The future pharmacy

The first herbal dispensary to be set up in an Australian university pharmacy school has opened at Griffith University. The opening is a part of the School of Pharmacy's move to integrate evidence-based complementary medicines throughout its degree programs, in response to consumer-driven demand for integrative health care.

Dr Evelin Tiralongo, a researcher and senior lecturer in the School of Pharmacy who established the integrated teaching approach, said students were being taught to apply quality use of medicine principles also to complementary medicines, as they would become the future pharmacists.

"But, like the conventional medicines, all complementary medicines we teach are evidence-based," she said.

"Historically, there has not been much science behind herbal medicines, but that is changing rapidly."

Dr Tiralongo trained as a German pharmacist, and specialises in complementary medicine research and teaching. She is closely involved in research with complementary medicine manufacturing company Integria Healthcare, which sponsored the installation of the herbal dispensary.

"We identify the active ingredients and undertake clinical trials to break down the divide that there’s no science to support these medications," Dr Tiralongo said.

Students in the School of Pharmacy are taught integrated complementary medicine throughout their degree and start to learn how to dispense herbal medicines in the first year of their study.
Successful Federal funding bid

A bid led by Griffith Health has been successful in winning $8.3 million to develop a network of clinical placement training sites across the Darling Downs/ South Burnett region.

In December last year the Australian Government through the Department of Health and Ageing announced the Increased Clinical Training Capacity grant of $57.5 million to enhance clinical training capacity and improve the distribution of clinical placements throughout Australia.

A consortium led by Griffith Health and including Queensland Health, the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) and Queensland Rural Medical Education (QRME) submitted the funding application which was among 200 submitted nationally.

The consortium’s bid focused on increasing placement opportunities for students in medicine, nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, physiotherapy and psychology in key regional and rural sites throughout the Darling Downs and South Burnett region. Motivating this bid was a desire to prepare more doctors, nurses and allied health practitioners for future regional and rural practice.

There is clear evidence that students who are either from rural and regional areas themselves, or have the chance to spend a significant period of their training in rural and regional areas, are most likely to take up positions in these areas. If more students can be offered the chance to train in, and develop an affinity for our regional and rural areas, there would be a greater likelihood of an uptake of health vacancies in these areas by graduates once they have completed their degrees.

There is a keen desire by many regional and rural clinicians to participate in the delivery of clinical training, and there is also a growing desire among many of our students to experience the exciting and rich learning opportunities that regional and rural placements can offer. However, despite this desire the capacity of many regional and rural healthcare providers is limited by the infrastructure and support they have available.

Through the grant, Griffith will lead the construction and fit-out of new student accommodation and teaching facilities at Kingaroy, Warwick and Stanthorpe hospitals, and upgrade clinical teaching facilities in a number of other smaller rural health centres across the Darling Downs and South Burnett. Additional staff will also be appointed, including rural medical educators, who will work with healthcare providers to identify new student placement opportunities and provide supervisors with the training, development and support they need to ensure students receive a quality clinical placement experience.

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On the hunt for cancer killer

For more than 10 years it has been known that the body produces cells which help cancers to grow. The identity of these assassins, however, has been the subject of heated debate.

Between 2004 and 2008 an international effort was made to fingerprint and trap the culprits, leading to two seminal papers being published showing that these cells came from the bone marrow and helped cancers to grow by helping to form blood vessels. Dr Albert Mellick, from the School of Medical Science at Griffith University as part of an international team in collaboration with the Mittal Lab Weill Cornell Medical College, showed that these cells, also known as endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs), could be blocked to stop cancers from spreading. The circumstantial evidence, although overwhelming, raised doubt, which limited opportunity for the further development of therapeutic techniques based on studying and blocking these cells as an anti-cancer therapy.

Physiotherapy and Active Health Centre turns one!

Griffith University’s Physiotherapy and Active Health Centre has recently celebrated its first birthday.

The centre, which is open to the public, was set up to deliver a much-needed training facility for its students, and to deliver physiotherapy services to University staff and students. The centre is a teaching environment, where fully supervised students in both the physiotherapy and exercise science programs gain practical training. Clients can choose to be treated by a student under supervision or by a qualified physiotherapist or exercise physiologist undertaking postgraduate studies.

In 2010, the centre added massage therapy and dietetic services.

PhD candidate Lauren Ball, who offers dietetic services, oversees the dietetic services provided to the Queensland Police Service.

Competitive athlete Andrea Miller joined the centre’s team last year and has since been named in the 2010 New Zealand Commonwealth Games Team.

The Physiotherapy and Active Health Centre can be found in the School of
Establishing a School of Nursing in Abu Dhabi

Natharat Al Kindi, an Emirati, graduating with the Bachelor of Nursing (post-registration)

In 2007, Griffith University and the Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC) signed a five-year contract to provide bachelor level nursing education in Abu Dhabi.

ADEC ensured the provision of infrastructure, and Griffith University was responsible for establishing the School of Nursing and delivering bachelor level nursing education while building local capacity among Emiratis as providers of nursing education.

Two campuses of Fatima College of Health Sciences (FCHS) were established; one in the city of Abu Dhabi and the other in the oasis town of Al Ain, 140 kilometres north east of Abu Dhabi. FCHS was the largest and only internationally accredited provider of nursing education in the country.

Professor Judy Wollin undertook curriculum development in Abu Dhabi, completing the development of the first year of the four-year program that rolled out in August 2007.

Smoke less pilot study at Mt Gravatt campus

The Smoke Less Pilot Study, funded by the Vice Chancellor’s Special Project Funding Scheme initiated in semester 2, 2009 at the Mt Gravatt Campus, resulted in amendment to the University Smoking Policy and designated smoking areas being extended to all campuses.

The project was led by health group researchers Dr Jing Sun and Professors Nicholas Buys, Donald Stewart and David Shum working closely with executive officer Lynnette Farquhar in the office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost, Professor Marilyn McMeniman.

A comprehensive, multi-strategy approach was used to promote community-wide health and to control the use of tobacco at the Mt Gravatt campus. An online survey was designed to collect quantitative data. There were 4066 respondents to the survey of which 20.7% were current smokers at Mt Gravatt campus. There was a 6.4% reduction in smoking among university members at Mt Gravatt campus, with the prevalence being reduced to 14.3% after a 13-week intervention and health promotion campaign. The implementation of a Smoke Free policy was supported by more than 77% of people at Mt Gravatt. Ninety-one per cent of people indicated that smoking should only be allowed in certain places or never be allowed in a university setting. The full report will be released in 2010 and published on the project website.

The project used a campus-wide approach, resulting in the reduction of cigarette smoking from 20.7% to 14.3% after 13 weeks through a series of evidence-based health promotion activities helping to ensure a healthy study, learning and work environment.

Griffith’s Bachelor of Nursing is accredited by the Queensland Nursing Council and formed the foundation of the curriculum in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Initial accreditation was granted by the Abu Dhabi Ministry of Higher Education Science and Research in January 2010. Final accreditation will be awarded when pre-registration students first graduate in 2011.

At the recent Griffith University graduation held on the Gold Coast, 49 students graduated from the Griffith University Bachelor of Nursing (post registration). The graduation was attended by Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Allan Cripps and Dean (Academic) Professor Debra Henly. Dr Russell Jones, Director of the FCHS, was guest of honour.

The graduation marks an important milestone in the development of the young college and the Griffith University/ADEC/Institute of Applied Technology agreement. It is anticipated that 66 pre-registration students will graduate in June 2011. To date 70 students have been awarded Dean’s awards for academic excellence based on the Griffith University criteria, a total of 13% of students.

Griffith Health is committed to supporting the development of a world-class health system in the UAE. The collaboration with FCHS has given Griffith Health a unique opportunity to develop links with an emerging health system and with academics and researchers from the UAE.

Rural and remote health awards

The prestigious 2010 National Awards for Local Government were recently presented at the nation’s largest annual gathering of mayors and shire presidents, the Australian Council of Local Government. Among the winners announced by the former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was the Brewarrina Shire Council for their Brewarrina Rural and Remote Dental project – winner of the Rural and Remote Health category. The program provides free dental services to children under the age of 18 and Health Card Holders, a mobile service for patients with travel limitations, and valuable rural and remote work experience for dental students.
Gateway to India program

Between July 5 and 19, 2010, 26 students and staff from Griffith Health, School of Public Health and the School of Human Services and Social Work were guests of Christ University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India and participated in the India Gateway Program. The program operates through the Office of International Affairs for Christ University. The Griffith connection to the program emerged from discussions between Professor Phadke, Director, Office of International Affairs and Ms Heidi Piper, Griffith International, and Dr Neil Harris from the School of Public Health. Dr Jane Fowler, Human Services and Social Work (HSV), spurred the initiative along by inviting expressions of interest from students. HSV students were immediately enthusiastic in their response, even though no course credit was offered. SPH students were able to complete practicum coursework requirements, and the experience provided was both a challenging and positive opportunity. Staff were equally keen to commit to the program, with Dr Julie Clark, Dr Fiona Rowe and Dr Stephen Larmar travelling with the students.

Immersed in the magnificently diverse culture of India for 14 very full days, our welcome was warm and steeped in tradition. A floral rangoli adorned the auditorium foyer, and students and staff were presented with garlands and welcomed with kumkum and arati. The whirlwind that was our Gateway to India had begun.

An overnight trip to Mysore included a memorable roadside breakfast stop, and a tour of the Mysore Palace and Srirangapatna – both history-rich locations. At about this point our numbers began to dwindle as students began to succumb to ‘Bangalore Belly’ and we began what was to become known as ‘Itinerary B’ – brief visits to outpatients and, for some, a short admission to hospital and a day of rest at ‘home’ in Bangalore.

Students gained insights into the Indian health system and the generosity of our host University, as staff of the university stayed with our students 24/7, making sure they were looked after. Patients admitted to Indian hospitals are usually accompanied by a family member who provides basic care such as raising and lowering beds and supplying drinks not provided by nurses.

Those students still standing ventured on with Itinerary A. Visits to various non-government organisations that provide support to HIV/AIDS patients and their families; shelter for parentless children; support, education and training for disabled children and adults; and the ISKCON Hari Krishna temple which feeds one million school children daily, provided valuable learning. The visits were confronting and challenged beliefs and expectations about welfare service provision. The scale of need was difficult to comprehend.

In the remaining days of our visit we walked through a slum community in which the Centre for Social Action (CSA) was working to establish a recycling plant, support a school, and promote literacy through access to library and computers for local children. While living conditions were difficult, there was clearly energy and hope in the community for change.

Our last days in Bangalore were filled with traditional experiences – including music and dance in the magnificent Christ University auditorium. Christ University students worked their way through traditional and Bollywood dances, and played percussion instruments and guitars before our own cultural offering was performed.

Overwhelmingly, students and staff found the experience rich in learning. We were encouraged to embrace the richness of the diversity of Indian religions, traditions and culture. We were given a glimpse of two Indias – one of wealth and privilege and one sustained mostly by hope.

Christ University seeks to promote social justice and encourages their students to contribute to a fairer India. They do so in practical ways, through CSA and ensuring all Christ students have a village experience so that they know, from their own lived experience, the reality of the ‘other’ face of India. Perhaps that contributes to our impression of Indian students as hardworking, committed to and really valuing their educational opportunities and their teachers.

Many of us have found that it is not possible to share the depth and breadth of the experience in a few words. So what is written here is just a taste of India. One student explained that when she is asked about the trip she just says “it was life-changing”.

Donations can be made to the Student Interactive Program at the following website address: https://app.secure.griffith.edu.au/donations/info.php

Dr Julie Clark

Dr Julie Clark pictured with children from a slum community
STUDENT NEWS
Pharmacy students showcase their research

Every year, final year pharmacy students undertake a research project as part of the Master of Pharmacy program, which culminates in a presentation evening where students showcase their work. For the first time this year, the presentations were held at Sharks Function Centre, Southport, where an enthusiastic group of guests, friends, family, first year Master students and pharmacy staff were welcomed.

Twenty-four posters and five PowerPoint presentations were presented by both groups and individuals. Assessors of the presentations were drawn from a wide range of academia, research and community professionals who all offer keen support to the school’s staff, the pharmacy programs offered by Griffith University and our students. The research projects are derived from a wide range of topics including investigating drug therapy in osteoporosis, assessing the potential benefits or disadvantages of working in community/hospital practice while studying pharmacy, and studying the anti-inflammatory effects of Australian mushrooms! There was something of interest for everyone in the crowd. Assessors were impressed by the standard of work achieved by the students over a relatively short period of time. The School of Pharmacy is hopeful that some projects will go on to be presented in local, national and overseas forums by students upon graduation.

Creating “work ready” pharmacy graduates

Pharmacy students on the Gold Coast campus have been given hands on training using the Pharmacy Guild-backed Mirixa Australia software platform with the intention of producing more “work ready” graduates.

Medication adherence is a key component in ensuring better patient outcomes, and the quality use of medicines and the Mirixa program enables pharmacists to identify those patients at high risk of non-adherence. It presents a framework to deliver personalised patient education and coaching to assist these patients while concurrently offering a simple recording system. The counselling framework underpinning the program is Motivational Interviewing (MI), a recognised approach to encourage positive behaviour change in patients. The School of Pharmacy also teaches MI as part of its communication courses, and students are able to integrate this knowledge with their Mirixa training.

Griffith University’s School of Pharmacy is the first school to have entered into an agreement with Mirixa Australia to provide the required training. As part of the training, students are given access to the MirixaPro platform along with dummy cases to simulate professional services delivery to patients and gain experience in using the software to support positive clinical interventions. All students who successfully complete the program receive a training certificate recognised within the profession. Senior lecturer Laetitia Hattingh said, “At Griffith University we equip our students with new technology and tools that focus on the integration of patient care services into everyday practice”. There is keen interest in the program, with a number of employers agreeing they would hire intern pharmacists “primed for professional services” over others.

Accessing student Gmail via Queensland Health sites

Griffith Health students on placement at Queensland Health sites are advised there is a restriction in place that limits access to your Student Gmail while on site. When accessing your Student Gmail from Queensland Health premises you have the following options available to you: request full internet from Queensland Health; set up an email forward on your Student Gmail account to a Queensland Health email address; access your Student Gmail via a mobile device or access your Student Gmail from a non-Queensland Health location. Further information and instructions are published on the Student Gmail blog, see: http://apps01.domino.griffith.edu.au/apps/blogs/gstdntgmail.nsf/dx/students-who-work-on-queensland-health-sites.

STAFF NEWS

The following staff received 2010 Faculty Learning and Teaching Citations:

Citations
School of Psychology: Dr Karen Murphy
School of Medical Science: Dr Niru Nirthanan
School of Pharmacy: Ms Nicola Shapland

Dean’s Certificate of Commendation
School of Public Health: Dr Jing Sun
Congratulations to Karen, Niru, Nicola and Jing on their achievements.

Associate Professor Jayne Clapton, Griffith Health Institute researcher and head of the School of Human Services and Social Work at the Logan campus, has been awarded a 2010 Churchill Fellowship. As a part of her fellowship,
Associate Professor Clapton will travel to Europe to investigate successful European models for sustaining students from low socio-economic backgrounds in Australian higher education. The trip will be a vital step in addressing the Bradley Report’s recommendation to lift participation rates for such students to at least 20 per cent by 2020. While the Churchill Fellowship is a first for Associate Professor Clapton, it is the third such fellowship to be awarded to Griffith Health researchers at the Logan campus in four years. Churchill Fellowships are awarded by the board of directors of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, which was established in 1965 after the death of Sir Winston Churchill in honour of his memory and in accordance with his wishes.

Professor Nerida Smith has stepped down from the position of Head of School, School of Pharmacy, to return to teaching and research as a professor in the school. She was the Foundation Head of the School of Pharmacy at Griffith, and the school’s success owes much to her hard work and commitment to students, colleagues and the University. Griffith University and the Health Group extends its thanks and appreciation to Professor Smith for her hard work and commitment during the establishment of the School. Associate Professor Michael Rathbone will be acting Head of School until a new appointment is made.

In recognition of his contributions to the field of drug delivery science and technology, Associate Professor Michael Rathbone was inducted as a Fellow of The Controlled Release Society, an international organisation which serves 3000 members from more than 50 countries, dedicated to the science and technology of delivering bioactives. He received the honour at a special induction ceremony at the 37th Controlled Release Society Annual Meeting and Symposium which recently took place in Portland, Oregon, USA. Associate Professor Rathbone was rewarded the honour for his contribution to the society and for his contribution to translational research. He has a unique and extensive knowledge and capability to convert ‘the science’ into ‘the technology’, resulting in commercially available products. In this respect, he has successfully innovated and commercialised three controlled-release animal health products. All three are registered on local markets and one is now sold in more than 30 countries worldwide, including America. Associate Professor Rathbone attributes his success to his ability to integrate a thorough understanding of the interactions between the delivery system and the biological or environmental barriers to delivery of active substances. He joins an elite few who have been recognised by the Controlled Release Society as a result of their outstanding contributions to this multifaceted field of science.

I’m sometimes asked why I give up my time to fundraise for breast cancer research. It is a very simple answer really; I have a daughter, Jade, and one day I hope to have a granddaughter. The thought of my girl Jade, or any other female for that matter, having not only to hear the numbing words ‘you have breast cancer’ but to have to go through the horrendous side effects that breast cancer treatment brings with it, is what drives me.

Why did I decide to give the proceeds from the 2010 Pink Ribbon Race Day to Associate Professor Steve Ralph’s research project? Again, very simple reasons. It is because of the potential outcomes. From my outlook Steve’s research will result in two potential life-changing outcomes. Some women when diagnosed with breast cancer are advised that because of the size of their tumours, their tumours are inoperable. Such women then have to undergo chemotherapy for many months as a means of shrinking their tumours, after which hopefully surgery can then take place. But what that means is that not only do these women have to endure the debilitating side effects of chemotherapy, but worst is that at the same time they still have the cancer in them. I cannot even begin to comprehend the anguish that those women must undergo during that time, hoping that the cancer will not spread. However, that is the reality that many women have to endure.

Associate Professor Steve Ralph and his team are developing a vaccine that will be injected into the breast cancer tumour to shrink the tumours to an operable size. The second life-changing outcome is the potential to reduce the incidence of women requiring mastectomies. In the past week I have been told of a woman 24 years of age and another 32 years of age who have both just undergone mastectomies. The vaccine being developed would be used to reduce and dissolve the breast cancer tumour in place of the radical mastectomy that a breast cancer diagnosis can bring. And so, if this project comes to fruition it really will make such a difference to the lives of so many women around the world.

Whilst sometimes it just seems that a cure is so elusive, we have to find ways to better treat breast cancer, and that is what Steve Ralph’s research will do. It is the positive side of research. The downside of research is that it can cost millions of dollars. But if we don’t find those millions of dollars to fund breast cancer research, we pay a much greater price - the loss of many of our loved ones.

Dr Robyn-Ann Cameron
Griffith Business School
STAFF NEWS (continued)

Congratulations to Professor David Shum on the success of his NIRAP project application entitled “Utilising brain plasticity in health and disease”. This grant was awarded for half of the original budget, $1 million over three years.

Congratulations to Peter Mayne on his appointment to two areas of the newly formed Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA), namely, state representative to the PBA Registration and Notification Committee and Member of the PBA Examinations Working Group. Peter is held in very high regard by the profession across Australia and has a wealth of experience and knowledge that he brings to the PBA.

Congratulations to Tony Hall on his appointment to the Queensland Health Medicines Advisory Committee.

Dr Laetitia Hattingh has been appointed by the Minister of Health (The Hon Paul Lucas) to the Queensland Pharmacists Panel of Assessors. This is a wonderful recognition of Laetitia’s respect and standing as a pharmacist.

Dr Tamara Ownsworth chaired the scientific committee and was program convenor for the 33rd Annual Brain Impairment Conference held on the Gold Coast in May 2010. Professor David Shum was also on the committee and Griffith University was a sponsor (Griffith Health). This national conference attracted about 240 attendees and many distinguished national and international speakers. The conference has a multidisciplinary focus. Clinicians and researchers from clinical and neuropsychology, occupational therapy, speech pathology, physiotherapy, social work, medicine and rehabilitation counselling attended.

Internationally recognised Griffith Health Institute researcher Professor Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck won the 2009 Research Excellence Award from the Australian Psychological Society – Psychology of Relationships Interest Group. The award promotes the development of relationship, education and/or therapy research. Melanie was recognised for her research into child and adolescent relationships, the development of how we come to know our values and desires, and mental health. She is known for her research on relationships during the teenage years, couples relationships, sexuality and sexual behaviour. Melanie currently teaches developmental psychology and research methods. Her most recent research project investigates sexual health and what it means to young females. She also holds an ARC Discovery grant that funds research on rejection resilience. “To reduce problems and promote wellbeing, we need holistic sexuality programs for young people that encourage individual and social factors that promote wellbeing, healthy sexuality and positive relationships,” she said. “For this, there must be research on the meaning of sexual health in emerging adulthood and the factors predictive of pathways to positive sexual decision-making, assertiveness, personal responsibility and wellbeing.”

Professor Zimmer-Gembeck received her award at the annual APS conference held in Melbourne, in July.

Warmest congratulations to Professor Paul Scuffham, Professor Elizabeth Kendall, Professor Paul Burton and Dr Jennifer Whitty who achieved tremendous success with their ARC Linkage project entitled: “Engaging the public in healthcare decision making: Quantifying preferences for healthcare through Citizens’ Juries”. The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, in June released the results of the ARC Linkage Projects second funding round. Griffith achieved outstanding funding outcomes and was awarded eight grants amounting to $1.63 million in ARC funding, matched by just over $2.6 million in partner contributions. The University was placed third nationally in terms of success rate, tenth nationally in terms of number of awards and twelfth nationally for total ARC funding. Griffith’s success rate of 61.5% significantly exceeds the national average of 44.9% and is the best success rate Griffith has achieved since the 2005 funding round. In terms of the number of applications awarded, the University was the top achiever in its university benchmark group, the Innovative Research Universities Australia.

Professor Diego de Leo’s latest book Turning Points charts the instructive and inspiring stories of several suicide survivors. The title would equally suit a book about his own life and work, measured by turning points of his own, hinging on tragedies in his life: the suicide of a friend; his own near-death experience in a car accident; the tragic loss of his beloved sons; and the recent death of his father. In a strange way, these personal travails have enabled him to go deeper into this work and commitment to helping people.

Turning Points is not a manual on psychopathology but instead a very fragile human look at the deep complexities of suicidal behaviour and the struggle for psychological science to understand this worst of human tragedies. While sometimes taken in a coldly rational way, the decision to commit suicide is one built out of years of living. As such, Diego allows the reader to follow each of the 12 life stories in rich personal detail, adding his own honest interpretations and comments as a roadmap to guide the reader on the many messages these stories reveal.

Image courtesy of Brisbane News and photographer Richard Waugh.
Thanksgiving Service 2010
In recognition of Body Donors

The School of Anatomy is hosting a Thanksgiving Service to express gratitude and pay tribute to those, who by bequeathing their bodies, make a vital contribution to the training of the next generation of scientists, and medical and allied health professionals.

Family and friends of our donors, University staff, students and alumni, along with community representatives are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Service.

WHEN: Tuesday, 5 October, from 6pm.
WHERE: Paradise Showroom, Gold Coast Arts Centre
135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise.
WHO: Family and friends of donors, University staff and students, and community representatives.

For more information about Griffith’s Body Bequest Program: 07 5552 7700 or sch-anatomy@griffith.edu.au

Griffith School of Environment, Planning and Architecture and Griffith Health are pleased to invite you to a presentation by

Dr Esther Sternberg

Healing Spaces – the science of place and wellbeing

Dr Esther Sternberg is internationally recognised for her discoveries in brain-immune interactions and the effects of the brain’s stress response on health: the science of the mind-body interaction. Join Dr Esther Sternberg as she draws on accessible science to explore the current state of knowledge about how both natural places and built environments can influence our health and healing, and points to possibilities for designing hospitals, communities and cities that promote wellbeing.

WHEN: Tuesday, 5 October, 2010, 6.00pm – 7.30pm (including light refreshments)
WHERE: Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Building G39 Room 1.17
Gold Coast campus
RSVP at griffith.edu.au/architecture
ENQUIRIES: m.stewart@griffith.edu.au

Clive Palmer Business Breakfast

Chair of the Griffith Health Institute Development Board cordially invites you to join him for breakfast

DATE: Friday 17th September
TIME: 6.45am for 7.00am
VENUE: Palazzo Versace
La Medusa Ballroom
94 Sea World Drive, Gold Coast
COST: $60.00 per person
$550.00 per table of 10 - Please email
HOSTED BY: Channel 9’s Rob Readings
RSVP: By Friday 10 September 2010
Ms Charmaine Bailey
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Professor Clive Palmer is the inaugural Chair of the Griffith Health Institute Development Board and he will outline why one of Australia’s leading industrialists has taken on this position.

Professor Palmer is a much sought after public speaker. In the past 12 months he has met with President Putin in Russia, the late Senator Ted Kennedy and Senator Joe Lieberman of the United States Senate, the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands and former Australian Prime Minister John Howard as well as numerous ministers from the Asia Pacific region. Professor Palmer has forged strong relationships with China, since first visiting China in 1962. Guests will have an opportunity for ‘Questions & Answers’ with Professor Palmer.

2010 Gold Coast Health and Medical Research Conference

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Please join us at the 2010 Gold Coast Health and Medical Research Conference, being held at the Radisson Resort Gold Coast (Palm Meadows) on 2 & 3 December 2010.

The full 2 day program is designed around this year’s theme of ‘Working Together for Better Health’ and includes an exceptional line up of plenary lectures, symposium sessions, interactive poster sessions, workshops, a mentoring session, and regular poster presentations. The social program will include wine tasting as well as the banquet and awards dinner.

The keynote speakers are Associate Professor Vivek Mittal, of the Lehman Brothers Lung Cancer Laboratory, Weill Cornell Medical College, and Professor Michael Good, Griffith University.

To view full details and register online visit: http://www.griffith.edu.au/conference/gold-coast-health-medical-research–2010

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