Vice Chancellor’s Report to Council

Monday 8 October 2007

As I finalise this report we have learnt the outcomes of this years ARC and NHMRC Research Grants. As detailed later in my report, it is mainly very positive news with a significant increase in the number of ARC Discovery and NHMRC grants.

Since my last report to Council the University learnt that all ten of our nominations for 2007 Carrick Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning were successful – the only Queensland university to receive the maximum of 10 citations. Additionally, the University opened the new Griffith Institute for Educational Research; received increased funding for Justice Modelling; hosted a number of engaging events and conducted its fourth Canadian Graduation Ceremony in Toronto.

On 30 July the new Chancellery Building’s Council Chamber on the Gold Coast played host to a State Government Community Cabinet meeting. A full meeting of Cabinet was followed by lunch with 300 community members in the Activity Centre. The University provided the Premier and all cabinet ministers with Griffith branded materials including a red Griffith Cap which was featured nationally on the Channel 7 and Channel 9 morning programs when the then Premier, The Honourable Peter Beattie was wearing his Griffith cap, speaking about his resignation as Premier.

Since the Community Cabinet meeting, the Premier announced the Government’s decision to locate its new Gold Coast University Hospital adjacent to Griffith University’s Gold Coast campus. The new site at the northern end of Parklands Drive has significant financial advantages for the Government while still being accessible to the Griffith Gold Coast campus. The University’s existing medical and dental schools will be relocated adjacent to the new hospital. The University will continue to work closely with the State Government and Queensland Health to develop a first class facility. (Attachment 1a & 1b) This matter will be discussed in further detail as a confidential item on this Council Agenda.

Council will recall that it approved the establishment of a new position titled Pro Vice Chancellor (Learning and Student Outcomes) as part of the Griffith 2015 strategy paper at its May 2007 meeting. I am pleased to report that Professor Sue Spence has accepted the position and will
commence on 5 November 2007. Professor Spence is currently at Macquarie University as the Dean of Division, Linguistics and Psychology and previously spent a number of years at the University of Queensland where she was Head of the School of Psychology and Head of the School of Journalism and Communications, and Deputy President of the Academic Board.

In August Griffith hosted its annual dinner with its state parliamentary alumni. Twelve parliamentary members, including four Ministers attended the dinner at Parliament House. The dinner was an opportunity to update our parliamentary alumni on the major achievements over the past Year.

Our annual lunch for Honorary Doctors of the University was held at the Griffith Film School on 31 August. I updated the Honorary Doctors on the recent achievements of the University. Hamilton Wilson, Managing Director of Wilson Architects the firm behind the re-design of the film school building also addressed the lunch.
August and September has seen a series of major public forums hosted by the University. Our Urban Research program, in collaboration with The Courier-Mail, the Brisbane Institute and Channel Nine joined together to promote public debate about the future of Brisbane and Southeast Queensland in the Our Future/Your Say series. The six events have included participation by Anna Bligh, William McGuiness, Brendan Gleeson, Peter Garrett and Malcolm Turnbull. Capacity audiences have been attracted to the events. All of the forums are available on podcasts from the web site http://www.griffith.edu.au/our-future-your-say

Great Climate Change Debate

The University also hosted a successful public forum *Climate Change: Urgency & Responsibility* at the Gold Coast on Friday 10 August. The event was well attended by the local community who came along to hear leading international author and climate change policy activist Tom Athanasiou. The event also featured a panel debate and question time with members of the Griffith University Climate Response Program.

The annual Nobel Laureate Lecture at the Gold Coast campus was presented by Professor Barry Sharpless, a joint winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the development of catalytic asymmetric synthesis. His Nobel Prize-winning achievements are of great importance for academic research, for the development of new drugs and materials, and are being used in many industrial syntheses of pharmaceutical products and other biologically active substances.

**Research**

**National Competitive Grants**

A number of Research Grant results have been recently announced which produces pleasing results for the University. A summary of the results are listed below. A complete list of successful grant winners are included in Attachment 2.

**ARC Discovery**

Griffith received 23 grants in 2008, a significant increase from 2007. This reflects a substantial improvement in the success rate. There was a clear gap between Griffith and Latrobe University (16 grants awarded) who ranked 14.
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### ARC Linkage - Projects grants
The University has been awarded 7 grants from its 17 applications for the 2008 ARC Linkage - Projects scheme. This places Griffith University 10th in the number of grants awarded and 14th in the dollar value of grants. Our success rate of 41.2%, although below the national average of 47.6%, is still a very credible effort in a scheme where there have been significant fluctuations in the national success rate in recent years.

### 2008 NHMRC Project Grants
The University has increased its numbers of NHMRC Project Grants from 2 in 2007 to 5 in this most recent round.

### External grants
Between June and August 2007, Griffith University was awarded 71 external research grants valued at around $6.5 million. This included significant awards to:

- Professor Jane Hughes from the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge Consortium or TRaCK ($703,000 over 3 years)
- Associate Professor Elizabeth Kendal from Queensland Health ($900,000 over 4 years)
- Dr Michelle Burford from the Fisheries R&D Corporation ($400,000 over 4 years)

The Office for Research is currently coordinating applications for the ARC Federation Fellowships (closes October 19) and Linkage Projects Round 2 (closes November 23).

### Justice Modelling@Griffith
Justice Modelling@Griffith (JMAG) has obtained cross-agency funding from the Queensland Law and Justice CEO Committee of $807,000 over three years. This funding builds on previous funds provided by Queensland Treasury and Griffith University in 2004 and will improve the capacity of JMAG to advance its research agenda. Associate Professor Anna Stewart and her JMAG team and the Office for Commercialisation are to be congratulated on this outstanding bid.

### Launch of Griffith Institute for Educational Research
The Griffith Institute for Educational Research was launched early in the month at the Mt Gravatt campus. An amalgamation of the Centre for Applied Linguistics, Literacy and Communication Studies and the Centre for Learning Research, the Institute emphasises the importance of learning to bring about social change. Key researchers within Griffith education and other areas across the University will investigate how the changing world impacts on learning and learners and, in turn, how learners can and do impact on social change.

### Griffith Islamic Research Unit
The Griffith Islamic Research Unit (GIRU) recently accepted $100,000 as an initial contribution from the Saudi Arabian Government to support the Unit’s work. The Embassy is also contributing a collection of Islamic books and other materials to enhance the University’s Library collection in this field.

### Project STOP to be examined by Griffith Researchers

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The Queensland Police Service recently won the law enforcement category of the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) awards, for their innovative program, *Project STOP*, an initiative aimed at reducing drug abuse and crime. *Project STOP* is now under the scrutiny of Professor Lorraine Mazerolle and colleagues as part of their successful national Drug Law Enforcement Research Foundation project. This research project will evaluate *Project STOP* to explore the role of partnerships between the police and third parties such as retail pharmacies in reducing methamphetamine problems in Queensland.

*Research Centre Renewal*

The name of the Service Industry Research Centre has been changed to the ‘Centre for Tourism, Sport and Service Innovation Research’ and has been renewed as a Faculty level Centre for a further period of four years from 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2011. This change of name signals a refocusing of the Centre and better reflects the Griffith Business School’s areas of research strength. The new mission of the Centre will be to advance knowledge concerning the application of innovative management techniques in the service sector in general and the tourism and sport sectors in particular.

*RQF Update*

Following a series of consultations with the Higher Education sector, DEST released the final specifications for RQF submissions. The University has identified 26 interim RQF Groups, and the RQF Team are working with nominated Group Co-ordinators to complete draft group evidence portfolios by end of November. Well-attended workshops for Co-ordinators on portfolio preparation and impact case studies have been conducted, involving internal and independent experts. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) conducted all-staff update seminars in August/September at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses. DEST RQF head Leanne Harvey visited Griffith on 11 September and held very productive sessions with the RQF Team, RQF Group Co-ordinators and the RQF Central Taskforce. Academic Group Pro Vice Chancellors have agreed processes for informing staff whose work will not be submitted for RQF 2008 and for their academic supervisors to help them plan for future research development.

On Tuesday 18 September, Minister Bishop announced the membership of the RQF assessment panels. Professor Huib Schippers (Queensland Conservatorium) was appointed to the Creative Arts, Design and Built Environment panel.


The new Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research and the new National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research has been released. These new standards have significant implications for the University:

- There is far greater emphasis on institutional responsibilities, both in terms of research governance and the actual conduct of research. These responsibilities include:
  - ensuring research students receive at least induction-level training in a range of areas including research ethics, responsible conduct, conflicts of interest, and privacy.
  - ensuring that supervisors can competently advise their students on the above matters.
  - Providing researchers with advice and resources in areas such as the legislation/regulation that applies to their planned research, and the matters above.
- This will require the review of policies, processes and resource materials across a range of areas.

The release of these two documents appears to signal a shift to a more US styled approach to research governance, where rather than tick-box or policy compliance, institutions are responsible for the culture of conduct, to genuinely implement, and to be able to demonstrate compliance.

Compliance with these documents is to be a condition of ARC and NHMRC funding. It is understood the University will be asked for a progress report on implementation in January 2008, and is expected to have implemented both the Code and National Statement by August 2008.
Even though the work within the University in the period 2003-2007 has placed the University in a strong position in relation to compliance, particularly with the new National Statement, there remains a significant volume of tasks, many of which are quite complex.

An action plan has been prepared by the Office for Research, which was endorsed at the September meeting of Research and Postgraduate Studies Committee (RAPS).

**Learning**

*Griffith Master of Business Administration (MBA)*

The Griffith MBA has received a 5-Star rating from the Graduate Management Association of Australia (GMAA) for the 6th consecutive year. Griffith is the only Queensland university to have consistently been rated 5-Star since the GMAA began its independent ranking six years ago. This is a significant achievement for the MBA and the Griffith Business School. The new International MBA program offered at the Gold Coast received a four star ranking after its first year.

**Academic Integrity**

Griffith University has developed an Institutional Framework for Promoting Academic Integrity Among Students. This Framework recognises the importance of academic integrity in the functions of the University. Without academic integrity true academic discourse is impossible, learning is distorted and the evaluations of student progress and academic quality are seriously compromised.

The Framework focuses on the prevention of academic misconduct by students. Prevention of misconduct takes many forms including the education of students in the necessary skills for and values of academic integrity, professional development of staff in assessment design and responding to concerns, institutional commitment to the reduction of opportunities for students to breach integrity and the use of fair, transparent procedures for managing student academic misconduct. The implementation of this Framework will promote Griffith University's commitment to the core value of academic integrity, enhance the reputation of the institution and protect the standards of its awards.

Integral to the Framework is the introduction of electronic assignment submission and ‘text matching’ software. Currently, both these processes are being trialled across different courses within the University. The Framework proposes a two-stage process for managing concerns about student behaviour. This process is supported by a centralised electronic management system and the Academic Integrity Manager. It is anticipated that these components of the Framework will be trialled over the final weeks of Semester 2, 2007. A strategy is currently being developed that will facilitate the full implementation of the Framework in Semester 1, 2008. Council will be considering this Framework and the associated trial in more detail at this October meeting.

**Honours College**

The Strategic Plan sets targets for improving Griffith’s capacity to attract high OP students. In 2006, the University launched Griffith Connect, a school partnership program designed to improve our recruitment of OP1-6 students by encouraging advocacy in the schools on our behalf. We revised the scholarships aimed at high achieving students into one package, the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships, that would provide students and parents with compelling reasons to consider coming to us, and those students started in semester 1 2007.

The third part of this strategy is to provide a program of enrichment experiences for high achieving students once they are enrolled, via the Griffith Honours College. From the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship round offered to Griffith Connect schools, invitations were offered to students from those partner schools for a place in the Honours College, conditional on them achieving OP1-6. The acceptances are now starting to roll in. The Honours College will offer an enriched educational experience to those students while they are here.

Between them, these three strategies will help position Griffith as a university that is keen to attract high achieving students, and to retain and engage them.

*Nathan*
The Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010 highlighted that the University campuses - their buildings, physical facilities, grounds and information and communication technologies (ICT) infrastructure - play an integral role in contributing to the quality of both staff and students’ experience and the achievement of excellence.

Following the Senior Leadership Conference 2006, I convened a project team to develop a vision for the Nathan campus and to suggest strategies that would provide much needed re- invigoration.

Their recommendations included the appointment of a campus Provost to carry a new vision forward.

In Griffith 2015 I proposed a strategy to position the University for the years beyond 2010, and to promote distinctive claims to 'peaks of excellence' for each campus. The draft Academic Plan 3: Learning for Success suggests that Nathan can no longer be thought of as a 'comprehensive campus', and that we must play to its considerable strengths. Professor John Dewar was appointed Provost of the Nathan campus, and the Nathan campus Task Force will develop a strategic direction for the campus for the foreseeable future in the following areas:

- Physical environment
- Academic profile
- Community engagement
- Life on campus.

The Nathan Task Force, with strong academic and administrative representation, has met twice already with the objective of preparing strategic and action plans for the campus, for consideration by Executive Group and Council.

**Accounting and Finance – National and International Rankings**

A recent study of publication rates in top accounting and finance journals has ranked Griffith 7th in Australia and in the top 75 programs in the world. The study covered a 15 year period to 2005, and during that period Griffith was one of the most rapid upward movers in its comparative ranking.

**Health and Well-Being**

Student Services annually coordinates Health Week across all campuses (Gold Coast, Logan, Mt Gravatt, Nathan, South Bank – QCA and South Bank – QCGU). The health emphasis for this year was Nutrition, Safe Drinking Practices, Emotional well-being, Sexual Health along with First Aid, Financial Health, and information on maintaining a healthy work/life balance.

Activities included health assessments, safe alcohol awareness activities (beer goggles), interactive activities including quizzes, questionnaires and guessing competitions covering; sexual health, financial health, emotional well-being, careers in health and the bookmark quiz, evaluation competition provided lots to do on the day. Cooking demonstrations and sampling, along with lots of give-aways and health promotion displays and handouts all contributed to the success of these events.

Twenty-five external organisations attended, and internal participants at the events included Human Resource Management, School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science, School of Dentistry and Oral Health, Student Services (welfare, careers, counselling, equity, health, chaplaincy), Student Guild, Campus Life, and Griffith Food.

An estimated 3000 students and 150 staff attended the events on all campuses.

**International Careers Fair**

The International Careers Fair, held on 9 August at the Brisbane City Hall went very well with 38 organisations participating and 3,500 students attending. Griffith University had many more students attend than the other Queensland universities this year – which is especially pleasing given that many of our students must travel some distance (Gold Coast / Logan) compared with the "proximity" of the other Brisbane institutions.
The chart below shows respective attendances by each Uni - this year compared with last year.

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Sydney universities put on a similar fair at the University of NSW, however had only 15 organisations and 1700 students from Sydney universities attend.

**People: Staff**

**Achievements**

*LiFe Award for Lifetime Research into Suicide*

Professor Diego DeLeo, Director of the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention and WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention was awarded a LiFe Award in the category of *Lifetime Research* by Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA). The Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, Senator Brett Mason presented the LiFe Awards at a ceremony at BMW Edge, Melbourne early September.

*Climate Change Project Campaign*

Delwyn Langdon, EcoCentre Manager, has been accepted to be personally trained as a presenter by Al Gore as part of his Climate Change Project Campaign. The training is held in partnership with the Australian Conservation Foundation and involves Ms Langdon delivering ten presentations within 12 months. The project aims to expand the audience of the message of An Inconvenient Truth and generate an urgency to insist that policy addressing global warming becomes top priority.

*Q Song Award*

Louise Denson, Head of Jazz at the Conservatorium has won the Q Song Award, jazz category, for “Time to Be” from *Portrait*, her recent CD with vocalist Ingrid James.

*Allen Austin Bartholomew Award*

Professor Ross Homel, Director of the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, has been awarded the ANZSOC Allen Austin Bartholomew Award for 2007 for his paper, “Societal access routes and developmental pathways: putting social structure and young people’s voice into the analysis of pathways into and out of crime”. The Bartholomew Award is awarded annually for the best paper to appear in the Australia New Zealand Journal of Criminology.

**New Appointments**

Two professorial appointments have been made since I last reported on this at the May Council Meeting. (Attachment 3)

**People: Students**

**Canadian Graduation**

The fourth Canadian Graduation Ceremony was held in Toronto in September and was attended by over 125 Griffith graduands. The majority of graduands were from our Master of Teaching program for which students spend at least one year in Australia. Since the program began in 1996 we have marked the achievements of more than 1400 Canadian graduates.

**2007 Industry Mentoring Program**

Some 191 students and 191 mentors have been matched as part of the Griffith Industry Mentoring Program in 2007, launched at the Gold Coast on 24 July and in Brisbane on 1 August. A major feature is the expansion of the program at the Gold Coast Campus with 61 mentors and students, the highest ever. Employment and work experience are not immediate goals of the program.
however 61% of students involved in 2006 indicated that they had received either paid or unpaid work experience as a result of their involvement while 93% indicated they had either fully or partially achieved the goals they had set for their involvement.

Orientation 2008
The University is commencing the planning process for Orientation 2008 with an Orientation Planning Working Party, reporting to the Student Orientation and Engagement Committee, discussing publications, webpages, School and central activities, and strategies to support peer mentoring programs across the University.

Campus Consultation Meetings involving First Year Advisors, Program Convenors, School Administration Officers and staff from central support services are being conducted at Gold Coast, Logan, Mt Gravatt and Nathan campuses in September (South Bank discussions are being managed separately). The theme for Orientation and transition in 2008 will be *Up and Running* and elements are being encouraged to use this as a sub-brand on all promotions of resources and events relating to pre-Orientation, Orientation and transition for students new to Griffith.

There will be particular challenges at Logan campus with the introduction of accelerated programs in the Griffith Business School (GBS) where students will be commencing lectures well before other cohorts.

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki
Dr Karl Kruszelnicki gave a repeat performance of his highly successful presentation on why Science is the must-have career of the 21st century at the Nathan campus to a packed audience of 400 local school students, staff and Griffith students. The audience was first treated to a Griffith Science on the GO! interactive science principles show where exploding hydrogen filled balloons, giant bubbles and the effects of dry ice temperatures on matter were explored in a dynamic show.

Student Engagement
A number of events were held throughout August to continue to improve the University’s attractiveness to school leavers. The University held its semester Principal breakfasts on the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses for schools in the Griffith Connect program. Both were very well attended and provided a valuable opportunity to interact with schools across our region. The Science and Engineering State Super Challenge developed by the University of Newcastle also gave us the chance to use fun and practical hands-on activities to inspire young people about the opportunities available in science, technology and engineering. The event attracted nearly 800 students from regional Challenge teams across Queensland at Carrara Stadium on the Gold Coast. The 3rd annual Science on the GO! Science Trivia Challenge was held at the Gold Coast Campus as part of the Science on the GO! National Science Week activities. 103 teams competed across the three age groups which started with year 6. Queensland College of Art (QCA) Gold Coast’s inaugural Experience Day gave year 11 and 12 secondary schools students...
from Gold Coast high schools a direct experience of projects drawn from majors in the Bachelor of Visual Media.

**Professional Women's Network (PWN)**
The Honourable Margaret Keech, the then Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading, Wine Industry Development and Women presented “The Events Market: Making major events work for you” at the final PWN breakfast for 2007 held on Friday, 7 September. Minister Keech addressed an audience of over 70 alumni and industry guests on the events market, sharing her views and providing some valuable insights into successful event management, with a particular emphasis on how to capitalise on major events from the perspective of the host environment.

**Alumni Network Outstanding Alumnus Award**
Earlier this year the Griffith Business School (GBS) launched the Alumni Network Outstanding Alumnus Award with a call for inaugural nominations. The Award aims to recognise the remarkable achievements and successes of our alumni. The recipient will be honoured at the School's annual Alumni dinner held each year in October. They will also be eligible to receive a certificate and citation from Griffith University at an annual graduation ceremony.

A total of 9 nominations were received. Nominees were diverse, and included early career alumni, prominent public officials, senior executives, and alumni engaged in charity and community-based work. Preliminary short-listing has been completed and the Selection Panel will meet in late September to determine the inaugural recipient.

**Annual Alumni Dinner**
On Friday, 26 October 2007 GBS will host its second Alumni Dinner at the Stamford Plaza Hotel in Brisbane. Ms Kylie Hargreaves, GBS Alumnus and Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade (UK, Ireland, Israel and Mauritius), and formerly Senior Trade Commissioner and Deputy Consul General, Austrade (West USA), will provide our keynote address. Kylie graduated with a Bachelor of International Business and a Bachelor of International Relations (Honours) in 1992. Kylie was the originator of the G'day L.A program, designed to showcase Australian business (and Australia) in the US. She has also assisted many Australian businesses to enter the US market, including Femme Fatale Cosmetics (the brainchild of two Griffith graduates) now operating successfully in the US (as a result of a collaboration with Austrade).

**Achievements**

**American Alliance for Theatre and Education 2007 Distinguished Dissertation Award**
PhD graduate Kate Donelan recently won the American Alliance for Theatre and Education 2007 Distinguished Dissertation Award for her 2005 Griffith University PhD. Kate was supervised by Associate Professor Penny Bundy from the School of Education and Professional Studies. It is interesting to note that the last five winners of this award have all been from Griffith.

**Law Students Only Queensland team left in National Law Moot Competition**
Three Griffith University law students Cameron Low, Peter Coulson and Michael de Waard have made it into the semi finals of a national administrative law moot competition and are the only Queensland team remaining in the moot competition. Should the Griffith team win the semi final they will fly to Sydney for the grand final, which will be held in the Federal Court before the AAT President, the Honourable Justice Garry Downes.

**QCA Student wins prestigious Photographic Award**
Queensland College of Art doctoral student Ray Cook won the $10,000 William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize for 2007. This award is one of Australia’s most prestigious photographic awards and was established to promote excellence in photography.

**Students make it to Congress**
Clare Anderson and Monique Salm will be among only 13 Australians from seven universities selected for the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program 2008 (UCWIP). While in Washington DC the students will be assigned to individual Congressional offices for eight weeks, learning about the legislative process and US/Australian relations. They will be granted unique access to the US political system.
Journalism Awards
Current student Scott Mackinnon has recently been announced as the Most Outstanding Journalism Student (All Media) on a Metropolitan Campus at the recent Queensland Media Awards. Past student Cathy Border, Ten News State political Editor, was named the recipient of the 2007 Most Outstanding Contribution to Queensland Journalism Award. This is the highest accolade in these awards. Former student Andrew Davies was a co-winner for the Best Radio Current Affairs or Feature (Television and Radio).

Griffith Pharmacy students
Four Griffith pharmacy students Rowan Lowe, Brendan Landon, Sean Young and Amin Javanmard have won the National Student Business Plan Competition – an Australia-wide challenge promoting entrepreneurship among students preparing for a career in pharmacy. The Griffith team was honoured for its ‘Pharmacy 210’ business plan, which detailed a strategy to improve an existing pharmacy. The Griffith team won $6,000 for their university and team members, as well as a trophy to be held at their pharmacy school for one year.

Craft Australia Award
Fine Art graduate Eleisha Nylund has been recognised as a joint winner in the student category of a national on-line award from Craft Australia for her jewellery making. Eleisha initially enrolled and took painting as her tertiary Major, only succumbing to the lure of gold and silversmithing in second year.

Physical facilities and information resources

Physical Facilities
A detailed report on Capital and Minor Works across the University is attached. (Attachment 4)

Information Services
Availability of Information Resources
During August, Information Services conducted a Materials Availability Survey at all campus libraries. This survey determines the rate of success that library users experience when looking for items in the library’s collections.

Of the 1149 searches analysed, users found 827 items for an overall success rate of 72%. The 4 significant reasons for not finding a particular item were:

- The item was already on loan (9%)
- The Library did not own the item (5%)
- The item was held at another campus (4%)
- The item was not on the shelves (3%)
While the survey results indicate an increased level of availability since the survey was first conducted in 1997 (Figure 1), the Library is determined to continue to improve access to collections through:

- The purchase of multiple copies of high demand texts;
- Committing a major part of the Library's annual budget to building the collection;
- Effective implementation of Library lending policies, e.g. short loan status for high-demand items; and
- The continued expansion of the Library's collection of electronic resources to provide access to information anytime, anyplace.

![Materials Availability 1997 - 2007](image)

**Engagement and Community Partnerships**

*Excellence in Science and Technology (EXSCITE)*

The Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology (SEET) Group has entered a partnership with Helensvale State High School to deliver a science exposure program called EXSCITE (Excellence in Science and Technology) to Grade 8, 9 and 10 students. The program is designed to establish high levels of interest and participation in the sciences, in the School and the region. Education Queensland embraces the concept and is keen for the University to export the program to other Schools once the SEET Group have established it through Helensvale Senior High School.

**Business and Teacher Workshops**

The Griffith Business School (in conjunction with QPEC) conducted a very successful series of Business & Teacher Workshops. Featuring speakers including David Liddy, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Queensland; Stephen Paul, Headmaster John Paul College and former State School Principal; and David Gray, former Managing Director Boeing Australia. A total of 96 participated in the Workshops with very good representation from industry and the teaching profession.

**Griffith University-Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (MSIT) Partnership Committee.**

The first meeting of the Committee took place on Thursday, 19 July. The Terms of Reference have been agreed and will be signed at the next meeting in November.

Given the increasing number of collaborative arrangements between the two institutions, it was agreed that a Partnership Committee should be formulated to maintain an overview of the overall relationship between the two institutions. The Partnership Committee will establish Working
Parties to consider specific partnership activities and areas of collaboration and monitor the progress and outcomes. The Partnership Committee will initially operate for a period of two years.

**Multi Faith Centre (MFC)**

In August, in partnership with over 15 faith and multicultural communities, the MFC celebrated the UNESCO-declared International Year of Rumi with a film on the ideas and inspiration of the 12th century Sufi mystic Mevlana Jellalluddin Rumi and a forum featuring Associate Professor Julia Howell, Griffith Asia Institute, and Arsalan Moza'fari Falarti, Convenor of the Nematollahi Dervishes Brisbane community. A group of musicians playing Sufi Persian music also enriched the celebration.

In August/September, the MFC Director, Professor Toh, was invited to contribute to two international conferences: the 25th Anniversary Conference of the international institute on Peace Education held at the United Nations, New York, and the 2007 International Network of Engaged Buddhists Conference in Taiwan, following which he visited numerous Buddhist monasteries and educational institutions, including FoGuangShan and Dharma Drum Mountain.

The MFC has also received a $10,000 project grant by the Qld 150 anniversary commemoration in 2009 to document past and present interfaith dialogue initiatives and programs to enhance understanding and build respect among diverse faiths in Queensland.

Two major regional and international conferences are presently being planned by the MFC in cooperation with various faith and interfaith communities and organizations. In February 2008, an Asia-Pacific interfaith conference will focus on the theme of “Women, Faith & Spirituality”, and before mid-2008, a Global Summit on Faiths and Climate Change will be held with the support of Ven Master Chin Kung and the Pure Land Learning College.

Planning meetings have also been held, coordinated through the Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Community Partnerships), Professor Max Standage, to explore possibilities to raise the endowment funds required to sustain the work of the MFC after 2007.

**EcoCentre**

The EcoCentre has hosted four community interest fora this year on Climate Change, Water, Native Wildlife and Waste, hosting over 430 community members. As a working model for sustainable building design, the EcoCentre, on a regular basis and by request, conducts building tours. These tours showcase the Centre’s eco-design features including solar panels, water tanks and natural ventilation system. Visitors are also introduced to the Centre's special inhabitants, 2 metre carpet Python, Blue Tongue lizards, turtles, frogs and fish. The Centre continues to act as a venue for workshops and conferences, having hosted 62 internal and 63 external workshops and conference in the first half of this year, including, Brisbane City Council, Department of Natural Resources & Water, Environmental Protection Agency, Australian Tertiary Education Management Association, Melbourne Institute for Experimental and Creative Arts Therapy, Friends of South East Queensland and the Australian Orangutan Project. The Centre also manages a consultancy on the development of an interactive information kiosk for Orion Springfield Town Centre (Mirvac) by 3rd year School of Information, Communication and Technology students as part of their 3rd Year project.

The Toohey Forest Environmental Education Centre (TFEEC) is one of 24 environmental education centres operated by Education Queensland. The Centre welcomes up to 5000 students from Prep to year 12 as part of their curriculum studies.

From February to July 28 primary schools and 24 high schools, totalling approx 2150 students have visited the EcoCentre and attended workshops.

**International**

On route to attend the Toronto graduation I continued our efforts to broaden our engagement with Latin America. Throughout September, Suzanne Geraghty from Griffith International had been participating in Australian Education International (AEI) activities in South America. My visit to Bogota, Columbia, coincided with the AEI Study in Australia Fair. I signed agreements with three...
top universities in Columbia, (Universidad del Rosario, University of Sergio Aboleda and Pontifica Universidad Javeriana) to allow pathways into Griffith masters programs. I also met with two national scholarship bodies. In Mexico I met with the national scholarship body and Universidad PanAmericana. My visit coincided with the launch of the Latin America Australia alumni group – which I attended.

On August 3, Griffith hosted the seminar, “International Education – An Outsider’s Worldview” by Dr. Daniel J. Guhr, an international education strategy consultant from California. The workshop covered world international education issues, strategic international positioning, tuition-based competition, and a ten-year forecast for international education in Australia. Sixty four people from government and educational institutions in Queensland attended the seminar.

Delegations
Griffith University hosted 24 International Delegations from July 5 to September 12, 2007. Some of the highlights are as follows:

Oman
Dr. Nafla AlKharusi, Aida ALBulush Nadiya ALBusaidy and 30 female Sultan Qaboos University students visited Griffith on July 6 as part of a reward to the students for their outstanding academic achievement.

Vietnam
Associate Professor Nyugen Thi Kim Tien, Vice Minister, International Cooperation, Research & Training of the Vietnam Ministry of Health and a delegation visited Griffith and other Queensland institutions on August 22. The purpose of the visits was to identify avenues to facilitate collaborative research, networking, education and capacity building. The delegation met with Professor Mark Von Itzstein, Director Institute for Glycomics.

Russia
Nikolay Akimov, of the Moscow City Government, University of Management will be visiting Griffith from August 21 to November 12 on a Queensland Government scholarship, which was awarded as part of an MOU signed between the Queensland State Government and Moscow City Government in June 2006. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), through Queensland Education and Training International (QETI), collaborated with the Department of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith Business School, to develop a course of study and an industry placement program. Griffith will continue to host Nikolay throughout his 10-week stay.

Korea
Mr Oaks Lee, Global Articulation Program, Sejong Continuing Education Center, Sejong University, visited Griffith on August 7 to explore further opportunities available to Sejong students to study with the Griffith Business School. Discussions centred on the possibility of increasing the range of courses that might be offered by Griffith Business School to Sejong students.

Dr Yeong-Jin Ko, Education Governor, Gyeongsangnam-do Office of Education and his delegation visited Griffith University on August 14 to discuss a proposal for a scholarship scheme for students interested in spending a year or two teaching English in Korea. The delegates met with myself; the Pro Vice Chancellor (International), Mr Christopher Madden; Pro Vice Chancellor, (Business), Professor Michael Powell as well as Faculty of Education academic staff.

On September 3, I hosted a visit by Professor Sung-Joo Han, President, Korea University and Vice-President, Professor Sung-Hoon Park, who visited Griffith University while in Australia for the APEC Australia 2007 Business Summit. As Griffith maintains strong ties with Korea University, the newly-appointed President, Professor Han, visited Griffith to learn more about our stewardship of international partnerships and in particular, Griffith’s Study Abroad and Student Exchange program. The President also met with Mr Christopher Madden, Pro Vice Chancellor (International); Professor Michael Powell, Pro Vice Chancellor (Business); Professor Yul Kwon, Director, Australian Centre for Korean Studies; Professor Chris Auld, Director Internationalisation, Griffith Business School; Griffith International staff; and the President's students from Korea University.
Italy
On July 11, Ms Valentina Auricchio, Researcher, College of Design, Politecnico di Milano, Ms Elena Caratti, Academic Research Officer, Istituto Europeo di Design, Presidenza Guppo IDE, Milano and Professor Gianpietro Mazzoleni, Faculty of Political Science, University of Milano, visited Queensland to take part in a Qld-Lombardy Symposium, "Exploring Opportunities for Education & Training Cooperation in the Creative and Cultural Industry". Professor Marilyn McMeniman, Pro Vice Chancellor (Arts, Education & Law); QCA and Griffith Film School gave presentations at the Symposium and met with the delegates who were thoroughly impressed with the modern facilities at QCA, GFS and Griffith's Conservatorium of Music.

Sweden
Professor Kare Bremer, Vice Chancellor, Stockholm University and Mr Ake Nagelius, Senior Advisor for International Affairs, visited Griffith on August 24 following an exchange agreement signed between Griffith Business School and Stockholm University in 2001. The delegation met with representatives from a range of Griffith disciplines to develop further links for study abroad & exchange and research.

Partner Institutions
Other Griffith University partner institutions that visited during this period to further strengthen our collaborations included delegations from:

- Kyung Hee University (Korea) 30 July 2007
- Xiamen National Accounting Institute (China) 4 Sept 2007
- Chungnam National University (Korea) 19 July 2007
- University of Wales 31/08/2007 (Wales) 31 Aug 2007
- Pukyong National University (Korea) 21 Aug 2007
- Peking University Health Sciences Centre (China) 29 Aug 2007.

Griffith English Language Institute (GELI)
GELI Student Numbers
The year has been an excellent one for the Griffith English Language Institute. The intake for June (across both Gold Coast and Brisbane Centres) increased by 30% from 469 to 612 students. The intake for July (both Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses) increased by 12%. The intake for August increased by 27% and our projected numbers for our October intake are already 17% higher than last year's figures (from 593 students to 697). Similarly our projected intake for November is up 7% on our final figure last year.

Aviation English
As part of the International Civil Aviation Authority's move to ensure aviation personnel are meeting certain English language requirements, it has been sourcing training and testing materials from various Aviation English providers, including Griffith and RMIT. This month, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia approved the Griffith English Language Institute as a preferred provider to test the standard of English for its all aviation personnel. GELI will be working closely with airlines such as QANTAS, Virgin Blue, Nippon Air Cargo and other interested parties in the coming months.

English HELP
The English Higher Education Language Program (HELP) continues to support Griffith degree students in discipline-specific English language programs. To date, HELP has seen 463 students across Semesters 1 & 2 in 2007. This semester we have already "helped" 193 business students, 56 Health students and 41 students from Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology.

International Marketing
Student numbers
Griffith University has again attained a 15% growth in commencing international students, compared to semester 2, 2006. Of particular note is the 67% growth in Research Higher Degree enrolments, with Undergraduate programs experiencing 13% growth, Postgraduate 10% growth and Study Abroad a 2% decline (6 students less than last year, but a clear indication of emerging problems in the United States economy, our largest study abroad market). All academic groups experienced healthy growth rates: AEL 10%, GBS 22%, Health 26% and SEET 18%.
These sustainable growth rates can be attributed to several factors including: increasingly improved cooperation between academic Groups and Griffith International, positive word-of-mouth by satisfied international students, an emphasis on building strong relationships with strategic partners, and a strong commitment to the diversification of markets supported by a wide range of study areas.

**Summit 2007**

Recently, Griffith International held its fourth annual International Marketing Summit where Griffith International's senior staff, including all offshore Regional Managers, converged to discuss strategic and operational issues. Engaging academic staff in international activities is a key goal of the summit and this year a new format was trialled.

GI staff met with as many academics as possible, on both the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses, mainly through one-on-one discussions about market opportunities to academics. Time was also spent discussing opportunities for research centres with the Regional Manager/s of their choice.

Meetings were also held with the Directors, Internationalisation of each Group (where applicable): the Director of Development and Alumni, QIBT, and a lunch was held where all Griffith International staff could meet with their offshore Regional Managers.

The two broad themes that have resulted from Summit 2007 are enhanced academic engagement in the internationalisation activities of their Schools and a better grasp of the emerging technologies that Griffith International needs to take greater advantage of in order to profile Griffith globally.

**Staffing**

To support and enhance the AusAID program that was opened up to all Australian universities in 2006 a new Coordinator, International Marketing has been appointed at Griffith International. In addition to the responsibility to attract AusAID scholarship awardees from 30 developing nations, Jack Johnston will also manage 'Domestic' Marketing (to international students already in Australia), working closely with External Relations.

After a five-year inability to recruit AusAID students (students sponsored to study in Australian universities by the Australian government) Griffith has enrolled 24 students in the first year, with a target of 60, in 2008.

**International Business Development Unit (IBDU)**

**VOLDA 2007**

For the fifth year in succession, IBDU is hosting the Australian component of the Volda University College, Norway, Austral-Asia Study Tour for 30 of its top students. IBDU has organised a very strong educational and cultural program of study, consisting of 12 Australian Culture/History lectures and 6 cultural excursions. Students will spend 7 weeks at Griffith, based at Queensland College of Art (QCA) followed by a two-week program in Japan and a short stop off in Cairns before their return to Brisbane in early November.

**English Language, Mathematics and Information Technology Short Course**

The English language, Mathematics and Information Technology short course organised by IBDU for the UAE Military high school was a great success. This year IBDU successfully placed 144 students into 123 Australian families. Homestay accommodation proved to be a wonderful opportunity for UAE students and families to exchange information, learn and respect each others culture, lifestyles and religions. Cultural and sport activities, such as visits to the museums, the Military barracks, national parks and reserves, fencing, karate, soccer, etc, were also organised as part of the extra-curriculum activities.

IBDU received positive feedback from the business community as well as the host families for the opportunity to be involved in the program, and to learn more about Islamic religion and culture. The UAE Ambassador who attended the graduation ceremony congratulated Griffith University not only on the success of the program but also for Griffith’s leading example of promoting better understanding between Islamic and Western cultures in general and between UAE citizens and Australia’s Queensland community in particular.
Media Analysis

Professor Tony Hall’s (Urban Research Program) research into the disappearance of the Australian backyard attracted more than 50 media hits both nationally and internationally, including Weekend Australian, Sydney Morning Herald and AAP Newswire. (Attachment 5a & b)

Michael Jeh (Griffith Sports College) was pitched as an expert commentator following the Andrew Johns drug scandal. He undertook numerous radio and TV interviews which provided significant publicity for the Sports College’s new lifeskills program for elite athletes.

Hilda Maclean, Technology Services Manager at GELI received a Churchill fellowship to research cemetery tourism. Hilda was interviewed on radio Australia-wide and appeared in press both nationally and internationally, including Campus Review and AAP newswire.

Brendan O’Connor’s book series on anti-Americanism received widespread radio attention, including Radio National.

Griffith’s Carrick success was mentioned in the Australian, The Courier-Mail and Campus Review.

The launch of the Griffith-Qantas partnership, which will see students graduate with a Bachelor of Aviation and a Graduate Diploma of Flight Management, received coverage across press and radio, including Australian, The Courier-Mail and Campus Review. (Attachment 6)

Research being undertaken on facial recognition technology appeared in media including a feature in Australian IT Today section.

Australian Higher Education section ran a piece on the relaunch of Griffith’s BA. (Attachment 7)

Responding to a snippet in the weekly digest sent to journalists nationally, The Bulletin carried a feature story on the devastation of the Saemangeum Wetlands in Korea with photographs by Charles Page (QCA).

David Peetz’s (Department of Industrial Relations) research which found employees on AWAs earn less than those on collective agreements received coverage in Age, Sydney Morning Herald, Radio National, ABC Australian News and The West Australian.

Ian Glendon’s (School of Psychology) research on speeding motorists was picked up nationally, including Australian, Channel 9 and ABC Radio.

Following the success of Science columns in the Quest newspapers, the group managing editor requested and ran in all papers a feature on carbon emissions and climate change quoting Climate Response Program research director Professor Ralf Buckley. The Courier-Mail ran a Perspectives piece about child protection by Dr Julie Clark (School of Human Services).

Issues management

Following correspondence from Australian Seabird Rescue regarding a dead turtle found on the NSW North Coast with a balloon in its stomach, Griffith made an undertaking to cease using helium balloons at events and communicate to staff the dangers of dumping or releasing balloons into the environment.
THE site for the planned Gold Coast’s 750-bed hospital has changed after a feasibility study into the $1.23 billion project.

The hospital would be built on the northern side of Griffith University’s Gold Coast campus at Southport in order to save money on transport infrastructure, Health Minister Stephen Robertson said yesterday.

The initial plan involved a site on the southern side of the campus. While the majority of the land for the site is state government-owned, the decision means land owned by the Church of Christ, will have to be resumed.

As well, facilities built by The Salvation Army and the Parklands Trust on leased sections of the land, on the Parkland Drive site — including a drug rehabilitation centre and a greyhound track — will have to be relocated.

But Mr Robertson said $260 million in transport infrastructure costs would be saved, some of which would be used to offset the resumption and leaseholders’ relocation costs.

He said the move would put the university hospital, which is due for completion in 2012, in a much better position.

“It will improve access and traffic flow for emergency vehicles coming in and out of the hospital,” he said.

“The northern option is also likely to be easier to build on than the original site.”

Griffith University Vice-Chancellor, Ian O’Connor, said he was pleased the co-location of the hospital and the university would proceed.

In other developments in State Parliament, Mr Robertson, defended a pilot Queensland Council of Unions anti-WorkChoices campaign targeting health workers to be undertaken at Brisbane’s Princess Alexandra Hospital and co-ordinated by the hospital’s human resources department.
Hospital casualties

by Suzanne Lappeman
political reporter

A CHURCH, a Salvation Army centre and a greyhound track will be seized and demolished by the Beattie Government after its shock decision to relocate the Gold Coast's new $1.23 billion 'super hospital' to be built near Griffith University at Parklands.

The 750-bed hospital, promised during last year's election campaign, was to be built on vacant property belonging to the university near Smith Street and Olsen Avenue.

Now planners have been sent back to the drawing board after a year of work, with the news yesterday the hospital will be built on the northeast corner of Olsen Avenue and Parklands Drive.

Rumours about the hospital site had been circulating for weeks, raising suspicions about the reasons behind the change.

It is understood construction of the hospital could have been complicated by the discovery of an endangered tree. The university was also believed to be unhappy that the hospital was being put in a spot it had earmarked for other facilities.

There has also been speculation the Government had been planning for some time to take back the greyhound racetrack.

But Health Minister Stephen Robertson said yesterday the change of plan was the result of a Department of Infrastructure feasibility study that found the new site would save the Government $260 million in transport costs and have better accessibility.

"As a result of that assessment they have decided to move it from the southern location to the northern location that provides a range of benefits including a saving of $260 million in road and transport infrastructure, better access for rescue helicopters to access the site and less impact on residential properties," he said.

"There is nothing extraordinary about that. What it actually just represents is good planning and better outcomes."

Mr Robertson said construction of the hospital, due for completion by the end of 2012, would not be delayed and service planning was still under way.

But the hospital would not be able to be fast-tracked, despite the pressure on the existing Southport hospital.

"There is no opportunity, I am advised, to bring it on earlier," said Mr Robertson.

The change comes at a cost.

Although most of the land is already Crown-owned and leased to the Salvation Army for a rehabilitation centre and the Parklands Trust for a greyhound track and car park, the Government would have to pay them compensation, while the Church of Christ owns its land and would have to be bought out.

"That is one of the unfortunate outcomes of any infrastructure build, that sometimes people or organisations have to be relocated for the public good," he said.

"While we empathise with the disruption that is created, nevertheless in the longer term the public benefit is served by relocation."

"The Government is known as a pretty generous negotiator."

Premier Peter Beattie said he had briefed the Gold Coast Labor MPs and had taken on board their concerns there be no delay in the delivery of the hospital.

Mr Beattie said the new site would allow for more flexibility in how the hospital campus grew and deliver an improved flight path for emergency helicopters away from local residents.

Griffith University vice-chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor welcomed the change, saying the existing 26.5ha campus was nearing capacity and a further 43ha of land earmarked for the hospital could now be used for expansion of the university.

Moncrieff Liberal MP Steven Ciobo said there was something strange about the sudden decision.

"There is a sign on the existing site which says the project would commence in early 2007. Here we are six months later and not a sod has been turned," he said.

State Opposition health spokesman John-Paul Langbroek said the hospital had been plagued by Beattie Government bureaucracy and mismanagement before foundations had even been laid.

"I would have thought the $1.23 billion hospital would be well under way but today we're back to square one – back to the drawing board," he said.
2008 Research Grant Outcomes

ARC Discovery
The ARC has released results for the 2008 Discovery round. The University improved its success rate this year in comparison with the 2007 results. The following is a summary of the results compared to last years round and QUT and a list of our successful grants.

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<td>Development of therapeutic agents that target carbonic anhydrase enzymes</td>
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<td>Dr Y Gao</td>
<td>Feature-Level Fusion with Incomplete Data for Automatic Person Identification</td>
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<td>Understanding the role of the corepressor protein KAP1 in DNA damage response pathway</td>
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2008 ARC Linkage - Projects grants

The University has been awarded 7 grants from its 17 applications for the 2008 ARC Linkage - Projects scheme. This places Griffith University tenth in the number of grants awarded and 14th in the dollar value of grants. Our success rate of 41.2%, although below the national average of 47.6%, is still a very credible effort in a scheme where there have been significant fluctuations in the national success rate in recent years. The successful grants were:

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<td>Prof Huib Schippers</td>
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<td>A/Prof Richard John, Dr Peter Teasdale, Dr Dave Welsh</td>
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In addition to the ARC funding, these projects will receive $3,670,256 of industry partner cash and in-kind support.

**2008 NHMRC Project Grants**

The University has increased its numbers of NHMRC Project Grants from 2 in 2007 to 5 in this most recent round. been awarded 5 grants in 2008 which is an increased from the 2007 grant success rate of 2 grants being awarded.

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<td>Prof Claire Rickard; A/Prof Joan Webster; Dr John Gowardman; Prof Marianne Wallis; Ms Damhnat McCann</td>
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PROFESSORIAL APPOINTMENTS

The following professorial appointments have been made since my last report to Council in May 2007:

Professor Steve Kisely
The School of Medicine is delighted to welcome Professor Steve Kisely, who will be joining Griffith Health as Professor of Epidemiology in January 2008. Professor Kisely is dually trained in psychiatry and public health medicine and is currently Head of Community Health and Epidemiology and Director of the Health Outcomes Research Unit at Dalhousie University.

Professor Andrew Worthington
Professor Andrew Worthington took up his appointment as professor in finance with the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics in August this year. He comes to us from University of Wollongong where he was Professor of Finance and Head of School.
CAPITAL AND MINOR WORKS REPORT

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Gold Coast Campus

A Building Surveyor has certified the design for gantry for the Griffith University billboard on Olsen Avenue so that maintenance staff can safely change lights and make repairs. Funding for its installation is being investigated.

Work is proceeding on an ablutions facility for the Prayer Room level 2 of the Business 1 Building (G01). The ablutions part is expected to be completed mid August with a covering sail to follow shortly afterwards.

Logan Campus

Neutralizer Tanks

A new neutralizer system/tank has been installed to Academic 1 Building (L05) following the collapse of the original system.

Nathan & Mt Gravatt Campuses

Arts & Music (M09)

The removal of hazardous material (Poly Chlorinated Biphenyl - PCB) from light fittings in the Arts & Music building (M09) has been completed - $32,000.

Science 2 (N34)

The construction of a new Uniterable Power Supply Room, installation of new UPS equipment and provision of new cabling between the UPS and the Data Centre is complete.

Environment 2 (N13)

Refurbishment of the Australian Rivers Institute reception and administration areas on level 1 Environment 2 building has been completed.
Residual Current Devices
The upgrade of switchboards and the installation of the Residual Current Devices to various buildings are well under way. This is a $40,000 project.

Kinaba and Bellenden Ker Colleges (N30 N39)
The roof guttering on both buildings has been replaced - $85,700.

Central Chiller Plant (N45)
The installation of safe working platforms to Cooling Towers is now complete.

South Bank Campus

QCA Entry Stairs from Arbour & Courtyard Sculpture
The design of the staircase from the Arbour to the existing ramp landing is currently being designed by South Bank Corporation appointed consultants. Office of Facilities Management is monitoring the design work and will review prices obtained by South Bank Campus to ensure the budget is not exceeded.

QCGU (S01) Music Walk
The scope of work for this project has been agreed with South Bank Corporation, and prices are being obtained for the piano keyboard elements.

Fire Management
The impact of Level 5 water restrictions is a factor requiring careful assessment in relation to any hazard reduction burns undertaken by the University.

A meeting was arranged with senior Queensland Fire & Rescue Services (QFRS) personnel to have the on-line training module signed off to prevent further disputes with varying officers from local brigades.

Nathan campus maintenance staff and Campus Life “Griffs Express” food outlet staff were trained in hands-on Co2 extinguisher use.

The Fire Service contract is almost complete and will be put out to tender in late October.
**Water Management**

At the Gold Coast campus a water tank with pump is to be located near the rear entrance to the Engineering lab to collect run-off from the large roof area above. The tank is expected to be delivered in mid-August and will be used to top up a smaller truck-mounted tank which will be used for irrigation in various remote parts of the campus.

Water consumption and cost continues to be a significant issue across all the University campuses.

Eight shower water monitors have been installed for evaluation in parts of the residential complex. They indicate time, temperature and usage. They have the potential to save both water and energy.

New water meters are being installed on all campuses as part of the Water Efficiency Management Plans (WEMPS).
The following chart is indicative of our performance over the past four years, and indicates a continued downward trend in our water consumption.

![Year to Date Water Consumption and Cost](image)

The following chart shows this continuous improvement in 2007 when compared with the first quarters from the previous four years.

![2nd qtr Water Consumption and Cost](image)

**Capital Works**

There is only one project remaining from the 2003 – 2008 Capital Plan: the refurbishment of the Graham Jones Centre (G18) as an expansion of the existing Information Services facility currently contained in the G10 building.

The Eskitis ICMT (N75) and Glycomics Expansion (G26) currently under construction, as well as the Smart Water Research Facility (G51) which is in the preliminary design phase, are special projects substantially funded by the State Government.
The Mt Gravatt Tennis Centre (M29) and associated sporting facility refurbishments are funded from a special grant from the Federal Government in compensation for loss of Student Service fees as a result of the VSU regime.

Eskitis ICMT (N75), Brisbane Innovation Park:

1. View from Don Young Drive

2. Administration Wing
Glycomics Expansion (G26), Gold Coast campus

1. Construction of N-W corner feature

2. Connection with existing Glycomics (G25)
Suburbia’s great outdoors just got a whole lot smaller

Rosanne Barrett

THE growth of bigger houses on residential blocks is changing the suburban landscape and threatening the traditional Australian lifestyle.

The social advantages of the outer suburbs – leafy gardens, outdoor barbecues or in-ground pools – are giving way to larger houses, increasingly filling the block to its borders.

New findings by Griffith University’s Urban Research Program found a “disturbing trend”. In the paper titled “Where Have All the Gardens Gone?”, Professor Tony Hall said houses were now taking up to 60 per cent of the block – a jump from about 30 per cent over the past 10 years.

“The outer suburban landscape in Australia has ceased to be one of large gardens with trees,” he said.

In the western suburb of Springfield Lakes, about 30km west of Brisbane, the Choomwantha family loves their large house and their suburban lifestyle. But with their two-storey, four-bedroom home taking up most of their block, father Sonny acknowledged there was little space for outdoor activities and said the family planned to move to a smaller home in two years.

“I want a bigger one (back yard) but we need the big house,” he said.

In the golf course suburb of Brookwater, David and Lisa Purcell believe they have struck a great balance between a large home and big back yard. Although their home takes up more than half the block, it backs on to the golf course.

“We didn’t just want to have a house where we spent most of the time looking out on the neighbours,” Mr Purcell said.
Bigger homes causing a backyard blitz

Sunanda Creagh
Urban Affairs Reporter

AUSTRALIA’S backyards are shrinking at an alarming rate in a trend that experts warn could lead to environmental degradation, more friction between neighbours and unhealthy kids.

Research by a Griffith University professor, Tony Hall, shows that while houses traditionally took up about 30 per cent of a block, in newer Australian suburbs they are covering up to 70 per cent of the block.

Professor Hall said the “disturbing trend” was not happening in North America, New Zealand or Europe.

“Whatever the size of the lot, people are extending their house to the edge,” he said. “This is a physical example of the way Australian lives are changing: they are not about barbecues and swimming pools and the outdoor life any more. People are not noticing the lack of outdoor space because they are working all the time.”

Professor Hall said aerial photos showed houses were more spaced out in outer suburbs, but in newer parts of the same suburbs homes they were crammed together.

His report examined all Australian cities and compared older and newer parts of Mount Druitt for the Sydney example.

“I looked at old bits of Mount Druitt like Hebersham but if you look at the latest bits you can see new ones don’t have gardens or swimming pools, even though it’s a long way from central Sydney.”

In the older parts of Mount Druitt, houses covered between 23 and 30 per cent of the block, while in newer sections of the same suburb the coverage ranged between 40 and 70 per cent.

People in these areas were building homes that maximised the value of the property – extra rooms, extra garages, big living areas – but forgetting the social value of outdoor amenity, he said.

“I couldn’t live like this – I would go crazy. There’s no view, there’s nowhere for children to play, there’s air-con going all the time. You could live your entire life without going outdoors at all.”

In contrast, newer inner-city apartments focused heavily on the value of outdoor spaces – through balconies and communal courtyards.

Professor Hall said smaller gardens meant fewer trees, which could affect backyard ecosystems, and that privacy between neighbours was limited, which could lead to tension.

A town planner who co-wrote the NSW Government’s Metropolitan Strategy, Patrick Fensham, said it was clear people were beginning to value indoor time over outdoor time.

“Expectations around the size of a home have gone up. The big backyard used to require a fair bit of maintenance and people have decided to trade off a few things,” Mr Fensham said.

“If new-release areas are planned with reasonable communal open space, then it may not be such a problem.”

Bill Randolph, an urban planning expert from the University of NSW, said Australians should prepare for a generation of children who were not very sporty.

“If you want to keep beating the Poms, you need the backyard to do it in,” he said. “The whole issue of run-off and drainage is important too. If there is very little outdoor space then less water soaks in and it’s not good for the soil.”
Would-be flyers rush to pilot career nights

Steve Creedy
Aviation writer

THE big response to pilot career nights aimed at young people has demonstrated how better federal government funding for pilot training could help the skills crisis.

Career nights around the country have been packed with would-be flyers after news spread that some government funding was available.

The career nights, sponsored and run by Qantas, had previously attracted an average of 15 to 20 people.

That number rose to several hundred in Sydney and Melbourne recently, and Qantas chief pilot Chris Manning believes the response is due to federal Government moves to help with training costs. “We have been more than pleasantly surprised by the response,” Captain Manning said.

“Publicity about what we’re doing has obviously worked.”

Pilot shortages are starting to bite, with airlines cancelling flights because of sickness or training requirements.

Qantas recently announced a new pilot training course with Queensland’s Griffith University that would see students receive a bachelor of aviation and a graduate diploma in flight management.

The course attracts federal funding through a scheme called Fee-Help that could provide up to $80,000 towards the training.

The airline also said it would establish a new stand-alone flight training business by the end of the year, with the aim of training 3000 new pilots for the Qantas group over the next 10 years.

Transport Minister Mark Vaile has since revealed that he is lobbying his fellow ministers to get HECS-like funding extended to flying training, to help encourage young people into the industry.

“Fee-Help isn’t HECS, obviously, because with Fee-Help you’ve got to pay it all back,” Captain Manning said.

“But at least with Fee-Help, you might owe the money but it’s pretty cheap money.”

““If you’re out in the western suburbs of Sydney and your father’s not a pilot or doctor, you can at least do it now.”

““It’s access to the money.””

Captain Manning said the sheer cost of flying training was making it too restrictive.

He believed giving young pilots the same subsidies available to other students was the way of the future, but was unable to say whether the Government would come to the party.

He also admitted the industry had been complacent about the issue, particularly after the Ansett collapse.

“Because the pilots have continued to come and because, with the Ansett thing, there were pilots hanging around, I think we didn’t look too far into the future,” he said, noting it had taken four years to get this far.

““As you know, it takes a long time in aviation but it’s now a good story and I think it will be a better story.””
Changing environment spells a possible renaissance for the arts degree

Brendan O’Keefe

THE shock resignation of University of Melbourne arts dean Belinda Probert comes as the arts degree is at a crossroads.

As Melbourne restructures and other universities have dropped their BAs altogether, some in the sector see a big future for the degree, traditionally a mainstay of universities.

An expanding services industry and budget changes that might turn students away from business studies augur well for the BA.

Commentators said that the generalist degree would be popular with employers who needed problem-solvers with good communication skills. Business’s loss may be arts’ gain.

The federal budget stripped $1029 of per-student funding from business-related degrees—a $72 million hit for universities. With universities expected to pass on the loss of funding to students in the form of higher HECS fees, prospective students were looking for a cheaper way to a career, observers say.

Australian Council of Deans of Business director Tim Brailsford said added expense in the business degree meant students were looking elsewhere.

“IT is on students’ minds; we know from interaction with schools and principals that the students do talk about differential fee levels,” he said.

Figures compiled for the HES by Monash University Centre for Population and Urban Research research fellow Ian Dobson show that enrolments in management and commerce have already dipped. Domestic enrolments fell by 550 between 2002 and 2005 while 32,509 overseas students flocked to Australia. Overall, the business subjects expanded by 14 per cent, thanks to the growing overseas contingent. Arts grew by 7.4 per cent, or 9844 students.

Universities won’t know until December, when first preferences are known, what effect the budget changes have had for next year’s intake.

But Queensland University of Technology has already announced—in April—that it will end its bachelor of arts.

In a competitive move across town, Griffith University has relaunched the BA, including a major of 100 credit points and a placement in a not-for-profit organisation.

Launching the degree, Labor treasury spokesman Wayne Swan said the Griffith approach represented the way of the future.

“It is a tragedy that BAs are biting the dust . . . but it’s pleasing to see here that there is a renaissance about to occur,” he said.

Swan (BA with honours, UQ, 1975) said corporations were beginning to respond to the problems of the times, such as climate change and indigenous disadvantage.

Council of the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences director Toss Gascoigne says Australia’s services industry is crying out for BA graduates.

“About 80 per cent of Australia’s economy is services and that covers everything from finance to tourism and legal services,” he says.

“The arts degree will have a strong contribution to make in terms of training people to fit that sector. It’s got a very strong future.”

Griffith deputy arts head Stephen Stockwell says the remodel was prompted by QUT’s announcement: “That’s not a situation we want so we got proactive.”

He says rather than dropping the degree, it was decided to remodel it. “We designed it to reflect the needs of students,” he says.

“We require people to do more than a major; they’ve now got to do 100 credit points (of 240) in one discipline area to gain more expertise.

“There was a concern that people were not expert in anything. Previously, the major was 60 credit points.”

The second change—a placement with a project in a non-profit organisation—responded to concerns that the BA didn’t prepare people for the workforce.

“Students identify a potential place they could work with and in third year they develop a project to do,” Stockwell says.

“It’s to ensure people have writing and communication skills and an understanding of how organisations work.”

Swan, who said his arts degree gave him a “foundation that will stay with me and help me for the rest of my life”, joined Arts and Sport Minister George Brandis in praising the degree. Brandis told a Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences conference in June (in a speech later published in the HES) that of his three degrees, two in law and one in arts, the arts was the most useful.