds upon a Federal Government grant of \$2 million for a USQ Wide Bay Stage 3 Building, announced this time last year by Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training Dr Brendan Nelson.

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH BY MARTINE BRITTON

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ABOVE: USQ Wide Bay Provost Professor Ken Stott

USQ LAUNCHES MARINE TOURISM

Marine tourism is a major contributor to Australia's economy, with more than \$4 billion being generated in the Great Barrier Reef region alone every year.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

With the expansion of the Hervey Bay Airport and other facilities, the region's marine tourism is expected to grow, and to help meet the anticipated demand USQ recently launched a new Bachelor of Marine Tourism.

USQ Wide Bay Provost Professor Ken Stott said the University was well placed to offer the new program.

"Hervey Bay is an ideal setting for a degree program in marine tourism, as the region's economy is largely based around the industry and is world renowned for its marine attractions including whale watching and the world heritage listed Fraser Island," Professor Stott said.

"The marine tourism providers in the region will also provide our students with many opportunities for work experience and employment upon completion of their studies."

Professor Stott said the University saw the Bachelor of Marine Tourism as a crucial next step to help support the influx of tourists which will come with the expansion of the Airport and development of a five star hotel, as well as to meet the increasing demand for Marine Tourism

professionals in other parts of Australia and internationally.

"The success of Australia's Marine Tourism industry has resulted in a number of challenges for the industry, including protection of the environment, development and management within the industry and planning for the future," Professor Stott said.

The Bachelor of Marine Tourism will be offered jointly by USQ and the Australian Maritime College, and is designed to provide graduates with a strong grounding in management and tourism, and an understanding of the appeal and the fragility of the marine environment.

In addition to tourism management courses, students also have the opportunity to study several courses offered through the Australian Maritime College, also located at the USQ Wide Bay campus, to provide a comprehensive understanding of marine resource management as well as tourism, business and commerce.

For further information on the Bachelor of Marine Tourism visit www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/BMTM.html



GLENNIE GIRLS GET THE TASTE FOR GIT

A new program designed to reverse the waning interest in engineering courses at university is well underway at The Glennie School in Toowoomba.

By FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON

The program, engineered by USQ Lecturer in Geospatial Information Technology (GIT) Dr Sunil Bhaskaran in collaboration with The Glennie School Middle School Curriculum Coordinator Ms Lynn McGovern, is designed to introduce Year 11 students to GIT and help them to develop a significant knowledge base in the area.

Dr Bhaskaran said the project will provide the students with an opportunity to use GIT in a school project that could be assessed.

"The outcomes of this project may also assist the Toowoomba City Council in developing a methodology to develop a database of vegetation species that will help in the planning and management of urban ecology, planning and development," Dr Bhaskaran said.

The project 'Mapping and Monitoring Vegetation in Toowoomba' involves the students taking part in a series of workshops and several hands-on exercises, using GIT.

To add another element, Lecturer in Surveying Peter Gibbings, is also involved

LEFT: Glennie Middle School Curriculum Coordinator Ms Lynn McGovern, Lecturer in Geospatial Information Technology Dr Sunil Bhaskaran, Carolyn Milne, Nikki Cameron and Lecturer in Surveying Peter Gibbings at the launch of the project.

in the project, conducting a session on Global Positioning Systems applications.

"It is important to expose students in Year 11 so they get enough time to understand the technology and can match their personal preferences for selecting a career," Dr Bhaskaran said.

"The most vital aspect of the exercise is to interact with students on a regular basis by developing exercises and workshops, and explaining concepts to students in a manner they can grasp. There is also a need to develop creative projects where the students are involved on an individual basis and feel a sense of achievement at the end of the project."

It is anticipated that the project will continue with new students coming on board each year, demonstrating the important role Spatial Sciences play.



ENGINEERING EDUCATORS GAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The high quality of engineering education at USQ was recognised by the Australasian Association for Engineering Education (AaeE) at the recent Colloquium on Engineering Education.

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER

PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

The fourth Global Colloquium on Engineering and Education was held in Sydney at the end of September and attracted 300 international delegates. It was jointly organised by AaeE and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

During the Colloquium Banquet a team of 6 staff from USQ's Faculty of Engineering and Surveying, DeC and the Faculty of Sciences, led by Senior Lecturer in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Lyn Brodie, won the Excellence in Engineering Education - Curriculum Team Project Award.

USQ Associate Dean (Academic) and incoming President of AaeE, Associate

LEFT: USQ Associate Dean (Academic) Professor David Dowling was recently elected as President of AaeE.

ABOVE: Senior Lecturer in Electrical and Electronic Engineering Lyn Brodie.

Professor David Dowling said the award recognises the high standard of USQ engineering education.

"This was recognition of the leading role USQ staff are playing in facilitating adoption of Problem Based Learning (PBL) in engineering education in Australia and other countries," he said.

Representatives from more than 30 countries gathered at the Colloquium which incorporated the 16th Annual Conference for the Australasian Association for Engineering Education and the 11th Australasian Women in Engineering Forum. The next AaeE Conference will be held in Auckland, New Zealand in 2006.

STUDENT GAINS THIRD PLACE IN STATE ENGINEERING AWARD

The accomplishments of fourth year USQ Environmental Engineering student Ravindra Pillay were recently acknowledged by the Queensland Division of Engineers Australia and leading Australian Engineer Mr Steve Golding, when he was awarded third place in the inaugural Steve Golding Award.

The award, named after retired

Department of Main Roads Director-General Steve Golding, is presented to the best final year student project in technological management and/or innovation in engineering.

Entrants were required to write a ten page report explaining their project and its benefits, outline the project in a poster and give a 15 minute presentation

answering audience questions at Engineering House in Brisbane. Ravindra successfully competed against students from the University of Queensland, James Cook University, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University.

Ravindra received a cash prize and a graduate level one-year membership with Engineers Australia.



STUDENTS AWARDED GERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

LEFT: Head of Humanities and International Studies Rod Wilson and Associate Lecturer (German Studies) Gabriela Pohl congratulate scholarship recipients Sherrin Moss, Alyceia Facer, Becky Maguire and Carly Lusk.

Four USQ German Language students will soon be waving goodbye to Australian classrooms and saying Guten Tag (hello) to Germany thanks to an Australian scholarship program that allows them to spend the next few months immersing themselves in German culture.

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER

PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

Selected from a list of applicants Australia-wide, Alyceia Facer, Sherrin Moss, Carly Lusk and Becky Maguire were awarded scholarships from The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Goethe-Institute Sydney (G-I), and the G-I, Goettingen.

The scholarships will provide the students with the opportunity of spending six to eight weeks over our summer break to study at German universities or institutes.

Rod Wilson, Head of Humanities and International Studies, said the scholarships are highly sought after.

"The fact that four USQ students received individual scholarships indicates the University's German program is highly regarded by the German Goethe-Institute," Mr Wilson said.

"It is particularly gratifying again to have a student awarded one of the very competitive Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) grants, in addition to the two scholarships from the G-I Sydney and the special scholarship provided by the G-I, Goettingen."

The girls are studying a variety of disciplines ranging from education to journalism, but all share the ambition to live and study in Germany.

Recipient of the DAAD scholarship, third year business and journalism student Carly Lusk said she did not expect to receive the scholarship but was excited to be spending part of the Australian summer in Germany, attending a course at the University of Leipzig.

"The course involves language study, history, literature and cultural studies. I'm really looking forward to the challenge of being completely immersed in the language and culture," Carly said.

"I believe in-country study is a great way to learn a foreign language. You can probably learn as much in one month in Germany as you could in a year in Australia."



USQ PHOTOGRAPHER EXHIBITS IN ESTEEMED PORTRAIT AWARDS

ABOVE: USQ Photographer Liza Mattiazzi featured with her award winning entry.

From a national list of hopefuls, the talent of University photographer Liza Mattiazzi shone through recently when she was selected to exhibit her work in the prestigious annual Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture.

BY CONNIE-LOUSIE ALEXANDER

PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON

Thought to be the Archibald of photography, the *Olive Cotton Award* invites photographers of only the highest standard to exhibit work in the final exhibition which was held in the Tweed River Art Gallery from 13 October to 13 November.

Having submitted a small print in August, Liza was invited to exhibit a portrait in this year's Award; something she says was both an ambition and an honour.

"It was an honour to be chosen to exhibit my work the very first time I entered and to have the opportunity to display my work alongside some of Australia's leading portrait artists was such a wonderful experience," Liza said.

Liza's portrait is a black and white digital multiple exposure image of a male figure surrounded by trees.

Olive Cotton was a leading Australian photographer who worked extensively with portraiture. Her family established the award in her honour, and the exhibition encourages Australian photographers and helps artists gain exposure.



WOMEN'S NETWORK ACKNOWLEDGES CONTRIBUTION

The Bunker Room was a hive of activity as women from across the University joined together to acknowledge the contribution of Professor Emeritus Susan Bambrick to academia.

In a special luncheon held in October, the USQ Women's Network Inc recognised Professor Bambrick as an outstanding female member of the USQ community and credited her as being an inspiration to women in the academic world.

Professor Bambrick spoke to those who attended the lunch about women's status in the higher education sector.

During the past 10 years the USQ Women's Network has worked towards sustaining a culture within the University that both values and acknowledges women's contributions.

Above: Professor Emeritus Susan Bambrick, with members of the Women Network Pauline Collins, Professor Ronel Erwee, Amanda Laugesen and Gay Mason

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER

PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

The USQ Women's Network aims to promote career development, mentoring and networking opportunities for women. They also sponsor public talks that offer information on a wide range of issues pertaining to women.

The Women's Network Inc meets regularly in the Bunker Room and welcomes new members. For further information contact Pauline Collins or Amanda Laugesen.

ENGINEERING STUDENT AMONG THE BEST IN THE STATE

The Institute of Electrical Engineers and Engineers Australia (IEE/EA) recently held its annual IEE/EA Queensland Universities Student Competition in Brisbane.

The IEE/EA invites Queensland universities to nominate the best final year student project from the area of Electronic or Electrical Engineering and this year the competition included students from six Queensland universities. USQ Engineering student Matthew Quarisa was awarded second place in the competition making it the second consecutive year that USQ has placed highly in the competition.

Students were required to present a 15 minute presentation on the subject of their final year thesis, followed by a five minute question time. Matthew presented a talk on a computer security device that works instead of passwords, reducing the risk of losing them, forgetting them or having them stolen.

Head of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Associate Professor Dr John Leis said it was great to see a USQ student place second in the competition which was a significant achievement.

"Last year a USQ student won the competition and it is great to again place so highly. As you might expect the competitors were extremely good, and the judging panel once again had a difficult task. Well done to Matthew for doing such a competent and professional job, and congratulations on the outcome," said Dr Leis.

Matthew was awarded a cash prize and one year's free IEE membership.



COLLEGE CHARITY HELPS CHILDREN NEAR AND FAR

Students at USQ's Toowoomba Residential Colleges, McGregor, Concannon and Steele Rudd have formed a charity committee to give something back.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON

Through various fundraising initiatives such as individual college charity dinners, raffles, lolly jar guessing games, a slave auction and loose change jars, the students have been able to spread their funds both locally and across the globe.

The first project the students' committed the funds to was sponsoring three children through World Vision.

The children are all boys and two live in South Africa and the third in Ethiopia. Each College is responsible for their own child and it is anticipated that the sponsorship will continue.

The monies were presented to Derek Brown from World Vision at a special ceremony held recently. The amount presented will cover the sponsorship of one child for one year, with further payment planned for February. The funds will benefit the children, their



LEFT: Residential Colleges Director Brian Hansson, students Kate Newall, Samantha Gardiner, Jasmine Evans, Belinda Fenner, World Vision Representatives Derek Brown and Mile, and student Alyce Morris.
ABOVE: Charity Committee with St Vincent's Hospital's Director of Marketing Louise Cuskelly.

families and communities and will provide clean water, food, education and healthcare.

The following week the Committee presented the second fruit of their fundraising to Toowoomba's St Vincent's Hospital St Gabriel Children's Ward.

The donation, a \$900 wheelchair will assist the hospital to transport patients and is strong enough to carry older children as well.

USQ Residential Colleges Director Brian Hansson said he was impressed with the work the students had been doing and believes it will help to develop a stronger sense of community among the students.



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK - TAKE THREE

Shakespeare is preparing to return to Queens Park for a third season of outdoor fun when USQ Theatre students present the Bard's Comedy of Errors next March.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON

The students will take to the starlit stage under the guidance of Guest Director Scott Witt who is currently directing the Queensland Theatre Company's production of *A Christmas Carol*. Scott has taught and directed both nationally and internationally.

USQ Associate Professor in Voice and spokesperson for the Shakespeare Festival Dr Kate Foy said Scott Witt is a wonderful match with the play.

"Scott's expertise lies in direction and clowning and he will no doubt give the play a twist as he so often does, and bring something fresh to it. It's guaranteed to be entertaining. Scott's work really is excellent," Dr Foy said.

The *Comedy of Errors* is a sunny, comedic tale of two sets of twins separated at birth, full of knock-about fun when one twin gets mistaken for the other.

Dr Foy said the play, inspired by a work of the Roman playwright Plautus, is terrific fun for the actors and great fun for an audience of all ages.

"Shakespeare knew the story, loved it, and rewrote it adding his own touches of silliness" she said.



LEFT: USQ Theatre students who will appear in *The Comedy of Errors*.

ABOVE: USQ Associate Professor in Voice Kate Foy and spokesperson for the USQ Shakespeare in Queens Park 2006.

The public are invited to join in the fun and bring their picnic baskets and blankets to the play. USQ staff, as part of the family, are invited to take advantage of a special ticket price of \$22.

USQ students have not been forgotten and will receive a special price to meet their student sized budgets of \$11.50.

Tickets can be purchased from the Empire Theatre (both Box Office and online) and any ticket purchased before the New Year receives a 10 percent discount. Standard ticket prices are: Adults \$28.50, Concession \$23, Child \$11, Family \$71.50 and Group \$21 each.

USQ Shakespeare in Queen's Park commences on Wednesday, 1 March with a matinee performance at 5.30pm and continues nightly at 7.30pm from 2 to 4 March and 9 to 11 March, with a special 5.30pm twilight performance scheduled for Sunday, 5 March.

For further information contact the USQ Box Office on 4631 1111 or by emailing boxoffice@usq.edu.au

soap box

IT CAN BE PROBLEMATIC HAVING AN OBSCURE JOB...

Picture this scene: I am at (for example) a barbecue, and have just been introduced to somebody. Let's just call them Person X. Etiquette suggests that we engage in small talk..

BY RESEARCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE CENTRE FOR RURAL AND REMOTE AREA HEALTH Sarah Crundwell

Person X: So what do you do?

Me: Among other things, I am an indexer.

Person X: A what?

Me: I write indexes – you know the things at the back of books?

Person X: I hadn't really thought about them. How do you do that then?

Me: You read the book, pick out the parts that you think somebody might look up and write a list of them, with page numbers attached.

Person X: Can't computers do that?

Me(*trying to keep the hysteria from my voice*): No computers can't do it – they won't find the meaning in the text. Writing an index needs an analysis of the text. Computer software can produce a list of words used in the text, which is called a concordance, but this is only a word list with no structure: it does not include concepts implied in the text, nor does it link related terms.

Person X (*who's eyes are starting to glaze over*): Right.

Me: ...and then there are so many rules. There are rules about the alphabetisation, the order of symbols, the organisation, presentation, typographic considerations...

Person X (*backing away*): Yes that must be very difficult for you.

Me: Even the publishers don't understand. They send you a manuscript, two weeks later than they said they would and then ask you to whip up an index in a matter of days. Good indexes take time, you know, they shouldn't be rushed...wait...come back...Why does this always happen?

UNITRADER:

Assorted Items: Single Bed - Metal Frame (White with Porcelaine Inserts) Slat Base with Mattress \$120 (GC); Falcon Flexiglas Challenge Canopy Suit XF-XG \$350 (VGC); Victa Mower with Catcher \$120 (in good working order); Vulcan Electric Fan Heater \$30; Walking Machine (Manual) \$20; Exercise Machine \$15; Ladies/Girls Bike (needs new tyres) \$30; All prices negotiable. Ph: x1759 or 4635 7137.

Assorted Items: Kenwood micro Hi-Fi MP3, \$70; HP psc 750 printer/scanner/copier, \$70; Moulinex electric 2-tier steamer, \$30; iQ 1000W radiant heater, \$5. Ph: Grace 0421 238 218 or 4638 8758

Beautiful: Fine Turkoman Tribal Persian Rug. Woolen construction, woven on a cotton warp and weft. Repeated all over herati pattern. Attractive, excellent colour combination of sky blue medallions on a deep red field. Numerous unusual motifs throughout the field. Brand new condition. 220 Knots Per Square Inch, Approx 295 x 221cms. Paid over \$4,500 Sell for \$1,100 Ph: mobile 0403 336273 or 46366126.

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Boat: Savage 3.7m V Nose, 15hp Merc. 2002 model, Electric Motor, Fishfinder, Battery, New Travel Tarp. Trailer & Boat both registered. Price \$3300. Ph: 4637 2181 after 3.30pm or 0407 567 297.

Cannon Scanner: N670U, \$50, good condition. Ph: Peter x1520.

Cars: Two very well looked after family cars in excellent condition for urgent sale. Magna 98, Auto, p/steering, A/C, c/locking, power mirrors, remote, 153km, rego 02/06, only \$7 600. Ford Falcon 90, Auto, p/steering, A/C, 122km, rego 08/06, just \$2 850. Ph: 0431 171 521 or x1338.

Chef: white natural gas upright stove with fan forced oven. Good condition \$170. Ph: x2388 or 46 332 762 a/h

Deceased Estate: 75 acres, 3 bedroom house, town water, lots of sheds, new steel yards. 7kms to Warwick CBD! Future subdivision potential. \$425000 negotiable. For more info and photos visit www.owner.com.au and enter property ID# 21652 or Ph: x1639 or 07 46303617 a/h

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Land Rover: Discovery Reduced Price \$24,000. TD5 Series II, 2000. Automatic, diesel, metallic green, includes; tow bar, snorkel, driving lights, lambs wool seat covers, 6 months Rego. Ph: Victoria Parker x2377

Lounge Chairs: Four solid pine (pale green cushions) and matching glass/pine coffee table. Ideal for sunroom or family room, very good condition. \$250. Phone 46 359776.

Metal Shade Sail Pole: If you come get it you can have it! Ph: Cameron 0412 673 941

Mountain Bike: Giant XTC2, 17-inch frame (suit rider <170cms), 2003 model, VGC (never thrashed), \$845 (was \$1900 new). Ph: x2930 or 4638 0472 a/h.

Mower: Brand new Flymo Push Mower, used once. Cost \$129 sell for \$100. Ph: Bernie 46 136303.

Nissan: Terrano, 1996, 4WD, 4cyl turbo diesel with intercooler, air con, automatic, bull bar, tow bar, power steering, power windows, tinted windows, rear spoiler, new stereo, \$18 900. VGC. Ph 0401 889 725

Overlander: Roof Rack \$600. Ph: Noel Geoghegan x1418.

Pentium: Computer with 17" CRT monitor, Compaq P2, 350Mhz, 198Mb RAM, 6GB HD, CD-drive, runs XP, 56k Modem, plus CD Burner- \$90 or make an offer. Ph: x2930 or 4638 0472 a/h

Pine: Student Desk with 2 drawers and pine chair, fair condition \$100 phone 4638 0472 A/hrs. Pine drawers, 4 drawers, fair condition \$100. Ph: 4638 0472 a/h

Single Bed: Pink curved metal with porcelain inserts. Inner spring mattress. Metal slat base. Great condition. \$250.00 Ph: 0412 475787 or email feldman@usq.edu.au.

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Surfboard: 6ft, solid 3 fin, fair condition \$80. Ph: 4638 0472 a/h

Toyota: Camry Csi 2000 Model, Sedan, auto, 4 cyl, 96000 km, green colour, air conditioning, power steering, new tyres, RWC, full service history, rego till 01/06, \$12,000 ono. Piano, Upright, Very good condition. \$2800 ono. Queensize bed, Very good condition. \$140 ono. Please Ph: Yan on x2537 or 4636 6339 or 0434 215 333

Sliding Doors: two for built-in wardrobe. \$80.00 for the set. Ph: 0412 475787 or email feldman@usq.edu.au.

WANTED

Clean fill: Any amount. Ph: 0401 889 725

USQ Rugby Club: is seeking expressions of interest for coaching and managing Open/Colts grades for the 2006 DDRU competition. Ph: Shane Simmons x2910 for further information.

Holiday Work: Experienced Babysitter and Ironer looking for casual work over the Christmas period. Pet and smoke free environment. Drop ironing off and pick up from my house in Kearney Springs. \$10/hr. Babysitting arrangements negotiable. Ph: Jessica on 0427 631 335 or email hopperja@hotmail.com

COMING EVENTS:

SPRINGFIELD POSTGRAD EVENING

DATE: Tuesday, 6 December 5pm-7.30pm
VENUE: 111 George Street, Brisbane CBD
Discuss your career path with a counsellor, chat to USQ staff and find out more about the new USQ Springfield Campus..
PHONE: USQ CRMC 1800 269 500

USQ STAFF AWARDS

DATE: Wednesday, 7 December 2.30pm
VENUE: Refectory
Presentation of 10, 20 and 25 year long service awards and academic and general staff awards.

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE CATCHMENTS LAUNCH

DATE: Friday, 16 December 10am
VENUE: USQ Japanese Gardens
The Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) will focus on improving best management practices and sustainability of water and catchments systems in Queensland and Australia.
PHONE: Ken Giddeon 07 4631 2495

SPRINGFIELD NOVA BREAKFAST

DATE: Friday, 9 December 7.30am - 9am
VENUE: Broncos Leagues Club, Red Hill
NOVA are holding a breakfast party. There will be lots of giveaways and the last clue for the Springfield Chute-Off!
PHONE: Ken Giddeon 07 4631 2495

EXPERIENCE THE ARTS (ETA) RESIDENCY FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

DATE: 4-14 January
VENUE: McGregor Summer School, USQ Toowoomba
Run by Flying Arts in tandem with McGregor Summer School. The ETA theme this year, "Transitions" reflects the focus on the change from middle to upper secondary or from upper secondary to tertiary studies as well as the exploration and development of visual arts practice through exposure to new techniques and media. Places are still available for both residential and non-residential attendance.
PHONE: 07 3853 3271, fax 3853 3277, email info@flyingarts.org.au

SHAKESPEARE IN QUEENS PARK FESTIVAL 2006

DATE: 1- 11 March
VENUE: Queens Park, Cnr Margaret and Lindsey Sts
The Festival play will be *The Comedy of Errors*, directed by Scott Witt. Tickets are on sale now and any ticket bought before Christmas receives a 10 percent discount.
PHONE: USQ Box Office 4631 1111



NEWSMAKERS:

Associate Professor Jeffrey Soar, (Information Systems) and Director of the Collaboration for Ageing and Aged Care Informatics Research, was interviewed by ABC Radio about developments in technology and innovation to support extending active, productive ageing and care in the home.

Dr Karey Harrison, Communications Lecturer was quoted in the Queensland Country Life about the use of bio-fuels.

Stephen Hagan, Associate Lecturer (Preparatory Studies), appeared on the ABC's Message Stick program. This profile looked at his turbulent life, what happened in his past to motivate him and what effect his controversial campaigns have had on his family. <http://www.abc.net.au/message/tv/ms/stephenhaganniggerstadium.htm>

Dr Brad Carter, Senior Lecturer in Physics was quoted in *The Chronicle* about a project that will allow overseas students to observe southern skies at night live. He also appeared on 1071 AM Radio (Kingaroy) talkback.

Rod Wilson, Head of Humanities and International Studies was interviewed by ABC Radio Toowoomba regarding four German scholarships that were awarded to USQ students.

in RETROSPECT



Deputy Vice Chancellor Paul McNally and Peg Iseppi assisting with tree planting in the Toowoomba Japanese Garden at the University College of Southern Queensland 15 years ago.

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Here's a blast from the past thanks to USQ Photography's archives.

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