This is a very important edition of Impact for the School of Medicine. It highlights the School’s desire to be socially accountable and, more importantly, to demonstrate how it is being an active community participant. The School’s aspiration to be a responsible community citizen is exemplified in its vision statement:

“Griffith University School of Medicine will be acknowledged as a key organisation in the advancement of health care and the economic prosperity of the region. It will strive to achieve this vision through leadership in community service and the promotion of innovation and diversity in all missions of the School.”

Some medical schools around the world are very active in addressing their social accountability agenda. They call for medical schools to ‘respond to the changing needs of the community by developing formal mechanisms to maintain awareness of these needs and advocate for them to be met.’ They should also ‘work together and in partnership with their affiliated health care organisations, the community, other professional groups, policy makers and governments to develop a shared vision of an evolving and sustainable health care system for the future.’ I hope Griffith is up to this task. (Social Accountability: A vision for Canadian Medical Schools, Health Canada, 2001.)

Success of the School will ultimately lie in its integration into the community it serves. One of the major outcomes of successful integration would be a positive contribution to the economic and health well-being of the region. To achieve this mission it needs to be proactive in its interactions with the wider community as well as actively seek to monitor its impact. As part of this process the School has established, arising from work from the original community working parties, a Community Impact Advisory Group and a community engagement strategy.

This edition profiles our members of the Community Impact Advisory Group and the contribution they wish to make to the School and their community. It also illustrates some of the many community activities that our students have already engaged in, from community research projects to fund raising in the Gold Coast Airport Marathon and Blood Bank drives. Watch out for these students – they are embracing their community with vigour and generosity. I’m sure they are well on track to demonstrate one of the School’s missions which is to ‘contribute academically and clinically excellent and socially accountable graduates to the health care workforce who will have an appreciation of multidisciplinary health care provision, and make a positive impact on the communities in which they learn.’

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School receives vote of confidence from Queensland Government. 235 full scholarship supported medical places provided over the next 5 years
Members - Community Impact Advisory Group

Councillor Dawn Crichlow
A ‘Jill’ of all businesses, Dawn’s talents and business skills have included taxidermy, racehorse training, and appaloosa and quarter horse breeding. Not to forget owning and operating successful florist shops, hair salons, a barbershop, children’s only hair salon, sandwich bar, and boutique fashion stores.

Each venture has been a personal three-year target except for the Gold Coast City Council to which she was elected in 1991 when she ran to dismantle the Southport Mall because of its negative impact on local traders and called for accountability of rate spending. Dawn loves her interesting, diverse and challenging Council job which allows her to concentrate on working with the people of the Gold Coast to protect our great asset.

She is proud of her community - its infrastructure, business, medical, tourism and educational facilities nestled alongside the Broadwater – and strives to make it a warm and friendly place for all residents, visitors and business people.

Dawn sees her business background and varied career experience as a bonus and this has been highlighted in her role as a member of City Planning, Finance and Internal Services, and Engineering Services committees.

She is also patron of 33 organisations including the Parkinson’s Society, Gold Coast Seniors on the Net, Southport Swimming Club, Endeavour Foundation, Australian Volunteer Coast Guard QF1 Southport and the Australian Red Cross – 2005 Youth Donation Campaign.

Elaine Crawt
Elaine has been a Registered Nurse / Midwife for 20+ years, with experience in Neonatal Care, Nursing Management and Clinical Decision Support Systems.

Elaine commenced work with the Gold Coast Division of General Practice in July 1995, covering a wide range of projects and activities including the establishment of a Sexual Assault GP Service, development of project grants, management/coordination of projects and programs in the clinical areas of mental health, palliative care, obstetrics, youth health and service integration.

Elaine currently fulfils the role of Program Manager at the Division focusing on integration activities with other primary health care providers and the management of the Division’s Quality Use of Medicines Programs, Residential Aged Care Facility Program and its Access to Allied Psychological Health Service.

Her role on the School’s Community Impact Advisory Group will be to act as liaison between the medical school and general practitioners and inform the school of any general practice related activities that may impact or enhance the students experiences within the general practice setting.

Graham Dillon
Awarded the Order of Australia Medal for Contribution to the Community, Graham has supported and served community development for 20 years. A Minjerribah Moorgumpin Elder and traditional Custodian and Elder of Kombumerri, Gold Coast, Graham was the first President of newly authorised Queensland Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Legal Services (QEA).

Graham undertook five years of cultural research from 1983 to 1988 with the Queensland Anthropology Museum. He was the Founding President Gold Coast Aboriginal and Islander Housing Co-op and Kalwun Development Corporation Ltd and a member of Gold Coast Cross Cultural Community Policing.

He was elected a Councillor of the Aboriginal Development Commission and was Regional Councillor of the Australian and Torres Strait Islander Services for 13 years. In addition, he was on the ATSIC Housing Advisory Committee, was Director of Aboriginal Hostels Ltd for five years and the Queensland Land Tribunal for three years. He was Official Visitor at Borallan Prison for three years and has been a member of many Ministerial forums.

Graham has strong connections with Griffith. He is the Chair of the University’s Student Equity Committee and Chair of Griffith’s Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.

Graham’s extensive and active community service also includes:

- Chamber of Commerce Gold Coast Hinterland
- Quandamooka Land Council
- Ngarang-Wal Gold Coast Aboriginal Association Inc.
- Director, Lifeline Gold Coast.
- Founding Member, Kombumerri Aboriginal Corporation for Culture
- Kombumerri / Ngarang-Wal Aboriginal Enterprises Gold Coast.
Dr Tracey Gilmore

Dr Tracey Gilmore is the Director of the Department of State Development and Innovation's Gold Coast office. She has substantial experience in management, business development and consultancy, holding a Master of Business Administration, majoring in marketing.

Prior to joining the Department she was employed by CSL Limited, Australia’s largest pharmaceutical company. As General Manager Administration, Tracey was responsible for the establishment of a $5 million biotechnology research and development subsidiary and a wide range of joint venture activities, which culminated in attracting major investment from the US biotech giant Chiron.

In addition to her role as Director State Development, Tracey is involved in a wide range of economic development activities, and sits on a number of committees and boards, including:

- Board member of the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE. (Ministerial appointment)
- Committee member for the Department of Employment Training and Industrial Relations – Job Plan Committee. (Ministerial appointment)
- Griffith University’s Institute for Glycomics, Management Research Committee.
- Member of the Gold Coast Regional Manager’s of Government Forum.

Tracey is a great supporter of the School of Medicine, which she sees as providing the necessary infrastructure to the region, to capitalise on the region’s strategic advantage in health and medical research and biotechnology. Her extensive networks will enable her to forge strong links between the medical school and the business community.

Trish Hogan

Trish is currently the Executive Officer at The Tweed Hospital, and has held this position since January 2001. Previous to this appointment she held senior management positions in public health in South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland.

Her experience in the health industry spans both hospital and community health services administration and clinical practice and senior management positions in the ACT Department of Health and Community Services. In her current and previous roles she has actively participated on a significant number of National Committees regarding health services and workforce.

Trish’s qualifications include a Masters Degree in Health Administration from the University of NSW and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Queensland. She is an avid supporter of the Griffith University Medical School having participated in many of the initial establishment processes.

Trish was honoured this year by being named the inaugural “Tweed Woman of the Year” for her strong performance in a demanding management position and positive role modelling for young women.

Dr Drew Moffrey

Dr Drew Moffrey is currently employed as a Senior House Officer at the Gold Coast Hospital in the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Drew was born and raised on the Gold Coast and completed an undergraduate degree in science at Griffith University. While a student at Griffith Drew became involved in the Student Union, being employed in hospitality and a member of several sporting clubs and societies.

Drew commenced his medicine degree in 2000 and was heavily involved in the University of Queensland Medical Society. He was the Student Representative on the Admissions Committee from 2001–2003 implementing such things as the High School Entry Program, the advancement of the overseas students and the Brunei Exchange Program. Drew became president of the Hospital Area's Sports Committee in 2003 which oversaw the funding to various different hospitals in Queensland for the provision of sports equipment for the students, as well as the funding for the Medical Society sports teams. He was president of the University of Queensland Medical Society Touch Football club and convener for the touch football competition involving nearly 300 medical students.

Following his internship at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Drew returned to the Gold Coast where he maintains his long-time interest in the surf life saving movement.

Drew has a good understanding of the Gold Coast community and its different needs. He is very happy to be involved with the Griffith University School of Medicine in these first few years, setting the School on the road to great success.
Charlie Richards

As Liaison Officer for the Griffith University Medicine Society (GUMS), Charlie is also the Student Representative on the School Committee and Community Advisory Impact Group. As the Liaison Officer, his roles include acting as a student representative on the Australian Medical Students' Association, coordinating activities with medical students from other universities, and generally being the first port of call for anyone wishing to get in touch with Griffith's medicine society. Originally from Bombala, a small country town in southern NSW, Charlie is very proud of his rural background. He studied Arts at the ANU before venturing up to the Gold Coast to study medicine. He has loved the change in scenery and weather!

Elizabeth Shakespeare

Libby Shakespeare has extensive experience in health care and hospital management. During 14 years as Executive Director with Australian Hospital Care Limited she was a Foundation Member of the Palliative Care Foundation of Tasmania, Tasmania's first female Rotarian, Secretary and President of the Tasmanian Private Hospitals Association, a Director of the Australian Private Hospital Association, a Director of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Member of the Health Promotion Council Tasmania, Director on the Workplace Safety Board Tasmania (Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee) and a Director of the National Industry Training Board for Health and Community Services. She is a Governor of the University of Tasmania Foundation, a Fellow of the Society of Senior Executives, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Member of the International Hospitals Federation.

From 1987 to February 2001, under Australian Hospital Care Limited, she managed hospitals and health facilities in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.
In June 2001, Libby joined the HCA Healthcare Group and is presently the CEO for the Queensland and Tweed Heads hospital facilities. Libby is currently Vice-President of Gold Coast Health & Medical Industry Association.

Professor Stephanie Short

Stephanie originally trained and worked as a physiotherapist before graduating with first-class honours in Sociology from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in 1983.
In that year she was awarded the Sir John Gellibrand Memorial Scholarship to undertake a Master of Science in Sociology as Applied to Medicine at the University of London. Following this she undertook and completed a PhD in Sociology at UNSW, this time as the recipient of a Commonwealth Postgraduate Scholarship.
She has lectured at the universities of Sydney, Newcastle, and Wollongong, and was Senior Lecturer in Health Care Sociology in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW.
Stephanie joined Griffith University as Professor and Head of the School of Public Health in 2003 and in addition to this role was appointed Dean of Teaching and Learning for the newly-formed Griffith Health Group in February 2005.
She has served as elected President of the Public Health Association of Australia (NSW Branch, 1996–2000), as Scientific Convenor of the PHAA Annual Conference 2001, and as a member and chair of six committees and working parties of the National Health & Medical Research Council. She is best known as the co-author of Health Care and Public Policy, now in its third edition; the core reference text in this field.
Stephanie's current research interests include health services evaluation and the social structure of choices and constraints in relation to health care insurance both in Australia and internationally.

Rachel Wyndham

A current student of Griffith’s graduate-entry B Medicine / B Surgery program, Rachel graduated from her undergraduate degree in biomedical science at Griffith on the Gold Coast in 1998.
Rachel worked in a multi-discipline medical centre as a clinical nutritionist, before starting her own consulting business doing reports and technical advising for listed, registered and over-the-counter therapeutic products with TGA. She has also lectured nursing, acupuncture and nutrition students at TAFE in subjects including chemistry, biochemistry, anatomy and physiology.
Rachel always wanted to do medicine, and turned down the opportunity to go to Sydney a few years ago as her children were her priority. With the new Griffith School of Medicine on the Gold Coast school Rachel feels very fortunate that she has another chance. She is loving the course and is very excited about her future.
Community Activities
Health in the Community

Feedback from the community about Griffith medical students on placement

‘Outstanding motivation, interest and application... a very collaborative approach.’
Community Health, Murwillumbah

‘...is a delightful young man. His interpersonal skills are excellent. All going well I feel ... will be valuable member of the medical profession and the health profession in general. I have thoroughly enjoyed having ... with me over the past few weeks.’
Community Health, Murwillumbah

‘...showed a keenness and maturity beyond expectations. He gave more hours to this community placement than was required. He was more than willing to participate in all areas of the funeral industry. Areas of participation included: understanding of our policy and procedures, actively abided by our OH&S requirements, assisted in the mortuary for all care requirements of deceased persons, stood on two funeral services, observed the dynamics of how funeral staff assist families who are grieving. It has been an absolute pleasure to have had ... with us.’
Simplicity Funerals

“We all enjoyed ... participation in the activities of the organisation. He indicated a genuine interest in the structure and operations of our Agency and is keen to learn about dementia. A pleasure to be able to spend time with...”
Alzheimers Australia

‘It was a pleasure to have ... here - she engaged with all staff and clients professionally. She showed a keen interest in issues for young people and how the sector worked with the issues.’
GC Youth service

‘... showed great interest in the services offered to the aged people in our community and showed genuine interest in the whole spectrum of needs facing aged people living in their own homes. She asked insightful questions regarding dietary needs, general well being and safety issues during her home visits. ... was also involved in our Monday morning community program. This is a group program set up to provide social and self improvement opportunities for about 40 blind or vision impaired aged persons in our local community. She was more than just an extra pair of hands helping to serve morning tea, etc. She spent time talking with the elderly group members and was able to give helpful advice when questions were asked. She also participated in the group activities and fitted in well with all the other volunteer workers. ... was always punctual, courteous and above all showed real enthusiasm in her approach to the group activities associated with Vision in Paradise. This organisation is a large support group set up to improve the lifestyle and well being of its members with a particular emphasis on self help. ... embraced these ideals and in doing so made a very positive contribution to our group during her community placement and we wish her well.’
Vision in Paradise, Hollywell

‘... was brilliant, a real pleasure and very resourceful. He was a great help to us and hope we were of some help to him.’
Kingston East Community Centre

‘...how impressed we at GCPHU have been with the first year students. Bright, eager to learn and fitted in well.’
Gold Coast Public Health Unit, Don Staines

International Aid

‘I have just returned from the Australian Medical Students’ Association Developing World Conference in Sydney, which was an amazingly inspirational weekend. As well as speakers from Medecins Sans Frontieres, The Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund, Interplast, the Red Cross and the Australian Federation of Medical Women, just to name a few, presentations were also given by seven of Australia’s 15 Medical Schools who currently run ‘International Health Groups’. These groups have varying roles but their basic principles are similar:

- To co-ordinate activities which facilitate student involvement in gaining experience in these areas
- To encourage and support students who have interest in addressing these inequalities in rural, indigenous and international health
- Some groups also take needed and requested medical aid to developing countries.

We have been encouraged by AMSA and the newly formed AMSA Developing World Group to create a similar society at Griffith. We will be looking for interested clinicians and students to work toward this in the next few months.” Jacqui McDonnell, first year student

Please contact Jacqui McDonnell on Jacqueline.McDonnell@student.griffith.edu.au if you are interested.
The Marathon

More than 50 of our medical students participated in the Gold Coast Airport Marathon recently – running or walking in medical scrubs for fun, fitness and a good cause.

Coordinators Dallas Gramp and John Chandler said the students were motivated to join in the community event in part to help raise the profile of the Griffith University Medicine Society. They also raised about $600 which benefits the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Queensland.

Some of the Griffith stars on the day included Half Marathoners John Chandler, Robert Russell, Bill Bye and James Gray.

Genevieve Casey, Dallas Gramp, Eliza Doneley, Christina Johnson and Rebecca Moor showed their speed in the women’s 10km run while Robert Keays, Anthony Van Dyklen, Daniel Hyde, Thomas Tiang and Alan Lim were Griffith medicine’s best performers in the men’s 10km run.

According to the Marathon organizers, the Griffith University Medicine Society team was the driving force behind Griffith Gold Coast winning the Northern University Championships and Griffith University’s overall win of the Australian University Championships.

Crimson Cup

Griffith’s medical students have been instrumental in the establishment of an intercampus challenge to increase much needed blood donations on the Gold Coast.

The inaugural Crimson Cup challenge will run for the full academic year and involve staff and students from Griffith’s Parklands campus, the Centre for Medicine and Oral Health at Southport, Bond University and local TAFEs. The campus with the highest percentage of donors will be awarded the Cup.

Medical student Rachel Wyndham said a PBL case on immune deficiency requiring blood transfusion prompted them to approach the Australian Red Cross and get involved in blood donations.

How to get involved as a sponsor or donor

Opportunities exist for you to contribute to School activities:
- medical and population based research
- educating tomorrow’s doctors
- being part of a larger School community

What you can donate money for

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There is also opportunity for naming rights to buildings / rooms / equipment

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Will feature new developments in the school.