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## TOP STORIES



### Clifton girl receives University Medal

Amy Sobbe is one of 550 USQ students set to graduate this weekend.

The fifth generation Clifton girl will graduate with a Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) and will also be awarded a prestigious University Medal for her outstanding achievements.

Amy was supervised by internationally renowned muscular dystrophy expert, Dr Andrew Hoey, and said his support has helped her achieve this success.

"I'm working as a Research Assistant at Greenslopes Private Hospital with the Liver Research Group.

"I have been offered a PhD position with this group but plan to work for a little while to get some experience and a better understanding of the background behind the group's research. I will probably go back to studying in a couple of years.

"My experience has shown that it doesn't really matter where you go to uni, if you have a good supervisor (Andrew deserves a big thank-you), a project that allows you to learn a wide variety of experimental techniques and are prepared to work hard then you will be ok."

Amy said she didn't expect to receive a University award, but said she was happy to be acknowledged for her hard work.

"As for winning the university medal - it's not really something you think about while you are studying. It's more about just doing as well as you can to have the best chance at employment once you are finished.

"But it's great to be recognized by the uni for doing well."

The Biomedical Science degree provides a solid grounding for a range of different areas of health such as pharmacy, genetic counselling or radiography.

Students who have completed the program have gone on to sit the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT), and others have found employment in pathology labs or clinical physiology.

*Story:* Connie-Louise Rego, *Photo:* Elizabeth Bull



### USQ Springfield attracts experienced academics

USQ has welcomed two new Faculty Associate Directors at its Springfield campus.

Associate Professor Marie Kavanagh is the new Associate Director for the Faculty of Business (Springfield campus) and Dr David Cleaver has taken on the role of Associate Director for the Faculty of Education (Springfield campus).

Associate Professor Kavanagh initially joined USQ in July 2007 following a 22 year career at the University of Queensland in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law.

She was one of five inaugural program directors and the only female director involved in setting up the UQ Ipswich campus before making the switch to USQ.

While at UQ she was awarded the Business School's undergraduate teaching awards in 2004 and 2006 and was recognised by the Carrick Institute with national awards for outstanding contributions to student learning in 2006 and 2007.

In her spare time she is also Chairperson of the Status of Women Committee for the Zonta Club of West Moreton and is a member of the Board for West Moreton



Anglican College.

As part of her role as Associate Dean Associate Professor Kavanagh will oversee all matters associated with teaching and learning, including program development and delivery at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

“We will be soon be announcing an exciting new program in the Faculty of Business that will set us apart from our peers,” she said.

“The new program is a response to changing industry demands in a period that recognises the environmental and social impacts business has on the community.”

Associate Professor Kavanagh said she is looking forward to establishing relationships with industry and professional associations, schools and business.

“There is a general buzz of anticipation in the region which is very motivating. The staff and local community are passionate about the success of USQ Springfield, making it a great place to work.”

Dr Cleaver began working with USQ in 2005 as a lecturer in the Faculty of Education.

“My background is principally in music and I have been fortunate to have an extensive portfolio music career,” Dr Cleaver said.

“This includes experience as a high school Director of Music, a tertiary pre-service music educator and also as a performing classical, pop, rock and jazz musician.”

After a career working professionally as a musician, David undertook a Bachelor of Music Education degree with Sydney University.

He graduated in 1997 with 1st Class Honours and received the ‘Conservatorium Music Education Student of the Year’ award.

David’s doctoral thesis received the University of Tasmania ‘Dean’s Commendation Award’ and also the Australian Society for Music Education’s inaugural, biennial ‘Sir Frank Callaway Doctoral Award’.

“To continue my own interests, I hope to find time to engage in some of the music performance activities that take place here on campus.

“We are currently putting together regular lunchtime concerts that will be open to the local community to attend.

“There are so many fresh and exciting possibilities presented through being a young campus. I enjoy working with staff that are committed to developing innovative approaches to pre-service teacher training,

“I am particularly interested in discovering ways to help the students and campus identity to develop and unfold,” Dr Cleaver said.

*Story & photo: Jo-Ann Sparrow*



## 2020 Summit

USQ Chancellor Bobbie Brazil and Academic Stephen Hagan shared their vision for Australia’s future with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during the 2020 Summit in Canberra last weekend. During the summit, Chancellor Brazil contributed to the Rural Australia section, while Stephen shared ideas with high profile Australian’s including Fiona Stanley, Pat Dobson and Sue Gordon in the Indigenous section. Stephen said he found the experience incredibly “rewarding and invigorating”.

*Story: Amy Cass, Photo: Supplied*

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## MOVERS AND SHAKERS



### University launches kids' health resource

One in five Australian children is obese and fails to get enough physical activity each day. But USQ movement specialist Alice Brown's new book encourages teachers to put the fun and 'Zip' back into physical activity.

Alice has co-authored the book *Kids with more Zip* with Perth author and physical education expert Joanne Landy.

The book aims to arm teachers and child care workers with a fun, practical and user-friendly guide to supporting children's opportunities to move.

Alice said that although there are many 'traditional style' physical education texts on the market, few are practical enough to inspire the teacher or early childhood educator to integrate physical activity into the day.

"The aim of *Kids with more Zip* is to inspire teachers and children to move and be active as well as focussing on a healthy mind and body," Alice said.

"Some children are really being turned off by heavily teacher directed 'sergeant major' approach to physical activity and we as a society and as educators need to reconsider how we present opportunities to move.

"Children are not mini-adults. Children simply obtain their fitness by doing activities that they enjoy. It's about providing children with possibilities for exploring and moving with their bodies during play, work, creative expression and daily tasks."

Alice said that educators need to present physical activity in a way that children will connect with and be able to sustain on a daily basis as well as being something they want to do in the future.

In July 2007 the Queensland Government introduced the Smart Moves-Physical Activity Program. Alice says *Kids with more Zip* can be used as a practical answer to the Queensland Governments' directive.

"Teachers and childcare workers can integrate activity into the day, and do it before the kids even realise they have exercised."

The book contains both a theoretical element and a practical guide in a user-friendly format.

It also includes fun illustrations, movement and health tips, and explores new and contemporary approaches to movement and lifestyle habits.

"Instead of being just another book of movement activities or 'recipes' for movement with children, *Kids with More Zip* wraps the 'movement moments' around richly grounded and positive habit-forming principles," she said.

With more than 20 years experience as a teacher, presenter and lecturer specialising in early childhood, Alice brings a great wealth of knowledge to her new book *Kids with More Zip* particularly in the area of contemporary, creative and empowering movement opportunities for children.

The book will be launched at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 30 April 2008 at the USQ Bookstore (sponsored by the Faculty of Education). It will also be launched on Thursday 8 May 2008 at Creative Classroom Supplies (Level 2-559 Ruthven Street)

Members of the community are welcome to attend.

Story: Connie-Louise Rego, Photo: Elizabeth Bull



## **David Dowling promotes Engineering**

Professor David Dowling was an invited speaker at an Engineering Industry Information Exchange Forum in Brisbane recently. The Forum was organised by the Skills Recognition unit of the Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts with the aim of developing policies to facilitate the recruitment and integration of skilled migrants into the engineering workforce. Professor Dowling highlighted the multiple distance education pathways available at USQ for people to upgrade their qualifications so that they are recognised in Australia. Attendees were particularly interested in the flexible Master of Engineering Practice program which enables students to negotiate an individual program of study and to use their workplace learning to demonstrate achievement of the graduate attributes.



## **Nursing lecturer recognised in USA**

USQ Nursing Lecturer Janet Rankin, recently completed a two week Faculty Scholar in Residence appointment at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA.

Moravian College is a private, liberal arts college in the Northeastern region of the United States.

USQ and Moravian College have worked in partnership over the past 20 years in establishing formal academic/study exchange programs for registered nurses and nursing students.

Rankin and local nurse colleagues began the exchange program with Dr. Janet A. Sipple, Professor at Moravian College while she served as a Visiting Professor at USQ in 1989-1990 when the nursing department was being established at the University.

Over 200 nurses have participated in the exchange programs between the two institutions since 1990. Rankin joined the University as clinical teacher in 1990.

Rankin was appointed by Dr. Kerry Cheever, Professor and Department Chairperson, as the first visiting faculty scholar in nursing at the College.

Rankin was scheduled to speak with nursing faculty and students on Australian nursing education and curriculum, consult with Moravian students who will be studying at USQ in May, address professional nurses from across the Lehigh Valley area on professional nursing issues, deliver classroom lectures on ethics and end-of-life issues in nursing practice, and review the nursing student research program projects.

Rankin focused much of her time in working with faculty and students on effective participatory research methodologies.

Former USA exchange participants gathered in Bethlehem to honor Rankin at a variety of social receptions, professional lectures, and college programs.

During her Moravian College faculty appointment, Rankin was honored for her work in nursing education and international study exchange with membership in the Upsilon Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.

This Honor Society seeks to recognize professional nurses worldwide in the global community of nursing who lead in using nursing knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people. Rankin joins over 400,000 Society members from 114 countries through the Moravian College Upsilon Alpha Chapter of the organization.

Rankin delivered the address at her induction to the Society speaking on "The Professional Nurses' Perspective from Down Under".

Sipple presented the honor society key to Rankin as they celebrated the successful partnership and exchange in nursing between the USA and Australia.

*Story & photo:* Supplied

Do you know someone who has been promoted, received an award or recognition internally or externally? Please [email us](#) with information about their achievement.



## OTHER NEWS



### Positive outcomes from rural mental health training

Benefits are starting to emerge from a USQ Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health (CRRAH) project to help farmers with mental illness.

The project, funded through a Foster's Community Grant, involves training farm-advisory workers to assist farming communities with mental health issues.

Project Team Leader and USQ Research Fellow, Dr Delwar Hossain, said a range of factors can trigger mental illness.

"Mental illness may be triggered by social and environmental factors which, in the case of farming communities, may be drought, loss of production, lack of government support, financial pressure, employment, family needs, relationship breakdown, social demand, peer pressure and age," Dr Hossain said.

Since the first training session in September last year advisory workers have reported positive outcomes.

"Before the advisory workers had done their training we assessed their knowledge about mental health problems, confidence in providing help, ability to recognise symptoms of mental health, ability to help people, belief in the treatment of depression and their attitudes towards mentally ill people.

"After six months we discovered there was an increase in their confidence when providing assistance and a change in their level of knowledge.

"They were more able to recognise symptoms of mental illness, they believed mentally ill people were treatable and had a more positive attitude toward these people.

"They even demonstrated a little bit of personal improvement and saw how they could improve their own lives by taking simple steps."

Designed to develop skills of farm-advisory workers in helping farmers with mental health issues, the project involved training sessions with farm-advisory workers from across South East Queensland.

"We received nominations from 40 field officers across South East Queensland from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F), Department of Natural Resources and Water (DNRW), Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC) and Condamine Alliance (CA).

"We divided the participants into two separate groups; the first spent two days training in September last year and group two were trained in March this year."

Training sessions included an overview of various mental health problems and the five steps of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) used to assist someone with a mental health issue.

The steps are: to assess the risk of suicide or harm; listen non-judgementally; give reassurance and information; encourage person to get appropriate professional help; and encourage self-help strategies

"These steps can also be used to help people who suffer from anxiety disorders, depression, psychosis or substance abuse disorders. They can also help suicidal people and those suffering a panic attack."

The research team are planning to contact the participants after 12 months again to evaluate the impact of their training.

"If it is successful we will look at sourcing fund for offering the training to all farm advisory workers within the DPI&F, DNRW, QMDC and Condamine Alliance."

*Story: Jane Urquhart, Photo: Elizabeth Bull*



## Concert packs out lecture theatre

Sixteen primary school children had USQ Fraser Coast A-block's lecture theatre packed full of people to see the inaugural *We Want To Sing* concert recently.

The concert was the culmination of a week of holiday singing workshops.

The participants spent five days learning and rehearsing a collection of songs for the concert.

USQ Fraser Coast hosted the event. Director and former USQ music student Tracy Wright was assisted at the workshops and concert by Fraser Coast campus Provost Dr Ken Stott and his wife, lecturer Kim Teh.

Dr Stott is a professional musician and has a passion for developing a children's choir.

He believes children should be encouraged to sing using movement and actions.

"Children have beautiful voices and it is important for them to develop a love of music," he said.

"The singing workshops and concert provided something different for children to do during the holidays, rather than staying at home and wasting the time."

The children performed 19 songs during the concert. They included favourites like *Oom-pah-pah*, *Any Dream Will Do*, *Consider Yourself* and *Breaking Free*. Mrs Wright lead them with the old favourite, *Sing*, to close the show.

*Story & photo:* Katrina Corcoran



## Students get starring roles at Channel 7

Second year Bachelor of Applied Media (BAM) students at USQ's Springfield campus are gaining valuable hands-on experience at the Channel 7 Studios in Brisbane.

Each Wednesday students have been undertaking their Television Studio course in the main studio of the television network, where they are being tutored by experienced Channel 7 producers, directors, camera operators and sound and lighting technicians.

"This sort of exposure to actual working television professionals in a classroom environment is virtually unheard of in any other media degree throughout Australia," Program Co-ordinator, Dr Daryl Sparkes said.

"We have Channel 7 producers, directors and other professionals who are responsible for television programs such as the *7 Nightly News*, *Today Tonight*, *Gladiators*, and *The Great South East* actually teaching our students how to produce a television program in a studio environment."

Students have been taught all facets of making a television program, from directing on-screen talent to producing live on-air news updates with Channel 7 newsreaders Kay McGrath and Rod Young.

"I think they were a bit in awe of the whole process at first, but now they've been with the Channel 7 people for four weeks they've begun to realise that it's a lot of hard work behind the glitz and glamour of television," Dr Sparkes added.

After completing the studio training the students will be going on location for four weeks with Channel 7 crews to help produce segments for *The Great South East* and *Creek to Coast*.

*Story & photo:* Jo-Ann Sparrow



## Improving distance education

Improving the format and distribution of study materials for distance education students was the main theme of a three-day benchmarking visit by representatives from the University of South Africa (Unisa) in March 2008.

Organised by the University's Learning and Teaching Support Unit (LTSU), the delegates visited USQ's Distance Education Centre (DeC), International Office (IO) and Information and Computer Technology (ICT) department to share information on serving students through distance education.

Director of Multimedia at Unisa Mr Wessie van der Westhuizen said they are working towards providing more interactive learning materials for students.

"We've set ourselves a plan that by 2015 we will be Open Distance Learning (ODL) based," Mr van der Westhuizen said.

"ODL is much more interactive and involves more communication with the students.

"To make things more interactive we are looking at technological advancements in the use of multimedia especially in electronic deliveries such as podcasting, cell phones, SMS etc."

As the largest distance education provider in the Southern Hemisphere, Unisa currently serve around 300,000 students and are eager to consider ways to give students options for study materials and to reduce the cost of student communication.

"We are really focusing our efforts to give more to students and give students options.

"We serve first world countries but we also serve third world countries. You can't give one student a higher standard of education because they have better facilities.

"Because we are dealing with Africa, the bulk of our students are in Africa, some don't even have power.

"For students in this situation they can register for the course and receive their materials printed at a certain price. For a slightly reduced price students could receive all of their information on a CD which contains the PDF files and they can take it home and print it themselves.

"At a further reduced cost they receive the same material but it is accessed on the web.

"There are also 11 official languages in South Africa so students could also have the option of which language their material is presented."

Director of LTSU at USQ Professor Lynne Hunt said as part of the visit the Unisa team led a discussion on benchmarking.

"This presentation was useful for faculty staff interested in the use of multimedia in learning resource development.

"The visit by Unisa is also a useful opportunity to network and to build links with such a significant distance education provider."

Mr van der Westhuizen said it was important for the two institutions to share knowledge to determine ways to best serve students.

"We can see what you're doing, what you're using and how you're using it. Hopefully at the end of the experience we can learn something from your university and you might even learn something from us," he said.

"Everyone is doing the same job they are just doing it in different manners. That's the whole reason for benchmarking because we might learn from the way that you are doing it." *Story: Jane Urquhart, Photo: Cindy Laine*



## **Record number of Indigenous student enrolments**

The University has enrolled a record number of Indigenous students into its nursing program this year. 18 students from across Queensland have commenced both undergraduate and postgraduate studies. The University plans to increase the number of Indigenous students enrolling in nursing and has developed a number of services to support these students. Lecturer and Indigenous Coordinator for Nursing and Midwifery Lynne Stuart said the students hail from a variety of backgrounds and many are already pursuing careers in the health sector. Mrs Stuart said the students feel confident in USQ because of the support services and this has contributed to the increase in student numbers.

*Story:* Connie-Louise Alexander, *Photo:* Elizabeth Bull



## Non-school leavers get a taste of university life

If you have always wanted to go to university but found the prospect too daunting, the USQ Student For a Day program might just be the experience you need.

The University is extending an invitation for anyone interested in taking a closer look at student life to attend the program at the Springfield campus on Tuesday, 13 May from 9am to 2.45pm.

Student For a Day is designed to help the attendees decide whether university is for them.

Lecturer in Communications and English as a Second Language, Nick Todd, said the program would give non-school leavers a taste of what university might be like.

“The aim of the day is to enable non-school leavers to make an informed decision about whether to apply to study at USQ Springfield,” Nick said.

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

“Through the Student For a Day program non-school leavers will be able to experience what university will be like first hand.

“They will learn what is expected by lecturers, what support services are available to students, experience a lecture or tutorial and be able to tour the campus facilities.”

Nick said the day also provides the attendees with an opportunity to have all their questions answered.

“Feedback from our previous programs has been excellent and in 2007 over sixty students participated in our four sessions. We have current students studying with us who first visited USQ as Student For a Day attendees.

“The program suits anyone thinking about embarking upon tertiary education. It will help prospective students make an informed choice about coming to study at university. Anyone can register to come along and be a USQ Springfield Student For a Day.”

To more information about the Student For a Day program visit [www.usq.edu.au/springfield/studentforaday.htm](http://www.usq.edu.au/springfield/studentforaday.htm) . To register for the program email [studentservicespringfield@usq.edu.au](mailto:studentservicespringfield@usq.edu.au) or call +61 3470 4400

*Story & photo: Jo-Ann Sparrow*



## USQ presents 3rd Jean Clarice Searle Award

USQ Faculty of Arts presented the 3rd Jean Clarice Searle Award for visual art research on Wednesday 23 April 2008.

Awarded annually, the \$2,000 bursary is presented to a student who is enrolled in postgraduate research degree in visual arts.

It was first awarded in 2006, and this year it and was presented to masters student Danny Ford.

Danny completed a Bachelor of Arts/ Education majoring in visual arts in 2003.

The award aims to assist outstanding students by enhancing their ability to access opportunities that further research. It aims to advance leading edge research centred on creative arts practice.

Award donors Mrs Jean Clarice Searle's son Mr Ross Searle presented the award to Danny. Mrs Searle's niece Mrs Elizabeth Shaw also attended the award ceremony.

*Story:* Connie-Louise Rego, *Photo:* Supplied



## Uni students eating sausages for cancer

University students from USQ Fraser Coast are eating sausages and counting lollies in an effort to raise funds for next month's Relay for Life. The students started their fundraising with a sausage sizzle and a guessing competition earlier this week. During the next few weeks they will organise more games and competitions to fill the donation tins before the Cancer Council Queensland's annual Relay for Life at Hervey Bay on 17 and 18 May 2008. The USQ student relay team will be armed with the donation tin. Funds raised during the relay go to cancer research and support services.

Pictured is USQ Fraser Coast Education student Scott Ashcroft, right, buying a sausage from USQ Fraser Coast Student Guild Officer Kelly Ralston to help cancer research. Cancer Survivor's Co-ordinator, Julie Harris, left, is a lecturer at USQ Fraser Coast, and Trevor Franklin, second from left, is the Cancer Council Queensland Relay for Life Project Officer. Funds raised from the sausage sizzle will go to the Relay for Life.

*Story & photo:* Katrina Corcoran



## COMING EVENTS



**26 April** Faculty of Education and Sciences graduations

**30 April** West Star Motors Twilight Recital

**1 May** Corporate Club Breakfast

**3 May** Faculty of Arts, Engineering and Business graduations

**6 – 9 May** Science and Engineering Challenge

**Community Event: 25 – 26 July 2008** Food & Wine Escape on the Granite Belt. Includes two nights accommodation, gourmet cooking class, winery tour, wine, champagne, gourmet meals. Bookings essential. For information phone the Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT) on (07)4685 5050 or email [simpsona@usq.edu.au](mailto:simpsona@usq.edu.au).

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## OUT AND ABOUT



**IDEAS National Learning Forum**

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Our roving photographers are on the loose. Whether you are at a conference, event or the launch of a new centre you could be snapped!



## STAFF PROFILE



**Bob Wicks** commenced at USQ in 1970 and clocked up 38 years of service, when he retired from his current position on Tuesday 22 April 2008.

**What is your job title and what does it involve?** Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Faculty of Business since 1994. It involves looking after the 5,000 undergrad students as well as the academic issues with the 25 international partnerships that we have.

**What other positions have you worked in at USQ?** Statistics lecturer and Head of Maths & Stats in the Faculty of Sciences. Head of Business Computing in the Faculty of IT (which doesn't exist any more) Ass Dean Academic in the Faculty of IT for a while.

**What have you enjoyed most about working at USQ?** Interacting with the students both in the classroom and as director has been the most enjoyable aspect, especially helping the students when they have had serious personal, health and family problems.

**Working here for 38 years do you have any stand-out funny moments at the University?** We once had a genuine princess from an Asian royal family on campus complete with body guard. His job was to make sure that she didn't get into any romantic involvements with the local commoners. She ended up running away to the Gold Coast with the body guard.

On a more serious note, we have had three students with death contracts taken out against them. One was by the mafia who threatened a farming student who pulled up marijuana that his brother had planted on his farm. He was unaware that the mafia owned the crop. The second was by the Hell Angels motorbike gang against a student who was to give evidence in a trial about a bikie shootout and the third was against a student from the ex-husband of his girlfriend. Each student applied for assignment extensions attaching police statements verifying the death threats. I felt they were good enough excuses.

**What are your plans for retirement?** I love building things with timber and I've always wanted to go sailing which has been a bit hard in Toowoomba so I'm going to combine the two by building myself a little sailing boat, filling it up with grandkids and taking off up some river or lake somewhere.



## STUDENT PROFILE



### **Katrina Fong-Lim**

Distance education student, Katrina Fong-Lim, recently travelled down from the TopEnd (Darwin) where she met with USQ staff including Lecturer in Information Systems for Managers (CIS5001), Dr Aileen Cater-Steel.

Katrina was on-route to Canberra, where she will carry the Olympic torch! Katrina was nominated as the Darwin representative for her work on the Australia Day Council.

**What are you studying?** I am doing my MPA (Masters of Professional Accounting). It's a twelve unit degree and I am completing four units this semester so I can finish.

**Why did you choose USQ?** I did my original degree at USQ (Bachelor of Business – HR & Marketing) and in those days USQ was the ultimate (and one of the few) distance education providers and I found my experience so good I came back for my Masters.

**What are the best things about your course?** I will come out with a practical skill set with employment opportunities. I am looking to become an accountant so I can work for myself until I am 78!

**What is the best thing about living in the Top End?** It's paradise. The weather is fantastic. The lifestyle is fantastic and we are extremely multicultural.

**What is the best and worst thing about studying by distance?** The best thing is the flexibility. You study where and when you want to. The worst thing is the loneliness, but the new moodle system means you can talk to other students and it's very interactive and immediate and that has broken down the loneliness.

**What is your favourite travel destination?** Vietnam. It's a beautiful country. The food is fabulous and they produce gorgeous silks. It's very exotic!



## NEWSMAKERS



**Making headlines this fortnight:** Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove was on the airwaves and throughout the media responding to enquiries about the RoP Academic Review. PhD student Lindy McKeown was heard on *Triple J* talking about the future of youth consultation through Second Life and Dr Ian Craig spoke about evaporation control research in *Australian Cottongrower*.

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**Housemates wanted** to share 3 B/room house close to USQ & Westridge. Fully furnished. \$100/wk + expenses. Call Sarah after 6pm 0421 780 229

**Housemate Wanted:** Clean, trustworthy and reliable female or male to share with two females (both working full-time and studying) in a huge four bedroom house. Rent only \$85/pw (includes internet, phone and electricity) Situated 10-15 minutes drive from the university. House includes the four bedrooms, one bathroom and separate toilet. Combined spacious kitchen and dining room with another independent living room. Outside there's a newly built veranda, water tank and four car garage. NO BOND NEEDED...all that you will need is your bedroom furnishings. For more information please contact Kirra on 0447 401 263

**Rangeville house for sale** \$479,000 On escarpment, close to Picnic Point. Two story, four bedrooms with large rumpus, large paved courtyard and deck - peaceful and private location. Phone Chris Kossen 040 7963 504

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## PHOTOS



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