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TOP STORIES



Learning and Teaching Week

USQ launched its inaugural Learning and Teaching week on Monday 18 February, and as part of the activities held an Indigenising the Curriculum seminar.

During the day long seminar presenters from the University of South Australia discussed the importance of integrating Indigenous content into undergraduate programs.

Rhonda Hagan from USQ's Learning and Teaching Support Unit (LTSU) said the seminar identified the benefits of embedding Indigenous perspectives in to the curriculum as well as sharing a framework to assist in developing content and teaching strategies.

"This seminar was to assist academic staff members at USQ who are interested in incorporating indigenous perspectives, but are not sure how to actually do it."

Pro-Vice Chancellor (Learning and Teaching), Professor Lynne Hunt, said USQ endeavoured to create an innovative and holistic learning experience for students.

"We have decided to hold this week to profile the high standard of teaching at USQ and to share information across the whole university.

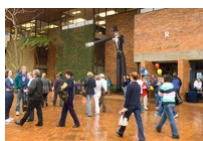
"USQ is putting considerable money and resources into teaching so that students have the best possible learning experiences," Professor Hunt said.

"Students are at the heart of USQ planning."

During the week staff also had the opportunity to explore USQ's new technology enhanced learning and multimedia facilities.

The event will be held across all three of the University's campuses annually, and will commence at the start of each academic year.

Story: Connie-Louise Alexander, Photo: USQ Photography



USQ Welcomes Students for O'Week!

Traditional 'stalls day', live bands and pizza eating competitions are just three of the activities planned during USQ's annual O'Week celebrations. Cathy Jacobs from the USQ Student Guild said each of the USQ campuses at Toowoomba, Springfield and Fraser Coast would get into the spirit of O'Week before classes commenced.

"Orientation is the time to meet fellow students, lecturers and other USQ staff as students start their journey of discovery." Cathy said.

"I would recommend for new students to attend as many of the planned activities as possible.

"It is the perfect opportunity for them to mix with staff, see the campus and spend some time at the University in a relaxed atmosphere.

"Each campus has entertainment, activities and games planned, so it should be a lot of fun."

Cathy said USQ would also hold Regional Orientation Meetings across Queensland for all external students.

"The meetings are designed to provide practical advice on how to succeed in distance learning and to answer any questions students may have.



“They also provide the opportunity for students to meet USQ staff and other students in their region studying at USQ.

“The Regional Orientation Meetings will take place in Bundaberg, Cairns, Canberra, Dalby, Emerald, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Lismore, Melbourne, Redcliffe, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Sydney, Toowoomba, Townsville, Warwick and Brisbane.”

USQ Vice Chancellor, Professor Bill Lovegrove said orientation would give students the opportunity to meet staff and other students and learn about the services and opportunities on offer at the University.

“University can be a pretty daunting experience when you first arrive, but O'Week is specifically designed to make this adjustment as easy as possible.

“Traditionally O'Week is a lot of fun and I hope students enjoy themselves responsibly.”

USQ O'Week activities will run at Toowoomba campus from Sunday 24 February, at Springfield campus from Wednesday 27 February and at Fraser Coast campus from Monday 25 February.

For more information please head to the [USQ O'Week webpage](#) or the [USQ Student Guild website](#).

Story: Jo Sparrow, Photo: Elizabeth Bull



Springfield supports USQ students with five scholarships

Springfield Land Corporation (SLC) Chairman, Maha Sinnathamby has announced the company will fund five USQ scholarships over two years worth a combined total of almost \$100,000.

Mr Sinnathamby said one scholarship would be awarded in 2008 and four in 2009.

Applicants for this year's bursary would need to be full-time students at the USQ Springfield campus who had already completed at least one year of their studies. The 2009 scholarships would be open to both commencing and continuing Springfield students.

Director of USQ Springfield Doug Fraser said the five scholarships would be awarded to students who lived in the greater Springfield area, who had been actively involved in extra-curricular and community activities.

Signing of an agreement between SLC and USQ took place on Monday 21 January 2008.

“My passion for education is genuine,” Mr Sinnathamby said.

“The commitment to education in Springfield since 1992 has resulted in the creation of Education City, the wonderful USQ, as well as six schools.

“We've gone from having no students in Springfield to over 6,200 students studying here across different campuses including schools operated by the Anglican, Uniting and Catholic churches and that is increasing by about 1,200 per annum.

“We at Springfield Land Corporation are very excited about the opportunity to make a real difference to the education and lives of five intelligent and dedicated local students.

“One of the most important things we are doing in greater Springfield is uplifting society in the entire region. It is an area that historically has been economically and socially deprived and I believe these scholarships will help immeasurably.”

Mr Fraser said the scholarships were a remarkable investment by Mr Sinnathamby



and Springfield Land Corporation in the future of Greater Springfield and USQ.

“The scholarships will be a head start for the Springfield students who are selected and will be the difference between them starting their careers with a significant education debt, or being financially unencumbered,” Mr Fraser said.

“The Springfield Land Corporation Continuing Scholarships are worth a maximum of \$17,000 each, while the Springfield Land Corporation Commencing Scholarships are worth up to \$20,800. I thank Mr Sinnathamby and Springfield Land Corporation for their continued support of USQ and our students.”

To find out more about applying for the new scholarships contact USQ on 1800 260 500 or email study@usq.edu.au.

Story: Jo-Ann Sparrow, *Photo:* Liza Mattiazzi



MOVERS AND SHAKERS



New Dean looking to attract students into Sciences

USQ's new Dean of Sciences, Professor Janet Verbyla, is eager to promote opportunities for graduates of science, technology and mathematics as part of her new role.

Professor Verbyla joins USQ from Flinders University in South Australia where she held the position of Head of the School of Informatics and Engineering.

Professor Verbyla said she was eager to encourage people to consider higher education in sciences as part of her roles as Dean of Sciences and Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning Technologies at USQ.

"At the graduate end there is a huge demand in science, technology and mathematics. Input into education in these areas is so small, things have to change. There are lots of opportunities for graduates," Professor Verbyla said.

"Health, biotechnology, food, security and environmental sustainability – we need a skilled workforce in these areas to meet the industry opportunities and social challenges."

Professor Verbyla said part of her decision to join USQ was the University's reputation for distance education and the large number of mature-age students.

"It is an interesting University. Because of the distance education focus USQ has a broader interest in learning and teaching methodologies.

"The whole education market, particularly at a tertiary education level, is going to change.

"I heard a comment recently saying 'they are just not making enough 18 year olds'. Any university that is solely dependent on school leavers may find it difficult in the coming years with the changing demographics."

Professor Verbyla said Australia's ageing population coupled with a declining interest in science and technology will also affect the national economy.

"Not only is there not enough young people, there is not the interest when national and international economies are depending on areas of science and innovation.

"Universities need to be more like brokers and encourage industry to go to schools and say 'There is a demand for graduates from these areas. This is a recent graduate who has a fantastic job with great prospects'.

"We need to show them that scientists do get invited to parties and to move away from that Einstein image."

Story: Jane Urquhart, Photo: Cindy Laine



Research aims to map UV hotspots in schools

With thousands of students across the state set to return to school next week, research into levels of UV radiation in school grounds being conducted at USQ could prove very timely.

PhD student Nathan Downs is measuring the levels of UV radiation in the school playground to assist schools in protecting students from harmful sun exposure.

"I've been looking at what level of exposure children are getting in different parts of the playground in different seasons and weather conditions," Mr Downs said.

Using manikins, anatomical models of the body, and a digital map of the grounds he measured levels of ultra-violet exposure in various areas of Hervey Bay State High School.

"I've built three-dimensional digital models of an arm, hand, leg, neck and face. With the models I can make predictions of the exposure levels anywhere in the school."

The research will eventually be compiled to make a system which can identify the areas in the school to avoid depending on the day, time and weather conditions.

"I am hoping to provide schools with a model to use every day to make predictions of where the hotspots will be on that particular day.

"Schools will then be able to print out a form and read it out on daily notices advising students of the locations to be avoided. It could also be used by teachers to plan school breaks and sports days."

The mapping technique can be applied to any school throughout the country

"I can move the models around using a computer. The idea is that once I've taken measurements I can come back to USQ and place the models in any school environment as long as I have photos of the school playground.

"I'd like to be able to provide the model for all schools. I just need a digital image map of all of the playgrounds based on a series of photos taken in the grounds.

"Once I have photos of the playground I can predict the horizontal plane UV exposure and produce three-dimensional maps of the levels of UV exposure received on each of the arm, hand, leg, neck and face models."

Mr Downs said areas of concern in the grounds are not always obvious.

"The effectiveness of trees and other shade structures can be minimal if the position of the sun is low in the sky. So the shade is often not where you might be sitting.

"The levels of exposure in one area change throughout the day due to the position of the sun, the cloud cover and the ozone level."

Story: Jane Urquhart, Photo: Elizabeth Bull



Niggers Lovers chosen for Canadian film festival

Canadian audiences will have an opportunity to follow one man's resistance against bigotry and prejudice, with *Nigger Lovers* invited for inclusion in the *Ozflix: Australian Film Weekend* in Toronto and Vancouver in 2008.

Directed by Rhonda Hagan and co-written and produced by Stephen Hagan and Dr Daryl Sparkes from USQ, the award winning documentary portrays Indigenous Australian of the year, Stephen Hagan's, fight to have the word 'nigger' removed from a Toowoomba sport stadium.

"As USQ academics the three of us are delighted to represent our University and



Toowoomba in showcasing this extraordinary multi-award winning documentary to the rest of the world,” Mr Hagan said.

The thought-provoking film won a prestigious Inside Film (IF) Award for Best Short Documentary and an Enhance TV Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) Award for Best Documentary Short Form in 2007.

Supported by the Tourism Australia, the Australian High Commission and the Australian Trade Commission, the *OzFlix* is designed to increase the profile and stimulate sales and distribution of Australian films in North America.

The 2007 festival included the debut of the smash hit comedy *Kenny*, with director Clayton Jacobson and star Shane Jacobson in attendance, and the Opening Gala screening of the acclaimed *Ten Canoes*, directed by Rolf de Heer.

After successfully applying with the Australian Film Commission (AFC) to produce the documentary in 2006, Stephen said that it was gratifying to see the hard work pay off.

“In June 2006, the AFC sent out a call to Indigenous communities nationwide looking for ideas for documentaries,” he said.

“The idea was that the director had to be Indigenous, so that they could get the opportunity to get into directing.

“Daryl Sparkes and I submitted a proposal to the AFC and we were one of five documentaries funded.”

With a \$120,000 budget, Stephen and his team travelled across Australia’s East Coast interviewing everyone from local Indigenous people to the Australian leader of the Klu Klux Klan (KKK).

“We were in Herberton, Sydney, Byron Bay, Woodford, Brisbane and Toowoomba shooting the documentary,” Mr Hagan said.

Story: Amy Cass, 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



Romeo and Juliet encourages public discussion

Shakespeare's iconic play *Romeo and Juliet* may have been written more than 400 years ago, but despite its age it continues to raise a variety of relevant social issues.

In light of these important youth-related concerns, a Community Forum will be presented on Sunday 2 March 2008 as part of USQ's Shakespeare in the Park Festival.

The Forum will feature a panel of expert local practitioners including psychologists from [Magnolia House](#), John Henry and Catherine Ketton, USQ Lecturer in (Psychology) Counselling Gavin Beccaria and DISCO Youth Support Co-ordinator, Jennifer Nothdurft.

Festival Producer, Dr Rebecca Scollen, said this year's production created new opportunities for audiences.

"Our choice of *Romeo and Juliet* brought with it a responsibility to offer our audiences an opportunity to openly discuss some of the issues presented on stage.

"Art is all about communication and about presenting ideas that help us reflect on the way we live our lives and interact with each other. The play, *Romeo and Juliet*, is still as relevant today as it was hundreds of years ago, and as such it shows that our emotional lives as humans on Earth haven't really changed that much.

"The forum allow us the space to think further about the ideas presented in the play and to directly consider them in relation to our real lives.

"They will provide the community with a safe, friendly and informative environment to discuss the personal and social issues embedded within *Romeo and Juliet* such as relationships with peers and family, young love and sexuality, decision-making and life choices and suicide.

"It will be interactive, inviting questions and comments from the floor."

Cast members from *Romeo and Juliet* will be on-hand to perform a handful of relevant scenes from the play to further highlight issues being discussed.

"Many of our young cast members have been personally touched by suicide, so this small sample seems to demonstrate how widespread suicide is within the youth culture. We hope that as a community we can talk together and work toward finding ways to support each other to slow suicide rates right down."

Tea and coffee will be provided after the forum which will finish before the start of the evening performance of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Entry to the Forum is \$2 which will be donated to the local branch of Lifeline. Bookings are not necessary and those wishing to attend are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair to sit on and a hat.

The Forum will be repeated at 4pm on Wednesday 5 March especially for school groups attending the evening performance of *Romeo & Juliet*.

The forum will also be presented by a panel of Fraser Coast practitioners on Saturday 15 March from 4pm at Seafront Oval, Hervey Bay.

The Community Forums are sponsored by the Myer Foundation.

For more information please contact visit the Festival website www.usq.edu.au/shakespeare or call USQ Artsworx on 07 4631 1111.

Story: Connie-Louise Alexander, Photo: Elizabeth Bull



Stay tuned for a new community radio station in Ipswich

USQ has announced it will launch a new community based radio station on February 25 2007 to coincide with Semester One O'Week celebrations at its Springfield campus.

The station, which will be officially named and opened on February 27 by USQ Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove, will initially 'broadcast' via a streaming service on the internet.

The University hopes to secure a broader community license allowing broadcasting to air later this year.

USQ Bachelor of Applied Media (BAM) lecturer Ashley Jones said the radio station would mirror the Springfield campus ethos of being 'community centred and career focused'.

"The station will support the teaching and learning being undertaken through the BAM degree offered at Springfield but will also reach further into the greater Ipswich community," Mr Jones said.

"We are extending an invitation to people in the Ipswich and Springfield communities to become involved with the station.

"While our focus will be to teach our BAM students we will also structure less formal basic training to ensure members of the wider community get to know the radio station equipment as well."

Mr Jones said the early program coverage would include the development of a morning show, lunch program and a youth program for late afternoon.

"I am keen to hear from any groups in the community who have program ideas.

"We would like to ultimately work with people in the area to develop their own programs with the support of a BAM student producer.

"This is an exciting project for USQ and the wider community.

"We hope the radio station will become a meaningful tool in communicating both through the streaming service and ultimately also on air to a local audience."

For more information or to become involved with the radio station contact Ashley Jones on +07 3470 4642 or jonesas@usq.edu.au

Story & photo: Jo-Ann Sparrow



Nurses learn with Lego

It's not just the kindy kids who get to play with Lego in class. A group of nursing students from USQ Fraser Coast have been using the blocks for team-building exercises.

Working in groups of four, the teams were timed as one person in each group constructed a miniature catapult, soldiers and skeleton horse and rider from the popular Castle Lego series.

Nursing and midwifery lecturer Julie Harris said the exercise was designed to encourage teamwork and demonstrate how co-operation and effective communication could reduce risk factors.

"One team member had to build the little Lego scene according to the instructions," she said.

"The first time around the other team members were not allowed to help the builders.

"During subsequent building exercises the builders could take advice and directions from their team members."

Ms Harris said the 'Lego Leaders' activity had been used with experienced clinicians of all disciplines to uncover their team-building abilities.

"The nursing students performed very well," she said.

"However there was a fair bit of pressure felt by the builders and some frustration by their team members."

Several of the USQ nursing students pointed out the fact that Lego, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this week, was designed for six-year-olds.

Story & photo: Katrina Corcoran



Students get hands-on with sciences

Twenty-seven students travelled from Queensland and New South Wales to take part in the first Siemens Science Experience to be held at USQ from 22 to 24 January 2008.

Students took part in hands-on activities over the three days in areas including chemistry, climate, weed management, genetics and astronomy at the University and the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F).

The program aims to encourage students to explore aspects of science, engineering and technology and consider study in such areas in upper secondary school years and at university.

Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at USQ, Associate Professor Grant Daggard, said he was pleased with the response to USQ's first Siemens Science Experience.

"From the reports I've had the students seemed very happy and interested in the range of activities both here and the DPI&F," he said.

"USQ will now run the program every year; next year we will scale it up. We are working with the DPI&F to build on the success of this year and make it bigger and better in 2009."

Year 10 student Jamie Hall travelled more than 1700km from Richmond in the state's north to attend the program and said he would do it again.

"It was good, it was very interesting," Jamie said.

"I enjoyed meeting new people and finding out about new and interesting things in



science.”

Students were accompanied over the three days by two students from the Young Scientists’ Association in Brisbane.

The Toowoomba event was the third for mentor Lucy McAuliffe who said she really enjoyed it.

“It’s just so much fun. You meet so many new people each year.

“It’s been really different to Brisbane. Because it is so much smaller here it is a lot more interactive. Every lecture has been interactive and all the kids want to be here and have really gotten into it.”

The program is supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and Rotary.

District Governor for Rotary in Toowoomba Errol Wildman said Rotary was proud to support the event.

“Rotary has supported the Siemens Science Experience for many years and it is a pleasure to see students enjoying engineering and the application of science,” he said.

Story: Jane Urquhart, Photo: Elizabeth Bull



USQ program in time for property boom

A new postgraduate business program geared at the property industry is ‘in the right place at the right time’ as Ipswich rapidly transforms itself in a bid to meet the challenges associated with the current property and development boom in south-east Queensland.

The south-east Queensland Infrastructure Plan alone outlines approximately \$80 billion worth of investment in coming years.

USQ Springfield campus Lecturer Barrie Todhunter said the Master of Business (Property) would give students the skills and qualifications to be an active participant in an industry that was going into overdrive on their doorstep.

“The unprecedented growth of the property sector in south-east Queensland has resulted in major expansion in the Ipswich area and consequently numerous opportunities for careers in the industry,” Mr Todhunter said.

“The USQ Master of Business (Property) program offers students the opportunity to gain promotion within the property industry or to assist in the transition to the industry from related disciplines.

“Someone who has previously studied town planning, urban and regional planning, surveying, architecture, engineering, construction, finance, law, marketing or real estate could use the program to significantly extend their involvement in the property industry - although it is not essential to have an undergraduate degree to enter the program.

“Practical experience in industry can be sufficient to gain entry into the Postgraduate Certificate program and students can continue with the Master’s program from there if they wish.

“The industry is still young and vibrant and research is helping to develop innovative and exciting models of practice which are leading to a new professionalism in a highly profitable industry.”

Mr Todhunter said the Master of Business (Property) provided a concise, focused program that considered all aspects of property.



“It includes courses on the development of new property projects, ownership and management of property assets and consideration of the legal environment in which projects are developed and managed.

“Students are required to study four cores courses to provide essential skills in property, plus elective courses to allow students to explore related areas of interest.

“Alternatively, they can undertake the four core courses and graduate with a Postgraduate Certificate in Management (Property), or undertake individual subjects as professional development.

“The program is very hands on, focussing on practice and has no examinations. Instead it utilises workplace projects as the basis for assessment.”

Mr Todhunter said as the majority of postgraduate students at USQ Springfield campus also work, the University specialises in flexible delivery of education where individual courses can be studied part-time, or in intensive workshop mode.

“Intensive workshop mode allows 15 weeks of study to be compressed into two three-day workshops to review materials, improve study techniques and interact with industry practitioners who generously share their personal experiences in the industry.

“This makes it easier for people who are working full time to fit study into their schedule.”

For further information visit www.usq.edu.au or phone Barrie Todhunter 3470 4537 or email todhunter@usq.edu.au.

Story & photo: Jo-Ann Sparrow



IN BRIEF



Queensland Governor launches resilience toolkit

Governor of Queensland Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC launched the *Building Resilience in Rural Communities* Toolkit at Stanthorpe State High School on Tuesday 11 February 2008.

The toolkit is the result of a three-year study conducted by researchers from USQ and the University of Queensland (UQ) with assistance from Community Development Services Stanthorpe, Combined Rural Traders (CRT), Toowoomba Mental Health Service and Lifeline.

USQ Head of Department (Nursing and Midwifery) Professor Cath Rogers-Clark said the project aims to enhance mental health and wellbeing in rural areas through a better understanding of how to recognise and enhance resilience in individuals and the community at large



Students swap holidays for maths classes

A group of more than 30 teenagers swapped their last week of holiday freedom for maths classes at USQ.

The students attended the maths workshops at USQ Fraser Coast campus from 21-24 January 2008 in preparation for their senior studies. The free classes were offered in Maths B for students entering Years 11 and 12.



Local history book launched

Two academics from USQ have contributed to the only history book on the Helidon Spa area, which was launched at a ceremony held in Gatton on Tuesday, 8 January 2008. *The Helidon Spa Water Company: The Helidon Spa Park* was copy edited by Robert White from USQ's Education faculty and Professor in History Maurice French.



Seminar highlights accounting's attractive side

Around 200 students and their teachers from 11 regional schools attended the CPA Australia and USQ Accounting Students' Careers Day. Students from across the Darling Downs learnt that accounting's not all tax talk and number crunching when they visited USQ on Thursday 7 February 2008.



Australia Day nomination

USQ Fraser Coast was nominated for an Australia Day Cultural Award for its contribution to culture with the inaugural March Arts Festival in 2007. Campus Provost Dr Ken Stott received the nomination certificate from Hervey Bay Mayor Ted Sorensen at the awards ceremony. The March Arts Festival incorporated the first Opera on the Bay, the first Shakespeare on the Bay festival, a film night and an art exhibition. This year's month of culture will once again include Opera on the Bay, Shakespeare on the Bay and two film nights.



Jeffrey Soar awarded grant from French Government

USQ researcher Assoc Prof Jeffrey Soar has been awarded a French government grant for French Lessons for Scientists. The grant is provided through the French Embassy in Canberra. It aims to assist scientists involved in research collaboration through improving language competency.

Jeffrey has just completed his ADL which was spent almost entirely in France to research in his field of Assistive Technology for Ageing & Aged-Care. He visited Europe's centres in his field, strengthened collaboration with Europe's leading researchers, conducted his own original research in French and submitted grant applications and papers for publication. He says that the French Embassy grant is welcome as it will enable him to enhance his competency in French so as to better collaborate with his French research partners which includes the French telecommunications company Alcatel-Lucent.



Book commemorates 40 years of Summer School

The history of the McGregor Summer School has been brought to life in a commemorative book: *Celebrating 40 Years of the McGregor Summer School 1969-2008*. The book was officially launched at the Gala Dinner which saw more than one hundred people from across Australia and the UK dine together on Wednesday 16 January 2008.

A colourful and lively reflection of the people and activities of the School filled with inspirational and amusing stories and photographs of reflection are contained in the book which is available for purchase (for \$22) from the Artsworx Box Office at USQ – 07 4631 1111.



Business talks

Chairperson of the Toowoomba regional council Local Transition Committee Peter Taylor spoke at USQ on January 30 2008. Mr Taylor's public lecture was the first seminar in a series of talks being hosted by USQ. The lecturer series is aimed at discussing current issues and will feature a number of prominent guest speakers throughout the year.

USQ Hair & Beauty

Easter Draw valued at \$100 – Have any hair or beauty service between now and March 20 to receive a complimentary entry into the Easter Draw. Contact Robyn for



an appointment x2907

COMING EVENTS



25 February Toowoomba Scholarship Reception

25 February -7 March Orientation Week

28 February SITP Romeo & Juliet in Toowoomba

29 February Chancellor's Scholarship Golf Day

12 March Corporate Club hosted by Faculty of Science

12 – 15 March SITP Romeo & Juliet in the Bay

If you would like to promote an event in *USQNews* and on the USQ Coming Events web site please email news@usq.edu.au with the details.

OUT AND ABOUT



40th McGregor Summer School

Our roving photographers are on the loose. Whether you are at a 40th Anniversary event or the launch of a new centre you could be snapped!



STAFF PROFILE



Renata Schindler

What is your job title and what does it involve?

I am the Activities Officer for McGregor Summer School. It involves coordinating afternoon and night activities throughout the Summer School. I then keep everyone up to date with what is happening through announcements at breakfast and dinner, and through writing the newsletter each day.

How long have you worked at USQ?

Since Tuesday 8th January 2008.

Are you involved in any interesting projects at the moment?

The McGregor Summer School.

What's the best part of your job?

Definitely the people. The tutors are of national and international calibre. The students come from all over Australia and some other countries. The talent is mind-blowing, and far exceeded my expectations. The administrative team here at USQ Artsworx is also really supportive and surprisingly easy-going for such an intense project.

What was your funniest moment at USQ?

Judy Wilford, the embroidery tutor who redefines embroidery as anyone knows it, was presenting a slideshow of her work. One of her opening comments was "Looking at the back of someone's embroidery is as rude as looking up a ladies skirt." Umm... you probably had to be there...

What would your ideal holiday be like?

A holiday that went forever....

STUDENT PROFILE



Anglea Cunliffe

Angela is one of around 80 students taking part in USQ's Head Start program for Semester One 2008.

Why did you decide to take part in Head Start?

I finished my year twelve subjects a year early and had time on my hands so I wanted to do something in the meantime and though Head Start would be good.

What made you look to USQ?

The location is the main reason and it was the only uni I knew of that had the program.

What are you looking forward to about uni?

Meeting new people and the course (Foundation Psychology A) looks really interesting.

What are your plans once you finish Head Start?

I will probably go to uni eventually. I might take a gap year, I'm not sure.



NEWSMAKERS



Making headlines this fortnight: Dr Jeff Cockfield was on the airwaves discussing local government elections, Ashley Jones was quoted in *South West News* on the new radio station to be broadcast from USQ's Springfield Campus and Rebecca Scollen spoke to *ABC Southern Queensland* about the upcoming Shakespeare in Queens Park production.

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UNITRADER



Housemate required: Room to let. Share facilities. Single female looking for flatmate. Must like pets. 15 min walk to Grand Central. \$100 per week. Please call 0412 003656 for more details.

For sale: 1988 Toyota Corolla Hatch, automatic, yellow. Well-maintained and very reliable. April 2008 registration. 262,600km. \$3000 ono. 0416 308 867 (Ursula)

For Sale: 2000 Ford Fairmont AU II – Low kilometers (36,500!) Immaculate, Full service history, Always garaged, Owned by elderly couple no longer able to drive, As new condition. \$14,000 ONO. Silky Oak Wardrobe. Full length mirror, Double hanging space, Single shelves. \$300.00. Contact :Coralie x 2934 or Mobile 0414609735

UniTrader: Do you have an item you are looking to swap, sell or buy? Please [email us](#) with your listing for inclusion in UniTrader.

PHOTOS



The USQ photographers are on campus snapping functions and catching everything on camera! You can check out their work on the [USQ Photography webpage](#). If you like what you see in USQ News and would like them to photograph your function or event please call Liza, Cindy or Liz on 4631 2472.

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