



*A nationally and internationally recognised Engineering educator and technical expert has been appointed as the new Dean of Engineering and Surveying at USQ.*

## USQ CONTINUES TO ATTRACT HIGH CALIBRE ACADEMICS

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
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Professor Frank Bullen comes to USQ from the University of Tasmania (UTas) where he was Head of Engineering in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology.

USQ Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bill Lovegrove, said Professor Bullen has extensive experience in academia and the private sector spanning the past 25 years and will be a great addition to the University's executive team.

Professor Bullen has worked as a metallurgist, civil engineer, lecturer, researcher, executive manager and author, with a list of more than 130 refereed publications. He has held a number of university positions and comes to USQ to take the next step in his career.

Professor Bullen said some of the things that attracted him to USQ was the University's international thrust and its connection to its regions.

"USQ has an international reputation for its innovative flexible delivery," he said.

"The Faculty is well integrated with several renowned Centres of Excellence in Fibre Composites, Agricultural Engineering, Computations, Transformative Pedagogies and of course Catchment Sustainability, which are well suited to USQ's communities.

"I'm a strong believer in scholarship and plan to grow and expand the current research of the Faculty, as well as ensuring that learning and teaching retains its high national profile.

"I was Chair of Engineers Australia's Tasmanian Division and it's through partnerships with industry and the profession that Faculties are able to expand their Australian Research Council linkage grants and contribute to their region's ongoing development."

Professor Bullen is also involved in a number of professional associations including Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, an executive of the Australasian Association of Engineering Education (AAEE) and a member of the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia, to name a few.

ABOVE: Professor Frank Bullen from the University of Tasmania will be USQ's next Dean of Engineering and Surveying from February 2007.

While at UTas he was successful in ensuring a healthy balance in international student numbers for Engineering through developing new partnerships.

"We expanded the programs to broaden appeal and increased the proportion of international postgraduate research students to more than 20 percent," Professor Bullen said.

"A number of the undergraduate international students also stayed on to complete a PhD or a research Masters, which is a good way to build Research Training Scheme outcomes."

He said he is also looking forward to the move from Tasmania to Toowoomba.

"I attended the annual AAEE Conference at USQ in 2004 and my wife, Melanie, and I spent a week at the conference and exploring the local area. We really liked Toowoomba," Professor Bullen said.

Professor Bullen is due to commence in early February and will take over the role of Dean from Professor Rod Smith who will be continuing to play a leading role in the Faculty.

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## A MILESTONE 14 YEARS IN THE MAKING

BY JOSH ADA

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*When international student Dr Sang Soon Park donned the mortar board and gown at the most recent USQ graduations it marked a significant milestone for not only Dr Park but the University.*

The Korean born academic became the first international student to achieve a Doctorate having completed all awards at USQ, ending of a long journey that began 14 years ago.

"I started studying at USQ in 1992 in a UNIPREP course, which I completed in 1993. I then began a Bachelor Degree (Asian Studies and Media Production) that I finished in 1997," Dr Park said.

"In 1998 I started my research Masters (Arts), which I finished in 2001, and finally, I most recently completed my Doctor of Education this year.

"I was very proud to be the first international student to do this and although it has been difficult it has been a lot of fun as well."

Arriving at USQ all those years ago, Dr Park was not sure what to expect from a country and uni that he knew little about.

It was not long however until he fell in love with USQ and the city of Toowoomba.

"USQ actually had a display in Korea that I went to and I thought it would be a quiet, nice place to study," he said.

"I made so many friends when I was studying here and was enjoying myself so much that I decided that I wanted to relocate to Australia and live in Toowoomba permanently."

So impressed with the University and Australian lifestyle was Dr Park that he convinced his wife to also make the move



ABOVE: USQ Korean student Dr Sang Soon Park has become the first international student to achieve a doctorate having completed all awards at the University.

to Toowoomba where they are now raising a young family.

"I have a young son Andrew who has grown up here and is attending school in Toowoomba," he said.

"English as a second language is very difficult, but he actually has better English than me and is always correcting me when I make mistakes."

Despite attending USQ for nearly 14 years, Dr Park has no plans to sever ties with the University.

"At the moment I am travelling to Brisbane each day to help Koreans at a private English institution.

"I am also doing some work for the Toowoomba City Council, liaising between them and their Korean sister city Paju.

"Ideally however I want to work at USQ, perhaps in the International Office to help other international students and students from Korea during their time at the University."

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## NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IS CHILD'S PLAY

BY JOSH ADA  
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*Children in rural and remote areas of Queensland are helping to shape Natural Resource Management (NRM) policy following the success of a new partnership between USQ and the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC).*

The QMDC invested \$80K in June this year in USQ's *Creative Communities* fund to conduct Visual Arts and Theatre workshops in the Balonne Rivers and Maranoa Balonne Catchment Area.

USQ Lecturer in Theatre Studies, Dr Janet McDonald said a contingent from USQ, consisting of Theatre students and staff, had already conducted four workshops, with a fifth planned for later this month.

"We have concentrated our workshops on the Maranoa Balonne Catchment Area, which consists of the towns of Surat, St George and Dirranbandi," Dr McDonald said.

"Our group from USQ have visited the schools in the area to run the workshops and get the students to comment on their community and culture. The visits have also promoted the QMDC and NRM policy."

As part of the workshops students at the western Queensland schools were asked about the natural resources in their area.

"An important aspect of the workshops was all about storytelling, and through their own words and drawings the students showed us their impressions of their towns and the natural resources

LEFT: Primary School students from Surat take part in one of the USQ Arts workshops.

ABOVE: The Balonne River is one of the area's key natural resources.

in the region like the Balonne River," Dr McDonald said.

"We also recorded everything these students were saying, and using digital data equipment we were able to compile them all."

With the assistance of USQ Head of Theatre, Scott Alderdice, and several Drama students, the USQ group will also tour the region, to present a play based on life in the region.

"Scott came with us on one of our visits out to these areas and from that he is writing a play based on the Balonne River that we will take to the towns in December," Dr McDonald said.

"Also we will have a Visual Arts exhibition, which will showcase the artwork of the children from the workshops."

Following the completion of the workshops, all data will be handed over to the QMDC who will use the information to invigorate their NRM policy.

"The QMDC want to hear and keep all of these stories to help them understand why people live in these locations and the best way in which to develop and implement NRM policy," she said.



## CRRAH UNCOVERS RURAL HEALTH NEEDS

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

*There is a huge gap in knowledge of available health services across rural and remote Queensland, particularly among the practitioners and service providers, a recent study has found.*

The study, conducted by USQ's Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health (CRRAH), made the discovery through a series of workshops held in central and southeast Queensland with community groups and health service providers.

CRRAH Senior Research Fellow, Dr Robert Eley, said the lack of knowledge was just one of the interesting outcomes.

"We identified 15 key themes in health that service providers considered to offer particular challenges or issues," he said.

These themes were then categorised under four main areas - awareness, information, workforce and mental health.

"You would think that someone working in an area whose job it is to arrange respite care for elderly people would know about all other local organisations who offer care or access to care, but quite often they didn't," Dr Eley said.

"Already the workshops have assisted with this issue as different health practitioners and care providers were able to meet and establish relationships.

"Another issue with awareness was among the general public using the services, whether information was available and could be understood."

CRRAH has already received internal funding to investigate this element.

"There is a general perception that information about health services does not exist. We are looking at whether this is true," he said.

"CRRAH is also looking at where information is placed, whether people know where to look, and how to best make this information available to them."

ABOVE: Senior Research Fellow, Dr Robert Eley.

LEFT: Dr Dianne Eley, Dr Delwar Hossain, Dr Robert Eley, Associate Professor Don Gorman and Erin Bowly from CRRAH discuss the research results.

Results will then be made available to organisations which provide the information, such as town Councils.

Another category where action is soon to begin is in the area of workforce.

Dr Eley said a number of people who are interested in working on collaborative research projects in this area have already contacted CRRAH.

The issues surrounding workforce included providing professional development opportunities to help with staff recruitment and retention.

"One of the more surprising themes which came up though was mental health," Dr Eley said.

"Health providers recognised mental health in youth, rural and indigenous areas as problematic with inadequate counsellors, psychologists and social workers.

"And the people who were identifying these needs didn't deal with mental health. Lots of other providers identified it as being a really major issue."

Dr Eley said the issues identified through the workshops will help shape the future of CRRAH research activities.



## UNIVERSITY HOSTS RLO SEMINAR

LEFT: The University's RLOs gathered at the Toowoomba campus for their annual seminar.

ABOVE: Vice-Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove congratulated Narelle McIntyre who has served the University as a RLO for 20 years.

BY JOSH ADA

PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*The vital role that Regional Liaison Officers (RLO) play for USQ has been highlighted during the network's annual seminar at the Toowoomba campus.*

Fifteen RLOs from across eastern Australia made the trip to USQ for the week long visit, which allowed them to get further acquainted with the University.

Principal Manager of Outreach Services, Suzanne Milroy, said most people don't realise the important role RLOs play.

"The RLOs are very important to USQ as they are the first point of call for many regional students," Mrs Milroy said.

"They get to know the students from the time that they first contact them, right up until the time that they graduate, and even after graduation.

"RLOs from Cairns to Melbourne attended and they stayed on campus for the week, which was their only chance all year to catch up with each other and the staff here at USQ."

Now running at USQ for more than 25 years, the RLO network is the only one of its kind in Australia, and has helped thousands of students over the past quarter of a century.

"The RLOs are unique to USQ and as far as we are aware we are the only university in Australia to offer such a network," she said.

"They engage and develop relationships with students and that is what helps give us the reputation as a friendly institution."

During their visit, the University also took the opportunity to recognise four RLOs for their dedication to USQ.

USQ Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bill Lovegrove, paid tribute to Narelle McIntyre (Dalby), Kate Jones (Melbourne), Storm Morrow (Lismore) and Amanda Martin (Sydney) who have spent more than a decade as RLOs.

"Kate, Storm and Amanda have been with us for ten years and Narelle has been a RLO now for 20 years," Mrs Milroy said.

"These staff have been helping students and promoting the University in these regions for many years now and they deserve this recognition."

As part of the seminar the group also took the opportunity to visit the Springfield campus and see first hand the rapid expansion of USQ.

Mrs Milroy said all of the feedback received from the RLOs was positive.

"These people who undertake this role do so on a part-time basis working from home and many have other jobs as well, so the University is very appreciative of the work that they do for us as USQ continues to grow."



## KOREAN PROFESSOR COMES TO USQ

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

*A Professor from a top Korean University will spend twelve months with USQ to enhance the University's and his own aged care informatics research portfolio.*

Professor Youngjoon Seo from Yonsei University arrived on Australian shores at the end of August with his wife and three children to commence study leave with USQ.

He said he has a great interest in the Australian Healthcare system.

"I specialise in Hospital and Health Care Management, and have a lot of interest in the hospital system, particularly the Australian healthcare system in regards to long-term and aged care," Professor Seo said.

"The aging problem is almost the same in Korea as it is in Australia. Aged care institutions are not sufficient. There

is also a low birth rate in Korea so we anticipate a shortage of care providers.

"It is inevitable that we will need to connect aged care and technology to look after the ageing population," he said.

He said he is looking forward to working in this area with members from the Faculty of Business' Collaboration for Ageing and Aged-Care Informatics Research (CAAIR).

Professor Seo has already started writing a paper on the aged care system in Australia and is also working on a research proposal for funding from the Australian government.

If successful, Professor Seo will work with Associate Professor in Information Systems Jeffrey Soar, USQ Australian Graduate School of Business Director Professor Ronel Erwee, Associate Professor in Management & Organisational Behaviour Ben Swanepoel, and Senior Nursing Lecturer Dr Christine Neville on the research project.

"The research will look at *Managerial Leadership Challenges in Residential Aged Care Service Providers in Australia* and I'll be able to apply the outcomes to cases in Korea as well," he said.

ABOVE: Professor of Health Administration and Director of the Centre for Hospital Management at Yonsei University in Korea joins USQ for 12 months to conduct research into aged care and health information management.

While in Australia Professor Seo will also be sharing his expertise during a presentation with Associate Professor Soar at the Third International Conference on Healthy Ageing and Longevity in Melbourne on 15 October.

He also intends to do some travelling.

"My wife and three children came to Australia with me and are very happy here," Professor Seo said.

"They want to go to the Gold Coast and we will probably do some exploring down in Melbourne and Sydney."

"People at USQ have been very kind to help me settle in and it's greatly appreciated.

He said he chose USQ after meeting Professor Soar through a colleague in Korea. He also had a look at the USQ home page and thought Toowoomba looked like a convenient and fine place to study and live.

Professor Seo's home University has more than 6,000 staff and more than 40,000 students across two campuses.

"USQ Toowoomba is a small, but beautiful campus and I am happy to be here," he said.



## BAM IN SPRINGFIELD FROM 2007

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*Camera, Lights, Action will be heard at USQ Springfield next year with the launch of an innovative new program in digital media production.*

The new Bachelor of Applied Media (BAM) is a first for Queensland and sets USQ apart from other universities.

BAM Program Coordinator, Daryl Sparkes said the new program provides opportunities for students which aren't available elsewhere.

"The BAM will be the only media course in the state teaching broadcast radio and, unlike other Queensland universities, which have a strong film focus in their programs, we will be concentrating on teaching video and television production," Mr Sparkes said.

"Other film schools focus on making short films, whereas our students will actually make TV shows which will go to air.

"We are not teaching film production as industry feedback suggests this is a dying medium," he said.

"All our subjects in the BAM are centred on teaching practical vocational skills which students use to produce their own radio and television programs.

"We are hoping to soon have our own FM radio licence and are currently discussing a television output deal with community television station Briz 31."

In addition to radio and television production a strong component of the BAM will be a focus on new media.

"Not only will we teach students how to make TV shows and radio programs for traditional broadcasting, but we will also teach production skills for new media such as ipods, mp3 and mobiles," Mr Sparks said.

"We will also be the only teachers of interactive television, which explores the ways these new technologies can be brought together."

LEFT: USQ Graduate and Media Services Technical Officer David Tilbury, with students, Sherry Ong and Wen Jye Chow using the Universities media facilities.

ABOVE: BAM Program Coordinator, Daryl Sparkes and USQ Graduate David Tilbury.

Daryl said a good example of interactive television is the current series of Australian Idol, where normal television and new media are brought together.

"We decided to introduce this unique, hands-on course after industry groups contacted us saying that courses were not producing graduates with current practical skills in the media industries," Mr Sparkes said.

Mr Sparkes has been meeting with Film and Television teachers and students from across the Brisbane region, holding information sessions on the new program.

He said so far there has been a lot of interest in the program.

"A lot of the students I talk to have been really keen and a number of them have put the program down as their first preference through QTAC."

Offered on-campus at USQ Springfield from 2007, the BAM is one of three new programs being offered.

For further information on the BAM phone 1800 269 500, email [studyspringfield@usq.edu.au](mailto:studyspringfield@usq.edu.au) or visit [www.usq.edu.au/futurestudents/programsearch/BATM.htm](http://www.usq.edu.au/futurestudents/programsearch/BATM.htm)



## EDUCATING THE CREATIVE PERSON

BY JOSH ADA  
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*Gone are the days when primary and middle school teachers only taught the three R's. With the school curriculum expanding into many other areas, the Faculty of Education is ensuring that their students are prepared.*

In an effort to develop Education students' skills in the area of Arts, the Faculty of Education for the first time co-ordinated a number of workshops to help students further their creative side.

"Many students come in with no Arts experience in the areas of Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Media and Dance," USQ Primary and Middle Schooling Program Co-ordinator, Janice Jones said.

"Due to this, we decided to create a piece of assessment for second year students, which required them to go into schools in groups of 15 and give Arts workshops to primary and middle school students.

"This increased their confidence to integrate Arts into the broader curriculum immediately prior to their second teaching practice."

Nearly 200 Education students from across USQ's three campuses put on the workshops, which were presented to more than 700 children.

"We had ten schools take part and our students were also required to provide feedback sheets for the schools," Mrs Jones said.

"The feedback we received from both the students and teachers at the schools was that the workshops were absolutely wonderful."

Mrs Jones said not only did the workshops introduce many Education students to the Arts, it also took them out of their comfort zone and tested their capabilities as teachers.



ABOVE: Students from Cabarlah Community School eagerly await their Arts workshop with USQ students.

LEFT: Second year USQ students dress up as pirates as part of their workshops.

"All of the students had control over the workshops as they chose their own themes and designed all of the activities, which challenged them," she said.

"The workshops took them out of the classroom, broadening our student's parameters.

"Our undergraduates reported that the experience was inspiring and the response from them has been overwhelmingly positive."

Through such innovative initiatives USQ is quickly developing a reputation for producing quality teachers among local schools and the greater community.

"These programs allow us to forge links with the community," Mrs Jones said.

"One school which participated in the workshops in Springfield for example has never previously offered practice placements, but have now indicated a readiness to offer placements to USQ pre-service teachers."

The schools-based Arts workshops are set to become a standard assessment item for second year Education students.



## USQ LIKES DANIEL'S STYLE

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
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*We all played the Like Your Style competition, but no one did as good as Brisbane's Daniel Eyre who had a top score of 16, 232.*

That's right the 22 year old, Byrne Ford Sales Consultant won the University's recent competition run by the Marketing and Public Relations Department.

Daniel said he had no idea he was going to win.

"I was on the phone talking at the time, just clicking away. It was one of those really long phone calls," he said.

"I was probably playing for an hour and a half all up."

The winning game took Daniel a total of 62 mins to reach his highest score, which saw him take out the \$1,000 prize.

"The game's awesome!" Daniel said.

"I wasn't too sure whether I had won because I didn't know what scores other people were getting.

"I forwarded the game on to my partner and I ended up beating her by about 2,000 points.

"We're getting married next October and are starting to put down deposits for things so the money came at the right time."

Daniel heard about the competition through a radio ad, but the addictive

LEFT: Daniel Eyre won the University's recent 'Like Your Style' Competition.

game was also emailed around to staff, students and perspective students, as well as being promoted through schools.

The aim of the game was to promote USQ's Scholarships and increase the CRMC database.

In the game, players used a giant hand to flick (by clicking the mouse) the 'numbers' not the 'individuals' off escalators at increasing speed. The game was designed to go on forever, so long as the player didn't flick an individual or let a number get to the top.

But the question most of you are interested in is was the game effective?

Daniel said although he isn't studying now it is definitely a possibility in the future.

"I was doing a Diploma of Justice but had to put it on hold a few years ago, but study is definitely on the cards for the future and I don't see why I wouldn't study with USQ," he said.

Daniel was one of more than 5,000 people who played the game.



## WORKING SEA CHANGE FOR USQ LECTURER

BY KATRINA CORCORAN  
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

*Most people who visit Hervey Bay during the school holidays do so to have a holiday, but not USQ Computing Lecturer, Birgit Loch.*

Based at USQ Toowoomba, she travels to Hervey Bay during the school holidays to work.

When her students leave for their holidays, Dr Loch packs up and heads to USQ Wide Bay for a working sea change.

"I have found a quiet space here where I can work without all the interruptions I get in my own office on the Toowoomba campus," Dr Loch said.

"Currently I am working on an extension of my PhD work (on computer models of leaf surfaces, as parts of virtual plants).

"I still keep in contact with my students over the phone, email and through on-line discussion groups. And I still attend meetings via video link with Toowoomba.

"But I also come here to help students who are enrolled in my courses at the Wide Bay campus.

"It's so nice here. The staff at the campus are so friendly and welcoming. It doesn't feel like I'm at work at all.

"And when time permits I can walk on the beach or go for a swim."

ABOVE: Dr Birgit Loch relaxes while she works on her laptop on the beach at Scarness. The laptop is fitted with a writing tablet which enables her to write mathematical formulas.

When in Hervey Bay Dr Loch stays with her parents at their Point Vernon home. They have lived in Hervey Bay for seven years since moving to Australia from Germany.

Dr Loch, who has been a Lecturer for the Faculty of Sciences for two years, came to Australia in 2000 to do her PhD.

After completing her PhD in Computational Mathematics she lectured at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, before coming to USQ.



## PIANO DUO PLAY AT TWILIGHT RECITAL

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER  
PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

*It isn't every day that you get to see two grand pianos on one stage tapping out a tune, so music lovers are in for a treat!*

Accomplished pianists, USQ Head of Music, Kathy Pingel, and Senior Lecturer in Music, Phillip Gearing, will take to the stage later this month to perform a duo recital, and they are both excited about this rare opportunity.

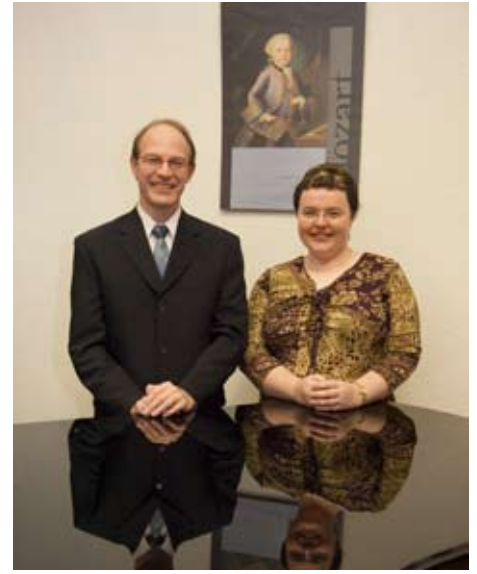
"This is the first time that each of has performed in a two piano recital," Kathy said.

"While duets (four hands one piano) are quite common, it is rare to hear a piano duo recital as it can be quite difficult to match two instruments."

Kathy said because finding compatible instruments was difficult, the *West-Star Motors Twilight Piano Recital* was the first piano duo in Toowoomba for a number of years.

"Phillip and I will be performing on two beautiful instruments, including a 9 foot Steinway & Sons Grand Piano and a 7 foot, 6 inch Kawai Grand Piano."

While this may be the pairs first performance together, in an interesting twist it's not the first time Kathy and Phillip have talked music.



ABOVE: Accomplished pianists, USQ Head of Music, Kathy Pingel, and Senior Lecturer in Music, Phillip Gearing, will take to the stage later this month to perform a duo.

"Phillip was my year 12 music teacher at high school. He then became one of my music lecturers at USQ in 1992.

"Having been my school music teacher, one of my university lecturers and now one of my colleagues, Phillip has had a significant impact on my musical life.

"It's wonderful to have the opportunity to broaden our long association even further by presenting this duo piano recital."

Phillip said the music selection will suit many tastes.

"We are performing a variety of pieces that will have wide audience appeal, including Mozart's popular and effervescent *Sonata for Two Pianos in D, K448*."

The Recital will be held on Wednesday, 18 October at 6pm in the USQ Arts Theatre.

Ticket prices: Adult \$13.40, Concession \$11 and Children \$5.50. For further information or to make bookings please contact the USQ Box Office on x 1111.

# FROM THE HALLS OF RESIDENCE TO THE HALLS OF PARLIAMENT

BY JOSH ADA  
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

Although university life can be a far cry from the hectic schedule of a politician, former USQ student Andrew Cripps has successfully made the transition after recently winning a seat in the Queensland State Election.

Newly elected member for the far north Queensland seat of Hinchbrook, Mr Cripps, spent 12 months as the Senior Resident Fellow at Concannon College back in 2004 while studying for his PhD, a time in his life that he fondly remembers.

"I came to USQ after I saw the job advertised as it gave me a chance to earn an income while I was doing my PhD at the University," Mr Cripps said.

"My time both on the College and at the University in general was enjoyable and the staff and students were all great people."

A yearning to return to far North Queensland, where he spent his formative years and his passion for politics led to Mr Cripps departure from USQ.

"I had been studying for 6 years after I did my first 12 months of my PhD and I wanted to do something different," he said.

"At university in Brisbane before I came to Toowoomba, I was studying Economics and Political Science because I had always been interested in current affairs.

"While I was in Brisbane I also got involved in the Young Nationals and became the Queensland head of the group and from that I ran in the State Election and was successfully elected."

Despite only being in the job for a few weeks, Mr Cripps is enjoying the challenge in an area of Queensland that has suffered much heartache over the past six months.

"It is a very time consuming job but it has to be with all the different things that you have to do," he said.

"An important job that an elected member must do in a rural area is to make sure there is adequate infrastructure and that is something of concern up here, especially after Cyclone Larry."

While his PhD studies are on hold for the



ABOVE: Former Senior Resident Fellow at Concannon College Andrew Cripps has made the move to politics after winning the seat of Hinchbrook in the latest Queensland State Election

moment, Mr Cripps has not ruled out a return to his studies and possibly USQ.

"You never know, I could be back at USQ some time in the future to finish off my PhD," he said.

"It is up to the people in Hinchbrook after my three years whether they think I have done a good job and return me to office.

"If they don't then returning to university could be one of my options and I would love to come back and study at USQ."

## in BRIEF



### Management excellence at USQ

Three members of the Faculty of Business have been short listed in the 2006 AIM Management Excellence Awards. Deputy Dean Ros Mason (Professional Manager of the Year) and USQ Bachelor of Commerce graduates Melissa Taylor (Young Manager of the Year) and Tanya Berderow (Rural & Remote Manager of the Year) will join other nominees tonight to celebrate the regional awards ceremony. The annual event will be held at the Empire Theatre and winners will then attend the State Management Excellence Awards Dinner in November.

### Moon Cake Festival

The USQ Multicultural and Multilingual Student Association with the support of the Multicultural Centre organised the Chinese Moon Cake Festival, which took place last Friday night. It was a successful night with over 100 people visiting the campus to enjoy the evening. Visitors were served Moon cake and Pineapple cake along with traditional Chinese tea, and the University Quadrangle was light with traditional Chinese lanterns. Classical Chinese music was played and the story of the origins of the Moon Cake Festival was told to the crowd. The Moon Cake festival, also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival or the August Moon Festival, is one of the most important traditions in China.





*This article was written by Downlands College student, Wol Malok, who recently completed his Year 10 work experience with the University's Communications Unit.*

## JANE'S JOURNEYS AROUND AUSTRALIA

BY WOL MALOK  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*Jane Urquhart has clocked up more than 1,000 kilometres in the past five months, promoting USQ to high school students.*

As an ambassador for the University, Jane travels to schools across Queensland and New South Wales, informing students about the courses on offer at the USQ.

"I have been out to Charleville, Chinchilla, Roma, Kingaroy, Gympie, the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast," Jane said.

"I have also been to Moree, Tamworth and Armidale in northern New South Wales."

She makes regular trips up to North Queensland, in order to tell students more about the University located in her home town of Toowoomba.

She also travels locally around the Toowoomba area weekly.

Her job is to encourage students to come to USQ.

Jane has a big job that covers a very large part of Queensland.

She has only been with USQ for a few months but Jane is already making things happen for the University.

"I went to Rockhampton and Gladstone where I meet a lot of high school students who were interested to learn about courses on offer at USQ," she said.

Jane drives to North Queensland, nearly eight hours away and covers various parts of the north, giving Year 12 students a lot of information about the benefits of USQ.

She also travels back down through New South Wales border town promoting USQ.

Her job at the University is actually very tough because she always drives long distances, leaving very early and arriving back home very late.

"I will fly to Rockhampton," she said.

Jane Urquhart is really happy with her job because she usually meets friends during her trips to different parts of Australia.

She gets to meet so many interesting

ABOVE: USQ Ambassador, Jane Urquhart was recently interviewed by work experience student, Wol Malok.

people on her journey and she has made lots of new friends along the way as well.

"On the Charleville trip I meet some great mates I am still in contact with," she said.

Her most recent trips included a tour of central Queensland.

Jane is absolutely famous at USQ because she is a hard working lady who loves her job.

"I don't like lifting heavy boxes," she said.

Jane is a very hard working lady at Uni, she recruits many young students to study at the University.

She is a very friendly, outgoing and helpful person who is always willing to help people.

This makes her a very valuable employee of USQ and a great person to work with young people.

Jane dedicates herself to her job and has created opportunities for so many Year 12 students.

She is a great asset to any company and a fun person to work with.

"I travel around with the same group and we all meet up for dinner and check on each other," Jane said.

# NEWSMAKERS:

*Helen Ainsworth*, Brand Manager (Marketing and Public Relations Administration) was interviewed by 4WK (Toowoomba) in relation to some workshops on careers in Health, IT and Sciences at USQ.

*Associate Professor Peter Albion*, Associate Dean (Human Resources and International Development) was interviewed by WIN News (Toowoomba) about a possible overhaul in the Queensland Education Department.

*Laura Chandler*, Counsellor (Student Affairs) was quoted in *The Chronicle* discussing the cost of living for university students.

*Katrina Corcoran*, Executive Officer (Marketing and Public Relations and Human Resources) spoke to the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* and the *Hervey Bay City Independent* about her new appointment in the role at the University.

*Dr Tony Fallon*, Research Fellow was interviewed by *The Chronicle* in regards this love of motor sport and his trip to Bathurst this year.

*Coralie Graham*, Stipend Recipient was interviewed by 4EB (Brisbane) in relation to nudist resorts being encouraged as a new way of relaxing.

*Leah Hudson*, Advertising and Publications Officer was mentioned in *The Chronicle* as one of Toowoomba's top ten most powerful people in the covertly section. (She was number 6).

*Cathy Jacobs*, Centre Manager (Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre) spoke to *The Chronicle* about the success of the Centre.

*Dianne Jones*, Lecturer (Broadcast Journalism) spoke to Radio National about the Federal Government's proposed cross media ownership changes.

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

*Robert Ketton*, Senior Lecturer (Acting) was interviewed by the *Pittsworth Sentinel* after launching the annual Spring Art Exhibition at Pittsworth.

*Associate Professor Robert Learmonth*, (Biochemistry) was interviewed by the *National GrapeGrowers* in relation to Wine Education in Queensland.

*Dr Birgit Loch*, Lecturer (Computing) spoke to the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* about her PhD work.

*Professor Bill Lovegrove*, Vice-Chancellor was mentioned in *The Chronicle* as one of Toowoomba's top ten most powerful people in the covertly section. (He was number 6).

*Sandy Pottinger*, Lecturer (Visual Arts) wrote her regular arts column in *The Chronicle*.

*Dr Ian Richards*, Lecturer (Computing) was interviewed by ABC Wide Bay (Bundaberg) about the naming of Queensland icons.

*Dr Graeme Senior*, Senior Lecturer (Psychology) was photographed in the *Springfield News* after taking part in the *Talk Like a Pirate Day* event at the Springfield campus.

*Associate Professor Jeffery Soar*, (Information Systems) spoke to 4WK (Toowoomba) about the future of Aged Care.

*Daryl Sparkes*, Lecturer (Media Studies and Production), spoke to ABC 612 Brisbane about USQ commencing production on community television for Briz 31.

*Associate Professor Roger Stone*, (Climatology) spoke to *The Chronicle*, *Toowoomba's Mail*, *Crows Nest Advertiser*, and the *Highfields Herald* in relation to Level 5 water restrictions and the outlook for rain on the Darling Downs.

*Carolyn Taylor-Smith*, Wardrobe Supervisor/Costume Maker was mentioned in *The Chronicle* after helping to decorate bras for a *Bare your Bra* exhibition to raise money for Breast Cancer research.

*Professor Peter Terry*, Head of Psychology was interviewed by 4BC (Brisbane), ABC (Tasmania), ABC (Newcastle) and was quoted in *Reader's Digest* and *New Idea* about his research on music and sport performance.

# COMING EVENTS:

## *PETER RORKE RECITAL*

Date: Sunday 15 October, 3pm

Venue: USQ Arts Theatre

The celebrated Griffith Trio visit Toowoomba for a special performance.

Phone: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

## *MICROMOTIVES*

Date: 16 October–3 November

Venue: USQ Arts Gallery

An exhibition of digital prints by visiting Danish artist, Boelt-Fischer. Michelle Fox, 07 4631 1111

## *USQ CORPORATE CLUB*

Date: Wednesday 18 October, 5.30pm

Venue: AGSB, Level 5, Q Block, USQ Toowoomba

USQ's Australian Graduate School of Business (AGSB) is inviting Corporate Club members to engage in conversations with John Reynolds. John was formerly a CEO of three top 100 companies and is now Chairman and Director of a number of companies. Corporate Club provides great networking opportunities and drinks and nibbles will be served.

Phone: Cheryl Abberton, 07 4631 2777

## *WEST STAR MOTORS TWILIGHT RECITAL*

Date: Wednesday 18 October, 6pm

Venue: USQ Arts Theatre

A duo piano recital featuring Philip Gearing and Kathy Pingel.

Phone: USQ Box Office, 4631 1111

## *BROWN BAG BREAKFAST*

Date: 19 October, 7.30am – 8.30am

Venue: Coffee & Cream, USQ Wide Bay

On the third Thursday of every month a different speaker will present. This month John McMaster will discuss 'Knowledge paradigms and education systems'.

Phone: Ronda Eastall, 07 4120 3138

## *LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES*

Date: Wednesday 25 October, 1pm

Venue: USQ Concert Hall, USQ Toowoomba

A variety of talented students from the Music Department showcase their talents.

Phone: Jessica Grady, 07 4631 1134.

## *THEATRE SHOWCASE*

Date: 26 & 27 October

Venue: USQ Arts Theatre

The graduating actors of the Department of Theatre strut their stuff on the USQ stage one final time.

Phone: USQ Box Office, 4631 1111

## *LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES*

Date: Wednesday 1 November, 1pm

Venue: USQ Concert Hall, USQ Toowoomba

Students from the USQ Piano Studio give today's magical performance.

Phone: Jessica Grady, 07 4631 1134

## *CONCERTO CONCERT*

Date: Sunday 5 November, 3pm

Venue: USQ Arts Theatre

Graduating instrumentalists appear as soloists with the USQ Orchestra.

Phone: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

## *JAM CONCERT*

Date: 11 & 12 November

Venue: USQ Arts Theatre

Students of USQ's Junior Academy of Music present their end-of-year show.

Phone: USQ Box Office, 07 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: 23 November

Venue: St Luke's Church.

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

# RETROSPECT



**STUDENTS OF 1976:**

Flares made have made a recent comeback, but I dont' think any of them are as wide as this studet's. Lets hope these students' minds were as wide as her pants man.

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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 have changed over the years.

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