



## NCEA and AgGuide winning for farmers and the environment

A joint venture between the National Centre for Engineering in Agriculture and AgGuide Pty Ltd will save the Australian cotton industry an estimated 2.3 million litres of diesel fuel per year if farmers install the smart-tillage RigGuide systems on their farm implements.

While the 'hands free' vision, GPS and other guidance systems for tractors, first developed at the NCEA are already becoming standard on modern tractors, the RigGuide steers the implement to a precision outcome which allows farmers to plough-down, cross-rip, level-out and hill-up for planting in just one pass with the tractor and implement. For cotton growers these activities are normally a five-pass procedure.

USQ research engineer Jason Stone said St George cotton and peanut contractor Royce Cox first approached the NCEA with an idea that while guidance systems for tractors had made tillage generally more accurate, if the implement behind the tractor had a GPS guidance system, tillage accuracy could be improved to within 2cm of the target.

AgGuide Sales Manager Alan Fetherstonhaugh said the RigGuide was developed as a result of the inquiry by Royce Cox with the NCEA facilitating the research. The NCEA is a joint venture between USQ and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

"The software developed by Jason Stone and his colleagues is the clever bit. Royce Cox had already seen the advantages of precision guidance for his tractor and his basic idea took the concept one step further," Mr Fetherstonhaugh said.

"In a recent Australian 'first' Goondiwindi cotton and grains contractor, Paddy Ryan, successfully adapted the FurrowGuide steering guidance technology to his tractor and the RigGuide guess row averager to completely streamline the process of re-forming raised beds and listering in one operation.

"The innovation has set a new precedence



**GUIDING VISION:** NCEA software developer Jason Stone (left) is thrilled with the success of the RigGuide GPS guidance system for tillage implements. NCEA software engineer Jason Stone is pictured with AgGuide dealer manager Steve Hanlon and AgGuide Sales Manager Alan Fetherstonhaugh at a recent meeting on campus.

for environmental management in reducing fuel and carbon emissions from raised bed management practices. It is also saving Ryan's farmer clients around \$100 p/ha."

Paddy Ryan contract plants 4050 ha of summer crop in the Goondiwindi, North Star, Talwood and Yelarbon areas annually. The RigGuide has added a new dimension to his service which also includes shielded spraying, cotton mulching and root cutting. Mr Ryan says he is no longer compelled to pull down beds rendered unworkable by manually operated machinery and implements veering off-line, cutting into hillsides and producing crooked rows.

"It has effectively wiped double ripping, off-setting rows and pulling beds up again from paddock operations, saving valuable time, labor, fuel, machinery wear and has also reduced the impact on soils from over working paddocks," he said.

"When you add the cost of listering of around \$25-\$30 p/ha to the cost of conventionally setting up beds, it's a fairly substantial saving to farmers. As for my business it will enable me to do the job better and faster, providing the opportunity to expand the service to other farmers."

**Gus Snow-McLean**

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**SHOW AND TELL:** PhD candidate Christel Van Erp demonstrates her research with muscle tissue in USQ's biomedical lab to a group of Indonesian education agents.



**VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP:** First-year USQ Arts/Education student Elicia Homewood was recently presented with a Long Tan \$6000 bursary by USQ deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Jim Taylor and Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane. Children of Vietnam War Veterans are eligible for the Federal Government scholarship which helps them make the move into tertiary education. Elicia's father suggested she apply for the scholarship money which she intends to put towards purchasing text books.



**NORWEGIAN HONOUR:** The recipients of the inaugural Rolf Saeterdal post-graduate scholarship were formally announced during a Residential Colleges function recently. The USQ Student Guild introduced the scholarship last year and named it after Rolf Saeterdal, who played an integral role in the Norwegian Olympic Committee's decision to appoint USQ as a training base prior to the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. PhD candidate Andrew Cripps (left) received his award from Student Guild general manager Kevin Stapleton (right). The other winner was Wide Bay Master of Health student Sarah Chong.



**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Enjoying a recent cocktail evening in the Vice-Chancellor's conference room for community leaders and friends of the university were from left Horst Brosi, Mrs Judith Barker, Mrs Dawn Brosi and Mrs Chris Thorburn.



**COLLEGE ACHIEVERS:** The residential colleges recently hosted their students at the 2004 welcome dinner. The leadership committees for each college were announced, as were a number of scholarships for outstanding academic success. One of the scholarships, the Dean's Award recognises

the highest achieving college resident from each faculty. Pictured here with the Deans are (from left) Professor Frank Crowther, Kelly Peters, Professor David Harvey, Jane Urquhart, Carla Carrigan, Professor Bill MacGillivray, Nicole Nijskens and Professor Graham Baker.



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AUSTRALIA

**PRIOR** to the Easter break I travelled to Germany to visit the USQ European Study Center in Bretten with Deputy Vice-Chancellor Malcolm McKay. The reason for our visit was to join in the city's 750th anniversary celebrations, the 400th anniversary of the internationally renowned Peter and Paul mediaeval sports and cultural festival and the 5th anniversary of the agreement signed with the Bretten City Council to establish the USQ European Study Center Bretten as a joint venture.

As many of you know, the Bretten Lord Mayor, Oberbürgermeister Paul Metzger was

keen to give the people in his city an opportunity to expand their qualifications and their educational horizons to meet the growing demands of the European Union.

To this end the Bretten City Council underwrote the cost of establishing the center while USQ delivered the study materials and the pedagogy. I am happy to inform the university community that now we are five years down the track with our investment in Germany, the venture has returned 50 fully-fledged graduates from the area as well as 200 current students, plus a financial return of some \$800,000 to the university.

On top of this, we now have partnership arrangements with universities in

Baden/Wurtemberg (south western Germany), East Bavaria and northern Austria as well as delivery partnerships with advanced Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen) in Zurich, Deggendorf, Dortmund, Dornbirn, and Karlsruhe. We are now offering degrees with dual badging with FH Dortmund (Bachelor of Business

Administration and Bachelor of Information Technology under discussion) for students who spend a minimum of one year on campus at USQ. We are also providing advanced standing to candidates from the German Chamber of Commerce and the industrial trade union REFA for staff development courses which lead to our BBA, and, an MBA program with the Paper Making Institute of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

One of the things that impressed me most as I walked around the streets of Bretten and attended the various official functions, was the intense pride the people of Bretten had in "their" USQ Study Center and the positive feedback that I had from professionals and past students about the high quality of USQ teaching materials and student support.

# Wide Bay student scoops literature awards



**SELF-CONFESSED BOOKWORM:** USQ English Literature Graduate Anne Kerridge is the first Wide Bay student to receive the David Kilmartin Memorial Award.

**WHEN** USQ English Literature graduate Anne Kerridge was a primary school student in New Zealand she remembers reading books in the playground and hiding her favourite stories in her desk so she could read in-between doing her schoolwork.

Anne no longer has to hide her books in class having studied a Bachelor of Arts with the added achievement of being the first Wide Bay student to win the David Kilmartin Memorial Award and the Jessie Mary Vasey War Widows' Guild Prize for Literature.

"I was stunned and pleased at the same time. I didn't even know the prizes existed," Ms Kerridge said.

As a mature-age student, Anne was forced to juggle her university studies with raising four children but decided to take the challenge after she realised a career in the hospitality industry would force her to spend nights and weekends away from her family.

Anne went along to a USQ Open Day with a friend and got chatting to an English Literature lecturer.

"I basically told her I just wanted to be able to just sit in a corner and read whatever I like and get paid for it," she said.

While the lecturer could not promise Anne that outcome was a surety, she did encourage her to study English Literature but supplement it with public relations and communications majors to improve her job prospects.

With an academic record that most students can only dream about, Anne is continuing her studies in English Literature and is enrolled in an on-line Honours degree which she plans to complete from her Hervey Bay home while looking for work.

"The literature staff have been so supportive throughout my studies. They really have spurred on my interest and passion in this area."

Anne is studying at USQ Wide Bay now alongside her daughter Cristin who is completing a degree in Education.

Anne will be receiving the David Kilmartin Award as the top graduating English Literature Student and the Jessie Mary Vasey War Widows' Guild Award as the top graduating female English Literature Student at a ceremony on Sunday 18 April at 2pm at Concannon Dining Hall, Toowoomba Campus.

*Susan McDonald*

# Magnifier helps visually impaired students

THE USQ Faculty of Sciences has developed a customised CCTV (closed circuit television) model which magnifies text to an enlarged font to help visually impaired students read any course material including set texts and graphs and even the morning newspaper or a favourite novel.

The CCTV model was designed by Rob Fawell from the Department of Psychology who wanted to create a new magnifying instrument because existing designs didn't suit the needs of second year psychology student Shalini Gunarajan.

"She had tried a model which had a fixed camera and you move the book under it to read the text but this didn't work for Shalini. We also tried a computer mouse-like camera which proved too stressful on her eyes," Mr Fawell said.

The Department of Psychology had already been producing the 21-year-old's text books in a larger font on paper and in e-book form but outside reading and data analysis materials, including graphs and tables, proved difficult to reproduce.

"We can't re-format an entire library or newspapers daily but we wanted to give Shalini the opportunity to become an independent learner," he said.

With the help of Oliver Kinder in the Faculty of Sciences Workshop, Mr Fawell set out to build a customised magnifier using individual parts and managed to produce the CCTV at about one third of the cost to buy a standard type model.

The model consists of a pantograph - a



**INDEPENDENCE MAGNIFIED:** USQ Student Services Disabilities Counsellor, Trudy Haak, and Department of Psychology Laboratory Technical Assistant Rob Fawell test the CCTV model which was built by Oliver Kinder at the Faculty of Sciences Workshop to help cater for visually impaired students.

device consisting of four connected movable arms - with an attached camera linked to an LCD screen that projects the text in enlarged font.

"Reading for me now is definitely less stressful on my eyes. I can now read for longer periods of time and that really helps with my study," Shalini said.

The customised CCTV will be showcased at a Print Disability Round Table conference in

Sydney in May where Student Services Disabilities Counsellor, Trudy Haak, and Rob Fawell will make a presentation.

This project and others undertaken to cater for USQ's visually impaired students have been a team effort with input from the Department of Psychology, Printery, Distance and e-Learning Centre and Academic Staff.

*Susan McDonald*

## Bay water quality under the microscope



**HARBOUR HEALTH:** USQ Marine Studies students Jarod Boshammer and Matt Higgins collect samples from Urangan Boat Harbour in Hervey Bay to test the health of the man-made marina environment.

**FIFTEEN** University of Southern Queensland Wide Bay Campus first year Marine Studies students who are cross enrolled with the Australian Maritime College, began a study of the water quality at the Urangan Boat Harbour in Hervey Bay recently as part of their Marine Environment course.

This is the second set of samples taken from six exact sites in the harbour identified by GPS coordinates. Each year a new crop of students will monitor the same sites and the data collected will provide a comprehensive picture of the health of the harbour over time. The students tested their samples using a mobile laboratory on site as well as taking samples back to the state-of-the-art teaching laboratories at the USQ Campus at Pialba.

The students tested on site for water flow, salinity, phosphates, nitrites, turbidity and temperature and later they tested their samples for Coliforms (evidence of faecal contamination) using a technique employed by Wide Bay Water in the USQ laboratories.

The sample testing was conducted under the watchful eye of Marine Studies lecturer Jenny Kallie with assistance from the staff at Wide Bay Water, the Hervey Bay City Council, the science department at the Hervey Bay State High School as well as USQ scientific technicians Blair Jones and Mark Wilkins.

USQ Wide Bay runs the Bachelor of Administration (Marine Resource Management), the Bachelor of Administration (Aquaculture, Planning and Management) and the Bachelor of Administration (Fisheries, Management and Compliance) in partnership with the Australian Maritime College.

Students who are enrolled in Marine Studies at USQ Wide Bay will also spend a period of time at the AMC in Tasmania as part of their course.

*Gus Snow-McLean*

# Megan graduates to honours at ANU

**MEGAN** Davis has always been a leader. During her time at high school, she was Head Girl of Fairholme College and was president of the school's Interact Club. At USQ, she was president of the Marketing Club, went on a Faculty of Arts tour to Singapore and Malaysia, and was the student representative on the Faculty of Business board while completing a combined Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Business degree with distinction.

Megan has now moved to Canberra, and is pursuing an honours degree at the Australian National University after having won two prestigious scholarships. She is also the recipient of this year's Faculty of Arts prize.

Megan, who was born and raised in Toowoomba, said study at USQ was always a natural choice for her.

"USQ offered the course I wanted to study, and I was awarded a regional scholarship so it made sense to go there," she said.

She believes the atmosphere at USQ is conducive to the development of bright, inquisitive minds.

"I found the staff to be very helpful, and they have a lot of respect for their students. It was great to be so involved in uni life because I got to meet a lot of interesting people and have a variety of experiences," she said.

"I definitely recommend that students get involved in campus activities or clubs to allow them to get more out of uni than just a certificate after 3 or 4 years. But, it is not



**WORTHY WINNER:** Megan Davis (right) received the Charles Seymour Hawker Scholarship at a ceremony in Canberra recently. The award was presented to her by Hon Neil Andrew MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives

always plain sailing."

"Sometimes it was hard to balance uni, work, sport, family, friends, my social life, and other commitments, and since you can't squeeze 25 hours into one day, it was just about doing things smarter and more efficiently," she said.

This efficiency resulted in Megan's scholarships to continue her study at ANU.

The first is an ANU honours scholarship worth \$9500 while the second is the prestigious Charles Hawker scholarship,

which was set up in 1991 and is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships in the country.

Megan has not made any definite plans on what to do once she completes her studies.

"I'm leaving the field open - I might travel, or work, or keep studying - I'm just keen at this stage to concentrate on the present and take things as they come," she said.

*Tawanda Mundangepfufu*

# Graduate makes his mark on the surveying world

A Bachelor of Surveying degree has been a long time coming for USQ graduate Stephen Scotney but his career is tracking an upwards slope to greater success.

Despite being older than your average graduate, 37-year-old Mr Scotney hasn't let his age deter his dedication as a student or his enthusiasm to improve his career prospects.

Mr Scotney is not only graduating with 1st class honours in Toowoomba next month but was invited to present his final year research project, "Investigation into the Queensland Permanent Survey Mark Infrastructure", at the Brisbane Seminar for South East Queensland Surveyors late last year.

Mr Scotney said as a year 12 student at Warwick State High School 20 years ago he never imagined going to university.

"I decided to go into the workforce straight away and I'm glad I did because I really did mature in that time and it was the right place for me to be," he said.

Stephen decided to tag along with a friend to a USQ Open Day and was bailed up by Surveying lecturer Shane Simmons who



**SCALING GREATER HEIGHTS:** Surveying graduate Stephen Scotney now not only has his loving wife and two girls aged four and nine months to keep him busy but also a budding surveying career.

sparked his interest in becoming a student again.

"I never really considered uni as an option until I came out for Open Day. I decided to enrol in the prep course to ease my way back into study because I wasn't sure how I'd go."

It took Stephen three years to finish the prep course while he was working full-time as a diesel mechanic. Satisfied that he had the skills and bravery to enter the Faculty of Engineering and Surveying building, Stephen enrolled in an Associate Degree in Surveying.

He then took another year to complete the Bachelor of Technology and went straight on to a Surveying degree.

Stephen overcame family tragedy to get through the final stages of his Bachelor of Surveying and considers his research project, which was hailed for its practical relevance to the industry, to be a great achievement.

Stephen is now working in Caboolture for Murray and Associates Consulting Surveyors and is hoping to become a licensed surveyor so he can take on more responsibility.

*Susan McDonald*

# What's On

17 April - 29 May

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES:

**17 April** - Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Engineering & Surveying 10am; Faculty of Sciences 2:30pm, Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre. **1 May** - Faculty of Education 10am; Faculty of Business 2:30pm, Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre. **7 May** - Gold Coast Graduation Dinner and Ceremony, Gold Coast Arts Centre 35 Bundall Rd, Surfers Paradise. **15 May** - Wide Bay Graduation Ceremony, Broлга Theatre, Walker Street, Mayborough. **21 May** - Cairns Graduation Dinner and Ceremony, The Auditorium of Brothers Leagues Club, 99 Anderson Street, Manunda, Cairns. **22 May** - Rockhampton Graduation Dinner and Ceremony, Mercure Inn Leichardt, Rockhampton. **29 May** - Sydney Luncheon and Ceremony, Docks side The Balcony Level, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Park, Sydney.

20 - 24 April

**ANDROCLES AND THE LION:** A delightful play, written by Auran Harris in the style of the Italian commedia dell'arte, especially for young audiences. USQ Arts Theatre. 10am & 1pm daily plus 6pm 21, 23 & 24 April. \$12 Adult/ \$6 child. Tickets available at the USQ Box Office Ph: 4631 1111.

21 April

**CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM:** The seminar will deal with linguistic and cultural diversity in education, business and community settings. For more information refer to <http://www.usq.edu.au/msn/>. Enquiries Ph: Mr William Conwell on (07) 4631 1678, [conwell@usq.edu.au](mailto:conwell@usq.edu.au) or Aniko Hatoss, Chair of Multicultural Staff Network, on 4631 1680 or [hatoss@usq.edu.au](mailto:hatoss@usq.edu.au).

28 April

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT:** USQ music teacher Karen Lonsdale (flute) and USQ Flute Choir. Based in Brisbane, Karen plays with the Queensland Orchestra and is a well-known performer. The free concert will take place at the Concert Hall, Q Block and will commence at 1pm.

29 April - 4 May

**ART RESIDENCY:** "Living the Landscape" is a painting and drawing residency in outback Queensland which offers participants the opportunity to connect with the south-west Queensland landscape and to explore their creative potential under the guidance of two leading landscape artists Mandy Martin and Michael Pospischil. Held at 'Bingara' 120km south-west of Cunnamulla, the residency costs \$800 per person including accommodation, meals, transfers and tuition. Numbers strictly limited to 20. For further information or a brochure contact Liz Grimmert on 3853 3271 or email [touring@flyingarts.org.au](mailto:touring@flyingarts.org.au)

4 May

**DIVORCE AND SEPARATION RECOVERY WORKSHOPS:** Separated? Divorced? Having trouble coping? Relationships Australia and Centacare present Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshops. Next course commences Tuesday 4 May, 6:30 - 8:30pm for 7 weeks. Ph: Beth 4638 1295 or Paris 4632 3604 to enquire or to book.

12 May

**PROFESSORIAL LECTURE:** Dean of Sciences, Professor William MacGillivray, will

present a professorial lecture at The Chapel, Fraser Coast Anglican College, Doolong South Rd, Hervey Bay at 7:30pm. Please RSVP attendances to Margaret Mason on 4120 6160 or by email to [masonm@usq.edu.au](mailto:masonm@usq.edu.au).

Until 19 May

**POETRY COMPETITION:** The Library is running a Poetry Competition for current USQ students and staff. First prize is \$100 and second prize is \$50. Poems can be on any subject and entries close at 2:00pm on Wednesday 19 May 2004. Further information and the Entry Form can be found at the Library Information Desk and on the Library Homepage at <http://www.usq.edu.au/library/announce/poetcomp/default.htm>. The winners will be announced on Wednesday 26 May from 12:15pm.

May 19

**SHOWCASING TOOWOOMBA AREA HEALTH RESEARCH:** The Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health presents researchers with an opportunity to participate in valuable workshops, listen to informative presentations from local researchers and hear internationally renowned keynote speakers at the Cathedral Centre, Toowoomba. Pre-conference workshops start on 19 May from 8:30, the day session from 12:50pm and the evening session from 6pm.

1-2 July

**NATIONAL TECHTRAIN 2004 CONFERENCE:** A conference for all Australian University technical staff held at the University of Adelaide, SA. Visit <http://technetsa.bio.flinders.edu.au/> for details or contact Peter.kay@adelaide.edu.au Ph: (08) 8303 5458.

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## Newsmakers

**PROFESSOR SUSAN BAMBRICK:** Provost Wide Bay was interviewed on ABC Wide Bay about USQ's support for integrated regional planning, with particular reference to the marine industry and marine tourism. Professor Bambrick was also cited in the Canberra times as a renowned academic at ANU.

**SIMON PATON:** Lecturer in the Faculty of Business was interviewed on 4GR about the local government elections across Queensland.

**JOHN ROGERS:** International Office was cited in *The Courier Mail* and *The Chronicle* about the partnership between the Toowoomba Aero Club and USQ to train pilots from Taiwan and provide English language teaching support.

**JENNY KALLIE:** Marine Studies Lecturer at USQ Wide Bay was interviewed by the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* about a water testing program conducted at the Hervey Bay Marina by her first-year cohort of students who are studying jointly with USQ and the Australian Maritime College at the Pialba campus.

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PETER WICKS:** Humanities Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts was reported in the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* about his invitation to be one of the judges of the Lions Youth of the Year competition. Associate Professor Wicks is himself a past winner of the competition.

**DR BRAD CARTER:** Centre for Astronomy, Solar Radiation and Climate, was quoted in *The Chronicle* about the meteorite that fell to earth in Western Queensland.

**ROB FRY:** Operations Manager TransACE, was quoted in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on how Transdisciplinary Studies programs can offer students a greater degree of choice in what they study.

**ANDREW LORENZ AND MARTIN CROOK:** appeared in an article in *The Chronicle* about their recent Serenade Plus concert with the USQ Orchestra.

**SIMON PATON:** Lecturer in the Faculty of Business appeared in his regular politics talkback slot with Graham Healy's Midday Show on Radio 4GR.

**PETER MCILVEEN:** Manager, Careers Employment & Welfare, Student Services appeared on 4GR and WIN Television about the recent USQ Careers Fair held in the refectory

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# Mass communication students on a 'natural high'

**THE** Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Queensland is helping University of Southern Queensland Mass Communication students open doors to the media industry by offering a variety of internship programs.

Students will help create and implement public relations and media awareness campaigns to promote sports, cultural and recreational activities as a safe alternative to drugs and alcohol.



Chief Executive Officer of Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Queensland, Bob Aldred, said this was the first time students from a regional university had been offered this opportunity.

"We've worked with other universities before but decided to offer the internships to USQ students to make our volunteer base broader," Mr Aldred said.

Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Aidan Burke, said it was a great opportunity for students to get on-the-job training as students would have the chance to work on such programs as the Natural High initiative that is currently being advertised on television and Schoolies Week which incorporates many of the Foundation's safe use practices.

Mr Burke said the exact internship requirements had not been finalised but students would be working as individuals or in groups to create health promotion messages in areas of radio, television, public relations, journalism, government policy and multimedia.

He said it is still undecided if the internships would be incorporated into course assessment. But the students are not the only stakeholder set to benefit from the work experience.

Mr Aldred said it was in the Foundation's interest to take on a mentoring and training role for the media workforce of the future.

"What we offer them is not just another experience to add to their CV but we can give them a better understanding of drug and alcohol education and which messages are the right messages to promote."

Students wishing to have a better chance of opening that media industry door should contact Aidan Burke on the second level of Q Block.

*Susan McDonald*

## Scholarships promote overseas study

**THE** University of Southern Queensland is offering free English language and Study Abroad places in 2004/2005 to two students from Mexico through a new Peace Scholarship program initiated by IDP Education Australia.

USQ is one of 27 Australian universities which is providing fee waiver places as part of the \$5.7 million scholarship program being managed by the Peace Scholarship Trust. The Peace Scholarship Trust aims to promote global understanding and peace through international education.

The first peace scholars will commence studying in Australia in Semester 2, 2004 and in the first full year, a total of 67 Study Abroad and English language scholarship places will be available at Australian universities to deserving international students from at least seven countries.

The students will be drawn from countries which include Cambodia, Colombia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and other Gulf nations.

Currently, international students in their second year of university at participating institutions overseas are eligible to apply for the peace scholarships. Students must demonstrate a commitment to peace and understanding and provide evidence that without financial support they would be unable to pursue an international study experience.

Further information is available at <http://www.idp.com/globalpeace>.

**INTERNSHIP AWARENESS:** Chief Executive Officer of Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Queensland, Bob Aldred, visited USQ recently to recruit students for a public relations and journalism internship program.

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## The Lion is king of the kids



**HAVING** kicked off its annual season of events with the stunning production of *Hamlet* in Queens Park, the USQ Performance Centre is back with a production of *Androcles and the Lion* for children of all ages.

Written by award-winning playwright Aurand Harris and adapted from Aesop's Fable of the same name, this is a delightful play, written in the style of the Italian commedia dell'arte. The play tells the story of *Androcles*, a poor, overworked Roman slave who encounters the injured *Lion* in the forest. With help from the audience, *Androcles and the Lion* overcome their initial prejudices, help each other and learn the value of friendship and cooperation.

USQ Performance Centre Director Dr Kate Foy, who recently completed her role as Queen Gertrude in *Hamlet*, assumes the mantle of director for this production.

"USQ has been producing theatre for young audiences, every year for nearly 30 years, focusing on providing a really positive first theatrical experience," Dr Foy said.

"*Androcles and the Lion* is real knock-about fun, with buffoonery, music and dance

**THEATRICAL CAPERS:** *Travis Dowling (Androcles), Sarah Peters (the Lion) and Rhona Crawford (Isabella) rehearse a scene for the upcoming performance of Aurand Harris' Androcles and the Lion.*

and slapstick humour wrapped around the central themes of loyalty, bravery, friendship and freedom.

"I was attracted to this play because of the playwright Aurand Harris, who also wrote the tale of the Arkansaw Bear which we staged at USQ in 2002. Harris has a way of writing really uplifting material that is accessible and entertaining on a number of different levels and can be appreciated by audiences of all ages.

"There is nothing inappropriate in his work and the *Lion* does not bite."

*Androcles and the Lion* runs at the USQ Arts Theatre from 20 to 24 April at 10am and 1pm daily with special performances at 6pm on 21, 23 and 24 April.

For further information and bookings phone the USQ Box Office on 4631 1111.

**Gus Snow-McLean**

## Trout for five

A group of Australia's leading chamber musicians will be the vibrant ingredients in the upcoming twilight quintet recital, *Fish & French Fries*, to take place at the USQ Arts Theatre on Wednesday 28 April at 5:30pm.

With USQ senior lecturer Andrew Lorenz on violin, Robert Harris on viola, Trish O'Brien on cello, USQ Head of Music Wendy Lorenz on piano and Dorit Herskovit on double bass, the quintet will bring Franz Schubert's irresistible '*Trout*' Quintet to life.

Schubert's work will be complemented by a gourmet side serve care of French violinist, composer and dancer Jean-Marie Leclair's *Sonata in E minor for Violin and Piano*.

This performance is the first of several which will be given in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

For bookings and ticket information contact the USQ Performance Centre Box Office on 4631 1111.

**Susan McDonald**

## Winter Warmer

The USQ Toowoomba Campus will again become alive with the sound of chamber music from 27 June to 3 July as the McGregor Winter School hosts the 16th Chamber Music School.

Players of the violin, viola, cello, clarinet and piano, are encouraged to apply and as a guide applicants should be of a standard equivalent to 5th grade AMEB or higher for string players and 8th grade AMEB or higher for pianists and clarinetists.

Ensemble tutorials, individual tutorials (depending on tutor availability), public tutors' concerts, student concerts and string orchestral playing will all be features of the School.

Enrolments will close 11 June 2004.

For further information phone Operations Manager Rob Fry on 4631 2774.

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twilight quintet recital  
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Schubert Trout Quintet  
Leclair Sonata in E minor for Violin & Piano

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