Vice Chancellor's Report to Council
Monday 7 August 2006

Griffith welcomed the Government’s announcement in July detailing the allocation of additional student places across Australian Universities. Griffith was allocated a total of 250 student places in the medical and health related areas as well as places in engineering, science and secondary education.

Despite forecasts of bad weather, Griffith University Open Day on Sunday 16 July was a resounding success with over 17,000 people visiting Griffith campuses at Nathan, South Bank, Logan and the Gold Coast. Visitor numbers were high at Nathan and Gold Coast campuses while visitor numbers at the Logan and Southbank campuses were steady throughout the day. Once again the Centre for Medicine and Oral Health at the Gold Coast proved very popular attracting a large numbers of visitors.

Griffith has been very successful in obtaining a number of research grants in recent months in its designated areas of research strength. Griffith was awarded $10 million in funding from the Queensland Government’s Smart State Innovative Building Fund to construct a new Smart Water Research Facility at the Gold Coast campus. The Gold Coast City Council will contribute an additional $4 million. Also of significance was the decision by the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) to fund a Professorial Chair at Griffith’s new School of Environmental Planning at the Gold Coast Campus. A further announcement by the Australian Environment Minister, Senator The Honourable Ian Campbell awarded $8m over four years to fund a Commonwealth Environment Research Facility (CERF) which will see the establishment of a Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRACK) Research Hub spearheaded by Griffith University. (Further details on Griffith’s research grant success are detailed in the research section below.)

These grants, coupled with the $22 million for Alan Mackay Sim’s adult stem cell research bring the total to almost $50 million of additional external resources to support our key research activities.

On Monday 19 June, Professor Xu Zhihong, the President of Peking University – China’s number one university – officially opened the Australian end of the Peking University Griffith University Research and Learning Centre. The collaboration builds on the close relationships developed by Professor Cordia Chu in the area of Environment and Population Health and efforts of the Pro Vice Chancellor (International), Mr Chris Madden and his staff. As a result of his visit Professor Xu Zhihong committed to extending the areas to include Biosecurity and Applied Linguistics.

The significance of this joint centre cannot be underestimated. Peking University receives thousands of visits per year. In their presentation to Griffith the International Director’s list of other key collaborations included Stanford, Yale and University of Michigan. Their selection of Griffith as a partner reflects their assessment of our actual and potential strengths. This academic collaboration between institutions is crucial to the next phase of internationalisation.

(Attachment 1)

Two major events on the Gold Coast Campus gave expression to our commitment to build the external reputation and engagement of Griffith University.

The first was the Inaugural Nobel Laureate Lecture. Around 250 people turned out to hear Nobel Laureate Professor Peter Doherty, winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Medicine, speak at the Gold Coast campus on Wednesday 28 June. The Griffith Nobel laureate lecture will be held annually on the Gold Coast. Professor Doherty, the 1997 Australian of the Year, spoke about the role of science in protecting humanity principally from infectious diseases. He presented an informative history of infectious diseases, from the Black Plague through to HIV AIDS, SARS and
the current threat of bird flu. Since being named Australian of the Year in 1997 Professor Doherty has been commuting between St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Melbourne. Today, his research is mainly in the area of defence against viruses. The Gold Coast Bulletin gave extensive coverage of the lecture, as well as publishing an extraordinarily positive editorial about Griffith (Attachment 2).

The Gold Coast campus also hosted a public forum ‘DNA: Changing the Face of the Criminal Justice system – Convicting the Guilty, Freeing the Innocent’ on 7 July. Panellists included Commissioner Bob Atkinson APM, Queensland Police Service, Gold Coast based criminal lawyer, Mr Chris Nyst, Mr Rubin “Hurricane” Carter, celebrated justice advocate (via video link from Canada) and Mr Rob Davis, President of the Queensland Law Society. The Forum was facilitated by Ms Anna Reynolds and attracted a capacity audience of 280 people. The Forum canvassed issues associated with the use of DNA evidence to exonerate those wrongfully convicted. It is important to acknowledge the work of the Organising Committee which included Mr Alan Rickard and Ms Ann Robilotta-Glenister from the Gold Coast Advisory Council.

Of significant importance for the profiling of the University was our sponsorship of the Brisbane Festival – Earth Dialogues during July. Earth Dialogues is a world forum for sustainable development, climate change and resource management and is chaired by Mikhail Gorbachov, in association with Green Cross International and the Gorbachov Foundation. The University played a significant role in the Earth Dialogues program with a number of key academic staff participating in panel discussions throughout the weekend event. As Leadership Partner in the Earth Dialogues Forum, the University hosted a dinner for 80 guests on Friday 21 July 2006. Those in attendance included the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Major General Michael Jeffery, the Premier of Queensland, the Honourable Peter Beattie MP and The Right Honourable Campbell Newham, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, President Mikhail Gorbachov, Alexander Likhotol, President and CEO of Greencross International and Lyndon Terracini, Artistic Director of the Brisbane Festival. Also joining the dinner were six Nobel peace laureates and a number of key academic staff from Griffith University including the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor, Professor John Dewar, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Professor Marilyn McMeniman, Pro Vice Chancellor (Arts, Education & Law), Professor Lex Brown, Dean Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Professor Brendan Gleeson, Urban Research Program, Professor Pat Troy, Urban Research Program, Professor Michael Wesley, Director Griffith Asia Institute, Professor Stuart Bunn, Director of the Centre for Riverine Landscape, Professor Cordia Chu, Director of the Centre for Environment and Population Health, and Ms Cheryl Paten, School of Engineering.
Two major new facilities were opened in the past month. The new International Building on the Mt Gravatt Campus (M14) was officially opened on 15 June by the Chancellor and The Honourable Tom Burns, AO. The International Building is home to the Griffith Language Institute and the Queensland Institute of Business Technology. The Queensland Premier officially opened the new Queensland Microtechnology Facility (QMF) early July. The research facility will develop the next generation of computer chip technology that will revolutionise computers, mobile phones and other devices. (Attachment 3)

The Commonwealth Government continues to release a range of policy proposal for higher education. Other than a call for “diversity”, they embody some contradictory policy directions. Council may be interested in the Griffith contribution to the public discussion (Attachment 4)

It is 12 months since Council endorsed the next phase strategic plan. A progress report on implementation of actions arising from the University's Strategic Plan 2006-2010 is attached. (Attachment 5)

Research
Grant Success for Griffith University
As noted above, Griffith was awarded $10 million in funding from the Queensland Government’s Smart State Innovative Building Fund to construct a new Smart Water Research Facility at the Gold Coast campus. Research will focus on sustainable water supplies, safeguarding water quality and exploring alternative water sources. Griffith University and Gold Coast City Council will contribute $4 million each to create the $18 million, state of the art facility.

Also of long term significance was the decision by the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) to fund a Professorial Chair at Griffith’s new School of Environmental Planning at the Gold Coast campus. The GCCC funded chair will work with Council on managing the rapid growth of the Gold Coast Region. Professor Brendan Gleeson, Director, Urban Research Program and the new Gold Coast Chair in Urban Management will jointly direct a new Council funded Research Program on Gold Coast Land Use and Transport Issues.

On 7 June the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors, The Honourable Warren Pitt, confirmed that in excess of $1.3 million would be provided to the Griffith Adolescent Forensic Assessment and Treatment Centre, headed by Associate Professor Stephen Smallbone, to continue and grow its operations over the next three years. Professor Ross Homel, Dr Kate Freiberg and long-standing Pathways partners Mission Australia have been awarded $890,000 for the Pathways to Prevention service in the Inala region to strengthen their early intervention work with vulnerable children and families.

In June the Australian Environment Minister, Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell announced an $8 million Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities (CERF) grant over four years to establish a Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRACK) research Hub spearheaded by Griffith University. In addition, Land & Water Australia will contribute $2.9 million in funding, with other partners providing a further $0.4 million.

In another recent announcement, the Queensland Premier awarded $356,000 in State Government funding, for a pioneering study of biodiversity in South East Queensland to identify signs of climate change. The Biodiversity at the Heights (BATH) project is a unique international study of fauna and insects in Lamington National Park in the Gold Coast hinterland. Griffith will contribute $180,000 to the two year project, which is expected to use, for the first time in Australia, a canopy glider to enable scientists to study the rainforest from the air.

Dr Mohamad Abdalla from the Griffith Islamic Research Unit has been awarded $35,000 from Multicultural Affairs Queensland for a project exploring the media and Islam in Australia while Associate Professor Lorraine Mazerolle has been awarded $80,000 by the Australian Institute for Criminology.

Staff in the School of Arts, Media and Culture were recently awarded a grant worth over $150,000 for a project with and for the CFMEU, ‘Mining Women and Miner’s Women’. The project will include collecting data from nine very different Queensland mining towns.
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Grants
Griffith University was awarded four ARC Linkage Grants as detailed:

- Professor Chris Auld and A/Professor Graham Cuskelly, Griffith Business School were awarded $64,000 over four years for their project titled “An Investigation into Factors Influencing Coach Retention and Coaching Career Pathways”.
- Professor Beverley Sparks, Dr Graham Bradley and Dr Grace Pan, Griffith Business School were awarded $143,000 over four years for their project titled “Conceptualisation and Measurement of Customer Value: An Application to the Timeshare Industry”.
- Dr Anna Stewart, Dr Susan Dennison, Dr Stefano Occhipinti and Professor Christine Smith were awarded $219,002 over four years for their project titled “Understanding and Costing Offending Trajectories: Creating an Evidence-Base for Targeting Crime”.
- Professor Claire Wyatt-Smith was awarded $280,000 over four years for her project titled “Investigating Standards-driven Reform in Assessment in the Middle Years of Schooling”.

Research Quality Framework
The Honourable Julie Bishop, Minister for Education Science and Training, recently announced that the first Australian Research Quality Framework exercise will require universities to report in 2008, determining research block funding from 2009-2014. The second RQF exercise will be in 2014, affecting funding from 2015. This leaves the rest of 2006 and all of 2007 for the University to collect data, plan Research Groupings and conduct a trial audit in collaboration with the other Innovative Research Universities.

The Minister is committed to introducing the RQF and to including measurement of the broader societal impact of research. However, there are as yet no new details about process, as these are being considered by the RQF Development Advisory Group set up by the Minister in March 2006, and its working parties on Metrics, Impact, Information Technology and Modelling which the RQFDAG established at its first meeting. Details of the form and processes of the RQF itself are anticipated in October this year.

Learning

New Medicine and Health Places
The Government announced the allocation of a further 2,850 university places in medicine, nursing, mental health and other health related disciplines at Australia’s universities. Griffith was allocated a total of 250 student places across our medical and health related degrees as well as places for Engineering, Science and Secondary Education as detailed below. Of those allocated, 200 places are located at the Gold Coast campus.

Nursing – 20 places  
Clinical Psychology – 30 places  
Mental Health Nursing – 20 places  
Medical Science – 30 places  
Oral Health – 20 places  
Midwifery – 10 places  
Medicine – 70 places  
Science – 20 places  
Engineering – 10 places  
Secondary Education – 20 places

The Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship Scheme
In May I reported to Council on the University’s major initiative to strategically rebuild its relationships with Schools through the Griffith Connect – valued partners program. This strategy is linked to the launch of a new scholarships program – the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships and enrichment programs for high achieving students.

The Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship Scheme will be supported by both central funds and by Group funds. Each Group is expected, as part of its allocation of resources to support objectives in the Griffith Strategic Plan, to provide funding for a minimum of 5 scholarships per year in the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship Scheme. The Scheme will enable Groups to target high performing students.
students who are in the OP1 – 6 range plus non-school leavers, and who may come from partner schools. The Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship Scheme comprised a total of 70 scholarships per year which provide either:

- $5,000 per year for the duration of the student’s program up to four years (30 scholarships). The Scholarships will be “front weighted” with the first year being $7,000 and the three subsequent years being $4,500; OR
- A fully maintained laptop computer, plus $2,000 per year for the duration of the student’s program, up to four years (10 scholarships); OR
- Exemption from the student contribution (HECS) for the duration of the student’s program, up a maximum of 4 EFTSL (30 scholarships).

**Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program**

Griffith University has been selected as one of eight Australian universities to participate in the “Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program”. Students can apply for an 8-week internship/work placement within a US congressional office, where interns work directly with a Congressman/Congresswoman and are accorded unique access to the US political system. The internship takes place during January and February 2007. At least one Griffith student has been selected for one of the 12 placements available. Over 60 students applied from all the Australian universities.

**School of Dentistry and Oral Health - Accreditation**

Two recent visits from the accreditation team appointed by the Australian Dental Council have led to most complimentary and enthusiastic reports, recommending Full Accreditation of the Bachelor of Oral Health Programmes in Dental Science and Oral Health Therapy. All dental technology programs are fully Accredited by their accrediting body.

**Establishment of the Griffith University Clinical Dental Service**

The Health Minister, The Honourable Stephen Robertson visited the School of Dentistry and Oral Health on 4th July to announce a major package which will allow the School to provide care for 700 eligible Gold Coast patients in 2006-2007, rising to 2,500 a year by 2008. This represents an investment of $800,000 this year, rising to $1.9 million pa by 2009-2010.

**Carrick Australian Awards for University**

Seven Griffith University staff have been named in the 2006 Carrick Awards for Australian University Teaching Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. The Carrick Institute established the Citations this year in recognition of the diverse contribution that individuals and teams of university staff make to the quality of student learning.

Professor Ross Guest, Griffith Business School was recognised for his research-led approach to learning. Dr Susan Eisenchlas and Dr Sue Travaskes from the School of Language and Linguistics were described as “exceptional teachers” and were also lauded for shaping students’ critical thinking and challenging their existing knowledge, beliefs and values. Also in the School of Language and Linguistics, lecturer Dr Cristina Poyatos Matas was extolled for her work in helping research students, particularly doctoral students in the Arts and Social Science achieve work-life balance.

Karen van Haeringen, Head of the Secretariat, was cited for her institutional leadership in the development of a range of program and course management innovations. In the Griffith Law School, lecturer Phillip Rodgers-Falk was recognised for his work in “indigenising” the law studies curriculum, and for acting as an advocate for indigenous issues within the School.

Professor Parlo Singh, Head School of Education and Professional Studies was cited for her sustained, all-round excellence in Higher Degree Research student training and supervision, in the discipline of education.

The University submitted nine applications for the Carrick Awards for Australian University Teaching including five applications for Awards for Teaching Excellence and four applications for Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning on Friday 14 July.
Awards for Teaching Excellence
Humanities and the Arts category
Sam Di Mauro, Queensland College of Art - Belonging by Design

Social Sciences (includes Education) Category
Dr Keithia Wilson, School of Psychology - Be the Change You Want to See

Team Teaching Category
Dr Bridget Cullen Mandikos and Heather Douglas, Griffith Law School - Teaming Up to Integrate Procedural and Substantive Law

Indigenous Education, for receipt of the Neville Bonner Award/s Category
Phillip Rodgers-Falk, Griffith Law School - Indigenous Legal Education for Transformative Leadership in Australia

Early Career Academic Category
Dr Dianne Dredge, School of Environmental Planning - Planning Sustainable Communities for Learning and for Life

Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning
Educational Partnerships and Collaborations with other Organisations Category
Coming of Age – U3A and Griffith University. Celebrating 21 years of an inclusive learning partnership for older persons

Assessment and Feedback Category
Learning Graduate Skills Through Group, Peer and Self Assessment

Postgraduate Education Category
Statistics and Research Design Support (STARDS)

Innovation in Curricula, Learning and Teaching Category
Circles of Change: Challenging Orthodoxy in Practitioner Supervision

Carrick Fellowships
The University has forwarded applications for the 2006 Carrick Fellowships for Associate Professor Stephen Billett, School of Vocational, Technology and Arts Education and Professor Michelle Barker, Department of Management.

Carrick Grants – Leadership, Competitive and Priority
Griffith was successful in receiving grants in the Leadership and Priority Grant categories. Professor Debra Creedy, in conjunction with Queensland Health, has received funding for a Leadership Grant, “Leading for effective partnering in clinical contexts” ($174,000). Megan Dalton, Senior Lecturer in the School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science, has received a Priority Program Grant of $130,000, for the “Development of the Clinical Assessment of Physiotherapy Skills (CAPS): A standardised and valid approach to assessment of clinical competence in physiotherapy”.

Course Outline Project
Following the introduction of the new approach to course outlines this year, over 350 students from courses representing a range of disciplines were surveyed following Semester 1, Week 3 lectures about the accessibility, format, and content of the Course Outline for the course they had just attended. Analysis of responses has indicated that 80% of students accessed the Course Outline ahead of the commencement of semester, 95% of those who accessed it reported that this was useful and 31% indicated that early access to the Course Outline affected their decision-making about enrolment. In open text responses students requested even earlier publication and availability of Course Outlines to assist them with their study plans.

Seventy percent of semester 2 course outlines had been submitted to the Course Outline System by the end of week 15 of semester 1 and a week before the commencement of semester 2, 88% of the University’s Course Outlines were available through the Course Catalogue. The semester
2, 2006 experience is similar to that in the semester 2, 2005 pilot in which seven schools participated.

**People: Staff**

Griffith welcomes its new science and technology leader with the appointment of Professor Ned Pankhurst as the new Pro Vice Chancellor (Science and Technology). Professor Pankhurst is a key strategist who will bring vision and leadership to teaching, research and management in the science and technology fields. Professor Pankhurst commences his appointment on 25 September 2006.

Griffith was ranked among the top ten Australian workplaces (and the top university) for offering staff a good work-life balance, according to a survey released in May by independent consultants Managing Work/Life Balance International. Griffith was ranked eighth out of 410 organisations.

**Next Phase Appointments**

There continues to be activity associated with the recruitment and selection process associated with the University’s Next Phase Appointments. Interviews have taken place for positions in Water Science, Structural Chemistry and Democracy and Society. In all cases, offers of appointment have been made. Details on the outcome of this activity will be reported at the next Council meeting.

**Professorial Appointments**

A number of professorial appointments have been made since our last meeting. (Attachment 6)

**New Senior Administrative Appointments**

The Academic Registrar, Dr Lyn Holman was farewelled recently after 16 years loyal service to the University. Dr Holman faced some of the most difficult challenges during her service to the University – the 1997 restructure, the implementation of PeopleSoft, the introduction of Nelson reforms and the preparations for the AUQA audit. Dr Holman provided outstanding service to the University.

Dr Richard Armour will replace Dr Lyn Holman as Academic Registrar and will take up the position on 1 September. Dr Armour is currently the Registrar of the Open University of Hong Kong. He was previously the Director of Academic Planning and Senior Assistant Registrar at the City University of Hong Kong, and has also held the positions of Secretary and Registrar at Queen Margaret University College (Edinburgh), Senior Assistant Registrar at the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow) and Deputy Registrar at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Ms Anne Gribbin commenced her appointment as the Director, Alumni & Development on 29 May. Ms Gribbin comes from the University of Adelaide where she held the position of Director, Development and Alumni. She holds a BA from Deakin University and a BEd from the University of Tasmania. She also holds a Graduate Certificate of Business Administration, Graduate Diploma of Organisational Behaviour and an MBA from Swinburne University. She is currently undertaking PhD studies at the University of Adelaide.

Ms Wendy Marchment has commenced her appointment as the Director, Quality, Planning and Statistics. Ms Marchment comes from the University of Adelaide where she held the position of Director, Planning and Services. She was formerly manager of the management information group at the University of Adelaide, manager of statistics and planning at the Australian National University, head of the planning and services unit at Flinders University and the senior statistics officer at Northern Territory University, as it then was. Ms Marchment has experience across a wide range of the responsibilities of the Quality, Planning and Statistics Unit, but she has particular expertise in survey management. Wendy is currently president of the Australian Association of Institutional Research.

**People: Students**

The Premier recently announced the latest list of “Growing the Smart State PhD Program” recipients. Seven Griffith students were successful in this funding round. The PhD grants, which
began in 2002, are helping Queensland stay a step ahead of the rest of the world in a range of academic disciplines. The researchers to receive funding in this round are working in areas relevant to Queensland’s future. The Growing the Smart State PhD Program grants are up to $15,000 each and payable over three years. In addition to the funding, each student is assigned a mentor in a Queensland Government agency who provides useful access to Government networks. Students are required to provide a final paper outlining the policy implications of their research. Recipients were:

Samantha Batchelor – Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance
Robert Huston and Steve Smith – School of Australian Environmental Studies
Kerry Kriger and Darrell Strauss – School of Environmental and Applied Science
David Price – School of Business
David Walker – School of Public Health

Brieley Cutting, a Master of Music student recently won the national Young Performers Award for Keyboard in Adelaide. Following her performance of Prokofiev’s Piano Concerto No. 3 in C, Op.26, Brieley was awarded a Young Performers Award of $5,000 and progresses to Stage 4, the Grand Final, which will be held in September. As a winner of the Keyboard Section she was also awarded the David Paul Landa Scholarship of $25,000.

Claire Delgliesh and Stacey Joseph were presented with the Award of Merit for Emerging Student designers in the Graphic Design Category for the design of publication ‘Photographic Student Catalogue 2005’ at the Queensland Design Awards. Kathrin Kohl received a Commendation for Emerging Student Designers in the Graphic Design Category, and a Highly Commended at the Museums Australia Multimedia and Publication Design Awards (MAPDA) for the design of the catalogue ‘Echoes of Home’ for the Museum of Brisbane. These projects and design were developed in Liveworm Studio, the in-house design studio of the Queensland College of Art.

Overseas Graduations
In May I travelled overseas to attend two graduation ceremonies in Taiwan and China respectively. At a ceremony in Taipei, 20 graduates including one PhD and a Doctor of Education received their degrees. At a separate ceremony, the University awarded an Honorary Doctorate to the Venerable Master Hsing Yun in Kaohsiung, which was attended by over 2000 people, at the Fo Guang Shan Temple. A graduation ceremony was also held in Beijing where the University presented over 30 graduates with their respective degrees.

Physical facilities and information resources

Gold Coast
The Centre for Medicine and Oral Health (GH1) recently received a number of building awards. The first was from the Australian Institute of Builders at the 2006 Queensland Professional Excellence in Building Awards, for the Professional Excellence Award for Commercial Construction $10m to $50m. The Australian Institute of Builders is a professional association which has membership of most of the construction companies in Australia. The second award was a Commendation in the Gold Coast Regional Awards of the Australian Institute of Architects.

At the Masters Builders Association Awards ceremony for the Gold Coast Region, the Centre for Medicine and Oral Health (GH1) received the Award for Educational Buildings over $10m as well as the top award of Project of the Year. Arts and Education 1 (G30) received the Award for Office Buildings over $10m as well as the Award for Construction Workplace Health and Safety. Clinical Sciences 2 (G16) received the Award for Best Environmental Building over $10m.

Mt Gravatt Lecture Theatres
A number of lecture theatres at Mt Gravatt have been upgraded with new seats and cosmetic finishes to provide some attractive facilities. In most cases extra seats have been able to be included.
Southbank
Webb Centre
A 24 seat open access and bookable learning centre has been provided in an under-utilised laboratory computer room.

Energy Conservation
The graphs on energy consumption and cost for comparable periods and per day from 2003 to 2006 are shown below.

[Graph showing YTD Electricity Consumption and Cost]
While the consumption and costs have increased in absolute terms, the rate per square metre and per EFTSU has remained relatively constant indicating that the driver is size.

Water Management
For the last four years, the University has implemented Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) by upgrading our Design Guidelines with the requirements that all new buildings and refurbishments must include the installation of water saving devices such as:

- Waterless urinals - a URIDAN water-free urinal saves approximately 65,000 litres of water per year.
- Rainwater storage tanks for irrigation and toilet flushing.
- Dual flush toilets.
- Air-cooled chillers to avoid cooling tower water use.
- Push button timed taps.

In addition, the University has adopted the following strategies to the issues relating to water saving.

- By increasing water awareness in the University’s community through the Environment Awareness Week activities held at all campuses.
- By conducting the “Dob a Drip” campaign to involve the University's community in reporting leaking taps and cisterns.
- By retrofitting of meters to a number of buildings at Nathan Campus, which will allow the accurate auditing of water consumption and the focusing on large users.
- By planning for water audits to be conducted in the residences and laboratories to identify areas where savings can be made.

The following charts show how some of our efforts are beginning to pay off by comparing consumption and costs for the first and second quarters from 2003 through to 2006. It should be noted that costs will increase dramatically even in the face of consumption reductions because of the way water charges will increase.
Capital works
Gold Coast
Student Residential Village
Construction has commenced on site. The area for the Village has been cleared and Infrastructure Services are being installed.

G31, Arts and Education 2
Internal work is now completed and furniture has been installed. External works have been hampered by the rain in the last week of June; however this will not prevent staff from moving in during the second week of July with the building being operational by beginning of second semester.
G33 Student Centre
Construction is underway for the Student Centre with foundations, ground floor slab and retaining walls now completed.

G34 Administration Building
In-ground services have commenced for this building with piled footings also underway.
Nathan
ESKITIS Institute for Cell and Molecular Therapies
Sketch plans have been developed for this project and application for Development Approval (DA) has been lodged with the Brisbane City Council. This project is subject to BCC planning controls as it is not on the University’s Nathan campus. We believe that the DA is now imminent.

Southbank
Griffith Film School
Work is now progressing very well on the first stage refurbishment of the former South Brisbane Post Office and Library as the Griffith Film School. Most demolition work has been completed and construction of the new lift and new spaces has begun. Work is not immediately obvious from Stanley Street but some evidence can be noted from Little Dock Street.

Information Services
Online enrolment for Second Semester 2006
Since the last report, a major achievement has been the successful completion of the online program and tutorial enrolment process for second semester 2006. This two-day period (7 and 8 June this year) provides the most intensive processing load on Griffith systems for the entire year and is a great example of Information Services and Student Administration staff working together for a successful outcome. The metrics provided below give an indication of the level of activity:

- 3,729 students enrolled on Day 1 during the first two hours.
- 5,056 students enrolled on Day 2 during the first two hours.
- 14,908 students had enrolled by the end of the two days.
- The Griffith Portal peaked at in excess of 5,000 students logged on concurrently.
46,761 enrolment transactions were undertaken in these two two-hour periods.
In excess of 10,000 personal individual timetables where built and delivered electronically in the first hour of Day 2.
There were approximately 400,000 hits on the Program Catalogue in the first 4 hours of Day 2.
There were in excess of 17,000 logins to the Griffith Portal in the first two hours of Day 2. This compares to an average of less than 1,000 logins per hour on a “normal” day.

Useability of the Griffith Portal
Information Services conducted a survey of the Griffith Portal in June this year. Griffith staff and students were asked to rate the useability of the portal using a number of descriptors (see Table 1 below). Respondents were also asked to make suggestions for improving the portal and to identify additional services that could be provided via the portal.

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Overall, how do you rate the ease of use of the Griffith Portal
3.57 3.46

The results from this survey will be fed into the Web Collection Enhancement Project. This project has been established to take a holistic approach to improving the Griffith web site and involves:

- Implementing a new Content Management System;
- Designing new Corporate Website Content Templates;
- Redeveloping the Griffith Intranet (including the Griffith Portal); and
- Delivering Corporate Website Training.
To promote the activities of the project, and keep key users (such as Content Publishers, Content Coordinators and Custodians) and stakeholders up to date with project news, the Web Collection Enhancement Project has launched its own website at:


Engagement and Community Partnerships

Griffith REVIEW
The spring edition of Griffith REVIEW will be published on August 11. Griffith REVIEW 13, The Next BIG Thing is the result of the call for new and emerging writers to describe the world as they see it and live it now. It was produced with the assistance of the Literature Board of the Australia Council. It is a unique insight into the times through the eyes of a new generation of writers and thinkers. This issue goes well beyond the hype about Generations X and Y and their Baby Boomer parents. In the major essay, Creed O’Hanlon questions the real influence of the Boomers. He suggests that rather than being the social conscience of the twentieth century, they deliberately co-opted and distorted youth culture and turned it into a commodity, packaging dissent as readily as community, music or fashion. He challenges Baby Boomers to ‘fess’ up to their own greed and caution, acknowledge the role of the Silent Generation and prepare for big changes. A pre-launch party was held at the MARS gallery in Melbourne in mid-July, with the official launch of this edition at the Byron Bay Writers Festival.

With the departure of Professor Sharon Bell, PVC Equity and Community Partnerships and after 12 issues of The Griffith Review, an external review was undertaken of the Review. As a result, and given the strong editorial content alignment between the Griffith Review and Arts Education and Law Group, the structural location of the Griffith Review has moved to the Arts, Education & Law Group.

Multi-Faith Centre
On 15 June a public forum on ‘Social and Civic Responsibility’ was held at the Multi-Faith Centre with the aim of identifying practical initiatives which individuals and diverse social and educational institutions could undertake to encourage a greater sense of community mindedness, willingness to lend a hand to others in need and active citizenship. In a lively “talk show” format a panel of four guest speakers, including the well-known interfaith advocate, Dominican Sister Trish Madigan, Professor Drew Nesdale, Griffith School of Psychology, Associate Professor Boni Robertson, Director, Gummurri Centre, and Dr Robyn Lui, Senior Research Fellow of the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice & Government, responded to questions and issues posed by the moderator, Professor Toh Swee-Hin, Director, Multi-Faith Centre and Laureate, UNESCO Prize for Peace Education 2000.

Griffith University EcoCentre
Some 80 business and community members and Griffith academic staff recently gathered at the EcoCentre for the 2006 launch of the Queensland node of the Sustainable Living Challenge by the Honourable Rod Welford, Minister for Education and the Arts. G’s wine bar provided the food and beverages which were all locally grown and organic. This nationwide initiative, involving more than 400 high schools, is about helping to ensure that school students of today have a positive outlook for the future, learn about sustainability and participate in environmental and socially aware projects. The Sustainable Living Challenge is endorsed by the United Nations Environment Program as a key national initiative in the International Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005 – 2014).

International

Delegations
The University hosted 26 international delegation visits between 7 April 2006 and 7 July 2006. Some of the highlights were as follows:
CHINA
Shanghai Xuhui Government
On 12 April 2006, Mrs Zhou Xiufen (Deputy District Mayor from the Xuhui District Government) and delegation visited Griffith to sign a MOU between the Shanghai Xuhui District People’s Government, Logan City and Griffith University. The MOU signing ceremony was hosted by Professor Max Standage, Pro Vice Chancellor (Science & Technology) and formalised this three-way relationship between Xuhui, Logan City and Griffith. The background to this MOU is that Xuhui District is located in the middle of Shanghai City and has 139 research institutes, and 19 universities, including the highly regarded Shanghai Jiaotong University and Shanghai University of Medical Science. Logan City has had a longstanding sister city relationship with the Xuhui District of Shanghai for the past seven years and Griffith has been collaborating with Logan City and Xuhui in the areas of Health Promotion & Strategies, Public Administration, Environmental Management, Urban Planning and Education over the past year.

Shenyang University of Technology (SUT)
On 24 April 2006, the University hosted a visit by Professor Li Rongde (President of SUT) and delegation with the purpose of signing a renewal of the 2002 Joint Delivery Agreement between Griffith and SUT for the delivery of the Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting. The delegation also met with representatives from the Griffith Business School, including Professor Christopher Auld (Director, Internationalisation & Community Partnerships) and Professor Lorelle Frazer (Dean, Learning & Teaching, Office of the PVC Business) to discuss new possibilities for cooperation in the areas of Asian Studies, Economics and Management. Professor Li indicated that he is very happy with his students’ performance at Griffith. By the end of 2006, more than 200 SUT students will have studied at Griffith, with approximately 90% of those students going on to enrol in Master Degrees.

Shaanxi Education Delegation
On 1 June 2006, the University hosted a visit for a high-ranking delegation from Shaanxi Province, including the Senior Adviser to the Shaanxi Government and the Deputy Director General of the Shaanxi Education Department. The purpose of the delegation’s visit was to learn about Griffith and to explore possibilities for collaboration in relation to articulation arrangements and joint research projects. Ms Ingeborg Loon (Deputy Director, International Marketing) gave a presentation providing an overview of Griffith, while A/Professor Huijin Zhao (School of Environmental & Applied Sciences) provided a Chinese perspective. This visit represents the first step towards building a relationship between Griffith and the Shaanxi Government.

Peking University
On 26 June 2006, the Griffith School of Dentistry & Oral Health hosted a visit from Professor Yu (Deputy Head, School of Dentistry) and Professor Gao (Director of Oral Pathology) from Peking University to explore possibilities for cooperation between our two institutions. The visit was the result of Dr Jin Gao’s (Academic staff, Griffith School of Dentistry & Oral Health) contacts at Peking University. Staff from the Centre for Medicine and Oral Health met with the delegation, including Professor Newell Johnson (Head, Griffith School of Dentistry & Oral Health), Dr Jin Gao and Professor Alfred Lam (School of Medicine). Academic staff on both sides are eager to engage in research activities in the areas of oral cancer and periodontal tissue regeneration. The possibility of staff and student exchanges was discussed and the co-supervision of PhD students.

GERMANY
German Sport University Cologne (GSUC)
On 2 & 3 May 2006, Professor Horch (Director, Institute for Sport Economics and Sport Management) visited Griffith to explore possibilities for collaboration in the area of International Sport Management and research cooperation. Professor Horch gave a seminar on the “Competencies of Sport Managers in German Sport Clubs and Federations” to staff from the Griffith Service Industry Research Centre, which was well received. Discussions with academic staff from the Department of Tourism, Leisure, Hotel and Sport Management, including Professor Kristine Toohey and Professor Graham Cuskelly (Deputy Heads) were productive and a number of synergies and areas of collaboration possibilities in the sport management area were identified. GSUC has been a partner institution of Griffith since 2004 when Griffith signed a MOU, Exchange and Study Abroad Agreement with the German institution. The link was supported by the School, Physiotherapy and Exercise Science and Griffith has received three Study Abroad and one Exchange student since 2004.
INDIA

Doon University
On 6 June, the Vice Chancellor of Doon University (Professor Singh) and the Chief Secretary of Uttaranachal Government (Mr Ramachandran) visited the University to learn about Australian tertiary education in general and to familiarise themselves with the organisational structure of Griffith University and the programs on offer. Doon University is a newly established university in Uttaranchal State that is still in the process of being formed. The delegation had interesting discussions with Griffith academic staff across a number of fields, including Professor Lesley Johnson (Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research), Associate Professor Stephen Stockwell (HOS, Arts), Professor Rob McQueen (Dean of Law), and Associate Professor Howard Middleton (HOS, Vocational, Technology & Arts Education). The delegation was impressed by the diversity and by the interdisciplinary nature of Griffith’s degree programs and indicated that their visit to Griffith was very inspirational and helpful in terms of the program and curriculum development for their own institution.

Innovative Film Studios
On 6 and 8 June 2006, The Chairman (Mr Saravana Prasad) and the Executive Director (Ms Upasana Mittal) of the Innovative Film Studios visited the Gold Coast and Southbank campuses. This visit was an outcome of Professor Marilyn McMeniman’s (Pro Vice Chancellor, Arts, Education & Law) participation in the Queensland Creative Industries Trade Mission to India earlier in the year. The purpose of the visit was to investigate the establishment of a film school in the Innovative Film City in Bangalore (India), to explore possibilities for cooperation in the areas of multimedia and digital design and to identify co-producers for a film. The delegation had productive discussions with executive staff from the Queensland College of Art, the Queensland Conservatorium and the Griffith Film School, including Mr Richard Blundell (Deputy Director – Gold Coast & Logan, QCA), Associate Professor Gary Tamlyn (Deputy Director – Gold Coast, Qld Conservatorium), and Associate Professor Andi Spark (Acting Head, Griffith Film School). It was a very successful visit that resulted in the signing of a Letter of Intent to explore future exchange of students and staff and other collaborative projects.

MALAYSIA

Malaysian Journalist Programme
On 7 April 2006, Ms Nagu from “The New Straits Times” and Ms Azizan from “The Star” visited Griffith to profile education institutions in Brisbane with the aim of writing more accurate and up-to-date articles on Australian education. The journalists had thought-provoking and informative discussions with Griffith staff, including Professor Christopher Auld (Director, Internationalisation & Community Partnerships from Griffith Business School), Mr Richard Blundell (Deputy Director, QCA) and Associate Professor William Case (School of International Business and Asian Studies) on Australian education in general and the innovative approach that Griffith takes to education. Dr Vijaysegaran Shanmugam (Senior Research Fellow, Australian School of Environmental Studies) introduced the Malaysian journalists to the Griffith Fruit Fly research program, while Associate Professor Margaret McAllister took the visitors on a tour through the Nursing facilities.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
On 9 June, the University hosted a visit for the Deputy Director (Mr Al Rumaithi), the Section Manager (Mr Al Mehairi) and the Academic Adviser (Dr Zerougui) from the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority at the Nathan campus to evaluate the current student and scholarship arrangement with Griffith. The delegation met with executive staff from Griffith International, the Centre for Applied Linguistics and Languages and QIBT, including Ms Ingeborg Loon (Deputy Director - Marketing, Griffith International), Mrs Margaret Casey (Director, CALL) and Mrs Heather Tinsley (Executive Director & Principal, QIBT). The delegation stated that they were very happy with the education and services Griffith provides and that they were looking forward to continuing this successful relationship.

INDONESIA

TVRI Indonesian television visited on 14 June 2006 to interview Dr Mohamad Abdalla, Director, Griffith Islamic Research Unit about Australian attitudes to Islam and met with Indonesian students as well as touring the Multi-Faith Centre.
VISITS BY GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY PARTNER INSTITUTIONS
Other institutions with which the University has international partnership agreements who visited during this period included Pukyong National University, Korea on 29 May 2006 and Shandong Architecture University, China on 14 June 2006 to further strengthen our collaborations.

GRIFFITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (GELI)

ELICOS Enrolments
GELI is continuing to attract significant enrolments at its Brisbane centres, with 340 international students enrolled to date in the next English course commencing on July 24 and over 80 students commencing the joint GELI/QIBT Mixed English program on the Mt Gravatt campus.

Gold Coast centre enrolments remain comparatively low but this situation should improve once the new model is implemented. From July 24, students studying low level English (General English) will be able to study up to 49 weeks per year, with fortnightly intakes. The curriculum has also been adapted to provide greater flexibility through integrated classes in the mornings, and optional classes each afternoon. By providing students with a greater choice, those students needing to focus on one or two of the core skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as students studying on non-student visas, will be ideally catered for.

Academic & Professional Programs [APP unit]
The APP unit will also host nearly 200 students from eight international universities for short courses over the next two months, and a group of staff from a major Vietnamese corporation for six months intensive English.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)PLUS
GELI’s EAP PLUS, is designed to prepare international students for the transition to tertiary studies at Griffith, and has just celebrated its second graduation with over 90 students across the Gold Coast and Brisbane centres successfully completing their studies and moving directly into their Griffith degrees.

International University Studies [IUS] also saw its first graduating students with nine successfully completing their studies. To date, ten students have enrolled for the semester two intake.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT
The International Business Development Unit in conjunction with the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance has won two AusAID Public Sector Linkages Program (PSLP) grants. The Sharing the Experience of Australian Public Integrity Systems with Indonesia program involves bringing out 14 members of the Indonesian House of Regional Representative (DPD) to Brisbane for a workshop to study Qld and Australian government structures and integrity systems. The overall program aims to provide the participants with knowledge about the advocacy and implementation of governance reforms and is designed to strengthen integrity, ethical conduct and transparency in Indonesian institutions.

The second program is The Development of a Public Integrity Package for the Philippines and this will involve KCELJG staff working in Manila with the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) to promote and enhance education and training aimed at institutionalising values based governance and anti-corruption practices within public administration in the Philippines.

INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND MARKETING
AusAID
Griffith University has recently signed a contract with AusAID for the Provision of Education Services for AusAID’s scholarship programs. Griffith University will start accepting AusAID students from Semester 1, 2007.

As part of the contract, Griffith University will be on the list of AusAID Institutions and will be able to accept students on various AusAID scholarship programs such as the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) and the Australian Leadership Awards (ALA).
The ADS are an important element of the Australian Government’s overseas aid program for developing countries mainly in the Asia-Pacific region including countries such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. Around 2500 students are supported through this program each year.

The ALA are regional scholarship and training schemes for future leaders within the Asia-Pacific region. Around 3200 students will be sponsored through this scheme for study and training of these future leaders in Australia.

**Griffith Wins an OSCHAR**

Griffith University won the Student Outstanding Services (SOS) Overseas Health Cover Award Recognition (OSCHAR) at the recent World Care Assist forum dinner for the group that has "Gone above and beyond whatever-it- takes attitude in helping international students in need."

**Media Analysis**

A total of 834 press, radio and TV items pertained to Griffith University for the period 1 – 30 June 2006. Griffith University received 436 mentions on radio, 382 mentions in the press and 69 mentions on television.

Press coverage reached the largest audience, with very pleasing circulation figures. The 71 items appearing in national newspapers contributed to this strong result.

Overall, the *Courier Mail* was the leading publication, accounting for 44 items, or 12% of total press coverage. ABC Brisbane 612 was the leading radio station with 26 items and ABC Channel 2 was the leading television station with 29 items.

Griffith University’s brand is also receiving plenty of media coverage outside of Queensland, with almost half the media items mentioning the university reaching audiences outside the state.

*Media Coverage by volume and circulation/audience - June 2006*

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