



## CONDAMINE ALLIANCE FUNDS RESEARCH

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
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*A new partnership agreement between the Condamine Alliance and USQ will improve the understanding of natural resource issues in the Condamine catchment.*

Through the partnership agreement, which was signed this week, the Alliance will provide USQ's Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) with \$240,000 over three years.

ACSC Co-Director, Dr Jerry Maroulis, said the money will provide ACSC with a Research Fellow for the three year term.

"The Agreement enables high quality scientific research to be undertaken at ACSC and through this partnership will address some key natural resource issues for the Alliance," Dr Maroulis said.

"The Research Fellow will be involved in researching projects that address relevant issues for the Alliance and ACSC, and will act as a supervisor for a range of PhD students working in these areas."

The range of potential PhD projects includes determining a sustainable yield of groundwater to meet demand in the Condamine River catchment, managing the environmental impacts of the booming industry in coal-seam gas extraction, sustainable management of river environments and best practices for resource management.

"The partnership is an important milestone for the ACSC and USQ in linking with the Alliance and forging strong local and regional alliances in the area of natural resource management (NRM)," he said.

"It will significantly enhance USQ's reputation as a key research organisation in NRM with other stakeholders."

These stakeholders include state and local government authorities, local Landcare and other NRM bodies, industry groups, other scientific research

LEFT: ACSC Co-Director Associate Professor Mark Porter, Alliance Chairman Dick Browne, DVC (Scholarship) Graham Baker, Alliance CEO Phil McCullough and ACSC Co-Director Dr Jerry Maroulis.

organisations and the community.

The agreement is also a first for a regional body such as the Alliance and enables the organisation to leverage resources internally and from USQ in a bid to find answers to issues affecting the surrounding region.

Alliance CEO, Phil McCullough, said it was important to enlist the scientific expertise of ACSC to validate project findings.

"While the community has a high involvement in what we do, it is important that the data we work with is scientifically validated, and that the data addresses our knowledge gaps in key areas," he said.

"Closer ties between USQ and the regional NRM body will also give rise to other opportunities for cooperation.

"As well as the benefits of getting the local University involved in environmental issues, which have global ramifications, there is the added benefit of opening up career opportunities for students in NRM," Mr McCullough said.

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## MADELEINE CHECKS HERSELF OUT FOR RETIREMENT

ABOVE: Alison Hunter, Madeleine MacPherson, Associate Professor Alan Smith, Loiuise Williamson and Jennifer Redding.

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*USQ's first University Librarian, and the only one USQ Toowoomba has had, Madeleine McPherson is checking herself out of the library and into retirement after a highly successful career.*

Madeleine has made a huge contribution to the University over the years, from ensuring the adoption of the right technology, helping to set up the Bretten Study Centre and building USQ's reputation as a world leading e-University.

"I first came to USQ in September 1992. It was a great opportunity to lead an organisation as there was a lot of change needed in the Library," Madeleine said.

"It was very much a traditional Library when I started and was only able to offer limited services to off campus students as the technology wasn't available, but it was possible to see the shape of future developments and what they could offer USQ.

"I was able to plan for the technology to give USQ students off-campus access to resources to meet their needs, while also improving services generally."

In mid 1999 Madeleine headed off to Germany as the inaugural Director of the Bretten Study Centre and spent the next 12 months setting it up, before returning to Toowoomba and becoming the Director of the BETTER Project.

The BETTER (Building for Enterprise

and Teaching with Technology Enhanced Responsiveness) Project was introduced to do the initial planning for USQ to become an e-University.

"I was involved in working out the IT architecture and systems support that would be required for the e-University enterprise," Madeleine said.

"It was very much laying the ground work and now we are recognised as a leading e-university."

Madeleine was also nominated by her peers to become President of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) in late 2002 for a two year term.

The Presidency usually changes every two years but at the end of her term Madeleine was asked to stay on for another, which was an indication of her peers' regard for her ability.

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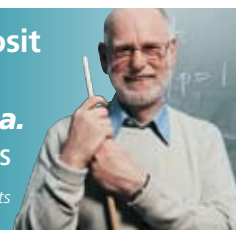
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## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR DESERVING PROFESSOR

ABOVE: USQ Professor (Mechatronic Engineering) John Billingsley has been honoured with an Achievement Award from the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

BY JOSH ADA  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*A fondness for 'gadgets', an inquisitive mind and dedication to his field has led to a prestigious international award for USQ Engineering Professor John Billingsley.*

Professor Billingsley has been acknowledged with an Achievement Award from the Institution of Engineering Technology (IET), for his outstanding contribution to Robotics and Mechatronics.

He has been involved in these two fields of Engineering for more than 40 years.

"I have always enjoyed 'gadgets' – as a boy I used to cover my parents' table with lethal electrical experiments," he said.

This was hardly a case of misspent youth however, with the Professor's fondness for 'gadgets' the precursor for what has become an illustrious Engineering career.

Receiving the award is an honour only extended to a handful of individuals each year, and is one of the most prestigious the industry offers.

"These Achievement Awards are given out all around the world and only a certain number are awarded annually," Professor Billingsley said.

"I am very pleased to have been recognised for all the work that I have done over the past four decades."

Nominated by his peers, Professor Billingsley said the fact that his colleagues had chosen him for the honour made the award even more significant.

"It is a great feeling to know that people in the industry actually nominate you for the award and appreciate what you have contributed."

Beginning his career in Engineering in 1960 after graduating from Cambridge University, Professor Billingsley has been lecturing in Robotics and Mechatronics since 1967.

"After I graduated I worked in the aircraft industry for four years after which I returned to university to complete my PhD and then three years later I began lecturing at Cambridge," he said.

"From there I went to Portsmouth University in 1976, then to Australia and USQ in 1992, where I have been ever since.

"The excellent Engineering program at USQ drew me to the University, but I also came over because I love the weather here."

Listed amongst his greatest achievements is his popularisation of Mechatronics through the development of the Micromouse Contest, his work on several television series in England and the numerous books that he has written encouraging the younger generation to get involved in Robotics.

Despite his continued heavy involvement in the industry, Professor Billingsley has no intentions of slowing down.

"Slow down, what's that?" he said.

"I still have a lot more work to do in collaboration with industry and also with USQ's Computational Engineering and Science Research Centre."

Professor Billingsley expects to travel to the IET in London next February to accept his Achievement Award.



## CONFERENCE A STEPPING STONE TO POLITICAL CAREER

ABOVE: USQ International Studies student Bella Chassain recently presented a paper at a democracy conference at UQ.

BY JOSH ADA  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*To say USQ student Bella Chassain is determined would be an understatement.*

The first year International Studies student has dreams of grandeur on the political stage and is already well on her way after presenting a paper at a democracy conference at the University of Queensland (UQ).

*Letting off Steam: What is Democracy... Where are the People?* was attended by 70 people representing organisations such as the Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

"I was approached three months ago by the organisers, who asked me to write

a paper and do a presentation on what a young person's perspective of democracy is," she said.

"It is an issue that I feel passionate about so I was happy to do it, even if it was a bit nerve racking."

Despite only graduating from Lowood State High School last year, Bella has already developed a reputation as a hard working campaigner for democratic rights.

"My high school actually piloted a program called *Discovering Democracy*, which looked at democracy, how it worked and how it affected people," she said.

"Through the program we were able to debate with local politicians and look at how elections worked and it is something that I have been heavily involved in ever since."

Various other speakers from all walks of life also addressed the conference, with Bella representing the younger generation.

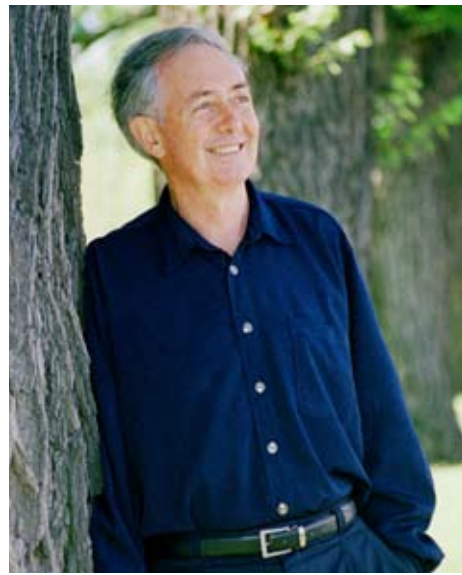
"I was the only person around my age to speak at the event and while that was a bit scary it was also a great honour."

As well as been invited to the conference, Bella also boasts a long list of outstanding achievements including the 2004 and 2005 Lions Youth of the Year Award and the 2004 RACQ Future Leadership Award.

"Eventually I want to be a Federal Politician because I would like to make a difference," she said.

"A lot of my friends laugh and call me a nerd when I tell them that but attending conferences like this is priming me for my political career and is a stepping stone to greater things."

Although she has set herself some lofty goals, based on her achievements at the tender age of 18 it appears that she is well on her way to a seat in Canberra.



## STUDENT INVITATION DRAWS NATIONAL PRESIDENT

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER  
PHOTOGRAPH BY SUPPLIED

*He is the President of the Australian Conservation Foundation, recipient of the Prime Minister's Environment Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement and an international speaker. But when Wide Bay student Joan Johnson invited him to visit the University he couldn't resist!*

After reading the prescribed texts for Sustainability and Community Development Joan instantly decided to email Professor Ian Lowe AO and invite him to address USQ and the local community.

While she describes it as a cheeky move, it got Professor Lowe's attention and he offered to give a free lecture at the Campus.

"I emailed him straight away not expecting him to reply. A few days later he did, and he offered to talk at the Uni free of charge," Joan said.

"I told Ian that not everyone was as cheeky as me.

"He said because I took the initiative- he didn't give the invitation a second thought."

Fresh from a speaking appointment at the National Press Club in August, Professor Lowe's talk packed the Wide Bay lecture theatre, with nearly 180 people attending.

"It was so successful that by 9am the next morning I had 85 emails in my inbox and by the end of the day I had 343. People were asking if we could start an

ABOVE: More than 10 percent of household electricity used in Australia is wasted keeping appliances like the television on standby, and as the world accepts the reality of depleting oil supplies and governments work toward finding a solution to this problem turning the TV off might be a good place to start!

action group in Hervey Bay, and that was double the amount of people that actually attended the event!

During his talk Professor Lowe discussed the need to develop ways to reduce individual energy consumption and looked at environment issues on a local level.

He also discussed how the world could reduce carbon emissions and touched on the issue of nuclear energy.

Joan, who is an Indigenous student, said she was drawn to Professor Lowe's work, and his beliefs reflected those she was taught as a child.

"Looking after the land and its sustainability is something that is a part of my cultural heritage.

"We only have one planet and it's dying- and its man whose stuffed it."



## INTERNSHIPS PROVIDE LINK BETWEEN UNI AND CLASSROOM

BY JOSH ADA  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*The initial 12 months on the job for first year teachers is often one filled with uncertainty and stress, with many also having to adjust to life in a rural setting.*

USQ's Faculty of Education in association with the Department of Education and the Arts (EQ) however, are looking to ease this burden on students, through the introduction of rural and remote internships.

As a result, three of USQ's most promising Education students have been chosen to take part in the pilot program.

Kim Fillery, Kirralee Fox and Melinda Seawright are three of 12 Education students state-wide who were selected to take up internships in rural and remote schools as part of the EQ initiative.

"This pilot program is designed to get the best quality pre-service teachers out

into the schools in these rural areas," EQ Principal Advisor for Workforce Professional Development, Mark Hunter said.

"The internships also recognise high achievement amongst fourth year Education students at universities throughout Queensland."

Each USQ student will be placed in a remote school for the duration of the schools fourth term, where they will experience rural teaching first hand.

"This is a fantastic opportunity and is a way in which I can get my foot in the door," said Kim, who will teach at Wandoan State School with Melinda.

"All of the late nights and hard work will be worth it, there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Kirralee, who will be heading to Calen District State School (between Mackay and The Whitsundays), was also thankful for the chance afforded to her through the internship.

"I am looking forward to getting involved in the school community," she said.

"Being able to do a term earlier than everyone else is really exciting."

ABOVE: Fourth year USQ education students Kirralee Fox (left) and Kim Fillery have been awarded rural internships as part of an EQ pilot program.

LEFT: Faculty of Education staff members congratulate Kirralee Fox on her internship.

USQ Faculty of Education Professional Experience Manager, Sheila King, congratulated the recipients and praised EQ for introducing the innovative scheme.

"Originally we sent five applications to the Department, from which they were to choose two, but we ended up getting three students through, which is a great achievement for these ladies and the Faculty," she said.

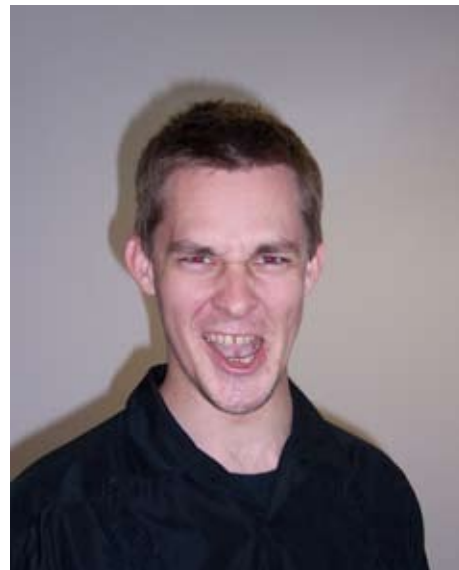
"All of the time they spend in the schools counts towards their final degree and they are paid employees of the government.

"It is a great way for them to gain further practical experience in schools and is an initiative that we are very supportive of."

All three students will commence their internships on Monday 9 October, with Mr Hunter leaving them with these parting words of advice.

"I actually did some work in a regional area and I loved every minute of it," he said.

"It is the one place where you have the most opportunity to experiment and although you take on a lot of responsibility you get so much out of the time you spend in these places."



## ARR! PIRATE TALK BE FER A GOOD CAUSE AT USQ SPRINGFIELD

BY FIONA TAYLOR  
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

*Thar was much pirate talk 'n laughter fer a good cause at USQ Springfield last week at the Talk Like A Pirate Day event.*

Event spokesperson, Captain Laura Chandler, who is also the Campus Counsellor, said the event be raisin' money fer Childhood Cancer Support Inc.

"We held the event to help out a good cause and 'av a bit of fun in the process," Laura said.

"A good time was 'ad by 'll and thar was much laughter 'n jokin', with nearly \$100 raised."

Activities on the day included two great and grand competitions.

"All student lubbers, havin' the courage enough competed for Best Dressed Pirate and Best Pirate Speaker, judged by three staff mateys, fair and true," Laura said.

Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Dr Graeme Senior, Tourism Lecturer, Frances Cassidy and Lecturer in Psychology, Dr Andrea Quinn stepped forward fer the task (at the threat of keel haulin' 'n floggins).

LEFT: First Mate and judge, Dr Graham Senior.  
MIDDLE: Captain Laura Chandler with Best Dressed student, John Mulroney.

ABOVE: Best Pirate Speaker student, Cameron Patrick.

Education student, swashbuckling John Mulroney took out first place fer Best Dressed and Psychology student, Privateer Cameron Patrick was deemed the Best Pirate Speaker.

Bucaneers were also able to get their eye patches, tattoos and stickers on the day fer a gold coin donation.

"Thanks be to all who gave up their doubloons and pieces o' eight," Laura said.

The event was part of International Talk Like a Pirate Day – Arrr!!!



## FINDING EQUALITY

BY JOSH ADA  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*The socio-economic division that exists between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is an issue that has ignited heated debate for decades.*

Closing this division has proved difficult, although there are many individuals still determined to fight for Indigenous rights.

One of these campaigners is prominent Indigenous researcher and lawyer, Professor Larissa Behrendt, who was chosen to present the 18th Concannon College Oration, to an audience which included USQ staff and students as well as members of the Toowoomba community.

Professor Behrendt is also the Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology and is an award winning author.

Speaking on a topic which has faded out of the national spotlight somewhat in the last few years, Professor Behrendt spoke of reconciliation and the struggle to achieve equality between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"My Oration (*Reconciliation and Social Justice: The Challenge for Australians*) looked at the disparity that currently exists between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," Professor Behrendt said.

"There is an inequity in Australian society; for example there is a 17 year difference between the life expectancy of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"If we are to change this, one of the things we must do is modify our legal system to fit with contemporary society so that Indigenous Australians are not disadvantaged."

She also emphasised the importance of bringing the plight of Indigenous Australians back onto the national agenda.

"Even though there is not the same amount of attention paid to the issue on a national level it is still as important as ever.

ABOVE: Professor Larissa Behrendt was this year's speaker at the 18th Concannon College Oration.

LEFT: Larissa was joined on her visit to USQ by her mother Raema.

"The inequality will be an ongoing thing, unless some changes are made."

Chair of the Concannon College Council, Mark Tranter, said the College was very fortunate to secure Professor Behrendt for the Oration.

"The Oration was well attended by members of the public, University and Toowoomba's Indigenous community," he said.

"Professor Behrendt is a well respected figure in the area of Indigenous Rights and is also a published author on the subject.

"This was an opportunity for the people of Toowoomba to hear from someone who is passionate about this issue."

An annual event, the Oration has attracted many well known speakers, who have addressed audiences on various social issues.

"We have had many prominent Australians speak, including Lieutenant General Peter Cosgrove and Nobel Prize winner, Professor Peter Doherty," Mr Tranter said.

"Professor Behrendt is a very inspiring woman and was well received by the audience."



## GOURMET FOOD ACKNOWLEDGED BY COUNCIL

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER  
PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

*There is an art to catering and Sven Reichelt and Paul Crossley, who own and manage Coffee & Cream at USQ Wide Bay have it down pat – just ask the Hervey Bay City Council (HBCC).*

The HBCC recently awarded them an Eat Well Eat Safe Award that acknowledges the high standard of their food.

Monitored by nutritionists and the local Council for six months, *Coffee and Cream* were one of 15 food outlets in Hervey Bay to be acknowledged - and from a field of 300 it's approval not to be ignored.

The HBCC developed the annual awards as a way to acknowledge the high standards of local food outlets. Participants were judged on two categories, food hygiene and food selection.

"We've been dead proud since we won," Sven said.

"In days where obesity is a big problem and traditional tuckshops are more and more in the line of public interest it is good to be an advocate for healthy options.

"It sends a strong signal into the community saying 'hey there are places that try to make a difference in hygiene as well as in the right choices'.

"We provide a variety of tasty, healthy food at reasonable prices. When developing our menu we made sure we were offering healthy options such as low

ABOVE: Sven and Paul serve students at the Coffee Shop.

fat, low GI and salt reduced and we also considered special dietary needs such as gluten intolerance," he said.

While *Coffee and Cream's* selection of food and safety standards have won them Council recognition, their food focus sets them apart.

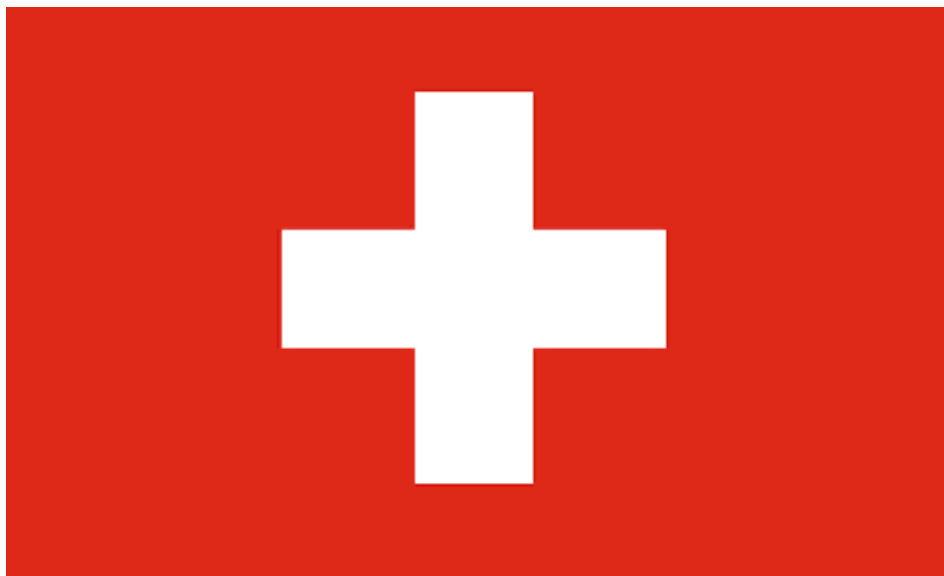
"We try to use local produce and organic options wherever possible," Paul said.

"Our coffee and tea for example are grown and produced in Queensland in an environmentally friendly and organic way," he said.

When Sven and Paul are not serving the staff and students at Wide Bay they are whipping up gourmet goodies and catering for local functions, including this year's Hervey Bay Citizenship Ceremony.

"We love working for the Uni. It's the mixture of people that's really thrilling as a lot of people from all walks of life come on campus to enjoy our food.

"We are already catering at a number of local functions and we hope this award lets even more people know that we are here and ready to rock," Paul said.



## SHARPENING BASSOON SKILLS IN BERN

BY AMY CASS  
PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH BULL

*By the time this article goes to print, 2003 Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship recipient, Anne-Maree Anderson, will have touched down in Bern, Switzerland, where she will study with world renowned bassoonist, Professor Lyndon Watts.*

Anne-Maree graduated with a Bachelor of Music from USQ in 2003, before completing postgraduate studies at the Queensland Conservatorium in Music the following year.

She said she is looking forward to the challenge of her studies.

"Professor Watts' reputation was made known to me and I went over in March

and played in a Master Class for him and did an audition while I was there.

"I was obviously impressed with his playing and his teaching and he accepted me as a private student, so I will now go back and work with him for three months.

"He is based in Munich as a Principal in the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra and travels to Bern three days a week where he teaches at the University of the Arts, where I will study."

This isn't the first time Anne-Maree has travelled overseas with her music.

"I played with the Queensland Youth Orchestra and did a tour of Europe with them, which was an amazing experience. I can't wait to get back there and into that vibrant musical culture."

Head of the Music Department at USQ, Kathy Pingel, said Anne-Maree is a worthy recipient of the prestigious Scholarship.

"Anne-Maree is a very promising Bassoonist who excelled in her music studies at USQ. I know she will make excellent use of this opportunity to further her studies."

LEFT: 2003 Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship recipient, Anne-Maree Anderson.

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The Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship has been offered to graduating music students since 1988. The scholarship alternates between vocalists and instrumentalists each year and is valued at \$14,000.

"The now deceased Joyce Campbell Lloyd was a local music lover who wanted to give aspiring musicians the opportunity to extend their performance studies overseas," Kathy said.

"It is a very generous scholarship and provides a wonderful opportunity for our graduating Music students."

The 2006 Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship recipient was announced at a public recital on Saturday, 23 September 2006. An article on the 2006 recipient, Master of Music student and Tenor, Martin Paroz, will appear in the next edition of USQ News.



## ACSC RESEARCH HAS POTENTIAL TO LEAD

BY FIONA TAYLOR & SIMON ATTWOOD  
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

*USQ's Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) has the potential to become a leader in biodiversity issues and agricultural landscapes research according to ACSC postgraduate student, Simon Attwood.*

Mr Attwood, along with three other ACSC members attended the Ecological Society of Australia (ESA) 2006 Annual Congress in Wellington, New Zealand recently.

"The overall impression gained from the experience was that ACSC is conducting ecological research that matches up to any in the region," Mr Attwood said.

"More importantly however, is the indication that ACSC has the potential to become a major leader."

At the conference, the representatives of the Sustainable Landscapes division of ACSC, Mr Attwood, Dr Martine Maron, Dr Andrew Le Brocque and Stuart Collard, experienced a wide range of talks on ecological issues.

"We also presented the findings of recent research conducted by ACSC, which provided both the opportunity to advertise our activities and receive valuable critical insights regarding our work," Mr Attwood said.

During the Fragmentation session Lecturer in Landscape Ecology, Dr Maron, discussed her recent work on the impacts of road networks, fire regime and presence of noisy miners on the passerine bird assemblages in Queensland forests.

Mr Attwood, Lecturer in Plant Ecology Dr Le Brocque and ACSC Postgraduate student Mr Collard, provided three of the five talks in the Agro-ecosystem session.

Mr Attwood's talk examined the responses of ant assemblages to land uses of increasing intensification in agricultural landscapes, and built upon the meta-analysis that he presented at ESA 2005 in Brisbane.



LEFT: Andrew Le Brocque, Stuart Collard, Martine Maron and Simon Attwood at Victoria University, Wellington for the conference. ABOVE: A Takahe, thought to be extinct until 'rediscovered' in 1948, is testament to the power of targeted ecological research.

Mr Collard discussed his findings on soil carbon concentrations in Brigalow agro-ecosystems and introduced a novel approach to modelling carbon dynamics in multi-use landscapes, the 'Landscape Carbon Management Index'.

Dr Le Brocque's talk provided an update on the main findings of the Traprock biodiversity project and some interim trends exhibited from the sheep grazing exclusion trials now running in the Traprock.

"The presentations by ACSC representatives exhibited a consistent profile of the Centre in an important and growing area of ecological research," Mr Attwood said.

"Research focussing on biodiversity in agricultural landscapes currently dominates the European paradigm of ecological research.

"However is still in relatively embryonic stages in Australia, giving ACSC the potential to lead developments in this area.

"We feel that the next couple of years are going to be a pretty exciting time for ACSC, as we strive to realise that potential."

# in BRIEF



### **Local employers recognised for support in Wide Bay**

Studying and working full time is a juggling act, and it is often the support of employers that allows students to manage their hectic schedules. The University's Wide Bay Campus recently acknowledged the support local employers offer students during a Hervey Bay Business Function hosted by USQ's Alumni and Friends Association. The University conducted a survey at Wide Bay and found about 70 percent of their students worked while studying. Students were then invited to nominate supportive employers and the University sent letters to these employers thanking them for their support. The Alumni event was held on campus and was also attended by local business owners, friends of the University, and employers nominated by students were also invited to attend.

### **IT professionals invited to have their say on improvements**



The Faculty of Business' Information Systems Department recently hosted an IT Service Management & Governance Seminar in a bid to provide local IT professionals the opportunity to discuss their personal experience in improving the IT industry. The seminar was attended by local industry leaders as well as USQ academics, and IT students were also invited to attend the session. Presentations were made by Peter Strickland (Heritage Building Society), Peter Cross (itSMF Aust National Chair), Stephen Callaghan (Board Member, ISACA), Brian Kissell (CTO USQ) and Simon Newton (TCC). National Chair of itSMF, Peter Cross, visited Toowoomba and the University earlier this year where he met with local IT professionals and academics and the seminar was a result of his visit. The conference was a success, with an informative discussion forum following the four presentations. The Faculty plans to host similar events in the future.

### **Relationship makes it more hospitable for students**



USQ and The Bremer Institute of TAFE have made it easier for students through a new articulation agreement. Students wanting to complete The Bremer's Diploma in Hospitality Management and then go on to study USQ's Bachelor of Hospitality Management now only have to enrol once through QTAC to complete both programs. Students were already able to gain a year's credit off USQ's Bachelor of Hospitality Management, but had to apply through QTAC to gain entry into USQ program once they had completed the Diploma and there was no guarantee students would get a place. Associate Dean of Business at USQ Springfield, Erle Stower, said since The Bremer took up some space in the USQ Springfield building towards the start of the year both institutions had been looking at ways to work more closely. "And this is yet another way we can make it more convenient for students," he said.

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**UNIT FOR RENT:** Close to USQ, 3 double bedrooms – 2 built ins, 2 way bathroom, 2 toilets, separate dining and kitchen, open plan Living, Private Court Yard, single lock up garage. Renting for \$210 per week, available 31 October. Ph: Tracey x5367 or 0438 911 992.

## MADELEINE CHECKS HERSELF OUT FOR RETIREMENT



ABOVE: Madeleine McPherson pictured with her boss, Associate Professor Alan Smith at her going away.

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Madeleine said throughout her successful and interesting career the highlight has been seeing the technology mature.

"The highlight has been seeing the way changes have been made, the introduction of services that meet the needs of our off-campus students, the development of technology services, and the acceptance of the technology by our clients," Madeleine said.

"The clients have really appreciated what we've done."

In retirement Madeleine will continue to contribute to the industry through her involvement on government committees, however she also has a few other activities on the agenda.

"I've got a grandchild keeping me busy, I plan to travel a bit and also pray for rain so I can spend more time in my garden," she said.

Madeleine worked at USQ for nearly 15 years and will be missed by staff and students alike.

# NEWSMAKERS:

*Dr Dale Bickham*, Associate Lecturer (Human Physiology), spoke to *The Chronicle* about competing in the Toowoomba Road Runner's half marathon. He was also mentioned in another article in *The Chronicle* after he won the event.

*Professor John Billingsley*, Professor (Mechatronic Engineering) was mentioned on 4WK (Toowoomba) for the Achievement Award he won from the Institution of Engineering and Technology. He was also interviewed by *The Chronicle* about his award.

*Gary Brady*, Business Development Manager was mentioned in the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* as the guest speaker at the Hervey Bay Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting.

*Laura Chandler*, Counsellor (Springfield campus) was interviewed by *Satellite* (Northern Edition), *Satellite* (Southern Edition) and *Satellite* (Western Edition) about the inaugural Talk Like a Pirate Day at the Springfield campus. The article also featured a photo of Campus Director Doug Fraser.

*Dr Noel Geoghegan*, Senior Lecturer (Education) was interviewed on Ian Keenan's Five at Five Drive Time show on Classic Hits 4KQ in regards to his life as a celebrity Queensland rock musician in the 1970's.

*Stephen Hagan*, Associate Lecturer (Preparatory Studies), was interviewed by 98.9FM (Brisbane) about the removal of the word 'nigger' from a grandstand at the Toowoomba Sports Ground.

*Cathy Jacobs*, Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre Manager, spoke to *The Chronicle* about its 10 year anniversary.

*Dr Kyle Jenkins*, Head of Department (Visual Arts) was interviewed by the *Northern Downs News* in regards to the Dalby Spring Art Show.

*Ron Johnson*, Business Manager (USQ Springfield) was featured in *Satellite* (Northern Edition) at the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

*Dianne Jones*, Lecturer (Broadcast Journalism) spoke to ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba) about Federal Government proposed changes to cross media ownership.

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

*Associate Professor Shahjahan Khan*, Associate Professor in Statistics was interviewed by *The Chronicle* in regards to the holy month of Ramadan.

*Wendy Lorenz, Andrew Lorenz and Martin Crook*, Lecturers (Music) were featured in the *Highfields Herald*, *Crows Nest Advertiser*, *Gatton Lockyer Brisbane Valley Star* and *The Chronicle* in reference to their final performance as the Phoenix Ensemble.

*Dr Jerry Maroulis*, Co-Director of USQ's Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments was interviewed by WIN News (Toowoomba), and was mentioned in the *Daily News* (Warwick) about the agreement signed with the Condamine Alliance.

*Sandra Parker*, Senior Human Resources Officer (Administration), spoke to *The Chronicle* about her retirement from USQ.

*Sandy Pottinger*, Lecturer (Visual Arts) completed her regular Around the Galleries column in *The Chronicle*. She was also interviewed by *The Chronicle* about a quilt exhibition that she opened.

*Daryl Sparkes*, Lecturer (Media Studies & Production) spoke to *Satellite* (Northern Edition) and the *Springfield News* about the new Bachelor of Applied Media offered at the Springfield campus from 2007.

*Kevin Stapleton*, Student Guild General Manager and *Dr Geoff Cockfield*, Head of Department (Economics and Resource Management) were interviewed by *Toowoomba's Mail* about the lack of political and student debate at USQ.

*Associate Professor Roger Stone*, (Climatology) spoke to 4WK, 4GR, *The Chronicle*, ABC Southern Queensland, *Stanthorpe Border Post* and the *Gatton Lockyer Brisbane Valley Star* about the new level five water restrictions and the drought.

*Hayley Sugars*, Faculty of Arts (Music) was mentioned in *The Chronicle* as a performer at the grand final of the Joyce Campbell Lloyd scholarship.

*Professor Peter Terry*, Professional Research Fellow, Faculty of Sciences (Psychology) spoke to the *Courier Mail* regarding his research into the psychological effects of music on sports performance, which he was to present at a conference.

# COMING EVENTS:

## VECTORS III

Date: 2 October – 1 November

Venue: USQ Arts Gallery

An exhibition showcasing the works of USQ's postgraduate Visual Arts students.

Phone: USQ Curator, 07 4631 1119

## KAP VACATION CARE

Date: 2 – 6 October

Venue: Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre, USQ Toowoomba, Baker Street

KAP Vacation care program is ideal for keeping the children happy and active during the school vacation. During the program, children will participate in a number of sporting activities, art & craft, cooking, excursions, movies and quiet time for the younger ones. Child care benefits available.

Phone: Centre Reception, 4631 1588

## JAZZ AND ART IN THE GARDEN

Date: Sunday 8 October, 11am–4pm

Venue: Boyce Garden & Rainforest, 6 Range Street, Toowoomba

The Zonta Club of Toowoomba Garden City is again hosting a 'Jazz in the Garden' afternoon to raise funds for children with leukemia. The Caxton Street Jazz Band will perform, complimentary wine or juice served on arrival, gourmet afternoon tea and more. BYO picnic foods. Wines available for purchase at the bar. The event is sponsored by West Star Motors & tickets cost \$35.

Phone: Empire Box Office, 1300 655 299

## TERM 4 KIDS FUN FITNESS CLASSES

Date: Term starts week beginning 9 October to 15 December

Venue: Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre, USQ Toowoomba, Baker Street

Kids Fun Fitness classes aim to develop your child's confidence, strength, balance, and motor skills while having a great time moving to music and interacting with other children of a similar age. Children participate in a circuit class with fun beach themed activities. Different classes are held for different age groups. Enrol now.

Phone: Centre Reception, 4631 1588

## SCIENCE INFORMATION EVENINGS

Date: 10, 11 & 12 October

Venue: Allison Dickson Lecture Theatre, USQ Toowoomba

Get a taste of what it's like to work in the fields of Science at this special information evening. Industry professionals will share their experiences and attendees will also have their chance to have all their questions answered.

Phone: Helen Ainsworth, 07 4631 1679

## LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

Date: Wednesday 11 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.

## 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. Phone: Michelle Fox, 07 4631 1111

## 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

## 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



**USQ IN THE 70s:** Here's a shot of the quad back when USQ was known as the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education (DDIAE). I'm sure the signs made sense to someone at the time.

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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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