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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.

Thanksgiving service honours ultimate gift of learning
Griffith University has hosted its inaugural thanksgiving service – paying tribute to those who have donated their bodies to advance the knowledge and skills of future health professionals.

The service commenced with a procession of students, academics and invited guests, led by final year medical student Julia McKirdy carrying the Book of Remembrance.

The Book of Remembrance contains the names of the people whose donations have been gratefully received since the body bequest program was established in 2006. As part of the service, a minute of silence followed the reading of the donors’ names.

Former head of anatomy Associate Professor Belinda Beck said the body bequest program supports the education of health students in disciplines such as medicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, exercise science, dentistry and oral health.

"Body donations from the local community are vitally important so our health students can receive practical training in human anatomy. The generosity of body donors, our state-of-the-art anatomy facilities, and committed teachers ensure our students receive the very best preparation for their chosen careers."

"We are very appreciative of the decisions made by these donors and the support shown by the families. This Thanksgiving Service is a public demonstration of that appreciation," she said.

The service also featured a candle lighting ceremony involving nine students from different health disciplines and representing the passage of knowledge from the university to the many professions who contribute to the health of the community.

General practitioner Dr Bob Bramley and physiotherapist Paul Barber shared their thoughts on the influence of anatomy training in their professional lives.

For more information about Griffith's Body Bequest program, telephone 07 5552 7700 or email sch-anatomy@griffith.edu.au or visit www.griffith.edu.au/health/school-anatomy/bequest-program
Midwifery program ready to deliver

Ms Jocelyn Toohill has been appointed convenor of Griffith’s new Bachelor of Midwifery. The program was launched recently at Logan campus and will take its first students in 2010.

The development of the innovative program comes at an exciting time for the profession, coinciding with major changes at a national level including Medicare rebates for midwifery services. By making better use of the professional role of midwives, the changes will also improve birthing options for women.

The three-year Bachelor of Midwifery program will blend on-the-job training in hospitals and community settings, with online education and some intensive, week-long blocks of study on-campus.

Ms Toohill, like many practising midwives, has a Bachelor of Nursing and a Master of Midwifery. She was a graduate in the first cohort of Griffith’s Graduate Diploma in Midwifery and the first midwife in Queensland to be awarded her Masters.

Health disciplines work together

Congratulations to a multidisciplinary team of Griffith Health students that were awarded second place in the inaugural Australian Health Care Team Challenge held in August this year. The students were Jesus Lopez (Medicine), Jo Higgins (Pharmacy), Sasha Bosworth (Physiotherapy), Kelly Bowers (Psychology) and Rachel Dickson (Nursing).

The student competition designed to foster the concept of collaborative client care in health, was hosted by HealthFusion at the University of Queensland. Universities from around Australia fielded teams comprising a mix of health students — with each team working together over several weeks to develop a unique management plan for a ‘real’ client with complex health needs.

The teams presented their plans to a judging panel of local and international healthcare professionals and academics.

Pharmacy lecturer Fiona Ellem, who supported the team in their preparation for the challenge, said the students spent many hours outside their already heavy schedules, debating, sharing ideas and learning from each other.

The competition winners were a large team from Monash University.

The first International Health Care Team Challenge will be held in Sydney in 2010 in which I encourage participation. Early planning for Griffith participation in the event is already underway. For more information, contact Fiona Ellem at f.ellem@griffith.edu.au

Overall, this is a fantastic outcome and opportunity for students and I endorse the competition wholeheartedly. Once again, congratulations to all involved – both staff and students!

Professor Allan W Cripps
Pro Vice Chancellor (Health)

Health Minister on campus to talk reform

Griffith University hosted a visit by the Minister for Health and Ageing Nicola Roxon recently as part of the Federal Government’s community consultation on healthcare reform.

About 70 people including health professionals, Griffith teaching staff and researchers heard the Minister outline some of the key health challenges which need to be addressed.

These included an ageing population, epidemic of chronic disease, problems with timely access to health services and escalating health costs.

Minister Roxon also highlighted some proposals for reform as recommended in a report by the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission.

They included:

- increased efforts on illness prevention – less than two percent of the health expenditure is currently spent on prevention activities.
- reshaping hospital care by separating the funding of emergency and elective care.
- the Commonwealth Government moves to fund 100 percent of acute hospital care – up from its current responsibility of 40 percent.
- implementation of electronic health records by July 2012.
- a national dental care scheme.

The forum, held on the Gold Coast campus, also provided opportunities for question and answer time with the Minister.

In his closing remarks, Vice Chancellor and President Professor Ian O’Connor emphasised the University’s contribution to a sustainable healthcare system through its role in educating the future health workforce.
Nutrition program added to the menu

Australia's leading nutritionist Dr Rosemary Stanton AO visited the Gold Coast campus recently to launch Griffith's new Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics program.

In a guest lecture to current postgraduate students in nutrition and dietetics, Dr Stanton outlined some of the major challenges facing clinical and public health nutritionists.

She said climate change, sustainability and equity issues would inevitably make an impact on the advice that future health professionals provide.

"Can you in good conscience advise people to eat more fish when we won't have those resources in the future? Can we provide that advice to the wealthy and deprive the poor?"

"We will need to think differently and carefully about the way we use our resources. This opens up the potential for new lines of research and new job opportunities."

Dr Stanton also addressed the controversial issue of junk foods.

She said appropriate food pricing, reflecting the actual costs of production and packaging, could reduce the consumption of heavily processed foods.

From a sustainability point of view, she encouraged people to reduce their consumption of ruminant meats, and increase consumption of plant-based foods.

The four-year Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics program will prepare graduates for clinical and public health jobs in hospitals, private practice, community health services, public health units or in the food industry.

Lymphoma fundraising dinner

Griffith University held its second Lymphoma Research Fundraising Dinner on Friday 4 September 2009 at the Marriott Surfers Paradise Resort and Spa, on Queensland’s Gold Coast.

In raising public awareness amongst the community, and much needed funds to support this pioneering research, the event was another tremendous success!

Up to $14,000 was raised this year, equal to the amount raised in 2008, with all proceeds going to the Griffith University Lymphoma Project to enable the further development of a team of PhD students who will continue research in the fight against this common blood cancer.

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The Lymphoma Project seeks to assist in vital research into finding the causes and new treatments for this cancer research by top scientists and team of PhD students within the Genomics Research Centre at Griffith University.

Special guest speaker, Matt McFadyen, the youngest Australian to reach the North Pole on foot, gave a unique keynote presentation on the night, based on his five expeditions to both Antarctica and the Arctic.

Matt took the guests on a fully interactive journey and shared the real human experiences and challenges in leadership, teamwork and motivation which was truly inspirational to all.

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Griffith University leading the way in implant dentistry training

Griffith University is rapidly establishing itself as a leader in the field of dental implantology. The School of Dentistry offers an innovative training program to our dentistry students that involve both didactic teaching focusing on diagnosis and treatment planning, as well as hands-on workshops.

The School’s implant dentistry curriculum, led by Professor Saso Ivanovski, Professor Florian Mack and Associate Professor Nikolaos Mattheos, is unique in that it provides focus on an emerging area of dentistry that has until now been under-represented in undergraduate dental curricular. The School’s reputation as a leader in this field has recently been enhanced by the awarding of a grant from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) under the ‘Leadership for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Program’, to be led by A/Prof Mattheos.

Griffith University’s School of Dentistry is also enhancing its teaching in dental implantology by establishing relationships with local professional bodies, such as the Australian Society of Implant Dentistry (ASID). ASID presented a one day symposium on the 17th October 2009 to our senior dentistry students which was enthusiastically received. ASID has been a strong supporter of undergraduate implant dentistry by providing an annual grant of $22,000 for five years to support teaching in this field.

A breath of fresh air

Air pollution control during the Beijing Olympics has been shown to be associated with short term improvements in the health of susceptible older residents.

While the relationship between ambient air pollution and population health has been well documented, the dedicated clean-up of Beijing for the 2008 Olympics provided a unique research opportunity.

Prof Xiaochuan Pan, Vice Director of Occupational and Environmental Health at Peking University and an Adjunct Professor at Griffith University’s School of Public Health, said strict traffic control and other emissions control significantly improved Beijing’s air quality.

“Daily monitoring of air quality showed that the concentration of fine particles (pm2.5) in the air was halved and larger particles (pm10) reduced by more than 60 percent during August 2008.”

Other gaseous pollutants such as sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and heavy metals including mercury and arsenic were also reduced.

Mermaid Beach Rotary Club’s campus visit

Griffith University was pleased to host the Mermaid Beach Rotary Club’s weekly lunch meeting at Parklands campus recently. Following the groups successful fundraising Art Show held in May this year, a generous donation of $5,000 was made by the Members to the Heart Foundation Research Centre.

The members enjoyed a healthy lunch whilst being addressed by academic researchers who work on the cutting edge of medical discoveries with the theme of addressing preventative health care and outcome based research. The group was addressed by Professor David Shum, Acting Director of the Griffith Institute for Health and Medical Research on how to keep the mind active and healthy into old age. Professor John Headrick from the Heart Foundation Research Centre informed the group on the testing carried out in the laboratories on the campus and of the international collaborative links where information and discoveries are shared worldwide. Dr Larisa Haupt, Senior Researcher from the Genomics Research Centre laboratories, provided the group with insight into the ongoing testing for breast cancer and how the sample base of patients is used in the testing of an individual’s DNA to determine predispositions for breast cancer specifically.

An enjoyable walk through the campus grounds led to an introduction to a working Pharmacy where students learn to interact and role play with ‘patients’. A unique experience to some of the visitors was access to working research laboratories which promoted interaction amongst the group and researchers.
I didn’t know pharmacists could do that!

Ms Sara McMillan, School of Pharmacy lecturer, taking the opportunity to be a compounding chemist for the day.

Griffith’s Open Day on the Gold Coast saw the School of Pharmacy launch its inaugural “Varied role of the pharmacist” promotional theme. Enthusiastic staff exposed visitors to an array of information sessions on the many and varied roles of the pharmacist. Each role was illustrated with a life-size photoboard cut out, and at the end of each information session visitors could push their heads through the cut out and have their photograph taken depicted as a drug information, research, hospital, community, compounding and/or student pharmacist! Pharmacy student volunteers and School of Pharmacy staff acted as photographers and organised printing of the photos. Visitors left the School with a far greater insight into what a pharmacist does as well as viewing the Schools facilities and engaging with staff and students. To top this off, each visitor left the tour with an information pack containing a lasting memory of their visit – several photographs of themselves posing in the varied roles of the pharmacist. Parents, siblings and of course, staff could not resist the opportunity to be a part of this fun and informative event!

Cara gets her hands on an African adventure

Alex Favour (Ugandan trained physio) and Cara Maher

Griffith graduate Cara Maher is making a difference by volunteering her professional expertise as the new head of physiotherapy at the International Hospital in Kampala, Uganda.

Since graduating with a Master of Physiotherapy, Cara has spent the past five years working around Australia, serving communities in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Most recently she’s gained critical international experience at the Regina General Hospital in Canada.

The 29-year-old is now looking forward to assisting in a region that desperately requires skilled health professionals.

Cara is aligned with the Suubi Trust, a UK charity which supports the work of the International Medical Foundation (IMF) in Uganda. The IMF was launched more than 20 years ago in an effort to help treat the most vulnerable in Ugandan society.

The organisation raises money to cover basic staff and facility costs, so that locals may be treated free of charge. Health professionals like Cara enable the local Ugandans to be better trained and better treated.

“I am looking forward to experiencing all the wonders that Africa as a whole has to offer. It’s also a professional challenge to manage a department and provide ongoing education to local staff.”

Queensland health and mobility company Phoenix Healthcare is also supporting Cara in her endeavours by donating essential equipment and cash.

Dentists support Griffith University Paradise Regatta

Dentists and dental students alike contributed to the success of the Griffith University Paradise Regatta held at the Gold Coast on Saturday 10th October.

For the third year the Regatta was organised by Dr David Houston who graduated from Griffith University in 2008 and now works alongside his father Dr Peter Houston at his Redcliffe Dental Surgery.

David first had the idea for this event three years ago and it has grown with the support of major sponsor Griffith University and event partners Queensland Events, Gold Coast City Council and the Gold Coast Arts Centre.

The 2009 Regatta was an outstanding success with crews from Schools, Corporates and Universities competing in their respective categories. The University Challenge between UQ and Griffith University resulted in a win to UQ over the fledgling Griffith crew which boasted no fewer than four dental students from the Griffith University Dental Program.

The final race was the inaugural challenge between the Australian and New Zealand Men’s Eight with Australia crossing the line half a canvas ahead of their trans-Tasman rivals in a thrilling finish. With ten Olympians, world champions and a world record holder on show the local rowing community was treated to a feast of rowing prowess.

Crowds along the bank also enjoyed the spectacle of Dragon Boats competing in exhibition races.

Congratulations to Dr David Houston for commencing and organising the Paradise Regatta and to Griffith University and the other partners for their support. For more details go to www.paradiseregatta.net
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Learning and Teaching Awards

Congratulations to the following staff on their awards and commendations:

**Individual Teacher Awards:**

**Biological Sciences, Health and Related Studies**
Dr Donna McAuliffe, School of Human Services and Social Work

**Social Sciences**
Dr David Neumann, School of Psychology

**Early Career**
Dr Tamara Ownsworth, School of Psychology

**Highly commended:**
The following staff were highly commended in their areas of teaching and learning:

**Biological Sciences, Health and Related Studies**
Dr Clare Fenwick, School of Nursing and Midwifery

**Social Sciences**
Dr Helen Massa, School of Medical Science

Dr Karen Murphy, School of Psychology

Dr Greg Reddan, School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science

Rachel Walker, School of Nursing and Midwifery

Lisa Hutchinson, School of Nursing and Midwifery

Dr Liisa Laakso, School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science

STUDENT NEWS

**Pharmacy Student of the Year**

Master of Pharmacy graduate Jo Higgins has won the Queensland state Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) Pharmacy Student of the Year competition.

To be eligible for the competition, the student has to be in the final year of their degree. Jo, who is the third consecutive Griffith representative to win the title, had graduated just five days earlier.

The competition involves scenarios that simulate day to day pharmacy practice – assessing a customer’s health needs including whether they need to be referred to a doctor. A panel of judges observe the students and score them not just on their pharmaceutical knowledge but also on their communication skills.

Jo represented Queensland in the national finals in Sydney in October with all her travel and accommodation expenses paid for by the PSA.

Initially enrolled in a Bachelor of Science degree at Griffith’s Nathan campus, Jo swapped to the pharmacy program on the Gold Coast in 2005. She has since completed a three-year pharmaceutical science degree followed by the 18-month Master of Pharmacy.

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of dementia care. The project will be coordinated by Griffith University, with ethics and moral value expertise from University of Newcastle (UK), and in partnership with RSL Care. The project is expected to commence in January 2010 and achieve completion in March 2012 (27 months).

Associate Professor Nikos Mattheos, Professor Saso Ivanovski and Professor Florian Mack from the School of Dentistry and Oral Health have been successful in the 2009 round of Australian Learning and Teaching Council Grants for their project entitled “Building university leadership capacity in the teaching of implant dentistry to dental students and local professional communities” $219,000.

Professor Keithia Wilson from the School of Psychology has also been awarded an ALTC grant for the following project entitled “Facilitating a whole-of-university approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander curriculum development: leadership frameworks for cultural partnership” $220,000.

A/Prof Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck has been instrumental in securing supplementary funding for child safety. Ensuring children are safe and supported in reaching their full potential is a priority for the Bligh Government. Accordingly, some $12 million in 2009-2010 rising to over $28 million in 2012-2013 has been budgeted for towards the Family Interaction Program.

Professor Errol Maguire is to be congratulated on his appointment to the position of Staff Specialist – Eminent Status, Queensland Health. The appointment to eminent status is in recognition of individuals who significantly exceed the performance level expected of doctors at the Senior Staff Specialist level and demonstrate an overall significant contribution to the health system and their profession.

In June 2009, Dr Eugene Petcu, a Senior Lecturer in Pathology and Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology, was awarded a PhD “magna cum laude” in Neurobiology by one of the oldest European universities, the Ernst–Moritz–Arndt University of Greifswald, Germany, for his work on molecular mechanisms of stroke and validation of a murine model of stroke. Subsequently, he was awarded an invitation by the prestigious Deutscher Akademischer Austauch Dienst (DAAD) to conduct research over the summer-time at the above-mentioned university in the Institute of Neurobiology. This invitation was granted after submitting a research proposal to DAAD which was selected among many others.

Professors Xiaochuan Pan and Jun Ma of Peking University have received Adjunct Professorial positions at Griffith’s School of Public Health. Professor Pan is Vice Director of Occupational and Environmental Health at Peking University. Professor Ma, is director of the Institute of Child and Adolescent Health at Peking University.

School of Nursing and Midwifery’s Professor Amanda Henderson has been appointed to the new Health Care Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). The new Committee will provide expert advice on evidence and knowledge transfer to improve health care across all domains including primary care and aged care. It will play a significant role in supporting the NHMRC’s response to the National Health and Hospitals’ Reform Commission report and in addressing the National Primary Health Care Strategy. Professor Henderson, also Nursing Director, Education at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, has a strong background in clinical education and plays an important leadership and coordination role across Queensland Health’s Southern Area Health Service. Her scholarship is focused on the establishment of clinical settings that promote the development and use of health care knowledge that can ultimately impact on patient care.

Professor David Shum, director of Griffith’s Behavioural Basis of Health Research Program has been appointed an executive committee member of the Viertel Centre for Research in Cancer Control. The Centre, established by Cancer Council Queensland, conducts collaborative research with a focus on issues of importance to Queenslanders such as skin cancer. The work aims to improve understanding of the causes of cancer, prevention and early detection of cancer, and treatment and support of cancer patients and their families. The appointment recognises Professor Shum’s expertise in the area of behavioural sciences and the multidisciplinary nature of best practice in cancer control. Professor Shum is currently involved in a number of research projects including an investigation of the impact of breast cancer and chemotherapy on cognitive functions. His three-year appointment with the Centre will strengthen Griffith’s ongoing relationship with Cancer Council Queensland. Other Griffith psychology researchers with interests in cancer research include Dr Tamara Ownsworth, Dr Stefano Occhipinti, Associate Professor Fran O’Callaghan, and Dr Heather Green.


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