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## SUSTAINABLE CATCHMENTS THE FOCUS FOR NEW CENTRE

*Sustainability and best management practices for water and catchment systems in Australia will be the focus of a new research centre launched at USQ last week.*

USQ's Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) will conduct research across four programs that include: Sustainable Water Use; Sustainable Landscapes; Climatology, Environmental Measurement and Modelling; and Spatial Analysis and Modelling.

ACSC Co-Director Dr Jerry Maroulis said an important agenda of the ACSC is to provide research, original science and innovation that informs and then supports policy development and implementation.

"The ACSC prides itself in being a scientific research operative that not only deals with the science of areas such

as climate modelling, remote sensing, ecology, wastewater engineering, groundwater and hydrology, but also in the important but often overlooked area of social science research with environmental psychology, environmental law, public policy, resource economics and environmental management," Dr Maroulis said.

"Everyone in Australia lives and works in catchments. We have altered the catchment's environment while at the same time creating a social environment. Consequently, we need to undertake detailed research to understand our natural systems, and predict and manage the human impact on these natural and social systems to ensure their sustainability into the future.

"We need to work with communities to understand their environmental fears and social concerns as a result of changes in environmental management decisions.

"For instance, the current concerns about the sustainability of potable water

ABOVE: ACSC Co-Director Dr Jerry Maroulis, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries Mike Horan MP, In-coming USQ Chancellor Bobbie Brazil and USQ Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove.

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE

in Toowoomba are not simply supply and demand issues, but require a broader understanding of the holistic interaction of water resources, both ground and surface water, catchment processes, and community engagement," he said.

In the current debate both locally and nationally about water recycling, the ACSC has the expertise to research the scientific and social aspects of such issues in the Toowoomba and neighbouring catchments.

"The great strength of the ACSC is its holistic approach to investigating environmental and sustainable research issues. It is about fostering innovation and original science that supports policy development and implementation for sustainable community and environmental outcomes," Dr Maroulis said.

The ACSC will work with community-based organisations, other research groups and all levels of government to develop scientific research that helps to drive policy agenda and decision-making.

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## NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO HELP SHAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT

ABOVE: USQ Manager of Careers, Employment and Equity Peter McIlveen will have a national and international influence on careers development

BY FIONA TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI

*Career development services in all Australian universities will be represented nationally and internationally by USQ's Manager of Careers, Employment and Equity Peter McIlveen following his election as President of the National Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (NAGCAS).*

Mr McIlveen, who will fulfil the role for a term of two years, was President of NAGCAS's Queensland arm prior to being elected by the membership to National President at a conference held in Sydney late last month.

As President of the Queensland branch Mr McIlveen enhanced representation of regional universities at a national level, which is something that will continue in his new role. He said his selection for

National President would benefit USQ by presenting the University to national and international organisations and government agencies that may not be familiar with regional universities.

Mr McIlveen was also involved in a national forum to develop new standards for career development practitioners which will be one of the major issues confronting career services of Australian universities in 2006.

The new standards were introduced following the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) review of Australia's career development services across the entire industry, with the development of the standards being sponsored by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

Education Minister Dr Brendan Nelson has taken a proactive stance in funding a raft of new initiatives for the enhancement of the nation's career development services, in order to keep Australia strongly positioned alongside other OECD member States.

"NAGCAS is well positioned to adopt the new standards within the higher education sector and fully supports Australia's plans to implement the OECD's

recommendations," Mr McIlveen said.

"Successful implementation over the next year will put Australian university careers services at the leading edge of practitioner standards with respect to universities, internationally," he said.

In his role Mr McIlveen will coordinate the national management committee of NAGCAS, represent NAGCAS at official functions and committees, such as the Board of Graduate Careers Australia, as well as at international meetings.

NAGCAS is affiliated with a conglomerate of all major professional career development associations of Australia, known as the Careers Industry Consortium of Australia (CICA) and represents Australian university career services on international issues. NAGCAS is also affiliated with the International Network of Graduate Recruitment and Development Associations (INGRADA) and has collegiate ties with organisations in Canada, the United States and United Kingdom.

NAGCAS and career practitioners in Australian universities play a key role in securing employment for graduates through their positive working relationships with employers.



## BLACK HAWKS SET TO IMPROVE WITH USQ

LEFT: Director of the Business Management Unit of the Army Aviation Systems Program Office Daryl Saal, USQ Multimedia Lecturer Stuart Thorp, Commonwealth Project representative John Duggan, USQ Lawyer Pam Steele and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) Professor Graham Baker at the contract signing.

*The Australian Department of Defence and USQ signed a contract for a joint research project last week which will develop a Multimedia Engineering Management Program for Black Hawk helicopter fleets located throughout Australia.*

**BY FIONA TAYLOR**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON**

The Project will be led by the Project's Chief Research Officer, USQ Lecturer in Multimedia Stuart Thorp, who is a qualified pilot himself.

Mr Thorp said the Black Hawk is continually subjected to design changes, to meet evolving engineering and capability requirements in their configuration of available physical space to install, attach or modify hardware.

"The program will allow the Logistics Manager, Fleet Manager and Configuration Manager to be able to reserve locations internal and external to the aircraft for future design changes," Mr Thorp said.

A 3-dimensional model will be produced of the Black Hawk and then divided into several parts which look at different areas of the helicopter such as one that will model the widgets that are used in medivac operations, rescue missions and field operations.

Other members of the research team include: Chief Programmer, USQ Lecturer in Information Systems Shelly Grist; Designer, USQ Faculty of Arts Technical Officer David Tilbury; and Chief Engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Crowe.

The first stage of the project is aimed to be complete by 2008, with a possible further four years for stages two and three.



## NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER VISITS USQ

ABOVE: Manager of the Multicultural Centre William Conwell, Human Rights Commissioner Dr Sev Ozdowski and Director of the Multicultural Centre Dr Krzysztof Batorowicz enjoyed the success of the Commissioner's visit.

*Human Rights Commissioner and Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, visited the University during November, presenting a public lecture and a number of seminars during his stay.*

**BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON**

Dr Ozdowski's involvement with the Human Rights Commission dates back to the original Commission of the early 1980's. Appointed to Commissioner in 2000, this Polish born Australian immigrant holds a life-long commitment to multiculturalism, refugee issues and the Australian-Polish community.

Since his appointment, Dr Ozdowski has been a part of the National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention and engaged in the Bill of Rights issue. He has also worked towards improving access to educational material for people with a disability, as well as developing building access standards.

While visiting Toowoomba, the Commissioner delivered a public lecture on "*Contemporary Issues in Human Rights in Australia*" at the Burke and Wills Hotel, which was opened by Mayor Diane Thorley and USQ Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Research) Professor Graham Baker.

Director of the Multicultural Centre Dr Krzysztof Batorowicz said a significant number of community members attended the public lecture and it created a forum for open and honest debate and discussion.

"The University is a forerunner in fostering

and promoting equal opportunities, and through the public lecture we were able to share both Dr Ozdowski's and our expertise with the local community," Dr Batorowicz said.

"The Commissioner's visit highlights the University's commitment to creating a progressive environment that strives to provide education to the community it serves."



## INTERNATIONAL PROJECT FOCUSES ON WIDE BAY

*The Wide Bay region will soon come under the international spotlight through a project to investigate how higher education providers interact with the community and contribute to regional development.*

**BY FIONA TAYLOR**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI**

The Fraser Coast/Sunshine Coast region was the only region in the southern hemisphere and one of only 12 regions around the world to be selected as part of the project run by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

During the 15 month project OECD will look at how the University and region see each other's roles and responsibilities, how regional engagement is developing, what measures have been taken by various local bodies to foster the regional role of the University and what formal and informal mechanisms exist to identify regional needs, and to ascertain the achievements and affects of the University in a regional context.

The project aims to provide national governments with innovative policy recommendations and to lead to the development and refinement of methodologies for international collaboration in similar projects. It will also enable regions and universities to compare and enhance their approaches.

USQ Wide Bay Campus Provost Professor Ken Stott said USQ Wide Bay was proud to be selected to be part of the major international project.



**LEFT:** USQ Wide Bay has been selected in a study as an international benchmark for community engagement.

**ABOVE:** USQ Wide Bay Campus Provost Professor Ken Stott.

"USQ Wide Bay's selection in this project represents the crucial role the University plays in the local community," Professor Stott said.

"Being a regional university, USQ Wide Bay takes its role in community engagement and development very seriously, realising the positive impact such an institution can make.

"USQ Wide Bay is continually looking for new and innovative ways that we can assist the local community, to meet its needs and to encourage growth and development."

OECD selected USQ Wide Bay following an International Peer Review of the campus, where they met with staff and students in October this year.

The students were interviewed on a number of issues including the role that they saw the University playing within the region, the issues that they perceived as being relevant to the region, and possible improvements that could be made to strengthen the engagement of the University with the region.

Professor Stott said the OECD outcomes of the project would significantly influence both the University's future, and how it engaged with the local community.



## OPENING OF USQ SPRINGFIELD TRAVELS CLOSER

ABOVE: USQ Springfield Campus Director Doug Fraser

LEFT: USQ Springfield Campus in Education City is nearing completion

*Programs and orientation are being finalised, the library books have been ordered and everything is running on schedule for USQ Springfield in Education City to open its doors to students in Semester One, 2006.*

**BY FIONA TAYLOR**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI**

Virtually all the staff for the campus have been appointed including Student Administration Manager Sue Basu, Librarian Clare Glanville and Campus Director Doug Fraser, along with several academics and the Campus Counsellor.

Mr Fraser said the Springfield team were really looking forward to the start of Semester One.

"We have a really strong team of staff and it will be exciting to see what a positive impact they have on the students and University as a whole," Mr Fraser said.

"Enrolments are strong and although it is too early yet to know exact numbers, the University is confident there will be a great community of students in the first year."

To assist students, the University in conjunction with Springfield Land Corporation will jointly run a community bus service from the Mt Ommaney, Inala and Forest Lake areas to the Campus in the New Year if enough interest is shown.

It is anticipated that the service will continue until the opening of the Orion Shopping Centre or until a commercial bus service is operational. People who would benefit from the service

are asked to register online at [www.usq.edu.au/springfield/gettingthere/springfieldtransport.htm](http://www.usq.edu.au/springfield/gettingthere/springfieldtransport.htm)

Existing bus routes have also been modified to incorporate the campus and can be viewed at the Education City website at [www.educationcity.com.au/about/transport.htm](http://www.educationcity.com.au/about/transport.htm)

"There are also still a few Accommodation Scholarships available for students interested in living in Education City student accommodation," Mr Fraser said.

"The scholarships are available to anyone studying three or more courses a Semester at USQ Springfield and are valued at \$2,000."

He said that although there was no other construction planned by USQ for year one, there was plans for more programs to be added to the suite for Semester 1, 2007.

"Everything is running smoothly and USQ Springfield is shaping up as planned," Mr Fraser said.



## IO STEAL THE SHOW AT STAFF AWARDS

*Members of USQ's International Office cleaned up at the General Staff Awards for Excellence recently, with Manager of International Relations and Major Clients Jan Barton, and Executive Officer of International Quality Colleen Wilson winning the Award for Outstanding Service and the Award for Excellence in Process Improvement respectively.*

**BY FIONA TAYLOR**

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Mrs Barton was presented with the Outstanding Service Award for her exemplary organisation of the Partner Support and Administration components of her role.

"She has an encyclopaedic knowledge of most of the University's partners and agents, and certainly knows the key ones with an intimacy that is awesome, ensuring that the partnerships work in a smooth and suitable fashion," according to her awards citation.

Mrs Colleen Wilson received her award for the pivotal role she has played in the progressive development and improvement of USQ's international program, having operated decisively and on her own initiative to support senior management in developing strategy, policy and compliance.

Mrs Wilson has assisted many staff from across the University in developing greater awareness and cohesion in the delivery of international education services as well as improving day-to-day 'gaps' in service responses to this market.

Also awarded on the day were long service awards for 25 and 10 years service as well as a new 20 year service category which was featured for the first time.

Left: USQ Chancellor Don Stevens AM, Manager of International Relations and Major Clients Jan Barton, Executive Officer of International Quality Colleen Wilson with USQ Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove after the Staff Awards presentations recently.

USQ Chancellor Don Stevens AM also celebrated his tenth and final year at USQ, with the reins of Chancellor being handed over to Bobbie Brazil from March next year.

At the awards, USQ Vice Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove said 2006 was shaping up to be an exciting year for the University and everyone involved in it, with the development of a five year marketing plan, the fruits of the USQ Directions planning and the opening of USQ Springfield.

2006 will also mark the Institution's 40<sup>th</sup> year and USQ's 15<sup>th</sup>.



## A TASTE OF TERTIARY LIFE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

**Left: Prospective students from across the region make friends during the Tertiary Taste Program**  
**Above: Regional Disability Liaison Officer Deborah McLachlan**

*The International Day of People with a Disability was celebrated by the University on Friday, 2 December with a number of prospective high school students with disabilities getting a taste of life on-campus in Toowoomba.*

**BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH COULTON**

The University, in conjunction with the National Regional Disability Liaison Officer Initiative, held a Tertiary Taste Program which was attended by students who will need assistance while studying at USQ.

Students experienced university life, spending two nights at McGregor College while being introduced to the Assistive Technology Room and meeting faculty and academic staff.

The program was also of great benefit to the University, with students helping to identify ways to improve on-campus accessibility.

Regional Disability Liaison Officer Deborah McLachlan said the program was successful, benefiting both the students who took part and the University.

"Interactive sessions provided these students with knowledge of practices within the higher education environment. The students enjoyed living on campus, meeting staff and talking to current USQ students with disabilities," Deborah said.

"Families were also invited to sessions throughout the two day event so that they could have their questions answered and gain knowledge of the support available for students with disabilities."

The two day program culminated in an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of the high school students and to recognise the contribution people with disabilities make to the community.

The International Day of People with a Disability began in 1992 to promote awareness of people with a disability and allows the community to celebrate the achievements of people with a disability.



## SENDING DATA INTO A NEW ERA

**Left: Dr Ian Barnes discussed the new technology with USQ members over donuts**

*Universities are facing a crisis in managing the huge amounts of research data and publications that are digitally created, and for those who have tried to rescue a document from an eight inch floppy disk in a forgotten format, they will be well aware of the issue.*

**BY CAMERON LOUNDON AND CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI**

The challenge is to build libraries and repositories of the future that will sustain and preserve our intellectual and cultural heritage.

Lecturer from the Australian National University (ANU), Dr Ian Barnes visited USQ on Monday, 5 December where he gave a presentation that highlighted the problems with the storage and retrieval of word processing documents. Dr Barnes also outlined alternative document formats that would maximise accessibility into the future.

Dr Barnes lectures in computer science and is presently working with the Australian Partnership for Sustainable Repositories (APSR) Project.

Dr Peter Sefton who leads the USQ Integrated Content Environment (ICE) project which is shortening course-development times for authors said "we have been developing systems that allow ordinary authors to create sustainable documents using familiar tools."

"Dr Barnes' work is an important addition that will help USQ's research output to last well into the future" he said.

The USQ led project RUBRIC , Regional Universities Building Research Infrastructure Collaboratively, hosted the visit. The RUBRIC project is a hub for implementation of best practice in research infrastructure for regional universities and has attracted a significant amount of funding and interest from across the world.

APSR and RUBRIC are both sponsored by the Australian Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training, under the Systemic Infrastructure Initiative (SII) as part of the Commonwealth Government's Backing Australia's Ability - An Innovation Action Plan for the Future (BAA).



## STUDENT EMBARKS ON PROMISING FILM CAREER

*The vast oceans that stretch between Toowoomba, Tehran and Canada are no obstacle for a young filmmaker who is preparing to spend three weeks in Canada gathering footage for two documentaries she plans to produce.*

**BY CONNIE- LOUISE ALEXANDER**

**PHOTOGRAPH SARAH COULTON**

Third year USQ acting student Shideh Faramand has spent her last few days on campus as a student, and while there may not always be an easy road to walk, she is excited about her future.

Shideh will spend part of her time in Canada following the story of a young First Nations (Native American) boy who will receive \$150,000 on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The documentary will focus on his life as a resident of a Canadian reserve and how he will spend the money he receives.

"It will look at the universal question of what you would do if given \$150,000 no strings attached, while at the same time illustrating life for this teenager," Shideh said.

She will also spend time with her great aunt in Canada researching her family history and their migration from Tehran. Shideh hopes to use this research to produce a documentary on her family's immigration to countries throughout the world.

Born in America to Iranian parents, Shideh was raised in Toowoomba and says acting has always been a part of her. However, it was not until her second year of study at USQ that she discovered her interest in film production.

**Above: The culmination of years of hard work. Shideh Faramand with the awards she won at Sydney's Harmony Film Festival.**

"USQ has really prepared us for the future. It has given us tools to become creative and interpretive artists. It has taught us how to create our own work and this is what makes USQ unique," Shideh said.

Shideh entered two short films in this year's Harmony Film Festival in Sydney. Her comedy 'In Time,' took a humorous look at the social pressures on single women to get married and start a family, which won both the Audience Choice Award and the Achievement Award.

Her sojourn to Canada is a step toward her goal of writing and producing her own work and when she returns from Canada she will begin auditions for the Queensland Theatre Company.

"The USQ Theatre department have been so supportive and I believe fundamental in helping me grow as an artist. I had the option of studying in New York at one of the leading acting academies in the country, however due to September 11, I chose to stay in Australia, and I believe the acting department at USQ is one of the best in Australia," Shideh said.



## UNIQUE CONFERENCE ADDS UP FOR USQ

*USQ engaged with a number of national and international education institutions last month at the Fifth Southern Hemisphere Conference on Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics Teaching and Learning (Delta) in a bid to develop and foster the education of Mathematics and Statistics.*

**BY CONNIE-LOUISE ALEXANDER**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY LIZA MATTIAZZI**

Conference Convenor, USQ Associate Professor Chris Harman said the series of Delta Conferences support research into effective methods of teaching Mathematics and Statistics at university level, with research also presented on the associated student-centred learning processes.

"This conference is unique in this half of the world and brings together university educators in Mathematics and Statistics," said Associate Professor Harman.

"The teaching of Mathematics and Science is under increased scrutiny by government ministers, industry, employers, professional societies, students, and even Mums and Dads."

"Researchers are combining their experience and expertise to develop better practice in teaching and a deeper understanding of learning in undergraduate studies. For example, how do we effectively use technology in the classroom at a time when the technology seems to become obsolete as soon as we get it out of the box? This and many other issues are being discussed."

Left: Associate Professor Chris Harman, Christine McDonald, Patricia Cretchley, Head of Department of Mathematics and Computing Associate Professor Ron Addie and Dean, Faculty of Sciences Professor William MacGillivray prepare for the conference.

The conference was sponsored by USQ's Faculty of Sciences and the Department of Mathematics and Computing and was held on Fraser Island at the Kingfisher Bay Resort and Conference Centre.

The biennial international conference has previously been held in Brisbane, Laguna Quays, South Africa and New Zealand and this year around 100 delegates attended the conference with speakers from more than 15 countries.

The conference also received sponsorship from the Australian Mathematical Society, Australian Bureau of Statistics, CEANET, The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Central Queensland University, Monash University and the University of Adelaide.



# INDUSTRY WITT DIRECTS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

LEFT: USQ Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival 2006 Guest Director Scott Witt.

ABOVE: The Festival cast gave people attending the 2006 Festival launch a taste of what to expect next year.

*A firm believer in sharing knowledge to help others develop their career, USQ Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival 2006 Guest Director Scott Witt will bring over 20 years of industry experience to the show.*

**BY FIONA TAYLOR**

**PHOTOGRAPH BY CINDY LAINE**

A man who loves his job (and peanut butter sandwiches) Scott specialises in Combat Direction, Clowning, Acting and Directing and for the past three years has been Associate Director at Queensland Theatre Company (QTC).

Scott is well-known for his ability to give new meaning to texts by adding an interesting twist and he lists his career highlights as becoming a Dad a year and a half ago to his son Cai (with another child due in April), presenting an Arts Queensland funded one man show, and adapting and directing a combined QTC and South Australia Theatre Company production of *Scapin*, a play by Möller, which gained national exposure.

Scott said that working with students and graduates was another highlight of his work.

"I really like working with acting students and believe that practitioners should find the time to help students," Scott said.

"It might be me getting on my soapbox, but I strongly believe that professionals need to pass on what they've learnt or else it gets lost."

He said you can only learn a limited amount from books and it's the hands-on experience that helps you to really learn,

which is why he approached USQ to work with the students.

In his role at QTC, as well as previous positions, Scott has worked with a range of USQ graduates.

"USQ is a really reliable talent base. Students in regional schools are generally more focused than those who study in the major centres, like Sydney. They tend to concentrate more on their studies. USQ graduates are people I'm actually employing in the workplace," Scott said.

Scott is currently working with USQ graduate Nick Backstrom through his direction of the QTC production of *A Christmas Carol*. He has also worked with graduates Leon Cain, Brian Proberts and Veronica Neave to name a few.

"I think my role for the Festival is to give the students exposure to more untraditional approaches with developing texts, giving them a taste of a real world environment and to give Toowoomba audiences something different," Scott said.

The *Shakespeare in Queens Park Festival* runs from 1-11 March and tickets are available from the Empire Theatre Box Office.

# soap box

## DNA DESKS

*Starting a new job has many potential dangers. You have just had a tour of your new work surroundings and you have now been allocated your new desk.*

**BY CINDY LAINE, USQ PHOTOGRAPHER**

There it sits new to me but not to the many employees who sat there before me. On closer inspection it becomes apparent that one of the many bad habits of the previous employee included EATING LUNCH AT THEIR DESK!!!!

So what's the big deal you ask? We have all done it you say.... You know the scenario- your running late for a meeting and you haven't eaten since breakfast so you run to the Refect and grab a roast lamb roll.

Have you ever seen what hides between the keys of your keyboard? Tip your keyboard upside down and check out the city of micro organisms that have landed on your desk. It is a cockroach's smorgasbord. Bread, sesame seeds, skin, hair, eyelashes and indefinable bits of stuff that I would rather not look too closely at. It is like a dietary journal of the user's culinary delights and personal hygiene habits. Oh my goodness let me give you the run down.....

The desk top has 20 961 types of bacteria per square inch swarming on its dirt surface.

The computer keyboard has 3295 types of bacteria per square inch.

On average a desk has 50 times more bacteria per square centimeter than a toilet seat making the toilet seat 400 times cleaner than the desk top!

I found these disturbing stats in one of Dr Karl Kruszelnicki's books *Great Mythconceptions*.

Based on the comparison of the toilet vs the desktop- where will you be eating your lunch in the new year?

# UNITRADER:

**Assorted Items:** Colour Scanner (S2W4300U) Benq, sharp images at 600x1200 dpi, 48-bit color, USB interface. Used once, in the box \$40; Canon Colour Bubble Jet Printer S200SPx, Resolution up to 2880 DPI. Used once, in the box \$40; Olympus IS-1000 Camera, in excellent condition, includes instruction and soft case, purchased for \$740 will sell for \$100 ono. 'Shabby Chic' 4 Seater Glass and Iron Outdoor Setting, Good condition, Measurements 132 x 90 cms, Sale price \$150. BABY BJORN (Child Carrier), Excellent condition, black, from birth, extremely comfortable and versatile. Purchased for \$139 will sell for \$80. Ph: Toni 46366126 or 0403 336273.

**Assorted Items:** new hills 4 unit swing sets \$170 each. Used, free standing basketball hoop with adjustable height back board \$95. New boys 20inch 6 speed mountain bike \$75. New (shop soiled) girls 12 volt 3 wheel sit on scooter with lights and sound \$50. New 2 "grill to go" portable bbq's, retail \$299, sell \$150 each. New 3 (shop soiled) "green machine" skid steer trikes, retail \$130 sell \$65 each. 2 x 20inch, 1x14inch. New "cool runner" remote control ute. \$35. New (shop soiled) air hockey table, retail \$129 sell \$60. New (shop soiled) soccer table, retail \$139, sell \$60. New "care bears" 3in1 activity rider, for age 10 - 36 months, \$35. New child's microscope \$15. New "batman trike" \$25. New exercise bike \$40. Used "porta cooler" 12 volt esky \$30. New "baby love" stroller \$70. New "tallon" grass/weed trimmer \$85. New chain saw "poulan" woodmaster2450 38cc 16inch

bar (no chain) \$320. Ph: Lez x2502 or 0411263957 or 46362151 a/h.

**Assorted Items:** Mountain bike - giant xtc2, 17-inch frame (suit rider <170cms), 2003 model, vgc (never thrashed), \$845 (was \$1900 new). Surfboard, 6ft, solid 3 fin, fair condition \$80, pine student desk with 2 drawers and pine chair, fair condition \$100. Pine drawers, 4 drawers, fair condition \$100. Pentium computer with 17" monitor, compaq p2, 350mhz, 198mb ram, 6gb hd, cd-drive, runs xp, 56k modem \$80. Cd-burner (internal) \$20. Ph: x2930 or 4638 0472 a/h.

**Daewoo Leganza:** Auto sedan, 2000, 2.2 ltr, power st, alloys, air, excellent cond, 1 owner, metallic burgandy, \$9500 ono. Ph: x1129 or 46309375a/h.

**Electric Bass Guitar:** As new Cort 4 string (red with rosewood finger board), complete with 15 watt Kustom practice amp. \$275 ono. Ph: 0438 158 071.

**Ford Falcon:** 1984 XF wagon s-pack. new tyres & radiator. towbar. 3.3 engine. runs well - sell unregistered \$700 neg. Ph: 07 46 363336 after 6pm.

**HSHS Uniform:** Boys, size 18 sports shirts x 2, dress uniform, track pants x3. All clean and gc. \$40 the lot. Ph: Cathy x2837 or 0412 113 193.

**Hyundai Excel:** GX, sports model Limited Edition, 1999, 3-door hatch, rear spoiler, 5 speed manual, silver, air-con, power steering, power windows, tinted windows, only 106 000 km, RWC, rego till 03/06. Great condition, \$7500 ono. Ph: 0412 077 617.

**Motorbike:** Honda CBR100 XX Blackbird '03, blue, 33,000km, vgc, 5 months rego, \$12,000. Ph: 0429 648 803.

**TV Entertainment Unit:** Modern, Beech Laminate with polished aluminium trim, will fit DVD player, stereo and most large TVs. Approx 1.8m or 6ft in length and 1.5m in height. Can provide a digital photo if required \$200ono. Ph: x2219 or 46308050 a/h.

**Yamaha Keyboard:** electronic keyboard very good condition, \$40 ono. Ph: Harry x2919.

## GIVEAWAY

**Slide Walking Machine:** Gentle exercise while you watch TV. Need trailer/small van to collect. Ph: 0414 873021 a/h.

**Labrador cross:** puppies- two to give away. Seven weeks old and ready to leave their mum. 1 black, 1 brown c-u-t-e males. Ph: Annette x2428.

## TRAVEL JOURNAL CROSSES THE TASMAN

The annual Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize was recently awarded to Tasmanian poet Jane Williams.

Jane has been involved in creative writing workshops and was editor of the Australian Journal Ars Poetica during the 1990's. Her winning poem 'My Mothers Travel Diary' can be viewed at [www.usq.edu.au/faculty/arts/dhis/BDNPP/2005.htm](http://www.usq.edu.au/faculty/arts/dhis/BDNPP/2005.htm)

The \$1,500 poetry award was endowed by Australian poet Bruce Dawe as a way of encouraging Australian poets. The trust is held by USQ and is administered by the Faculty of Arts.

# COMING EVENTS:

## EXPERIENCE THE ARTS (ETA) RESIDENCY FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

DATE: 4-14 January

VENUE: McGregor Summer School, USQ  
Toowoomba

Run by Flying Arts in tandem with McGregor Summer School. The ETA theme this year, "Transitions" reflects the focus on the change from middle to upper secondary or from upper secondary to tertiary studies as well as the exploration and development of visual arts practice through exposure to new techniques and media. Places are still available for both residential and non-residential attendance.

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USQ Employees who have served a decade at USQ included Brendan Hohn, Cheryl Kanowski, Paula Melville-Clark, Alexis Tacey, Stuart Thorp, Shirley Tyler, Rod Wilson, Yan Zhao, Peter Birnie, Vivien Brooks, Aileen Cater-Steel, Marcia Cavanagh, Dell Cottam, Carol Edwards, Michael Gardiner, Michelle Goyen, Bernadette Lynch, Cec Pedersen, Brian Rolfe, Boyd Scheuber, Des Taylor, Mark Tranter, Retha Wiesner, Linda Mangubhai, Stephen Raine, David Ross, Shane Simmons, Mohan Trada, Brad Carter, Steven Christensen, Desley Hegney, Michael Kotiw, Mary McGilvray, Stephen Payne, Grace Pretty, Debbie White, Tas Bedford, John Morris, Robyn Pigozzo, Ann Robertson, John Apelt, Gary Maguire, Rae Timmins, Narelle Girle, Kay Graham, Madonna Johansen, Mary Ann Lambert, Terry Murphy, Alison Mylne, Debra Vallely, Mary Armstrong, Cathy Dobson, Deborah Cahill, Mandy Snelgar, Dianne Thompson, Russell Waldron, Glenda Harrison, Pam Mann, Jenny Muller, Sue Sternes, Louise Williamson, William Conwell, Martin Carey, Dianne Shapland, Joan Angel, Naomi Lutvey, Sharon Schasser, Kaye Fry, Gary Logan and Judy Hawkes.

## SHAKESPEARE IN QUEENS PARK FESTIVAL 2006

DATE: 1- 11 March

VENUE: Queens Park, Cnr Margaret and Lindsey  
Sts

The Festival play will be *The Comedy of Errors*, directed by Scott Witt. Tickets are on sale now and any ticket bought before Christmas receives a 10 percent discount.

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# NEWSMAKERS:

**Doug Fraser**, USQ Springfield Campus Director was quoted in the *Courier-Mail* about the Springfield Campus

**Professor Frank Crowther**, Dean of Education and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Regional Engagement and Social Justice) was quoted in the *Courier-Mail* in relation to reading and education methods.

**Dr Jerry Maroulis**, Co-Director of the Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) was interviewed by *The Chronicle* at the opening of the ACSC.

**Dr Nola Passmore**, Senior Lecturer in Psychology was interviewed by *The Chronicle* in relation to the declining parenting rate in Australia.

**Peter Birnie**, Lecturer in Politics was interviewed by *The Chronicle* regarding the declining birth rate in Australia.

**Stuart Thorp**, Senior Technical Officer was quoted in *The Chronicle* about the University's role in the development of a military Helicopter.

**Trevor Watts**, Student Guild Manager was interviewed by ABC Wide Bay and Triple J in regards to the passing of VSU. Mr Watts was also quoted in *The Chronicle* about VSU.

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CHRISTMAS  
EVERYONE!

# in RETROSPECT



## Some things don't change

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It appears that the quality of water has been an issue for close to a decade. Chairman of the Freshwater Management advisory Committee Professor Brian Roberts examines a sample of water from Gowrie Creek at the headwaters of the Murray-Darling Basin which at the time was heavily polluted by heavy metals, detergents, treated sewage and industrial waste.

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