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SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATES MAJOR MILESTONE

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The first students to complete their studies at the University's Springfield Campus will be recognised at a special ceremony today.

As part of the ceremony, USQ Vice Chancellor, Professor Bill Lovegrove will give his personal congratulations to the graduands during the ceremony in the Harvard Room at the Campus from 3pm.

"It is quite an achievement to complete University studies, and being the first graduates of a particular Campus makes it an even more memorable occasion.

"I look forward to congratulating the students, some of whom have travelled internationally to study with USQ," Professor Lovegrove said.

USQ Springfield Campus Director, Doug Fraser, said the ceremony will be significant to the history of the Campus.

"Although not a formal graduation, as the students are yet to receive the results of their final exams, today's ceremony is significant in recognising an important milestone in USQ Springfield's history.

"In time the graduation ceremonies will grow but it will be 2009 when the size of these will swell with the first undergraduates receiving their degrees."

More than 10 postgraduate students will be recognised at the ceremony, having completed either a Master or Postgraduate Certificate in Project Management or a Postgraduate Certificate in Management, as well as studies in Public Relations.

One of those students is Liam Payne, who completed a Master of Project Management. Liam works as a Project Manager for OneSteel and said studying at USQ Springfield had been great.

"I looked into doing the Master of Project Management at USQ Springfield because I'd previously completed an MBA and wanted further education within business, in terms of strategy planning and implementation.

"Many other universities offer Project

ABOVE: USQ Springfield Campus Director, Doug Fraser.

Management in the Engineering or Built Environment Faculties, but at USQ Springfield it is offered in Business."

Liam said he particularly liked the intensive mode workshops which allowed him to complete his studies while working full time (and renovating his house).

"From a personal perspective, the value from on-campus study at USQ Springfield included interaction with other students on the practical application of theory in their particular business environment, as well as the opportunity to increase a network with like-minded individuals," Liam said.

"In terms of professional development, benefits included further understanding of Project Management as a discipline for myself and OneSteel, and the ability to utilise what I have learned for business enhancement and capability improvement.

"It feels great to be one of the first graduates from USQ Springfield for the personal and professional value, as well as the ability to assist and advocate USQ as a provider in education on Project Management into the future."

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VC'S COCKTAIL PARTY AT WIDE BAY A FINE AFFAIR

BY KATRINA CORCORAN
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

Wide Bay dignitaries and locals joined USQ Vice Chancellor, Professor Bill Lovegrove, at a cocktail party in Hervey Bay on Friday 3 November.

Local mayors, councilors, council executives, school principals, business people and the media were guests of Professor Lovegrove.

Sport and fine wine were among the topics of conversation during the evening, but locals were also keen to hear about the success of the campus and its future plans.

Professor Lovegrove said the campus had matured remarkably during the past couple of years. He noted the establishment of a nationally renowned research unit, the development of the Bachelor of Human Services (Counselling) Degree, the launch of an innovative new work-based Masters Degree next year, and the imminent start

LEFT: USQ Wide Bay Business Development Consultant Leigh Bennett, Hervey Bay Councillor Belinda McNeven, USQ Wide Bay Provost Professor Ken Stott, USQ Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove, and Hervey Bay Councillor Sue Brooks. ABOVE: Arts Lecturer Laretta Wright and USQ Alumni Chair Frank Smith.

of work on the new campus building.

He said also the campus would double its intake of international students each semester for the next two years and continue to double that number each year after that.

Professor Lovegrove was joined by USQ Wide Bay Provost, Professor Ken Stott, in thanking staff for their support. They also thanked the community for its support of the campus and in establishing partnerships to advance together as a university city.

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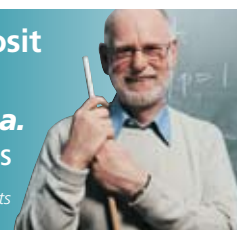
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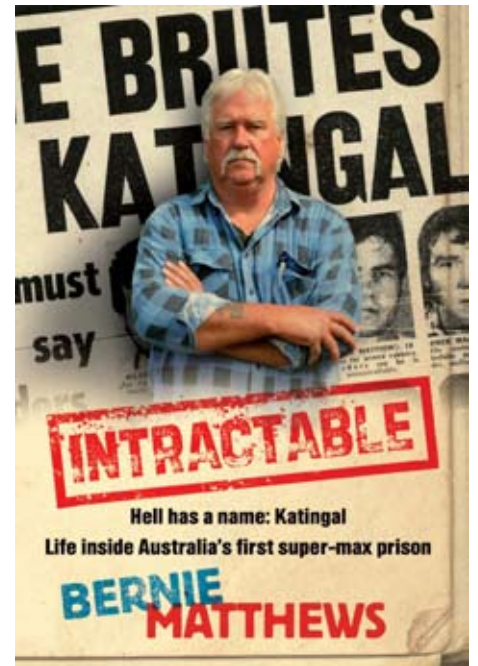
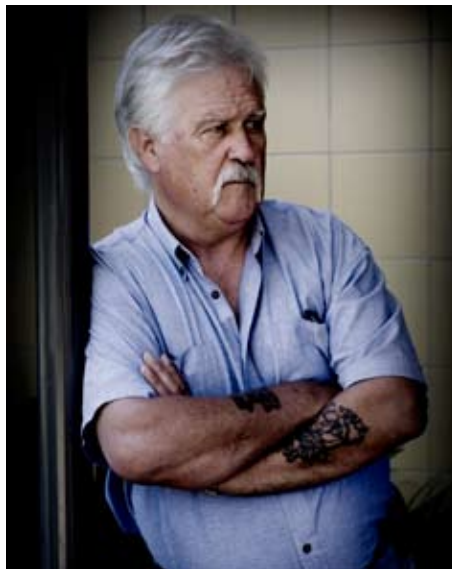
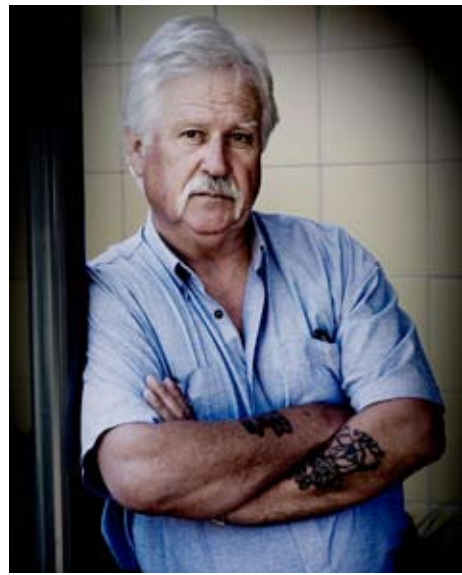
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SHEDDING LIGHT ON OUR PRISON SYSTEM

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

You may not know it by looking at him but convicted felon and USQ graduate, Bernie Matthews, knows how to tell a story and capture an audience.

After 18 years behind bars in Queensland and New South Wales prisons, Mr Matthews is now busy fending off questions from inquisitive University students, instead of prison guard batons.

The 57 year-old recently visited the Toowoomba campus to talk to journalism students about his new book *Intractable*.

"This book details what went on inside some of the prisons where I served including my time in the infamous intractable section of Grafton jail," he said.

"It is an account of the prison system how I saw it and gives readers an unbiased look inside a prison."

Serving jail time for numerous armed back robberies between 1969 and 1996, Mr Matthews, has seen the ugly side of human nature and witnessed first hand what he calls a flawed prison system.

"There are some long term problems with the prison system here in Australia, because what is happening is that young men are going in and learning how to become bigger and better criminals," he said.

"In many cases they are not getting the help that they need, but unfortunately this is something that the public just do not see.

"What there needs to be is more transparency within our prison systems so that the media and the community can be alerted to the problems. At the moment our prisons are shrouded in secrecy."

Graduating with a degree in Mass Communication from USQ earlier this year, the award-winning* journalist said that his zeal for writing was a source of strength during his time in inside.

"Journalism has been a passion of mine for a while and I have been published in the 2004 Griffith Review as well as

several other large publications and newspapers.

"I figured while I was in prison that I should make my time serve me, so I decided to do a degree through USQ.

"The University was so helpful and my studies did rub off on other prisoners who also became interested in doing a degree."

Mr Matthews is now investigating the possibility of a return to study.

"I have had some people suggest that I should do a PhD and that is something that I could be interested in.

"Depending on how well this book goes however I am looking at writing another one on my time in prison."

* Mr Matthews won a 2004 Queensland Media Award for Best Online/News Wire Report – Electronic Media.



FAREWELL LUNCH FOR TRAINEE

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

Toowoomba State High School student, Luke Hamilton, is now intending to study at USQ, following his positive experience as a school based trainee in the Faculty of Business (FoB).

Under the Queensland Government scheme, grade 11 and 12 students work as a paid employee one day a week while completing their Senior Certificate. As part of the training program students also complete a training qualification with a registered organisation such as TAFE.

To thank Luke for his contribution, the FoB recently hosted a farewell lunch for Luke on his final day at the University.

Manager of Faculty Administration, Jill Douglas, said Luke was an asset to the Faculty and says the scheme is beneficial for the student and the University.

"Our hope is that by improving our relationships with the local high schools we can increase the number of students choosing to study at USQ's Toowoomba campus.

"The trainees act as another communication channel into the schools when they talk about their positive experience undertaking a school based traineeship at USQ. It is an added bonus when they indicate their intention to undertake their tertiary studies with us."

Through the program Luke completed a Certificate III in Business Administration but said his experience also helped him choose a study path.

"I have decided to study a Bachelor of Commerce here next year. When I started here I wasn't sure what I wanted to study, but it has helped guide me.

LEFT: Acting Deputy Dean of Business, Dr Geoff Cockfield, awarded Luke Hamilton a certificate of appreciation at his farewell lunch.

"I do the mail so I have met a lot of the people who will be my lecturers, which helps. You realise they are people and it makes you feel a bit more confident."

This is not the first time the FoB has hosted school-based trainees and Jill would encourage other departments to investigate the possibility of employing a trainee.

For more information on School-Based Traineeships please contact Senior Human Resources Officer Gail Hart on x1695.



POST GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

ABOVE: Postgraduate students and members of the Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Group Gathered for the group's inaugural symposium.

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY Elizabeth Bull

Educating females in Papua New Guinea and the standards of English teachers in China were just two of the diverse research findings presented at the Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Group symposium at USQ last week.

Organised by the Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Group, the two-day symposium was designed to give postgraduate students an opportunity to share their research findings with USQ academics.

"We had 13 postgraduate students attend and talk to the group about their studies and explain to us where they are at with their research," said facilitator and USQ Associate Professor, Pat Danaher.

"It was an opportunity for them to present their research to the group and detail what they are hoping to get out of their studies."

Other areas of interest covered in the symposium included the number of male teachers in the education system and the impact of diverse classrooms on literacy teaching.

"With each of the presentations we asked the students to talk about where they come from, where they are going and who will benefit from their research.

"There were all kinds of topics shared and we also had a panel discussion on early career research challenges and opportunities."

Formed three years ago, the Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Group provide support for postgraduate students.

"There needs to be more symposiums like this so that we can continue to develop our research frameworks," said Associate Professor Danaher.

"If we do not do this and don't advance our research agenda then USQ will be left behind some of the bigger universities."

Although this was the first symposium of its kind, the group are optimistic that it will become a regular event.

"We were very happy with the response that we got from our postgraduate students and we are hoping that it will become an annual thing.

"What we are also looking at doing is putting together a publication from the symposium, like an edited book with all the different research included that we can use as a future reference."



FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT SPRINGFIELD

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

Student Services used an Aussie barbeque to launch USQ's International Friendship Program (IFP) at Springfield.

IFP Springfield Coordinator and Campus Counsellor, Laura Chandler, held the barbeque so the people involved in the program could meet.

"We had about 20 people who attended the BBQ, including international students, community members and some domestic students," Laura said.

"One international student brought her husband and another brought a friend who is an international student at another institution.

"The day went really well. Everyone got along. There was lots of talking and lots of laughing and some people who had

never played soccer before joined in the game, so it was really good."

The IFP is designed to help international students adjust to the Australian lifestyle, while giving community members a taste of a different culture.

USQ Springfield Bachelor of Business student, Iain Puxty, has lived overseas and was quick to sign up to the program.

"I've travelled overseas and I know what it's like to be homesick and feel isolated and not know who your real friends are, so I think the program is great in that way," Iain said.

"I lived in Southeast Asia for a while and the people I made friends with were the staff at the hotel and the restaurants - the people who I saw on a daily basis, and it took a while before I moved out and made friends in other circles.

"Many of the international students are probably afraid of getting taken advantage of and this is a great way to show them that most Australian people are more than happy to help. It also gives them someone they can talk to if they need to, who they know they can trust.

LEFT: USQ Springfield International Friendship Program Participants. Iain Puxty is in the back row in the white shirt.

ABOVE: Springfield IFP Coordinator and Campus Counsellor, Laura Chandler.

"By being involved in the program it also helps me keep my attachment to travelling, but not only that it will also help me when I travel again.

"I ended up getting paired with a guy from India and one from Burma. I haven't been to those places, but they are countries I would like to visit. It gives me an opportunity to learn about those cultures."

Another purpose of the barbeque was to give pairs an opportunity to make plans for future contact.

The pairs have all committed to meeting together at least three more times before the end of the program which concludes in late January.

The Program will also run again in Semester 1 2007. Any members of the community or families who are interested in becoming involved in the program can contact Laura on 07 3470 4287 or studentservicespringfield@usq.edu.au



KENYAN STUDENT ENJOYS GRADUATION

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER
PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

After spending 18 months studying in Australia, international AusAID student, Philip Kibet Lang'at, recently graduated with a Masters Degree.

Thanks to assistance from the Australian Government's AusAID study program, Mr Lang'at moved his wife and three small children to Toowoomba where he completed a Master of Engineering (Agriculture) at the University.

Mr Lang'at said the opportunity to study is one he relished.

"Getting a scholarship is highly competitive as only 12 are given each year in Kenya."

AusAID Student Support Officer, Eileen Hjertum, said the University maintains around 42 AusAID students on campus annually and has developed a number of initiatives and programs to help support the students and their families during their stay.

"From the moment the students arrive in Australia we provide assistance and support, making sure they settle into Australian culture with ease."



LEFT: Philip Kibet Lang'at and his family at his recent graduation ceremony.

ABOVE: USQ Dean of Students, Professor Rod St Hill with Phillip at the graduation.

Through the AusAID program the Australian Government invests around \$80 million in aid to Africa annually. Mr Lang'at received a full AusAID Australian Development Scholarship, which allowed him to study at USQ and provided financial assistance to him and his family while he lived in Toowoomba.

Mr Lang'at said he was required to return to Kenya for two years, where he would work and hopefully move into water resource research.

"It has been a wonderful experience and I would like to come back after two years.

"We enjoyed living in Toowoomba and the community was very welcoming. I was glad that I could also contribute to the Australian people through my research."



ABRACADABRA

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

aBRAcadaBRA was just one of the creative entries in the Faculty of Sciences inaugural BraArt Competition run across the University last month.

More than 30 people (including at least one man!) from around USQ entered the competition that saw ladies brassieres being turned into works of art.

The aim of the competition was to create awareness of, and raise money for, the National Breast Cancer Foundation. As part of the initiative, the Faculty of Sciences also hosted a Pink Ribbon Breakfast that raised more than \$400.

It was at the breakfast that the winners of the competition were announced.

The winners were Mood Swings by Marie Cleary, aBRAcadaBRA by Susie Gibson and the Psychology Technical Staff, Autobiography by Wide Bay PhD student, Leticia Pujol, and Chicken Tonite by the MDO team from the Distance and e-Learning Centre.

Other entries included Booby Trap, Prickly Pair, Bosom Buddies, ZeBRA, 'D' World Cup and Under the Milky Way.

Faculty of Sciences Social Club spokesperson and Faculty Assessment Coordinator, Sandra Lammas, said the response to the competition had been fantastic.

"We received more entries than we expected," Sandra said.

ABOVE: The masterminds behind the competition were Faculty of Sciences Social Club organising committee, Sandra Lammas, Sandy Clemmings and Fiona Douglas.

"People are so clever. Everyone who entered should be commended for their efforts. The amount of effort put in far outweighs the \$5 entry fee people gave."

Members from USQ's Wide Bay Campus also got behind the initiative with eight entries being sent in from Hervey Bay staff.

"We never expected it to be so big. Hopefully we'll do it every year," Sandra said.

The International Friendship Program and female international students also got behind the breast cancer awareness month, hosting a Girls' Night In at the Toowoomba Campus.

Women were asked to bring a cake or dessert for everyone to share with coffee and tea provided. Attendees were then asked to donate the amount of money they would have spent on a night out to the Foundation.

Nearly \$100 was raised by ten people who braved the less than fantastic weather.

The staff and students involved in these initiatives should be commended!



TIM DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE

ABOVE: Fourth year education student Tim Dunne has returned from his trip to South West Queensland primary schools.

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

Over the course of a week, Tim travelled to nine different primary schools from St George to Yowah to talk to the students about domestic violence, a problem that is rarely discussed in South West Queensland communities.

“The trip was great and it seemed that the message I was trying to give about domestic violence got through,” he said.

“This is something that isn’t really dealt with in these areas and it was well received by the kids - they loved it.”

Along with running the workshops, which aimed to teach the students the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship, Tim also provided the children with the details of the organisations they can turn to in times of need.

“Organisations such as Kids Helpline are very useful for these students who can feel isolated because of where they live,” he said.

“My trip was about helping them recognise what domestic violence is but I also wanted to let them know where to go for support.”

Tim also acknowledged that he learnt as much from the students as they learnt from him.

“This sparked my interest in a different area and is something that I would like to be involved in after I graduate,” he said.

“While I was out there it was fantastic

to see some of the different schools and my time in South West Queensland will help me when I do eventually become a teacher.”

Although the future of the program is uncertain, Tim’s visits to the school were not in vain.

“The Department of Community Services supported the program and have shown an interest in what I have done.

“It was a one off thing but they are looking at developing a resource that these students can have at their school in the future.”

The workshops were run in close collaboration with the Working Against Abuse Service based in Roma.



BRINGING BACK THE MO

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

USQ Springfield Career Learning Consultant, Guy Williams, is bringing back the 'mo' this month in a bid to change the state of men's health in Australia.

Guy, along with thousands of men from around the country, have signed up for the Movember promotion to support the work of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue.

During Movember (the month formerly known as November) guys from around the country have committed to growing a moustache to increase awareness of men's health and raise funds for prostate cancer and male depression research.

Guy said he decided to get involved because the promotion touched a chord with him.

"I thought it was good to get energy directed towards these issues," he said.

"I've worked in careers for the last few years, but before that I did a lot of

counselling with people on welfare, with personal problems, repeat offenders and drug and alcohol addicts.

"A lot of my clients were male and depression was often a major factor for them and most handle it badly.

"Men don't pay enough attention to their health, there's this culture of not going to the doctor and a 'she'll be right attitude'.

"As a result the life expectancy of a man is six years less than that of a women.

"Also there is the same number of men that die of prostate cancer every year in Australia as women do of breast cancer - that's nearly 2,700 - yet there's so much less awareness out there," Guy said.

"Men often suffer from denial when diagnosed with cancer and have a turning inward coping style," he said.

"Movember just seemed like a great way to get involved and help turn this around.

"It's also lots of fun - normally we're shaving things off, but this time it's growing something!" Guy said.

And when it comes to growing a mo Guy has gone for the Murph Huges look.

"I've got the full handle bars happening at the moment. I thought if I'm going to grow a mo I might as well grow the most ridiculous looking one I can."

ABOVE: Guy Williams is getting behind Movember and raising funds to support the work of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue.

At the end of the month, Guy will also battle it off on the catwalk against all the Queensland entrants to be crowned the Man of Movember at the Gala Party.

"It's just a bit of fun," he said.

"I'm hoping to raise more than \$1,000 and I'm planning a few events throughout the month to help create awareness of these issues.

"The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue are both great organisations and I'd like to help them where I can.

"So far things have happened pretty quickly. By day three I'd already raised \$100 so I'm off to a great start."

To help Guy change the face of men's health you can make a donation and sponsor his mo. All donations of \$2 and more are tax deductible.

Donations can be made by visiting <https://secure.movember.com/secure/donate/donate-details.php?action=showwreg®o=4124&country=au&galatickets=0>

If you have any problems or would like to make a cash donation please contact Guy on x4286. Further information on the promotion, including tickets to the Gala Party are available at www.movember.com.au



INDUSTRY GATHERS FOR INFORMATION FORUM

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

In the wake of such disasters as Cyclone Larry, the necessity for geographic information systems (GIS) and digital mapping has become increasingly important.

This importance has been highlighted at the sixth annual Downs Interest Group in GIS And Remote Sensing (DIGGARS) information forum, which brought together spatial industry leaders from across the Darling Downs.

"We had around 85 people here on the day for the forum from such groups as the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Primary Industries, the Toowoomba City Council and also several private sector companies," organiser and USQ senior lecturer in Surveying Kevin

McDougall said.

"During the forum we had some presentations from people in the industry who showed us examples of GIS, remote sensor and digital mapping use."

These examples included how the technology assisted emergency workers after Cyclone Larry and how police are also using spatial industry knowledge to their advantage.

"The forum was shown how digital mapping helped with the response effort after Cyclone Larry and the way in which the technology provided all the necessary tools to help the emergency services," Mr McDougall said.

"Also we saw how the police force can use digital mapping to track house robberies and many other applications that the technology has in the real world.

"Interestingly 80 percent of information used by governments has spatial content."

Held at the University each year, the forum is designed to also foster closer links and co-operation between



ABOVE: Around 85 Darling Downs spatial industry leaders were at USQ for the sixth annual DIGGARS information forum.

developers, educators and vendors within the industry.

"For the University, it exposes us to the wider geospatial community and also some of the research programs that are out there.

"It is a networking opportunity for us and a way that USQ can interface with other groups and contribute to projects that we otherwise would not have known about.

With spatial applications such as GPS, The White Pages and Google Earth now a ubiquitous part of our society, Mr McDougall was hopeful that interest in the forum would continue to grow.

"There are so many real life applications now for this technology and a lot of the time people don't even realise what is involved.

"Through forums like this we want to continue to encourage the development of the industry and showcase the way in which it is contributing to society."



ROCKS AND TOOTHPASTE CAN BE TEACHING TOOLS

ABOVE: Queensland Resources Council Education Advisor, Nicole Worrall.

BY KATRINA CORCORAN
PHOTOGRAPH BY Katrina Corcoran

A group of local teachers and student teachers were shown that rocks and toothpaste make great teaching tools during a visit from the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) to the Wide Bay Campus recently.

During the visit, QRC Education Advisor, Nicole Worrall, used the items in a demonstration to on-campus and visiting educators.

She said children loved to see tangible items which helped them in the learning process.

“Toothpaste contains a clear, flaky material called mica,” she said holding up a tube of toothpaste and a piece of mica.

“The mica contributes to the shine toothpaste gives to the teeth.”

The Education Resources Council supplies teachers with workbooks that help them plan lessons and organise the items they need to show their students.

The council focuses on the provision of resources for science and SOSE subjects, but it is expanding into technical subjects.

Mrs Worrall said they also offered free classroom presentations of Minerals and Energy Education to classes from year 4 to 7. Subjects include Gold Fever, Living and Working in a Mining Community, Rocks and Minerals, and Mining in Queensland.

A representative from the QRC will return next year for another presentation to USQ education students and local teachers.



COMMUNITY OF LEARNING MARKS 20 YEARS

BY JOSH ADA

PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

Tonia Paroz looks forward to her weekly visit to the USQ Child and Family unit almost as much as her children do.

The mother of five has been coming to the playgroup for eight years, and says that it is one of a kind.

"All five of my children have come through here and I have two here at the moment, they just love it," Mrs Paroz said.

"It offers so much more than any other playgroup as the resources here are so good and they also have a co-ordinator to organise all the different activities."

Established in the mid-1980s, the Child and Family Unit provides practical placement for first year Early Childhood students.

Last week, as part of Family Week celebrations, the unit celebrated 20 years at USQ. During this period they have offered a learning environment for students, parents and children alike.

"Not only do we allow parents and their kids to come and enjoy the activities here, but early education students also get the chance to study these children," said Co-ordinator of the Child and Family Unit Angelene Montafia.

"This is a real community of learning as the children, parents and students all learn from one another."



ABOVE: First year early childhood students, Kirsty Hay (left) and Vicki Hoopert join in the fun of Family Week celebrations at the USQ Playgroup.

LEFT: The USQ Child and Family Unit celebrated 20 years with a week long party with Playgroup families.

Mrs Montafia, who herself was also once a parent within the playgroup, is a firm believer in the benefits of the program, which is the only one of its kind in Queensland.

"At the moment we have 100 children enrolled, which means that we have around 20 kids per day here and as far as I am aware that has been the case for the entire 20 years it has been here.

"Social interaction for children aged between zero and five years old is very important as this is when they learn to be learners."

USQ early education student, Vicki Hoopert, is one of nearly 70 first year students using the playgroup as a study resource.

"As part of our course we have to choose one or two children and study their development over the semester," Vicki said.

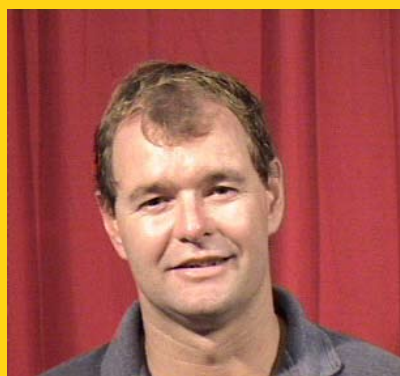
"Angelene is good because she designs all different activities so that we can see the children interacting in all different situations."

in BRIEF



National project studies wind erosion impacts on catchments

Dust storms associated with wind erosion events are a regular feature of the Australian landscape, however little is known about the environmental and climatological impact of these events. But Lecturer in Mathematics and Computing and member of USQ's Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC), Dr Harry Butler, and colleagues from USQ, the New South Wales Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Griffith University (GU) and City University in Hong Kong (CUHK), have embarked on a new research project which will study the environmental impact of these storms on the Southern Ocean and on catchments. The aim of the research is to capture the environmental impact of these dust events. This research will also help distinguish the contributions of land management practices and climate to these events. Dr Butler said current global models either over or under estimate the environmental impact of these events. The team will address this issue by linking the modelling outputs to observed and experimental data. The outcome of the study will be used by Catchment Management Authorities (CMA's) to improve their land management practices and to report on catchment health. The study will also help identify priority areas within catchments for further investment. Dr Butler, who is also a member of the Wind Erosion Expert Panel established by the National Land and Water Audit, with his colleagues Dr John Leys (DNR) and Professor Grant McTainsh (GU) discussed their work at a recent Mathematics and Computing/ACSC research seminar. The slides and commentary can be viewed at www.sci.usq.edu.au/research/seminars/



Building the Links series launched at USQ Springfield

A new public presentation series was launched at USQ Springfield recently by the Faculty of Education. The first speaker in the Building the Links series was Brian Morrow, who was involved in exposing the White Apartheid Government's plot to prevent Black majority rule in South Africa. In his presentation, *Understanding South Africa*, Mr Morrow explored the ethical dilemmas he faced during his time as a member of the South African Police and his role in the scandal which exposed to the world the plot by the Apartheid Government and his subsequent life as a political exile. Series Coordinator and USQ Education Lecturer, Heather Sharp, said the Education Faculty started the initiative to provide community members with the opportunity to hear some amazing stories and learn about different issues free of charge. More than 20 people from the community attended the presentation, with the next one planned for early next year.



Final concert

After more than 20 years of teaching emerging musicians, Andrew Lorenz conducted his final concert on Sunday 5 November 2006. Andrew will retire from USQ at the end of the year, but took to the stage to conduct the annual Concerto Concert. The performance featured six of the University's top instrumental soloists, accompanied by the celebrated USQ Orchestra. The final year and honours students performed a vast selection of music ranging from Beethoven to work by Russian composer, Prokofiev.

Tickets on sale for Out of the Box business lunch

Two Internationally renowned speakers will help you unlock the doors to achieving greatness and inspire you to accomplish your personal and professional goals at the Out of the Box luncheon. Hear what Marketing Guru, Siimon Reynolds, and Performance expert on the Chemistry of success, Matt Church have to say during lunch at the Cathedral Centre on November 22. The event is sponsored by USQ's Faculty of Business along with a number of other state and national sponsors, and will also incorporate the presentation of the Southern Queensland Exporting to the World Awards. Afternoon workshops will also be held with both Siimon and Matt. Luncheon tickets are \$38 and workshop tickets are \$89 (Including lunch). For more information please visit www.usqbusiness.com/events



NEWSMAKERS:

Scott Alderdice, Head of Department (Theatre) spoke to WIN (Toowoomba) about the theatre showcase at the USQ Arts Theatre.

Dr Armando Apan, Senior Lecturer (Geographic Systems) was quoted in The Chronicle about the Queensland Spatial Award that he won.

Associate Professor Ron Atkinson, Lecturer (Nursing) spoke to The Chronicle about white-tailed spiders.

Lindy Austin, Lecturer (Education) spoke to the Hervey Bay Observer after taking up a position at the Manukau Institute of Technology in New Zealand.

Associate Professor Ron Ayers, (Associate Dean – Academic Operations) spoke to the Ipswich Advertiser regarding the new BET program on offer at the USQ Springfield campus.

Pauline Collins, Lecturer (Law) was quoted in The Chronicle and the Toowoomba Mail talking about three new parenting initiatives at USQ.

Martin Crook, Lecturer (Music) was mentioned in the Balonne Beacon after he took the USQ Big Band out to St George for a performance.

Professor Frank Crowther AM, Dean, Faculty of Education and Pro-Vice Chancellor was mentioned in the Chinchilla News & Murilla Advertiser after he spoke at the Chinchilla SHS speech night.

Associate Professor Kate Foy, Deputy Dean (Faculty of Arts) was mentioned in the Daily News (Warwick) after she took second year students out to a Warwick High School for a performance. She was also interviewed by ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba) about USQ's 40 year anniversary.

Doug Fraser, Director (USQ Springfield campus) was interviewed by the Springfield News regarding a possible public transport corridor between Springfield and Ipswich.

Stephen Hagan, Associate Lecturer (Preparatory Study) wrote his regular column in the Koori Mail. He also spoke to 98.9FM (Brisbane) in regards to the establishment of an Aboriginal representative body.

Associate Professor Andrew Hoey, was mentioned in the Bayside Bulletin after he made a presentation at a Muscular Dystrophy conference.

Dr Kyle Jenkins, Head of Department (Visual Arts) was interviewed by WIN (Toowoomba) in regards to Visual Arts student exhibition.

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

Robert Ketton, Senior Lecturer (Acting) was quoted in The Chronicle regarding a forum theatre that came from a partnership between DCO and USQ.

Sandra Lammas, Assessment Coordinator (Faculty of Sciences) spoke to The Chronicle regarding the Bra Art competition at the University that raised money for women's cancers.

Dr Jesus Lopez, Senior Lecturer (Bioinformatics) was mentioned on 4WK Toowoomba, in The Chronicle, and was interviewed by ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba) ABC Western Queensland (Longreach), and WIN (Toowoomba) about the ARC grant that he won and the radiotherapy research that he will be undertaking.

Andrew Lorenz, Lecturer (Music) was mentioned in The Chronicle in regards to his last concert as conductor of the USQ Orchestra.

Professor Bill Lovegrove, Vice-Chancellor was mentioned in the Springfield News after he addressed an Ipswich City Council meeting at the USQ Springfield campus. He was also interviewed by The Chronicle about USQ's five consecutive semesters of enrolment growth.

Dr Martine Maron was quoted in Toowoomba's Mail and The Chronicle discussing the ARC grant that she won.

Dr Ian Richards, Lecturer (Computing) was interviewed by the Fraser Coast Chronicle about the effect of climate change.

Dave Roberts, Head of Department (Information Systems), was interviewed by ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba) about the declining number of employees in the IT industry.

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

USQ CORPORATE CLUB
 Date: Wednesday 15 November, 5.30pm
 Venue: Kingfisher Café, Spring Street, Toowoomba
 Garden City Event Hire are hosting the November Corporate Club. They will be showcasing their products and demonstrating the multitude of options available to make your event one to

remember. Drinks and nibbles will be served.
 Phone: Cheryl Abberton, 07 4631 2777

WEST STAR MOTORS TWILIGHT RECITAL
 Date: Thursday 23 November, 6pm
 Venue: St Luke's Church, Cnr Ruthven & Herries St, Toowoomba
 USQ Singers and renowned Organist, Philip Gearing present a special pre-Christmas concert in the wonderful acoustics of St Luke's Church.
 Phone: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

YARNERS GROUP
 Date: Every Friday, 12pm – 1pm
 Venue: Women's Network Room, USQ Toowoomba
 Don't let the wool be pulled over your eyes! Come along and join the yarners. We will continue our knitting projects for the Salvation Army Winter appeal for next year.
 Phone: Majella Albion, 07 4631 1672

UNITRADER:

ANTIQUÉ TABLE: Antique oval cedar dining table 135cm x 103cm, lifting top for easy storage with 4 reproduction chairs. \$1,200. Ph: Pam on 0402 606 799.

FORMAL DRESS: Mr K Formal Dress, Strapless Two-piece. Size 10, Peacock Blue, (Can email photo on request). Bought for \$220, sell for \$100. Ph: Kathryn on 0439 396 711 or 4635 0769 after 5.30pm.

LADIES LAWN BOWLS: Set of Henselite Supergrip ladies lawn bowls - \$100 ono. Good condition with trolley case. Ph: Sue on 2278.

NEWSMAKERS CONTINUED:

Daryl Sparkes, Lecturer (Media Studies & Production) was interviewed by the Ipswich Advertiser about the new BAM program at the USQ Springfield campus.

Associate Professor Gerry Tehan, (Associate Dean – Faculty of Sciences, Springfield) spoke to the Ipswich Advertiser about the new psychology program at the USQ Springfield campus.

Professor Peter Terry, Professional Research Fellow (Faculty of Sciences) was interviewed by ABC South Coast WA (Albany) in regards to music and its motivational powers.

Nick Todd, Lecturer (Communication and English as a Second Language) spoke to the Springfield News about the student for a day event at USQ Springfield campus.

Associate Professor Bruce Waldrip, (Science and Technology Education) was interviewed by The Chronicle about the ARC grant that he won.

Dr John Williams-Mozley, Director of Kumbari/Ngurpai Lag was quoted in the Western Sun (Cunnamulla) in regards to the compensation awarded to the stolen generation by the Tasmanian Government.

Guy Williams, Career Learning Consultant spoke to ABC 612 Brisbane about his participation in 'Movember'.

RETROSPECT



FROM THE GROUND UP

It wasn't that long ago that USQ Springfield wasn't more than an cleared space waiting to be developed and now a little more than a year and a half on from when this photo was taken, the Campus is celebrating the completion of studies by its first graduates - how quickly times flies!

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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