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Welcome from the Dean, Learning and Teaching



I am pleased to welcome you to the final edition of *PostgradPerspectives* for 2007.

I hope Semester 2 proved to be a productive and challenging semester, and wish you every success as you prepare for end of semester examinations and final assignments.

To those of you who are finishing your studies this semester, I sincerely hope you will continue to engage with the School as a member of our Alumni Network. Details of how to register with the Network are included later in the newsletter.

Professor Lorelle Frazer – Dean, Learning and Teaching

News from the School

Griffith MBA scoops the pool

The Griffith MBA has received a 5-star rating from the Graduate Management Association of Australia (GMAA) for the 6th consecutive year! We are the only Queensland university to have consistently been rated 5-star since the GMAA began its independent rankings six year ago. This is a significant achievement for the MBA and the School.

Also making the ratings board is the International MBA which has received a 4 star rating – a great accomplishment for a young program.

Student Consultative Committee

The Pro Vice Chancellor (Business) has recently approved the establishment of a GBS Student Consultative Committee. The Committee charter has been developed with a view to providing a mechanism through which students are able to provide their insights into the strengths and weaknesses of the educational experience provided by the business programs. Feedback may then be used to inform curriculum review and development.

In the establishment phase, student nominations will be sought from each Program Director. Students will be nominated on the basis of their academic performance, their commitment to the academic community, and relevant experience. After an initial term of 12 months, Committee membership will be determined through a nomination and open election process.

A representative from each postgraduate program offered by the GBS, by campus will be invited to membership.

If you are interested in finding out more or contributing to the Committee, contact your Program Director (see over page for current Program Directors).

Graduate Certificate in Business**Master of HRM****Master of Information Systems**

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Master of Asian Studies**Master of International Relations**

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Master of Business

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Master of Business Administration (MBA)**International MBA (IMBA)**

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Master of Employment Relations

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Postgraduate 'meet and greet' evenings

The 'meet and greet' networking events at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses were well attended again this semester. Thank you to all of you who took time out to attend these get-togethers.

At Nathan close to 80 students and staff braved the wet conditions to enjoy the hospitality at G's Wine Bar. Over 140 students and staff attended the Gold Coast event held in our very own training restaurant – CJ's at the Link. Held on the Thursday evening before the Gold Coast Show public holiday, the mood was cheerful.

These events are a great opportunity to build your networks and interact with students and staff from other GBS postgraduate programs. If you are continuing in 2008, I would encourage you to take the opportunity to attend the gatherings in Semester 1.

Student news and achievements

Our graduates ... Where are they now?

Alumnus Andrew Fraser was recently appointed Queensland Treasurer in the new State Cabinet – and all before his 31st birthday. Mr Fraser was one of the youngest members of parliament when he was elected as the State Member for Mount Coot-tha in 2004 and was re-elected in 2006.

Two years after entering parliament he became the youngest cabinet minister in almost a century and took on the local government portfolio.

He graduated from Griffith with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce with first class honours and was a recipient of the University Medal.

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.

Alumni and friends... Get Connected

Some of you may be completing your studies with the Griffith Business School shortly. If you are, or indeed if you are continuing, we'd encourage you to consider your connection with us after graduation.

We welcome your involvement with the Griffith Business School Alumni Network. It is the mission of the GBSAN to 'provide professional, educational and social opportunities for alumni that facilitate a lifelong relationship with each other, the Griffith Business School, and the University'.

Why is the Alumni Network important to me?

An effective alumni network is a vehicle for the establishment of vital connections between students and the corporate world, providing a channel for current students to obtain relevant work experience through mentoring, internships and industry placement opportunities. It also provides a useful medium for students who are already in the workplace to network with other industry professionals.

The GBS Alumni Network strives to promote friendship and communication among alumni and students, with the vision that the GBS will develop a lifetime relationship and provide meaningful and value-added activities to our domestic and international graduates.

To gain the best value out of your postgraduate education, take an early step to build your professional network. Keep an eye on www.griffith.edu.au/gbs for alumni news and events. Most importantly, your support is vital to the development of the Network. Tell friends and colleagues about us, promote the Network to graduates, give us feedback or participate as a volunteer.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact our Alumni Coordinator, Ms Joanne Nyland at joanne.nyland@griffith.edu.au or phone (07) 3735 7648.

It's never too early to get involved in the wider alumni community. If you are interested in registering, visit: <http://www.griffith.edu.au/development-alumni/alumni-community/registration>.

Events calendar**Annual Alumni Dinner**

On Friday, 26 October 2007 the Griffith Business School will host its second Alumni Dinner at the Stamford Plaza Hotel in Brisbane. Ms Kylie Hargreaves, GBS Alumnus and Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade (UK, Ireland, Israel and Mauritius), and formerly Senior Trade Commissioner and Deputy Consul General, Austrade (West USA), will provide our keynote address "Women not recommended".

Kylie graduated with a Bachelor of International Business and a Bachelor of International Relations (Honours) in 1992. She was the originator of the G'day L.A program, designed to showcase Australian business (and Australia) in the US, and Kylie has also assisted many Australian businesses to enter the US market, including Femme Fatale Cosmetics (the brainchild of two Griffith graduates) now operating successfully in the US (as a result of a collaboration with Austrade).

Date: Friday, 26 October 2007

Time: 6.30pm – 10.00pm

Visit: www.griffith.edu.au/gbsalumni for more information