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## USQ WIDE BAY SETS THE BENCHMARK

*Wide Bay named as international benchmark for regional engagement*

BY SUSAN MCDONALD

USQ Wide Bay and the University of Sunshine Coast (USC) have been selected by the international Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as the only two Australian universities to be benchmarked against universities internationally for their regional engagement practices.

The ground-breaking international project will examine the practices of Higher Education Institutions in 12 regions around the world and compare their regional engagement strategies and successes

to establish benchmarks to measure universities world-wide.

Wide Bay and USC will represent the Sunshine and Fraser Coasts and a Regional Steering Committee of business and government leaders has been established to oversee, steer and ensure the continuing commitment of the Sunshine and Fraser Coast regions to the project.

Professor Ken Stott, Provost at the USQ Wide Bay campus says that international recognition for the regions is a critical component of future development.

"The project comes at a key strategic point for USQ as the University seeks to take its engagement with the regional community to new heights," Professor Stott said.

Regional Co-ordinator for the project, Associate Professor Ron Neller from USC

said selection for the project will attract international recognition to the Fraser Coast and Sunshine Coast regions.

"The project will identify the best practices of USC and USQ Wide Bay. What is working well and why it is working well," he said.

"We will be part of an international model of how higher education institutions can positively enhance and benefit the regions they are located in, and how those institutions can in return benefit and grow from community and business involvement."

The results of the project will be presented to the regions late next year.

ABOVE Executive Director of SunROC (Regional Steering Committee Chair) Graeme Pearce, University of Sunshine Coast Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Thomas and USQ Wide Bay Provost Professor Ken Stott. PIC SUPPLIED.

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# WATERWISE

**ABOVE** USQ Senior Lecturer in Public Health Engineering Dr Ernest Yoong is assisting with research to reduce dissolved organic nitrogen from treated wastewater.

## *Waste not, want not - toilets to the table*

BY **CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER**  
PHOTOGRAPH BY **SARAH COULTON**

The idea has certainly raised a few eyebrows and it will no doubt continue to create a stir, but drinking recycled water may be Australia's answer to water conservation.

Despite some vocal opposition to the idea, a number of engineers and scientists based in and around Toowoomba, such as USQ Senior Lecturer in Public Health Engineering Dr Ernest Yoong, are assisting to research the potential of recycled water.

In 2004 Dr Yoong spent three months on academic development leave at the Advanced Wastewater Management Centre, University of Queensland (UQ). During this time he also visited research centres in the Netherlands, Belgium and the Czech Republic.

Dr Yoong is working closely with UQ and the Toowoomba City Council with the financial backing of an Australian Research Council grant. Their cooperative research aims to reduce dissolved organic nitrogen from treated wastewater.

Toowoomba's wastewater treatment plants are amongst the first of their kind in Australia and if the Toowoomba City Council proceeds they'll be the first Council in Australia to introduce the use of indirect potable treated wastewater to drinking water supplies.

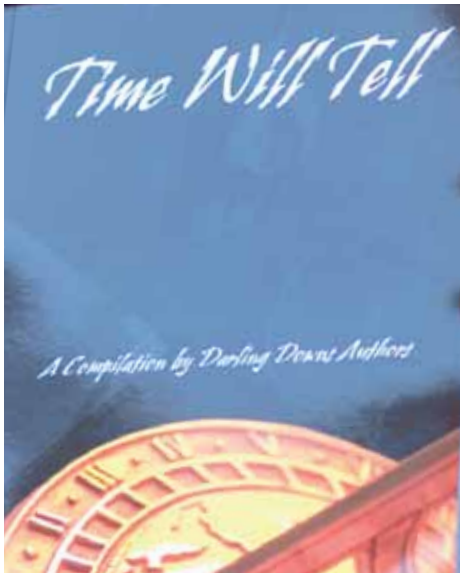
The Toowoomba City Council plans to introduce the reclaimed water into Lake Cooby with the treated water expected to be six-star quality - higher than the present quality of drinking water.

The water will be treated and used as indirect potable water. This means treated effluent will not be diverted directly into the water reticulation system, rather it will be pumped into water storage before further treatment and use.

Dr Yoong recently presented a seminar on Advanced Wastewater Treatment Processes at the Toowoomba campus during which he explained the methods of treating wastewater and touched on the social objections that are obstacles to the use of recycled water.

He said while the process will purify the water to a very high quality, it is the community perception that will need to be corrected to give the project the green light. Researchers are now able to generate electricity directly from wastewater treatment via microbial fuel cells. Dr Yoong linked wastewater treatment technology to the emergence of aircraft technology.

"Years ago the first powered aircraft could not fly the length of a Boeing 747, and less than 60 years after the first flight, we have straddled the globe," Dr Yoong said.



## EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL

**ABOVE** USQ Research Fellow Majella Albion holds the book *Time Will Tell*. Her story records her continuing friendship with a childhood pen-friend. Majella laughed at the photo shoot as she realised the top she is wearing was given to her by her friend she wrote about.

### *Toowoomba writers tell timeless tales*

BY **CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER**  
PHOTOGRAPH BY **SARAH COULTON**

It has been said that everyone has a story worth reading. From the Alps in Switzerland to school life 50 years ago, local authors Bernadette Whisson and Majella Albion have proved this adage to be true in the book *Time Will Tell*.

It may be a little removed from the world of study and academia, but a self-publishing competition has given USQ Research Fellow Majella Albion and winner of the 2005 poetry competition, postgraduate Education student Bernadette Whisson, a forum for creativity.

The Toowoomba Education Centre held a competition over the summer to promote Darling Downs authors. The result of this competition was the recent launch of the book *Time Will Tell*.

The book is a compilation of diverse stories from 10 local authors. Bernadette and Majella are accustomed to writing, but both have stepped outside the confines of scholarly words and taken a creative license to produce an engaging read.

Writing and publishing reports leaves Majella with little time to write for pleasure. She was motivated to write her story *M-F: My Friend, Marie-Francoise* because she felt would make an interesting read.

"I think it is an amazing story and I wanted to share it with others," she said.

Bernadette is no stranger to creative writing. Her poem *Cape de Coedic* (Kangaroo Island) won the 2005 USQ poetry competition which follows on from a Highly Commended in the 2004 competition and a win in 2002.

Bernadette paints a wistful portrait of education and its presence in rural communities. She was motivated to write her story *Hugging the Lighthouse* as a way of preserving her family history for her sons.

Bernadette says she also wrote the story to capture some of the rural essence of education.

"I'm a firm believer in country schools and small schools generally - they are often the heart of the community," she said.

The stories are introspective and delightful. With honesty both authors have offered the reader an intimate snapshot of treasured memories.

The proceeds from the sale of the book will ensure that the competition can continue. For more information please contact TECprint on 07 4630 1722 or email them on [info@tec.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@tec.qld.edu.au)



ABOVE USQ Student Guild Vice President James O'Brien is pictured with Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett and USQ Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Global Learning) Professor Jim Taylor.

## THE POLITICS OF VSU EXPLORED

### *VSU debate heats up*

BY SUSAN MCDONALD  
PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

The Senate resumed last week and there probably hasn't been a more explosive week in national politics since the last Federal Election.

Queensland Senator Barnaby Joyce put party loyalties aside to speak out against voluntary student unionism (VSU) and other contentious issues on the political agenda.

Also last week, USQ was selected by the ABC's 7:30 Report to be featured in a story about VSU. ABC Journalist Peter McCutcheon interviewed Professor Bill Lovegrove in his campus office and then spoke with USQ Student Guild President Kevin Stapleton and Vice President James O'Brien.

James spoke candidly in the Student Guild publication *Universe* a few weeks ago about the core issues of VSU.

"Traced to its origins, the push for VSU arises from the experiences of conservative students on campuses with more radical student unions and student cultures. These students, marginalised by the dominant left of the day have 'grown up' to become politicians and now have the chance to wipe politics from the student landscape. Unfortunately for students, the current legislation promises the removal of funding for essential non-political services."

These views along with others weren't lost on Senator Andrew Bartlett who visited the Toowoomba campus to talk to James and take a tour of the Distance and e-Learning Centre facilities.

More recently, *The Chronicle* came to the Toowoomba campus to put the spotlight on staff and student views of the proposed legislation on VSU and the Senator Barnaby Joyce. 'On the Spot' on Thursday, 4 August had some familiar faces in it.

Whatever your position on VSU, working in a University is an interesting time at present and for the Toowoomba staff it is all the more interesting watching the bold political play of a local Senator (Barnaby is St George-based).



## MBA PROGRAM PROVES SUCCESSFUL

ABOVE Dean of the Faculty of Business, Associate Professor Rod St Hill, Director of the Australian Graduate School of Business, Professor Ronel Erwee, Dr Azar, Director of International Office Dr Emory McLendon, Vice President of SAIPA, Amorollahi Hamidreza and Education Partner from the ARIA Group Institute, Mr Ali Ghasemi.

### *Business drives links into the Middle East*

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER  
PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

A group of Iranian car manufacturing executives hung up their car keys and headed for the airport in a bid to spend time increasing their managerial skills through study at USQ.

The Faculty of Business welcomed an Iranian delegation last month. The 26 employees of car manufacturing firm Saipa were visiting Australia to attend management workshops being held by the Australian Graduate School of Business (AGSB).

SAIPA is the largest company listed on the Iranian Stock Market and will be enrolling more than 20 of its top executives in a Masters of Business Administration through USQ. A partnership between USQ, ARIA and Semnan University allows the MBA students to complete their studies externally in Iran.

While USQ supplies comprehensive study materials, manages all assessment, and makes the award, Semnan provides the teaching facilities and appropriate academics for additional support. The study tour was organised to supplement the Masters program and increase the student's English skills.

The Department of Management and Organisational Behaviour, held the

workshops for the visiting executives. Prior to the workshops the delegates attended a four day English language course held by OPACS.

The executives attending the workshops included SAIPA's Managing Director, General Manager and company directors of 20 subsidiary companies.

Director of the AGSB, Professor Ronel Erwee said the partnership is an international vote of confidence in the education offered at USQ.

"The visit confirmed the SAIPA executives' decision to enrol in a MBA program at USQ rather than any other British, American or Australian university," Professor Erwee said.

Director of USQ International Officer, Dr Emory McLendon also welcomed the new links with the Middle East.

"We're enthusiastic about working with ARIA and Semnan University and based on our experience with this group of executives, we are confident that the MBA program will be successful," Dr McLendon .

*Robin's memory continues to help international students*

BY SUSAN MCDONALD  
PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON



## A ROBIN YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP FIRST

ABOVE Award winners Tai Ping from Hong Kong is studying a Bachelor of Engineering Technology German student Andrea Schwager is studying Bachelor of Science majoring in Applied Mathematics.

The financial situation of two international students at the USQ has been given a boost thanks to the awarding of a 2005 Robin Yong Memorial Scholarship. It marks the first time two scholarships have been awarded.

The Robin Yong Memorial Scholarship was made available by a generous donation of \$20,000 by the father of Robin Yong, a Malaysian student who died with four other students in a tragic motor vehicle accident.

Mr Yong, who was touched by the compassion and support of Robin's friends, peers and the University community after the accident, decided to make the scholarships available to international students who have a sound academic record and are active participants in the university community.

This year's recipients of the \$2000 scholarship are German student Andrea Schwager who is studying Bachelor of Science majoring in Applied Mathematics and Tai Ping from Hong Kong who is studying a Bachelor of Engineering Technology.

Group Manager of Student Affairs, Dr Kurt Timmins has sat on the panel for three years and says it has always been a pleasure to be able to look through the applications of talented students and then be able to provide

some reward for their efforts.

To be eligible for the scholarship students must be:

- Fulltime International students studying on campus at USQ
- Students with a good academic record who have completed the first year of their course at USQ
- Students experiencing financial hardship in relation to their university study

For further information contact Brad Everton in Student Service on x1899.



## USQ STUDENTS EXPAND THEIR HORIZONS

ABOVE Study Abroad Exchange student Michelle Castro and departing USQ student Paul Ambrosiussen met for the first time while enjoying the Japanese Gardens.

*A broader education good for uni students*

BY **CONNIE LOUISE ALEXANDER**  
PHOTOGRAPH BY **SARAH COULTON**

From the Great Dividing Range to the Baltic Sea, a USQ student is embarking on an adventure of a lifetime with text books along for the ride thanks to an international student exchange network.

The Study Abroad program links universities from all continents to allow students to partake in cross-institutional study and still get credit points towards their degree.

Study Abroad has made travelling a reality for USQ student Paul Ambrosiussen and Michelle Castro from the U.S, who didn't want to wait until graduating to embark on their great adventure.

USQ Bachelor of Business student Paul Ambrosiussen is preparing to spend a semester studying marketing, politics and business in Sweden at the Gavle University. Paul's journey will take him to the shores of the Baltic Sea, where he hopes to engage in a holistic learning experience.

He hopes to learn to speak Swedish during his six month stay and also hopes to strengthen existing relationships and make business contacts.

"I hope to gain an understanding of the culture of a different country, have new and exciting experiences, make new friends and increase the relationship with my existing friend who lives there, and possibly even

forgo some business connections from my stay," Paul said.

Leaving the State University of New York, Michelle will spend a semester living and studying business management and marketing at USQ in Toowoomba. Michelle said she wanted to study overseas so when she heard about the Study Abroad program through her university she decided to take advantage of the great opportunity.

"I have always wanted to study overseas to meet new people and view the world from a different perspective. I think this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me to get first-hand experience of how other cultures live and interact with each other on a daily basis. After studying and living here for five months I hope to have a whole new outlook on life and knowledge of what other people's interests and hobbies are," she said.

The Study Abroad program offers students wanting a challenge the opportunity to broaden their learning experience. It is affordable and students receive credit points towards their degree.

Study Abroad will be operating a booth at USQ's Toowoomba campus Open Day on 21 August from 10am-3pm.



## OLD PLAY SHOWS US MANY INTERESTING PARALLELS

*Complex characters underlie exploitation and witch hunts*

BY SUSAN MCDONALD  
PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

Popular school text, Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* is commonly enjoyed by school students for its gritty, historical subject matter of the witch hunts and hysteria of the United States in the 1600's. But take a closer look at what you might previously have viewed as a simple time capsule and you'll find a complex mix of characters and relationships that could possibly exist in your social circles today.

The USQ actors are exploring these flawed, powerful characters such as the manipulative young girl Abigail who seduces the older married man. The weak John Proctor who is having an affair because he's not getting the affection he would like from his wife Elizabeth who was most likely suffering post-natal depression after having her first child. Then there's the African-American servant who gets the finger pointed at her and a gaggle of silly girls who are playing the dangerous form of follow-the-leader.

*The Crucible* highlights a period of exploitation and anxiety – in many ways similar to the “witchhunts” taking place now in the current climate of terrorist activity and search for weapons of mass destruction.

Director Robert Ketton said he's thoroughly enjoyed returning the play again and again as an adult.

ABOVE Pictured are USQ Acting students Mia Storey as Abigail, the temptress and Michael Cuckson as John Proctor.

“I think you pick up on the complexities of the relationships in the play more as you study it again and again. It's interesting to note that even though it was set in the 1600's it was actually written in the 1950's during the time the so-called communist witch hunt,” Mr Ketton said.

“And in today's society we're seeing parallels again in terms of a grassroots level of increased general angst but also in the political circles of abolishing terror networks and the hysteria that inevitably comes with that activity.”

“There are many tough answers and conclusions in this play. Innocent people get hanged, there's injustice, hypocrisy and self-centredness. But I believe by studying our past and looking at what goes on today we can make better judgements about our views and opinions.”

*The Crucible* is showing at the USQ Arts Theatre on Wednesday 17 to Saturday 20 August and Thursday 25 – Saturday 27 August at 7:30pm. With special daytime performances on Monday 22 August and Wednesday 24 August at 11am and Sunday 28 August 2pm. For bookings and ticket information phone the USQ Box Office on 4631 1111.

# *in* BRIEF:

***BizQuest Deadline Extended*** - The deadline for entries to the BizQuest @ USQ business planning competition has been extended to 31 August 2005. The competition is designed for individuals or teams of two to four people to develop an idea into a well-constructed business plan, and is open to all USQ students - undergraduate and postgraduate. Both on-campus and distance education students can enter. A USQ student either permanently or temporarily resident in Australia must lead all entries. This competition is sponsored by a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Industry Tourism and Resources under the Australian Government's National Innovation Awareness Strategy (NIAS) program, the Faculties of Engineering and Surveying and Business at USQ, and Toowoomba Local Group of Engineers. All you have to do to enter is to register on the competition website <http://www.usq.edu.au/faculty/engsurv/usqbiz> and complete and send a questionnaire (available from the website) to the BizQuest email address [bizquest@usq.edu.au](mailto:bizquest@usq.edu.au). Completed questionnaires should be submitted by 31 August 2005 and entrants then have until 28 October to submit the completed business plan. Up to six finalists will be selected from these submitted business plans to develop and present a video to our judges on our finals evening planned for early December. For further information about BizQuest @ USQ, send an email to the BizQuest email address, or contact Dr David Thorpe, of the Faculty of Engineering and Surveying, on x1733.

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***Hidden Talent*** - Lecturer in Mechatronic Engineering Professor John Billingsley and wife Ros are set to dazzle Toowoomba on Saturday, August 20 with the performance of their play *Dad and Devina*. Set in rural Australia, the plot involves research activities being carried out at USQ in the National Centre for Engineering and Agriculture. The play will be performed in the Greenroom at the Toowoomba Repertory Theatre at 8pm. Complementary drinks and nibbles will be included in the \$8 admission fee.

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***Print Production*** - A group of year 12 Graphics students from Harristown State High School visited USQ Printery last month to document the printing process from start to finish in a flow chart. USQ staff who have dealings with Printery and who would like to do a tour to expand your knowledge of the printing process please contact Sue Hills on x2870.

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***Second Edition Published*** - Dr Shirley Tyler, Mr Chris Kossen (Faculty of Arts) and Charmaine Ryan (Faculty of Business) have just had the second edition of their book *Communication: A Foundation Course*, published by Pearson Education (aka Prentice Hall). Although officially the second edition, the new book is actually a third edition as the first book, published in 1999, was followed by a revised edition in 2002. As well as being set as a text at USQ, the book has been adopted as a text at the University of New South (Organisation and Management), Central Queensland University at Mackay (Education) and Griffith Gold Coast University (Health Sciences).

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***Leap Launch*** - A self-help planning guide to Post-Secondary Education and Training for prospective students with disabilities and chronic medical conditions called *Leaps and Bounds* was launched by USQ Regional Disability Liaison Officer Deborah McLachlan at Post School Options Expo held recently for people with disabilities. In her position Deborah assists people with a disability move between school, vocational education and training, higher education and employment. "I support people by providing appropriate information needed to study at university, TAFE and private educational institutions, or to undertake a traineeship or apprenticeship. For students with disabilities, the transition from school to post-school training or education options often affects their later participation in employment and their quality of life," she said. "I also work with prospective students, enrolled students (through supporting other Disability Liaison Officers and other staff providing direct services) across the Darling Downs, Wide Bay, far West and South Burnett."

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***Surveying Skills*** - A group of mine surveyors visited the Toowoomba campus to upgrade their skills with a four-day course run by the Faculty of Engineering and Surveying. Surveying Lecturers Mr Peter Gibbings and Mr Glenn Campbell, conducted the Survey Skills Update Course in association with the Surveyors Board of Queensland (SBQ). The course has been created for mine surveyors intending to apply for registration with SBQ as a Surveyor with a Mining endorsement. The Surveyors Board of Queensland (a statutory body established under the Surveyors Act 2003) is charged with the responsibility of registering all surveyors and has recently taken over the responsibility of registering mine surveyors. This course is significant because the SBQ chose selected USQ to provide this skills update course as part of their competence assessment for mine surveyors.

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# soap box

## WHAT A TEST SERIES!

*Anyone who is not enjoying the current test cricket series between England and Australia needs their head read.*

BY LESLEY BEAMES

I know it's just a game but imagine what would have happened if England had lost the thrilling second test at Edgbaston. The merciless English press would have accused the team of again failing to secure what was a certain victory. The team would have felt totally cheated when the whole country was expecting them to win. Australia would have gone two tests up in the series and England would find it very hard to come back from here.

Why is this important anyway? Well, it's not really. It's just that we can learn something from this, the greatest game of all. We can see that a group of people working together as a team, chasing a gettable target can achieve a fantastic result. Results don't come quickly or easily, they take concentration, patience and commitment. It shows the value of a supportive leader who rewards team members and keeps them focused on the target, particularly when under pressure. We can see how applause for exceptional individual performances keeps the whole team motivated. It shows that failing to bowl a good line and length can be costly. Test cricket highlights the significance of meeting expectations.

So, get into cricket, its inspirational stuff.

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**WANTED TO BUY:** Games for Gameboy Advance Ph: x1795

# NEWSMAKERS:

**Helen Ainsworth** – Events Manager for Science Week at USQ was quoted in The Chronicle about activities in Science Week as part of the Science Week feature

**Dr Brad Carter** –Senior Lecturer in Physics discussed astronomy and the winter night sky during talkback on 4GR. Dr Carter was interviewed on ABC Southern Queensland about the Space Shuttle and also was a guest on ABC Brisbane discussing NASA’s Discovery Mission. He was again on ABC Local Radio Queensland astronomy talkback where he answered questions on the shuttle and astronomy in general. Dr Carter was also quoted in The Chronicle regarding the public lecture on Einstein’s contribution to society in Toowoomba. The lecture was held as part of the International Year of Physics celebrations

**Dr Geoff Cockfield** –Head of the Department of Economics and Resource Management discussed the Beattie Government cabinet reshuffle on ABC Western Queensland Longreach and ABC Southern Queensland. He also discussed the use of political catchphrases on ABC Southern Queensland

**Dr Penny De Byl** – USQ Senior Lecturer in Computing was interviewed on ABC Southern Queensland about the new computer programming degree and her successful book

**Rob Fawell** –Technical Assistant in the Faculty of Sciences discussed the background to the Assisted Technology Room with the ABC Southern Queensland and WIN Toowoomba

**Dr Kate Foy** – Lecturer in Voice was quoted in the The Chronicle about the affect VSU will have on creative arts students

**Doug Fraser** – USQ Springfield Project Manager was interviewed by the Queensland Times about the USQ Springfield Campus

**Sue-Ellen Hogan** – Sue-Ellen Hogan, USQ Student Guild Development Officer was quoted in The

Chronicle’s UniVerse about the Rotary Health Safari and about the Job Ready Workshops

**Robert Ketton** – Senior Lecturer in Acting was quoted in The Chronicle about the USQ performance of The Crucible

**Kerry Lanagan** – from Student Affairs Counselling and Health was quoted in the The Chronicle about the Disability Week

**Deborah McLachlan** – Regional Disability Liaison Officer was quoted in the Toowoomba Chronicle and also 4WK Toowoomba about the Post- Schools Option Expo

**Dr Rabi Misra** – USQ Research Fellow appeared on WIN Toowoomba discussing a research project into the environmental and health impact of using laundry water for irrigation

**Susanne Pearce** – from the Department of Nursing was quoted in The Chronicle about a workshop being held at the Toowoomba campus relating to animal carers

**Sandy Pottinger** – Lecturer in Visual Arts discussed art exhibitions in the region in her regular column Around the Galleries published in The Chronicle

**Associate Professor Jeffery Soar** – Lecturer in Information Systems in the Faculty of Business was interviewed on ABC Southern Queensland about the work of the Health Lymphomatics Research Group

**Harry Spencer** – Manager of the Faculty of Science was quoted in The Chronicle about the benefits of the Science and Engineering Super Challenge for secondary students in the Science Week feature

**Kevin Stapleton** – Student Guild General Manager was quoted in the The Chronicle’s UniVerse regarding the voluntary student unionism

**Don Stevens** – USQ Chancellor was interviewed by The Chronicle about retiring from the position of Chancellor

**Professor Ken Stott** – Wide Bay Provost, appeared on WIN Sunshine Coast about a new regional engagement study with Wide Bay selected as an international benchmark

**Professor Jim Taylor** – Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & Global Learning), was quoted in the The Chronicle about the five-star rating USQ received from the Good Universities Guide for distance education

**Trevor Watts** – USQ Student Guild Deputy General Manager was quoted in The Chronicle regarding his thoughts on the National Party State Conference

**Mary Wells** – USQ Student Guild Service Desk Officer was quoted in The Chronicle about the USQ Student Guild Art Exhibition. She was also quoted in The Chronicle about the USQ Student Guild Sports Awards

**Katrina Vagg** – USQ Graduate Employment Officer was quoted in The Chronicle’s UniVerse about the Job Ready Workshops

# COMING EVENTS:

## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

DATE: Saturday 13 – Sunday 21 August  
 VENUE: Various events at the USQ Toowoomba campus including judging of the Queensland Statistics Poster Competition  
 EMAIL: [www.scienceweek.info.au](http://www.scienceweek.info.au)  
 PHONE: Helen Ainsworth 07 4631 5505

## THE CRUCIBLE

DATES: Monday 15 – Saturday 20 August, Thursday 25 – Saturday 27 August 7:30pm  
 Wednesday 24 August 11am  
 Sunday 28 August 2pm  
 VENUE: USQ Arts Theatre  
 Arthur Miller's most performed play text, the *Crucible* picks at the universal conscience by being a powerful advocate for fairness and justice. Evidence is invented, scapegoats exploited and innocents murdered – a mirror held up to reveal today's anxious and frightened world. Directed by Robert Ketton  
 PHONE: USQ Box Office 07 4631 1111

## SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SUPER CHALLENGE

DATE: Wednesday 17 August – Friday 19 August  
 VENUE: USQ Toowoomba Campus  
 The best of the best of South East Queensland's Year 9 and 10 science and engineering minds are preparing to be put to the test in Queensland's first Science and Engineering Super Challenge.  
 PHONE: Harry Spencer, Faculty of Sciences Manager 4631 2259

## RETIREMENT SEMINAR

DATE: Thursday 18 August and Friday 26 August  
 VENUE: The Maher Room at the Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil Street  
 12:30 – 1:30pm both sessions  
 Presented by PMA Financial Services, often we associate retirement planning with financial matters and money concerns. It is easy to get caught up in these issues and

neglect giving any thought to important lifestyle issues. Guest speakers include former USQ Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Swannell and former Store Manager of Myer Toowoomba Nancy Young who will discuss "10 years before I retired what would I have done differently"

COST: \$10 includes lunch – pay on arrival.  
 By attending you could win 2 nights free accommodation at Murray Gardens Country Cottages & Motel in Stanthorpe in one of the cottages. Complete with a 4 poster bed and a log fire.  
 PHONE: 07 4638 5676 as bookings are essential or email: [brendan@pmagroup.com.au](mailto:brendan@pmagroup.com.au)

## USQ TOOWOOMBA OPEN DAY

DATE: Sunday 21 August  
 10am–2pm  
 VENUE: Toowoomba Campus, West Street  
 PHONE: USQ Marketing and Public Relations 07 4631 2495

## CONCERTO CONCERT

DATE: Sunday 21 August  
 VENUE: USQ Concert Hall  
 3pm  
 USQ Orchestra, Conductor Andrew Lorenz, Soloists – Final year and Postgraduate Students  
 Join the USQ Orchestra for this opportunity to hear our finest young instrumental soloists in concertos from a diverse and exciting repertoire.  
 PHONE: USQ Box Office 07 4631 1111

## WOMEN IN BRASS

DATE: Tuesday 23 August  
 VENUE: USQ Arts Theatre  
 5:30pm  
 A wonderful addition to our Twilight Series of recitals. These dynamic ladies from Germany are sure to set your heart racing!  
 PHONE: USQ Box Office 07 4631 1111

## CONCANNON ORATION

DATE: Tuesday 30 August 2005  
 To be delivered by Professor John Warhurst BA, PhD, Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University.  
 VENUE: The Oration will be held at 7.30pm in the Bishop Kelly Dining Hall, Concannon College, Baker Street and is titled "The Churches, Our Governments and the Common Good". The Oration will be followed by Cocktails and Conversation.  
 PHONE: Annette Moore x2451.

## THE PROPHECY CODE SEMINAR

DATE: Until 12 October  
 VENUE: Room R113, USQ Toowoomba  
 An independently-run event revealing future world events  
 VISIT: <http://www.bwis.net/prophecycode>

## SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEDAGOGIES AND LEARNING: MEANINGS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

DATE: Sunday 18 – Tuesday 20 September  
 VENUE: USQ, Toowoomba Campus, West Street  
 PHONE: Shirley O'Neill 07 4631 2604 or [oneills@usq.edu.au](mailto:oneills@usq.edu.au)  
 WEB: [www.usq.edu.au/pedagogies2005](http://www.usq.edu.au/pedagogies2005)

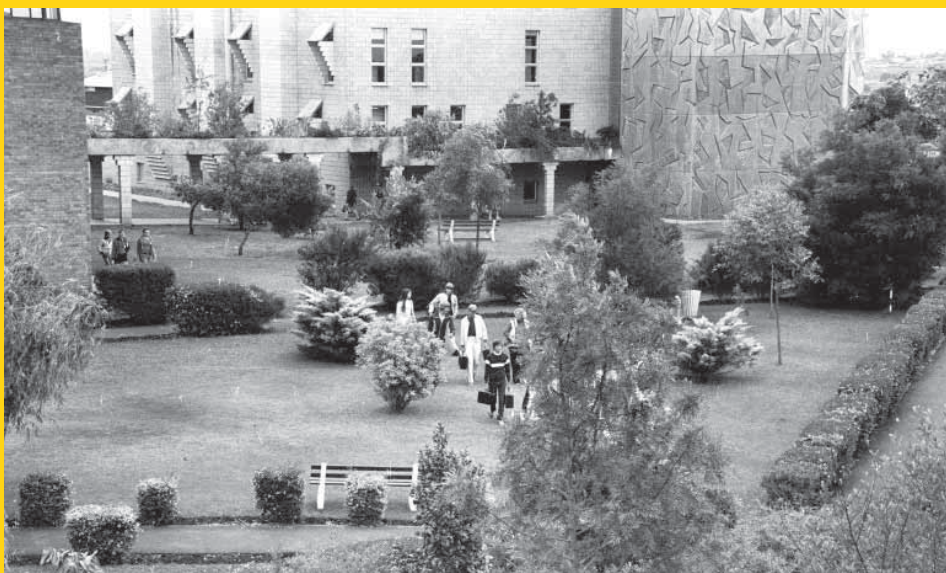
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# RETROSPECT



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

The Communications team will be running a new photo every edition to highlight how the University have changed over the years.



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