



ABOVE: GCIW Program Coordinator, Bill McCann and Ron Hampton from the Kumbari/Ngurpai Lag Higher Education Centre.

AUSTRALIAN FIRST

BY AMY CASS
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Understanding the complexity of Australian Indigenous culture and educating health practitioners about culturally appropriate intervention strategies for Indigenous clients is the focus of a new program that will be offered at USQ from 2007.

Designed by the Kumbari/Ngurpai Lag Higher Education Centre at USQ, the *Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Mental Health and Well-Being (GCIW)*, is the first of its kind in Australia and addresses the challenging and socially important work in Indigenous Mental Health.

"Here at Kumbari, we started to look at Indigenous Australian mental health programs in 2002/03 and it's taken until now to develop something that gives Indigenous and non-Indigenous practitioners scope to expand their cultural understanding," said Deputy Director of Kumbari, Ron Hampton.

"Health outcomes should be looked at in a holistic manner. You can't treat people in isolation from their culture, so you need to understand their culture and their background and the way they respond to various treatments. This may mean that the treatments used in Queensland won't work in WA."

Based on this premise, USQ has developed four courses in the program that will be delivered externally.

"We have four courses on offer including one in *Indigenous Australian Cultures and Communities* that looks at traditional issues and the variety of Indigenous communities across Australia," said Mr Hampton.

As part of this course students will look at a variety of topics including kinship, languages and land affiliation.

"A major focus on this course will be to emphasise that there is difference and variety in Australian Indigenous cultures.

"To assume that all Indigenous Australians are alike is similar to saying that, if you are Belgian, you should know everything about Europe – there is no single Indigenous culture and people need to understand that."

The other courses on offer are *Concepts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health*, *Indigenous Australian Mental Health Today* and *Culturally Appropriate Intervention Strategies in Indigenous Mental Health*.

"Health workers need different skills for working with Indigenous clients as opposed to mainstream clients. This subject will look at culturally appropriate intervention strategies in relation to issues such as substance abuse and dependence, suicide, psychotic disorders, anxiety and depression," he said.

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SiQP website

For more happy snaps, information on the cast, booking information and the latest news about the Festival visit: www.usq.edu.au/shakespeare

LEFT: USQ Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove with members of the cast, Amelia Dowd, Amanda Gray and Lauren O'Rourke at the recent launch of the 2007 Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival.

WE'RE GOING TO ROCK THE PARK

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

Standing in the courtyard with closed eyes, guests were drawn into the witches' caldron during the recent launch of the 2007 Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival (SiQP).

The Festival was launched during a morning tea at the Park House Cafe on Thursday 16 November. Scattered amongst the audience, students cast in next year's production of *Macbeth* presented lines from the tragedy - giving guests a sneak peak at what's planned for the 2007 Festival.

Guests at the launch included Toowoomba City Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Joe Ramia, Cr Michelle Schneider and local and Brisbane media.

Festival Chair, and Co-creator, Dr Kate Foy, presented a DVD highlighting previous Festivals, and Professor Lovegrove discussed the importance of SiQP for both the University and the City.

Now in its fourth year, Festival Co-creator and Director, Scott Alderdice, said next year's production will be unlike any other SiQP.

"I guess it's true to say that most people probably expect a Shakespeare production to be set in some recognisable historical era with a whole bunch of people waltzing round waving rapiers at each other and speaking poetry.

"That's fine - but I think our *Macbeth* is going to be a pretty large step away from that tradition. We're already working on a massive soundtrack that will drive

the story way out beyond the realm of human-ness."

A 14-strong cast will perform 7 shows over the 11 days of the Festival in March next year, and for the first time the Festival will also present *Sonnets at Breakfast*.

The Fraser Coast will also enjoy *Macbeth* when the University takes the production to Hervey Bay for the inaugural *Shakespeare on the Bay Festival*.

"*Macbeth* is a story drenched in power, and madness and apocalypse," Mr Alderdice said.

"We are capturing the wildness and sensuality of the Medieval pagan world, and fusing it with the music, images and technology of today. We're gonna rock the park."

Tickets to *Macbeth* are available from the Empire Theatre on 1300 655 299. Tickets to the *Sonnets at Breakfast* are available from the USQ Box Office on 4631 1111.

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NEW LTSU DIRECTOR SETTLES INTO ROLE

BY FIONA TAYLOR
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USQ's new Learning and Teaching Support Unit (LTSU) Director hasn't been in the job a month but she is already making positive steps to enhance learning and teaching at the University.

Professor Lynne Hunt said one of the things that attracted her to USQ was the foundations that were in place to build an ever stronger reputation for student-centred teaching.

"I am particularly interested in the directions that USQ is taking in graduate attributes and work-based learning and assessment," Professor Hunt said.

"Good teaching and learning takes place in a context and it is important to work hand-in-hand with administrative staff

to ensure that the students' journeys through the University are as smooth and enjoyable as possible."

This is an area of Lynne's expertise.

In 2002 she won the Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year and in the same year she won the Australian Award for University Teaching in the Social Science category.

She is also the recipient of three university-level awards for teaching excellence.

Lynne comes to USQ from the position of Leader of Teaching and Learning at Charles Darwin University and was previously Associate Dean in Teaching and Learning at Edith Cowan University.

She is well published in the field of tertiary learning and teaching and received the 2002 Merit Award for Best Paper on Authentic Learning from the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia (HERDSA).

Lynne is a HERDSA Fellow and a member of the Board of the Carrick Institute

ABOVE: New LTSU Director, Professor Lynne Hunt, is looking forward to her challenging role at USQ.

LEFT: Professor Hunt was involved in the LTSU planning retreat recently.

for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education and she has published a book on the Management of Change to Promote Teaching and Learning.

She said the City of Toowoomba also attracted her to USQ.

"I love the wooden houses and have found the people in Toowoomba and the staff of the University to be very friendly. The climate is good too," Lynne said.

"I was last here in the 1970's on a camping trip. My family and I had to pack-up our tent as a cyclone threatened on the coast and we passed through Toowoomba to find a safe haven in Dalby.

"I like to make a commitment to the local community in which I live," she said.

"In the past I have spoken at International Women's Day breakfasts and other public forums on topics such as 'The Power of Gossip', 'Women's history', and 'What makes good teaching' and I'm looking forward to becoming an active member of the Toowoomba and USQ community."



CONSULTANT GIVES WIDE BAY BUSINESS EDGE

ABOVE: Leigh Bennett, Cr Belinda McNeven, Professor Ken Stott, Professor Bill Lovegrove and Cr Sue Brooks.

BY KATRINA CORCORAN
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

The University's Wide Bay Campus is looking to expand its links with businesses and industry in the Fraser Coast region, following the appointment of a business development consultant.

Former Hervey Bay City Council CEO, Leigh Bennett, through his business Enterprise Innovations, will help the Campus develop business ventures.

"My job is to add energy to the business aspirations of the Campus," Mr Bennett said.

"A few things that have been highlighted at this early stage include the development of student accommodation, the creation of a professional development centre and the building of partnerships between the University and industry.

"This is a university city now. We want to make those links with businesses and industry."

USQ Wide Bay Provost, Professor Ken Stott, said Mr Bennett had an impressive history of business success.

"As everyone knows, Leigh was CEO of the Hervey Bay City Council (2002 to 2005), and has many runs on the board in relation to development," Professor Stott said.

"So I am extremely enthusiastic about his arrival. The University also enjoys an

excellent relationship with the Council and its executive."

Much of Mr Bennett's work will involve networking with the community and businesses.

He said the big challenge for the Campus was the lack of big business and industry in the region. Nevertheless, some of Mr Bennett's clients are big entities in business.

While with the Hervey Bay City Council, he initiated a number of innovative projects to maintain transport and community and social infrastructure, while managing one of the fastest growing cities in Australia.

He also led the development of the telecommunications company, Widelinx, helped establish the Wide Bay Water Link with China, and was a Director of the Fraser Coast-South Burnett Regional Tourism Board and held other senior executive roles in local government.

Yet the former teacher from Tasmania said he moved to Hervey Bay in 1996 for a sea change. But before doing so he gained qualifications in business and was the National Human Resources Manager for the CSIRO's Marine Division.

FINDING EQUALITY FOR PNG FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

BY JOSH ADA

PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

For female high school students in Papua New Guinea (PNG) education is not a right, but a privilege.

Now USQ Education Postgraduate Student and PNG national, Dinah Ope, is investigating why this is the case as part of an AusAID scholarship, which enables her to study at the University.

"I am in the second year of my PhD study in Education here at USQ and I am looking at PNG female high school students and the perspectives that they have on their academic performance," Mrs Ope said.

"Part of that is determining why there is very little value put on girl's education in PNG and the secondary school girls' explanations for their academic achievement."

Having attended school in PNG, the Goroka University Education Lecturer has a special interest in the country's education system.

"During my time at school in PNG there were fewer girls than boys compared

to now but girls continue to be under represented and their academic performance has continued to be lower than that of boys," Mrs Ope said.

"The outcome of this study will be to address this and look at ways to improve the academic performance of girls."

According to Mrs Ope there are several factors impeding the opportunities for girls to study at high school, which she hopes will be addressed, to some extent, through her studies.

"Unlike Australia, in PNG education is not free for kids and it is also not compulsory to go to high school.

"There are also cultural gender issues where girls are not as important as boys and boys have a better chance of going to school.

"In PNG as well there is no welfare system so a lot of that work is done by girls and many parents keep their daughters at home to help their families.

"At the moment there are things in the pipeline in PNG to change this but it is happening slowly so hopefully my study can push that along."



ABOVE: USQ Education Postgraduate Student Dinah Ope is looking at ways to improve the academic performance of female high school students in PNG.

As part of her scholarship with AusAID, Mrs Ope is required to detail her findings to the PNG National Department of Education upon her return to the country.

"I will go back and continue to teach at the university, but I also have to present my report to the National Department of Education in PNG," she said.

"The support that I have at USQ has been tremendous and I am supposed to finish my study at the end of next year."

HARRY SPENCER HELPS EDUCATION IN PNG TOO



Instead of going to the beach and building castles in the sand, USQ Faculty of Sciences Manager, Harry Spencer, went to Papua New Guinea (PNG) to help build an education facility recently, when he

received special leave from the Vice-Chancellor.

Mr Spencer, along with fellow Rotarian, USQ Honorary Professor of Education, Glen Postle, spent 14 days completing the facility, which was built by the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East. The facility included accommodation for nurses and teachers, as well as a school for disabled children.

Located in Kiunga the facility will provide primary education for more than 20 students with a disability, as well as other children with minor disabilities.

The operation falls under the Rotary Australia World Community Service

(RAWCS) program and took three teams two weeks each to build.

Mr Spencer said the work the teachers and nurses were doing was just mind blowing.

It is the third facility RAWCS has developed in PNG with two other schools for children with a disability previously built in Popenndtta and Daru.

Mr Spencer is planning on returning to PNG next year to assist with building accommodation for young students who leave their homes in the mountain villages and move to the cities to live with relatives so they can attend school.

Well done Harry and Glen!



PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS ASSIST DSQ

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

First year Psychology students at USQ Springfield have successfully completed a research project for Disability Services Queensland (DSQ).

The project involved investigating the validity of Facilitated Communication (FC), a controversial communication strategy used by people with severe intellectual disability and/or autism spectrum disorder.

DSQ approached USQ to assess the strategy, which enables people to communicate by pointing to objects, photos, symbols, words or letters.

The project involved a critical review of literature examining the effectiveness of FC and exploring the usage of FC in Australia and overseas.

DSQ Principal Project Officer, Matthew Wilson, said the project arose as DSQ is implementing a suite of policies, procedures and practice guidelines for

providing communication support to people with complex communications needs.

"We wanted to work with a University to get an academic perspective on the subject. It's the ideal partnership. It has afforded links with USQ, afforded links with first year Psychology students and given them exposure to work in a disability services area and the opportunity to reflect on research methodologies," he said.

"And because we employ psychologists this project was a good way to provide broader education for Psychology students, who will be psychologists that we may one day employ."

Through their research the students found that a small number of people who use FC had since completed a degree or were in the process of completing university studies. Some FC users were also now able to type on a keyboard without physical support or were developing speech later in life post-typing.

Director of Community and Specialist Services Development Branch of DSQ, Ann-Maree Byrne, said it was great to see such enthusiasm and interest in what is a



LEFT: DSQ Principal Service Development Officer Mary Rohde, Associate Dean of Sciences Associate Professor Tehan, Director of Community and Specialist Services Development Branch of DSQ Ann-Maree Byrne and DSQ Principal Project Officer Matthew Wilson with students, Timeka Auld, Leigh Rose, Melanie Walker and Lindsay Dale. ABOVE: Students worked in groups.

relatively new area in service delivery and research.

"We were thrilled at the commitment of the students and staff. The report will be helpful in planning services and using as a research base. This is a controversial area and we wanted an independent point of view," Ann-Maree said.

"Working with USQ Springfield was a good way to go as it worked for both parties. Hopefully it is the beginning of an on-going relationship with the University," she said.

Associate Dean of Sciences, Associate Professor Gerry Tehan, said the project arose out of Springfield's vision to enhance student learning through community engagement.

"This has been the students' first opportunity to do this. It was a challenge for the students, one which they lived up to. It introduced them to an area where professional psychology practice is crucial, but students new to psychology do not know much about," he said.



HISTORICAL ARCHIVES RECEIVE COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT

BY AMY CASS
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

A national significance assessment will be conducted on the University's Historical Archive Collection, following the receipt of a Federal Government Community Heritage Grant.

USQ Corporate Records Manager, Derek Turner, from Records and Archive Services, applied for the \$2700 grant earlier in the year in anticipation of the University's 40th Anniversary in 2007.

Mr Turner is in the process of establishing the USQ Historical Archives in collaboration with the Library and Media Services.

"This special history collection is to be housed in Room L211 on the Toowoomba campus and will be made up of documents, photographs, audio-visual recordings, historic objects and a range of other memorabilia which plot the

development of USQ from its beginnings, as the Queensland Institute of Technology (Darling Downs) in 1967, to the present day.

"The collection will be established over the next year by Ms Sue Dowe, a recently retired Faculty Liaison Librarian from USQ, who has joined the Records and Archives Services team on a part-time basis."

As part of this process, Mr Turner is asking staff and students to donate or loan items of significance to the collection. A call will be made to the wider Toowoomba community in March and April next year.

"The University already has a wealth of historically important materials that have come to us over the years.

"It is expected also that there are treasures abound across USQ hidden in filing cabinets, on top of cupboards and in bottom drawers."

Mr Turner said the receipt of the Community Heritage Grant from the National Library of Australia was a major coup for the team.

"The \$2700 will be used solely for the hiring of a qualified historian to conduct

LEFT: Federal Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp presents USQ Corporate Records Manager, Derek Turner, with a Community Heritage Grant in Canberra. ABOVE: Aerial shot of USQ Toowoomba from the archives.

a national significance assessment of the material, in approximately March or April next year.

"This grant is particularly valuable in making explicit the link between the USQ Historical Archives Collection and the cultural heritage of USQ's regions," said Mr Turner.

The Community Heritage grant includes access to specialist training in preservation and collection management through the National Library, skills which will be invaluable in the management of the new USQ Historical Archives.

The USQ Historical Archives is to be a living collection. Once established, processes will be developed to allow for it to be used as a basis for research. Perpetual displays of important historic items will be organised across the USQ campuses.

"All-in-all, with appropriate security and care considerations we will aim to make the collection as visible to the USQ community as possible," Mr Turner said.

"USQ has developed a very rich heritage over the past 40 years. All members of the University community can be rightly proud of the contribution that this institution has made and continues to



INDIGENOUS YOUTH TO BENEFIT FROM REBUILT COMPUTERS

ABOVE: (back to front) Julie Pember ICT; David Collins, Aboriginal Housing Limited; Chris White, ICT; Wade Duncan, Indigenous Youth Mobility Program; Jodie Luck, Department of Education Science and Training and Liz Wilson, Mary St Hostel, joined Maggie Fryer and Ron Hampton at the hand over of the computers.

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

Indigenous youth at Toowoomba's Mary Street Hostel will now have access to five computers, thanks to the success of an innovative USQ program.

The computers were completely re-built through an initiative of the USQ Division of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and the USQ Kumbari/ Ngunapai Lag Higher Education Centre.

"Last year ICT approached us about a program they wanted to run which would teach Indigenous people how to use and build computers," said Deputy Director of Kumbari, Ron Hampton.

"The computers were re-built from equipment that ICT were not using

anymore and would otherwise have been scrap.

"We had five enrolments in the course this time and it was decided that for each student that enrolled, the computer that they re-built would be donated to a worthy community organisation that would benefit from them."

Few local organisations are more worthy than the Mary Street Hostel, who are helping young Indigenous people follow their desired career paths.

"The Hostel houses Indigenous youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who wish to further their studies at TAFE, university or are undertaking apprenticeships and traineeships," Liz Wilson from the Mary Street Hostel said.

"There are young people at the Hostel from all over Queensland and New South Wales such as St George, Cherbourg and Cunnamulla who want to pursue study or a career.

"We were very happy to receive the computers, as now the students staying at the hostel will be able to create resumes, access the internet and further their knowledge."

The week long program has attracted significant interest and will return to the University in 2007.

"This is a very interactive and intensive training course that we have run here, which has been a win win situation for everyone involved," Principal Manager of the USQ ICT Service Delivery Section Maggie Fryer said.

"In January next year we will be again running the program and we will be looking for more enrolments."

Mr Hampton was also keen to see enrolments increase and the initiative to help other community groups in the future.

"Like we did this year we want to donate a computer for every student that we have so we are looking at having more students involved next time," he said.

"The number we want is around 10 students for the next course so there should be more community groups that will benefit from the equipment."



THE CHEMISTRY OF MARKETING

ABOVE: The Out of the Box function for local businesses was a huge success.

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

Eating red frogs, sleeping without a top sheet and an oily brain could help unlock the doors to happiness, according to Internationally renowned speakers, Matt Church and Siimon Reynolds, who spoke at the Business Faculty's Out of the Box luncheon on Wednesday 22 November.

Over 260 local business people and marketers attending the event, heard expert on work/life integration, Matt Church, talk chemicals. The author of *The Chemistry of Success* explained why understanding the mind's chemical make-up would help lead to success.

Over lunch the creator of the 1987 Grim Reaper AIDS advertising campaign, Siimon Reynolds, discussed why successful people fail more often than most people. Having won almost every advertising award in the world, the Marketing Guru talked about achieving success and the secrets to greatness.

Marketing Co-ordinator from the Faculty of Business, Erin White, said the Faculty was proud to be associated with the event.

"I found both the workshop sessions very relevant and inspiring, both on a professional and personal level.

"It was great that USQ could present such high calibre speakers in Toowoomba and attract a very large and diverse audience. The Faculty of Business was proud to be involved as one of the 'Event Partners'."

Following the lunch sessions, Matt and Siimon each held an hour long workshop where they discussed practical solutions to help people achieve both their personal and business goals.

USQ Digital Marketing Manager, Cameron Loudon attended the event and said it was impressive.

"The whole event was fantastic- I think to have two speakers of such a high profile is really good for the region.

"The topics Matt and Siimon spoke on really completed each other."

Also partnering in the event was the Department of State Development and Toowoomba Newspapers. The day also incorporated the Exporting to the World Awards, which recognises regional companies that are operating "out of the box" and striving to achieve their goals in a global market place.



A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

A desire to provide the best possible care for children in Toowoomba has prompted staff from the Faculty of Education to establish the City's first Early Childhood Community.

The Toowoomba Early Childhood Community (TECC) was initiated by Faculty of Education Administration Officer, Jo Ryan, and Early Childhood Lecturer, Leisa Holzheimer, and is open to anyone in the Early Childhood sector.

"For some time now there has not been an early childhood group in Toowoomba and it has been something that has been missing," Ms Holzheimer said.

"Historically early childhood teachers have been a strong and collegial group of professionals but we have not been as active as we might have been.

"The community will provide advocacy for people working in childhood services and support for children and families, while offering networking opportunities for teachers and our students.

"The group will also promote better quality care and education for children."

With similar organisations already established throughout Queensland, Ms Holzheimer said that the Toowoomba group would be looking to develop close links with existing professional associations.

"There are other strong professional state and national groups in place at the moment and we are looking to align ourselves with these," she said.

"The Faculty of Education is supportive of the group and has offered to host the initial events."

The recently formed community has already created strong interest with organisers buoyed by the reaction to the initiative.

LEFT: Early Childhood Lecturer Leisa Holzheimer (left) is encouraging students like Gayle Chamberlain to get involved in the Early Childhood Community.

"The response has been extremely positive from the University and teachers, and although we have yet to talk to the students we expect that they will be enthusiastic as well," Ms Holzheimer said.

"We want to offer this opportunity to the full range of professionals who work in Early Childhood – from family day care providers to primary educators.

"And while it will be challenging, because it is a unique and diverse group, we are excited about the community."

Through social events and professional development opportunities, the TECC hope to expand their membership base.

"Our first social event will be held in February next year and we have also discussed the possibility of having guest speakers and hands on workshops in the future.

"For the time being however we want to get the structures in place and gain as much support from the field as possible so that the group can have a positive effect on Early Childhood education in Toowoomba."



JOLLY DAY OF DECORATING RENEWS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

BY KATRINA CORCORAN
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

The true spirit of Christmas will be rekindled at Hervey Bay's Coffee & Cream Café today, with a day of gingerbread and cookie decorating for children.

The owners of the Café at the University of Southern Queensland's Wide Bay Campus want to bring back the excitement of Christmas.

Sven Reichelt and Paul Crossley said they wanted to do something that would be exciting and special for the young ones.

"People don't seem to have time to do much with their kids these days," Mr Reichelt said.

"In the past, mothers would spend days cooking puddings and cakes and cutting out cookies and decorating them.

"Nowadays many people even stress out doing the Christmas shopping. We want to give the young ones an opportunity to have some fun and get messy."

The Café will supply gingerbread men, stars, little houses and teddy bears for children to decorate with icing and lollies.

ABOVE: Eight year old Kelsey Corcoran wished she didn't have to go to school today so she could join in the fun of cookie decorating with Coffee and Cream Café owners Sven Reichelt (centre) and Paul Crossley (right). Sven tried out his own decorating skills on a monster gingerbread man.

"The only rule is that the children come dressed in clothes they can get dirty and that they bring along an adult," Mr Reichelt said.

"It's all free, except we ask for a gold coin donation for the sick kids who have to spend Christmas in hospital."

The Jolly Day of Decorating will be held from 10am to 2pm.

in BRIEF



Civil Engineering offered at Springfield

A Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Civil) or BET will be offered at the University's Springfield Campus from next year. BET Program Coordinator, Associate Professor Ron Ayres, said the program was introduced to fill the current and projected shortfall of qualified professionals in this area in Queensland. It is predicted that in Southeast Queensland over the next 20 years \$66 billion worth of infrastructure will be put in place, all of which requires civil engineering design and civil construction input. He said Government Departments and private companies are all crying out for skilled personnel in this area and the BET will go some way in meeting that need. Other new programs on offer at Springfield in 2007 include the Bachelor of Psychology (Business) and the Bachelor of Applied Media. More information on these programs can be found on the Campus website www.usq.edu.au/springfield

Brigalow conservation meeting held at USQ



Restoring the highly fragmented Brigalow landscapes of the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion was the focus of an inception meeting hosted by the Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) at USQ. Representatives from partner organisations including the Environment Protection Agency (EPA), Condamine Alliance, Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC) and Queensland Main Roads (QMR) attended the meeting, as well as Land Ecologists from the University of Queensland (UQ). USQ Lecturer in Landscape Ecology and Co-Chief Investigator of the project, Dr Martine Maron, said that the meeting was very positive with all partner organisation representatives expressing their enthusiasm for the initiative. The project has also received an Australian Research Council (ARC) grant worth \$355,000, which will be used to help establish the best possible ways to manage the endangered communities.

National Distance Learning and Teaching Forum at USQ



Academic and professional staff from 24 of Australia's universities, Education Queensland staff and staff from the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education were at USQ Toowoomba for a special forum last week. More than 60 delegates attended the Carrick Institute's Supporting Learning and Teaching at a Distance Forum, which was co-hosted by USQ and an independent research institute, Eidos. Sponsored by the Carrick Institute, the forum aimed to identify issues in support of learning and teaching at a distance, demonstrate new technologies and provide a forum for discussion and the exchange of ideas. Sessions were presented by speakers from the Australian National University, Queensland University of Technology, the University of Wollongong, the University of South Australia, La Trobe University and Charles Sturt University. Director of the Carrick Institute's Grants Scheme, Dr Elizabeth McDonald (pictured), said she was impressed with the success of the Forum. She said the contribution of various presenters offered a diverse perspective on many of the issues surrounding the use of technology to support both teachers and students who are not in a face-to-face environment. One of the presenters, who gave a keynote address was USQ Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Global Learning Services) Professor Jim Taylor (pictured left). Professor Taylor said the Forum provided those working in distance education settings with an opportunity to explore a range of specific collaboration technologies whilst developing skills to enable them to devise strategies and solutions to issues relevant to the particular context of their universities. Copies of the presentations made, together with a short video of key aspects of the Forum will be made available on the Carrick Institute website at www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/pid/119 Eidos Executive Director, Professor Bruce Muirhead, is also pictured.

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DINNING TABLE: Solid timber colonial dining table (round) with 4 chairs. \$250 ono Ph: 46345014 after 3pm.

ELECTRIC COOKTOP: Baumatic all ceramic cooktop, w/touch sensitive controls, easy to clean w/no knobs. 1 yr old, in original packing, w/instruction booklet. Cost \$840 new, sell \$500 ono. Ph: Graham Young 0414 968 911.

ENTERTAINMENT UNIT: Timber corner unit, 6ft w/2 drawers at bottom for storage. Used for 2 mths. Was \$499 new, sell \$350. Ph: x2287 or 4630 4215 a/h.

FURNITURE: Matching lounge and dining suite, sell together or as two suites.

Lounge has 3 seater and two recliners, 6 yrs old, as new. Timber dining suite has an extendable table and 6 chairs. Ph: x2576 or email fitsimm@usq.edu.au

FRIDGE: Admiral Cyclic, two door, 370L model, with new rubbers last yr. VGC 4.5 stars energy rating. 68cm x150cm x 60cm. \$300. Ph: 0412 249 136.

HONDA ENGINES: Two engines, GX160, suit Dirt Track Karting. One engine modified, the other standard, both fitted with MaxTorque clutches. Ready to run. \$650. Ph: 0407 312 227 or 4636 6787a/h.

HOME FOR SALE: 4 bdrms, 10 mins from Uni, 2 bthrms, formal lounge plus large family room. Quality furnishings. Large fully landscaped block, 3 car accom, country outlook. \$340 000. Ph: 4631 1807 or 4630 6207.

HORSE FLOAT: Tuza 2 horse angle load float. GC, new tyres, bearings recently done, rug rack, tack box on draw bar, electric brakes, storm cover, awning /annexe registered until 4/07. \$12,000 ono. Ph: 5411 4751 or 0423 317 826.

HYUNDAI SANTA FE: 4WD 2001 GLS, sports auto/manual gear, a/c, Mags, metallic gold, c/c, Immobiliser, CD, 6 Speaker Stereo, Fog Lamps, power options, air bags, Tbar, roof racks, tinted, 122,000klm, rego 01/07, \$14,950. Must sell now Ph: 0431 171 521.

IKEA TABLE SET: Beech veneer, seats 6, as new, folds to become a sideboard table. \$150. Ph: 4630 8119 or x2040.

KIDS PLAY KITCHEN: Plus play food and utensils. VGC. \$150. Ph: 4615 2080 a/h or x2180.

LONSDALE TRAINER: Casual Shoes, white leather with black trim, US Size 10, brand new, \$90. Ph: Mary, x1639.

MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER: ZE XLS, 2003 4WD, 4 door wagon, electric sunroof, 7 stacker CD, offshore blue, no beach work. \$21,900 ono. Ph: 0401 714 083.

PROPERTY FOR SALE: Crowley Vale, fully fenced, rural views. Purpose built horse property, 20 acres, arena, wash bay equipped bore. Neatly renovated Queenslander, 3 bdrms and study. \$520,000. Ph: 5466 5931.

TOYOTA CAMERY: CSi Sedan Dec 1998, Auto, c/c, MP3/CD, a/c, p/s, ABS. VGC. \$9840. Ph: Santhi x2722 or 0425 232 469.

TROMBONE: Yamaha, hard case, recently cleaned and serviced. GC, slight tarnishing but great sound. Excellent for student. \$440. Ph: Kaye x1684.

UNIT FOR RENT: Close to USQ, 3 dble bdrms, 2 with built ins, 2 way bthrm, 2 toilets, separate dining & kitchen, private court yard, SLUG. \$210/wk, available now. Ph: Tracey x5367 or 0438 911 992.

WANTED: Moving house & chasing boxes for wine, books and everything else. Ph: Mel x2930 or hamiltom@usq.edu.au

WANTED: Large cockatiel cage for the baby possums to be used by wildlife carer. Ph: x1576.

WANTED: Table tennis table. Ph: x5354.

WANTED: Housekeeper to cook meals three afternoons/wk plus light cleaning. Hours are flexible. Ph: 0417 703169.

WANTED FOR RENT: centrally located self-contained unit or furnished house from late January 07. Ph: Mark 0409 720 796 or 02 4447 8185, or bauple58@yahoo.com.au.

WARDROBE: Mirror, 6 drawers & hanging space. Bought new at start 06. Paid \$750, sell for \$550 neg. Ph: x2977.

NEWSMAKERS:

Scott Alderdice, Head of Department (Theatre) was interviewed by *The Chronicle* about the *Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival*.

Associate Professor Ron Ayers, Associate Dean (Academic Operations) was quoted in the *Courier Mail* regarding the new BET program on offer at the USQ Springfield campus.

Dr Kryz Batorowicz, Director, Multicultural Centre and *William Conwell*, Manager, Multicultural Centre, spoke to WIN (Toowoomba) regarding the citizenship debate held at the University.

Kate Beyer, Masters of Health student, was interviewed by ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba) about her research into depression in people with cancer who are receiving adjunctive chemotherapy.

Elaine Coates, Faculty of Arts (Theatre), was profiled by *The Chronicle*.

Dr Geoff Cockfield, Deputy Dean (Faculty of Business), was quoted in the *Chinchilla News & Murilla Advertiser* after he addressed students at the Tara Shire State College speech night.

Associate Professor Kate Foy, Deputy Dean (Faculty of Arts), was interviewed by ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba) and WIN (Toowoomba) regarding the *Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival*.

Doug Fraser, Director, (Springfield campus) spoke to the *Springfield News* about the increase in popularity of the campus.

Philip Gearing, Senior Lecturer (Music) was mentioned in *The Chronicle* for his part in the upcoming *West-Star Motors Twilight Recital*.

Professor Lynne Hunt, Director, Learning and Teaching Support Unit, spoke to *The Chronicle* about her appointment in the role.

Leonie Jones, Lecturer (Media Production) conducted her regular television review on 1071 AM (Kingaroy).

Professor Allan Layton, Dean, Faculty of Business and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Partnerships), was interviewed by WIN (Toowoomba) about the interest rate rise.

Simon Pearl, Manager (Projects) spoke to *The Chronicle* regarding the move of the Middle Ridge Hall.

Dr Joachim Ribbe, Senior Lecturer (Climatology), spoke to WIN (Toowoomba) regarding weather and climate change.

Associate Professor Robert Learmonth, Biochemistry, *Dr Bernadette McCabe*, Lecturer (Microbiology) and *Ursula Kennedy* Lecturer (Wine Science), were interviewed on ABC Stateline, discussing the University's Wine Science Degree.

Professor Bill Lovegrove, Vice-Chancellor and President, was quoted in the *Daily News* (Warwick) regarding the first graduates at the Springfield campus.

Dr Martine Maron, Lecturer, (Landscape Ecology), was interviewed by ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba), and was mentioned in *The Chronicle* and *Toowoomba's Mail* regarding the Brigalow conservation meeting hosted by the University.

Daryl Sparkes, Lecturer (Media Studies & Production) was quoted in the *Courier Mail* about the new BAM program at the USQ Springfield campus.

Dr Julianne Stewart, Senior Lecturer, (Mass Communication) was interviewed by *The Chronicle* regarding children using mobile phones.

Associate Professor Gerry Tehan, (Associate Dean – Faculty of Sciences, Springfield) was mentioned in the *Courier Mail* regarding the new Psychology program at the USQ Springfield campus.

Professor Peter Terry, Professional Research Fellow, was interviewed by *Good Medicine*, about Microtechnology and Sports Psychology.

Derek Turner, Corporate Records Manager, was mentioned in the *Toowoomba Chronicle* after attending a Community Heritage Grant presentation.

COMING EVENTS:

GRADUART 2006

Date: 27 October - 17 December

Venue: Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery

An annual exhibition which showcases works by USQ's graduating Visual Arts students.

Phone: USQ Box Office, 4631 1111

M2VIP CONFERENCE

Date: 5 - 7 december

Venue: USQ Toowoomba

The thirteenth annual Conference on Mechatronics and Machine Vision in Practice.

Phone: John Billingsley, 4631 2513

YARNERS GROUP

Date: Every Friday, 12pm - 1pm

Venue: Womens' Network Room, USQ Toowoomba

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STAFF AWARDS

Date: Wednesday 6 December, 2.30pm

Venue: Refectory, USQ Toowoomba

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bill Lovegrove, invites all university staff to the annual Staff Awards. During the ceremony will be the presentation of 10, 20 & 25 year Long Service Awards, as well as General Staff Awards for Excellence. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Phone: Judy Halter, 4631 2187

2006 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP OR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISION

It's that time of year again and the Office of Research and Higher Degrees is calling for nominations for the 2006 Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship or Postgraduate Research Supervision.

The Awards are open to all University staff and anyone can nominate or be nominated for an award.

The USQ Research and Higher Degrees Committee has asked that applicants be reminded of the need to address both the general and the specific selection criteria in a systematic way.

Guidelines for the Awards are available at www.usq.edu.au/resources/783.pdf and from the Office of Research and Higher Degrees on x2690.

Deadline for nominations is 5pm on Friday 15 December, 2006.

All submissions must be made to the Office of Research and Higher Degrees and no late applications will be accepted.

Last years winners were former Deputy Dean of Sciences, Professor Gerry Fogarty, who is now Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Head of USQ's Psychology Department, Professor Peter Terry.

USQ Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Scholarship), Professor Graham Baker, said both staff members are exceptional researchers in their fields, who provide leading edge research that finds solutions to significant real world and community problems.

Both Professor Fogarty and Professor Terry shared their research with interested members of staff at a special presentation recently.

Good luck to this year's nominees!

Tips for nominees from previous selection panel members:

- the inclusion of explanations and statements of relevance enhances a submission;
- the style of presentation impacts on the assessors;
- details of research in coursework programs and teaching of research methodology should be included;
- a full CV provides a perspective on a nominee's career and the submission should refer to the CV and explain the relevance of activities and outcomes;
- applicants should relate research outcomes to research activities;
- nominees should identify the different audiences for whom they write.

RETROSPECT



FAREWELL TO THE LORENZ's: Andrew and Wendy Lorenz (with their beautiful ball gown and swarve hair) are finally leaving USQ after 20 years of service. They were best known for their performances in the *Darling Downs Trio*, which was later renamed the *Phoenix Trio*. We wish them luck on their future endeavours!

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Here's a blast from the past thanks to USQ Photography's archives. The Communications team will be running a new photo every edition to highlight how the University has changed over the years.

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