



ARC Grant winners:

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Lecturers in Computing, Dr Jiuyong Li
& Dr Hua Wang

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Lecturer in Landscape Ecology, Dr
Martine Maron

Head of Biological & Physical Sciences,
Associate Professor Andrew Hoey

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Technology Education, Bruce Waldrip

USQ ENJOYS ARC SUCCESS

BY JOSH ADA

PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

A new cancer radiotherapy study headed by USQ Bioinformatics Senior Lecturer, Dr Jesus Lopez, has received a major boost after been awarded an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Grant.

Established in 2001, the ARC award grants to outstanding research projects at universities throughout Australia.

The study, which will look at genes and their responsiveness to radiotherapy in sufferers of bladder cancer, was awarded \$170,000 and is one of four Discovery Grants awarded to USQ academics.

"I was thrilled to hear the news and to share this honour with my wife Dr Karla Ziri-Castro, who is also a USQ staff member," Dr Lopez said.

"When treating bladder cancer there are two types of treatment; radiotherapy and removing the bladder.

"What we want to do is use Bioinformatics to test patients genes and see if we can predict whether or not radiation will work and discover which genes are involved in tumor-death."

This will be the first time that a study of this nature has been undertaken, with Dr Lopez also receiving support from interested stakeholders in the UK.

"The project is a collaboration with Cancer Research UK, The University of Ulster and The University of Leicester," Dr Lopez said.

"Patients participating in the study will be from the UK, and we will use bioinformatics to analyse the data here.

ABOVE: USQ Bioinformatics Senior Lecturer Dr Jesus Lopez has secured an ARC Discovery Grant, which will help fund a radiotherapy study he is leading.

"Our study is the first of its kind to be undertaken in bladder cancer and will start in 2007 - It is quite exciting."

Other Discover Grants awarded to USQ academics were in the areas of Mathematics, Computing, Science and Advanced Engineering, with USQ sharing in more than \$800K in grants.

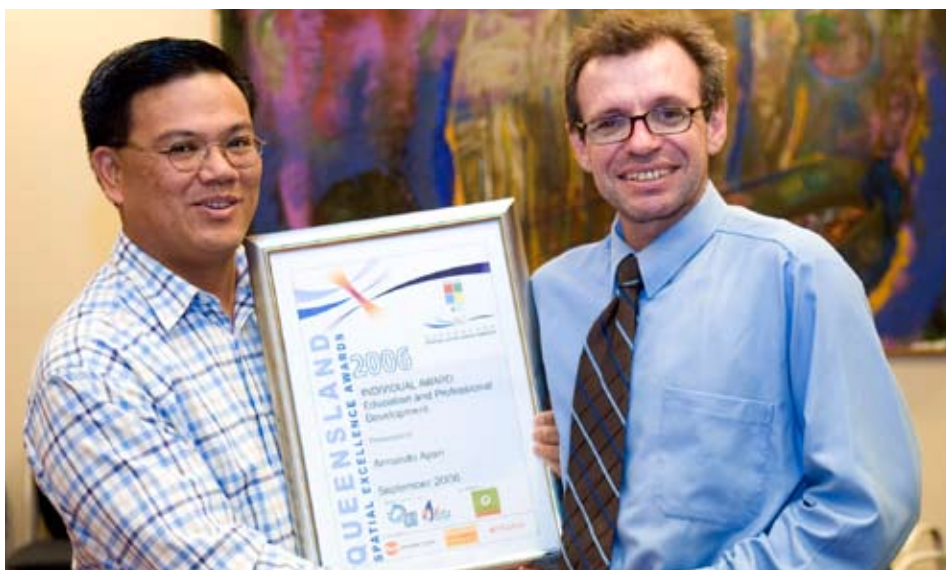
"On behalf of the University I congratulate all of the recipients as it is a tremendous achievement," said Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Scholarship) Professor Graham Baker.

"We now have more ARC Discovery Grant winners on campus than ever before and this has been our best year in terms of grants won and the total value of those grants."

Further to the four Discovery Grants, several other USQ academics also enjoyed success in other ARC schemes.

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LECTURER ACHIEVES UNIVERSITY FIRST

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

In just nine years at USQ Dr Armando Apan has achieved what very few will in their entire careers.

The Senior Lecturer in Geographic Systems has a short yet decorated career, which has just reached new heights after he received a Queensland Spatial Excellence Award in the *Education and Professional Development* category.

"This is a very prestigious award that is given by the Spatial Science Institute (SSI) and the Australian Spatial Information Business Association (ASIBA) to practising academics that excel in teaching, research and who also promote the development of the industry," Dr

Apan said.

"I am happy about winning, but at the same time it is a humbling experience."

The achievement is even more significant in that Dr Apan is the first USQ lecturer to win the award.

"Your colleagues also have to nominate you for the honour so to know that the people I work with appreciate what I do also gave me a great sense of achievement."

Dr Apan has been lecturing at USQ since 1997 and his award-winning research has been published in more than 40 journals and conference proceedings.

"A lot of my research has focused on using satellites to map natural resources and crops and thankfully much of that research has been recognised by peers and end users," Dr Apan said.

"I am very fortunate to have a job at a

LEFT: Dr Armando Apan (left) is congratulated by Surveying Lecturer and SSI representative, Shane Simmons, on his Queensland Spatial Excellence Award.

University where the staff and students are very good people and where I can undertake meaningful research."

Usually reserved for lecturers at metropolitan universities, this was also the first time that the honour had been awarded to an academic in a regional institution.

"When I was told that I was nominated I had no confidence at all that I could actually win the award because previous winners were from the bigger universities," he said.

"To see that academics in smaller regional universities are also recognised for their work is a great thing for other Spatial academics at similar institutions."

Dr Apan will now travel to Brisbane next month to contest the Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards.

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ABOVE: Preparations are on track for Wide Bay's name change to USQ Fraser Coast.

WIDE BAY ON TRACK FOR NAME CHANGE

BY KATRINA CORCORAN
PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

Staff, students and Alumni have reacted positively to the University's decision to rename the Wide Bay Campus USQ Fraser Coast from 1 January next year.

With the renaming effective in a little over two months, the University recently began making official announcements to internal and community stakeholders.

Campus Provost, Professor Ken Stott, said the news has been received well, and the students, staff and community were embracing the change.

"There has been a very positive reaction within the community to the renaming of the campus.

"It seems a natural progression as the region is fast becoming known as the Fraser Coast. This is particularly the case for interstate and international visitors whose holiday destination is to the Fraser Coast."

As part of the name change the University will introduce a number of campus improvements. This change signals a new era, and the University is embracing the positive move forward.

Work will begin next year on the stage three building project. The new building

will house state-of-the-art facilities for students, which will improve the student's university experience.

These improvements will include student study rooms, a student common area, covered walk ways and outside sheltered areas.

Professor Stott said there were also plans in the pipeline for exciting new programs.

The name change will be officially launched during Orientation Week next year.

Celebrations will include an official ceremony in the morning and an evening party to be held on campus that the community will be invited to attend.



AMBER SHARES HER RESEARCH WITH THE INDUSTRY

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

Amber Young started her research earlier this year with the aim of helping Toowoomba residents know when and when not to water the garden. This research is obviously now more useful further afield, with many Shires now implementing Level 5 water restrictions.

She said although advice given to residents is to water early in the morning or late in the afternoon there may be some occasions when this does not apply.

"There may be occasions when it's not waterwise to water the garden at those times," Amber said.

Her research shows that clouds have an indirect effect on evaporation. This means, depending on different variables, some days those times would not be suitable to water or there would be a better time of the day. There are also some days watering shouldn't be done at all.

She said her research suggests it is better to water when there is cloud cover as it lessens evaporation.

Amber undertook the research in partnership with the Toowoomba City Council (TCC).

Through her research Amber looked at a number of variables and their effects on evaporation by integrating a special piece of equipment, called a pnyrometer, into the weather station at the Toowoomba Airport.

"Because of the problems with water the TCC wanted to get a [pnyrometer] set up," Amber said.

"It's linked to the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and the Council wanted to put the information up on the Weather section of their website so residents can get on and have a look, and to get the awareness out there."

Recording temperature, wind speed, humidity and solar radiation during both the daytime and at night Amber was able to see which variables effected evaporation and then how clouds affected these variables. The method she used for calculating evaporation is called the Penman-Moneith equation.

"It came out that clouds effect solar radiation, temperature, humidity and wind speed in that order, however it depends whether it is day or night," Amber said.

"During the day clouds reduce solar radiation and temperature and increase

A final year Science student will enter the national water debate in December, when she presents her research findings into the effect clouds have on evaporation at a national physics conference in Brisbane.

ABOVE: Bachelor of Science (Physics) student, Amber Young, will present her research findings at a national conference in Brisbane later in the year.

humidity and wind speed.

"The same was true at night with minor variations, except for wind speed that showed significant change.

"At night if there were no clouds, there appeared to be greater wind speeds and higher evaporation, however if there was cloud cover then the evaporation dropped.

She said there needs to be more research into the effect of wind on evaporation.

"Clouds do effect evaporation indirectly, however it could be that wind speed is effecting the clouds. It is definitely something that needs to be looked into further."

Amber conducted the research as part of an elective of her final year of her Bachelor of Science (Physics) program.

After completing the research her supervisor, Senior Lecturer in Physics, Dr Jeff Sabburg, encouraged her to submit an abstract to the Australian Institute of Physics Congress organising committee and as a result she has been invited to present at the Congress in Brisbane on 8 December.

"It's a bit scary, but it will be great a experience," Amber said.



A PASSION FOR CONSERVATION

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

With binoculars and notepad in hand USQ Lecturer in Landscape Ecology, Dr Martine Maron, is determined to change the future for one of our endangered species.

The passionate conservationist has just secured a grant that will hopefully ensure the survival of the endangered south-eastern red-tailed black cockatoo.

Native to Australia, the species is under serious threat of extinction, with Dr Maron, who is also a member of USQ's Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC), leading the effort to protect the animal.

"I have always been interested in vegetation protection and conservation

and this is a bird, that is in desperate need of our help," Dr Maron said.

"There are only around 1000 left in Victoria and South Australia, where they are found."

The \$70k grant was awarded to Dr Maron from the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and is the result of collaboration with Greening Australia (GA) Victoria.

"Originally this money was included in a large project that was worth \$1.4 million, but it was broken up into smaller projects," she said.

"I had worked with GA in the past so with their assistance I put together a submission for the funding and we were successful."

Over the next 12 months Dr Maron will travel to Victoria to study the cockatoo's habitat and develop methods to stop the declining number in the region.

"The project involves modelling future resource availability for the animal and assessing the validity of the species," she said.

"We will look at the best possible way to manage the cockatoos existing habitat

ABOVE: USQ Lecturer, Martine Maron, will undertake her research in rural Victoria later this year.

LEFT: The south-eastern red-tailed black cockatoo is an endangered species.

and how to best service the bird in the long term."

With agricultural development surging ahead in the area, the cockatoos are without a reliable food source, an issue which will be a focus of the project.

"They are losing their favourite food source, seeds of stringybark and buloke trees, due to clearing for agricultural development," Dr Maron said.

"Steps to protect the cockatoo population could include a combination of tree planting, fire management and protection of existing habitat to make sure the birds have a viable food resource well into the future."

At the completion of the 12 months, Dr Maron will be required to present her findings to the Wimmera CMA.

"It is a step towards ultimately taking them off the endangered list," she said.

USQ lecturer and fellow ACSC member, Dr Armando Apan, is also heavily involved in the project that aims to document the changes in cockatoo habitat over the past 60 years.

The project will commence in November.



NAVIGATING THROUGH DOMESTIC TURBULENCE

LEFT: Third year acting students Chris Power (left) and Georgia Harrison rehearse their parts under the guidance of Senior Lecturer in Acting, Robert Ketton.

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

While our brave Defence Force personnel fight for their country in various conflicts around the globe it is often the families of these individuals who suffer most as they wait for their loved one to arrive home.

Recognising this need, USQ has successfully executed an innovative program with the Defence Community Organisation (DCO) to help families deal with the pain of separation.

Senior Lecturer in Acting at USQ, Robert Ketton, said the program was initiated by Maree Luck from the Darling Downs region of the DCO.

"Maree approached me about putting together a piece of theatre for service families to help them with the constant absences of family members.

"I agreed to help out and we put together *A Guest in Your Own House*, which is an interactive piece of forum theatre.

"It demonstrates strategies to minimise disruption when balancing service demands with family life."

In preparing for this forum, Mr Ketton and Defence Force social workers met with service personnel and their loved ones.

"We convened a meeting with local people and asked them to outline the issues and tell us the difficulties that they face," Mr Ketton said.

"It was very interesting. In particular what the kids had to say was fascinating.

"One child told us how they would like to complete one full season with the same sporting team and that to us was very significant."

Other concerns families shared included the lack of a male influence in the household and the reintegration of family members. Defence Force personnel sighted displacement upon their return as a major problem.

After gathering this information Mr Ketton wrote material and rehearsed the performance with the assistance of USQ Acting and Drama students.

Mr Ketton also enlisted the help of his wife Catherine.

"She is a family counsellor and provided information and tactics for the audience," he said.

"Nearly 120 people, all of whom are based in Toowoomba attended on the night and what we did really hit home with some of them."

A meeting will now be held between the DCO and USQ to assess the success and future of the project.



MY NEW WORLD

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

An International student at USQ Springfield has won the Ipswich City Council's Enviroplan Photographic Competition.

Andreas Eder was the Adult Winner of the *Design: Contemporary People Places* category with his image titled *My New World*.

Now in its fourth year, the competition is designed to promote important environmental issues, while highlighting the unique natural and built environments of Ipswich. The annual competition is also an opportunity to showcase talented photographers.

The winning entry portrays USQ Springfield Education student, Clementine Gold, performing a handstand in front of the USQ Springfield building.

Andreas said being a winner was a great motivation to advance his hobby further.

"It is the first photo competition I have ever taken part in and it was a welcome surprise to win," he said.

Andreas received a certificate and a letter from the Mayor of Ipswich congratulating him on his success.



He said the best part of the whole experience was the recognition he received for his first attempt at showcasing his works in a competition.

Andreas came to USQ Springfield from Germany, where he was studying via distance mode through USQ.

He is currently studying Tourism and intends to stay in Springfield until he finishes his program.

Andreas' photo will be featured, along with the other winning images, in a promotional calendar produced by the Ipswich City Council.



BLACK BOX SHAKESPEARE WITH AN EDUCATIONAL TWIST

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

High school students were given a taste of Shakespeare last week as part of a new Theatre initiative.

Travelling to five schools in Toowoomba and Warwick, USQ's second year Theatre students performed a selection of scenes from the works of the Bard in a production called *Black Box Shakespeare*.

Director and Deputy Dean of Arts at USQ, Associate Professor Kate Foy, said *Black Box Shakespeare in Schools* (BBS) is a pilot program designed to make Shakespeare more accessible to school students.

"Increasingly we have found that schools are finding it difficult to send their students to the theatre after hours and during school time, so we decided to go out to schools in the classic theatre-in-education format."

This means the students watch the production in their own school, on the floor of the school hall, seated on three sides.

"The program is especially designed to introduce students to some of the plays of Shakespeare and make them accessible," Associate Professor Foy said.

"We are not however trying to replace the in-theatre experience, which is rich and draws upon all of the arts of theatre, for example design, sound, costume, lighting and so on.

"BBS is an educational tool and provides students with the opportunity to experience the energy of performance through good acting up close."

This year's production - *All's Fair* - showcased various scenes from a variety of Shakespeare's works with emphasis on the notion that 'All's Fair (in love and war)'.

"In picking a selection from Shakespeare's 39 plays, I wanted a theme to bind them together," Associate Professor Foy said.

"I chose 'All's Fair (in love and war)' so each of the scenes looks at this notion



ABOVE: Deputy Dean of Arts, Associate Professor Kate Foy, directed the *Black Box Shakespeare* production for a pilot program in schools.

LEFT: USQ second year Acting students performed at five schools in Toowoomba and Warwick.

and asks some key questions for students to ponder.

"For example, What happens when you ignore your conscience?, What's the right way to behave? Is lying ever OK? and so on.

"The show gives the students a taste of drama, verbal comedy, physical comedy and a sword fight to show the skills of stage combat."

BBS was taken to St Saviour's College, Fairholme College, Toowoomba Grammar School, Warwick State High School and Scots PGC College in Warwick.

"All the performances were very well received so it is likely that BBS will continue in the future," Associate Professor Foy said.

The BBS is a warm-up for the annual *Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival* (SIQP), which plays from 27 February to 11 March 2007. Tickets go on sale for SIQP in mid November.



A German Professor checked out the checkout lanes in Hervey Bay during a guest lecturing visit to the University's Wide Bay Campus.

VISITING PROFESSOR CHECKS OUT CHECKOUTS

BY KATRINA CORCORAN
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

Professor Johann Nagengast, from Germany's University of Applied Sciences in Deggendorf, spoke to local Business and Marketing students about consumer behaviour on Friday 20 October 2006.

Professor Nagengast said Australian customers he had observed were much more relaxed than their European counterparts.

He said that although he had not been doing research while here, he couldn't help but notice consumer behaviour.

He said there were high levels of trolley rage and jostling at the checkouts in Europe.

"When I go to a supermarket here I notice that people are relaxed," he said.

"In Europe we have high levels of trolley rage and jostling at the checkouts. You are likely to get a trolley pushed into your back.

"Another difference is that people here seem to be proud that the majority of

products are Australian-made and of good quality.

"In Germany it's just about price. And the criterion for competition is just price.

"The food tastes much better in Australia. In Europe it is highly processed and has lots of chemicals added to it."

Professor Nagengast, who is a specialist in International Management and Project Management, spoke also about the German people's traditional loyalty to their local beer brewers.

"I come from a town of 40,000 people and we have six different breweries," he said.

"People support their local brewery, and that loyalty is passed down through the generations."

The 37 year old Professor is in Australia with his wife and two young children for four months working for USQ as a visiting academic. He spent three days in Hervey Bay this week, lecturing and whale watching.

Professor Nagengast, who is also Vice Dean of his University's Faculty of

ABOVE: Professor Johann Nagengast visited the University's Wide Bay Campus from Germany's University of Applied Sciences in Deggendorf.

Business Administration, will return to Hervey Bay to give a public lecture on December 1. The subject of the talk will be *Surviving North Korea and Iran*.

In April he did some work for a non-government organisation in North Korea. He also worked in Iran in December. He presented seminars on international trade and international management.

"When I come here in December I want to tell people what it's really like to be in North Korea," he said.

"I believe first-hand experience is always better than a media-shaped picture of a country."



WALKING THE TIGHTROPE

BY JOSH ADA
PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

A feature film designed to decrease the number of tragic and senseless deaths among young people on Queensland roads has picked up an RACQ Road Safety Award.

Tightrope is a 45 minute production featuring Acting and Stage Management students from the USQ Theatre Department and was created in collaboration with the Queensland Police Service.

"The film tells the story of a young aspiring rock band on their way to a 'Battle of the Bands' competition when there is an accident and tragedy strikes," said Assistant Producer and third year Stage Management student, Lenine Millard.

"What we wanted to do with the film is get the message across about the senselessness of deaths on our roads and promote safety when behind the wheel."

The film was specifically targeted at Year 12 students and has been distributed across the state.

"Last year when we made it and sent it out to schools it went as far away as Mackay, so it is reaching a lot of students.

"Considering the small budget that we had (\$8200) it has done really well and there is talk of it now being sent interstate.

"The ABC has also shown interest in the USQ Theatre Department producing a

ABOVE: Third year Stage Management student and Assistant Producer of *Tightrope* Lenine Millard shows off the RACQ Road Safety Award that the USQ produced film won.

series covering other teenage issues, such as drug abuse and teenage pregnancy," Ms Millard said.

The issue of road safety is now at the forefront of parent's minds, with current school leavers now counting down the days to 'Schoolies'.

"They show the film around November which is the perfect time with so many Year 12 students getting ready for *Schoolies*," Ms Millard said.

"It is a good educational tool and allows students a first hand look at what can happen if they are not safe on the road."

The RACQ Road Safety Awards recognise and honour the outstanding efforts of community groups, companies, industry groups, schools and local government towards improving road safety.



NON-SCHOOL LEAVERS GET A TASTE OF USQ SPRINGFIELD

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

Non-school leavers from the Springfield region recently received a taste of university thanks to a new Springfield Campus initiative between Student Services and the Learning and Teaching Support Unit.

The *Student For a Day* experience, run by USQ Springfield Lecturer in Communications and English as a Second Language, Nick Todd, was designed to help the attendees decide whether university was for them.

Nick said the initiative was to give non-school leavers a taste of what university might be like.

"The aim of the day is to enable non-school leavers from the local area to make an informed decision about whether to apply to study at USQ Springfield," he said.

"School leavers receive a lot of information about university life through their school, but often there isn't much opportunity for non-school leavers to receive the same kind of information.

"Through the *Student For a Day* initiative non-school leavers were able to experience what university would be like first hand."

Through the day attendees learnt what was expected by lecturers and what support services were available to students.

They also experienced a lecture or tutorial, toured the campus facilities



LEFT: USQ Lecturer, Nick Todd, gave residents of the Springfield region, such as Wendy Huggins, the chance to experience what University would be like.

and had lunch with a group of current Springfield students.

Nick said the feedback from the day was fantastic.

"Feedback indicated the day was well received as it gave the attendees more confidence, provided a high level of information and allowed them to hear what it would be like from current students who knew the kind of situations they were in," he said.

"Ten out of ten rated the day as being excellent and eight out of ten said the likelihood of them applying to USQ Springfield was ten on a scale of ten."

He also said that the attendees indicated that attending the lectures had made them want to come to university, against having reservations.

The people who were invited to the day had all previously expressed an interest in studying at USQ Springfield.

"We sent out invitations to all those people and the first ten to respond were able to secure a place," Nick said.

"Given the success of the day further sessions are being planned for 2007."



TENOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC AWARD

ABOVE: Scholarship Recipient, Martin Paroz, with Joyce Llyod's sister, Ailsa Spalding, and his Singing Lecturer, Arthur Johnson.

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

He comes from a family of musicians and is a classically trained performer, but the recipient of this year's prestigious Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship is anything but a classical purest.

Martin Paroz is a self confessed eclectic music lover. The Tenor who plays the base guitar in his spare time, and was the Musical Director of USQ's production of *Godspell* was recently awarded one of the University's most coveted Music scholarships.

While Martin has been a musician for many years, he said his journey to a professional career has been long.

"I had done a whole range of things before I decided to study Music. I was heavily involved in youth work and high school chaplaincy.

"I grew up loving all types of music and I always performed in the high school musicals. My family is very musical, and have been very supportive of me."

The annual award was established in 1988 by Joyce Campbell Lloyd in an effort to give outstanding musical graduates from USQ the opportunity to travel overseas to further develop their careers.

The Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship is valued at nearly \$14,000 and alternates between instrumental and vocal study programs.

Martin plans to spend eight weeks touring England and Germany in July and August next year. He will study with internationally respected Lyric Tenor Adrian Thompson, at the Guild Hall School of Music and Drama.

He will also receive coaching sessions at the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden and participate in workshops at the Neil Semer Vocal Institute in Germany.

"I feel the time is right now for my professional career.

"I think my voice is sufficiently mature and I am personally in the right place for this.

"Winning the scholarship has encouraged me and confirmed that I am on the right path.

"It is a nice boost."

in BRIEF



Wide Bay lecturer heads back to NZ

An Education Lecturer who worked at the Wide Bay Campus for five years has returned to New Zealand to take up a tertiary teaching position at the Manukau Institute of Technology in South Auckland. Lindy Austin first came to Australia as an ANZAC Fellow in 1985 and was appointed as a Childcare Tutor at the Wide Bay Institute of TAFE in 1994. She taught there for eight years before moving to the University campus. Ms Austin said she had enjoyed the diverse Early Childhood opportunities during her 13 years in the Bay. Lindy and her partner, Noel, hope to spend a few years with their grandchildren in NZ, before returning to Australia to do the "grey nomad thing".



USQ Lecturer receives top manager award

Faculty of Business Deputy Dean, Ros Mason, was announced the regional Professional Manager of the Year at the recent AIM Management Excellence Awards. As Ros is currently in London, her daughter (Catherine) attended the evening and presented an acceptance speech on Ros' behalf. The University's Faculty of Business was represented on the evening by Dean of Business Professor Allan Layton, Director of USQ's Australian Graduate School of Business Professor Ronel Erwee, Associate Dean of Business Charmaine Ryan, Lecturer in Management & Organisational Behaviour Peter Sheen and Marketing Manager Erin White. Ros will now proceed to the State AIM Management Excellence Awards that will be held in Brisbane on Friday 3 November 2006.



RUBRIC contributes to IDEA 2006 Conference

The RUBRIC Central Project Team made a significant contribution to the IDEA 2006 Conference in Melbourne this month, a series of e-Learning events to showcase emerging technologies in a national forum. RUBRIC Project Manager, Deidre Lowe and RUBRIC Technical Manager, Peter Sefton (pictured), provided keynote addresses to more than 50 people at the conference. The RUBRIC Project delivered a full day workshop aimed at anyone following institutional repository developments in the higher education sector of Australia, or anyone interested in establishing an institutional repository for themselves. Most of the universities involved in the RUBRIC Project delivered presentations throughout the day and the final event was a panel session to look at long term sustainability issues. The purpose of this one day workshop was to allow RUBRIC Project partners to report on institutional repository best practices, issues and solutions. Topics highlighted the importance of scope creep in projects, benefits of collaborative projects, lessons learned during the implementation of repositories, copyright issues and an update on the e-framework for education and research. RUBRIC is sponsored by the Department of Education, Science and Training under the Systemic Infrastructure Initiative (SII) as part of the Commonwealth Government's Backing Australia's Ability – An Innovative Action Plan for the Future.

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COMPUTER: Mac, vgc, with lots of software; Mac OS 10.4.8 1 GHz G4 processor, 40 Gb hard drive, 768 Mb RAM, DVD play, CD burn and read -R and -RW, Photoshop 7, MS Office 2004 plus updates, Quark Express 6.0, Appleworks 6, iLife: iMovie, iDVD, iTunes etc, Roxio Toast 6 Titanium, \$900 ono. Ph: Dave Wardell x1307 (until 12 noon) or 07 4659 7609 or 0402 351 647.

DINING TABLE: Ikea, 6 seats, as new, European style not available in Australia. Beech Veneer, folds horizontally to become a slim side board table \$150 Ph: Donna x2040.

ENTERTAINMENT UNIT: 6ft corner timber Stockman Furniture TV, DVD, video unit with 2 doors at bottom for storage. Only used for 2 mths as son transferred. Was \$499 new; sell \$350. Ph: x2287.

ENTERTAINMENT UNIT: timber, glass doors on each side, 178 w x 110h x 53d, as new, \$475 ono. Ph: 4632 9662 a/h.

GENOA STYLE LOUNGE: 1 x 3 seater plus 2 x 1 seaters, ec, \$800 ono. Ph: 0401 642 152.

HOME FOR SALE: Large, Rangeside brick home, one level, beautiful views, 4 bedroom, 4 large living areas, ig pool, tennis court, 4 mins to USQ. Ph: x1129 or 07 4630 9375 a/h.

HORSE STABLES: For rent, 20 mins from Toowoomba at Biddeston (past racecourse on Cecil Plains Road). Ph: Amy x2092.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Janine Crt, 5 min walk to USQ, 3 large built-in bdrms, mdrn kitchen/dining, 2 way bthrm, outdoor entertainment area, slug with internal access, large fully fenced yard, outdoor pets. Ph: Fiona x 2938 or 0407 607 588.

MANSION TO LET: Magnificent escarpment mansion, 6 bdrms, 3 bthrms, views forever, 10m swimming pool, 7 mins to uni, beautiful gardens, rent to match! Ph: x2513 or 07 4636 3800.

PAINTER: For all residential, commercial, new work, texture coatings, decorative finishes, roofs. Free Quotes. Ph: Daniel 0408 459 228, or 07 4634 7075 a/h.

PUPS: British Bulldog x Bull Mastiff pups, 7 wks old, 4 f, 6 m, absolutely gorgeous, purposely bred for temperament and size, top quality pups, Vet Checked, vaccinated and wormed, from \$650. Ph: 07 4697 7370.

SHORT TERM LEASE: Spacious two bdrm unit in Centenary Heights area. Separate toilet, uncover parking, Front unit with only one other in complex, quiet street, close to parklands & USQ. Avail immediately. Ph: 0431 482 668.

TANK STANDS: Suitable for 800L -1200L round rainwater tanks. Made from robust treated timber/hardwood. Stands are 300-500mm high to allow easy tap/ bucket access and all water in the tank to be used. Made to order and size. Ph: Andy 0419 912 673.

TOYOTA ECHO: 2004 model, 3 door, 5 spd manual, silver/grey, 59,000kms, cheap to run & insure. \$11,000 neg. Ph: Gordon Marshall x5308 or email marshallg@usq.edu.au

TOYOTA HILUX: 1990, 2.8 diesel, 4WD, dual cab, white, 5 spd manual, 245,000kms, a/c, bullbar, side steps, towbar, new mud/t tyers, CD player, UHF, sc, gc. \$8,900 ono. Ph: 0438 334 274.

UNIT FOR RENT: Close to USQ, 3 dble Bdrms, 2 w/built ins, 2 way Bthrm, 2 toilets, separate dining & Kitchen, Open Plan Living, Private Court Yard, SLUG. \$210/wk avail 31/10/06. Ph: Tracey x5367 or 0438 911 992.

WANTED: Basic household furniture. If you are on the point of selling or discarding any furniture please email hunt@usq.edu.au

WANTED: Road bike to hire/rent/loan for vertically and stamina challenged academic who has ridiculously agreed to compete in the cycle leg of a triathlon in Nov. Needs to urgently get into shape. Can you help? Email: mula@usq.edu.au

WANTED: urgently registered quarter horse mare for 06/07 breeding season. Ph: 07 4697 7370.

NEWSMAKERS:

Scott Alderdice, Head of Department (Theatre), spoke to *The Chronicle* in regards to the *Theatre Showcase* at the USQ Arts Theatre.

Professor Graham Baker, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Scholarship) was quoted in *The Chronicle* regarding the ARC grants won by USQ researchers.

Dr Dale Bickham, Associate Lecturer (Human Physiology) was mentioned in *The Chronicle* after he was expected to take part in the Toowoomba Road Runners triple event that was held at USQ.

Dr Geoff Cockfield, Deputy Dean (Faculty of Business) spoke to ABC Southern Queensland about the constitutional convention getting a new model of government. He also spoke to them regarding the retirement of Natasha Stott Despoja from the Democrats.

Katrina Corcoran, Executive Officer (Marketing and Public Relations and Human Resources), was interviewed by the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* about the popularity of YouTube.

Martin Crook, Lecturer (Wind/ Wind Ensemble) was mentioned in the *Catholic Leader* after helping to prepare musicians for *Coronation Anthems* from *George II*.

Associate Professor Kate Foy, Deputy Dean (Faculty of Arts) was mentioned in the *Daily News* after she took a performance featuring second year Acting students to a Warwick High School.

Professor Maurice French, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) spoke to ABC Southern Queensland about the rate of students cheating on assignments.

Dr Laurence Johnson, Lecturer (English and Cultural Studies) was interviewed by ABC Radio National in The Philosopher's Zone.

Phillip Gearing, Senior Lecturer (Music) was interviewed by Mark Plummer on The Light radio station in connection with the *West-Star Motors Twilight Duo Piano Recital*.

Stephen Hagan, Associate Lecturer (Preparatory Studies) was mentioned in the *Gympie Times* in regards to the children's book that he co-authored.

Helen Ison, Associate Lecturer (Human Physiology) and *Julie Harris*, Lecturer (Nursing) were interviewed by Seven Bundaberg after they designed bras in support of breast cancer research.

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

Dr Martine Maron, Lecturer (Landscape Ecology) was quoted in the *West Wimmera Advocate* after she received a \$70k conservation grant to help save the endangered south-eastern red-tailed black cockatoo.

John Williams-Mozley, Kumbari/ Ngurpai Lag Director, was quoted in *The Chronicle* regarding the Tasmanian Government's announcement of compensation for the stolen generation.

Dr Christine Neville, Senior Lecturer (Nursing) spoke to the *Courier Mail* about the possibility of microchipping dementia patients in the future.

Daryl Sparkes, Lecturer (Media Studies and Production) was interviewed by the *Queensland Times* in regards to the new Bachelor of Applied Media program on offer at USQ Springfield and USQ's partnership with Briz 31.

Professor Peter Terry, Head of Psychology spoke to *Men's Health* magazine about the benefits of listening to music while exercising.

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

COMING EVENTS:

THEATRE SHOWCASE

Date: Thursday 27 October, 7.30pm
 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

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Date: 1 - 3 November, 7.30pm
 Venue: Metro Arts Studio, 109 Edward St, Brisbane
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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

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

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

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

GIRLS' NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Date: Tuesday 31 October, 7pm
 Venue: Quad, USQ Toowoomba
 Come to a coffee and cake night with the girls to raise money for women's cancer. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share and give a donation of what you would have normally spent on a night out to the Cancer Council. Donations will be collected on the night and tea and coffee will be provided. Bring a group of friends or come alone and have a fun night out. The event has been organised by the International Friendship Program, International Student Services and female international students at USQ.
 Phone: Veronica McKeon, 07 4631 2882

SCIENCES TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: Thursday 2 November, 6.30pm - 10pm
 Venue: T119/T120 (across from Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre), USQ Toowoomba.
 A fun activity for students and staff to mark the end of the second semester. Teams of three or four compete against each other trying to answer trivial and not-so-trivial, ridiculous and not-so-ridiculous questions in a number of categories (such as History, Entertainment, Politics, Sports, Science, etc). There will be small prize for the winner and loser and snacks will be available, however it is recommended that you BYO dinner and favourite drinks. Entry fee is \$10 per team.
 Phone: Michael de Raadt, 07 4631 5547

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

RETROSPECT



STUDENT ADMINISTRATION: The decor may have changed since 1979 but the good old fashioned service hasn't.

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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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