**Griffith Health Vision**

*Promoting Health, Enabling Communities*

Griffith Health will, through leadership and innovation in teaching, research and community engagement, create sustained improvements in all aspects of health and health care for the local, national and international communities.

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**Centre for Medicine and Oral Health**  
**Official Opening**

The $36 million Griffith Centre for Medicine and Oral Health was jointly opened by Premier Beattie with Australian Government Minister assisting the Prime Minister Gary Hardgrave on Friday 1 July.

Located next to the Gold Coast Hospital at Southport the centre is home to the university’s School of Medicine and the School of Dentistry and Oral Health.

Professor O’Connor said the centre would give the next generation of professionals the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues in other disciplines under the one roof and in state-of-the-art facilities.

The centre can house 700 students and 100 staff. Its features include a paperless dental clinic with the latest in on-site radiology, a museum, dental technology lab, histology and pathology facilities, a training ward, and simulation mannequins for life-support training.

Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O’Connor welcomed Premier Peter Beattie’s announcement to fund 235 doctor-training places at Griffith University.

“This is a significant investment in education and training in Queensland,” Professor O’Connor said.

“With the opening of the new Centre for Medicine and Oral Health, this announcement signals such great community support for ongoing growth and investment in our people to boost our health workforce,” he said.

“The university looks forward to working with State Government to have 35 new places available in 2006, growing to 50 new student places in 2007.”

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**From the Office of PVC (Health)**

July has been a busy and exciting month for Griffith Health.

The Centre for Medicine and Oral Health was officially opened by the Hon Premier Beattie and Mr Gary Hardgraves. The opening was well attended and supported by Griffith Health staff and external representatives.

The Centre again opened its doors, this time to the public, for the Griffith Open Day on Sunday 10 July. I personally extend my thanks to all staff who participated in the success of the day.

The new Clinical Sciences 2 building (G16) on the Gold Coast campus has been completed and is now occupied by the Schools of Anatomy, Medical Sciences, Nursing and Midwifery, and Pharmacy.

The pharmacy program (BPharmSc/MPharm) is now listed in the Queensland Pharmacy Legislation as a qualification accepted for entry into the Pharmacy Intern Programme that leads to general pharmacist registration.

**Professor Allan Cripps**  
Pro Vice Chancellor (Health)
School of Psychology
Head of School – Professor Peter Creed
Griffith University initially established two schools of psychology. These were the School of Applied Psychology at Mt Gravatt (commenced 1992) and the School of Applied Psychology at the Gold Coast (established 1995). The two Schools of Psychology merged in January 2005. This new school, situated on the Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses, offers three undergraduate programs in Psychology, a four year program and postgraduate professional training.

The School is comprised of more than 55 staff, including academic, research only and administration staff. There are approximately 800 undergraduate students, 100 postgraduate and 100 research students in the School. The Head of School, Professor Peter Creed, says entry into programs is extremely competitive and the School attracts students of high calibre.

School of Nursing and Midwifery
Head of School – Prof Elizabeth Patterson
The School of Nursing and Midwifery originated from three separate Schools of Nursing initiated on the Gold Coast campus in 1990, Nathan in 1991 and Logan in 1998. After merging into one School of Nursing within the Faculty of Nursing and Health, the School adopted a common curriculum in 2000 across all three campuses. Earlier this year, in line with national trends to recognise Nursing and Midwifery as distinct disciplines, the School changed its name to the School of Nursing and Midwifery. The School has grown rapidly to meet the educational needs of nurses and the health industry in which they work and is currently the second largest School of Nursing and Midwifery in Queensland with close to 1500 students.

The School offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The Bachelor of Nursing is underpinned by an innovative, contemporary philosophy of nursing called Solution Focused Nursing (SFN). This approach offers potential to move nurses beyond a problem-only orientation, developing expert skills, which are both technical and interpersonal and providing strategies which help students learn how to be with clients in ways that are respectful, strategic, creative and empowering. The School offers Graduate Certificate programs in clinical specialty areas, a Master of Midwifery and a Master of Advanced Practice that allows students to specialise in areas such as Community Practice, Critical Care, Emergency Nursing, General Practice Nursing, Gerontology, Infection Control, Mental Health, Palliative Care and Sexual Health.

The School has a strong international focus and also offers post-registration programs in Japan and Singapore. The Bachelor of Nursing (Post Registration) (Nissoken) program for Japanese Registered Nurses has been a unique project of the School’s since 1997. It has involved Griffith staff developing a program to upgrade the educational preparation of Japanese nurses that is delivered in Japan in the Japanese language. There are currently 3 intakes per year in Japan and students who successfully complete the program attend a one-week on campus schooling week at Griffith consisting of workshops, lectures, visits to local hospitals and aged care facilities with the visit culminating in a graduation ceremony.

Australasian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention
WHO Collaborating Centre for Research & Training in Suicide Prevention
Director – Prof Diego De Leo
Founded in 1996, the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention (AISRAP) is at the forefront of suicide research and tertiary education in suicide prevention in Australia and worldwide. The stature gained by the institute is witnessed by the recent appointment of AISRAP (July 2005) by the World Health Organization as a “Collaborating Centre” for research and training in suicide prevention. In this way AISRAP becomes the only WHO-CC dedicated to suicide research in Australia and the second in the world (other based at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm). It is ideally positioned for its key role in the co-ordination of activities in the Asia-Pacific region, with established key collaborative arrangements with Malaysia, Hong Kong and China to facilitate this aim.

The Director of AISRAP, Professor De Leo, has a long-standing relationship with the WHo. He is Principal Advisor for the Global Network on Suicide Prevention, and serves in other WHO committees. Under his guidance, AISRAP has produced high-level research in a multidisciplinary perspective, including the prestigious WHO/SUPRE-MISS. The Institute maintains the Queensland Suicide Register, which comprises unique data on all suicides in Queensland since 1994.

The Centre also offers postgraduate programs, including the Graduate Certificate in Suicide Prevention Studies and the Masters in Suicidology, the first programs of their kind available in the world. The Life Promotion Clinic is a recent addition to the Centre. It provides clinical treatment for suicidal persons, a training environment for registrar psychiatrists, and a research program for investigations regarding treatment effectiveness in suicide prevention.

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**Staff Profiles**

**Dr Allison Waters**

**BSS(Psych) QUT, BA(Hons) Qld, PhD Qld, MAPS**

**Lecturer, School of Psychology**

Dr Allison Waters was appointed as Lecturer in Clinical Psychology within the School of Psychology, Griffith University, Gold Coast campus in April 2004. Prior to this, she worked as a Post-Doctoral Researcher in the Anxiety Disorders Behavioural Research Program within the Department of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles since 2002. During her post-doctoral work, she was involved in research projects examining psychophysiological markers of risk for anxiety disorders in children, the emergence of emotional disorders in adolescents during the transition to early adulthood in a longitudinal design, and psychophysiological characteristics of adults with irritable bowel syndrome. She continues to be involved in these research projects and maintains ongoing collaborations with researchers at UCLA.

Prior to her Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Dr Waters completed her PhD in Clinical Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours within the School of Psychology, University of Queensland. Her doctoral research focused on the role of information processing biases in childhood anxiety disorders and her ongoing research interests focus on factors which contribute to the development and maintenance of anxiety disorders in youths.

Since commencing within School of Psychology, Griffith University, Dr Waters has established the Youth Action Program, which is a clinical research program focused on the assessment and treatment of youths with anxiety disorders as well as the examination of psychophysiological, cognitive and emotional factors involved in the causation and maintenance of anxiety disorders in youths. She is the Director of the Nyunga Centre for Student and Family Support, a joint initiative between School of Psychology and Catholic Education, which provides clinical psychology services to students attending Catholic Education schools in the Gold Coast region. Dr Waters teaches Child and Adolescent Psychopathology and Child and Adolescent Assessment in the clinical psychology postgraduate program and Abnormal Psychology in the undergraduate psychology program. She also supervises clinical psychology interns and research higher degree students within School of Psychology.

**Professor Sally Borbasi**

**School of Nursing and Midwifery**

Professor Sally Borbasi registered as a nurse in the field of disability and later general nursing in the 1970s in South Australia. She then moved to Sydney where she worked in intensive/coronary care while completing a post basic critical care certificate from the NSW College of Nursing. In the 1980s she completed a Diploma of Teaching (Nursing) through Sydney CAE and was employed there as a lecturer in nursing. In 1990 she became an academic at the University of Sydney by which stage she had completed a Bachelor of Education (Nsing) and had embarked on a MA(Educ) through Macquarie University. In 1996 she graduated with a PhD from the University of Sydney. Sally subsequently moved back to Adelaide to take up a position in the newly established Dept. of Clinical Nursing at the University of Adelaide. The Department provided only full fee paying post-graduate education including Australia’s first professional doctorate in nursing which Sally co-ordinated. In 1999 she moved to the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Flinders University, where her first assignment was to develop, implement and coordinate a masters program specifically designed for international critical care students. She has also recently completed a project funded through an innovative teaching grant that brought social work and nursing students together in workplace learning. Her research interests cover a wide range of issues around health care delivery including the experience of people with lymphoedema; end-of-life decision making in people with heart failure; care of patients with dementia in acute settings and quality of life for people with a disability. Sally has a particular interest in qualitative research design, particularly the phenomenologies and more lately arts based expressive research. Sally is looking forward to providing research support and mentoring to students and staff in nursing at Logan and strengthening research capacity and ties with industry partners and the local community. In addition, she hopes to work with colleagues from other disciplines in collaborative teaching and research endeavours.

**School of Nursing and Midwifery (contd from Page 2)**

To date 730 students have graduated from the Bachelors program with another 40 graduating in August. Since 2003 the School has offered the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration) (Singapore) program. The aims of the program are to provide Singapore based registered nurses with a Post Registration undergraduate degree qualification, which is recognised both in Australia and Singapore. This program is conducted in Singapore in English. In second semester this year, a Master of Nursing (Nissoken) will be introduced with a first intake of 24 students. Students from this program and those graduating from the BN (Nissoken) will be on campus together for one week in early August.

The Research Centre for Clinical Practice Innovation, headed by Professor Wendy Chaboyer and located in the School, conducts rigorous, multi-method, collaborative research that leads to better health services, improved patient outcomes and enhanced workforce capacity. The Centre focuses on the development of practices that are innovative and evidenced-based. Clinical areas of focus include critical and acute care, home and community care, mental health, women’s health and education.

Currently the School has 46 academic staff (including 5 joint appointments with clinical agencies) and 17 administrative staff and is headed by Dr Elizabeth Patterson, Dean and Head; Dr Marie Cooke, Deputy Head Nathan Campus; Dr Chris Purcell, Deputy Head Logan Campus; and, Dr Winsome St John, Deputy Head Gold Coast Campus.
Dean Teaching and Learning Report

A Discipline Review of Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry will be undertaken shortly to review the learning needs in the three disciplines for all programs across the Group, how they are taught into the professional programs and to advise how this might be done more effectively and efficiently. The Griffith Learning and Teaching Committee (GHLTTC) has produced the draft Terms of Reference and nominated external members for the Review Panel for the Pro Vice-Chancellor’s consideration. I expect the Review Panel to make final recommendations to the September Health Group Board.

Information is being collected from Health schools regarding immunisation-related procedures, with the view to develop a standard set of immunisation requirements in the Health Group.

Program monitoring is occurring from June to August for undergraduate programs in the Health Group with an emphasis on performance indicators to consider strategic adjustments to programs if necessary. Heads of Schools and Deans would have by now prepared the Annual Program Monitoring (APM) Reports for the 2004. The process from here involves Faculty Board’s consideration before being forwarded to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), Professor John Dewar.

Professor Stephanie Short

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SOCIAL WORK ACCREDITATION

The Australian Association of Social Workers has granted accreditation for the new Bachelor of Social Work degree commencing at Griffith University in 2006. Accreditation is effective until the graduation of the first cohort of students in late 2007, when the program will be reviewed.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Research Centre for Clinical Practice Innovation (RCCPI)

- Dr Denise Polit will be visiting the RCCPI from the end of September until the middle of November under the Sir Allan Sewell Visiting Fellowship Scheme. Dr Polit is the executive director of Humanalysis, Inc in New York and will be conducting seminars and workshops as well as collaborating with research staff.
- Dr Gerry Richardson, a research fellow at York University (UK) will be visiting the RCCPI from late September to Mid-December. Gerry will be an economic consultant during his period of stay.

Staff News

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

School of Medical Science: Dr Alfreda Stadlin, Senior Lecturer
School of Nursing and Midwifery (Gold Coast campus): Dr Graham Browne - Lecturer, Dr Melanie Jessup - Associate Lecturer, Liz Neary - Administrative Assistant International, Colleen Mulholland - Clinical Placements Officer
School of Pharmacy: Dr Peter Johnson, Lecturer, Mrs Nicola Shapland, Lecturer, Mrs Joan Whitham, School Secretary
School of Public Health: Dr Tony Shadwell - Lecturer, Dr Claire Brown - Lecturer
Griffith Health Executive: Mr Matthew Ho, Web Designer, Ms Alicia Nudl, Receptionist

FAREWELL

It was with great sadness that the School of Nursing and Midwifery said goodbye to a great leader, mentor and friend in Professor Anne McMurray. Anne had been the Dean, Faculty of Nursing and Health for most of her career in the School of Nursing. Anne has taken up a new position with Murdoch University in WA.

ACTIVITIES, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Congratulations to Marianne Walls on her recent promotion to Professor as well as Clare Fenwick, Ramon Shaban and Dr Philippa Seaton-Sykes on their promotions to Lecturer.
- A/Prof Brett Myors recently convened the 6th Australian Industrial and Organisational Psychology Conference held on the Gold Coast 30 June - 3 July.
- Professor Lyn Griffiths, Director, Genomics Research Centre and Head, School of Medical Science, has been reappointed to the Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research for a further three year term.

Conferences / Events

Human Services and Health Practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Gathering 5 August 2005.
Further information: Email a.ingamells@griffith.edu.au

6th International Mental Health Conference 2-4 September 2005, Conrad Jupiters, Gold Coast.


Annual Health and Medical Research Conference of Queensland 3-4 November 2005, Hilton Hotel, Brisbane.

Research: Funded Projects

Boschen M. Memory confidence and responsibility perceptions in compulsive checking. GPHRC (2005:$5,000).


Dawe S. Dissemination of the Parents Under Pressure Program (Queensland). QHealth (2005:$186,000).


Fenwick C, Chaboyer W, St John W. What are the decision making processes that underpin the self management of persistent pain. QNC (2005-06: $4952).


Tilbury, C. Kinship care and the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers in the child protection system. GUICS (2005:$15,000).


Conference Presentations


Cartmel J. Schools and outside school hours care services sharing spaces. European Network for School Age Care Conference Copenhagen, Denmark, 16-18 June 2005.


Flowers K & St John W. The role of the clinical laboratory in learning family nursing skills. 7th International Family Nursing Conference. Vancouver, Canada, 1-4 June 2005.


Publications


