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LESS FREQUENT, BUT MORE INTENSE

It's been nearly two weeks since Cyclone Larry ripped through North Queensland, but the devastation of the category five storm will be felt for decades.

Winds of up to 290 kilometres an hour tore off roofs, wrecked banana crops and left around 120,000 people without power.

So why was Larry so intense?

"Due to global warming our oceans water temperature has risen almost one degree over the past ten years and this rise in temperature has impacted on our environment," said USQ Climatology lecturer, Joachim Ribbe (pictured above).

"Cyclones like Larry, which hit far North Queensland recently, are a normal

occurrence in that area but the intensity in which it hit the coastline was not.

"What we are beginning to see, with regards to cyclones and severe storms, is not so much the increase in frequency, but rather the intensity.

"As the temperature of the ocean increases it creates confined atmospheric pressure.

"It's this pressure in the atmosphere that results in severe storms and cyclonic weather patterns," said Joachim.

USQ graduate in Climatology and Queensland President of the Severe Weather Association, Anthony Cornelius, agrees with Joachim.

"While there is no clear confirmation in the increase in severe weather due to global warming, there is a growing trend of high intensity storms and cyclones.

"The number of cyclones in Queensland has actually dropped in numbers over the

BY CATE GAZAL

past ten years however the intensity of these cyclones has risen.

"And what causes the intensity of cyclones is the temperature in the ocean," he said.

Anthony says his greatest concern as a meteorologist is not the change in weather patterns, but how communities are not adequately preparing for severe storm weather.

"It is so important that people listen to weather instructions issued by the Bureau of Meteorology.

"I have been in situations where there has been severe storms and children have been playing in flooded storm water drains.

"It's time to realise that we are entering into some uncharted weather patterns, however the impact can be minimised through adhering to weather advise," said Anthony.

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HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Quadrangle was awash with colour as the University and wider community celebrated national Harmony Day.

In a bid to denounce racism and show their commitment to solidarity, hundreds of people joined together for the festivities.

The University was a sensory delight as the Quad came alive with music from India and Africa, and food stalls served a rich variety of dishes from across the globe.

Organisers were pleased with the day saying it was an opportunity to celebrate the cultural nature of the University.

"USQ Harmony Day 2006 has provided the opportunity for all, including those individuals from diverse backgrounds to stand together in unity, with the purpose of communicating, sharing, and enjoying the huge variety of cultures on offer here amongst USQ, the Darling Downs and Toowoomba Regions," said Manager of USQ's Multicultural Centre, William Conwell.

The University choose Harmony Day to launch the USQ Multicultural Centre.

Further details on the Centre will appear in the Winter edition of the *USQ Phoenix*.





USQ PARTNERS WITH HOSPITAL TO HELP ADOLESCENTS

Toowoomba adolescents will have an extra ear to turn to, through an innovative partnership between USQ and the Toowoomba Base Hospital.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH LIZA MATTIAZZI

As part of the project USQ Postgraduate Psychology students will work with hospital professionals to help adolescents and further develop their clinical psychology skills.

The project also received a \$6,300 Community Partnership grant from the University, which was used to upgrade a clinical room in the Unara Health Village at the hospital.

The grant, titled *Empower Partners, Enable Adolescents, Skill Students*, enabled the room to be fitted with a camera, TV, speakers and a DVD player.

The Toowoomba Base Hospital also put \$1,500 towards the facility through a District Education, Research and Library Services grant.

Associate Professor in Psychology, Paul Bramston, said the cooperative project will enable Postgraduate Psychology students to develop clinical competencies in the area of child mental health.

"The Project has set up a specialist facility at the hospital to do psychotherapy with adolescents in Toowoomba using postgraduate psychology students," Associate Professor Bramston said.

"The new joint facility will enable students

LEFT: Associate Professor in Psychology Paul Bramston, Acting Manager of Acute and Community Mental Health Gail Turner and Child and Youth Mental Health Psychologist and Student Karen de Nooyer with Master and Doctorate of Psychology (Clinical) students in the new facility at the Toowoomba Base Hospital.

to observe and record experienced clinicians at work with hospital clients and record their own sessions for analysis and discussion."

Staff will also benefit from the partnership through shared resources, a test-library and the updated facilities.

He said the initiative is part of the two new flagship programs, Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) and the Master of Psychology (Clinical) that commenced at the start of semester.

"The new coursework Doctorate and Masters in Clinical Psychology brings the University to the very forefront of Postgraduate Psychology training in Australia," Associate Professor Bramston said.

"The two new clinical programs compliment the existing postgraduate specialty in Health Psychology and guarantee a strong future for USQ in the training of South East Queensland Psychologists."

The students first used the facilities during a workshop last week.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM BURSARY

Finding money for your bond, books and bus pass is a struggle for any student in Semester 1, but making ends meet can be even harder if you are an international student.

BY AMY CASS PHOTOGRAPH ELIZABETH BULL

But, with the help of a ZONTA book bursary, two USQ students, Channy Park and Annette Chenng, are enjoying the benefits of free textbooks this semester.

Channy and Annette have a lot in common: they are both professionals, both have two teenage daughters and both women are studying at USQ to improve their careers prospects back home.

MBA student, Annette Chenng was born in China during the Cultural Revolution and migrated to Hong Kong with her family when she was ten years old.

Following the completion of a Diploma in Internal Design, Annette established a very successful career as an interior

designer in Hong Kong.

"My past eventually caught up with me when China took over Hong Kong from the British in 1997.

"The effects of the takeover were immediate. Economic activity declined and people who didn't lose their jobs suffered a 50 percent decrease in salary.

"Eventually, by the year 2000, my husband and I had no other option than to start our own business."

Like many small business owners, Annette and her husband struggled with day to day business activities, eventually realising that one of them needed formal business training.

"My decision to study at USQ was a simple case of cause and effect.

"Eighteen years ago I sponsored my two younger sisters to undertake studies at USQ and they are now sponsoring me to complete my studies at USQ.

"My daughters are also enjoying school in Australia, and in particular, the freedom and extra-curricular activities," Annette said.

Master of TESOL Honours student, Channy Park, moved from Korea to

LEFT: USQ Student Channy Park with Toowoomba Garden City Zonta Club President, Lorry McIntyre and USQ International Counsellor, Rachael Cleary

ABOVE: USQ Student, Annette Chenng, worked as an Interior Designer in Hong Kong for 17 years before moving to Australia to study her MBA

Australia one and a half years ago to study at USQ.

In Korea Channy teaches English to middle school students at a school in Seoul.

"As English teachers we don't have any speaking skills and to become fluent I had to study abroad.

"Korean culture is still very much based on Chinese Confucianism, which means we have to obey our father-in-law.

"Fortunately he supported me in this decision and it will be a great opportunity for me in Korea when I am fluent in English."

Studying in Australia is also an opportunity enjoyed by Channy's two daughters, who are enrolled in Toowoomba State Schools.

"The hardest adjustment I have had to make is studying with young people – that has been very challenging for me – most of the young students are very courageous and active."

Zonta International is a service organisation of business and professional women who aim to advance the status of women worldwide.



THE CULTURE CLUB

Take 170 international students, a BBQ and throw in a Hawaiian shirt and you have a recipe for one huge cross-cultural sausage sizzle.

BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER
PHOTOGRAPHED BY ELIZABETH BULL

More than 150 students lined up across the K5 lawn in celebration of the official opening of the International Student Community Room during March.

The community room was developed as a meeting place for international students and is complete with lounge chairs, a microwave, fridge, TV and message board.

International Student Support Manager, Gary Logan said the community room offers students an avenue for social interaction and cross-cultural talks.

"We wanted to provide the students with a place where they could meet new people and develop strong friendships.

LEFT: The launch of the new International Student Community Room was a huge success.

The idea is that students can eat lunch together and mix with a diverse range of people", Mr Logan said.

To mark the occasion and represent the spirit of the room, the students autographed a wall hanging with painted hands. The hanging highlights the cultural diversity of the students and symbolises unity.

After students had signed the hanging, they enjoyed burgers cooked by the staff from International Student Support.

The room is open from 9am until 4pm Monday to Friday.



USQ LEADS WAVE IN CAREER EDUCATION

USQ is working with students and businesses on an exciting new career initiative to address the perception that Australian university graduates do not have all the skills employers are looking for.

Through an innovative new project USQ has started to address this issue, and according to Graduate Transition Consultant, Katrina Vagg, the benefits of the project are being realised by students and employers.

Mrs Vagg recently took over the position of Graduate Transition Consultant from Guy Williams who is now the Career Learning Consultant at Springfield.

She said all USQ staff needed to be aware of the importance of career development education for students earlier in their study, and encourage them to become involved in practical employment programs.

"The market is changing. Many employers are looking for more generic skills in graduates, rather than technical skills and experience," Mrs Vagg said.

"Research indicates that there is a gap between the employability skills that graduates have and those that employers are looking for. These skills include communication, interpersonal skills, creativity, leadership and networking."

She said some graduates seem to be unprepared for the real world (too much theory and not enough practical skills).

The Beyond Education Project aims at bridging that gap and easing the transition from university to the workforce.

"USQ is bridging the employability skills gap through mentoring, skills workshops run by employers, and the development of graduate induction programs in small and medium sized enterprises," Ms Vagg said.

The Project was initiated by USQ after the University secured a grant from the Department of Education and Training in March 2005.

The results of the research will allow other Australian universities to reassess their career education and develop programs to improve graduate skills.

LEFT: Career Learning Consultant Guy Williams (left) and Graduate transition Consultant Katrina Vagg (right and above) ran a Career Mentoring workshop recently.

BY FIONA TAYLOR
PHOTOGRAPH ELIZABETH BULL

Mrs Vagg said the Career Mentoring arm created direct partnerships between students and employers and provided great networking opportunities.

"Students are mentored by industry professionals who can provide an insight into the workplace and advice on how to succeed," she said.

The Mentoring program was piloted in 2005 with 40 mentor/mentee matches.

In 2006 the program has already doubled to cater for about 80 matches. Awareness of the program is increasing both in students and employers.

"Some mentees from the 2005 program gained work experience and/or full time employment from the relationship."

"Students have reported that the Mentoring program provided motivation, inspiration, guidance and direction for their career development.

"Mentors find the program both personally and professionally rewarding by assisting students develop their knowledge about the industry."

For further information on the Beyond Education Project contact Katrina Vagg on 07 4631 1823 or vagg@usq.edu.au



STUDENTS TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE

They designed war machines, powered an entire city and learnt that science and engineering can be a lot of fun!

BY CATE GAZAL

PHOTOGRAPHED BY ELIZABETH BULL

More than 700 high school students from the Darling Downs and Springfield regions converged on USQ recently for the 2006 Science and Engineering Challenge.

Over 25 schools competed in the four day competition, held at the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre at the University's Toowoomba Campus.

USQ's Faculty of Sciences Manager, Harry Spencer, said the Challenge aims to stop the continuing decline in the number of high school students taking on mathematics, physics and chemistry in senior school.

"Half the battle in the engineering and the science industries is encouraging school students to pursue these areas as tertiary study options," he said.

"The value of a competition like the Science and Engineering Challenge lies in the opportunity it creates for students to apply science and engineering concepts in a fun, competitive and practical setting.

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a joint project between USQ's Faculty

LEFT: Science and Engineering Challenge 2006 Champions, the Christian Outreach College will go on to compete at the Super Challenge in August.

of Science, Faculty of Engineering and Surveying and the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East Youth Program.

"All school's performed exceptionally well throughout the challenge, with participants using there problem solving and team work skills," Mr Spencer said.

At the end of the week the Christian Outreach College were named overall winners, with St Mary's College Toowoomba a close second.

Both teams will now compete in the Queensland Super Challenge, to be held during Science Week at USQ Toowoomba.

Winners from the Super Challenges will then go on to compete at the National Grand Challenge.

USQ Wide Bay will host their regional challenge on Tuesday, 6 June and the University will also host the national Grand Challenge in 2007, as part of the USQ's 40th anniversary celebrations.

For further information please contact Harry Spencer on 07 4631 2259 or spencer@usq.edu.au



A music and movement program offered at USQ's Junior Academy of Music (JAM) is working to assist children with language disorders.

MUSIC THE TUNE FOR SPEECH DEVELOPMENT

The program, developed by JAM Director, Paula Melville-Clark and Speech Pathologist at St Vincent's Hospital, Paula Hadgraft, aims to enhance children's communication and learning skills using music and movement.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPHED BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

Ms Melville-Clark and Miss Hadgraft realised that there was a link between movement and language, after meeting at a dinner party in 2002.

"Speech, like physical movement, is a motor activity. We began to observe that many children with poor coordination skills also have problems in producing coordinated sounds," Ms Melville-Clark said.

Over the past three years Miss Hadgraft has referred several children with auditory processing difficulties, articulation and language delay and autistic spectrum disorders to USQ's JAM to participate in Dalcroze-based music and movement classes.

During this class the teacher plays a skipping rhythm for the children to move to. When the children hear a particular signal in the music they must freeze.

"It's a game that is completely appropriate to children and these types of quick reaction activities are extremely beneficial to children experiencing problems in

LEFT: Director of USQ's Junior Academy of Music, Paula Melville-Clark runs Dalcroze-based music classes to help children develop communication and learning skills. Children with disabilities are integrated into classes with children without disabilities.

listening and responding," Ms Melville-Clark said.

Miss Hadgraft said a sensory framework is set up with interlinking channels that allow the child to develop connections and links, categorising the multi-sensory information.

"The lower brain centres, which form the entry to the brain, are stimulated allowing the specialist to awaken the child's ability to attend, focus and then begin to categorise, sort and store the information.

"The benefits to these young ones have been significant. At a recent concert I saw a young child with ASD walk confidently onto the stage and appropriately interact with other young performers."

It is a gradual process, but Miss Hadgraft believes in its efficacy so much that she donated the 'Hadgraft Speech Scholarship' for a child in speech therapy to attend weekly music and movement classes for a year at USQ's JAM.

Classes are held at USQ's JAM during the four school terms. The 'First Steps' Program for 2 -5 years run for 45 minutes and cost \$140 per term.

Please contact USQ JAM on 07 4631 1110 for more information or to enrol.

soap box

WELL IT SELLS PAPERS...

BY MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
BRAND OFFICER, SAMFYA SMITH

Right, I'm standing on my soapbox, here goes...people, please use your common sense and don't believe all you hear in the media.

This diatribe comes about because I was watching Sunrise a few weeks ago and Jonno Coleman and his Postcard Home (aka trashy gossip from London) mentioned that a nursery school in the UK had changed the words of "Baa Baa Black Sheep" to "Baa Baa Rainbow Sheep".

Well, Kochie and Mel were livid! "ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD...what is the world coming to..." blah, blah, blah.

Now, I didn't know if this story is true or not. I did know that Jonno quite clearly said "a" (ie one) school. I did know that there was no discussion about why the school might have done it (apart from it being POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD). I did know that I felt extremely sceptical while listening to it and wanted to find out more.

A quick search for Rainbow Sheep on the internet showed that people all over the place were working themselves into a frenzy. Eloquent bloggers stating their opinion thus "@!#@@!#!@!\$". The "PC Twisted Knicker Brigade" were blamed.

Gervase Duffield, a local councillor, was reported as complaining "Why do people waste time and money doing this sort of thing when there are far more important things to think about when it comes to educating our children?"

Good question, Gervase. You could ask, why waste time reporting, reading, ranting about this sort of thing while people are dying through wars, AIDS, oppressive regimes, natural disasters, starvation, domestic violence...but I digress.

As any sensible pommy would do, I checked out what the BBC had to say. They reported that the "children were encouraged to exchange a wide range of words in songs" as a way to "extend their vocabulary and use up some energy". Sounds fair enough to me. Not much of a story though, is it?

The reports on the heinous Baa Baa incident on the various online news sites all appeared remarkably similar, almost as if they had come from the same source. Hmm, it got me thinking of another story

that was doing the rounds last year.

The story was that banks in the UK had banned piggy banks (loved by generations of young savers) because of the potential to offend Muslims. "Oh, my goodness, that sounds like POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD...what is the world coming to?"

Media outlets throughout Australia jumped on this story. Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* ran the story, as did our *Courier Mail*. Letters were sent to editors. Talkback radio presenters must have thought they had died and gone to (non denominational specific) heaven.

The only trouble was...it wasn't even true. The ONLY reason I know this...I happened to watch ABC's Media Watch when it was featured.

All I'm saying is be sensible, people. Use your judgement, accept that you are probably being manipulated and don't let yourself be drawn into unnecessary hysteria. There are much more important things in this world to get worked up about.

By the way, check out the Media Watch article <http://www.abc.net.au/mediawatch/transcripts/s1494636.htm>, it makes interesting reading.

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NEWSMAKERS:

Dr Lorelle Burton, Lecturer in Psychology, was interviewed by the *Toowoomba Chronicle* in relation to her new psychology book. Dr Burton was also interviewed by the *Toowoomba Chronicle* in regards to Dr Phil's techniques.

Associate Professor Paul Bransom, Associate Professor in Psychology, was interviewed by WIN Toowoomba in relation to the University's partnership with Toowoomba Base Hospital.

Ms Mary Anne Hall, Researcher, talked to 4WK about a recent childhood obesity study. Ms Hall was also interviewed by ABC Toowoomba regarding the study.

Mrs Lucille Hill, Manager of USQ Artworks, spoke to 1071 AM Kingaroy about upcoming performances at USQ.

Ms Leonie Jones, Lecturer in Media Production, presents a regular movie review on 1071 AM Kingaroy.

Dr Jerry Maroulis, Senior Lecturer in Education, was quoted in the *Oakey Champion* in relation to a public recently held to discuss Gowrie Creek ecosystem concerns.

Mr Harry Spencer, Faculty of Science Manager, talked to ABC Toowoomba about the Science and Engineering Challenge.

Dr Roger Stone, Associate Professor Climatology, spoke to the *Gatton Star* regarding a climate change conference that was held.

Professor Ken Stott, Wide Bay Provost, was quoted in the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* regarding a proposed Shakespeare Festival in Wide Bay next year.

HANDYMAN HELP IS ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY

If you're only half a handy man or women, have the talent but not the tools, look no further ... the Faculty of Engineering and Surveying Mechanical Engineering Workshop have the answer for you.

The Faculty have just opened their doors and are offering their services to University staff on fee for service basis.

The Workshop has the equipment and capability to cover almost all repairs and fabrication including: precision machining (e.g. turning and milling), cutting and folding sheet metal up to

3mm thick, welding and brazing, CNC machining of complex components and repairs and maintenance.

If you don't understand what those terms mean but have a job you think they might be able to help with, Mechanical Workshop Manager, Chris Galligan, is more than happy to provide appraisals and advice.

Chirs can be reached on extension 7469, 0421 047 570 or galligac@usq.edu.au and the workshop is located in the Z4 building at USQ Toowoomba.

COMING EVENTS:

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION

DATE: Wednesday 5 April 5.30pm - 7pm
 VENUE: Level 6, USQ Springfield
 Scholarship recipients studying through USQ Springfield will be presented with their awards at a special ceremony attended by Campus Director, Doug Fraser.
 PHONE: Ken Giddeon, 07 4631 2495

USQ'S SCHOOL'S PARTNER PROGRAM

DATE: Wednesday 5 April, 12pm - 2pm
 VENUE: USQ Springfield
 USQ Schools Partners Program provides members with professional development opportunities for staff and students, access to USQ resources and a range of other initiatives.
 PHONE: Margo Baas, 07 4631 2267

DALCROZE MUSIC WORKSHOP

DATE: Saturday 8 April & Sunday 9 April, 9am - 4pm
 VENUE: USQ J AM, 01 Block
 This workshop provides an innovative approach to improving musical performance and awareness for performers and teachers. Presenters are Andrew Davidson and Paula Melville-Clark. Cost is \$150 or \$75 for Concession.
 PHONE: USQ JAM, 07 4631 1110

GODSPELL

DATE: Friday 28 April - Sunday 30 April
 VENUE: USQ Arts Theatre
 A sparkling musical based on the Gospel according to St Matthew.
 PHONE: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

DATE: Wednesday 3 May - Sunday 28 May
 VENUE: USQ Arts Gallery
 An exhibition to make art collections accessible to children.
 PHONE: USQ Curator, 07 4631 1119

MOZART MAGIC

DATE: Saturday 6 May, 7.30pm
 VENUE: USQ Arts Theatre
 The USQ Orchestra presents a magical concert in celebration of the birth of Mozart
 PHONE: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP GOLF DAY

DATE: Thursday 11 May, 8am - 8pm
 VENUE: City Golf Club, Toowoomba
 Each year a Corporate Golf Day is held to raise money for the Chancellor's Scholarships. Get a team together and enjoy a fantastic day on the green.
 PHONE: Ken Giddeon, 07 4631 2495

CHILDREN'S THEATRE WEEK - ZAC THE HERO

DATE: Monday 15 May - Sunday 21 May
 VENUE: USQ Arts Theatre
 An exciting fairyland adventure for the whole family
 PHONE: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

UNDER EIGHTS DAY

DATE: Saturday 20 May, 10am - 2pm
 VENUE: USQ Toowoomba
 Under Eights Day provides a fun and educational day out. There are a range of activities, as well as info sessions for parents. Entry is free. This event coincides with Under Eights Week.
 PHONE: Alice Brown, 07 4631 1933

BIG BAND CELEBRATION

DATE: Saturday 27 May, 7.30pm
 VENUE: Empire Theatre, Toowoomba
 The Ergon Energy Big Band celebrates its 21st birthday with a concert befitting the occasion!
 PHONE: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

OFF-SHORE

DATE: Wednesday 31 March - Wednesday 14 June
 VENUE: USQ Arts Gallery
 An exhibition exchange with the Tasmanian School of Art
 PHONE: USQ Curator, 07 4631 1119

ALL SHORTS

DATE: Wednesday 7 June - Sunday 18 June
 VENUE: USQ Arts Theatre
 A mixed bag of contemporary and classic short plays directed by Kate Foy and Robert Ketton.
 PHONE: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

WEST STAR MOTORS TWILIGHT RECITAL

DATE: Wednesday 26 June, 6pm
 VENUE: USQ Arts Theatre
 Gregory Massingham (tenor) and Margaret Schindler (soprano) combine to perform Wolf's Italian Song Books.
 PHONE: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

LIFTING THE LID

DATE: Tuesday 4 July - Sunday 30 July
 VENUE: USQ Arts Gallery
 An exhibition of highlights from USQ's extensive ceramic collection.
 PHONE: USQ Curator, 07 4631 1119

OFF THE WALL

DATE: Wednesday 2 August - Sunday 27 August
 VENUE: USQ Arts Gallery
 An exhibition featuring selected works by USQ Visual Arts students.
 Phone: USQ Curator, 07 4631 1119

COSI FAN TUTTE

DATE: Wednesday 2 August - Sunday 13 August
 VENUE: USQ Concert Hall
 The USQ Opera Studio and Orchestra present Mozart's sparkling comic opera.
 Phone: USQ Box Office, 07 4631 1111

USQ WIDE BAY OPEN DAY

DATE: Sunday 6 August
 VENUE: USQ Wide Bay
 The Universities doors will open and the community is invited to see what USQ Wide Bay has to offer. There will be a number of activities, entertainment and prizes. Entry is free.
 Phone: Ken Giddeon, 07 4631 2495

USQ SPRINGFIELD OPEN DAY

DATE: Sunday 13 August
 VENUE: USQ Springfield
 Lots of activities are planned for USQ Springfield's Open Day. Tour the Campus facilities, enjoy the free entertainment and learn about what USQ has to offer.
 Phone: Ken Giddeon, 07 4631 2495

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