



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

BY AMY CASS
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She ushered the athletes, cued the Queen and got a front row ticket to the biggest night Melbourne has ever seen.

For USQ Student, Tiana Kankkunen, the opening of the XVIII Commonwealth Games is a night she'll be talking about for the rest of her life.

The final year Bachelor of Theatre Arts student has been working as a Deputy Stage Manager for the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne since the start of January.

As part of her role Tiana was responsible for managing the front of field access to the stadium, which was the entry and exit point for the 2,000 cast members.

The bubbly student, who is majoring in stage management and technical production, was on an emotional high following the success of the opening ceremony.

"The night went really, really well. It was so much fun – I had an absolute ball,

"The two main highlights for me were watching the tram come into the stadium and the reaction of audience to the tram,

"It was also really exciting to say hello and good luck to the athletes as they walked into the stadium and a few of them handed me flags, which was great!,

"The athletes obviously weren't there for the dress rehearsal, so when they walked into the stadium it really hit home that tonight was the night!"

Tiana also came close to the guest of honour, Queen Elizabeth II.

"I made sure the area was clear for her and she drove straight past me wearing her lemon suite, which was very exciting,

"It was also great to meet Delta Goodram and The Cat Empire and to see some of Australia's sporting greats running with the baton."

Tiana applied for the position through the Commonwealth Games and has been living in Melbourne since 2 January.

"There is a big team of us working on the opening and closing ceremonies and it's been a real eye opener to work on such a massive production,

"It's also good to see that what we are learning at University is exactly the same as what we are doing here, but obviously on a much bigger scale."

Tiana celebrated the success of the Opening Ceremony with other members of the crew into the wee hours of Thursday morning, but is back to work today.

"Now we have to go back tomorrow (Friday) for a long, long, long day of rehearsals, but it will pay off in the end."

Despite my best efforts, Tiana remained tight lipped about who is performing in the closing ceremony.

"Like all members of the cast and crew, I am signed to a confidentiality agreement and I cannot say who is appearing, but the whole show is very exciting and it will be a great night."

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INSIDE AN ELITE ATHLETE'S MIND

ABOVE: Professor Peter Terry (back left) with the Great Britain Winter Olympic Bobsleigh Team, who he worked with for 10 years.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

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The battle for Commonwealth Games Gold has begun, but the winner of the race is often decided before the starter's gun is fired

According to National President of the APS College of Sport Psychologists, Professor Peter Terry, the real competition is in the 'Call Room', where the athletes wait together prior to the start of the race - that's where the mind games are at their fiercest and the athlete's mental state and imminent performance can be altered dramatically.

Professor Terry, who is also head of Psychology at USQ, said athletes thinking the wrong thing focus on their responsibility to family, friends and the Australian nation.

"They will often be weighed down by the burden of expectation, which is a very common mistake," Professor Terry said.

"They magnify the importance of what they're doing, which is really just a game.

"Those who get it right focus on their role and how they're going to play it.

"They will have mentally rehearsed what will happen leading up to the Games - what they will be thinking, feeling and doing - and they will have been preparing for this for the previous few days.

"If the athlete gets it right, they will implement what they have been planning in their mind. Some need help to do this and that's where Sport Psychologists come in," he said.

Sports Psychologists work with coaches to encourage and train athletes to prepare mentally for a competition.

Professor Terry said all major tournaments are emotional melting pots, where feelings are exaggerated and athletes need to be able to remain an oasis of calm.

"Shooting, for example, at the highest level is perhaps 90 percent mental challenge, in that every competitor can hit the target, but they don't all hit it every time and the reason they don't is because their mind gets too active.

"This is especially the case when you get towards the end of the competition, some of them are absolute nervous wrecks."

Professor Terry worked with shooters at the 2002 Commonwealth Games and also

with Richard Faulds, who won gold for Great Britain at the 2000 Olympic Games.

"His competition persona was the 'iceman', which meant no thoughts, no feelings and no emotions. In this case, boring is good."

Another major role of Sports Psychologists is supporting athletes through injury.

Professor Terry was Coordinator of Psychology Services at the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) until recently and has worked with elite athletes for more than 22 years, at 7 Olympic Games and more than 100 international events.

He said of the 600 athletes at QAS, about 67 percent of them get injured per year and 18 percent are injured at any one time.

Another time when support is crucial is when athletes don't win.

"The ones who lose have to deal with shattered dreams and often have a grief-like response," Professor Terry said.

Professor Terry said while there is a close link between mindset and performance there is, of course, those occasions where athletes get the mental side wrong but still win - they're just too good.



THE CELTIC TIGER

*It's a day of National pride,
an opportunity to toast
Ireland and a chance to share
a Guinness with friends ...*

For millions of Irish, Irish expats and those who claim to be Irish, St Patrick's Day is the best day of the year!

Around the globe St Patrick's Day sits firmly on the celebratory calendar, as many Irish descendents toast their connection to the emerald Isle.

USQ Senior lecturer in Accounting, Mr Tom Delany, moved from Ireland to Australia 20 years ago to commence his studies as a USQ Business student.

Now married to an "Aussie" with two children in Toowoomba, Tom said St Patrick's Day is a time to enjoy Irish traditions with friends and family and reflect on what Ireland stands for in 2006.

"I grew up in Fethard on a grain and sugar bean farm in County Cashel,

"When I was 21 I travelled to Australia to take up a position as a Young Farm exchange student,

"I really enjoyed my experience over here, so when I went back to Ireland, I set about returning to Australia to study Business here at USQ," said Tom.

"I have been back to Ireland to visit family and can tell you the economic, social and political landscape of Ireland has changed significantly since I left,

"It's a cliché but when many people think of Ireland, particularly the baby boomers and those older generations, they think of this poor, down trodden, ill educated, potato loving country. Well its all changed, apart from the potatoes," he said.

Many economic analysts are now labelling Ireland as the Celtic Tiger.

"The country has now one of highest tertiary educated populations in the world, which is largely due to the free education policy of the 1970s,

"More recently government tax breaks have attracted foreign investment particularly in the IT industry, which again has significantly contributed to the economic growth of Ireland,

"Ireland's economy is going from strength to strength, to the point where it has positioned itself to be one of the strongest

LEFT: Senior Lecturer in Accounting Mr Tom Delany, reflects on the changes of his motherland, Ireland.

BY CATE GAZAL PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZ BULL

performing economies in the European Union (EU),

"Indeed, this is a far cry from previous eras and it seems that Ireland is moving away from the traditional to being very liberated," Tom said.

"On the other hand there is a trend, which as a sporting fan I'm not impressed to observe, whereby traditional Irish sports are becoming less popular like *Gallic Football* and *Hurling* and are being replaced by soccer and rugby union," said Tom laughing.

Tom, who is past president of the Irish Club in Toowoomba, plans to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a traditional dinner at the Irish pub with his family.

For those who are living under the Blarney Stone, St. Patrick's Day is on today – Friday 17th March, which is also the same day England play Ireland in the Super 6 Rugby ... be sure to wish Tom a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Slaintè (that's Gallic for Cheers).



SINGAPOREAN TEACHERS VISIT WIDE BAY

Not too many people would choose to fund their own professional development, but a group of Senior Educators from Singapore are currently in sunny Hervey Bay, learning about Australia's education system ... and working on their tans.

BY MARTINE BRITTON

PHOTOGRAPH BY USQ PHOTOGRAPHY

A principal and fifteen Senior Educators from some of Singapore's top primary and secondary schools arrived in Brisbane on Sunday and will depart Wide Bay on the weekend.

Their visit to Wide Bay forms the practical component of a four month full-time senior leadership program the educators are currently undertaking at a University in Singapore.

As part of the program the educators will visit schools in Bundaberg, Maryborough, Hervey Bay and other areas in the region, where they will observe and find fresh ideas on teaching, learning and school organisation. Local teachers are also looking forward to learning more from the Singaporeans, who invest more money into education than any other country.

"I am really impressed with the Education Queensland Behaviour Management Policy and the way that schools are entering into partnerships with parents and the community" one visitor remarked.

The guests were welcomed to Hervey Bay by Mayor, Ted Sorensen, and his Councillors at a Civic Reception on Monday night. Maryborough Mayor,

Barbara Hovard and her Councillors also extended a warm welcome to the delegation on Wednesday night in Maryborough.

The work program is complemented by a social program that includes an essential one day guided tour of Fraser Island.

USQ Wide Bay has hosted two delegations of Educators from Singapore in less than six months. The cultural exchange was initiated by the University, who are hoping to improve the profile of their international program and bring excellence in education to the region.

USQ Wide Bay Campus Provost, Professor Ken Stott spent 16 years working in Singapore and says schools in the region will benefit greatly from an exchange of ideas with Educators from Singapore.

Another delegation is due in September, just in time for the spectacular whale watching season that Hervey Bay is famous for.



USQ Womens Network Inc Executive Committee:

Pauline Collins
Jacquie McDonald
Diana Beal
Amanda Laugesen
Ronel Erwee
Gay Mason
Trudy Haak
Jane Farmer

INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S NETWORK WIN AWARD

LEFT: Associate Professor Diana Beal, Gay Mason, Jane Farmer, Pauline Collins, Professor Bill Lovegrove, Jacquie McDonald and Professor Ronel Erwee attended the USQ Equal Opportunity for Women awards.

Progressive, pro-active, independent women were acknowledged by their peers and senior management this week at the USQ Equal Opportunity for Women Achievement Awards.

BY AMY CASS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

The USQ Women's Network Inc Executive Committee (WN) won the 2006 Award for developing a culture that values the achievement of women. The network was also acknowledged for its work in fostering the career enhancement and education of women.

President of WN, Pauline Collins, accepted the Award from Professor Bill Lovegrove on behalf of the Executive Committee.

"The network was formed in 1992 and we work in informal and formal ways to support a culture in the University which values, acknowledges and promotes women's achievements and contributions within the tertiary sector,

"Our 130 member network also supports equal opportunity initiatives for women in the USQ community and provides a voice and discussion forum for issues of concern to women," Ms Collins said.

Over the past few years the executive committee of the Women's Network have driven various developments including: successfully incorporating the WN, preparing a 2005 business plan, amending the constitution to include student membership, assisting the EEO Officer's ongoing mentoring program and hosting an afternoon tea to honour Professor Emeritus Susan Bambrick.

USQ Equal Opportunity Officer, Gay Mason, and Peter Gibbings, from the Faculty of Engineering and Surveying also received citations for their work in fostering and valuing the role of woman in higher education.

Gay Mason, who has been with USQ for five years, was acknowledged for going

'above and beyond" her role as EEO officer.

Lecturer in Surveying, Peter Gibbings, was recognised for his project, which aims to attract more women to the field of Spatial Science.

Peter has been working with The Glennie School and the Toowoomba City Council to map weed infestations on the Range escarpment.

"The project aims to show the girls how to use GPS technology, with the ultimate aim of demonstrating the career opportunities for girls in spatial science and increasing female enrolments in our courses",

"The girls have been highly receptive to the technology and, in particular, several of the girls from rural backgrounds were happy to go home and teach Dad how to use the GPS on the tractor," Mr Gibbings said.

"We are still very male dominated and there is no reason why engineering and spatial science should be."



AMY WINS NURSE OF THE YEAR

ABOVE: USQ Graduate Amy Dance was named Nurse of the Year 2005 for her contribution to the community and the Queensland Cancer Fund.

Raising cancer awareness, educating students, working on a cattle stud and organising garden parties ... it's all in a day's work for our Nurse of the Year.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

USQ Graduate, Amy Dance, has been named the 2005 Queensland Cancer Council's Nurse of the Year.

The Millmerran based health worker beat nearly 50 entrants and raised more than \$40,000 in 7 months to win the award.

During this period Amy also spread the word about cancer prevention and

treatment and held a number of events to raise money including a garden party, fashion parade, a dinner, raffles and a range of other fundraising initiatives.

A Millmerran girl through and through, Amy works as a School-based Youth Health Nurse at Millmerran and Clifton High Schools three days a week, as a registered nurse at the Millmerran Hospital and as a Child Health Nurse at the privately-owned Millmerran Medical Centre.

She is also actively involved in the community and the daily running of her family's cattle stud.

Amy told judges working in the school community has been challenging, but rewarding.

"It's been a steep learning curve, but has given me the opportunity to educate young people on healthy lifestyle practices, such as preventative screening, safe sex, mental illness, drugs and alcohol – all issues that are prevalent in today's society," Amy said.

"Watching students learn and hearing their responses and the interesting questions they ask, in particular during sexual education, is very entertaining."

Amy said she entered the campaign because she wanted to get involved with raising money and to become more involved in the community, despite already making a huge contribution through her work.

"Never in a million years did I think I'd win the Award. I entered because it would be good for the Queensland Cancer Council.

"I also wanted to make people in the community more aware of what's out there for them if they do get cancer," Ms Dance said.

Queensland Cancer Fund Executive Director, Dr Jeff Dunn, said Amy, along with the other nurses who participated in the campaign, were an inspiration to their profession.

"These nurses are a credit to their local communities and display the very best qualities our state's nursing professionals are known for," Dr Dunn said.

Amy, who completed a Bachelor of Nursing through USQ in 1996, and later completed a Masters of Midwifery, is also a credit to the University.

More than \$1.7 million was raised in total through the Nurse of the Year 2005 campaign.



LEFT: Associate Professor Jeffrey Soar with Niigata University's Vice Chancellor Professor Hideaki Takahashi (centre) and senior staff at a ceremony celebrating the signing of the MOU

AGED CARE SET TO IMPROVE

If you have ever had to move an elderly relative or friend into a nursing home you would appreciate the current shortage of aged care accommodation and the emotional strain associated with this life changing event.

Like many parts of the globe, Australia is currently facing an ever-increasing strain on aged care facilities.

One solution to this situation is to develop systems that allow the frail to remain in their homes longer. And, with this pursuit in mind, USQ recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a Japanese University to work together to develop information systems (informatics) for the aged.

Associate Professor in Information Systems, Jeffrey Soar, said the collaborative research conducted between USQ and Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW) would play a critical role in the future of aged care.

Some of the outcomes of the research are likely to be computer programs and electronic resources, which help the elderly and their families monitor and care for themselves with minimal support from aged care professionals.

"Our research will be critical in better supporting the frail elderly, supporting families of the elderly, enabling clinicians, supporting home and community-based care, and in deferring moves to institutional care settings," Dr Soar said.

"There will be large savings from applying technology to foster prevention, early detection and new ways for families and clinicians to support the frail elderly."

He said the MOU formalised an existing relationship.

"USQ has had a long association with the researchers at NUHW and through them with the Japanese Ministry of Health," he said.

In 2003 Dr Soar was invited to present to a Japanese Government committee on the current status of general and electronic health (e-health) systems in Australia.

"This assisted the Japanese Government in developing its own e-health strategy," he said.

The MOU was signed last month while Dr Soar was in Japan to give a keynote address at an international conference hosted by NUHW.

He was also awarded an honorary appointment to NUHW Centre for Community and Stream Care Health.

The appointment was made in recognition of Dr Soar's international standing and leadership in e-health, aging and aged care informatics as well as the special and very productive relationship he has developed with NUHW.

Dr Soar's association with NUHW may also benefit other areas of USQ.

"NUHW is also exploring collaboration opportunities and seeking USQ's support for their new Nursing school and there has been dialog on how we can support their planned new Business School."

As the collaboration between USQ and NUHW continues to grow, so will the benefits for the elderly and their families as we move into the next era of aged care.



SOUNDS OF SUCCESS

LEFT: USQ Graduate, Steven Moore has secured a place at the prestigious Guild Hall School of Music in London to study his Masters in Music Repetiteur.

We all like to sing and strum, but there are very few people whose musical abilities attract international praise and opportunities to travel. Stephen Moore is an exception.

BY CATE GAZAL

PHOTOGRAPHED BY LIZ BULL

Stephen, who completed a Bachelor of Music (Hon) majoring in pipe organ and accompaniment at USQ in 2001, won the Queensland Harmer Scholarship in 2002.

This award saw Stephen venture abroad for three months to study under pipe organ specialist, Professor David Sanger, at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

"It's ironic as my USQ lecturer in Music, Mr Phillip Gearing, studied under Professor Sanger when he won the same award," said Stephen.

"All up it was an amazing experience and had a big impact on my desire to continue to develop my skills in pipe organ and accompaniment," he said.

Interestingly enough the Harmer Scholarship is awarded to only one Queensland Music student each year.

This year Stephen has accepted a place at the prestigious Guild Hall School of Music, based in London, to commence his Masters in Music Repetiteur.

"My last trip overseas fuelled my desire to study music abroad. I aim to complete my Masters in one year then spend significant time travelling around Europe, exploring Cathedrals and European counties,

"My career goal is to be an opera conductor at the Royal Opera House in London and I hope that this experience at the Guild Hall will help me get there," he said.

Stephen will travel to the UK to commence his studies in August this year but is keeping a very busy schedule in the meantime.

"I'm Lecturing part-time in the USQ Music Department, singing in the chorus for the Opera Queensland performance of Romeo and Juliet and Directing music for the Cambrian and St. Paul's Anglican Choir, so I'm flat out, but loving it," said Stephen.

soap box

TWO DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Wikipedia says that there is a pop culture notion that any two people in the world are separated by only 6 acquaintances. By having a broad look over my friends and acquaintances, I can see how this notion might arise.

BY FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICER, WARWICK MILNE

With this in mind, however, I am continually astounded by the Toowoomba community. Whether it's the rural basis of the city, or the fact that for a large country town, it has two large scale work/social networks (the Toowoomba City Council and USQ), or a large, cooperative church community, the degrees of separation in Toowoomba must be at most - two.

When meeting someone for the first time, it is more often than not, a common acquaintance is discovered in the first few minutes of conversation. Is Toowoomba just friendlier? Or is it that the gene pool is just that little bit shallower here?

Toowoomba does tend to have a magnetic personality. Kids raised here often can't wait to spread their wings and get out into this notion of the big, wide world. But as tastes mature, a fair proportion of those kids realise that things weren't that bad in

Toowoomba and return to raise the next generation. These parents - who grew up together - then have kids who know each other and life's cosmic ballet goes on.

Have some fun, start a rumour about yourself and count the hours until it - or some variant of it - gets back to you.

Soapbox (noun)

1. box for soap
a box in which soap is packed
2. platform for speaking

Something, such as a wooden box, used as a platform for making an impromptu speech

We're not giving you the chance to win a box of soap but we are challenging you to come up with a topic that you'd like to talk about on the USQ virtual soapbox to convey your views and potentially spark water cooler debate. Email your proposed Soapbox idea to Amy Cass, Fiona Taylor or Connie-Louise Alexander and we'll get back to you with a deadline and any feedback for you to supply a comment piece that's a maximum of 300 words.

UNITRADER:

1987 Mazda: 929 Auto, rego July 06, safety certificate, cruise, a/c, new tyres, family owned and serviced since new. \$2 700 ono. Ph 0403 336273.

1998 Hyundai: Excel X3 Sprint Twim Cam, 164,000 kms, 3 door hatch, navy blue, 5 spd manual, \$4 900. Ph: Nikki or Tony 0438 118 056.

Assorted Items: Flymo push mower, ec, used once. Cost \$129 sell for \$95. Solid timber queen size bedhead, colonial style \$35 Ph 46 136222 a/h.

Assorted Items: Queen Size Ensemble, 4 years old, vgc. \$265. How to Host a Murder Party Game \$10. How to Host a Mystery Party - Star Trek Game \$10. Ph x1468 or 4633 0956 a/h.

Assorted Items: Queen size innerspring mattress, good quality, immac con \$250. Xbox Game Need for Speed Most Wanted, unwanted gift, \$50. Kid's bicycle suit 8-10 year old, gc \$40. Gun safe, brand new, 31x23x122cm with keys, \$200. Ph x1276.

Assorted Items: Student desk white with green vinyl top, size 600 x 1200, 3 drawers, \$60. Single bunk bed white tube steel, \$80. Ph Julie 0417 732 141.

Colour Television: LG 66cm Flatron TV, widescreen, teletext, ec, near new (obsolete in present home due to prize win) \$450 Ph Annette x2451 or 0408 060055.

Daewoo Leganza: 2.2L auto sedan 2000 model. ec. Metallic burgandy. One owner/ logs, new tyres, p/steering and windows, c/locking, CD player. Large boot with fold back rear seats. Beautiful ride and good economy. Terrific buy at \$8,9000. Ph x1129 or 0439 309 375.

Falcon: 2003 BA XT, immac con, logs, 42 000 kms, under warranty, rego 8/06, a/c, cruise con, electric windows, electric drivers seat, CD player, c/locking, white duco, tow pack 2.5 ton. Only \$16 750 ono. Ph x1307 or 0402 351 647 or 4659 7609 after 1.30pm.

Farm for Sale: 70 acres, 3 bdrm house, sheds, yards, good water supply, 7kms to Warwick CBD, deceased estate. \$399

000 ono. Info/Pics at www.owner.com.au Property ID 21652 Ph x1639 or 07 4630 3617 a/h.

House to Rent: 3 bdrm, walk to Rangeville School and shopping centre, \$230/wk available 25th March. Ph 0418 718 526.

House for Rent: Centenary Heights 3 bdrm brick with rumpus, mdrn kitchen, a/c, rain water tank, triple carport, big shed/garage, good sized yard with rear access. Quiet street cls to schools and K-Mart. \$240/wk. Ph x1840 or 0438 165 020.

House for Sale: In Rangeville. 4 Bdrm, en-suite, slate floors, renovated kitchen and main bthrm, cellar, insulated ceilings, outdoor areas, a/c, council approved drip irrigation system. \$390 000. Ph Desley Hegney on 0410 095 509.

Hyundai Excel: 2000 Model, Green, 97 000 kms, \$6 000. Ph 4637 0057 or x1676.

Invalid Aids: variety of mobility and magnetic equipment, unused and hardly used. List of items and prices available on request. Ph 0438 183 297.

Mitsubishi Magna: 98, auto, p/steering, a/c, c/locking, power mirrors, tbar, 156km, rego 08/06 for only \$7600. Ph 0431 171 521 or x1338.

Mountain Bike: Giant XTC2, 17 inch frame, suit rider <170cms, 2003 model, vgc, cost \$1900 new, sell \$845 ono. Ph 4631 2930 or 4638 0472 a/h.

Nissan Pulsar: must sell, as new, economic 1997, only 73 000km, lady owned, 1600cc, auto, a/c, sec sys, p/steering, c/locking, as new tyres, fully serviced, rego 08/06, metallic green. Only \$8 600. Ph 0432 558 427.

Tenant: Mature and reliable female Vis Arts PhD student seeks unfurn house for rent, min 2 yr lease. Good tenant, with exc ref. Ph: Jill Kinnear on 4639 5067 or 0419 677 630 or email jillkinnear@bigpond.com

Rangeville: nr new brick home, adjacent to the waterbird habitat. 3 bdrm, under 1yr old. Immaculate throughout, ensuite and spacious living areas. Single garage,

covered entertaining area. \$299 500. Ph: 0418 795 792 for inspection.

Saddle: Wintec, 2000 GP, CAIR panel system, fully mounted, 18", excellent condition, \$650. Includes black saddle pad. Ph 5462 6325a/h.

Scooter: 2004 "Jolie" scooter, great on fuel, \$1800 with helmet one owner, fully serviced, 1300 km, near new Ph Karen on 46348328 or 0402232548.

Scooter: Vmoto Monza 50cc, blue, 2 yrs old, 4 200 km, Cheap rego and very cheap to run. Engine immobiliser and alarm, underseat storage plus extra rear top-box storage, \$1 700 ono. Ph Mark x2896.

Student Desk: 120 cm x 84 cm, \$50. Ph: Bruce Waldrip x2338.

Toyota Land Cruiser: V8, fully recon Holden 308 engine and turbo 350 gearbox. Checker plate tray. 5 post bulbar. No rust, gc, \$15 000. Ph 0427 666 295.

Trailer: Box 6' x 4' with detachable metal canopy, gc, registered, \$450 Ph: Rick 0412 159 247.

Uniforms: for Toowoomba Prep School (boy) and Fairholme College. Some are almost like new. Ph Ruth on 4636 0479.

Washing machine: Simpson Eziset 605, 6kg with agitator, 5 mths old, used for two months while old one getting fixed. Cost \$645 sell \$450. Ph Letitia x2522 or 4635 2428.

Wanted: old tins of paint, plant cuttings, coloured stones and tiles (or mosaic items), gardening equipment and other tools for The Magic Gardens Project running at the Cabarlah Community School. Ph Janice Jones on 46 31 2349 or email jonesja@usq.edu.au

Wanted: to rent/share/house sit, on acreage for 2 professional USQ people, 1 dog and 1 horse, close to Tba. Ph: 5462 6325 a/h.

Wanted: Baby items, winter clothes 0000-00, linen, bassinet, cot etc. Reasonably priced. Ph Lisa x1639 or 07 4630 3617 a/h.

NEWSMAKERS:

Dr Ron Atkinson (aka The Spiderman), spoke to 4DDB and *The Chronicle* on his retirement from USQ. Dr Atkinson worked at the University for close to 20 years.

Anthony Gray, Head of Law at USQ spoke to ABC Southern Queensland about the Federal Government's Child Welfare Reforms.

Kurt Timmins, USQ's Academic Register spoke to ABC Southern Queensland & ABC Wide Bay about student numbers at the start of the academic year.

Rachael Cleary, spoke to Jenny Swan at ABC Southern Queensland about the USQ International Friendship Program.

Professor Bill McGillivray, spoke to *The Courier Mail* about the University's new wine science program. Professor McGillivray also spoke to 1071AM Kingaroy about the upcoming Science and Engineering Challenge.

Lee Wharton, Health and Physical Education Lecturer in the Faculty of Education spoke to the *Toowoomba Chronicle* about preventing and decreasing child obesity.

Dr Penny de Byl, Senior Lecturer in Computing talked about her new book *Artificial Life Possibilities: A Star Trek Perspective* to ABC Southern Queensland.

Susan Morgan, Lecturer in Literacy Education was interviewed about Youth Leadership Day in *The Chronicle*, WIN, 4GR, 4AK, 1071 AM Kingaroy, *Toowoomba's Mail*, *Western Times*, *Northern Downs News*, *Chinchilla & Murilla News* and the *Western Times*.

Dr Kate Foy, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Arts spoke to various media about the Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival. Dr Foy also received a very positive mention in a *Courier Mail* column and on 612 ABC Brisbane, following her participation in a debate on International Women's Day in Brisbane.

Dr Christine Neville, Commented on the abuse of the aged. Dr Neville is a Senior Nursing Lecturer at USQ.

Doug Fraser, USQ Springfield's Campus Director has spoken to various media since the start of Semester 1 including *The Courier Mail* and *Westside Weekly*.

Don Stevens AM, The Chancellor's retirement was covered by ABC Southern Queensland, ABC Wide Bay, 4GR, 4AK, WIN and *The Chronicle*.

PAPARAZZI PRIZE:



PROFESSOR PETER TERRY

The first Paparazzi Prize goes to media tart **Professor Peter Terry**, Head of Psychology who has been hounded by the media in recent times. He was interviewed on ABC Wide Bay, ABC Southern Queensland, Toowoomba Chronicle, WIN and 1071 AM Kingaroy about how athlete's prepare mentally for the Commonwealth Games. He was also interviewed by a Canberra radio station about footy players behaving badly.

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:

DARLING DOWNS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

DATE: Tuesday 21 March - Friday 24 March
VENUE: More than 800 Year 10 students will converge on USQ Toowoomba to put their science and engineering minds to the test and battle it out in a fun and educational environment.
PHONE: Harry Spencer 07 4631 2259

HARMONY DAY

DATE: Wednesday 22 March, 11am - 2pm
VENUE: Quadrangle, USQ Toowoomba
Harmony Day provides an opportunity for us to celebrate our successes as a culturally diverse society, re-commit ourselves to harmony and say 'no' to racism.
PHONE: William Conwell 07 4631 1678

USQ JAM VIOLIN ART UNION DRAW

DATE: Sunday 26 March 4pm - 6pm
VENUE: Clive Berghofer Auditorium, O1 Block, USQ Toowoomba
An afternoon of musical entertainment, a presentation of the USQ Camerata's international tour to Finland, finger food, champagne and the drawing of the Art Union Raffle which includes first prize of a Handmade Ian Clarke violin valued at \$18 000.
PHONE: USQ JAM 07 4631 1110

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION

DATE: Wednesday 29 March 6.30pm - 8pm
VENUE: Alison Dickson Lecture Theatre, USQ Toowoomba
Scholarship recipients studying through USQ Toowoomba will be presented with their awards at a special ceremony attended by USQ Vice Chancellor, Professor Bill Lovegrove.
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 JAM, O1 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
Harmony Day provides an opportunity 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

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The Staff of early 1980s

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