

Students in a league of their own



Photo: AMANDA BRIGGS

Sporting legend and 2005 World Rugby League Student Cup ambassador Mal Meninga gives support to Australian team members Kevin Stephenson, Matt McKinnon and Griffith student Quin Smith. The cup, held at Griffith's Nathan campus in July, was won by New Zealand. Full story, page 7.

Project creates new pathways

AN early intervention project coordinated by the university has received \$1.5 million in grants and in-kind support to expand its focus over the next five years.

The Pathways to Prevention Project is a joint initiative of Griffith's Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, Mission Australia and, now, Education Queensland. It has a long-term aim of diverting children from criminal behaviours and related problems such as substance abuse or mental health problems.

The project has been operating in

Logan since 2002, incorporating the integration of family support programs with preschool and school programs within a community framework.

It has received a \$645,000 ARC Linkage Project grant, \$175,607 from industry partners and \$702,940 in in-kind support to expand into primary schools.

Project leader and Key Centre Director Professor Ross Homel said the extra funding would allow the team to assess the progress of about 500 children who had already passed through preschool programs.

"We will be building connections between families and the school system," Professor Homel said.

"The relationship between families and the school is an important influence on outcomes for children.

"In disadvantaged areas there is usually a gulf between parents and teachers and the school system generally because of the parents' experiences of school. People from Indigenous and non-English speaking backgrounds have additional problems.

"We will be looking at a number

of strategies including empowering teachers to work more effectively with parents, and providing a parents room within schools where parents can feel they belong.

"Teachers and principals in the Logan area are very committed to working with the community. There is a tradition of having police and chaplains in schools but the idea of schools working in partnership with non-government organisations to offer family support is a new idea."

Professor Homel said although it was too early to predict the project's success in reducing criminal

behaviours in the long-term, there had been some short-term successes.

These included measurable improvements in child social and communication skills and a reduction in problem behaviours in school, and improved parental efficacy (evidenced by case studies and by observations of some of the families who had worked with the Mission Australia Pathways team).

For further information on the Pathways to Prevention project visit: www.griffith.edu.au/centre/kceljag

By Michelle Smith



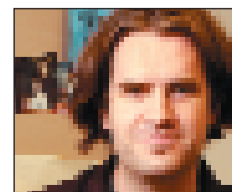
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From the Vice Chancellor **Ian O'Connor**

Looking to the future with strengthened learning and research

CHANGE is all around us and the value of a good institution is in its ability to tap into the zeitgeist of the times and move with it. At the same time, an institution needs to have a solid foundation, an unwavering ethos from which it judges which changes to take on board, which ones to ignore.

Griffith is served well by its ethos of equality, innovation and interdisciplinarity as was pointed out in recent feedback to the *Griffith Project – Next Phase* discussion paper, but the changing

world of higher education means we need to refocus our strategies for the next part of the journey. Griffith University's recently launched Strategic Plan 2006-2010 aims to do precisely that. At its core, it seeks to focus our activities by strengthening even further our learning and research.

So what will Griffith be like in 2010? For a student, the Griffith experience will combine the prestige of studying at one of Australia's top universities with unique opportunities to acquire work and research experience while studying. For academic staff, the work environment will be one in which achieving excellence in research and teaching is not only nurtured and valued, but expected and rewarded. For many, there will be opportunities to contribute to a research area of world-class standing using cutting-edge facilities. For general staff, the work environment will encourage and facilitate high levels of professionalism.

To achieve these changes, we will mobilise the key resources of people, funding and physical facilities and information resources. It's no accident that top of the list is people – that's you – our students and staff. The bottom line is improving performance and outcomes so that we are all working productively in an inspirational place that recognises and rewards talent. The mobilising of resources will see a number of projects launched including Project Streamline, which will look at ways we can streamline administrative processes.

I invite you to look at the Strategic Plan at www.griffith.edu.au/vc/key_issues and see your place in taking Griffith University forward. The can-do ethos of the Griffith community gives me great faith in our ability to chart a true course through the changes in the world and continue to make a difference to that world.

Foundation science class reunites

THE equipment may be 10 times more expensive and the hair a little shorter, but for Griffith University's foundation science class of 1975, little has changed in how the discipline is taught today.

More than 40 of the first intake of 87 students attended the recent School of Science reunion at Nathan.

In contrast, more than 263 students are currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science at Nathan.

Reunion organiser and class of 1975 student Angela Tuffley said the university still took a multidisciplinary and innovative approach to teaching science.

"The first intake of students was near to the equivalent of today's OP 1. They were very bright but they also wanted to do something different from the science degrees that were on offer in Queensland

at the time."

Ms Tuffley, now a Senior Lecturer within the School of Information and Communication Technology, said the first cohort of graduates found diverse uses for their science degrees – attending the reunion were pilots, air traffic controllers, psychiatrists, professors, doctors, and finance and IT professionals.

"We had the feeling that if we could get a science degree we could go anywhere in the world with it," Ms Tuffley said.

Professor Peter Healy was one of the first lecturers at Griffith. He said the biggest difference in teaching science in 1975 and today was the computing power of the equipment – and the cost.

"In 1975 an NMR machine cost \$80,000. In 2005 a diffractometer costs around \$800,000," Professor Healy said.

THEN AND NOW: Judy Hardy (left) and Angela Tuffley met as first year science students in 1975.



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In brief

Film residency

FILM and television production student Jay Court will represent Oceania in a prestigious international filmmaking residency in Belgium from August 17.

Jay is one of five filmmakers attending the 5 sur 5 (Five on Five) residency which fosters emerging filmmakers.

The five representatives from five continents will spend five weeks making five

documentary films that will screen over five nights.

Jay was invited to participate after submitting her most recent documentary, entitled *Manila Dreams*, which received the Brisbane International Film Festival award for Most Popular Film at the Warner Roadshow Pacific Film and Television Commission's Queensland New Filmmakers Awards. Jay is completing an internship with Freshwater Productions.

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Griffith builds on success of Indigenous cadetship project

GRIFFITH has placed more students through the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP) than any other Australian university.

Funding provided by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) allowed the university to promote the program to Indigenous students and employers, and that funding has been extended for another two years.

The program's scope has also been extended to include activities such as a recent small business seminar for Queensland College of Art Griffith University (QCA) Indigenous visual arts students.

The NICP links employers and

Indigenous students in an arrangement that involves full-time study and complementary work placements.

DEWR funding provides a study allowance and related costs, and employers pay cadets for their work placements.

The university has generated a wide range of cadetship opportunities, including positions in the community, public and private sectors.

QCA student Marianne Wobcke was offered a cadetship with Brisbane-based Misso Psychology, Consulting and Therapeutic Services, where she is a community service worker.

"My goal is to raise the profile of

Indigenous art and promote it as a therapeutic approach," Marianne said.

"I provide information to relevant community organisations on employment of this type of therapeutic work and its Indigenous and holistic components.

"The skills I am developing through the process of art and research at Griffith reinforces that Indigenous Australians have a great deal to offer individuals and groups in the pursuit of wellness and expanding the individual's unique creativity and potential."

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education student Ann-Maree Grainger was offered a cadetship with the Department of

Education, Science and Training.

"The highlight for me is working with highly professional and caring public servants who are dedicated to their work and the Australian education system," Ann-Maree said.

"My combined degree has enabled me to specialise in areas that I am interested in and I have been given practical work experience to demonstrate my knowledge and ability."

Ann-Maree is moving to the ACT and will start her career in the Organisational Development Group.

| By Melissa Humphris

Balancing act rewarded

VOLUNTEERING for community groups, working part-time and maintaining high academic results may be a heavy load, but for KM Hatano Scholarship recipients Michelle Dawson and Makiko Harada, this is just what they've accomplished.

The \$4000 scholarships, established in 1989 by Kokusai Motorcars President Yasuji Hatano of Japan, are awarded annually to Gold Coast students with a high grade point average and strong community commitment.

One of the 2005 recipients, International Business (Economics) student Makiko Harada, has received many academic accolades including a Griffith Award for Academic Excellence, grading in the top 15 per cent of undergraduate students, and acceptance into the Golden Key Honours Society.

Makiko also works part-time and volunteers for the Australian Maritime Charity Organisation by helping to restore the Krawarree World War II Army Ambulance boat at Coomera.

"I believe there are no impossibilities. I find a goal, try, and



GO-GETTER: Makiko Harada balances study with volunteering for the Australian Maritime Charity Organisation by helping to restore the Krawarree World War II Army Ambulance boat at Coomera.

put as much effort in as possible," Makiko said.

The other 2005 scholarship recipient, Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science/Wildlife Biology) student Michelle Dawson, is a member of the Gold Coast and Hinterland Environmental Council (Gecko), the Wilderness Society, and a founding member of the Griffith University Environmental Students' Society.

Michelle has received a Griffith Award for Academic Excellence and the Ecotourism Field Trip Award for Academic Excellence.

"University is a full-time job and it's hard to fit everything in and prioritise sometimes, but it's really worth it to know you can make a difference to something or someone outside of your own immediate needs," Michelle said.

Gold Coast campus Provost Professor Max Standage said the university was keen to recognise KM Hatano Scholarship recipients and encourage students to apply.

"The scholarship requires students to show consistently high marks and a strong commitment to the community, and it can be



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Environmental Science and Wildlife Biology student Michelle Dawson enjoys the challenge of combining knowledge gained from her studies with community work on the Gold Coast.

difficult to find someone with a high Grade Point Average who has spare time to do anything else but study," Professor Standage said.

For information call Michelle

Trainor on 07 3735 7974 or email scholarships@griffith.edu.au

| By Melissa Humphris & Krista Dobinson



CELEBRATION: Daniel Walters, Rachel Powell, Inspector Marlene Prenzler and Pat Halloran accept an award for an innovative ICT project.

ICT project helps police

FOUR Information and Communication Technology (ICT) students received an industry award for their final-year project for the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

Third-year students Daniel Walters, Rachel Powell, Joshua Chellev and Kevin Puang designed and developed the Simulated Interviewing Model (SIM), a training program for QPS child protection investigators which allows them to practise forensic interviewing skills online before interviewing a real child.

The students recently won the tertiary category of the Australian Information Industries Awards and, with ICT lecturer Pat Halloran and QPS Inspector Marlene Prenzler, accepted the award at a gala dinner at Darling Harbour, Sydney.

The Griffith team formed AiWare Consultants to run

the project, each student taking specific roles in design, media and content development, testing and project management to ensure a successful final product.

Daniel Walters, who acted as development manager, enjoyed the community involvement aspect of the project.

"It wasn't a commercial venture. We were involved in a real issue and finding a solution to a real problem. It was very rewarding knowing that we were helping the community," Mr Walters said.

The SIM project is now in the final evaluation phase by QPS. It is also expected to be used by other government departments and South Pacific Island nations.

| By Rhys Stacker

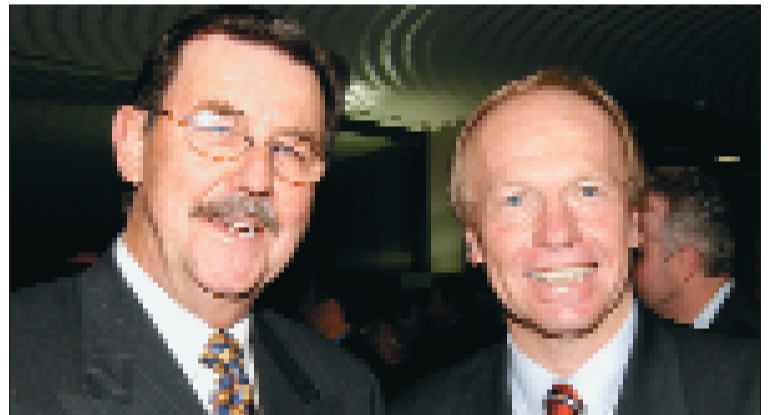
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SIMULATION FOR TRAINING: School of Medicine Associate Professor Stephen Withers demonstrates SimMan to Premier Beattie and Federal Minister and Griffith graduate Gary Hardgrave.



EDUCATION FACILITIES: School of Dentistry and Oral Health's Leonie Short showcases Griffith's facilities to Queensland President of the Dental Hygienists' Association Margaret Leando and National President Joan James.



HEALTH PLANS: Former Gold Coast Mayor Gary Baidon and Premier Beattie catch up at the Centre for Medicine and Oral Health.

STATE Government has announced plans to build a \$500 million teaching hospital at Griffith University and fund 235 new doctor-training places, with 35 to be available as soon as 2006.

These major initiatives add substantially to the university's 20-year Gold Coast development plan, which includes expanding over 43 hectares of land adjacent to the existing Parklands campus.

The campus growth will be progressed over the next two decades on land bounded by Smith Street Motorway, Olsen Avenue, Everest and Edmund Rice drives. It is likely the new hospital will be built on the western end of the Smith Street land, which is nearest to major roads.

The new doctor-training places will start next year and be provided over the next five years. They are on top of the 80 existing Commonwealth Government-funded places at the School of Medicine.

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie said the new places were primarily aimed at recruiting doctors into rural and remote areas, Indigenous health services and community-run health services.

Under the government's scholarships scheme, the students will be bonded to Queensland Health for 10 years in return for the state's assistance, which will total almost \$250,000 each over the course of their training.

"This marks the start of a new era in medical training," the Premier said.

"Over the next five years we will pay for a complete training package for 35 students next year and 50 more students in each of the next four years. We will pay their fees, scholarships and assistance to obtain postgraduate qualifications in their respective medical specialties including the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine."

Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor welcomed the initiatives, saying they would help meet the health needs of the fastest growing

region in Australia while investing significantly into best-practice professional training.

Professor O'Connor said the Griffith Centre for Medicine and Oral Health, which was recently jointly opened by the Premier and the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister Gary Hardgrave – also a Griffith graduate, would continue to expand its dentistry and oral health programs and community clinics.

"The vision for the university includes developing our oral health initiatives at Southport, with the Griffith School of Medicine ultimately co-locating at the new hospital probably around 2011," Professor O'Connor said.

"There is much work to do before then and our focus remains on providing a learning and research environment that enables our students and staff to reach their full potential and contribute to their professions and the communities we serve.

"We look forward to working in partnership with the government and the health professions to achieve our shared goal of providing longer-term health solutions for our state."

Pro-Vice Chancellor (Health) Professor Allan Cripps said co-locating the new hospital with the university's health precinct was a significant development for healthcare training and research.

"It will enable the development of partnerships in health education and new models of health care as well as create extensive opportunities to further develop clinically-relevant research programs," he said.



Centre for Medicine and Oral Health

Project revolutionises technology education

A GRIFFITH academic has been instrumental in developing a new approach to technology education in Russia.

Dr Margarita Pavlova, a member of the Centre for Learning Research, has, for the past nine years, chaired a project titled Technology and Enterprise Education in Russia.

The project's aim was to introduce a new approach to technology education, and has culminated in more than 22 research publications and nine textbooks and other resources for university and school teachers and students.

The teaching resources have been approved for use in schools by the Federal Ministry of Education.

Dr Pavlova initiated the project after completing her first PhD, which analysed technology education reform in the United Kingdom, through The Academy of

Pedagogical Sciences, USSR.

She said while the old approach to technology education had a strong labour training focus, the new approach focused on providing intellectual challenges and developing problem-solving skills.

Dr Pavlova, who has taught technology education through Griffith's School of Vocational Technology and Arts Education since 2001, was part of a Griffith team researching the implementation of a new technology education syllabus in a selection of Queensland schools in 2004.

She is currently in Russia, where she will spend the rest of the year researching aspects of technology education in Russia. The research will be reported in a book published by UNESCO.

| By Michelle Smith

School run changes

FEWER children are walking or riding bicycles to school than a generation ago because fear of assault or being hit by a car has prompted their parents to drive them instead, a Griffith study has found.

The study surveyed Year 5 classes in four Brisbane schools – Ashgrove, Forest Lake, Kenmore and New Farm. It found 71 per cent of children were driven to school, 21 per cent walked and only 4.7 per cent rode their bikes.

Almost 50 per cent of students surveyed lived within five minutes' travel of their schools.

The oldest suburb in the study, New Farm, had the highest per cent of children who walked to school (39 per cent).

In Forest Lake, a development designed to accommodate cycling and walking, only 23 per cent of children walked, putting it only marginally ahead of Ashgrove (19 per cent) and Kenmore (11 per cent).

Study supervisor and Environmental Planning Head of School Dr Neil Sipe said the trend towards driving children to and from school had a major impact on the health and development of a generation.

"Children are missing out on the basic exercise of walking to and from school each day," Dr Sipe said.

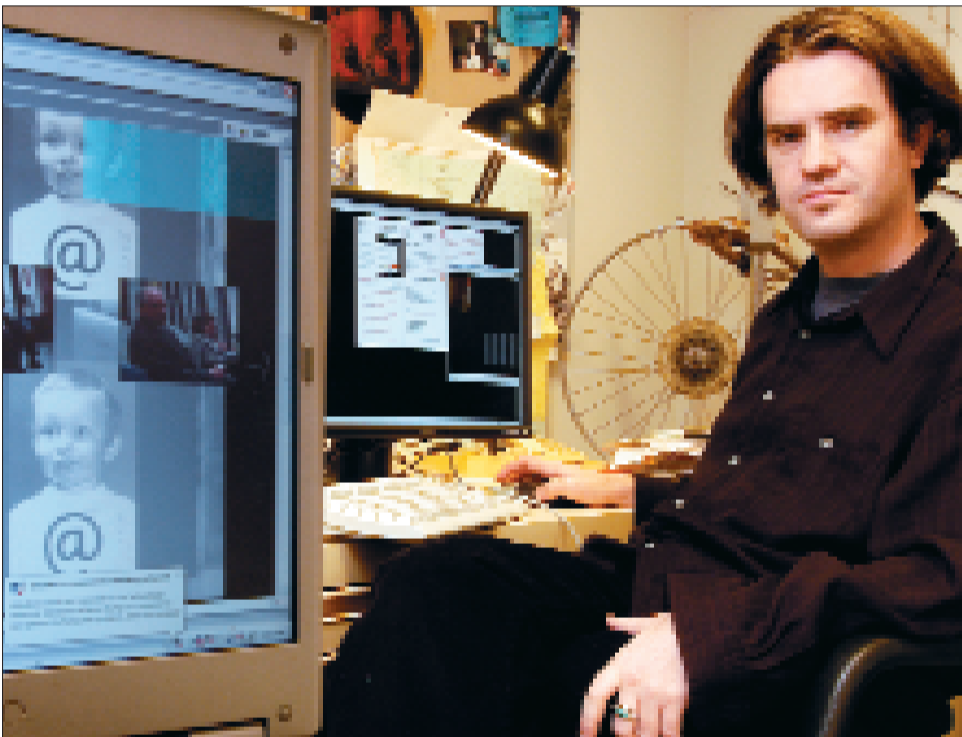
"There has been research showing children who are driven everywhere in a car have diminished spatial abilities later in life."

The most common reason parents gave for driving their children to school was they did not allow them to use other modes of transport. Parents said they were concerned their children might be assaulted or hit by a car.

"Even in Forest Lake, which was designed to promote walking and where most of the traffic dangers were eliminated, we still did not find evidence of children walking to school," Dr Sipe said.

The older Brisbane suburbs performed better than the newer, planned suburbs when it came to children walking to school. He said suburbs built in the 1980s and '90s were designed for the car.

| By Rhys Stacker



Jason goes online for residency

CYBERSTUDIES lecturer Jason Nelson recently completed a residency for a London arts organisation – and he never left Griffith.

Mr Nelson, from the School of Arts on the Gold Coast, completed a unique online residency with the digital arts organisation Furtherfield.org and its online communities project Netbehaviour.org. The project involved creating 24 new net artworks over three weeks.

"Each digital artwork was based on or inspired by the text, images or interfaces of other prominent international digital artists," Mr Nelson said.

"The artworks are then sent via e-mail to hundreds of other artists and loaded to a website for commentary and further discussion and alteration."

Mr Nelson said the online residency was a unique project that addressed much of the isolation experienced by Australian artists.

"What makes this project unique is that it

offers me the chance to reach and interact with a large international audience through my work and writings," he said.

"And I can do this immediately, as if I am just down the hall from each of the recipients.

"I am hoping from my experience, and my writings upon completion of the project, to encourage other Australian artists and academics to undertake online residencies to promote their work, make connections and share technique and theories.

"Making 24 net artworks over three weeks is not only a difficult task, but it also offers insights into how pressure and working with others' base content can alter an artist's creations."

For further information visit: www.secrettechnology.com/resident/residency.htm and www.netbehaviour.org/j_nelson.html

| By Michelle Smith

ONLINE ARTIST: CyberStudies lecturer Jason Nelson created 24 new net artworks during his online residency with a London arts organisation.

Academic returns to smart state

QUEENSLAND Premier Peter Beattie and Education Minister Anna Bligh congratulated visiting Griffith academic Dr Edward Tiekink at a recent meeting at Parliament House.

Dr Tiekink, from the National University of Singapore, is one of the first Smart State Return Fellows appointed in Queensland.

Premier Beattie and Ms Bligh were both impressed that Dr Tiekink had fulfilled the scheme's

objectives of developing links between Australians working abroad and Queensland academics.

During his six months at Griffith, Dr Tiekink wrote a number of papers in collaboration with academics in the School of Science and worked closely with the Eskitis Institute for Cell and Molecular Therapies.

He also gave lectures at every Queensland university and spoke at three high schools, where he described his research in metal-based drugs.



SMART FELLOW: Queensland Premier Peter Beattie, Griffith scientists Associate Professor David Young and Dr Edward Tiekink, and Education Minister Anna Bligh.

DVD raises awareness

THE film, design and music departments have collaborated to produce a music DVD to raise awareness of the plight of asylum seekers in Brisbane.

The DVD was produced in collaboration with the Scattered People choir, which comprises asylum seekers and refugees from the Refugee Claimants Support Centre, and followed the 2001 release of the choir's album *Scattered People*.

Griffith became involved when the Scattered People production team approached the university to help produce a CD single and music DVD.

The project subsequently received \$13,000 funding through a Griffith University Community Service Grant.

The final product, a music DVD for the song *Stand with Us*, involved final-year Queensland Conservatorium music students, Griffith Film School staff and students, and Design staff and students at Liveworm Studio at Queensland College of Art.

Griffith Film School project coordinator and video clip producer Kendra Fairbairn said it proved challenging to coordinate the different elements within and outside the university.

"The crew was all volunteers, working for next to nothing, or students working on the project for assessment, and scheduling had to fit in around everyone's 'day jobs'," Ms Fairbairn said.

"However the biggest challenge was protecting the identity of choir members. Because we couldn't use their real names, we decided to film them against blue screens in the Nathan studio and then digitally composite them into, for example, the centre of Brisbane City Hall."

Ms Fairbairn said the DVD would be used to raise awareness of the issues surrounding asylum seekers to a more mainstream youth audience.



SMARTER BUSINESS: National vice-chairman Australia China Business Council Kevin Hobgood-Brown, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade State Director and former Australian Consul-General in Tokyo Stephanie Daly, Queensland Private Enterprise Centre Chair Collin Myers and Griffith Business School Associate Professor Javed Maswood at the Smart Ideas for Smarter Business People Forum.

Forum explores impact of free trade agreement

BUSINESS people and academics explored the impact of the proposed Australia-China Free Trade Agreement (FTA) at Griffith's third Smart Ideas for Smarter Business People Forum.

Speaking at the forum Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade State Director and former Australian Consul-General in Tokyo Stephanie Daly said Australia's third-largest trading partner, China, was expected to overtake Germany in the next decade as the world's third-largest economy after the United States and Japan.

"An FTA negotiation with China will be difficult and complex, but worth it if we can get a commercially meaningful outcome for Australia," Ms Daly said.

"There are significant sensitivities across a range of sectors on both sides. There are some similarities but many striking differences between the two economies.

"An FTA will potentially position Australia to deepen its trade and investment relationship with China across all sectors including goods, services and investment.

"It will address both tariff and non-tariff measures that hinder Australian access to the Chinese market.

"It will add momentum to Australia's regional and multilateral trade liberalisation efforts."

Ms Daly said an FTA would give Australia a chance to protect and promote its competitive position in the Chinese market, especially as China also negotiates trade agreements with other countries.

"It will also mean delivering Australian business comprehensive agreements with two of the world's most significant economies – the United States and China."

Another speaker at the forum, Griffith Business School's Associate Professor Javed Maswood, said lessons could be learned from the government's recent bilateral FTA with the United States.

He said the FTA should be considered within the framework of other negotiations underway in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organisation.

"China has been an extremely important trade partner for Australia, especially in the context of Japan's economic difficulties, and there are considerable growth opportunities with good prospects of continued economic expansion in China," he said.

By Justine Day

In brief

Series direction

MEDIA Production graduate Carolyn Davies directed two episodes of the series *Outback House*, which aired on ABC TV weekly from June 12-July 31. The series followed 17 modern-day volunteers who travelled back to live as people did on a sheep station in 1861. Carolyn directed episodes two and six.

Cricket commitment

AUSTRALIAN men's and women's cricket team captains Ricky Ponting and Belinda Clark have recognised Griffith's commitment to helping Australian cricket thrive at an elite level. The university continues to help drive the Commonwealth Bank Centre of Excellence, a structure that aims to get more high performance cricketers into the system, improve talent development at state levels, and produce the world's best umpires, coaches, administrators and curators. "We have received a lot of positive feedback about the university and its importance to us as a key partner supporting the vision of Australian cricket through the Centre of Excellence. We thank you for your commitment and ongoing support for our great game now, and for the future," Mr Ponting and Ms Clarke said.

International score

QUEENSLAND Conservatorium Griffith University composition lecturer Gerald Brophy recently learnt that audiences in Holland and Hungary will be able to enjoy his original score for *Phobia* later this year. *Phobia* attracted European attention when it was showcased at last year's Performing Arts Market in Adelaide. Mr Brophy was also nominated for the Best Original Score for *Phobia* at the 2004 Helpmann Awards alongside Elton John's *The Lion King*. The play, which is part comedy/part noir, is touring nationally.

Microtech appointment

PROFESSOR Ramin Ghodsi recently began a two-year appointment as Adjunct Professor in the Queensland Microtechnology Facility (QMF). Professor Ghodsi will work with QMF director Professor Barry Harrison on a non-volatile memory project. Professor Harrison said university would benefit from Professor Ghodsi's leadership and standing in the professional community and his willingness to engage with students and scholars.

Design winners

THREE Queensland College of Art (QCA) students won awards at the 2005 Queensland Design Awards. Dian Suwignyo received two Awards of Merit: the Visual Communication – Literature award, and the Emerging Student Designer – Visual Communication Design award – both for her work on "ZOOTOPIA: Posters from the Urban Jungle", an exhibition held at DELL Gallery @ QCA in April. She shared the Emerging Student award with Paul Jude Stekhoven Smith for the QCA 2004 Photography Catalogue. Brent Philp received the Emerging Student Designer – Interior, Industrial and 3-Dimensional Design award for his Canal Boat Design. Other QCA students Gary Arthur Loo Bun, Michael Van Der Meer and Ton Ha were finalists for the 04 Departures Graduates Catalogue.

Bank bonus

ANZ bank has become the preferred supplier to the university, and in return has gifted \$15,000 to be used for three academic scholarships for business students. Under the agreement ANZ will provide transactional banking services at Griffith for five years. This includes access to reduced charges, lower interest rates for loans and affiliated credit cards.



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A league of their own

THE air was thick with anticipation as players came together at Nathan for the 2005 World Rugby League Student Cup in July.

Vying for the cup – the first time it was held in Queensland – were New Zealand, France, the Pacific Islands, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Australia, with New Zealand taking home the title.

Captaining the Australian team this year was Griffith business management student Quin Smith. He said he had been shocked, but humbled, by his selection.

“We worked really hard this year to prepare for the series and we’re consistent across the whole

side,” Quin said.

“It’s a bit of a struggle balancing study with league, but with good time management I can fit it all in.”

Now in his final year, Quin said he was unsure what direction he would take next year.

“I’d like to come back to Griffith to do my postgrad study or I might find work in finance or marketing,” he said.

As part of the World Cup celebrations the New Zealand team performed a Haka, watched warily by a kilt-wearing Scottish team and other camera-wielding opponents. Players stayed at Nathan and Mount Gravatt colleges during the competition.

Australian Universities Rugby League chairman Mike Loftus said the community had an excellent opportunity to experience an international series, with many games played at Nathan.

He said players also benefited by playing in curtain-raiser games at the Broncos v Cronulla match and State of Origin decider match, where England defeated France and Australia toppled New Zealand.

The series was supported by cup ambassador Mal Meninga, Queensland Rugby League

1. Australian team members Ali Kourouche, Chris Fleming, Matt McKinnon, Chad Buckby, Tony Hampson, Chris Lang, Luke Hilton, Sam Williams, Jimmy Rahme, Clint Lovering, Quin Smith, Kevin Stephenson, Barrett Wherry, Mitchel Gaal, Shane Wooden, Jonathan Crawley and Jordan Atkins.

2. Australian Rugby League Director Kevin Brusch.

3. The 2005 World Rugby League Student Cup Scottish team in traditional dress.

4. The 2005 World Rugby League Student Cup New Zealand team performing the Haka.

Coaching Director Dennis Ward, Australian University Sport Chief Executive Officer Daniel Marsden, Australian Rugby League Deputy Chairman Kevin Brusch and Griffith Sports College Director Dennis O’Brien.

Mr O’Brien congratulated all student players for managing to balance two important activities – sport and education.

“These guys are evidence that you can successfully mix elite sport with university study,” he said.

By Melissa Humphris & Krista Dobinson



A boost for science

THE Queensland Government has allocated \$3.5 million to support the establishment of Australia’s first public compound library at Griffith.

The funding has been awarded under the Smart State Research Facilities Fund (SSRFF).

Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O’Connor said the university was establishing the library at Nathan to boost Australia’s bio-scientific research capability.

“At present, only large pharmaceutical companies, well-funded biotechnology companies and the USA’s National Institute of Health have the benefit of accessing such valuable resources,” Professor O’Connor said.

“The Queensland Compound Library is therefore going to be a significant resource for Australian science and it will have the added benefit of enabling greater collaboration.”

The library will store both solid and solubilised samples in

High Throughput Screening-ready format.

Director of the university’s Eskitis Institute for Cell and Molecular Therapies Professor Ron Quinn said the compounds would be used as chemical probes to study the functions of cells and biochemical pathways as well as for starting points in the quest for pharmaceuticals.

“Compound libraries are an integral part of the drug discovery landscape,” he said. “We envisage Australia’s strength in medical research will be drawn to a unique compound collection to provide extra tools to understand and develop biology.”

He said all Australians would benefit from the establishment of the Queensland Compound Library as the samples would be conserved in a publicly-accessible facility.

Act now for healthy future

AUSTRALIA’S best hope for achieving a sustainable future is community activism and a complete values change, says Griffith University Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe (pictured below right).

In his first public lecture in Brisbane since becoming president of the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), Professor Lowe said governments continued to focus on the health of the economy and overlooked the health of the environment.

“Markets give us what we want, such as urban assault vehicles and DVD players. But natural systems give us all the things we really need, such as breathable air, drinkable water and land for agriculture,” Professor Lowe said.

Having recently written a book, *Living in the Hothouse*, Professor Lowe was also keen to discuss global warming. He said models pointed to

a rise in global temperatures of between one and six degrees Celsius by 2100.

“But governments are denying this evidence and continue to avoid the issue of global warming,” he said.

He also predicted peak oil would be reached around 2010 but noted that, despite oil becoming more scarce after that time, there was no shortage of natural energy.

“Solar, wind and geothermal energy is available in abundance. For instance, enough solar energy hits the Earth in one day to power the world for a year.”

He described the ACF as being a strong voice for the environment for the past 40 years and outlined the foundation’s goal of inspiring people to achieve a healthy environment for all Australians.

“A sustainable future is our moral duty to all future generations and other species,” he said.



- Environmental Planning Head of School Dr Neil Sipe was on by Queensland radio stations 4BC, 4KQ, Mix 97.3, Hot Tomato and Nova FM discussing a study into the number of children being driven to school. He also spoke to ABC Radio Perth and the *Queensland Times* newspaper.
- Griffith Artworks director Simon Wright was quoted in a *Sunday Age* article about a Gordon Bennett exhibition he curated in Melbourne.
- Articles on Griffith’s Open Day appeared in a tertiary study feature in all Quest newspapers around Brisbane. Open Day was also mentioned in other Queensland community newspapers, *Gold Coast Bulletin*, *Gold Coast Sun*, *The Courier-Mail* and *Brisbane News*.
- School of Science’s Martin Bridgstock was on Channel Seven’s *Today Tonight* program. He was evaluating the accuracy of psychic prediction.
- School of Engineering lecturer Charles Lemckert was on Channel Nine News Gold Coast, ABC Radio Gold Coast and ABC News Online discussing a coastal management conference which examined how public education could improve outcomes for future beach development.
- Professor Judy Searle, School of Medicine, was interviewed by ABC Radio Brisbane and the Gold Coast, Sea FM and 4RO regarding extra places for medical students from 2006.
- Professor Kim Halford, School of Psychology, was on Channel Seven’s *Today Tonight* regarding his research on marital relationships.
- Professor Allan Cripps, Professor Newell Johnson and Professor Judy Searle appeared on Channel 9 news on the Gold Coast in conjunction with the opening of the Centre for Medicine and Oral Health.
- Stories on the 2005 World Rugby League Student Cup appeared in Quest and other community newspapers around Queensland and New South Wales, *The Courier-Mail* and *Canberra Times* and on Nova and B105 FM radio stations.
- Dr Judith Kearney, School of Cognition, Language and Special Education, featured in an article in the *Satellite Newspaper* about a Somoan community project.

Nursing text shortlisted for award

A COMPREHENSIVE Australian text on psychiatric and mental health nursing, co-edited by School of Nursing and Midwifery's Dr Katie Evans, has been shortlisted in the annual Australian Awards for Excellence in Educational Publishing.

Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (2005) was an extended labour of love for Dr Evans and her co-editors, Queensland University of Technology's Dr Ruth Elder and Australian Catholic University's Debra Nizette.

The three friends and colleagues met once a week for about three years and combined their knowledge and networks to negotiate the book's content and work with 39 contributors across Australia and New Zealand.

Dr Evans said they were driven by the urgent need for a high-quality Australian publication that was skills based, easy to read, and could support mental health nurse education at an undergraduate level.

"One in five people have a mental illness so all nurses will come across these patients even if they are not working in a dedicated mental health field," Dr Evans said.

She said mental health nurses were under pressure from reduced mental health funding and the deinstitutionalisation of patients. Mental health nurses have also been gradually deskilled in Australia as other professions such as social workers and occupational therapists have expanded their roles.

For that reason, each chapter of the textbook has included nurses' stories such as what attracted them to mental health nursing, how they manage clinical situations and how they perceive their changing roles.

Dr Evans said the process of pulling the book together forced them to uncover what was new and innovative in the area of mental health training.

"For instance, there is a lot we can learn about tolerance and



PUBLISHING SUCCESS: Dr Katie Evans is proud to have contributed to an essential text for undergraduate nursing education.

care from the theory and practice of cultural safety in relation to Maori people, so we have incorporated that in the book."

She said feedback from the nursing profession had been overwhelmingly positive, and being shortlisted for a peer-

assessed award in the tertiary education category was an added honour. The award winners will be announced on August 4.

By Mardi Chapman

What's on

LECTURES

Tuesday, August 2. Twilight Lecture – Katie Noonan. Katie Noonan, lead singer of Brisbane pop group *george*, provides her perspectives on the "intangibles in music" that often prove decisive in distinguishing between competence and excellence. **Venue:** Ian Hanger Recital Hall, South Bank. **Time:** 6pm. Free. **Contact:** 07 3735 6241, email concerts@griffith.edu.au **Visit:** www.griffith.edu.au/concerts

Thursday, August 18. Algorithms Rule the World! Free public lecture. **Speaker:** Professor Vladimir Estiville-Castro – School of Information and Communication Technology. **Venue:** S05, Room 2.04 (QCA Lecture Theatre and Gallery) Queensland College of Art, South Bank. **Time:** 5.30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, September 15. The Opposite of History. A free public lecture. **Speaker:** Professor Kay Ferres – Faculty of Arts. **Venue:** S05, Room 2.04 (QCA Lecture Theatre and Gallery) Queensland College of Art, South Bank. **Time:** 5.30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 20. Population Ageing: Why Nations Can Afford to Grow Older. Free public lecture arguing that the concern about the effects of population ageing on economic welfare in the future has been overdone. **Speaker:** Professor Ross Guest – Graduate School of Management. **Venue:** G17, Theatre 4 (Lecture Theatre 3 and 4 Complex), Gold Coast. **Time:** 5.30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

EVENTS

Until Thursday, August 28. Material Evidence: Jenny Watson, Works on fabric 1981-2005. Eleven major works by nationally and internationally acclaimed Australian painter Jenny Watson. The exhibition will reveal an important shift in Watson's practice from her use of canvas to alternative materials such as hessian, velvet, Indian cotton, taffeta and organza. **Venue:** DELL Gallery @ QCA. **Hours:** Wed-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. **Contact:** 07 3735 3140

Saturday, August 6. Excellence Expo. High achievers competition and project display. **Venue:** South Bank. **Contact:** Linda Svenson 07 5552 8370, email l.svenson@griffith.edu.au

Tuesday, August 9, to Saturday, August 13. The Rover. Gold Coast theatre students present the restoration classic *The Rover* by Aphra Behn, directed by Patrick Mitchell. **Venue:** Gold Coast Drama Theatre, Gold Coast campus. **Time:** 7.30pm. Bookings: 07 5552 8864

Sunday, August 18, to Thursday, September 22. Thermophiles 2005 – From Evolution to Revolution conference. The theme "From Evolution to Revolution" covers all aspects of microbes living at high temperatures including evolution, diversity and applications. **Visit:** www.griffith.edu.au/conference/thermophiles05/ **Contact:** Dr Bharat Patel, 07 3735 7695, email b.patel@griffith.edu.au

Wednesday, August 31, to Saturday, September 3. Strata Community Title Conference 2005. The first independent cross-industry meeting of key strata title

stakeholders: strengthening partnerships through debate and research in pursuit of industry advancement. This conference is not to be missed by all who seek to enrich their understanding of the myriad managerial, operational and legal issues posed by the sector. **Visit:** www.griffith.edu.au/conference/sct2005 **Contact:** Caroline Wylie 07 5552 8139, c.wylie@griffith.edu.au

Friday, September 2, to Sunday, October 30. PlaceMade: The Australian Printmaking Workshop Survey. A National Gallery of Australia travelling exhibition. **Venue:** Dell Gallery @ QCA, South Bank. **Hours:** Wed-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. **Contact:** 07 3735 3140

Thursday, September 8. Investigating further education? MBA and Postgrad Expo. Make a date to visit the MBA and Postgrad Expo. Free entry. **Time:** noon-7pm. **Venue:** Hilton International Hotel, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. **Visit:** www.postgradexpo.com.au

Monday, September 26 – Thursday, September 29. Third Annual SEPGSM Australia Conference 2005. The Software Quality Institute, Griffith University and the Software Engineering Institute, Carnegie Mellon University are presenting the systems and software engineering process group conference (SEPGSM) which builds on the success and reputation of SEPGSM conferences held in the USA, Europe, and Asia over the past 17 years. The conference theme is "Meeting the Challenge". **Contact:** Organising Chair Angela Tuffley 07 3735 5022, email a.tuffley@griffith.edu.au

CONCERTS

Friday, August 19. Symphonic Fireworks concert. The Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra presents Elgar, Sibelius and Brahms with guest conductor Nicholas Braithwaite. **Venue:** Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank. Tickets: \$10-\$20. **Contact:** 07 3735 6241

Sunday, September 4 to Saturday, September 10. Albert Herring. This satirical comedic opera set in the spring of 1900 fires some delicious barbs at the hypocrisy and pomposity of fictitious Loxford's inhabitants. **Venue:** Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank. Tickets through Qtix on 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au. **Contact:** 07 3735 6241

Friday, September 16. Natasha Vlassenko concert. Performing as part of the Queensland Conservatorium's Kawai Keyboard Series. **Venue:** QPAC Concert Hall. **Tickets:** \$10-\$20. **Contact:** 07 3735 6241

Wednesday, October 12. Max Olding and Pamela Page concert. Performing as part of the Queensland Conservatorium's Kawai Keyboard Series. **Venue:** QPAC Concert Hall. **Tickets:** \$10-\$20. **Contact:** 07 3735 6241

Friday, October 28. Classic Farewell Concert. The Conservatorium Chamber Orchestra presents Haydn, Koussevitzky and Beethoven. **Venue:** Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank. **Tickets:** \$10-\$20. **Contact:** 07 3735 6241

