



Up Coming Events

22 June

AWRI Integrated Pest Management Seminar

23 June

Annual DPI Viticulture Seminar

20 & 21 July

QCS Practice

3, 11, 18 & 25 July

Christmas in July Dinner

28 July

Annual Diggers Club Conference

Banca Ridge ^{Times} Vineyard

celebrating excellence in education, food & wine CEO Welcome

I would take this opportunity to announce the appointment of Mr Bill Morgan as QCWT Education & Training Manager and welcome Bill to both the College and to the Granite Belt. This is a new position and replaces the previous Gateway Schools Manager/Head of Department position. Bill has a strong background in vocational education and training, having worked in both TAFE and private RTO settings, as well as extensive school experience as both teacher and principal.

Bill's appointment coincides with a very busy year of development for the College as we take forward the recommendations of the external review conducted in the latter part of 2009. One of the key recommendations was for the development of co-operative funding and training delivery arrangements with both TAFE and USQ which will integrate the activities of SQIT Stanthorpe, several USQ Faculties and Gateway Schools, with the overall objective of growing training in the relevant sectors, minimising duplication and maximising the advantage of the College's industry setting. To this end we are currently negotiating co-provider agreements with SQIT and USQ that we expect to result in the College offering an expanded range of accredited programs from 2011.

Excellent Outcomes Predicted as QCWT Sets to Expand

Some 30 members of the USQ Corporate club recently travelled to Stanthorpe to meet with local business leaders and members of the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce at the QCWT.

During an evening of motivating presentations delivered by inspiring guest speakers, positive ideas were exchanged and new directions forged for the betterment of the College and our wider community.

Following a grand tour of the College's state of the art facilities, the entire group enjoyed the opportunity to network over a sumptuous dinner carefully prepared by dedicated QCWT catering staff and hospitality trainees.

Proving to be a highlight of the evening, guest speaker USQ Vice Chancellor and Chair of the QCWT Board of Management, Prof. Bill Lovegrove, announced the University would be expanding its operations from QCWT come 2011.

Reflecting on the University of Southern Queensland's investment in the College, Prof. Lovegrove explained that this decision was consistent with the University's original mission to provide tertiary educational services within its regional community.

To further the goal of maximising community engagement, Prof Lovegrove revealed that USQ was currently exploring the expansion of it's role at QCWT including the possibility of offering additional programs to the current Bachelor of Technology (Wine). Programs being considered include the Bachelor of General Studies, Diploma of Arts and the Tertiary Preparation Program.

QCWT could also be established as a Study Centre, providing services and support to over 650 Southern Downs residents currently studying with USQ by distance education.



Event guests enjoy a guided tour of the QCWT wine making facilities



Enjoying great food and good company, Gerrard Torrisi, Aly Palmer, Rebecca Lee

Just released,

Weekenders Chardonnay 2010

Limited quantities, produced by one of our 2010 'Winemaker for a Weekend' groups.

Only \$12 p/bottle

Lashings of tropical fruit including fig, rockmelon and guava entice the senses. The palette displays rich, warm flavours of tropical fruits balanced intricately with soft acid.



QCWT Hosts Education Qld Showcase Awards

The College was proud to host the 2010 Showcase Awards on the 20th of May.

Participating in this exciting event, schools and students from throughout the Darling Downs and South West presented outstanding educational programs for judging in the hope of sharing their successes with fellow educators, whilst vying for a share of more than \$370,000 in funding grants.

In recognition and celebration of excellence in teaching practices, and in support of shared excellence, this award night shines a light on those school's whose programs and practices stand with significance and relevance. Of the incredible achievements on display, Stanthorpe State High School won the QSuper Showcase Award for their Virtual Schooling IPT.

No stranger to these illustrious Showcase Events, SSHS has won on two previous occasions, the 2005 Courier Mail Showcase Awards for Excellence in Innovation with the Banca Ridge project and previous to this, as State Winner for their very well known and respected Italian Immersion Program. QCWT Gateway school, Centenary Heights State High School was also a winner, taking home the RACQ Showcase Award for their program, Flexi School—Our Point of Difference.

Accompanying the immense educational talent on display were music students from both primary and high schools within our Granite Belt district who, as school bands, string ensembles, quartets and choirs, performed most impressively for the appreciative crowd.



PHOTO: Stanthorpe State High School String Ensemble perform at Regional Showcase Awards

QCWT Student Daniel Beatty, Selected as Indigenous Youth Leader



The leadership qualities espoused by QCWT Wine Industry trainee, Daniel Beatty have been recognized in his selection to take part in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, which was recently held in Brisbane.

QCWT CEO John Neville and Indigenous Trainee Program Manager, Tim Pellatt recognized Daniel's excellent leadership potential, his positive outlook and ability to inspire others, and encouraged him to apply to take part in this excellent program.

Upon selection, Daniel participated in an action packed five day residential forum in Brisbane. With a focus on developing the leadership skills of Indigenous youth, Daniel met and had the

opportunity to learn from a range of inspiring guest speakers and presenters, attended hands on workshops, and was guided by facilitators in an intensive learning environment.

He was also introduced to the Qld Parliament and the democratic process through open meetings and discussions with government representatives and members of parliament.

Daniel shall now be able to share his experiences with others, using his new found knowledge to make a real and positive contribution to our community.

PHOTO: Daniel Beatty with Manager/Mentor Tim Pellatt

Hospitality Students get the Traineeship 'Edge'

Adding to it's enthusiastic hospitality training team, the College is proud to welcome three school based trainees, John Speranza and Amanda McKertrick of Stanthorpe State High School and Jess Franchi from our Gateway school, St Josephs College.

Undertaking traineeships in Hospitality, Jess and Amanda shall be ably guided by Front of House Manager, Gerard Gasparin in all aspects of customer service, food and beverage service and presentation.

John will be undertaking a traineeship in kitchen operations, with Food and Beverage Training Manager Andrew Simpson leading the way with training on all aspects of food preparation, presentation, health and hygiene.

The school based traineeship program is a mutually beneficial arrangement, with the College gaining motivated staff whilst providing school students with excellent practical skills and real life experiences in their chosen field, ultimately equipping them for a career in the food and hospitality industry.



Jessica Franchi

Amanda McKertrick

John Speranza

Winemakers Rejoice in the Fruits of their Labour



It was with much anticipation that our latest group of weekend winemakers took to the bottling and labeling stage of their wine production experience. The group (pictured harvesting chardonnay at Misty Hill vineyards) spent a weekend during vintage harvesting, crushing and pressing the grapes whilst also enjoying masterclasses together with sampling fine wine & food.

With their efforts completed by winemaking trainees under the expert guidance of winemaker Mike Hayes, the group returned recently to bottle & label the product whilst enjoying another weekend in the Granite Belt.

Adding to the pleasure of a weekend amongst new found friends, our winemakers complemented their wines with some local dining and wine tasting while enjoying our beautiful locality with an overnight stay.

We look forward to welcoming our next band of amateur winemakers for the 2011 vintage. If you would like further information about the popular program, contact the College on 4685 5050.