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This year represents the start of a new era for Griffith University as we unveil major projects for our campuses and new student programs.

Many of our students would have spent a good deal of their time navigating the construction that has been necessary to recreate and revitalise the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses. Fortunately, we have now come to the exciting part, as one by one the developments are opened and teaching and research can begin in some of the best university facilities in Australia.

While structures are important, it is the great work that goes on within them that really makes a difference, as we have proven during our vibrant 40-year history. *Griffith Magazine* features the achievements of our students, staff and alumni and the ways in which Griffith is helping them make their mark.

One of the stories that particularly appeals to me is about Kristy Spry (See page 28), the second-year Midwifery student who helped deliver the 23 millionth Australian at Redland Hospital on April 23. It seems fitting that a Griffith student was so involved in a moment that represents much about the nation's growth and the future.

This year we will continue to build the global reputation of Griffith and in turn enhance the standing of our alumni and the pride of our students. This will only increase as the full extent of The New Griffith 2013–16 is unveiled in what will be remembered as a watershed era for the University.

Professor Ian O'Connor
Vice Chancellor and President

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COVER: Bachelor of Environmental Design graduate Lucy Smith in front of the new Sir Samuel Griffith Centre at Nathan. Lucy joined renowned Brisbane firm Cox Rayner Architects in 2012 and was immediately assigned to the team guiding one of its most important projects: the Griffith Master Plan.

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Masters graduate Eva Milic

do journalism," Eva recalls of her decision to re-enrol for the Masters.

It was a busy time for the former Miss World Australia, who modelled part-time in order to pay her way through a Bachelor of Business (Marketing and Human Resources) degree.

Having just competed for the Miss World title in South Africa in 2001, she explored South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe, meeting anti-Apartheid icon Nelson Mandela along the way.

Upon returning to Australia, Eva threw herself into her pursuit of a journalism career, graduating in 2005 with her Masters and having received awards in academic excellence.

She says she fought hard to put what she was learning at Griffith into practice: "I realised early on that if I wanted to be competitive in this industry, I needed to be knocking on doors, constantly putting myself out there and not taking no for an answer. I had a passion for news but I knew I needed to make myself known."

Refusing to accept repeated knock-backs from Channel Nine on the Gold Coast, Milic convinced the station to offer her work experience while she completed her Masters.

"It was hard work but I was thrilled to be given a chance and I used every opportunity I had to ask questions, listen in, make my own showreels and show them to the executive producer," she says. "I knew that it was an investment in my future."

Milic's tenacity and talent paid off, and she was offered a freelance position with Nine Gold Coast News while still studying.

She moved to the Brisbane news team in 2008, presenting the weekend bulletin, and has since added weekday reporting assignments to a busy work roster.

Eva credits much of her success to her Griffith degree: "My degree definitely still informs my work. It's those basic skills that you learn at university that stay with you."

FROM GRIFFITH GRAD TO HOUSEHOLD NAME

When Eva Milic decided she wanted a career in journalism, she didn't consider any other university, writes Ellen Lutton.

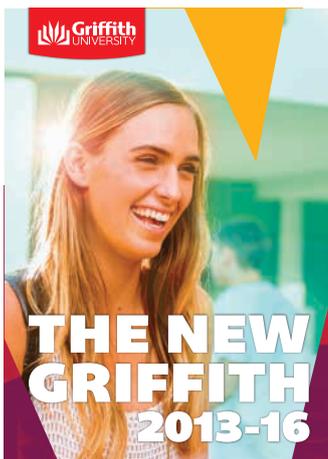
TV anchor Eva Milic resembles the fresh-faced university student she once was, keen to make her mark in the world of journalism.

Now one of the most familiar faces of the Channel Nine News team in Queensland,

Eva has lost none of her appreciation of university life.

Nor has she forgotten the lessons of her Master of Journalism and Mass Communication, completed after graduating from an undergraduate degree in business at Griffith.

"I was firmly entrenched in my uni life and thrilled with what Griffith had offered me previously, so I was confident that I'd get the best start by sticking with Griffith to



DISCOVER THE NEW GRIFFITH

Griffith was created to be a new kind of university, offering degrees in progressive fields such as Asian studies and environmental science. Our founders saw that the world would constantly change and that universities needed to equip students with the knowledge to change with it.

When we officially opened our doors in 1975, we attracted a new breed of students and staff.

Since then we've grown in size and scope, teaching across five campuses in South-East Queensland and in all study areas.

The Griffith torch is carried with pride by more than 120,000 graduates around the world.

We've never lost sight of our progressive beginnings. Everything we do is designed to meet the new world that graduates will encounter.

Over the next three years, Griffith is undergoing a major transformation. We're calling it *The New Griffith 2013-16*. But when you think about it, it's really Griffith being Griffith. Read more in the following pages.

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THE NEW GRIFFITH 2013–16



Environmental Design graduate Lucy Smith

The Sir Samuel Griffith Centre signals the start of a new era for Griffith University, writes Michael Jacobson.

There's no concealing the pleasure on Griffith University Vice Chancellor Ian O'Connor's face when conversation turns to the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre.

"Have you had a look from the top floor?" he asks. "The views are spectacular in every direction."

Indeed they are, but that's not the reason for the VC's smile. Rather, it springs from the knowledge that even views as panoramic as these cannot compare with the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre's vision and mission.

As the era of The New Griffith 2013–16 begins, the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre is a formidable statement, and Professor O'Connor has walked every step of its journey from concept to culmination.

Even so, with work on the \$42.7 million project nearing completion at the Nathan campus, Professor O'Connor's satisfaction should not be mistaken for smugness.

Asserting his determination for Griffith to be elite but never elitist, he adds that the multi campus building infrastructure program of recent years speaks to an ongoing aspiration, one in which the University's mantra of Know more. Do more. manifests as both a commendable philosophy and a steely declaration of intent.

Such ambition is becoming increasingly tangible. At Nathan, refurbishment of the Campus Heart, the Arrival Plaza and Johnson Path, along with other new works, has enhanced the sense of coherence and connection throughout the campus. The Gold Coast campus has experienced a similar makeover with the \$150 million Griffith Health Centre, the largest building project in the University's history, one which carries enormous benefits for students and the community. (See story page 6)

The Sir Samuel Griffith Centre will be seen as a remarkable example of innovation in engineering, architecture, science, learning and teaching resources, research and environmental sustainability.

Lucy Smith photo: Sheer Ulrich



Sir Samuel Griffith

IN HIS HONOUR

Born in Wales in 1845, Sir Samuel Griffith was just eight years old when his family migrated to Australia. He was a boy in a nation that in many ways was itself in its formative years. The two would mature together, influencing each other along the way.

Serving Queensland and the country as a lawmaker and politician, and always as an engaged social and education visionary, Sir Samuel was twice Queensland Premier, the

inaugural Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and an integral figure in the drafting of Australia's Constitution.

Recognised also in the naming of a city in New South Wales, a federal electorate in Brisbane and, of course, one of the world's leading and fastest growing universities, Sir Samuel Griffith died in 1920.

Nearly 100 years later his vision, humanitarianism and thirst for knowledge remain fundamental traits of the university that so proudly bears his name.



It has already received a coveted 6-star green rating from the Green Building Council of Australia.

And that's only fitting.

"Environmental Studies was one of Griffith's four foundation degrees and the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre may be viewed as a natural extension of that," says Professor O'Connor.

"Designed and built in collaboration with experts in education, environment, industry, science and technology, it is a potent example of a university acknowledging its past and embracing the future."

Professor O'Connor describes the Centre as a working and breathing building. It sustains itself by using technology to harness the power of nature.

With photovoltaic cells generating power by converting sunlight into electricity, additional power storage is achieved with batteries and the electrolytic production of hydrogen stored in a stable form as metal hydrides. It is technology with its roots in Griffith research through the National Hydrogen Materials Reference Facility.

At night, battery power will cool the water to run the air-conditioning systems; on overcast days the hydrogen will feed fuel cells to produce electricity.

THE NEW GRIFFITH IN BRIEF

NEW SPACES

A \$320 million building program includes:

- Sir Samuel Griffith Centre
- Griffith Health Centre
- Campus Heart and Arrival Plaza
- Learning Commons and Library extension
- GUMURRII Student Support Unit (Gold Coast)
- New Griffith Business School building (Gold Coast)

NEW DEGREES

- Bachelor of Science with advanced specialisations – Gold Coast and Nathan
- Bachelor of Environmental Design (Landscape) – Gold Coast
- Bachelor of Design Futures – South Bank
- Bachelor of Education – Secondary (Mathematics and Science) – Gold Coast
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy – Gold Coast
- Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Biomedical) – Gold Coast
- Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Energy Systems) – Nathan

NEW ONLINE STUDY

Griffith will launch a suite of online courses in 2014, including a Bachelor of Business. Griffith was an early adopter of online education. Our aviation degrees – the first of their kind in Australia – have offered online study options for students since 1997. Griffith is one of Australia's largest providers of online education.

STUDENT LIFE

At Nathan, the Campus Heart has been redeveloped with more spaces and places for students to work, relax and eat. At the Gold Coast, study spaces in the Library and Learning Commons feature the new Microsoft Tech Lounge, including Xbox 360s with Kinect, laptops, tablets and desktop computers. And away from the classroom, the Gold Coast will host the 2013 and 2015 Australian University Games in which Griffith plays a big part.

NEW SERVICES

In 2014, students will be using the city's new light rail service to and from the Gold Coast campus, right across the road from the \$1.7 billion Gold Coast University Hospital. New sports facilities have opened at the Gold Coast. At Mt Gravatt campus Griffith offers a world-class tennis centre and a redeveloped aquatic and fitness centre available for students, staff and the wider community to use.



On top of that, larger windows, glass partitions, fewer internal walls and an open-plan setting reduce the need for artificial lighting and create opportunities for collaboration between the Centre's residents, among them environmental scientists, urban planners and business experts.

It all makes for Australia's first off-grid teaching and research facility, a feat that is in keeping with Griffith University's history and culture of innovation.

Professor O'Connor believes The New Griffith 2013–16 could not come at a better

time, with the University poised to capitalise on, deliver and lead innovation.

"This is such an exciting time for Griffith because our building program is almost complete and it promises so much. Then again, most of the 21st century still stretches before us, doesn't it?"

The Sir Samuel Griffith Centre has been made possible in part by the Australian Government's financial support of \$21.05 million through the Education Investment Fund.

griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/campuses/nathan-campus/facilities/sir-samuel-griffith-building

A NEW HOME FOR HEALTH



The Griffith Health Centre, Gold Coast campus

The Griffith Health Centre is more than the biggest building project ever undertaken by Griffith University. It is part of a transformative vision for a health and knowledge precinct, writes Michael Jacobson.

A perfect example of the commitment driving The New Griffith 2013-16, the \$150 million Griffith Health Centre is poised to deliver world-leading health and medical education, facilities, research, services and resources.

At the heart of the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct at Parklands, the Centre has developed alongside two other major projects, namely the Queensland Government's \$1.76 billion Gold Coast University Hospital and the \$1 billion Gold Coast light rail rapid transit system.

The effect has been one of a city growing within a city, and this will continue in the lead-up to the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. Parklands will be the site for the Games Village, which will cater for an estimated 6500 athletes and team officials. Work is due to begin in 2014.

More immediately, however, anticipation is building as the key elements of the Gold

Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct near completion.

Combining previously disparate services and facilities, the precinct will be an integrated venue for learning, innovation, medical care, research, knowledge creation and commercial services.

At its heart, poised to contribute to, and benefit from, its resources and outcomes, is Griffith University.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the Griffith Health Centre, which will be dedicated to providing students, academic staff and scientists with an ideal environment for the clinical training of future health professionals and the conducting of pioneering research.

Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost of Griffith's Gold Coast campus, Professor Ned Pankhurst, says the Health and Knowledge Precinct is part of a transformative vision for the Gold Coast shared by the University, the Gold Coast City Council and the Queensland Government.

"This is going to be world-class. When completed, it will provide a range of health and medical services on the Gold Coast that we've never seen before," he says.

"Griffith's Gold Coast campus will be at the centre of it all, which means we will

be providing better, more innovative and more interesting ways to engage our students and staff."

Overseen by Pro Vice Chancellor (Health) Professor Allan Cripps, the Griffith Health Centre will house the majority of the University's health programs – including medicine, psychology and dentistry – and enhance multidisciplinary education in health, anatomy, social work, and nutrition and dietetics programs.

Students will also benefit from community health services such as physiotherapy and oral and dental care, while the already ground-breaking medical research and clinical trials undertaken by the Griffith Health Institute will continue.

The Head of Speech Pathology at the School of Rehabilitation Sciences, Associate Professor Elizabeth Cardell, is confident about the positive outcomes the Griffith Health Centre will deliver to the University and wider community.

"The speech pathology program was established in 2012 and so joining the Centre's health hub will help foster inter-professional connections from teaching, learning and clinical perspectives," she says.

"For example, we will be initiating speech pathology clinics through Griffith University

'This is going to be world-class... it will provide a range of health and medical services on the Gold Coast that we've never seen before'

Professor Ned Pankhurst, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Griffith Gold Coast



Gold Coast light rail station

ALL ABOARD THE LIGHT RAIL

A rapid transit system is set to transform the Gold Coast landscape and Griffith University's place in it, writes Ellen Lutton.

When the first stretch of the Gold Coast light rail system connecting Griffith University to Broadbeach opens in 2014, the benefits will immediately become apparent.

The 13km first stage of the rapid transit system passes through the key activity centres of Southport and Surfers Paradise.

Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost of the Gold Coast Griffith campus, Professor Ned Pankhurst, says the implications of the light rail system cannot be overstated.

"This is going to change the Gold Coast. Absolutely. It's transformative for the city," he says.

"We appreciate that people now see the interruptions and construction, but once they see it actually emerge they will begin to understand how exciting this is for the Gold Coast."

Griffith University has been heavily involved in planning from the outset and its students and staff will benefit significantly from the project.

Professor Pankhurst says the light rail is destined to make Griffith more accessible and visible, as well as increase connectivity along the Gold Coast strip.

"It has implications for where our students choose to live, where they come from, and connects us to commerce and industry in a very visible way," he says. "In terms of a keystone piece of public infrastructure that you'd want for a large campus, you couldn't ask for anything better."

Professor Pankhurst says as soon as development began, the University quickly realised Gold Coast residents had a limited awareness of their local Griffith campus.

"This project has made, and will continue to make, our campus far more visible," he says. "Our intent is to have programs of quality so that students don't have to go anywhere else. We've made no secret that we want Griffith to be the number one choice of university on the Gold Coast."

Professor Pankhurst says the University still has its sights on extending the light rail system north, right through to Coomera and Beenleigh.

"We want people living there to look to Griffith for their university aspirations. Ease of access is the key to that."

Images courtesy of the GoldLinQ consortium.



Head of Speech Pathology,
Associate Professor Elizabeth Cardell

and that will have a great flow-on effect for the community, especially one growing as rapidly as the Gold Coast.

"The Centre will be an integrated part of the University and the Gold Coast community, offering the kind of excellence only possible within a dynamic and supportive environment.

"It's all about delivering best-practice management, education, research and resources, as well as the sharing of teaching and research links. It's so exciting to be a part of such a vision."



Zeyu Li and Daniel Lai

DEBT OF GRATITUDE

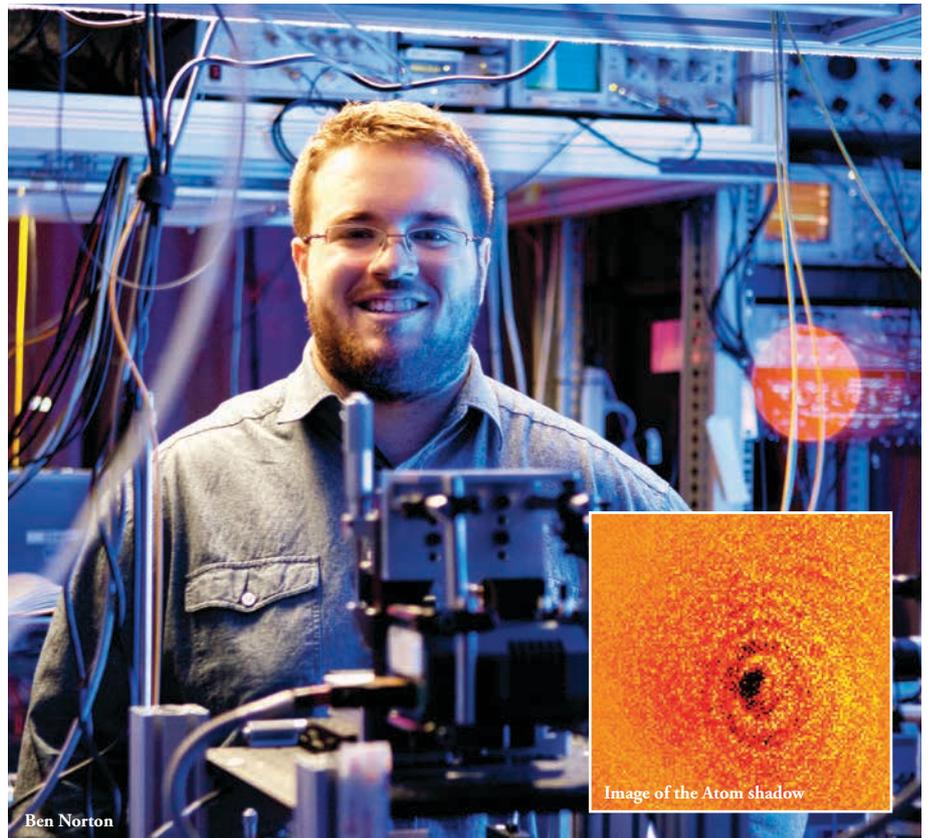
Hong Kong-based Daniel Lai completed his Master of Technology Management at Griffith in the mid-1990s. Upon returning to Nathan in 2013, as one of seven Alumnus of the Decade recipients, he laughs as he admits: "I looked it up on Google Maps and wondered if I was seeing the right place. It had grown so much, I hardly recognised it."

Admiring the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre, Daniel – now the Chief Information Officer for the Government of Hong Kong Administrative Region – and fellow Alumnus of the Decade recipient, Zeyu Li, acknowledge its scientific, environmental and technological stature.

"My time at Griffith shaped my career and broadened my perspective on what was possible," Daniel says. "I see the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre as continuing that process for today and the future."

Zeyu Li completed his Master of Electronic and Computer Engineering in 2011 and began his career as a production engineer with Mercedes-Benz in Beijing. He is now assistant for the Chief Technology Officer of the massive Beijing Automotive Group – 70,000 employees and counting.

"I came to Australia and really improved my English. When I finally passed the IELTS, it was suggested I could choose any university. I said no. I wanted Griffith because it gave me the resources, facilities and teachers that led me in the right way."



Ben Norton

Image of the Atom shadow

NO SMALL THING

To photograph an atom, you first have to catch one. Griffith's Ben Norton has done both, Dean Gould writes.

It might look tiny, but photographing the shadow of an atom is big news in the science world.

Griffith researcher Ben Norton is suddenly well known internationally for his incredible image of the tiniest of black spots.

Ben works with the Kielpinski group in the Centre for Quantum Dynamics, and achieved his first slice of notoriety by winning the runner-up prize in the CiSRA Extreme Imaging Competition in 2012. He was soon inundated with praise when his work featured in the esteemed *Nature* journal online.

"Atoms are the building blocks of matter. A human hair is a billion atoms wide," says Professor David Kielpinski, author of the paper with Dr Erik Streed, Dr Andreas Jechow and Ben.

"So just manipulating and isolating a single atom is extremely difficult, let alone imaging it. Ben has had to use some very special tricks to do both."

First he cools the atoms to within a degree of absolute zero, the coldest temperature

possible (about $-273.15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$), to keep them still. Then he traps them inside an ultra-high vacuum, holding them steady using electric fields. These techniques are complicated but not new. What is new is how Ben images them.

"To do this he uses a special flat lens made using concentric rings and originally developed for lighthouses. These lenses can be made so small and light that they can be put inside the vacuum chamber with the atoms, allowing Ben to collect as much light as possible," says Professor Kielpinski.

"This last trick has allowed Ben to take some of the highest resolution images of atoms ever made, including the first ever image of the shadow of a single atom, by measuring how much light is absorbed when the atom is there."

Ben's image has been circulated around the globe, used in lectures and videos, and reproduced in media in numerous languages.

Type in a Google search for "shadow of an atom" and Ben's work dominates the 21 million search results.

"It's been an amazing opportunity," Ben says. "I am also very grateful for the strong support I have received from my supervisors at Griffith throughout my research there."

GRIFFITH GEARS UP FOR THE G20

The arrival of the heads of 19 countries plus the European Union in Brisbane in 2014 is an opportunity to learn and teach, writes Stephen O'Grady.

When Griffith University connects with the Group of 20 finance ministers and central bank governors at a gathering of the world's most powerful leaders in Brisbane in November 2014, the Griffith learning environment will be enriched immeasurably.

Griffith students have already made a significant connection with G20, with three representatives reaping the benefits of a privileged insight at the 2013 G20 Youth Summit in St Petersburg. (*See accompanying story*)

Griffith University researchers and academics recognise the G20 summit meeting as a far-reaching opportunity for Brisbane, Queensland and Australia, which will become the ninth country to formally host the event.

Through a series of public lectures and workshops planned in the lead-up to the event, Griffith will explore the G20's history and relevance in the modern world. The University will share expertise and knowledge and outline how and why the Brisbane community can involve itself.

The G20 will also enhance and influence infrastructure, security and have a knock-on economic impact.

"The G20 gives us the chance to highlight Brisbane's impressive infrastructure which links our city's economy into expansive global trading networks," says Associate Professor Jago Dodson, Director of Griffith University's Urban Research Program.

Professor Andrew O'Neil, Director of the Griffith Asia Institute, and Dr Wesley Widmaier from the School of Government and International Relations, have tracked the influence of the G20 since its origins in the fallout from the Great Depression early in the 20th century.

"In its core specifics, the G20 is designed to address macroeconomic problems pertaining to global demand and price stability. But in a deeper sense, the G20 stands as a guardian of global common interest, as a way for states to head off the sources of instability, extremism and conflict that have been so debilitating in the past," says Professor O'Neil.



Professor Andrew O'Neil



Janna Mallon

CHANGING THE WORLD 101

St Petersburg, Russia, is a long way from South-East Queensland, yet that's where three Griffith students found themselves along the way to their futures in international relations.

The trio – Janna Mallon, in the third year of a Bachelor of Communication, majoring in Politics and Public Relations; Griffith Business School Honours student Bradley McConachie; and Keren Papier, an honours student with Griffith Health – attended the G20 Youth Summit in St Petersburg in April 2013.

The seven-day forum in Russia's elegant former capital left all three confident they could parlay the experience into recognised expertise when Brisbane hosts the G20 summit meeting in November 2014.

During a series of round-table discussions, the three engaged with students from around the world, debating and discussing issues currently facing members of the G20 nations.

For Mallon, the journey to St Petersburg took slightly longer as she travelled via Washington DC courtesy of an internship at the US Congress.

Thanking Griffith for steering her toward the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program (UCWIP), she says of the eight-week experience: "I was often out attending briefings, hearings, and just sitting in the House Gallery listening to debates and watching votes."

A recipient of a \$5000 scholarship provided by Griffith International, she adds: "A lot of students don't realise the international opportunities available through Griffith."



Brisbane skyline

CELEBRATING GRIFFITH SUCCESS

Griffith alumni can be found across the world – in all walks of life.

Each year, among the highlights of the busy University calendar is reconnecting with the graduates who are forging careers in their chosen fields.

Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor travels to Brisbane, interstate and internationally to join with past students and celebrate their current successes.

Griffith University strives to keep in touch with alumni, wherever they may be, through the Stay Connected Program.

The program helps alumni to stay in touch not only with Griffith but with each other, and to participate in professional development activities and networking. They also explore employment opportunities, partake in industry mentoring programs, learn about postgraduate study options and engage in global social events.

With more than 120,000 graduates now proudly bearing the Griffith name, there is no slowing the pace at which our global family is spreading.

Here are some of the alumni highlights from 2012–13.



Alumnus of the Decade, Nathan campus



Beijing Alumni Event 2012



Sydney Alumni Event 2012



Beijing Alumni Event 2012



Guangzhou Alumni Event 2012



Melbourne Alumni Event 2012



Sydney Alumni Event 2012



Shanghai Alumni Event 2012



Shanghai Alumni Event 2012



Toronto Alumni Event 2012

STAY IN TOUCH

Wherever you are, you can keep in touch with your University.

Find Griffith on social media and keep up to date with the latest news, announcements and opinions at [facebook.com/griffithuniversity](https://www.facebook.com/griffithuniversity) or twitter.com/griffith_uni.

Follow Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor on Twitter at [@GriffithUniVC](https://twitter.com/GriffithUniVC).

Check out the latest New Griffith video which captures an array of University achievements spanning 40 years. Go to Griffith's dedicated YouTube channel and enjoy the video (you might even see yourself in some of the historical snippets). You will find it and more at [youtube.com/user/griffithuniversity](https://www.youtube.com/user/griffithuniversity).

There is so much happening across the campuses, it's a good idea to keep tabs on the New Griffith website. Bookmark it griffith.edu.au/newgriffith.

For informed opinion, check out the Red Couch Blog at Griffith.edu.au/news/red-couch-blog as well as hundreds of articles by Griffith academics, read by more than 500,000 people on theconversation.edu.au.



Ruth Link photo: Chris Stacey

Ruth Link

STRONGEST LINK

A resilience arising from childhood adversity ensured Ruth Link not only completed her tertiary education but used it to help other disadvantaged youths reach their potential, writes Louise Gee.

The lemon ironbark tree is important to Ruth Link's country and her people. While its creviced veins of hard bark and deep roots have helped this small eucalypt survive changes in the natural habitat, it also bears leaves with properties that heal.

The ironbark is found amid Indigenous communities in Cape York, Far North Queensland, home to Ruth's Darwa clan of the Western Gugu Yalangi tribe.

And like the tree, Ruth's tertiary and career paths display a steely resolve and deep foundations, the fruits of which she hopes will benefit a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students.

A Griffith University visit to Ruth's high school helped her realise that tertiary study was possible, and in 1997 she enrolled to study for a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts degree.

Her "I'm a bit fierce" character, arising from adversity and determination, also helped Ruth gain several scholarships – game changers that gave her financial security during years of struggle with cultural, financial and family issues.

"I get emotional when I think of it," she confides. "The scholarships were not

just about money. I look back and I was given love and support from the people at Griffith. I still have good connections with everyone there."

During her studies, Ruth was awarded several accolades, including The Ebsworth and Ebsworth prize for best Indigenous Graduate at Griffith Law School, the Queensland Law Society prize for best second and third-year Indigenous student, and the Linda Buxton Memorial Prize from Griffith's GUMURRII Student Support Unit.

The achievements have now paid dividends.

As Senior Indigenous Relations Officer for integrated energy company Arrow Energy, Ruth was keen to spearhead the Arrow Energy Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship program, which supports 25 students undertaking study in 2013 and 2014 at six Queensland universities. Griffith has three scholarship students enrolled in different courses.

"Scholarships, when they are for people from low socio-economic backgrounds with no exposure to tertiary education, are the game changers in keeping people going," Ruth says.

Ruth grew up in North Queensland but moved with her mother to Woodridge in Year 5. It was in this often troubled community south of Brisbane that she became more exposed to alcohol abuse, domestic violence and poverty.

"My mother's family was impacted a lot because they were Stolen

Generation," she says. "A lot of my family has been in and out of jail."

At the age of 14, Ruth left home and worked multiple jobs to pay the rent on a flat while she continued in school. It took its toll, however, and for a year she lived in Hopevale, an Aboriginal community on Cape York Peninsula, where her Elders encouraged her to continue her education.

'Scholarships, when they are for people from low socio-economic backgrounds with no exposure to tertiary education, are the game changers in keeping people going'

After graduating from Griffith University, she spent nine years working in criminal law, followed by a stint at the Department of Main Roads and Transport. Ruth joined Arrow Energy in 2012 and set about helping the company become more proactive in affecting change in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

With the scholarships program underway, Ruth has turned her focus to rolling out the Whanu Binal program, providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the knowledge and skills to gain work in the coal seam gas industry.

In the language of her people, "Whanu" is a strong tree with deep roots and "Binal" is the development of knowledge from infancy to Elder, aptly reflecting how Ruth's life force comes from strong connections with country and community.



Jessica Skarratt

SOLAR POWERED

There's no holding Jessica Skarratt back. From the moment she bounded out of Griffith, the media professional has been a constant whirl of activity.

When Jessica began studying journalism, PR and communications in 2000, she had little inclination of the frantic ride on which she was about to embark.

Versatile, ambitious and boundlessly enthusiastic, Jessica has often faced the enviable dilemma of too much opportunity.

After presenting and producing roles on the TV show *Totally Wild*, as well as documentaries that have taken her from Nepal to New Zealand, Jessica is now devoting some of her precious time towards the Gold Coast Suns, Queensland's newest AFL team.

She can be seen hosting *Suns TV*, which airs on Seven Mate, conducting interviews on the bright red Griffith couch before and during games.

Jessica is a sports lover and, along with a role on Seven's *The Great South East*, loves her gig with the Suns. It has given her a new appreciation for the code.

"The culture there is fabulous. The whole club has a great feel," the New South Welshwoman says. "I've been a bit of a fan of all codes of footy, but growing up in NSW I was exposed to and supported rugby league."

Working at Metricon Stadium doesn't always mean the best seat in the house.

"Each quarter, you have to go and get ready for the next bit. So you're not actually watching the game," she says. "So when I do get to go to a game and not work, I love being able to relax and shout and enjoy it."



Jessica Vanderlelie

EXCELLENCE BORN AND BRED

Biochemistry students are reaping the rewards of Dr Jessica Vanderlelie's lifelong love affair with science, writes Ellen Lutton.

Once every so often, a teacher – and student – like Dr Jessica Vanderlelie comes along, her mind filled with the wonder of science.

For Dr Vanderlelie, it had begun by the age of five: "When we would visit the museum, I would take tours in the dinosaur section. People would walk along and I would explain all the different names of the dinosaurs, what they ate, where they lived... don't ask me how, it was just in there... I just loved science."

These days, she is still passing her passion for science on to others, and she's scooping up awards in the process.

Dr Vanderlelie was recently nominated for the prestigious Prime Minister's Award. She added this honour to an Australian Award for Excellence in Learning and Teaching in the Early Career category.

The modest biochemistry lecturer – a home-grown Griffith talent, born and bred on the Gold Coast – feels duly humbled.

However, her talent for biochemistry has only taken her so far; the rest she puts down to determination and capacity for hard work.

Upon completing her PhD, Dr Vanderlelie taught biochemistry in the School of Health on a casual basis before the School of Medicine asked her to fill in for a lecturer.

It may have been the standing ovation she received from students, but Dr Vanderlelie was hooked, swapping lab coat for lecture room and in 2011 securing a continuing appointment.

Dr Vanderlelie exudes humility about her achievements.

'Biochemistry can be fun, can you believe? I'm always trying to think of new ways to appeal to students'

"I think for me it was a network I'd established and a philosophy where I never said no," she says. "Every time I would teach I would throw myself into it and make sure that what I was teaching was quality and engaging for my students."

"Biochemistry can be fun, can you believe? I'm always trying to think of new ways to appeal to students, to help them understand what they're learning and how it applies in the real world."

"That's the thing that I enjoy most about teaching – connecting with my students and watching them succeed."



Victoria Reichelt is pictured with her Sulman Prize-winning painting

THE VIRTUES OF SOLITUDE

An artist's obsession with obsolescence leads to an enduring palette of work, writes Louise Gee.

As Victoria Reichelt labours over a canvas to carefully create the spines and jackets of books stacked in empty libraries, this in-demand artist has little time to read the pages of her beloved subjects.

Instead, while producing an impressive catalogue of work that includes this year's coveted Sir John Sulman Art Prize, Victoria listens to audio books and podcasts to fill the silence of working alone in her Gold Coast studio.

The irony is not lost on Victoria, who completed a Bachelor of Visual Art in Fine Art (First Class Honours) at the Queensland College of Art, backed up with a Doctor of Visual Arts at Griffith's South Bank campus in 2005.

"I love reading and books but the crazy thing about sourcing books for my work is that I don't get time to read them," Victoria, 34, laments.

Her solitary work begins long before she applies oil to canvas, toiling after hours to photograph public spaces, including the Queensland College of Art Library, State Library of Queensland and even zoos.

Working alone in libraries at night can be unsettling, Victoria admits, but the resulting

Sulman Prize-winning *After (books)* captured the haunted feeling she desired.

"In these paintings, the animals wander through stacks and shelves as they would in a forest, interacting with these environments but never looking 100 per cent comfortable," Victoria explains. "I wanted them to hint at the alien way we too may feel about rooms full of books in years to come. They are meant to create a feeling of being out of place."

After (books) belongs to a series that considers the changing roles of library spaces as they adjust to keep up with new technologies. Objects in danger of becoming obsolete or in different states of change are recurring themes for Victoria.

She has previously been short-listed for a number of major art prizes and, with her artwork fetching up to \$14,000, many Reichelt pieces are held in private collections in Australia and Asia.

Supported at every step by fellow Griffith alumni, including friend and mentor Michael Zavros, Victoria now shares her expertise as an external PhD supervisor and guest lecturer at Griffith University, and as the youngest member of the Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council.

"It's very humbling. It has certainly made me more aware of the amazing talent we have here in Australia. There are so many wonderful artists making fantastic work."

Video interview: artgallery.nsw.gov.au/channel/clip/460



Michael Zavros

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

The Prince, an exhibition by one of Australia's most important artists, Michael Zavros (Bachelor of Visual Arts, 1996), offered visitors to the Griffith University Art Gallery a meditation on the real.

This exhibition, featuring previously unseen Zavros work, brought together the *Prince/Zavros* series of drawings and paintings that drew on the work of American artist Richard Prince, whose famous photograph, *Untitled (Cowboy)*, was sourced from an iconic Marlboro cigarette advertisement.

Recent paintings of interiors and earlier paintings of men's fashion drawn from advertising reflect Michael's enduring interest in cultural narcissism, consumer excess and art as trophy.

Such works have earned him accolades, including the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize and the Bulgari Art Award at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Yet Michael, whose studio and home are on a farm in outer Brisbane, values success he cannot buy.

"My greatest achievement is that I have been able to make a career as an artist, every day doing that thing that I love, something that I was born to do," he says. "And that this can provide for me and my little family makes me very happy."

Michael hopes to complete a piece on Victoria Cross recipient Benjamin Roberts-Smith for the Australian War Memorial this year.

"My work takes me a long time to make. Long hours with just me and the work have always been necessary."

– Louise Gee

MBA
graduate
Gary Parkin

AN MBA FOR THE TIMES



Dr Nick Barter

Griffith offers the means to stay in front in this fast-changing world, writes Stephen O'Grady.

For business leaders worldwide, the ability to manage change is paramount. For Dr Nick Barter, MBA Director at Griffith Business School, being able to trigger and implement the right kind of change is equally, if not more, important.

A significant milestone in Dr Barter's quest for effective change arrived in May 2013, with the joint launch of the innovative Griffith MBA for Life and the Griffith MBA App, the first of its kind in Australia.

The Griffith MBA for Life is designed to keep graduates in tune with the latest business moves and developments. It is intuitively structured to meet the professional needs of busy MBA graduates amid a relentlessly evolving business landscape.

The App is an interactive platform where MBA graduates can update knowledge and get across the latest industry thinking through a range of categories, including Director's Updates, Ideas and Tips and MBA Program content. Business events, networking opportunities and articles from around the world on business practice are also accessible through the App.

"The MBA for Life is very much embodied in the App," Dr Barter says, explaining the link between the two.

The MBA for Life will enable graduates operating at all levels of business to engage and interact with the latest thinking via the MBA App, as well as through a vibrant LinkedIn group, lecture options and short-course business workshops.

An updated and refreshed MBA curriculum, with an eye on the Asia-Pacific region, will also inform the MBA for Life.

The Griffith MBA itself is built around three core values – responsible leadership, sustainable business practice and global orientation – which effectively inform and guide the personal and professional lives of graduates.

"No one is going to say they want to be less responsible in the future. History shows organisations have taken on more and more responsibility over time," Dr Barter says.

"No one is going to say let's use up more resources more quickly. Sustainable business practice is here to stay.

"These values transcend the moment and are worth retaining and revisiting. If someone is about responsible leadership, sustainability and has a global orientation, that doesn't stop overnight."

Among Griffith's MBA graduates who attended the May launch and who are eager to reap the benefits of MBA for Life are Gary Parkin and Peta Pitcher.

A business banking manager with NAB on the Gold Coast, Gary is excited about

the networking prospects offered by the MBA for Life, which will reach beyond the familiar world of finance frequented by accountants, bankers and lawyers.

"It allows me to grow and develop a network of similarly minded business leaders from diverse backgrounds of industry, geographic and business experience," he says. "In my line of work something like that cannot be found so readily in the marketplace.

"If you don't have good business networks you can't grow your business in the financial sector."

Peta Pitcher is the managing director of Mitchelton Child Care Centre on Brisbane's north side. As a small business owner, she identifies with the opportunity to update business practice knowledge in areas such as information systems and social media marketing.

"I work in the childcare industry and if we're not sustainable then we're not delivering effective young children to be the leaders of tomorrow in society," she says.

"With the MBA for Life enabling me to have access to sustainable business practices and sustainable leadership practices, I can pass that through my team and have a positive influence on the children that we look after."

Find out more about MBA for Life at griffith.edu.au/mba

A TREK IN CONSERVATION



In the Himalayan wilds, Griffith students learn invaluable life skills, writes Louise Gee.

From sighting rhinos and identifying tiger tracks to recording the world's smallest mammal for the first time in Nepal, the most recent Conservation in Practice field trip was an inspiring experience.

"On the very first day in the field, one group was running from a rhino while another was avoiding a sloth bear that was reported in close proximity to them," recalls Tempe Parnell (Bachelor of Science – Ecology and Conservation Biology), a recently enrolled Honours student. "I don't think ecological research can get any more real or hands-on than this!"

Griffith University Conservation Biology Professor Jean-Marc Hero hatched the month-long summer course experience – now in its sixth year – to enable third-year undergraduate School of Environment students to carry out valuable field work in Nepal's Chitwan National Park and explore further biodiversity conservation issues while trekking in the Himalayas.

The 21 students who travelled to Nepal in late 2012 are the best advocates for this learning exercise.

On a practical level, one of the group's first lessons was learning what to do when encountering a rhinoceros, elephants, tigers and bears, just some of the dangerous megafauna in Chitwan National Park.

Accompanied by Professor Hero and his wife Narinder Virdee (who speaks Hindi and coordinates the trip logistics), the students stayed at a rustic field station on the edge of Chitwan.

"Our day began around 5.30 with the best alarm – the trumpet of elephants," Science graduate Candice Caruso recalls.

At 8am, the students entered the national park by canoe to cross the Rapti River, home to huge mugger crocodiles (referred to by the locals as maneaters) and gharials (a critically endangered crocodylian species).

The group – guided by local wildlife technicians and protected by working elephants to avoid rhino charges – walked at top speed behind the elephants to reach long-term monitoring plots.

"We battled through elephant grass as tall as our heads and so thick that in parts you could not see a metre in front of you, while desperately trying to keep up with the elephants and rangers who were guiding us," field trip graduate Tempe says, adding the Nepal trip had been a goal ever since hearing

Professor Hero talk about the expedition on her first day at Griffith.

During 10-hour field days, the students identified tiger scats and tracks, encountered rhinos and recorded more than 50 different species of bird, as well as monkeys and several species of deer. They also visited the gharial and elephant breeding centres.

A highlight was the unexpected recording of the world's smallest mammal, the pygmy shrew – an insectivore weighing a mere two grams – which had not been recorded before in Chitwan National Park.

"We were looking for megafauna, but it was quite exciting to find three different species of shrew living there," Professor Hero says.

Daily work focused on long-term ecological research plots established as part of the Program for Planned Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research (PPBio). PPBio is an international, multidisciplinary program facilitating more efficient biodiversity research, monitoring and assessment. It also provides a foundation for enhanced and ongoing environmental management.

Come day's end at Chitwan, the students gained insights through presentations from Nepali university professors, the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, National Trust for Nature

Ecology and Conservation Biology students in Nepal



Conservation and local conservation groups including the World Wildlife Fund.

Discussion revolved around the primary threats of poaching, harvesting, human-wildlife conflicts and invasive exotic plants overwhelming the grassland and riparian ecosystems (a naturally disturbed system that is ravaged by flood and fire annually).

"The combination of these factors may encourage the megafauna to leave the park and go where they are not protected, resulting in escalating human-wildlife conflicts," Tempe says.

The introduction of the PPBio Program into Nepal has had a ripple effect that is good for cultural exchange and conservation by forging collaborative efforts between Griffith University and Nepali organisations.

Enhancing this cultural exchange, the Australian students were joined by six Nepali Masters students led by Tribhuvan University professors Krishna Shrestha and Khadga Basnet, who last year signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Griffith University.

"It's a great cultural and scientific exchange for everyone involved. The locals teach us about conservation management issues there; it's not the other way around," Professor Hero emphasises.

Village in Nepal



Third-year student Adam Sharp concurs: "The way they engage locals in conservation issues gives the community a role in conservation and they benefit from it because it brings tourism.

"Seeing how these communities near the national parks understand conservation management issues made it difficult for someone like me to tell them how to manage anything, but if I ever get a leadership role I'll make sure I involve and listen to the locals and Indigenous people."

'Being able to go out into the field and contribute to conservation in practice was transforming'

The second half of the trip involved hiking through Langtang Mountain range, featuring some of the highest peaks in the world and subtropical forests.

"This part of the trip is more of a cultural experience and about biodiversity conservation and the integration of people with nature," Professor Hero explains. "We look at issues such as people cutting firewood for tourists for food, warmth and shelter, and how climate change is affecting the area."

It all makes for an arduous experience during which students must be resigned

to dealing with the health perils of travelling in this part of Asia. On one trip, a student bitten by an elephant had her finger stitched by a local veterinarian.

Hair-raising as that may sound, the field trips have paid off for many of Professor Hero's students as they gain Distinctions and pursue Honours programs.

"Not only did the field trip provide these students with invaluable experience as future conservation practitioners, it was also a life experience they will never forget," he says.

Despite the physically and culturally challenging nature of the field trip, the students – some of whom had never travelled to a developing country before – endorsed the experience as life changing, unique, unforgettable and motivating.

"It was fantastic to put some of our knowledge and skills to use," Candice says. "There's no way we could have experienced that here in Australia; we can't get that megafauna here."

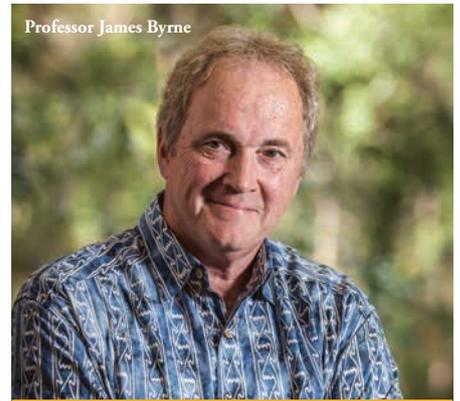
Nathan McIntyre says the trip inspired him to undertake an Honours program: "Nepal gave me a taste of how biological research can be applied to conservation.

"Being able to go out into the field and contribute to conservation in practice was transforming."

Fifth year law students Nathan Docker and Tenelle May



Professor James Byrne



CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

When it comes to criminology and criminal justice, Griffith University's Professor James Byrne is a man of his convictions.

Professor Byrne is the director of the new Global Centre for Evidence-based Corrections and Sentencing (GCECS), attached to Griffith's Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance and the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Researchers from more than a dozen countries are involved.

"We want the Centre to be an apolitical, objective, one-stop resource directory for all the latest material on sentencing and corrections world-wide," says the Boston-born Professor Byrne.

Adding that GCECS will provide researchers, policymakers and practitioners a new global forum for knowledge exchange, he says that at the heart of the GCECS agenda is a simple premise: you cannot change offenders without also changing the communities in which they reside.

Professor Byrne says community attitudes, values and resources can and should be incorporated into research, while attitudes towards punishment in general should also be addressed.

"This leads to the question of rehabilitation, which assumes an offender was a different person before they turned to crime," he says.

"But in some cases, crime is the only life they have known, and their treatment in prison often only exacerbates the problem. It does not change criminal thinking; in many instances it reinforces criminal thinking and anti-social lifestyles."

Professor Byrne says GCECS can offer a global perspective and demonstrate how programs in sentencing and corrections may be done differently and, more importantly, how they may be done better.

CLIMBING THE RANKINGS

Where reputation matters, Griffith University is increasingly building its credentials among a range of international rankings and measures, writes Dean Gould.

Over the past year, Griffith has featured as one of the world's top 5 per cent of universities among the prestigious Academic Rankings of World Universities, the QS World Rankings of Universities and the CTWS Leiden rankings.

Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor says the international acknowledgment of Griffith's strengths is gratifying.

"Several years ago Griffith set about establishing itself as a truly world-class, comprehensive university," he says.

"Independent endorsement such as these international rankings is an important part of that.

"I'm sure our students and staff already know the great work that they do, but it is encouraging to see that effort and achievement acknowledged in such a public arena."

On top of the rankings that assess overall performance, Griffith is excelling in individual study areas as well.

Most recently, Griffith Law School was ranked in the top 50 globally by QS World University Rankings by Subject.

Law came in at number 43 in the world after QS World University Rankings evaluated 2858 universities and analysed more than 8000 programs.

The top 200 were ranked in each subject area.

The list also included seven other areas in which Griffith excelled. Education was ranked in the top 100, as were Politics and International Studies. Environmental Sciences, Sociology, Communications and Media Studies and Agriculture and Forestry subject areas are all ranked in the top 150 worldwide. Psychology was in the top 200.

In the Leiden rankings released in April 2013, Griffith ranked 383rd, up from 412th in 2011-12, reflecting the number of academic articles in the top 10 per cent globally.

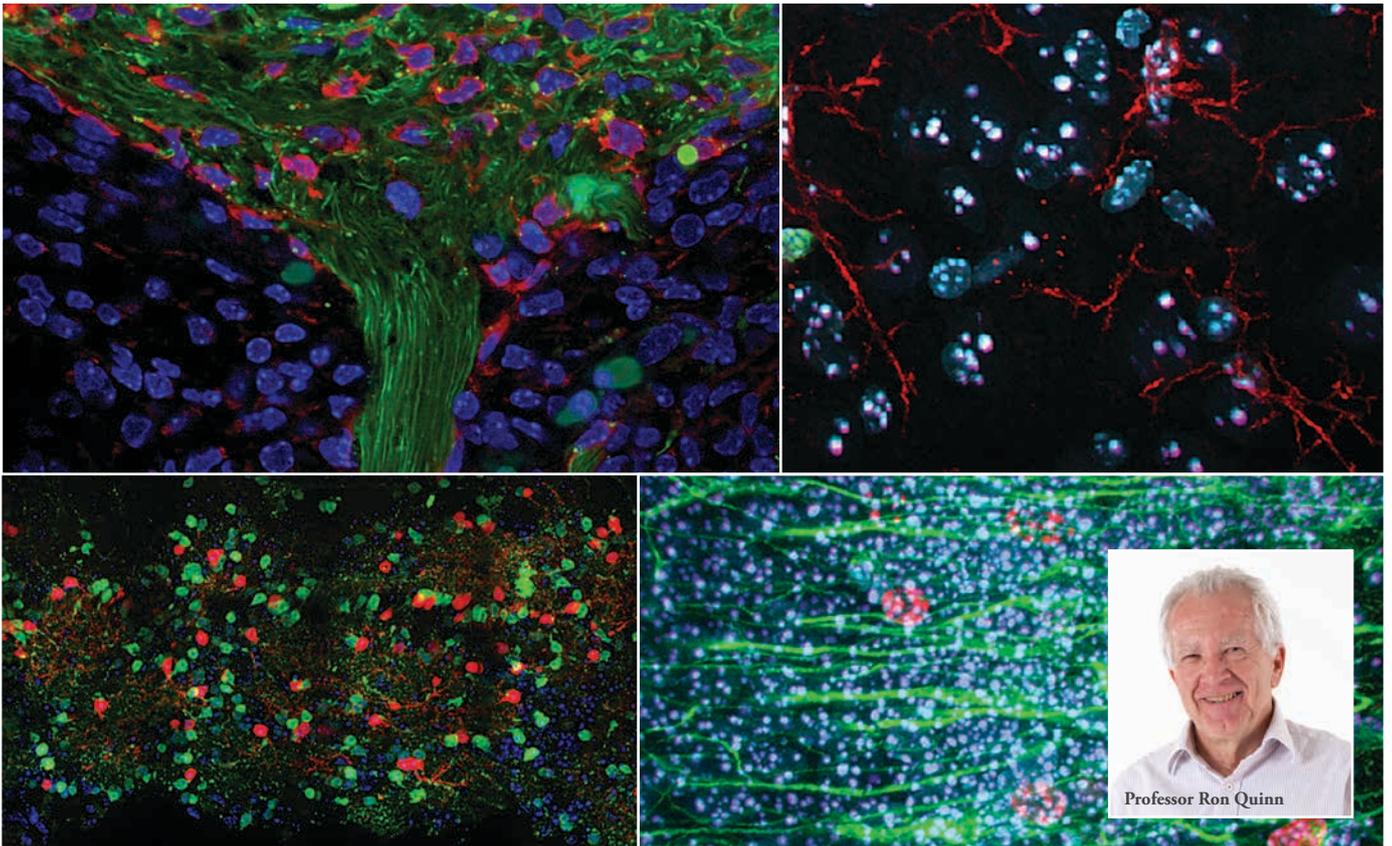
The jump in rankings points to improving quality as well as volume from Griffith researchers.

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) Professor Ned Pankhurst says that within the overall rankings for the University were some excellent results for various disciplines at Griffith, in particular Social Sciences and Humanities, Life and Earth Sciences, Natural Sciences and Engineering and Biomedical and Health Sciences, which he says are firmly established as world-class in these rankings.

Professor Pankhurst credits Griffith's heavy and strategic investment in research over the past 10 years for the improvement.

The performance was also reflected in the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) results late last year. Griffith registered assessable bodies of research work in a formidable 60 separate fields and achieved world standard or above in 38 of those.

griffith.edu.au/international/news/rankings



Images from the Eskitis Photography Competition, open to staff and students. Visualisation of cell and tissue processes is a key step to understanding disease biology

DRIVEN BY SCIENCE, **INSPIRED BY NATURE**

The 10-year anniversary of Griffith's renowned drug discovery research centre marks a decade of painstaking work, progressive thinking and brilliant achievements. Ellen Lutton reports.

Ensclosed in a state-of-the-art building on the outskirts of Griffith's Nathan campus, 120 University staff and students are quietly going about their quest to change the world.

Officially formed in 2003, the Eskitis Institute was the University's vision for creating a top-class research centre in the area of drug discovery.

Bringing together three existing research centres, its purpose was to create critical mass and maximise the potential of the combined disciplines with the aim of generating 'big science'.

Ten years on, the vision for Eskitis has been realised and the Institute's director, Professor Ron Quinn, is incredibly proud of his team's achievements.

"By bringing the three centres together into one, we were able to take the elements that were already there and maximise the synergy, value and collaboration," he says.

He says researchers have been able to attempt new projects that they weren't able to before the amalgamation. "That's an achievement in itself," he says.

The Eskitis Institute is focused on three disease areas, including infectious diseases, cancer and neurological diseases. The world of drug discovery, however, requires more than just brilliant minds – it relies on discipline, professionalism and patience.

"It's so gradual in a sense... it's not a matter of sitting there and suddenly exclaiming 'I've found a cure for X!'," Professor Quinn says.

"For example, we're looking at a therapy of some sorts and we might discover a molecule that might be a drug, but the process to do the pre-clinical development and then go to the clinic takes so long. Years, I mean."

Professor Quinn says there are always "Eureka!" moments, but in his line of work, nothing comes overnight.

"What you've made there is a contribution and it has its own life, in a sense," he says.

One of Eskitis' most exciting current projects is a traditional Aboriginal medicine with analgesic effects, which Professor Quinn hopes to see brought to the market as a gel and sold over the counter.

"The person who came to us had his finger bitten off by a crocodile when he was trying to spear it," Professor Quinn says.

"He went to a tree that he knew was used for traditional medicine, chewed the bark around it, put it on the wound and it stopped the pain."

Eskitis staff set about isolating the medicinal compound and managed to find the source of the analgesic effect. Professor Quinn says researchers now need someone to bring the product to market.

He adds that after a successful 10 years, he'd like to see Eskitis spend the next decade expanding its influence globally.

"I'd like to be more effective in an international context. If the critical mass was good for us in 2003, the next critical mass needs to come from strategic collaborations with people overseas," he says.

"Connections all over the world would prove our value and increase our reputation. I'd love to see us prove that we are being effective in our research in an international context."

griffith.edu.au/science-aviation/eskitis-institute



Emeritus Professor
Gus Guthrie

VALE GUS GUTHRIE

In 2013, Griffith mourned the passing of an inspirational founding father, community leader and hospital clown, writes Louise Gee.

Roy David "Gus" Guthrie took a leap of faith when he moved from his homeland of England to help establish a university on the scrubby outskirts of Brisbane.

A Griffith University founding father, Professor Emeritus Guthrie AM DUniv was born in Surrey on March 29, 1934, and died aged 78 on January 12, 2013, after being diagnosed six months earlier with acute myeloid leukemia.

The years between, however, were marked by his tireless efforts to improve academia and the wider community.

Professor Guthrie's own education began with half-time schooling during WWII. In time, his interest in science swelled and he was awarded an upper second-class honours degree in chemistry at King's College, London. He went on to complete a PhD in organic chemistry in 1958, followed by a Doctor of Science in 1968.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Professor Guthrie was involved in developing the aminoglycoside antibiotic program, working on the structural and synthetic aspects of gentamicin antibiotics. Coincidentally, this antibiotic was administered to treat his leukemia.

Professor Guthrie's colleague and friend for over 40 years, Griffith's Professor Emeritus Ian Jenkins, was a postdoctoral student when the two met at the University of Sussex in 1971.

It was also at this time that Professor Guthrie became friends with Aung San Suu Kyi, the Myanmar opposition leader.



Professor Jenkins recalls Professor Guthrie enquiring about Australia: "I told him about the bushfires and the floods and mentioned that another professor had refused several invitations to visit Australia because of the flies."

Thankfully, members of the insect order *Diptera* didn't worry Professor Guthrie and in 1973 he became Griffith's first Chairman of the School of Science and Foundation Professor of Chemistry. At the time, the school had no other staff, no buildings and only outline teaching plans. The University opened in 1975.

"The Planning Council of Griffith University put great emphasis on interdisciplinary

teaching and Gus had appointed an outstanding group of people to implement this policy," Professor Jenkins says.

Professor Guthrie introduced major innovations, including the compulsory undergraduate course Science, Technology and Society and the degree program Science with Japanese, both new to Australia at the time.

After completing his term as foundation Chair, Professor Guthrie was appointed Griffith's first Pro Vice Chancellor in 1980.

In 1982, Professor Guthrie earned the title of Griffith's first Professor Emeritus for his distinguished contribution to the University and scholarship.

He left Griffith to serve as Secretary-General of the Royal Society of Chemistry in the United Kingdom, but returned to Australia to transform the New South Wales Institute of Technology into the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), becoming its first Vice Chancellor and President in 1988. In recognition of this, Professor Guthrie was awarded an honorary doctorate of the University upon his retirement. Later he was made a member of the Order of Australia.

'Throughout his career, Gus was incredibly hard working and a stickler for detail'

Retiring from UTS in 1996, he continued to work as a consultant for higher education nationally and internationally.

"Throughout his career, Gus was incredibly hard working and a stickler for detail," Professor Jenkins says, adding he found time to perform in several La Boite theatre plays.

His positive outlook inspired many students, including Griffith graduates Mark von Itzstein and San Thang, each nominated for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

This positivity, coupled with a sense of humour, carried over to his personal life. In retirement on the Sunshine Coast, Professor Guthrie became founding member of the Coastal Caring Clowns, performing as Charlie the clown at hospitals and respite centres.

Professor Guthrie is survived by former wives Ann and Lyn, sons David, Richard and Jonathan, and grandson James.

"We have learnt a great deal from him and valued his friendship," Professor Jenkins says. "He will be missed, but the impact he has had on our lives, academically, professionally and personally, will ensure that he will not be forgotten. His influence will remain."



Lampshade created on 3D printer

NEW 3D MAJOR

Producing a tangible object from a digital blueprint is fast becoming a reality with the advances in 3D printing in Australia.

From 2013, the QCA's Bachelor of Digital Media program at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus will include 3D printing.

The 3D Design major will incorporate the potential of the transformative technology to change the future of design and manufacturing.

Additive Manufacturing, or 3D printing technology, builds up objects in layers using plastic, ceramic or metal and is based on the notion of producing one-off pieces without the need for moulds.

"It will change the way we think about business. Spare parts, for example, would no longer have to be made in advance in case something breaks down," says Queensland College of Art lecturer Dr Jennifer Loy. "Customers could download the file and have the part printed locally, sometimes even printing parts themselves."

The technology can be used in a range of disciplines and myriad products, from jewellery to fashion, aerospace to automotive, dental to medical devices.

"It is an exciting area that combines graphics and product design to meet the needs of the market," Dr Loy says.

"Students get hands-on experience of digital fabrication and 3D printing right from the word go and have ongoing access to 3D printers throughout their degree."

"They will also have the opportunity to work with online customers."

– Lauren Suto



Institute for Glycomics

Professor Mark von Itzstein

THE CODEBREAKERS

Griffith's world-renowned Institute for Glycomics is poised to move from the realm of research to results that save lives, writes Ellen Lutton.

Every year around one million children, mainly in developing countries, die of malaria.

Meanwhile in Australia, up to 500 children – mostly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities – are diagnosed with rheumatic heart fever cause by the streptococcus A bacteria.

These alarming statistics are part of the reason why clinical human trials are under way at Griffith University's Institute for Glycomics, using vaccines developed there.

Glycomics is the study of carbohydrate chains (glycans) and the way these sugars work in healthy biology and diseases.

It's an extremely exciting time for the Institute's director and founder, Professor Mark von Itzstein, who turned a vision of bringing forth novel medicines and vaccines to the community into one of the world's leading research bodies.

"It is thrilling to get to this stage. It places us very much in a unique position," says Professor von Itzstein. "Effectively we have been trying to crack the code of that language of glycans. We're actually poised in this institute to take advantage of those advances and make our contribution both in the discovery of new drugs to treat intractable diseases and also vaccines."

The Institute for Glycomics, now in its 13th year and still the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, targets three areas of research: infectious diseases, viruses and bacteria. Within those areas, specialists have been working together on Ross River Fever, bacterial meningitis and parainfluenza (croup in children), to name a few.

More recently, the Institute has formed a major research degree focusing on cancer, with exciting results.

Professor von Itzstein says the Institute has discovered that there are major roles that sugars, or glycans, play in the establishment and spread of cancer.

"Cancers use the carbohydrate language exquisitely. A lot of the work we've been doing is to develop our understanding, cracking the code in the way that cancer cells use that language to facilitate that spread around the body," he says.

Professor von Itzstein says he hopes that he has proved his critics wrong.

"Most people thought I was completely insane when I decided to set this institute up at Griffith's Gold Coast campus," he says. "As a university, Griffith has matured enormously and the setting and facilities are absolutely world-class; that's exactly why I picked to come to the Gold Coast campus all those years ago."

griffith.edu.au/science-aviation/institute-glycomics

STAYING POWER



Fabienne Wintle,
Gabby Daniels (below left) and
Bikash Randhawa (below right).

Hotel and tourism graduates are reaching career heights in the industry without having to leave Queensland and within a decade of completing degrees at Griffith, writes James Aspin.

Tourism is Australia's second biggest industry, worth \$9.6 billion annually and employing nearly one million people.

High hotel occupancy rates, growth in international arrivals and strong corporate and domestic tourism growth mean the industry is also attracting new investment.

That adds up to career opportunities spanning the globe for young people with a passion for tourism and hospitality, but also celebrates what we have right here.

Dr Anoop Patiar is the deputy head of the Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management at Griffith, a department whose research output is recognised to be among the top four offered by universities worldwide.

"Our degrees have won state and national education awards, including the Tourism Education award for three consecutive years," Dr Patiar says.

"We have also received accreditation from the International Centre of Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Education and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business."

"That fact has made Griffith degrees popular with domestic and international students seeking a highly regarded qualification.

"And there is great demand in the industry for local graduates with a sound and sustainable business education that is appropriate to the hotel and tourism industries."

Bikash Randhawa, General Manager at the Sea World Resort & Water Park and a Griffith graduate in Hotel Management, came to Australia to study a degree in Business and fell in love with the Gold Coast. He also recognised the fantastic opportunities in tourism here and decided to switch his degree focus to hotel management, signalling the start of a vibrant career.

'In our industry you never feel that you are at work. You are always visiting the most beautiful places, properties and experiencing fabulous tours'

"We are lucky here on the Gold Coast to be able to work in Australia's tourism capital while studying at Griffith to learn the professional skills for a successful career in the industry," he says.

"You really don't realise when you are at university how relevant the learning is until you begin to apply it. I draw on that knowledge every day."

Gabby Daniels, the National Revenue Manager (Distribution) with the Mantra Group on the Gold Coast, studied Hotel



Management at Griffith and worked in many areas of the industry before settling on her ideal role.

"My degree gave me the confidence and ability to articulate and present my ideas and findings in the boardroom with our top executives," she says.

Fabienne Wintle, owner and manager of a small Brisbane-based consulting company called Webbed Feet, has paired a passion for IT with a Master of Business (International Tourism and Hospitality Management) to create her home-grown start-up enterprise, which involves liaising with tourism businesses to help them improve their performance when using the web for sales and marketing.

"The Masters degree gave me the necessary theoretical background and understanding of the tourism industry to excel at what I do," she says, adding: "In our industry you never feel that you are at work. You are always visiting the most beautiful places, properties and experiencing fabulous tours. I haven't taken a holiday in years, because I always feel that I am on one."

TOP OF THEIR GAME



The Queensland Reds in action

A partnership with Queensland Rugby Union has enabled Griffith students to assist and benefit from the well-oiled rugby machine, writes Phil Lutton.

When the Queensland Reds stormed to the Super Rugby title in 2011, triumphing over New Zealand's mighty Crusaders in the final, it was clear this was an organisation at the top of its game.

Two years on, Queensland Rugby Union has found a kindred sporting spirit in Griffith University. In 2013, the pair joined forces in a deal designed to benefit aspiring students and open up a market of talent to the Reds, an organisation steadily building on that memorable breakthrough at Suncorp Stadium.

The arrangement provides an avenue for Griffith students to complete internships at the hallowed rugby centre of Ballymore, while Reds players and coaches join Griffith University in conducting clinics at secondary schools with the aim of developing rugby skills and educational outcomes.

Queensland Rugby chief commercial officer Daniel Herbert, capped 67 times for the Wallabies, says the partnership is already providing exciting opportunities for students, players and those on the front line of the QRU, which not only runs the Reds but oversees the game throughout the entire state.

Griffith students have been interning in various areas of the Reds operation, from

the commercial aspect to the gun high-performance unit, charged with keeping some of the nation's most elite football talent in supreme shape.

"We are offering internships to some students in the commercial area and also in exercise science. That's one of the key areas and we're looking to create a strategic alliance with our high performance unit," Daniel says.

He says sport also offers a unique opportunity to blend on-field performance with off-field business savvy and administration. Hosting interns means the Reds can sniff out talented people to add to an already diverse organisation.

"Sport as an industry is a bit different and can be very complicated. We have a number of commercial partnerships, so not only do we have to understand things as a sport,

we have to understand the businesses that partner with us," Daniel says.

The competition for fans, members and revenue at the elite level is red hot. It is an area in which the Reds have excelled, surpassing blue chip brands such as the NRL's Brisbane Broncos and retaining superstar talent like Quade Cooper, Will Genia and James Horwill.

Daniel says teaming with Griffith University, another organisation pushing the boundaries and ensuring that its students are given the best opportunities in a real-time scenario, seems only natural.

"We see a great benefit in aligning ourselves with a partner like Griffith," he says. "They are at the top of their game, they are a respected organisation. People often judge you by the company you keep and we want to keep that sort of elite company."



Daniel Herbert and Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost Professor Marilyn McMeniman at Reds HQ



1982 Commonwealth Games opening ceremony

HOME GAMES

For the second time in its short history, Griffith University will play a major role in the staging of the Commonwealth Games.

The 2018 event on the Gold Coast will see more than 6500 athletes and officials housed at the Games Village directly across the road from Griffith's Parklands campus.

In 1982, Griffith's Nathan campus was used as the Games Village with the opening ceremony at nearby QEII Stadium.

"This represents a truly exciting opportunity for Griffith to again be an integral part of the Commonwealth Games and there is no doubting the impact it will have on the Gold Coast," says Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor, who has been appointed to the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Legacy Committee to help maximise the longer-term benefits of the event.

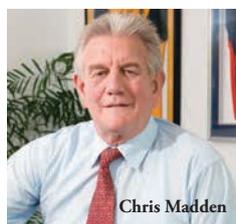
There are 71 Commonwealth countries and Griffith has students from more than 50 of them, as well as extensive inter-university connections in many.

However, when teams from the participating countries converge on the Gold Coast for two weeks in April 2018, there will be much more at play than expertise in Commonwealth nations and their institutions.

"We are looking at the various aspects of the Games that Griffith can play a role in, from the sports themselves to medical science and the rehabilitation of athletes, to the engineering and construction of venues and management and staging of the event," Professor O'Connor says.

As soon as the Gold Coast won the hosting bid in 2011, the Vice Chancellor commissioned a report that examined

Griffith's capacity and strengths in relation to opportunities associated with the Games. What clearly emerged was Griffith's world-class expertise in sports management; sports science and sports medicine; and sports technology.



Chris Madden

And that's not to mention the 200 or so elite athletes already studying at the University as part of the Griffith Sports College; evidence of a great tradition of sporting excellence dating back to the 1982 Games and before.

Professor O'Connor recently appointed outgoing Pro Vice Chancellor (International) Chris Madden to a new role overseeing the turning of those opportunities into action.

"The Commonwealth Games from a Griffith perspective is not just about sport alone," Mr Madden says.

"The opportunities for us to assist the Commonwealth Games in the development of the arts and cultural events, and to support our athletes, are very close to Griffith's heart. This is a central part of what the Commonwealth Games in 2018 will be highlighting."

Mr Madden agrees that Griffith must capitalise on the quirk of history that has placed it in the box seat to enjoy – and benefit from – not just one, but two Commonwealth Games.

This stroke of good fortune, he says, presents "historic opportunities for the University to assist the Games, the city and state".



Brendan Casey

SAILING THROUGH LIFE AFTER GRIFFITH

The London 2012 Olympic Games didn't go quite to plan for Griffith graduate Brendan Casey. The sailor's gear let him down at precisely the wrong time.

But the sheer thrill of being at the Games, especially as part of a sailing team that saved the day for the Australians, will stay with him for life.

Australia won three gold medals and one silver out of the 10 disciplines at the Olympics.

"Being an athlete at the 2012 Olympics was an amazing experience," Brendan says.

"The buzz I felt was like having adrenaline, excitement and energy running through your body that you never seem to run out of."

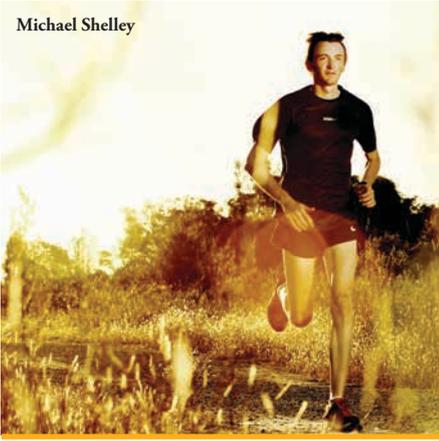
The Bachelor of Business graduate majored in marketing and management and has put these skills to use in running his own Brisbane-based business, Sail Equipment Australia.

He says the sporting success of such gold medal-winning sailors as Tom Slingsby has given Australian sailing a profile like never before.

"I can say confidently that the younger generation sailing today is more committed and inspired to push the boundaries of the sport," he says.

Brendan went right back to work after the Olympics to prepare for a busy year on the water, including racing in the ISAF World Cup Series.

Michael Shelley



MICHAEL SHELLEY GIVES THANKS

The horror of the Boston Marathon bombings in April sent shockwaves around the world, particularly within the international running community.

Griffith marathon star Michael Shelley, who finished 16th at the London Olympics, was left stunned by the bombings that killed three people and injured hundreds more.

However, he believes the solidarity within athletics will ensure the running community remains as strong as ever.

"What happened in Boston was an absolute tragedy," Michael says. "This tragedy will bring the running community even closer, as was evident in the recent London Marathon where there was 30 seconds of silence before the race and every runner wore a black ribbon."

Michael, who holds a Bachelor of Business from Griffith, says: "Has it changed sport? Unfortunately I think it will, with more security at events. But I think we need to still attend and participate in these events to make a stand against the people who try to influence our lives in a negative fashion."

While the bombings left Michael gutted, the 29-year-old has been on a high in terms of his running. His finish in London, his first Olympic Games, was well above expectations.

"Finishing 16th was above my wildest dreams. With it being my first Olympics, I wanted to have a race that I could have been happy with," he says.

Michael took a well-earned break after London before putting his head down again, travelling to the US for altitude training in Arizona.



Duncan Free (centre), manager of the Griffith Sports College, with Griffith University rowers Cameron Rumball and Emma Bunn

A SPORTING CHANCE

Olympian Duncan Free is working towards a world where elite athletes can balance sport and their education, writes Phil Lutton.

As a four-time Olympic rower and 2008 Beijing Games gold medallist, Duncan Free is well aware of the difficulties of trying to blend study and elite sport.

Between the arduous training, the rigours of travel, the draining competition and the vital recovery, there seems like no time to focus on anything else.

Now that he has racked the oars, Duncan has turned his time to ensuring Australia's next sporting stars don't have the same concerns as they try to balance athletic and academic aspirations.

Duncan is the manager of the Griffith Sports College, which aims to give athletes the flexibility and support they need to achieve the outcomes they want in the classroom and in their sport of choice.

"We create flexibility for the elite athletes in the country. What we basically do is help them with admissions and any way possible, whether it is academic support, mentoring or various workshops," he says.

"We try to give them the best opportunity to do both at the one time. A lot of sports are time-demanding, so it's just an extra support network to help their goals academically and in sport as well."

Duncan graduated from Griffith in 1996 with a Bachelor of Health Sciences, but always found it difficult to devote time to study. He took a year off to

compete, something he wouldn't have to do these days as the College bends and flexes with the needs of students.

"If I look back at my career and education, I took a year off, going to junior world titles, not thinking I'd be able to do both. If I was in that position today, knowing the support that was around, it would have been much smoother," Duncan says.

As well as fostering students in sport, he spends much of his time working on relationships with elite teams, which in turn gives their players the best access to Griffith University options.

"We have relationships with a lot of teams and organisations. They have player welfare managers and they are very happy with what the Griffith Sports College is doing in that space.

"Their role is to get players into some sort of part-time work or university and guide them through that path. I have a close relationship with those guys and it greatly helps the process."

Duncan is justifiably proud of the reputation the Sports College is quickly mustering when it comes to looking after the needs of gifted students striving for the best in all of their endeavours.

"We're becoming known as an organisation that does a very good job of looking after athletes and providing that support," he says.

"I'm pretty proud of the reputation we are starting to get for that, and my role is to continue that momentum and try to create even further support for our athletes."

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Peter Denham

A LESSON WORTH LEARNING

Growing up in Brisbane, Peter Denham says he knew little of the city's history, much less the people who helped shape it.

Yet lessons learned while completing his Master of Cultural Leadership at Griffith University are now helping him articulate that history and culture to a new generation of Brisbanites.

Peter is director of the recently reopened and revitalised Museum of Brisbane, the jewel in the crown of the stunningly

restored Brisbane City Hall and housed in a purpose-built gallery on its roof.

Peter acknowledges his time at Griffith as providing an ideal preparation for his role.

"It gave me the opportunity to reflect, to consider what other techniques or resources I might bring to my role at the museum," he says. "It helped me to better appreciate a broad change in attitude and perception when it came

to Brisbane people understanding their city and wanting to know more.

"We weren't taught about Brisbane's history when I was growing up here and yet it has such a rich and colourful story to tell.

'Completing my Masters at Griffith only affirmed my view on the importance of history and culture to the identity of any city'

"The good news is that the museum now has much greater access to the many chapters of that story and we have the resources to tell it in an exciting and contemporary way.

"Completing my Masters at Griffith only affirmed my view on the importance of history and culture to the identity of any city. That's why the museum wants to dispel the myths that nothing interesting happened in Brisbane and that major historical events always happen elsewhere.

"In terms of identity, knowing what has happened in your city allows you to better understand who you are as well as the people around you."

After a \$215 million restoration program, the Museum of Brisbane and City Hall reopened in 2013, which also marks the museum's 10th anniversary.



Jithendra Nair

ONE DOOR CLOSSES, GRIFFITH OPENS ANOTHER

The world beckons for Jithendra Nair and he has never been better equipped to step into a career of adventure.

His role as Asia-Pacific IT Director for Cook Medical takes him all over the region. After completing his MBA at Griffith, he feels

more capable than ever to play his part in a global business.

Cook Medical is the largest privately-owned medical devices company in the world, manufacturing specialist medical and surgical equipment. From its Brisbane office, it has become one of Australia's most highly regarded exporters.

Jithendra's IT team makes sure the processes that hold the region's network of offices and plants together function at optimum levels.

"There is always something going on," he says. "And Cook trust me to get it done. It is a great company to work for."

It wasn't always such plain sailing for Jithendra, who was faced with a major career change about four years ago when the radical restructuring of Australia's media industry began and he was made redundant from his role as a media IT manager at News Limited.

But he was quickly snapped up by Cook and has since been promoted to his current position.

"People even asked me why I was doing my MBA because they said I didn't need it to do my job," he recalls.

"But I have learned so much. It has made me better at my job and better equipped for the future."

Jithendra endured the hard years of juggling a full-time, high-level job, family life and postgraduate study.

"It was difficult, but you just do it," he says. "I spent so many weekends at Griffith University. I would sometimes take my kids there and they would draw or read in the library while I studied."

He says finishing his MBA in 2012 with his family alongside him at his graduation on the Gold Coast was a proud moment.

Now with his Masters under his belt he can devote his attention to Cook Medical's international demands, his home and wife and children – and there was even time for a return to the cricket field this year.

– Dean Gould



Sophie Richards

LA IN THE PIPELINE

At just 20, Queensland College of Art Honours student Sophie Richards will benefit from a stint in Los Angeles to learn from the iconic photographic artist Polly Borland.

After impressing Australian-born Polly, Sophie was awarded the photography category at the 2013 Qantas Spirit of Youth Awards 365 (SOYA 365).

One of the competition's youngest winners, Sophie triumphed over 400 other entrants with a collective 5000 photographs.

The bar was set high, but Polly said Sophie's work stood out because it was "highly personal and beautifully rendered with freshness".

Sophie credits the Queensland College of Art with providing the ideal environment to develop her passion and nurture her natural progression as an artist.

It's fitting too that Sophie is spending time in California, the base of American artist Allan Sekula, whom she notes as highly influential in her work.

Sophie credits the Queensland College of Art with providing the ideal environment to develop her passion and nurture her natural progression as an artist.

"It is such a great community. Knowing the lecturers are also practising artists in their own right is very inspirational," she says.

The darkroom is also a favourite haunt for Sophie, who strongly believes in film-only photography.

"This is in direct response to the digital world we are now surrounded by, where everything is easy and instant," she says.



Katie Noonan

SONGBIRD WITH SOLID CREDENTIALS

After graduating with a Bachelor of Music from the Queensland Conservatorium, Katie Noonan didn't waste any time in cementing her position as one of Australia's most talented and versatile vocalists.

Reflecting on her time at the Con, the ARIA Award-winning singer says: "It was a wonderful time, incredibly creative, very fertile and a time of new discoveries."

"I was lucky enough to learn from the wonderful Margreta Elkins in my classical times and then went to the jazz course where I had incredible mentors like Tony Hobbs, Jonathan Dimond, John Hoffman, Irene Bartlett, Stephen Leek and a host of great musicians that taught me a lot about being a well-rounded musician.

"I feel very lucky that my career has been a series of happy accidents. I've of course dedicated myself to my craft but I feel very blessed and lucky to be able to be a full-time musician. My time at the Con helped me immeasurably in that way."

Katie was awarded the Griffith University Arts, Education and Law Alumnus of the Year for 2012.

She has been touring the country with intimate performances from her album *Songbook*, exploring material from throughout her career, including songs from George, Katie Noonan and the Captains, Elixir and her solo work.

— Lauren Suto



Monique Jeremiah

RECOGNITION FOR A JOB WELL FOUND

Monique Jeremiah graduated from Griffith with a business degree in 2008.

Her passion for business and education led her to Exceptional Tuition and Resumes, a personal home tutoring business on the Gold Coast.

She is now director of the successful company, which provides online academic tuition and professional resume writing services.

In January, Monique was named the 2012 Gold Coast Young Citizen of the Year and was a finalist in the 2012 Australian Small Business Champion Awards in both the Educational Services and Young Small Business Champion categories.

Monique's passion for business and education led her to Exceptional Tuition and Resumes, a personal home tutoring business on the Gold Coast.

"Monique's impact on the Gold Coast shows the influence our graduates are having in the community," Pro Vice Chancellor (Business) Professor Michael Powell said while presenting Monique with the Young Alumnus award at a gala dinner at Brisbane's Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Monique follows in the footsteps of previous winners: Stephen Gregg, chair of Tourism Queensland; Phillip Di Bella, owner and founder of Di Bella Coffee; Fabienne Wintle, founder of web marketing site Untanglemyweb.com; Clinton Dines, former president of BHP Billiton China; and Judy Spence, former Queensland Police Minister.



Kristy Spry

HELPING THE NATION **GROW**

Kristy Spry has played a special part in an Australian milestone.

The second year Bachelor of Midwifery student recently helped in the birth of the 23 millionth Australian.

As part of her degree placement, Kristy was on duty at Redland Hospital on April 23, 2013. At 7.03pm, she helped the nation's population hit exactly 23 million when she aided the birth of little Boone Mason, weighing in at 3420 grams.

"It was a really beautiful birth," Kristy says. "Just to be there with Boone and his parents, supporting their journey, was really amazing. Being at any birth, of course, is a great experience, and this certainly allowed me to put my clinical experience to good use."

Dr Kathleen Baird from the School of Nursing and Midwifery says the event was a great demonstration of the working partnership between Griffith University and Redland Hospital.

A BOLD NEW CHAPTER

A Griffith business student has played her part in the engagement of young Chinese and young Australians since winning a Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Award.

Elise Giles co-founded the Hong Kong Chapter of the Australia China Youth Association (ACYA) after travelling to Hong Kong as part of her award.

Elise travelled through South-East Asia before settling into her first semester at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. An internship at the international event consultancy company, MCI, completes the Endeavour Award program designed to give her an insight into the skills required to coordinate projects on an international level.

Elise says ACYA has four chapters in China and several in Australia.

"Its purpose is to actively develop a community of young Australians interested in China and young Chinese interested in Australia," she says. "The Hong Kong Chapter is still young, however we are providing opportunities for Australians and locals here in Hong Kong to establish relationships through language exchange events, junk boat trips, speaker engagement nights and social gatherings."

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Gold Coast student Cody Mason has taken out first prize in an international student architectural illustration competition.

Cody's image, Icarus Project Perspective, won the major Student Award of Excellence in the 2013 Architecture in Perspective (AIP 28) Competition, sponsored by the American Society of Architectural Illustrators.

"It is fantastic to receive international recognition for my work, and it means a lot to me to be included in what I consider to be a catalogue of exceptional architectural illustrations," Cody says.

The second year architecture student created the image as part of his studies for the Architecture Studio 1 course. It involved a combination of 3D modelling in architectural design software, photography and further CGI and manipulation in Photoshop.



Cody Mason

Icarus Project Perspective was voted the best by all three judges, while Australian judge Shane Thompson described it as a beautifully evocative work that heightens the relationship between building and landscape.



Adam Scott

MASTERS OF THEIR DESTINY

Griffith University is accustomed to students earning their Masters, but in 2013 one of its most valued supporters won the Masters.

In April, Gold Coast golfer Adam Scott brushed aside years of close calls and broke through to claim arguably world golf's most prestigious major tournament, the US Masters.

Scott's first major title was a particularly proud moment for Griffith University,

home to the Adam Scott Foundation Sports Business Scholarship.

And no one was more thrilled than the first recipient of the scholarship, Griffith business graduate Andrew Savins.

"Adam's such a great bloke, so modest and generous, and I'm sure there'll be other major victories to follow," Andrew says.

"He deserves them. He is an inspiration and not just on the golf course, but for the work he does for other people."

Andrew is based in Brisbane and his scholarship allowed him to study at Griffith Business School through its association with the PGA International Golf Institute.

The IGI's marketing and student recruitment manager, Josh Madden, echoed Andrew's sentiments, adding Scott's win would inspire young Australian golfers.

Among them, two female golfers were the recipients of the Adam Scott scholarship in 2012, with Brisbane's Melinda Bell and Gold Coast Anna Stanton each studying for their Bachelor of Business (Sports Management).

Meanwhile, the 2013 recipient, aspiring major winner Toby Cooper, from Warialda in New South Wales, will study within Griffith's Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management.

The Adam Scott Foundation helps disadvantaged and underprivileged Australian youth, a cause arising from 33-year-old Scott's recognition of the gap between his own good fortune and those not so privileged.

"I believe that the giving of an opportunity may be one of the greatest gifts of all, be that an opportunity for a single experience to a sick child or a chance to follow a dream that may otherwise be unattainable," Scott says.

CRIMINAL MINDS

Griffith University's Jessica Law can't wait to experience some "prime crime time" in England.

The 25-year-old Gold Coast criminology student has been accepted for a four-month study exchange in the School of Law (Criminal Justice and Criminology) at the University of Leeds in late 2013.

Eager to access the resources of the university's renowned criminology program, Jessica will also liaise with Yorkshire justice departments and visit facilities including HM Prison Leeds, better known as the notorious Armley Prison.

"It's a very hands-on program and it's a fantastic opportunity to broaden my experience in a different environment," Jessica says.

Originally from NSW, having completed high school in Port Macquarie in 2005, Jessica's interest in criminology was sparked by watching TV police dramas such as *CSI* and *Law & Order*. The fascination only grew once she enrolled at Griffith in 2012.

"I did a class on offender profiling and it involved a case in which a woman had killed her de facto partner in a particularly gruesome way," she says. "It was a truly shocking case, but as I looked further I was surprised at how difficult it was to find information on violent women that wasn't salacious.

"This is a topic that everyone has an opinion on, because there are so many elements – psychological, sexual, home circumstances, children – that can come into play.



Jessica Law

"I'm drawn towards contemporary, female-driven issues such as "ladette" culture, violence committed by girls, globalisation and the sex trade and sexuality and society.

"I'm interested in learning why a woman has resorted to an act of extreme violence, then applying that evidence-based knowledge to improve understanding and outcomes."



Judy Anderson with Jeanne Han
at the annual International school art exhibition

Australian and Asian artists, and in Guangzhou – "my first exhibition in China." They follow numerous showings in the South Korean capital.

Her role at Seoul International College has been the catalyst for these opportunities, although Dr Anderson admits that a PhD is not a necessity.

"Yes, it's possible to teach secondary and college level internationally without a PhD, but the international system does recognise teachers for having earned a PhD, unlike the Australian school system," she says.

"So a significant salary bonus was available to me as a result of having the higher degree," she says. "I do love the way my students and their parents here call me Dr A."

"Dr A" explored the relationship between touch and visuality in her thesis, *A Place Opens: An Exploration of Touch*.

"The process taught me much, personally and professionally, as an artist and writer, as an academic researcher and educator," she says.

"The biggest personal lesson was in perseverance, endurance, self-efficacy, trust, gratitude and the art of balance. But why did I really do it?"

"I couldn't stop. I was still thirsty. I'd only started. Thirsty for more. The Masters whet my appetite. The PhD was a whole other journey on a whole other level. I craved the intensity and the challenge."

That intensity in her professional work hasn't abated.

'The process taught me much, personally and professionally, as an artist and writer, as an academic researcher and educator'

"Seoul International School is an American school that offers AP (Advanced Placement) College courses, so my Head of Arts position involves teaching AP courses, AP Studio Art and AP Art History," she says.

She has also seized more research openings, such as the annual KORCOS conferences 2011/2012, a premier Korean educational conference where she presented research on *Banksy to Botticelli – Art In Context*.

"These creative processes generate opportunities, not so much from having 'Dr' in front of one's name, but from having planted the seeds – the body of work – that continues to expand and evolve," Dr Anderson says.

AT PEACE IN A WAR ZONE

The Korean Peninsula is not the obvious place for a sabbatical, writes Dean Gould.

It is a long way from Queensland to South Korea, but it is the space rather than the distance that attracted Dr Judy Anderson.

Dr Anderson achieved her PhD at Griffith University in 2010 and is now coming to the end of a two-year stint at the Seoul International College, where she has been teaching art.

Her PhD studies spanned a nine-year period during which time she worked as a secondary school teacher in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast and as a sessional lecturer at Griffith's School of Education and Professional Studies. However, after the "sense of joy and relief and growth that accompanies the completion of the PhD process" she wanted room to breathe.

"I did feel a need to maximise the opportunities in a proactive way, fully aware also that I wanted some quality breathing space," she says from her one-bedroom apartment in Seoul.

"This chance to travel, teach and exhibit overseas has given me that necessary breathing space.

"Coming home now will be with fresher eyes, having seen that bit more of the world.

"This two years has been intensely packed with work, research, teaching, travelling, making art and exhibiting, forming new friendships and lots of Skyping loved ones at home. But it has also very much proven to be a sabbatical, breathing time, in that I am removed from the familiar and previous ways of doing and being.

"Being self-reliant and alone in a foreign place induces reflection and internal dialogue."

Conversely, it also induces curiosity and adventure.

'Being self-reliant and alone in a foreign place induces reflection and internal dialogue'

Despite a nervousness about the sabre-rattling from an increasingly volatile North Korean regime, Dr Anderson has used Seoul as a base to visit China, Vietnam, India, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Cambodia and Singapore. She also chaperoned a school visit to Paris.

Her own art has blossomed too, with exhibitions at the Arts Centre Meeting Place and Australian Creative Exchange project, combining artworks from



STAY CONNECTED

Arrival Plaza, Nathan campus

University study is more than just an education. It can form the foundation of partnerships that continue for life, writes Professor Marilyn McMeniman.

University connections can span the globe. They are found in partnerships with colleagues who have studied and worked together; with inspirational teachers who have opened minds to new challenges and ideas and stimulated innovative thinking and solutions; with local and international businesses enabling students to learn within the workplace; and with communities that have engaged with us in research and service projects.

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Professor Marilyn McMeniman

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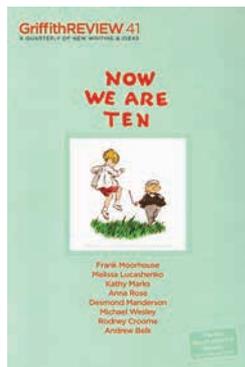
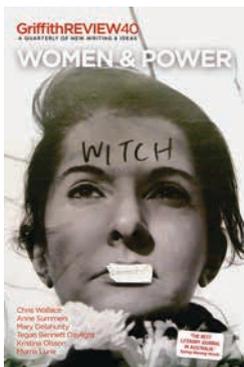
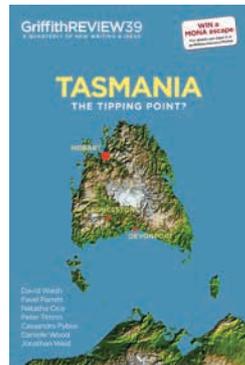
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