This is the 13th edition of the Graduate Profiles booklet. It presents graduates from our undergraduate program that completed their degree requirements in 2010. With these new graduates, the number of Griffith University urban and environmental planning graduates now totals more than 330.

In addition to presenting our 2010 graduates, I would like to pass on some news from the Griffith University planning program. Students, staff and graduates were very successful at the 2010 Queensland PIA Awards for Planning Excellence. In the category of Queensland Young Planner of the Year, The Robert Swider Memorial Award sponsored by the Gold Coast City Council, Jessica Lisle received an Award of Merit. Jessica also received an Award of Merit in the Tertiary Student Research category sponsored by the Queensland Department of Infrastructure and Planning for her honours project: “Climate Change Adaptation: The Role of Urban Open Space”.

Chelsea Smith, Joshua Baker, Sinead Busher, Aaron Cornel, Natalie Deans, Andrew Mackie and Phillip Pulley received an award of Merit in the Tertiary Student Project category for their studio project “Landscape heritage: What’s your Story”.

The 2010 Griffith Business School’s Innovation Challenge was won by a group of Gold Coast Planning students for ‘Grobio’ - a bio-degradable mat made from sugar cane mulch, mixed with native plant seeds that is placed in environmentally vulnerable areas to prevent erosion and re-build vegetation. The team of Tim Kinny, Jess Berryman, Chris Curtis, Allison Siddaway and Sean Brien won over $20,000 in cash and prizes.

In closing I would like to say that I, along with all academic and administrative staff, am proud of these graduates and wish them well as they begin their careers as professional planners.

Associate Professor Neil Sipe

Ms Zsuzsa Banhalmi-Zakar
Lecturer
Zsuzsa’s primary research interest is in the area of environmental management in financial institutions. Focusing on the project lending practices of commercial banks, she is currently studying how environmental issues are manifested as financial risks and opportunities in project lending, how banks deal with these financial implications in the scope of their existing modus operandi and the extent to which environmental issues can ultimately impact bank lending decisions. Through her work as an environmental consultant, Zsuzsa is also experienced with a range of environmental management tools, including environmental impact assessment, environmental audit and due diligence, corporate environmental/sustainability reporting, etc.

Professor Scott Baum
Research Fellow, Urban Research Program
Scott’s research interests include understanding the socio-economic structure of cities and regions including issues of advantage, disadvantage and social exclusion, regional economic development and urban and regional labour market analysis. His current research projects include modelling the impacts of local urban, regional and community contexts on labour market outcomes; modelling the impact of social networks on labour market outcomes; studying the extent of local economic and social adjustment in Australia’s rural heartlands; and considering the implications of climate change on health outcomes in the Gold Coast region.

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Dr Caryl Bosman
Senior Lecturer
Caryl’s research interests focus on past and present urban development theories, practices and processes, including housing studies, urban design, ideas of community and rationalities and practices of government in particular relating to suburban development, the ‘sea change’ and regeneration. Her research bias is for poststructural methods and qualitative methods.

Merrill Bowers
Administrative Support Officer
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Lynne Bradshaw
Administrative Support Officer
Nathan campus

Professor Lex Brown
Lex’s research interests in environmental planning include Environmental Impact Assessment of projects and Strategic Environmental Assessment of policy and plans, transportation, environmental management tools, and environmental noise. Current research projects include integrating environmental modelling with transport modelling; urban accessibility; linkages between environmental management tools; and landscape design. Lex has worked on many international projects, including collaborating with the United Nations Development Program and the Government of The Netherlands on environmental appraisal of international development.

Dr Matt Burke
Research Fellow, Urban Research Program
Matt is a transport and land use planner with a keen focus on non-motorised travel and public transport. His research interests include travel behaviour research, transport planning and policy, physical activity and health; accessibility analysis; land use planning; urban geography; religious geography; gated communities; Asian cities; and, environment-behaviour research methodologies. Matt’s current research is on active travel and accessibility, and he is commencing an investigation into child travel behaviour and outdoor play.

Professor Paul Burton
Chair of Urban Management and Planning, Gold Coast and Deputy Director, Urban Research Program
Paul was previously Head of the School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol, UK. His research interests include urban governance (leadership in local government; local regulation of behavioural adaptations to climate change), public participation in planning (evaluating the costs and benefits of various forms of participation) and in spaces for democracy (the significance of interior and exterior design on the everyday practices of democracy).

Dr Jason Byrne
Senior Lecturer
Jason’s research interests focus on nature-society-health relations in the city, including urban political ecology, environmental justice, sustainable cities, racialised landscapes and (in)salubrious urban environments. Jason also has research interests in planning theory, planning practice and policy development. He favours mixed methods research.

Dr Eddo Coiacetto
Senior Lecturer
Eddo’s research and academic interests are in real estate development and planning; urbanisation; public land development; sustainability and real estate development, wetland management, cross cultural studies, urban history, and planning practice and work-based learning.

Professor Pat Dale
For over 20 years Pat’s research has focused on wetlands and mosquitoes and the diseases they transmit. She is part of the team which developed the runnelling method of salt marsh mosquito control in the mid 1980s, a method unique to Australia. The project resulted in Pat’s long-term monitoring of small impacts and her developing interest in environmental law. She is an expert adviser on mosquito management to local governments, mainly in South East Queensland. Her current interests include land management for biting insect control.

Dr Aysin Dedekorkut
Senior Lecturer
Aysin has over ten years of experience researching and teaching planning in the United States and Turkey. Her research interests include decision making processes, specifically collaborative planning, consensus building, and alternative dispute resolution, environmental planning and natural resource management with particular focus on water resources management, regional planning and natural resource management linkage, and growth management. Recent research projects include intergovernmental collaboration for long range transportation planning in the United States and growth management in Southeast Queensland and Florida.

Associate Professor Jago Dodson
Director, Urban Research Program
Jago’s research interests include social housing and housing markets; social dimensions of transport planning; urban governance and policy making; urban-health relationships; and urban economies and labour markets.

Professor Darryl Low Choy
Darryl’s research interests and areas of special expertise include environmental planning and management; cooperative regional planning and management, including catchment management, community-based planning at catchment and regional scales, regional landscape and open space planning; island environmental management; ecotourism and recreation planning; environmental impact assessment; growth planning in developing regions; rural planning; and the relationship between science and planning.

Associate Professor Neil Sipe
Discipline Head
Neil’s research and academic interests are focused on the influence of land use and urban form on travel behaviour; the use of geographic information systems to manage and control mosquitoes, the role of corner stores in neighbourhood sustainability, the role of mediation in resolving environmental and public policy disputes, and the challenges in implementing performance (or results) based planning.

Dr Deanna Tomerini
Lecturer
Deanna graduated from the School of Australian Environmental Studies in 1997. She has been involved in a variety of teaching and research tasks at Griffith University since 1995. Deanna’s current teaching responsibilities include Environmental Assessment and Environmental Noise. She also has expertise in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and is interested in the application of GIS in environmental planning, particularly in relation to health issues and environmental pollution. Recent research projects have included an investigation of the impacts of local government mosquito control programs on Ross River virus disease rates in Queensland, Australia.

Dr Karen Vella
Lecturer
Karen’s research interests include exploring and advancing design features for contemporary planning arrangements to deal with complex issues and their evolution to deal with climate change adaptation, the effect of recent major institutional change in environmental planning on environmental outcomes in Queensland and collective approaches for ecosystem management.

Associate Professor Geoff Woolcock
Honours Convenor
Geoffrey is an urban sociologist based at Griffith University and is particularly interested in both indicators of social sustainability and the factors that contribute to child- and youth-friendly communities. His work with large-scale public and private sector organisations, including large private residential developers and several Queensland and interstate government departments, concentrates on developing measures of communities’ strengths alongside national and international efforts to measure well-being led by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
Contents

Academic performance
New graduates generally do not have a body of work experience to fall back on and as such their academic performance is an important indicator of how they are likely to perform in the workplace.
Kerry Doss, Acting Manager, City Planning Branch, Brisbane City Council

Work experience
As an employer I value the opportunity to engage graduates with quality degrees such as those offered by Griffith University coupled with relevant practical work experience.
Warren Rowe, Director Planning Environment & Transport Gold Coast City Council

Career goals
Good environmental planning businesses operate with one eye constantly on the future. Our best employees plan their careers just as carefully.
Chris Buckley, Director, Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants

Academic performance
- Griffith University Award for Excellence (2007,08,09)
- Griffith School of Environment, Head of School Commendation for High Achievement (2007,08,09)
- Griffith Award of Academic Excellence (2007,08,09)
- Griffith University Certificate of Recognition for Academic Excellence (2007, 08, 09)

Key work experience or community involvement
- ENERGEX - Student Town Planner: Referral agency responses to development applications; substation self assessment report; development assessment reports; background scoping and research; communicating with applicants, Councils and ENERGEX employees
- Brisbane City Council - Student Town Planner: Community engagement to seek stakeholder feedback on the River City Blueprint
- Brisbane City Council - Student Town Planner: Assisting with the preparation of development assessment reports and preliminary site analysis and background research of planning projects

Professional development and recognition
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia

Core skills
- Writing reports, essays and scientific papers.
- Communicating at all levels
- Commitment to achieving high results

Personal best
Achieving a GPA above 6 across my degree, whilst at the same time enjoying university life and working as a student planner.

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Career goals
To be a leader in the environmental planning area and to work on new and challenging projects, find solutions to sustainability and to see my ideas materialise.

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Kirsten Sellers
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I have consistently improved my grades each semester, whilst working full time. I have obtained many above average grades in the final two years of my degree.

**Key work experience**
- Three months experience with THG Resource Strategists, Bundall, Gold Coast
- Conducting research
- Assisting in preparation of development applications and assessment
- Planning summary’s and site investigations
- Attendance and input within company and council meetings.
- Review of local and State Government Policy/plans

**Professional development and recognition**
- Member, Planning Environmental Griffith Students.

**Core skills**
- Effective written communication skills, including writing clear and concise reports.
- Strong oral communication skills.
- Excellent team work skills.
- Ability to communicate with people of all levels.
- Advanced computer skills.
- Ability to conduct thorough research.

**Personal best**
Working full time throughout my 4 years of study and at the same time improving my grades, has been a challenge which I have successfully overcome.
Jessica Berryman
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Career goals
I am keen to discover the world of planning, through continually gaining experience in, and expanding my knowledge of a variety of planning fields, within Australia and overseas. I seek to gain a position in which I will face new challenges, work in the public or private sector with likeminded individuals and ultimately, strive towards the promotion of sustainability.

Referees
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Miss. Caylie Cummins
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Academic performance
- Achieved distinctions and high distinctions in subjects including: Biological Systems, Structure and the Environment, Environmental Planning and Planning Systems.
- I am a conscientious worker and have consistently strived to enhance my results throughout my degree.

Key work experience
- Bennett and Bennett: Student Planner. Key tasks included: report writing, development application submissions, liaising with clients and council through written and verbal communication, formatting designs and plans and site visits.

Professional development and recognition
- One of the team members who won the Griffith University Innovation Challenge (2010).

Core skills
- Practised in various software applications.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to interpret and apply planning theory, policy and legislation to real life situations.
- Highly developed research, time management and analytical skills.
- Team Player.

Personal best
Consistently achieving a high standard of grades throughout my University studies. Managing my time effectively which allowed me to meet my work commitments and assist in many volunteer organisations.

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Career goals
To work with passionate professionals in the development industry; to plan for and design sustainable housing, communities and public transport services whilst protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

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Academic performance
I have consistently maintained a cumulative GPA above 5 and achieved High Distinctions in Structure and the Environment and Urban Analysis.

Key work experience
Cardno SPLAT – Student Environmental Planner:
- Contributed to preliminary scenic amenity analysis.

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Planning and Environmental Griffith Students (PEGS).
- Member, Australian Organisation for Quality Queensland Inc (AOQ).
- Griffith School of Environment Head of School Commendation for High Achievement (2009).

Core skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Teamplayer and able to work independently.
- Good knowledge of current planning and environmental legislation.
- Geographic Information Systems.

Personal best
Participated in the 2010 Griffith Innovation Challenge, with our team winning The Peoples Award, The Science Environment, Engineering and Technology Group prize, and judged overall Winner of the competition. Our concept was for a recycled erosion control and revegetation mat.
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Career goals
I wish to enhance the natural and built environments within which we live, through innovation and creativity. I desire a challenge that will allow me to increase my knowledge and abilities, while maintaining my passion for the creation of a sustainable future.

Referees
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Academic performance
- Honours Research Project, ‘Thinking Outside the Town Square: An investigation into how urban design can be used for the climate change adaptation of master-planned communities’.
- Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence 2010

Key work experience
- Tweed Shire Council: Development Assessment Unit – Student Planner

Professional development and recognition
- President, Planning, Architecture and Environmental Griffith Students.
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.
- Member, Golden Key International Honour Society
- Member, Planning Environment Griffith Students
- Industry Mentoring Program, Gold Coast City Council

Core skills
- Sound knowledge and understanding of planning processes and legislation in QLD
- Sound knowledge base in environmental sciences
- High level of research and analytical skills
- Teamwork and communication skills
- Technical skills including mapping and computer literacy

Personal best
Receiving a 1st class honours pass and gaining a scholarship with the Department of Transport and Main Roads prior to completing my degree.

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Career goals
To gain a position in the area of social planning or urban design where I can use my educational and workplace experience to contribute toward an organisation’s goals and objectives.

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Academic performance
- 1st Class Honours Research Project ‘Hanging Out: Young People and Public Space’
- Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2008, 2009)

Key work experience
QLD Dept. Transport and Main Roads (2009-2010)
Student Town Planner:
Key duties included compiling land use and traffic access reports, mapping, and assisting with development applications.

Professional development and recognition
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia
- Member, Golden Key International Honour Society
- Member, Planning Environment Griffith Students
- Industry Mentoring Program, Gold Coast City Council

Core skills
- Sound knowledge and understanding of planning processes and legislation in QLD
- Sound knowledge base in environmental sciences
- High level of research and analytical skills
- Teamwork and communication skills
- Technical skills including mapping and computer literacy

Personal best
Receiving a 1st class honours pass and gaining a scholarship with the Department of Transport and Main Roads prior to completing my degree.
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Career goals
I aim to continuously develop my knowledge and understanding of planning issues in both the public and private sector. I am particularly interested in sustainable development and development assessment.

Referee
David Morrison
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Key academic performance
- Consistently improved my results in all subject areas throughout my degree
- Achieved high distinctions and distinctions in key planning subjects including Planning Studio, Urban Analysis, Planning Practice and Law and Environmental Assessment and Management

Key work experience
- Strategic and Statutory Planning - Clarence Valley Council (2009-2010)
- Statutory Planning - Richmond Valley Council (2007)
- Recycling Awareness Project - Griffith University (2010)

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Planning Environment Griffith Students
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia

Core skills
- Able to work within a team environment or independently
- Strong communication, analytical and time management skills
- Graphical and computer skills (Microsoft programs, Mapinfo, ArcGIS, Revit, and manual drawing skills)

Personal best
- Consistently improving my results throughout my 4 year full time degree whilst at the same time balancing work and leisure activities.

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Career goals
To be involved in the emerging Child Friendly Cities initiatives.
To contribute to the conservation and biodiversity of SEQ through effective environmental planning.
To engage with communities in sustainability practices and eco-friendly urban design.

Referee
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Key academic performance
- Griffith Scholarship to Borneo 2008
- Griffith Scholarship to Hong Kong 2010

Key work experience or community involvement
- Environmental Management Group, Redland City Council – Primary Author: “Wildlife Corridor Mapping: Using the indicator species model to access corridor viability” 2009 – 2010
- Griffith University - Student Mentor and Leadership Program 2009, 2010
- Griffith University - Introductory Planning Studio Tutor 2009, 2010
- Geckoes Wildlife Presentations – 5 years public speaking and engaging SEQ communities on wildlife and environmental issues

Professional development and recognition
- Urban Research Program, Griffith University, Research Assistant and Joint Author Research Papers 18, 22 & 30

Core skills
- Excellent written and communication skills
- High level of interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management and organisation skills
- Geographic Information Systems, Microsoft Office, Endnote
Julie Hunter

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Career goals
Desire to work as a community development planner, particularly within non-government organisations, to facilitate sustainable community planning and development, and management of natural resources. Future goal to work with communities in developing countries.

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- Academic performance
  - GPA 7 (high distinction for all courses)
  - Griffith Award for Academic Excellence (2007–2010)
  - Head of School Commendation (2007–2010)
  - Planning Institute of Australia Award for Best Performance at Griffith University (2007–2009)
  - KM Hatano Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Leadership and Community Contribution (2009)
  - First Class Honours

- Key work experience
  - Foundation for Development Cooperation - Intern in Gender and Environment Programmes, 2010
  - Volunteers Initiative Nepal, Intern in Women’s Empowerment and Microfinance Programmes, 2009
  - Griffith University - Tutor, Studio Assistant and Research Assistance, 2009–2010

- Professional development and recognition
  - Griffith Honours College Member, Griffith University
  - Student member of Planning Institute of Australia, Gold Coast Advisory Committee, Australian Institute of International Affairs, Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute, and UNIFEM
  - Griffith Certificate in Cross-Cultural Communication

- Core skills
  - Strong leadership, organisational and management skills.
  - Exceptional written and oral communication abilities.
  - Highly developed analytical and critical thinking skills
  - Excellent inter-personal and group work skills
  - Highly productive worker who excels under pressure.

- Personal best
  Receiving a First Class Honours in an area I am passionate about, gender issues in conservation and development in the third world, based on international field research.

Tim Kinny

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Career goals
I will strive to continue developing my understanding of planning, development and sustainability principles. I aim to apply the extensive knowledge gained through tertiary education and extracurricular work, in a challenging professional role.

Referees
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- Academic performance
  - Consistently achieved excellent results, with a distinction average and GPA of 6.0
  - Recipient of Pukyong National University (Korea) exchange scholarship for outstanding achievement (2009)
  - Griffith Award for Academic Excellence (2007, 2008)

- Key work experience
  - Nambucca Shire Council – Junior Planner: key requirements included strategic policy review, statutory planning, development assessment and community consultation
  - Entertainment Industry – Workplace Health and Safety Coordinator (WHSO certified): Key requirements include site inspections and auditing. Arrangement of appropriate training programs and upkeep of documentation.

- Professional development and recognition
  - Member of Australian Organisation for Quality (QLD)
  - Winner – Griffith Innovation Challenge 2010
  - Member of Planning Environment Griffith Students

- Core skills
  - Workplace planning experience and understanding of effective team and public consultation requirements
  - Highly developed written and oral communication skills
  - High proficiency in Microsoft Office, Mac programs and data analysis

- Personal best
  I am proud to have maintained a high grade point average for the duration of the course, whilst retaining demanding job positions and working or studying in the USA, China and Korea. In addition to this, winning the Griffith Innovation Challenge was a once in a lifetime opportunity, considering it is one of Australia’s largest university cash prize competitions.
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Career goals
My aim is to contribute to a sustainable future for the built and natural environment by utilising the multidisciplinary nature of urban and environmental planning. Not only introduces fresh and surprising solutions but also highlights the value and importance of this discipline in shaping our futures.

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Academic performance

Key work experience
- Aspect Studio – Student Planner.
- Gold Coast City Council Planning, Environment and Transport Department – Development Application Assessment Officer – Trainee/Student Planner.

Professional development and recognition
- Founding member and Treasurer: Planning, Architecture and Environmental Griffith Students.
- Peer Mentor: Griffith University Mentoring Program

Core skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to guide and work with a team, exhibiting strong leadership qualities.
- Highly proficient in various software applications (Microsoft Office, Photoshop, GIS, CAD).
- Proficient in QLD and NSW planning systems.

Personal best
Completing my honours thesis and being actively involved in extra-curricular university activities while maintaining a high grade point average.

Michael Lee

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Career goals
Recent urban and environmental planning graduate seeking to utilise my skills gained at university and professional practice and apply them on a permanent basis in a planning discipline to achieve the companies goals.

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Key work experience
- Translink Transit Authority – Student Planner: Detail assessment of development applications, mapping and coding of the Translink network plan, advice for urban design of public transport networks, understanding of public consultation process for key transport infrastructure
- Brisbane City Council – Student Planner: Managed own project, modelled greenhouse emissions, established new networks with Council and private business, recommend ways to reduce emissions.

Professional development and recognition
- Student member Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Establish new networks
- Project and time management skills through professional practice
- Interpret and apply relevant legislation particularly SPA
- Ensure development applications comply with relevant legislation
- Software Microsoft Access, Map Info, ArcGIS
Luke Nixon

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Career goals
To gain experience in a wide range of planning fields that will enable me to further develop and build upon the skills and knowledge gained throughout my degree. I wish to embark on an exciting, yet challenging career that allows me to play a part in shaping the future of the urban environment.

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Academic performance
- Maintained a GPA of 6.5 throughout my degree
- Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2007, 2008, 2009)
- Ecuador Ecotourism Field Course 2009 Prize for First in Class

Key work experience
- Griffith University (2010): Tutor in Introductory Planning Studio
- Gold Coast City Council - Regional and Infrastructure Planning and Urban Design Unit (Jan 2009 - Dec 2010): Student Strategic Planner

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Planning and Environment Griffith Students
- Member, Golden Key International Honour Society
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia
- Peer Mentor, Griffith University Mentoring Program 2008 & 2010

Core skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Highly developed analytical, research, team work and problem solving skills
- High level of competence in Microsoft Office applications
- Familiarity with ArcGIS, Easy Maps and Map Info mapping programs

Personal best
Maintaining consistently high grades throughout my degree whilst undertaking part time employment and participating in an ecotourism field trip to Ecuador.

Mia Potter

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Career goals
To work towards environmental protection and conservation whilst building my skills and expertise in the areas of research and policy development.

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Academic performance
- GPA of 6.42
- IRU EU Exchange Scholarship
- Planning Institute of Australia Award for one of the highest OP scores for a student entering an accredited planning degree in Queensland in 2007
- Certificate II in Business

Key work experience
- GHD Hobart – Student Planner.
- Griffith University Ecology Field Work Experience in Danum Valley, Malaysia.
- Griffith University - Class Tutor, Introductory Planning Studio, Graduate Planning Studio A

Research Projects

Professional development and recognition
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia
- Student member, Environment Institute of Australia
- Alliance of Girls Schools Leadership Conference
- PADI Open Water Diver

Core skills
- Excellent research, communication and organisational skills
- Experienced working independently and as part of a team

Personal best
Completing the honours stream of my degree program.
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Referee
Ken Wilson
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Academic performance
I consistently achieved good results across all field throughout the course of my degree.

Key work experience
- Clarence Valley Council: Feb – April 2010
- Hospitality Industry for 2 years

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Planning and Environment Griffith Students

Core skills
- Ability to work independently or as part of a team
- Well developed research and analytical skills
- Effective communication skills
- Reliable and enthusiastic

Personal best
Successfully completing my degree, managing full-time studies and at the same time managing a heavy part-time workload.

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Career goals
To be involved in interesting and challenging work in both the public and private sectors. I am particularly interested in environmental planning issues and sustainable resource management. I look forward to a diverse and rewarding career in the planning industry, learning and experiencing all that I can.

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Academic performance
I have consistently achieved a high standard of academic performance across all subjects, earning High Distinctions in subjects such as: Urban Analysis, Structure and the Environment and Planning Practice and Law.

Key work experience
Seqwater – Environmental Planning Student (February 2010 – present):
- Catchment planning
- Third party advice provision
- Environmental monitoring
- Data compilation and analysis

Professional development and recognition
- In 2010 my team and I won the Griffith University Innovation Challenge, creating an innovative erosion control product and developing a business plan.
- Member, Planning and Environment Griffith Students
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia

Core skills
- Highly motivated and enthusiastic
- Excellent written and oral skills
- Good knowledge of planning issues, instruments, policies and plans
- Organised and resourceful
- Work well both independently and within a team

Personal best
I have successfully balanced my studies with part-time employment as well as extracurricular activities both within and outside of university. Winning the 2010 Griffith University Innovation Challenge in my final year of study is undoubtedly my greatest achievement.
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Career goals
I wish to further develop my skills in the Social Planning area in order to make a valuable contribution to the shaping of socially inclusive, healthy and liveable cities and communities.

Referee
Luke Baker
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Academic performance
I have maintained a credit average throughout my university career, achieving distinctions in particular areas of interest. My program has allowed me to develop my communication and research skills to a high standard.

Key work experience or community involvement
- Logan City Council: Volunteer contributing to development plans for a built environment that reflects the needs of the community
- Griffith School of Environment Student Mentor and Leadership Program: Volunteer mentor to 1st year Environment students on Nathan Campus 2009
- Australian Conservation Foundation: Member

Core skills
- Professional and enthusiastic attitude
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Organisation skills

Personal best
I have enjoyed a fantastic learning experience completing my degree and volunteering in the professional realm of planning.

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Career goals
I have a strong passion for sustainable development and the need for alternate and effective public transport systems in the South East Queensland Region. I aim to gain employment that will enable me to shape and influence the future growth of the region to ensure that it is managed in a sustainable manner.

Referee
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Academic performance
I have maintained a high standard of marks across all subjects and have achieved distinctions in Understanding Environmental Issues, Planning Systems and Policy Planning. Awarded top marks for my work practicum presentation that was presented to colleagues and industry representatives.

Key work experience
- Brisbane City Council – student planner.
- Worked with the city planning and sustainability team: Key duties included – calculating and conditioning infrastructure charges, development assessment, liaising with clients, report writing and site inspections.

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society.
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Extensive knowledge of the Sustainable Planning Act (2009) and the South East Queensland Regional Plan (2009-2031).
- Proficient use of planning related software such as IBIMAP, DART, CAD, and comprehensive experience in using GIS and remote sensing tools.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent research and analytical skills.
- Strong work ethic, the ability to work effectively as part of a team environment.

Personal best
Consistently obtaining a high level of academic achievement whilst maintaining part-time employment.
Kevin Travers

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Career goals
I aim to pursue my interest in both Open Space and Environmental Planning, challenging current practices in a pursuit to provide better outcomes for natural areas. I aspire to work for an organisation that provides a collaborative and learning environment and encourages innovative ideas and professional growth.

Referees
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Academic performance
I consistently improved my grades throughout my degree, achieving distinctions in several courses including Strategic Planning, Planning Practice and Law and Ecology.

Key work experience
- Gold Coast City Council, Open Space Planner (Jan 2010–present). Key duties include assisting in assessing development applications, OPW Landscape and Civil applications, Sustainability Calculation of Council’s Open Space and MMP approvals.
- Produced an in-depth audit of Open Space within a Master Planned development.

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Planning Environment Griffith
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work autonomously or as part of a team
- Excellent research and problem solving skills
- Strong knowledge of SPA, IDAS and the Development Assessment processes
- Highly proficient on various software applications, including Microsoft Office programs, Mapinfo, EasiMaps, GIS and Outlook

Personal best
Successfully completing this degree whilst working 20 plus hours per week, raising 2 children under 4 years of age and maintaining a credit average is something I am immensely proud of.

Madison van de Velde

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Career goals
I aim to participate in making new developments more sustainable and environmentally friendly. I would also like to help South East Queensland become the most liveable region in the country ensuring a good quality of life.

Referees
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Harvey Norman Computers
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Academic performance
Throughout my academic career I have achieved high standards in all of my written and oral work.

Key work experience or community involvement
- McArthur Planning and Development
- PlanetArk Tree Day each year
- Volunteered at local pre-school for 3 years

Professional development and recognition
- Young Planners – Planning Institute of Australia

Core skills
- Teamwork
- Graphic and design skills
- High level of communication skills, both written and oral

Personal best
I feel I have a high ability to work well in a team environment, these skills have been required through many group projects at high school and at university, working with a team in my profession and participating in many team sports inside and outside of school.
Samuel Watson

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Career goals
My goals are to experience a variety of opportunities in the workplace to enhance my professional skills and capability. I am particularly interested in areas of design, master planning, sustainability, development assessment and natural resources.

Referees
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Boyd Sargeant
Director
Plant Consulting – Ongoing

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society.
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Strong understanding of development assessment processes and legislation.
- Strong computer software capability in: Adobe Design Suite CS3 (e.g. Photoshop, InDesign), GIS, Arcview, MapInfo, SPSS, AutoCAD, AutoDesk Revit Architecture.

Personal best
I have been able to enjoy my time at university whilst maintaining a balance between extra curricular activities, work and my study commitments. I was very proud to improve my grades every semester at university.

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Career goals
To secure a position that will provide me with the challenges and opportunities to apply and refine my strong communication, teamwork, analytical and research skills, enabling me to become an accomplished planner.

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Academic performance
- Sir Samuel Griffith Academic Scholarship Recipient.
- 1st Class Honours Research Project: ‘Adapting Urban Greenspace on the Gold Coast to Offset Projected Climate Change Impacts’.

Key work experience
- SEQ Catchments- Project Officer (NRM & Environmental Planning): primary author and project officer for the creation of an implementation plan for the SEQ Natural Resource Management Plan 2009-2031.
- Griffith University – Research Assistant: conducted transport surveys and performed data entry and analysis. Conducted weekly tutorials for 30 planning students.
- Griffith University – Academic Tutor: planned and conducted weekly tutorials for 30 planning students.

Professional development and recognition
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Advanced analytical and research skills
- Effective at working independently and in a team
- Strong interpersonal and leadership skills
- Advanced oral and written communication skills

Personal best
Receiving a full academic scholarship, numerous academic awards and maintaining a Grade Point Average of 6.75.
An active Professional Advisory board has guided the development of Griffith University’s Urban and Environmental Planning Discipline since inception. Current members of the Board are:

Ms Kristy Albrecht  
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Department of Infrastructure and Planning  
Queensland Government

Mr Kerry Doss  
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Mr Warren Rowe (Chair)  
Director, Planning Environment & Transport  
Gold Coast City Council

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Connell Wagner Pty Ltd, Qld
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Fairfield City Council, Vic
Gatton Shire Council, Qld
GHD Group, Brisbane, Qld
Gold Coast City Council, Qld
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Moreton Bay Regional Council, Qld
New South Wales Department of Planning
Norris, Clarke & O’Brien Pty Ltd, Qld
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Planit Consulting, Brisbane Qld
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Queensland Department of Infrastructure and Planning
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Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Water
Queensland Department of Public Works
Queensland Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry
Queensland Rail
Queensland Transport
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Tong Town Planning, Qld
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