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Welcome from the Dean, Learning and Teaching



I am pleased to welcome you to the first edition of *PostgradPerspectives* for Semester 2, 2007.

To those students returning to continue their studies this semester, I hope you all had a restful winter break and are ready for the challenges that lay ahead.

To our commencing students, I take the opportunity to again welcome you to the School and wish you well in your studies. We are pleased that you have chosen the Griffith Business School as your study destination, and look forward to helping you to achieve your personal and professional goals.

I hope you have all settled into your studies, and I look forward to engaging with you throughout the semester.

Professor Lorelle Frazer – Dean, Learning and Teaching

News from the School

Global Ranking of Accounting Research

I am pleased to report that in the latest issue of the *Accounting and Finance* (Vol 47, No 2, 2007, "Global Ranking of Accounting Programmes and the Elite Effect in Accounting Research"), Griffith University ranks at number 72 in the world for accounting research (Table 3, p. 199), and as one of the top 10 upward movers for the period 1998 - 2005, compared to the preceding seven years (Appendix II, Panel B on page 220). This places Griffith's accounting at rank seven in Australia, just behind Macquarie, and ahead of UWA, ANU, and Adelaide.

This is a wonderful outcome, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating the Department's researchers on this significant achievement.

Our people

We recently congratulated Emeritus Professor Colin Mackerras AO (from the Department of International Business and Asian Studies) on having been made an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

I'm sure those of you who have been fortunate enough to have been taught by Colin, or who are familiar with his work will agree that it is wonderful to see Colin's distinguished contribution to teaching, learning and research being acknowledged in this way. We are indeed privileged to have such a dedicated and distinguished scholar as a member of the School.

Griffith Innovation Challenge 2007

Since 2005 the Griffith Innovation Challenge business planning competition has engaged students from all across the University and from every discipline area. Originally run as a *voluntary* activity by both academics and administrative staff, the Challenge is now to take this very valuable 'real world' learning activity to a more permanent and formal place within the University.

Following a request from the Vice Chancellor, the Griffith Business School has agreed to host and organise the Griffith Innovation Challenge in future years. However, it remains a University-wide student innovation competition as in the past. The focus remains on students (from all parts of the University) developing business cases for commercialising innovations, starting up businesses, and taking ideas from the conceptual to the actual – with an acknowledgment of the implications this can bring.

The competition is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students. In addition to the learning and networking possibilities, there are \$40,000 in cash and prizes to be won.

For more information visit: www.griffith.edu.au/business/griffith-innovation-challenge

Student news and achievements**Master of International Business graduate selected as one of '100 outstanding young people'**

Congratulations to International Business student, Maxime Kerault, who was recently selected as one of the 100 outstanding young people from the Asia Pacific region to attend the 2007 Asia Pacific Cities Summit as a youth delegate. The MIB graduate is being provided with complimentary registration to the Asia Pacific Cities Summit, and will have the opportunity to mix with business leaders from around the world.

The Summit is an initiative of Brisbane City Council and has been held biennially since 1999 – the host city rotating between Brisbane and bidding cities in the Asia Pacific region. This is however, the first time the Summit has featured a separate youth forum focusing on future leaders (of Brisbane and the Southeast Queensland corner).

Maxime's success in being selected as a Youth Delegate was partially contributed to by his recent semester spent as an intern (as part of his Griffith program) with the Australian Trade Commission in Brisbane.

Share your story: If you have a story you would like to share with the School and your fellow students, please let us know. Email submissions to gbs-postgrad@griffith.edu.au.

Who's who in postgraduate programs

The following Program Directors are responsible for overseeing postgraduate programs in 2007. I encourage you to make contact with your Program Director with any queries relating to your program of study.

Graduate Certificate in Business

Master of HRM

Master of Information Systems

Dr Kuldeep (Sandy) Sandhu

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Telephone: (07) 3735 7718

Sandy is located in the Graduate School of Management building (N63), Nathan campus, but is available for consultation on other campuses.

Master of Asian Studies

Master of International Relations

Dr Tom Conley

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Tom is located in the Macrossan building (N16), Nathan campus.

Master of Business

Dr Dwight Zakus

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Dwight is located in the Business 1 building (G01), Gold Coast campus.

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

International MBA (IMBA)

Associate Professor Ashley Lye

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Ashley is located in the Griffith Graduate Centre (S07), South Bank campus, but can also be found at the Gold Coast campus on Fridays.

Master of Commerce

Dr Jay Bandaralage

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Jay is located in the Business 1 building (N50), Nathan campus, but is available for consultation on other campuses.

Master of Employment Relations

Dr Janis Bailey

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Janis is located in the Business 2 building (G27), Gold Coast campus, but is available for consultation on other campuses.

Master of International Business

Dr Marta Sinclair

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Marta is located in the Macrossan building (N16), Nathan campus.

Master of Marketing

Dr Carmel Herington

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Carmel is located in the Business 1 building (G01), Gold Coast campus, but is available for consultation on other campuses.

Master of Public Administration

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Adrian is located in the Business 2 building (N72), Nathan campus, but is available for consultation on other campuses.

Alumni and friends... Get Connected

Connected Futures: Professional development seminar

‘Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs’ (*Brundtland Commission Report*, United Nations, 1987)

The Griffith Business School Alumni Network will host its second annual Professional Development seminar on Saturday, 25 August 2007 at the South Bank campus, Griffith University. Connected Futures will cover topics including: the economic outlook; personal finances; sustainable business practices; working in a global economy; and working across generations.

To register, simply visit www.griffith.edu.au/gbsalumni and click on



Winter alumni newsletter now available

The winter edition of the Alumni Network's newsletter, *Get connected*, is now available online: www.griffith.edu.au/school/gbs/alumni/news-events/get_connected_winter_07.pdf.

More alumni events in 2007

A range of educational, social and professional events for GBS alumni are planned throughout 2007. Further details are available www.griffith.edu.au/qbalumni, or contact Ms Joanne Nyland at joanne.nyland@griffith.edu.au or phone (07) 3735 7648.

Our Graduates... Where are they now?

Dr Paul Simshauser

Master of Commerce (and B Commerce) graduate and CEO, Babcock & Brown Power

Dr Paul Simshauser is the Chief Executive Officer of Babcock & Brown Power (BBP), the largest ASX-listed power generator in Australia. BBP owns and operates 8 power stations and a coal mine, and has a market capitalisation of more than \$1 billion.

Prior to his current appointment, Paul was Chief Economist and General Manager – Marketing and Trading at Stanwell Corporation following a range of positions in corporate finance within the electricity supply industry in Queensland.

Paul graduated from the School with a Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Commerce (Accounting and Finance).



He also holds a PhD in Economics, and is an Adjunct Professor with the School's Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics. He is an AFMA Accredited Dealer, a CPA, and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Paul continues his association with the School as an active member of our Alumni Network's Advisory Group, the GBS Advisory Council, and with the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics Advisory Group.

AIESEC Graduate Exchange Program

AIESEC, the world's largest student organisation, is an international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential, so as to have a positive impact on society. In addition to providing over 5,000 leadership positions and delivering over 350 conferences, AIESEC also runs an exchange program that enables over 3,500 students and recent graduates the opportunity to live and work in over 95 countries.

AIESEC's Australia China Young Leaders Program (ACYLP) program, a partnership developed with AustCham Beijing, offers intern opportunities for Australian members of AIESEC (only) with a range of companies from various industries. The program aims to promote people-to-people and organisation-to-organisation links between Australia and China.

Contact daniel.fredericks@aiesec.net, melissa.jane.walsh@gmail.com, or visit www.aiesec.org for more.

Events calendar

Postgraduate meet and greet evenings

Come along and build your networks at these cocktail functions for postgraduate business students.

- Nathan meet and greet
Date: Monday, 20 August 2007
Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Venue: G's Wine Bar, Nathan campus
RSVP: By 12.00pm on Tuesday, 14 August to n.gill@griffith.edu.au

- Gold Coast meet and greet
Date: Thursday, 30 August 2007
Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Venue: CJ's @ The Link, Gold Coast campus
RSVP: By 12.00pm on Monday, 27 August to n.gill@griffith.edu.au

MBA and Postgraduate Information Evenings

Do you have any colleagues who might be considering postgraduate study? Why not mention our forthcoming information sessions:

- Brisbane MBA and Postgraduate Information Evening
Date: Wednesday, 26 September 2007
Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Griffith Graduate Centre (S07), Room 2.16/2.18, South Bank campus
RSVP: By Friday, 21 September to l.small@griffith.edu.au or (07) 5552 8230

- Gold Coast MBA and Postgraduate Information Evening
Date: Thursday, 27 September 2007
Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Business 2 Building (G27), Room 3.20 (Boardroom), Gold Coast campus
RSVP: By Friday, 21 September to l.small@griffith.edu.au or (07) 5552 8230

Visit www.griffith.edu.au/gbs for more coming events.