Vice Chancellor’s Report to Council
Monday 3 December 2012

Key Issues & Highlights

This report provides a detailed overview of activities and issues since my last report to Council. Highlights include:

1. Griffith had its best year ever for Australian Research Council (ARC) grants following the recent announcement of the major grant round outcomes. For more detail see pages 7-13 of my report.

2. In October, Dr Sarah Baker (School of Humanities) was announced as the winner of The Vice Chancellor’s Griffith University Teacher of the Year for 2012. For more detail see page 3 of my report.

3. Dr Jessica Vanderlelie, lecturer in the School of Medical Science, was successful in winning an Australian Award for University Teaching. For more detail see page 3 of my report.

4. Griffith Elder-in-Residence, Uncle Thomas Sebasio, has been recognised with a national 2012 Indigenous Higher Education Council Award for Elders and Leaders in Higher Education. For more detail see page 4 of my report.

5. Griffith’s Tourism Confucius Institute – the world’s first – was officially opened by the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games on 16 November. For more detail see page 4 of my report.

6. Mr Chris Madden, Pro Vice Chancellor (International), has been recognised with a 2012 International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) Award. For more detail see page 19 of my report.
The Year in Summary

2012 saw major capital development projects transforming our campuses with new state-of-the-art facilities providing enhanced services for students, staff and visitors.

In June, Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, officially opened the Nathan Campus Heart. This $29.4 million project comprises a new Campus Heart Building which includes the relocated bookshop, coffee shop, five modern seminar rooms and a large balcony for functions; as well as the extended Willett Centre which includes a new student centre, 15 classrooms, an upgraded library and a central courtyard. The Nathan Campus Heart developments are the first stage of a major transformation of Griffith’s original campus, and represent a significant investment in the future of the Nathan campus.

The construction of the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre is also well advanced with an expected completion date of May 2013. The Centre will be Australia’s first zero-emission and self-powering teaching and research building driven by solar-powered hydrogen energy, and it will be a pilot for applying this safe, sustainable power in rural and urban settings. It will provide a signature building for the Nathan campus. An update on the implementation of the Nathan Campus Master Plan appears as part of the Capital and Minor Works Progress Report (see Attachment 5).

At the Gold Coast campus, the new $26 million International Building was opened by Premier Campbell Newman in June, and the new $1.4 million sports facilities was launched by Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate in August. Construction on both the $150 million eleven storey Griffith Health Centre and the $20 million Library extension is expected to be completed in the first half of 2013, with the $1.8 billion Gold Coast University Hospital due to open in September 2013. Given the developments with the light rail project, the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the University Hospital, Cox Rayner has been commissioned to update the Gold Coast Master Plan. Council will receive a briefing at the forthcoming meeting.

A report on developments at our South Bank Campus is attached (Attachment 1).

Griffith has consolidated its position among the top 5% of universities in the world based on the three leading international ranking systems. Our listing in the 301-400 band was our best ever result on the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) – the most reputable and reliable global ranking of research performance. ARWU also ranked Griffith in the Social Science top 200, one of only seven Australian universities listed. We were also ranked as one of the leading universities under 50 years of age on two listings – placing 49th in the QS top 50 universities under 50 and 81st in the Times HE top 100 universities under 50.

Research performance in 2012 remained strong. In the ARC Future Fellowships funding round earlier this year we were placed equal 9th nationally for number of Fellowships awarded and 10th nationally for total funding received. In the recent Australian Research Council’s major grants round, we were awarded 24 ARC Discovery Project grants, four ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards and one for projects commencing in 2013. This is the largest number of Discovery grants ever awarded to Griffith. We ranked 10th for the number of awards received. More detail on our success in securing Australian competitive grants appears later in this report.

During the year our outstanding teachers were again prominent in national teaching schemes. Griffith was the only university to achieve both a National Senior Teaching Fellow and National Teaching Fellow in the Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT) 2012 Teaching Fellows. Griffith staff were also successful in receiving six OLT Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning, and Dr Jessica Vanderlelie recently won an Australian Award for University Teaching: Award for Teaching Excellence - Early Career (see page 3 for more details).

It was another great year to celebrate the success of our students. Griffith Law School graduate, Lauren Dancer, was awarded an Australia-at-Large Rhodes Scholarship for 2012 - the University’s first Australian Rhodes Scholar. Through her scholarship, Lauren will study a Bachelor of Civil Law at the University of Oxford, focusing on international human rights. Griffith Indigenous student Krystal Lockwood, who completed her Criminology and Criminal Justice degree with 1st class honours, was one of three recipients of the 2012 Charlie Perkins Scholarship. Griffith students have a tradition of success in the Prime Minister’s Australia Asia
Endeavour Awards. We are hoping this tradition continues with the announcement of the 2013 Endeavour Awards in late November.

Griffith continued to be recognised by the Federal Government as an Employer of Choice for Women with our 12th consecutive citation award. We have been recognised as an Employer of Choice each year since the inception of the citation in 2001, one of only thirteen organisations across Australia to do so. Only three universities including Griffith have been continuous recipients, and Griffith is the only one in Queensland.

**Highlights since the last Council meeting in October 2012**

**2012 Griffith University Teacher of the Year**

Dr Sarah Baker (School of Humanities) is the winner of the The Vice Chancellor's Griffith University Teacher of the Year for 2012.

The Griffith University Teacher of the Year is awarded to the most outstanding recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award, who is selected from one of the four Group Excellence in Teaching Award recipients. In addition to Dr Baker, this year's candidates included Dr Paul Williams (School of Humanities), Dr Helen Massa (School of Medical Science), Associate Professor Gary Rogers (School of Medicine), Professor Darryl Hawker (School of Environment) and Dr Sven Venema (School of Information and Communication Technology).

Dr Baker is a Senior Lecturer in Cultural Sociology based at the Gold Coast campus. Her innovative and engaging teaching activities have led to her consistently scoring in the top 5% or 10% of student evaluations and receiving both DVC (Academic) teaching commendations and an AEL Group Highly Commended Certificate in 2011. Her scholarly approach to learning and teaching is reflected by her numerous publications and presentations and her current enrolment in Griffith's Graduate Certificate in Higher Education.

Dr Baker is also a leader in learning and teaching within the School of Humanities. She is currently the School's First Year Advisor at the Gold Coast Campus and actively involved in a number of the School's learning and teaching initiatives, including as a contributor to a co-authored paper on first-year retention strategies as a member of the School of Humanities First Year Enhancement Team (FYET). She is also a member of the School's Learning and Teaching Committee.

**Australian Awards for University Teaching**

Awards for Teaching Excellence celebrate teachers renowned for teaching excellence, who have outstanding presentation skills and who have made a significant contribution to enhancing the quality of learning and teaching in higher education.

Dr Jessica Vanderlelie, lecturer in the School of Medical Science, has won an Australian Award for University Teaching: Award for Teaching Excellence (Early Career). Jessica has previously been recognised with the inaugural Vice Chancellor's Award for the Griffith University Teacher of the Year in 2011 and earlier in 2012 with an OLT Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.

Teaching predominantly first and second year students enrolled in Biomedical Science, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Physiotherapy and Exercise Science, Jessica is passionate in her belief that biochemistry is the essence of life. Through a series of innovative curricula designs, including lecture and laboratory contexts and clinically related supporting resources, Jessica opens the eyes and minds of her students to the intricacies that lie at the heart of nature’s metabolic structures.
2012 Elders Award
One of our Elders-in-Residence, Uncle Thomas Sebasio, has been awarded a national 2012 Indigenous Higher Education Council Award for Elders and Leaders in Higher Education. The award recognises Uncle Thomas’ outstanding work with the Griffith University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council of Elders, his strong advocacy for Elder involvement in higher education and his commitment to initiatives and opportunities that contribute to the spiritual, social, emotional, economic and education wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

I am sure Council will join me in congratulating Uncle Thomas on this outstanding achievement.

Visit to Gold Coast Campus by Acting Prime Minister
The Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Senator Chris Evans, visited the Gold Coast campus on 6 November 2012, which included a guided tour of the Institute for Glycomics by its Director, Professor Mark von Itzstein, alongside the ARC chief executive officer Aidan Byrne. Senator Evans praised Griffith’s success in the most recent round of Australian Research Council funding grants saying it was a testament to a strategic and focused approach. During the visit I discussed the University’s growth plans and excellent results in international rankings. Senator Evans was Acting Prime Minister in the absence of Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Deputy Prime Minister Wayne Swan.

Official Opening of Tourism Confucius Institute
On 16 November, the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games officially opened the Tourism Confucius Institute (TCI) at the Gold Coast campus. Housed in the new International Building, the TCI is the world’s first Tourism Confucius Institute. This important initiative will continue our association with the Hanban to promote Chinese language and culture in Australia. Griffith is also privileged to be collaborating with the China University of Mining and Technology as our partner in operating the Tourism Confucius Institute.

Special guests at the opening ceremony included Dr SUN Dali, Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in Brisbane; Professor SONG Xuefeng, Vice President, China University of Mining and Technology; and Professor Colin Mackerras AO DUniv, Director, Tourism Confucius Institute.

Some of the objectives of TCI include:

- to broaden opportunities for Australian students and academics to interact with Chinese universities and other institutions.
- to expand research capabilities with Griffith’s Chinese partner institutions in tourism.
• to facilitate the improvement of relationships between China and Australia in tourism.
• to promote Chinese culture, especially the Chinese language, through education and contribute to the internationalisation of the tourism curriculum at Griffith.
• to strengthen ties with other academic disciplines.

**New Business Building**
On 9 October Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate joined me, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) and Campus Provost Professor Ned Pankhurst, and the Pro Vice Chancellor (Business) Professor Michael Powell for the official turning of the first sod at the site of the new business building. The building will be home to academic and administrative staff and higher degree research students from the Departments of Accounting, Finance and Economics, International Business and Asian Studies, Employment Relations and Human Resources, Marketing, and the newly-formed School of Government and International Relations.

The new building on Parklands Drive will provide a focal point for teaching and Gold Coast-centred research activities. It will also provide a dynamic backdrop for new initiatives in the MBA and in customised executive education. It is anticipated that construction, which will begin with major earth works, will commence during November. The building program will enable completion by late October 2013, and it is anticipated that staff will take up residency early in 2014 - prior to the commencement of first semester.

![Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate breaks ground at the new Business building site](image)

**Sustainability Action Plan 2013-2015**
In October 2011 the Griffith University Council endorsed the Sustainability Policy which foreshadowed the development of a Sustainability Action Plan 2013-2015. The Plan will be endorsed in early December following extensive consultation with the University community through a Sustainability Sub-Committee. The Plan covers executive management, human resource management, teaching and research, community engagement and partnerships, and operations. The Plan has University-wide goals, objectives, targets and strategies, with monitoring and reporting.

The Plan incorporates economic, environmental and corporate social responsibility in the University’s teaching programs, research activities, community engagement and operational practices. The initial focus for implementation of the Plan will be on energy and waste, around which a comprehensive education and information campaign will be developed in conjunction with the Director, Campus Life.

*Griffith 2020* highlighted sustainability as one of the core principles of the University, and sustainability is one of five goals in the Griffith Strategic Plan 2013-17. The Sustainability Action Plan 2013-15 will give effect to this aspect of the Strategic Plan.
Griffith’s Involvement with the 2018 Commonwealth Games

The XXI Commonwealth Games will be held on the Gold Coast in April 2018. The opportunities for a university with Griffith’s strengths and expertise to support a sporting event such as this are immense.

During 2012, three key initiatives have been implemented:

- A report on the University’s involvement with the 2018 Commonwealth Games was commissioned earlier this year and identified key areas of expertise for further development:
  
  “The areas of expertise and opportunities for all Griffith staff and students have been divided into 16 key themes directly related to Games operations and management. The key opportunities for Griffith include: research projects; work experience opportunities; community education and learning; attraction and retention of local, national and international students to Griffith through sport; consulting to the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee (CGOC) on various areas from engineering, urban planning, environmental sustainability, volunteer training and sport science etc; hosting international sport specific conferences; utilising Griffith facilities for pre, during and post Games events; and providing expert opinions to media and community interest groups.”

- Together with the DVC (Research) and Gold Coast Provost, I have established close personal links with the Commonwealth Games 2018 Chairman, Nigel Chamier; the State Minister for the 2018 Games, Jann Stuckey; the Gold Coast Mayor, Tom Tate; and the CEO of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Committee, Mark Peters.

- An executive member of the University, the Pro Vice Chancellor (International) has been appointed to coordinate Griffith’s involvement with the Games, and to do so in the context of an overarching Griffith University Sports Strategy.

In summary, Griffith has been blessed with the opportunity to be the major “host University” for two Commonwealth Games (the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games were largely held on or immediately adjacent to, our Nathan campus). The opportunities associated with the 2018 Games have been grasped and considerable progress has been made since January this year, to firstly, ensure Griffith supports the 2018 Games to be a major success for the city, state and country, and secondly, to use the Games as a springboard to become the leading Sports University in the Asia Pacific over the next ten to fifteen years.

External Environment

Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2012-2013

In October, the Federal Government announced its Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook which indicated that support for research and teaching would suffer from two major reductions in future university funding. Facilitation funding will cease from 2014 (costing Griffith income of just over $4 million in both 2014 and 2015) and the planned uplift for the Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE) initiative for 2013 and beyond will not occur (meaning Griffith will miss out on income of $7.6 million over the four year period 2013-2016).

The Government has maintained its commitment to research grants through the ARC and NHMRC and left intact the demand driven funding of student places, both supported by an effective indexation mechanism.

Australia in the Asian Century White Paper

On Sunday 28 October, the long awaited Asian Century White Paper was released. The White Paper was authored by Dr Ken Henry, former Treasury Secretary, following over a year’s public dialogue and stakeholder engagement.
National objectives of direct relevance to universities are highlighted below:

- Australia’s school systems will be in the top five schooling systems in the world and our universities and training systems will be among the world’s best.
- All students will have access to at least one priority Asian language - these will be Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Indonesian and Japanese.
- Australia will remain among the world’s best for research and teaching in universities.
- By 2020, 20 per cent of undergraduate higher education enrolments will be people from low socioeconomic backgrounds.
- By 2025, 40 per cent of all 25 to 34-year-olds will hold a qualification at bachelor level or above, up from 35 per cent in 2011.
- By 2025, 10 of Australia’s universities will be in the world’s top 100.
- A larger number of Australian university students will be studying overseas and a greater proportion will be undertaking part of their degree in Asia.
- Support universities to increase the number of students who undertake Asian studies and Asian languages as part of their university education.
- Encourage every Australian university to have a presence in Asia and establish an exchange arrangement involving transferable credits with at least one major Asian university.
- Commit to 12,000 Australia Awards (Asian Century) over five years to nations in Asia to encourage people-to-people links with the region.
- Extend Australia Awards (Asian Century) offered to recipients in Asia to include work placements and support mid-career sabbaticals in Australia.

IslamBound Grants Program
Objective 12 of the Asian Century White Paper refers to international education and includes the following statement: “By 2025, a larger number of Australian university students will be studying overseas and a great proportion will be undertaking part of their degree in Asia”.

This foreshadowed an announcement from the Minister for Tertiary Education Skills Science and Research that a new AsiaBound Grants Program would be introduced to support student mobility to Asia with grants of between $2,000 and $5,000, increased access to OS-HELP loan funding and additional loan funding to support pre-mobility language training. This, combined with a relaxation of the general conditions relating to eligibility for OS-HELP funding, is expected to have an impact on Griffith student mobility and help to place mobility at the heart of the Griffith in the Asian Century Review.

A copy of the Universities Australia briefing note on the Australia in the Asian Century White Paper is attached to this report (Attachment 2).

The White Paper provides a context for the Griffith in the Asian Century Taskforce which will report in the near future.

Research

Major Grant Round Successes in 2012
The University continued its recent success in securing Australian competitive grants through the major schemes conducted by the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

Griffith was awarded more than $25.2 million (excluding partner contributions) in the recent funding rounds across the major ARC and NHMRC schemes in 2012. This compares to $20.2 million (excluding partner contributions) in 2011. Griffith recorded significant increases in funding in the ARC Discovery Project Grants scheme, ARC Linkage and ARC Future Fellowships schemes.
Table 1 - Griffith University ARC and NHMRC Major Grant Rounds for funding 2011-2013

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<td>16.7%</td>
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NHMRC Project Grants 2013
Griffith achieved strong funding outcomes and was awarded 10 project grants amounting to $6.23 million as well as two fellowships. Our researchers were also involved in 11 additional projects administered through collaborations with other institutions. The table below provides further details on Griffith's results.

Table 2 - Griffith University NHMRC Project Grants 2013

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<th>Chief Investigator</th>
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<td>Prof Mark Forwood</td>
<td>Short term use of parathyroid hormone to accelerate healing of stress fractures during osteoporosis treatments</td>
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<td>Prof Suresh Mahalingam</td>
<td>Elucidating the role of human metapneumovirus in the induction of asthma</td>
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<td>New insights into the role of macrophage migration inhibitory protein in viral-induced inflammation</td>
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<td>Prof Paul Martin</td>
<td>Learning to cope with triggers integrated into cognitive behaviour therapy for recurrent headache: A randomised controlled trial</td>
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1 National Ranking refers to place amongst the university sector and excludes medical research institutes. This relates only to NHMRC and ARC Future Fellowships and ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards.
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<th>A/Prof Nigel McMillan</th>
<th>Stealth liposomes and siRNA for the treatment of viral infections</th>
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<td>Dr Tamara Ownsworth</td>
<td>Do people with severe traumatic brain injury benefit from making errors? A clinical trial of the efficacy of error-based learning and errorless learning training on metacognitive skills</td>
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<td>Prof Ron Quinn</td>
<td>Development of fragment hits into effective antimalarials; targeting malaria eradication</td>
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<td>Prof Claire Rickard</td>
<td>The SAVE Trial: securing arterial and vascular peripheral devices effectively in hospitals. A randomised controlled trial</td>
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<td>Prof Mark von Itzstein</td>
<td>Exploring the haemagglutinin-neuraminidase of human parainfluenza virus</td>
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<td>Dr Kate Seib</td>
<td>Investigating variable protein expression in human pathogens as a means to understand disease processes and to optimise the selection of vaccine antigens</td>
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<td>Dr Alison Carey</td>
<td>Mucosal immune response in the urinary tract</td>
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Griffith researchers are participating on a number of NHMRC Projects administered through other universities:

**Associate Professor George Mellick** is a member of a team granted $536,597 for the project *Identification and characterisation of a novel Parkinson’s disease gene* - to be administered by the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute.

**Professor Adrian Miller** is a member of a team granted $626,295 for the project *Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) in remote Indigenous communities: Their impacts on injury, violence, health and social indicators and their cost-effectiveness in Cape York, far North Queensland* - to be administered by James Cook University.

**Professor Adrian Miller** is a member of a team granted $833,522 for the project *Understanding influenza-specific T cell immunity in the Indigenous population* - to be administered by the University of Melbourne.

**Associate Professor Andreas Hofmann** is a member of a team granted $526,837 for the project *Discovering the function and structure of RIO kinases – toward new nematocides* - to be administered by the University of Melbourne.

**Dr Tracy Comans** is a member of a team granted $1,444,995 for the project *A randomised controlled trial of deprescribing to optimise medical therapy for frail older people: the Opti-Med study* - to be administered by the University of Western Australia.

**Dr Tracy Comans** is a member of a team granted $660,834 for the project *A workplace-based exercise intervention to prevent and reduce the economic and personal burden of non-specific neck pain in the office personnel* - to be administered by the University of Queensland.
Professor Simon Broadley is a member of a team granted $945,084 for the project *The role of environmental and genetic factors in progression of multiple sclerosis* - to be administered by the University of Tasmania.

Professor Paul Scuffham is a member of a team granted $1,817,824 for the project *Which heart failure intervention is most cost effective in reducing hospital care (WHICH? II) Trial: A multicentre, randomised trial of standard versus intensified management of metropolitan and regional-dwelling patients with heart failure* - to be administered by the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute.

Professor David Lloyd is a member of a team granted $494,589 for the project *Bridging the gap between cartilage biology and osteoarthritis risk prediction* - to be administered by the University of Western Australia.

Professor Saso Ivanovski is a member of a team granted $802,470 for the project *Comparison of periodontal ligament stem cells and induced pluripotent periodontal ligament stem cells for periodontal regeneration* - to be administered by the University of Adelaide.

Dr Suzanne Kuys is a member of a team granted $711,271 for the project *Improving physical activity with treadmill training following stroke: the stroke-IMPACT trial* - to be administered by the University of Queensland.

**ARC Discovery Projects Grants 2013**

Griffith was highly successful in the latest Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects grant round, with researchers awarded more than $7.6 million for 24 research grants from the ARC Discovery Projects (for funding commencing in 2013).

This has been the largest number of Discovery grants ever awarded to Griffith and represents a success rate of 23.08%, which was higher than the national average of 21.37%. The total funding awarded was $7,681,493 and was the highest amount for the IRU Universities. The table below provides further details on Griffith’s results.

**Table 3 - Griffith University ARC Discovery Projects 2013**

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<td>Dr Sarah L Baker</td>
<td>Do-it-yourself popular music archives: an international comparative study of volunteer-run institutions that preserve popular music’s material culture</td>
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<td>Dr Bruce Buchan, Dr David Ellison, Dr Peter Denney</td>
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<td>Prof Kathy Daly</td>
<td>Sexual Victimisation and Justice: Reconceptualising Theory, Research, and Policy</td>
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<td>Prof Sima Dimitrijev, Dr Jisheng Han</td>
<td>Towards Energy-Efficient Lighting Based on Light-Emitting Diodes: The Role of Silicon Carbide Grown on Si Wafers</td>
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<td>The genetic basis of human memory</td>
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<td>Prof Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck, A/Prof Allison Waters, Prof Andrew Nesdale, Dr Lara Farrell</td>
<td>Appearance-based rejection sensitivity from childhood to adolescence: Victimisation, mental health consequences, and rejection resilience</td>
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Griffith researchers are participating on a number of ARC Discovery Project grants administered through other universities:

**Associate Professor Kristina Murphy** is a Chief Investigator with Dr Adrian Herney (UQ) granted $280,714 for the project *Avoiding community backlash in the fight against terrorism* - to be administered by the University of Queensland.

**Associate Professor Shanquing Zhang** is a member of a team granted $341,000 for the project *Designing Plasmon-enhanced photocatalysts for solar-driven water pollutant removal* - to be administered by the University of Queensland.
Professor Len Unsworth is a member of a team granted $360,241 for the project Pedagogies for knowledge-building: investigating subject-appropriate, cumulative teaching for twenty-first century school classrooms - to be administered by the University of Sydney.

Dr Wesley Widmaier is a Chief Investigator with A/Prof Richard Eccleston (UTas) granted $179,490 for the project From words to deeds: the politics of compliance in post-crisis international tax reform - to be administered by the University of Tasmania.

Dr Ron Levy and his colleague Professor Graeme Orr (UQ) have been successful in securing $215,168 for the project The law of deliberative democracy: theory and reform - to be administered by the University of Queensland.

Griffith researcher participating on an ARC Discovery Indigenous grant administered through another university:

Professor Adrian Miller is a member of a team granted $515,000 for the project Inspiring indigenous youth to build resilience and sustain participation with education and employment: the role of targeted mentoring support - to be administered by James Cook University.

**ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards (DECRA) 2013**

Griffith researchers have been awarded four research grants totalling more than $1.5 million from the ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards (for funding commencing in 2013).

The table below provides further details on Griffith’s results.

**Table 4 - Griffith University ARC Discovery Early Career Research Awards (DECRA) 2013**

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<th>Researcher</th>
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<td>Dr Dennis Grube</td>
<td>The public face of the Public Service: the significance of public bureaucratic leadership in Westminster systems</td>
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<td>Dr Simon Linke</td>
<td>Planning for rare aquatic species: conservation and restoration priorities at local and continental scales</td>
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<td>Dr Mirko Lobino</td>
<td>Lithium niobate integrated quantum photonics for cluster state quantum information with continuous variables</td>
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<td>Dr Han Xu</td>
<td>Efficient high-order harmonic generation using dissociating molecular ions with controlled inter-nuclear separation</td>
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**ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities grant commencing in 2013**

Griffith researchers have been awarded a Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) grant for funding commencing in 2013.

**Table 5 - Griffith University ARC Linkage Equipment and Facilities grant in 2013**

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<th>Researchers</th>
<th>Project Title</th>
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<td>Dr Jennifer Wilson, Professor Mark von Itzstein, Dr Thomas Haselhorst, Dr Milton Kiefel and Dr Darren Grice</td>
<td>High resolution nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy for glycomics, metabonomics and soft materials applications</td>
<td>Queensland University of Technology</td>
<td>$310,000</td>
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In addition, Griffith researchers are collaborators on four LIEF grants to be administered by other universities, as follows:

Professors Alan Mackay-Sim, Ming Wei, Vicky Avery and Dr. Shanker Karunanithi are collaborating on the project Live molecular imaging using super resolution microscopy, two photon and spinning disk confocal microscopy awarded ARC funding of $800,000 - to be administered by the University of Queensland.

Dr Erwin Oh is collaborating on the project X-ray Microscopy Facility for Imaging Geo-materials (XMFIG) awarded ARC funding of $500,000 - to be administered by Monash University.

Professor Huijun Zhao is collaborating on the project Fabrication and characterisation facilities for lithium rechargeable batteries and supercapacitors awarded ARC funding of $200,000 - to be administered by the University of Wollongong.

Professors Anna Stewart and Ross Homel are collaborating on the project Securing the Data awarded ARC funding of $150,000 - to be administered by the University of Queensland.

**Other major research grants awarded**

Researchers at Griffith have been successful in attracting other large grants since the last report. Those grants with a total dollar value exceeding $100,000 are:

Dr David Rissik of the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility has received a total of $400,000 in research funding from the Federal Government Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency for Promoting Adaptation Good Practice.

Professor David Kielpinski of the Centre for Quantum Dynamics has been successful in securing a research grant of $361,600 from the US Department of Homeland Security for his project Development of a surface ion trap with integrated diffractive mirrors in order to efficiently collect fluorescence emission from trapped ions.

Professor Diego De Leo from the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention has been successful in securing a research grant of $210,200 from the Beyond Blue National Priority Driven Research Program for his project Fatal and non-fatal suicidal behaviours in GLBT populations.

Professor Ron Quinn from the Eskitis Institute has been successful in securing $100,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Exploration Grant scheme to undertake the project Shotgun target identification.

**Three Griffith researchers appointed to the Australian Research Council (ARC) College**

Three senior Griffith researchers have been appointed to the ARC College:

- Associate Professor Michael Blumenstein - Engineering, Mathematics and Informatics (EMI)
- Professor David Lambert - Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences (PCE)
- Professor Peter Creed - Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences (SBE)

The ARC College plays a key role in identifying research excellence, moderating external assessments and recommending fundable proposals. The College also assists the ARC in recruiting and assigning assessors and in implementing peer review reforms in established and emerging disciplines as well as interdisciplinary areas. College members also assess and rank ARC grant applications, make funding recommendations to the ARC and provide strategic advice to the ARC on emerging disciplines and cross-disciplinary developments.

**Higher Degrees by Research**

**Association of Chinese Graduate Schools (ACGS) International Forum**

Professor Sue Berners-Price, Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School (GGRS), was invited by Peking University to attend the ACGS International Forum from 21 to 24 November 2012. Experts from the U.S., U.K., Germany, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore were invited to attend, including representatives from Cambridge University, Oxford University, Harvard
University and MIT. The theme for the forum was "Vocational Need and Professional Degree Graduate Education in Global Context" and the Dean, GGRS delivered a presentation titled "Dual Degree PhD Models in Strengthening International Collaborations".

Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (GUCAS) and Griffith University (GU) Joint PhD Program
The GUCAS and GU exchange agreement was amended and renewed in November 2011. Griffith agreed to increase the number of candidates to be awarded scholarships, and both parties agreed to expand the scope of research collaboration. This program will see candidates complete coursework at GUCAS and then complete their research at both GUCAS and Griffith, resulting in a PhD degree awarded by both institutions. Twelve applicants have now been shortlisted to be considered for admission to the Joint PhD Program for commencement in 2013. Successful applicants will be announced in the first week of December 2012.

2012 End-of-Year Research Scholarship Round
Applications for the end-of-year scholarship round closed on 8 October 2012. 506 applications were received and are currently being assessed. The Scholarship Ranking Committee will meet on 5 December to recommend final scholarship allocations, with applicants to be notified during the week commencing 10 December 2012.

Griffith Enterprise
Overall Commercialisation Activity
The following graph displays commercialisation ‘revenue’ from Consultancy and Commercial Research (commissioned income); Enterprises (gross revenues); and Technology Transfer (consideration to be received, excluding potential royalties) for the 10 months ended 31 October 2012.

$14.49 million of Consultancy and Commercial Research (CCR) projects has been commissioned. This is 97 per cent of the total commissioned income for 2011 ($15 million). Griffith Enterprise has assisted staff with the preparation and submission of 37 tenders and proposals and the negotiation, processing and execution of more than 190 contracts with external clients.

New enterprise planned for literacy learning space
Griffith Enterprise is getting set to launch a new enterprise based on the work of Dr Kathryn Glasswell and her team that aims to accelerate literacy learning in the classroom.

As part of Education Queensland’s ARC Linkage project to finish in December 2012, the School of Education and Professional Studies’ Dr Glasswell and team developed such an effective accelerated literacy learning (ALL) program, that Education Queensland and other school systems requested it be made available beyond the project.
Griffith Enterprise is assisting Dr Glasswell to offer the ALL program to other schools and school systems through a dedicated Enterprise, now set to become a reality after a concept plan was approved in October.

**SEED partners with major players for second year**

Griffith attendance at national music industry conference BIGSOUND in September has secured several major partnerships set to kick start SEED’s second year.

As well as links with the Australian Council for the Arts, Triple J, Arts Queensland, QMusic and Sounds Australia, SEED will partner with Brisbane Powerhouse to provide regular student performance opportunities and host the launch of a Volume 2 student CD.

Such links and existing connections to radio networks like Nova 106.9 will allow students’ access to industry mentors and the chance of airplay on major broadcast stations.

Griffith Enterprise’s Anthony Pages and Deputy Director of the Queensland Conservatorium Dr Donna Weston promote SEED at BIGSOUND annually because of the major international music record labels and associations it attracts – all interested in working with the Australian market and its artists.

This year they not only sought partnerships and negotiated airtime through the promotion of SEED’s artists, but also sought feedback on the inaugural 2011 project.

Based on favourable industry reaction the Queensland College of Art (QCA) will offer SEED as a student project in their graphic design curriculum in Semester 1, 2013. This means that next year SEED students will also have the opportunity to develop their collaborative skills by working closely with QCA and QCGU students.

**Indigenous literacy project showcased to federal government**

Leveraging off the Hon. Peter Garrett’s national address on the government’s Better Schools Plan, Griffith successfully showcased its Principals as Literacy Leaders in Indigenous Communities (PALLIC) project at the Eidos Institute in October.

Griffith Enterprise assisted the establishment of the project with Director of Griffith’s Institute for Educational Research (GIER) Professor Greer Johnson, and the School of Education and Professional Studies’ Professor Neil Dempster.

Thanks to the success of the Principals in Literacy Leaders (PALL) pilot, PALLIC secured federal funding for 2011-2013 as one of 15 intensive literacy and numeracy projects aimed at improving literacy in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The project aims to enhance the leadership capabilities of 49 school principals and their Indigenous Leadership Partners (ILPs) so they can work with teachers, parents and families to improve reading in Indigenous children living in regional and remote areas of South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

To date, 48 principals and 90 ILPs have attended Griffith’s delivery of five professional learning modules, held across five full days over the past two years. Modules culminated in each school partnership designing a reading action plan for implementation in their school.

GIER is currently evaluating the project - outcomes to date suggest the project’s research-based approaches are being implemented to improve reading, and significant progress on leadership partnerships with Indigenous communities has occurred.

A full report will be available next year after schools submit their reports on student literacy improvement outcomes later this month.

**Griffith engages France to showcase inter-faith and cross-cultural expertise**

Griffith Enterprise has leveraged its international connections to assist Director of the Multi-Faith Centre, Brian Adams, commercially showcase his expertise on inter-faith and cross-cultural issues to France.
Taking Mr Adams’ expertise global, Griffith Enterprise was central in recently securing pivotal meetings with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Department of Trade and Foreign Affairs, but also with the Australian Embassy in France and the French Consulate in Brisbane.

Since 1970 inter-faith and cross-cultural communication has been a major societal issue in France, so Griffith Enterprise’s links with the nation could soon see the French Government engage Griffith’s expertise in the field.

**Bacterial cancer therapy license**
Through consultation and engagement with the School of Medical Sciences’ Professor Ming Wei, Griffith Enterprise has negotiated an exclusive license with Shandong XingWei Biopharmaceutical Co. Ltd. to develop Professor Wei’s new bacterial-based cancer therapy.

The license includes reimbursement of historical and future intellectual property costs and milestone payments, and a royalty based on success of the therapeutic product.

Shandong XingWei Biopharmaceutical will take full responsibility for all further pre-clinical development work. Through its relationship with the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, the company has access to a leading oncology hospital providing an ideal opportunity for patient recruitment and evaluation for a phase I clinical study.

**3Dme partnership bolsters student learning**
Since acquiring the license of two educational movies produced by Griffith’s School of Medical Sciences last year, Arundel creative studio 3Dme is fast attracting international success while fostering invaluable student outcomes.

One of the Griffith-produced movies is now available through Apple’s App Store and the company has been announced as a Global Finalist for The Global Awards for World’s Best Healthcare Advertising, to be announced in Sydney and New York on 6 December 2012.

3Dme specialise in employing high definition 3D visualisation techniques to explore inside the human body and communicate health messages to required target audiences.

More than 10 Griffith University students have now interned at the studio working on a host of projects, including materials for the online Science Photo and Shuttershock resources, and conducting valuable research and writing for iBooks.

**Learning, Teaching and the Student Experience**

*Preliminary Demand for Griffith Programs – Semester 1, 2013: Undergraduate and Postgraduate Coursework Application Summaries*

A summary of key highlights appears below.

**TAC Overall Demand (comparative figures as at 10 October 2012)**
Overall demand for Commonwealth-Supported places in Queensland for Semester 1, 2013 strengthened slightly with total QTAC first preference applications rising from 44,349 in 2011 to 45,453 in 2012 (+2.5%). While demand for university places has increased slightly, demand for non-university places in Queensland is down significantly (-11%).

Demand for Griffith programs was stable year on year (YOY) with 7,629 QTAC first preference applications received compared to 7,631 in 2011; UAC first preferences in 2012 total 658 compared to 664 in 2011 (-0.9%).

Griffith’s main metropolitan competitors of UQ and QUT improved their first preference positions over the last year, with rises of 2.5% and 8.8% respectively. However, Griffith outperformed UQ in the total number of QTAC preferences attracted, with a rise of 2.2%.
Applicant Profile
Griffith’s TAC first preference applicant profile shifted further towards school leavers in 2013 (+3.2%) following a shift of 4.4% in 2012.

Griffith was up in QTAC school leaver first preferences (by 193 first preferences, +4.1%) and up in UAC non-school leaver first preferences (by 20 first preferences, +11.2%).

Academic Group and Campus Profiles
Across the Academic Groups and campuses, first and total preferences were steady YOY.
- SEET obtained the strongest increase, up 106 first preferences (+8.0%) and up 233 total preferences (+2.3%).
- AEL and GBS held steady in first preferences, with AEL stronger in total preferences YOY.
- Health was up on total preferences (314, +2.3%).

Postgraduate Coursework (comparative figures as at 30 September 2012)
As at 30 September 2012, applications for Semester 1, 2013 are 26% higher than at the same time last year; for Summer Semester November/December, 23% higher and for Summer Semester January/February 2013, 62% higher.

Student Retention
At its June 2012 Strategic Issues meeting, Council considered the paper Operation Student Success: Griffith’s Student Retention Strategy 2012-2014 (2012/0007770).

During 2012, many Student Success and Retention Teams have been formed, both within Schools and degree program and central service elements, and are working purposefully to strengthen a culture of student success at Griffith. One of the core principles of our plan is that ‘student retention is everybody’s business’ and it is clear from reports that many staff have taken this message to heart.

A key element of the Student Retention Strategy is the appointment of the new role of Student Success Advisor (SSA). SSAs will work in close collaboration with academic staff and central University services, to provide support, information, educational guidance and advice to our students to enable them to successfully engage with university life and study and achieve their academic and personal goals. SSAs will work with individuals and groups of students within allocated degree programs and on specific campuses and they will facilitate student community-building, and systematically respond to the needs of students at risk of discontinuing their studies.

Student Success Advisers commenced duties on Monday 19 November. Over the next four weeks they will participate in an extensive training program that is designed to build their capability and develop a coordinated practice framework for the SSA role across the University. Deans (Learning and Teaching) and Central Services Managers will be providing their staff with more detailed information about how the SSA role will collaborate with existing roles and services.

The University recognises the importance of ongoing leadership to the success of our retention strategy. Professor Keithia Wilson will be undertaking the key role of Academic Leader Student Success and Retention. In this academic leadership role Professor Wilson will coordinate the Student Success Advisor network across the University and oversee its effectiveness. She will also be actively involved in working with the Deans (Learning and Teaching) in progressing the renewal of our curriculum and assessment practices to support student success and retention.

Improving the Learning Environment
In 2012, the Learning and Teaching Committee adopted a set of ‘Principles to inform the design of learning and teaching space at Griffith University, to ensure that an informed approach was taken to the design and development of Griffith’s learning and teaching spaces. Future learning and teaching spaces will be designed to meet a broad range of expectations, in particular to:

- Maximise flexibility in their learning/teaching application
- Maximise the student’s ability to access their learning experience
- Enable consistency with pedagogical best practice
Increasingly in the teaching spaces, you will see mobile and moveable furniture, white or coloured spaces to write on, and easy access to both technological and physical presentation equipment. The technologies will be compatible with existing technology platforms and integrates seamlessly in the room.

During 2012, Campus Life delivered a number of projects (as highlighted in Attachment 3) which improve the learning environment. The projects include: teaching spaces, learning spaces, social zones and higher degree research spaces.

2012 Celebrating Excellence in Teaching Week Gala Nights
On 22 October (Gold Coast campus) and 29 October (South Bank campus), the University acknowledged its award winning teachers at Celebrating Teaching Gala Nights. Both events attracted large audiences of colleagues, family and friends and provided a unique opportunity to reflect on Griffith’s successes in learning and teaching in 2012. In addition to recognising our national teaching award and fellowship winners, we also acknowledged our inspiring and innovative teachers from each of the four academic groups. The two events also celebrated the award of the 2012 Vice Chancellor's Griffith University Teacher of the Year to Dr Sarah Baker – a Senior Lecturer in Cultural Sociology based at Griffith's Gold Coast campus.

Blended Learning
The Blended Learning Symposium, on 29 October, was held as part of Celebrating Excellence in Teaching Week.

A team from Information Services-Learning & Teaching partnered with the GIHE and academic staff to present a rich, fast-moving program of innovations in e-learning. The keynote for the Symposium featured a streamed presentation by renowned e-learning champion Professor John Boyer, from his desk at Virginia Tech, USA. The event was also streamed out to the world-wide web, so Griffith staff could watch the Symposium from the comfort of their office or from home. Facebook, Twitter and the UStream social channel allowed viewers to join-up and form a very active, online social community around the event.

Attendance figures were well above previous years, with an almost four-fold increase over the 2011 and 2010 events. At the Nathan venue, 133 people attended the main conference, 17 attended the satellite venue at Logan campus and, during the day, the concurrent online viewers peaked at 80. Our UStream site has received over 1000 ‘hits’ to date, and feedback from the Symposium has been overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic about both the content and the accessibility.

This appreciation for the unfolding online paradigm at Griffith heralds great opportunities for staff development as well as student learning. To view Professor Boyer’s 30-second introduction, please visit http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/26428353. The engaging keynote and podcasts will be available from the re-designed Learning and Teaching site soon.

Study Smart
Study Smart is an online tutorial, significantly adapted by Griffith from content provided by Southern Cross University. The tutorial is a student-centred resource, designed to support the Succeeding@Griffith initiative, student retention, and the development of Griffith Graduate attributes.

It was implemented in Semester 2 2012, and students in 162 courses were enrolled to complete the Study Smart assessment. The content of Study Smart is open access but only Griffith students can login to complete the quiz in Learning@Griffith. Study Smart has attracted users from all over the world including United States, China, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Arab Emirates.

Study Smart includes 8 modules: Getting Started, Understanding the Task, Finding Information, Referencing, Organising Information, Putting it Together, Working in Groups, and Preparing for Exams.

In Semester 1 2013, it is anticipated that Study Smart will be embedded as an assessment item (5%) in selected first year, first semester courses across all academic groups.
Launch of REACH Awards
As part of its HEPPP-funded outreach and engagement strategy, Student Equity Services has launched the inaugural Griffith University REACH (Recognising Enthusiasm, Achievement, Courage and Hard-work) Awards initiative.

For 2012 each participating Uni-Reach school has been allocated four REACH Awards, valued at $200 each. The Awards are for nominated Year 10 students identified as demonstrating academic potential in the face of challenging life circumstances. They are offered to encourage students to persist with their learning in Years 11 and 12, and to support their aspirations.

This initiative was extended to include adult learner REACH Awards, valued at $250 each, as part of the developing adult learner strategy, for students completing Adult Tertiary Preparation (ATP) and External Senior Studies at partner TAFEs and Senior Secondary Colleges in Griffith’s catchment. Some 123 Year 10 and adult learner Awards will be presented to recipients at their respective institutional awards events (2012).

In addition, Griffith hosted a REACH Awards celebratory event at the Logan Campus on 11 November 2012 to which all recipients, their parents/care-givers and teachers were invited. Feedback has been most positive. The event and the strategy is highly valued within Griffith’s catchment area.

People: Staff and Members of Griffith Community

2012 International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) Awards
Mr Chris Madden, Pro Vice Chancellor (International), received the ‘Excellence in Leadership in International Education’ Award at the 2012 IEAA (International Education Association of Australia) Awards in Melbourne. The IEAA Awards for International Education seek to recognise good practice and celebrate the outstanding contribution of individuals and teams to Australia’s reputation for quality and innovation in international education.

Mr Madden’s award was in professional recognition of his outstanding leadership and the significant role he has played in international education in institutions since 1988. In particular, the national award acknowledged his contribution to collaborative relationships with many individuals and organisations within and outside Australia, which have led to significantly enhanced international education opportunities for students, teaching and research staff and practitioners.

Mr Madden will be retiring from Griffith in August 2013.
**Appointment as Secretary General World Congress of Herpetology**
Deputy Director of Griffith's Environmental Futures Centre, Associate Professor Jean-Marc Hero, has been appointed to the position of Secretary General for the World Congress of Herpetology. The Congress was formed in 1982 to promote international interest and collaboration between individuals, societies and other organisations dedicated to the study and protection of amphibians and reptiles.

**Pro Vice Chancellor (Health) Appointments**
Professor Allan Cripps, Pro Vice Chancellor (Health), has recently been appointed to serve as a member for the Executive Committee of the International Society for Otitis Media (ISOM). The immediate task of the Executive Committee will be implementing the new bylaws of the society. The key task of this committee is to expand membership and implement the committee structure, and to promote the vision of the society which is the prevention and control of childhood Otitis Media.

Professor Cripps has also been appointed as a Fellow of the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS). The institute is the professional body for biomedical scientists in the United Kingdom which aims to promote and develop the role of biomedical science within healthcare. Fellowships are the highest corporate class of Institute membership which recognise professional experience for practitioners of biomedical science.

**2012 Australian Psychological Society's College of Sport and Exercise Psychology Award of Distinction**
Associate Professor Patrick Thomas, School of Education and Professional Studies, has been awarded the 2012 Australian Psychological Society's College of Sport and Exercise Psychology Award of Distinction.

This annual award recognises the importance of significant contributions by a senior Member or Academic Member of the College, to the College and to the specialist field of that College.

**List of top 200 most influential blog writers in China**
Professor Deborah Cao, School of Languages and Linguistics, has been named as one of the top 200 most influential blog writers in China. The list contains some of the best known names in China and spans a wide range of areas including culture, literature, sports, entertainment, society, science and technology and business. Professor Cao's essays are mostly about animal rights and human-animal relations, as well as commentaries on Chinese culture and society. Professor Cao has the distinction of being one of only three or four overseas-based Chinese people appearing on the list. Given the large number of bloggers in China, this listing is a testimony to the impact and influence of Professor Cao's writing.

**Fellowship of The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply**
Dr Peter Tatham, Department of International Business and Asian Studies, has been awarded Fellowship of The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. Dr Tatham is one of only 45 Fellows within Australasia.

**Appointment to the United Nations Global Compact Network Australia**
Dr Nick Barter, MBA Director within the Griffith Business School, has been appointed to the Board of the United Nations Global Compact Network Australia. The UNGC provides a leadership platform for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles across the thematic domains of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

**Professorial Appointments**
A number of new professorial appointments have been made since the October 2012 report to Council. See attached for further details. (Attachment 4)
People: Student Achievements

2012 Red Dot Design Award
QCA Master of Arts in Visual Arts graduate, YueXiao Ma, also known as Benz, has won a 2012 Red Dot Design Award for his 'Claw Spanner' (which was developed as part of his Masters program). The 'red dot' is an international design prize and focuses on young, up-and-coming creative talents, designers and design companies from around the world. This year a total of 3,672 entries were submitted from 56 countries, so it was a significant achievement for Benz to be awarded one of these prestigious awards. The red dot awards are regarded as the 'Oscars of Design'.

2012 National Intervarsity Women's Mooting Tournament
On 28 September, a team of Griffith law students consisting of Kate Levitt, Sam Nean and Jessica Musulin won the 2012 National Intervarsity Women's Mooting Tournament. The tournament was hosted by the Sydney University Law Society in conjunction with the NSW Young Lawyers Special Committee of Law Students' Societies. It is the only moot in which all competitors must be female. The Griffith team defeated La Trobe University in the grand final at Sydney's Federal Court. The moot question involved Australian Consumer Law whereby the team successfully argued it was reasonable for the steering shaft of an antique car to snap one week after purchase. The Griffith team received high praise from Federal Court Justice Annabelle Bennett during her announcement of their success. This is an outstanding achievement for our students. Congratulations to Kate, Sam and Jessica and to their Griffith Law School mentors, Dr Therese Wilson and Professor Mary Keyes.

Uni-Capital Washington Internship Program
After completing an internship in Premier Campbell Newman's office and working in Griffith's Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Janna Mallon, a third year Bachelor of Communication and Griffith Honours College student, has been awarded the prestigious Uni-Capital Washington Internship over the summer break. The internship will provide Janna the opportunity to learn more about US governance. Griffith students have also been accepted to participate in the McGill United Nations forum to be held in Montreal in January 2013. Because of her internship in a Senator's office Janna will be able to give a guided tour of Washington and a tour of the United Nations in New York to this group of students.

Physical Facilities and Information Services
Reports on Capital and Minor Works (Attachment 5) and Information Services (Attachment 6) are attached.

University Engagement

5th Alliance for Healthy Cities Global Conference
In October, Griffith hosted the 5th Alliance for Healthy Cities Global Conference. On Wednesday 24 October, I welcomed over 400 delegates to the conference at our South Bank campus. The main theme of the conference was "Healthy Urbanisation: Healthy People - Healthy Communities" with delegates discussing the challenges of building appropriate local city and community physical, social-cultural, environmental and health infrastructure, as well as the need to preserve environmental and community assets in and around cities and communities. Griffith's Dr Peter Davey, who is Secretary of the Australian Chapter of the Alliance for Healthy Cities, played a key role in the organisation of this very successful conference.

The Australian Rivers Institute Special Lecture
The Australian Rivers Institute Special Lecture “River Health and Environmental Flows in China” was held on 31 October. The event marked the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and China. Each year the Special Lecture series brings together scientists and policy makers to discuss issues related to the sustainable management of water resources. The 2012 Special Lecture explored issues and key achievements of the River Health and Environmental Flows in China Project, which is part of the Australian-Chinese Environment Development
Partnership. The expert panel included Griffith’s Chris Gippel, Dr Nick Bond and independent consultant Mr Robert Speed.

**Glycomics Week**
The Institute for Glycomics celebrated its third annual Glycomics Week, commencing on 2 October with the Peter Gallagher Memorial Public Lecture delivered by Professor Pamela Stanley, the Horace W Goldsmith Foundation Chair of Cell Biology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

The annual Institute for Glycomics Gala Dinner was held on 4 October with special guests Mrs Mary Roosevelt, U.S. Patron of the Institute’s Childhood Leukaemia project, and Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Angus Houston, Australian Patron of the project. Attended by 170 guests, the dinner was a great success.

As a result of the generosity and committed support of ACM Houston, the Childhood Leukaemia project was recognised during Children’s Week at a reception hosted by the Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce, at Government House in Canberra. Many of the Institute’s supporters travelled to the Australian Capital to hear the Governor-General highlight the importance of research into devastating diseases such as childhood leukaemia. The Governor-General congratulated the University, and in particular the Institute for Glycomics and Director, Professor Mark von Itzstein, on its vital childhood leukaemia research.

![Institute for Glycomics Gala Dinner: Mrs Jennifer Borbidge, Hon Rob Borbidge, Mrs Mary Roosevelt, ACM Angus Houston and Professor Pamela Stanley](image)

**Launch of the Global Mental Health Action Plan**
On 10 October, on the occasion of the World Day for Mental Health, the World Health Organization launched the Global Mental Health Action Plan, a result of the World Health Assembly Resolution 2012. The event in Geneva provided a unique opportunity to enhance the visibility of mental health issues and place them high on the agenda of policy makers and governments.

As a member of the opening panel, Griffith University Professor Diego De Leo (Director of the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention - AISRAP) had the honor of representing WHO Collaborating Centres in Mental Health. AISRAP has contributed to the setting up of the Global Action Plan by providing assistance on the problem of suicidal behaviours.
The WHO Collaborating Centre AISRAP works on suicide prevention, which is an integral part of the Action Plan, and shares the vision and goal of it. As an example, the AISRAP is assisting a number of countries in improving accurate recording of suicide and suicide attempts. This data will be vital for monitoring one of the targets of the Action Plan.

2012 Griffith Innovation Challenge
On 16 October the 2012 Griffith Innovation Challenge culminated at the Awards Ceremony held at Griffith’s South Bank campus.

Health students Daniel Cattanach, Skyle Murphy, Siobhan Fitzpatrick and Elliot Dolan-Evans took out the top prize of $15,000 at the eighth annual awards evening. The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery students defeated quality competition from across the University, with finalists drawn from areas as diverse as games design, marketing and tourism management.

The winning entry proposed the expansion and development of a Surgical Interest Association on the Gold Coast. The prize pool for the 2012 Griffith Innovation Challenge exceeded $100,000 for the first time.

Griffith Business School has hosted and administered the Challenge for the past five years. A special thanks to Ms Alicia Stokes who has managed the Challenge for the University over the past four years.

Alumni Events
A suite of alumni events were held in September/October, building upon the University’s engagement with alumni locally, nationally and internationally.

The Griffith International Office represented Griffith University at two Australian University alumni events in London on 8 September and 14 September. Griffith alumni enjoyed the opportunity to relax and reconnect with old friends and meet other alumni over canapés and drinks. Guest speakers on the night were Griffith alumnus and environmental entrepreneur, James Swanston, and Paul Loftus, CEO of i-Student Group and founder of the charity Rhinocrocadillipig.

On 12 September, the annual Toronto alumni reunion event was combined with a special ceremony to recognise recent graduates. Over 240 guests attended the event, including approximately 85 alumni.
A Griffith alumni cocktail reception was held on 15 September in Hong Kong in conjunction with the graduation ceremony. The reunion was well attended, bringing together around 70 alumni and special guests.

Two China alumni events in September continued celebrations to mark the 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Australia and China. The first event was held in Beijing on 22 September and the second in Guangzhou on 23 September. The seven winners of the Alumnus of the Decade competition were announced at the two cocktail receptions. Each winner was presented with a certificate of recognition and a special prize of a return trip to Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

The Arts, Education and Law (AEL) Group Alumni Awards Gala Dinner was held on 5 October to recognise the outstanding achievements and successes of alumni across the Group’s eight schools. Inaugural AEL Alumnus of the Year winner Professor Greg Leigh from the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children in Adelaide, was guest speaker to the 180 dignitaries, academics, alumni and guests in attendance.

Ms Katie Noonan (Bachelor of Music), 4-time ARIA Award winning and 6-time platinum selling vocalist, composer and pianist, was awarded the 2012 AEL Alumnus of the Year Award.
**Launch into Life at Logan**

The University’s Logan campus will once again be holding *Launch into Life at Logan* on 21 and 22 November. This event will involve approximately 800 Year 6 students from 10 Logan primary schools, parents and supervising staff. This HEPPP-funded initiative is designed for students to enhance their career awareness and learn about the University. Pre-event school-based activities involving Griffith staff and mentors have now concluded, and there has been a very positive schools’ response to the Launch into Life@Logan art competition with students’ artwork entries to be displayed at the on-campus event.

The program for the event will include: a welcome session; disciplinary activities facilitated by Griffith staff and students; a physical activity facilitated by the Titans; campus familiarisation; display of all student artwork entries; and closing and evaluation sessions.

Separate sessions will be provided for participating parents, an important aspect of the project.

**Riverfire**

On 29 September the Chancellor hosted Griffith University’s annual Riverfire Cocktail Reception at the Queensland College of Art on the South Bank campus. The spectacular fireworks display was enjoyed by over 60 supporters of the University. Guests were entertained by Queensland Conservatorium guitar duo, “Dos Guitarras” with canapés and cocktails served throughout the evening.
2012 Griffith Paradise Regatta
On Sunday 7 October, the 2012 Griffith Paradise Regatta, the annual rowing competition at Budds Beach, saw some competitive racing along the Nerang River. Griffith crews scored victories in the majority of events (12 wins in 17 races). Despite this success, we were unable to break the University of Queensland’s winning streak in the University Challenge Cup, with the Brisbane visitors winning the mens and womens eights for the sixth consecutive year.

International

Australia-Latin America Business Council (ALABC) Business Excellence Award
On 10 October, Queensland Treasurer Tim Nicholls presented Griffith University with a national award for its outstanding engagement of the Latin American business community. The Australia-Latin America Business Council (ALABC) Business Excellence Award is for collaboration on projects such as developing environmental management strategies for sustainable living and waste water management. Latin American students are increasingly turning to Griffith as their choice of Australian universities. Griffith now accounts for 7.6% of recruitment from that sector and we are the second most popular destination for Latin American students.

Delegations
The International Relations Unit coordinated 16 international delegation visits to Griffith University from 7 September 2012 to 6 November 2012. The highlights appear in Attachment 7.

Griffith English Language Institute (GELI)

ELICOS
ELICOS student numbers are continuing to improve, particularly at the Gold Coast. GELI has recently implemented a limited tuition scholarship offer aimed at boosting ELICOS student numbers across Nathan, Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses, increasing the diversity of nationalities and feeding into both first and second semester degree programs. The scholarship has proven particularly popular in price-sensitive markets such as Vietnam, Thailand and Latin America.

GELI was the winner of the Award for Innovation in ELICOS, which was presented at the National English Australia Conference in Sydney in September 2012. This award, in recognition of GELI’s Independent Learning Program, was won by GELI as an institute which reflects the collaborative efforts of so many GELI staff in implementing, reviewing and continuously improving the program. At the same conference, a GELI Assistant Director of Studies, John Smith, was a finalist for the Award for Contribution to Professional ELICOS Practice. In the four years since the inception of this award, GELI has had four finalists including one winner, which is testament to the commitment to excellence among GELI academic staff.

EnglishHELP
In total, EnglishHELP conducted 3284 appointments across all six campuses in Semester 2 2012.
In addition, the WordUp, Find Your Voice, Pronunciation Power, and Higher Degree Research Language workshops were run at both the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses.

Focus group sessions were conducted with the EnglishHELP tutors in early November 2012, to gather information regarding what tutors perceive to be the strengths and weaknesses of the program as well as to discuss potential adjustments and changes for the upcoming academic year.

**English Language Enhancement Course (ELEC)**

The GELI/LAL ELEC management team received a national Office of Learning and Teaching Citation for “enhancing international students’ academic English language proficiency through innovative discipline-specific courses, exemplary assessment practices, and strong support mechanisms that foster independent learning”. The award was presented at the Brisbane Convention Centre in October.

Over summer, the English Language Enhancement Courses team will be working on amendments as necessary, with particular regard to the upgrade to the new version of Blackboard.

**GELES Research**

Research conducted by the GELI/LAL ELEC management team into the outcomes of GELES is to be published in the next edition of *the IELTS Research Reports*. This research project, entitled *Tracking international university students’ English proficiency over the first semester of undergraduate study*, was featured in the latest edition of *IELTS Expressions*, an international newsletter that has wide reach to all universities, agents and other stakeholders.

Pamela Humphreys (Academic Manager) has presented on IELTS and GELES at several events at the request of IELTS Australia in the last three months, raising the profile of the University in the area of research and the GELES initiative.

**IELTS Test Centre**

The IELTS Test Centre maintained good candidate numbers throughout September and October 2012, with 461 and 530 candidates respectively. The Test Centre is on track to pass the 6000 candidate mark this calendar year.

**International Business Development Unit (IBDU)**

**AusAID funded Kiribati-Australia Nursing Initiative (KANI) Project**

The AusAID funded Kiribati-Australia Nursing Initiative (KANI) project, managed by IBDU, continues to progress well, with 28 students expected to graduate with their Bachelor of Nursing degrees in December 2012, and 27 students continuing their study at Logan campus. This project, which is funded under the workforce development program for Kiribati will be formally reviewed by AusAID at the end of this year and we are hopeful that AusAID may consider funding another cohort of students based on the outcomes of the project to date, which are focused on career placement and migration opportunities.

**Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships (ALAF)**

AusAID funds the Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships (ALAF), which are designed to develop leadership, address regional development priorities, and build linkages between Australia and organisations in countries eligible for funding. Fellowships programs are delivered around themes relevant to development, which can be 10 days to 12 months in length and are intended for future leaders in their fields. ALAFs provide an excellent opportunity to develop strategic international linkages, promote the Griffith brand and attract fellows back to Griffith for postgraduate study opportunities, including through the AusAID Australian Development Scholarships Scheme. In June 2012 IBDU submitted five applications for ALAF programs under Round 12 funding, in liaison with Griffith academic schools and research centres, and expects to learn the outcome of these applications in November 2012. Round 12 applications were in the fields of: Resource efficiency and waste management; Sustainable leadership in ports management in Africa; Developing healthy and sustainable cities; financial quality assurance to support bureaucratic reform in Indonesia; and Managing musical heritage to improve economic outcomes.
The IBDU team provided extensive support to Dr Peter Davey for delivery of the 5th Alliance for Healthy Cities Global Conference and associated workshops, held in Brisbane in late October 2012 with approximately 400 international attendees.

**International Office**

**International Student Administration**

In March 2012 Griffith International Admissions implemented a new structure based on country caseloads, utilising staff with language and cultural expertise as much as possible. The aim was to provide improved customer service to education agents and reduce turnaround time to achieve better conversion rates. In November 2012, Griffith International (GI) was pleased to achieve a 48 hour turnaround on its China caseload, and to be advised by our largest onshore agent we are the best international office in the country to deal with, and for one of our admissions staff to be shortlisted by IDP Singapore for the award of Best Customer Service in Australia.

On 7 November 2012, an interface went live that will see applications made through GI’s Studylink application portal transfer directly through to Peoplesoft, eliminating data entry for these applications and again reducing processing times. Further system interfaces will go live in the next few months to transfer data from the QIBT database (MAZE) and also from QTAC and UAC systems, again with the aim of massively reducing data entry.

In terms of quality assurance, GI Admissions received an excellent ESOS Audit by DISIRTE and has been advised by DIAC in India that the Griffith case load is being approved at a rate of 85% compared to a national average of (75%).

**International Marketing**

Griffith International Marketing staff have been active throughout the year in retaining market share and building new markets. Marketing trips have been made to all major markets including: Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Brazil, Chile, Greater China, South Korea and Japan. Staff have made three investigative visits to Africa to scope out research and recruitment opportunities. Work is also progressing on the US Veteran’s study program, and GI is also investigating the US College Board’s database of students who have recently taken a Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) test – our interest is the international school network rather than the mainland US cohort.

The Marketing Communications team have been well supported by the Griffith Web team and in October 2012, launched an updated Griffith International section of the Griffith website with a fresh new look and updated content. Work is almost complete on a dedicated International HDR brochure, in response to the growing international demand for HDR, and the updated Studying and Living at Griffith University Guide is also in final stages of production – it will be available in an App format as well as PDF in 2014.

GI has also taken a decision to run its international O week activities during the regular Griffith O week effective Semester 1 2013, to increase the opportunities for international students to meet both academics and domestic students.

**Study Abroad & Exchange**

Markets have responded well to Griffith’s 2013 Study Abroad fee with applications significantly up from all Study Abroad markets: Germany, Sweden, Norway, France and USA. In 2011, 802 Griffith students participated in an international experience, up 26% from 634 students in 2010. 32% of the 2011 experiences were for a semester or year while the remaining 68% were short-term experiences, including partner programs, internships, practicum placements and faculty-led study tours. 28% of student international experiences in 2011 were to Asia, predominantly for short-term experiences.

The Study Abroad team is working with academic Groups to develop specialised study abroad semesters designed to add value to the experience of incoming study abroad students and be attractive to institutions seeking curriculum integration in study abroad.
Student Linx
Throughout 2012, the Student Linx program has continued to offer a range of innovative events and programs which appeal to and involve both domestic and international students. Student Linx has maintained student participation in its program throughout 2012, while also introducing new initiatives which aim to generate engagement between Griffith University students and their local community. Total participation in 2012 was 4,614 which was comprised of 45% domestic students and represents a 2% increase in total participation since 2011.

Highlights of the 2012 program include:
- Participation at the Amazing Race event climbing from 71 in 2011 to 97 in the Semester 1 2012 to 140 in the Semester 2 2012.
- Being awarded a grant from Universities Australia and Australian Education International to run 2 volunteer conservation projects through the not-for-profit group Wild Mob. These projects involved 22 Griffith University students from a wide range of local and international backgrounds.
- The partnership between Student Linx and BeachCare which is involving Griffith University students in a community effort to restore and revitalise the coastal environments along the Gold Coast.

Media Highlights
A summary of media activities appears at Attachment 8.
The Brief: Provide an update on the relationship between the University and the broader precinct in terms of community engagement.

SOUTH BANK CAMPUS: GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY IN QUEENSLAND’S PREMIER CULTURAL PRECINCT

Griffith comes to South Bank

In 1996, the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University moved into purpose-built, industry-standard facilities at South Bank. The Conservatorium’s then neighbours included the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, the State Library of Queensland, the Queensland Art Gallery, the Queensland Museum and the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Opera Queensland became a tenant in the new Conservatorium.

In 2001, the University moved the Queensland College of Art into the refurbished former Expo 88 headquarters at the Woolloongabba end of South Bank and added a library and art gallery as well as sculpture, jewellery, photography, fine art, and print studios to its outstanding new facilities.

In 2004, the Conservatorium and the Queensland College of Art were joined by the Ship Inn hotel and the Griffith Graduate Centre, with the latter four-storey building housing Executive Education (postgraduate) in Law and Business, the Griffith REVIEW team and, more recently, two Health programs.

In 2006, Griffith acquired its first heritage building (c. 1881) when it purchased the former South Brisbane Library and created a home for the Griffith Film School which now bookends the South Bank cultural precinct at the southern end. Griffith University now offers more than 60 undergraduate and postgraduate programs at South Bank – see Appendix 1.
The South Bank campus in 2012 – facilities, partnerships and community engagement

Over the last 16 years, the campus has grown from one major building to 3,902 students and four major buildings – see Table 1 below for enrolment data from 2009-2012.

Table 1 – South Bank enrolments (2009-2012)

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As a platinum member of Business South Bank, Griffith has contact with 124 local businesses which include all major cultural institutions with the most recent arrival being the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Professor Herman van Eyken from the Griffith Film School is the current University member of the BSB Board, and the Griffith Business School has previously had a staff member on the BSB Sustainability sub-committee.

The University’s buildings form a major part of this vibrant precinct which is home to approximately 30,000 students in the immediate environs. Formal Memoranda of Understanding and other partnerships exist with major schools, South Bank Institute of Technology and cultural institutions, and the University’s main venues are available for booking by South Bank partners and others organisations. Exhibitions and performances from the Queensland College of Art, the Griffith Film School and the Queensland Conservatorium, as well as public lectures and seminars from the Graduate Centre add immeasurably to the cultural and intellectual life of the precinct and the State itself, and students intermingle with the patrons of other organisations and businesses in the area as well as the thousands of visitors to the precinct.

The reach of Griffith’s four South Bank institutions, however, goes far beyond the precinct itself with major international connections through MOUs with like partners across the world – see Appendix 2.
Griffith Film School

The Griffith Film School is the largest dedicated film school in Australia by enrolment (2012: n=486), and produces outstanding graduates, many of whom have succeeded in winning major national and international awards. The facilities are industry-standard with some of Australia’s best studio infrastructure and filmmaking equipment. The University has produced a beautifully crafted set of functional spaces for a 21st century film school in one of the State’s oldest and best-loved buildings. Griffith’s stewardship of this 131-year-old building is protecting the State’s heritage, adding to Queensland’s creative economy and producing the next generation of Australian filmmakers.

At the opening of the Griffith Film School building, Academy Award Winner Dr George Miller was moved to comment:

> Congratulations to all those visionaries from Griffith University and the Queensland Government who decided to put the Griffith Film School in such a wonderful precinct as South Bank. The fact that you have put this campus in such an extraordinary place, where you can walk a few minutes to a Gallery of Modern Art or Library, or bump into actors at the Performing Arts Centre, or musicians at the Conservatorium, to actually have that cross fertilisation is going to make this very significant. I think part of the genius of what you are doing here is actually putting all that together. Mark my words, this is going to lead to some extraordinary things.

Community engagement

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Students within the third year of their respective programs are required to complete a minimum number of hours within a WIL placement. These placements include:

- Animation – Students are required to complete a minimum of 50 hours
- Film and Screen Media Production – Students are required to complete a minimum of 65 hours
- Honours – Professional Internship Project
- All second year students from the Bachelor of Animation and Bachelor of Film and Screen Media Production need to undertake the 10CP course – Community Engagement Project. Ninety-four students are enrolled this year. Project clients include: Ozcare, Relationships Australia, Cerebral Palsy League Queensland and Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

LiveLab

LiveLab is the Griffith Film School’s commercial production studio (similar to QCA’s graphic design studio LiveWorm). LiveLab works with current students.
through professional practice courses to produce professional audio-visual works for external clients. Alumni are brought on board to supervise students on all projects. Recent project clients include:

- Griffith School of Aviation
- Stockland
- Queensland Services Union
- GIHE Promotional Videos

Industry partnerships

The Griffith Film School is currently partnering with the following industry organisations:

- Brisbane International Film Festival, Screen Queensland
- Asia Pacific Screen Awards
- Australian Screen Editors Guild
- Atticus Education – Lord David Puttnam Seminar Series
- COIL – New York
- Beijing Film Academy
- Whistling Woods (Bollywood) – Mumbai
- Film and Television Institute of India (national film school) Pune

Sponsors in 2012 have included:

- ATOM Awards (Australian Teachers of Media)
- Nyst Lawyers
- ABC
- 48 Hour Film Project (In-kind)
- West End Film Festival (In-kind)
- SPAA Fringe (In-kind)
- Hoodlum (In-kind)

Recent festival achievements include:

- Cannes Film Festival – nine films screened at 2012 Cannes Short Film Corner
- ATOM Awards – two films shortlisted
- Brisbane International Film Festival – two films shortlisted
- Tel Aviv International Student Film Festival – one film shortlisted
- Los Angeles Women’s International Film Festival – one film selected
- International Sci-Fi & Horror Short Film Festival – one film selected
- Down Under Berlin-Australian Film Festival – one film selected
- Beijing Film Academy Film Festival – one film selected
- Gold Coast Film Festival – two films selected
Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University

The Queensland Conservatorium sits in the heart of this premier arts precinct and its facilities are among the music industry's finest – acoustically, architecturally and technologically. With refurbished buildings and facilities worth over $80m, collaborations with celebrated performing arts organisations, Education Queensland and access to leading music educators, musicians and composers, the Conservatorium is committed to providing facilities to enable all music students and staff to flourish.

Community engagement

Open Conservatorium

The Open Conservatorium allows people of all ages and backgrounds to learn music from world-class musicians without having to go to university. Recent events and initiatives have included:

- The Young Musician's Researcher Workshop, a partnership between the Open Conservatorium and the State Library
- The State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP), which has experienced significant growth and this year was delivered in North Queensland, Rockhampton, Mackay and Brisbane. There have been invitations to present SHEP in Victoria in 2014.
- Pacific Honours Ensemble Program (a partnerships between SHEP and the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle) is now in its sixth year. This year six Young Conservatorium students will participate in a major international program in Seattle in November.
- Southern Cross International Music Festival (June) attracted an ensemble from New Zealand
- Live Music – Queensland Conservatorium Performers Agency is in constant demand. The agency exists for current students and alumni and any member of the public can hire musicians for events. The agency charges industry rates.

Brisbane Festival

The Conservatorium’s Opera School staged Stravinsky's *The Rake’s Progress* as part of the Brisbane Festival, with excellent reviews. Both QPAC and Brisbane Festival supported this production. Conservatorium staff and students also presented *Bottesini’s World* for the festival with the Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra and community choir Brisbane Chorale. The ABC recorded this performance for broadcast.

Young Conservatorium

The Young Conservatorium has been an integral part of the Queensland Conservatorium for more than 30 years and provides much of its pre-tertiary
offerings. The Young Conservatorium provides a developmental conduit for young musicians in the community. Programs in 2013 include early childhood music, musical awareness and choral ensembles. The Young Conservatorium also hosted schools from across Queensland and Papua New Guinea for a series of workshops and master classes.

**Conservatorium events**

The new Conevents website (www.conevents.com.au) involved collaboration between many Conservatorium staff and was recently awarded an industry excellence award for design. It provides a comprehensive database of upcoming Conservatorium concerts and events, many of them free of charge. Other recent events and initiatives have included:

- Crossbows Festival presented over 90 events across four days in May. Supported by South Bank Corporation and Arts Queensland, the event celebrated the arrival of the ABC to South Bank, and the success of small ensembles from Queensland and nationally. Many national and international artists were involved, in addition to student ensembles.
- QCGU participated in *Fete de la Musique* presented by Brisbane City Council in June. Students gave impromptu performances in various parts of the city.
- QCGU hosted a free community event for the Indian Community of Brisbane on Indian National Day, August 15. The Conservatorium is building strong ties with the community in preparation for *Encounters: India* in 2013.
- QCGU was a Brisbane Open House participant with a schedule of free performances, tours of the building, early childhood classes and children's musical treasure hunts.
- The Musical Theatre students are presenting a Christmas concert in partnership with St John’s Cathedral in the CBD.

**Queensland Conservatorium Research Centre**

The 10 yr old Queensland Conservatorium Research Centre was recently invited to participate in an Opera Australia project to investigate the outcomes of community work in Western Sydney and regional communities. The Centre plays a role in a number of regional outreach initiatives, for example, the Sustainable Futures project continues to investigate sustainable musical ecologies across the region, in India, South America and the Pacific.

Other major projects have included the iPod opera *iOrpheus* (2007), three in-depth explorations of intercultural meetings via the Encounters series (2005, 2007, 2010), and Crossbows (2012), a festival celebrating small ensembles. *Encounters: India* (May 2013) will be the next signature event in this series, and has been supported by South Bank Corporation and Arts Queensland.
Industry partnerships

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Links with the ABC are becoming stronger and a fibre-optic link between the two buildings is now operational. Conservatorium staff and students presented a one-hour live concert on ABC-Classic FM *Sunday Live* on August 15. The Conservatorium performers and production staff were congratulated by the ABC for their excellence and professionalism. QCGU has regular live-to-air broadcasts on 612 Local Radio which include performances and interviews.

QCGU is discussing 2013 collaborations, including use of the ABC’s new performance space, recordings and live-to-air broadcasts from the QCGU Theatre (via the fibre-optic connection).

Queensland Performing Arts Centre

QPAC is providing venues for the Conservatorium’s Musical Theatre program auditions and rehearsals for end-of-year performances, and is assisting in the search for space for the program in 2013.

Queensland Conservatorium Industry Advisory Board

The Queensland Conservatorium Industry Advisory Board membership includes prominent community, government and industry representatives, and Griffith University staff. The Board meets quarterly to provide advice on strategic matters relating to the Conservatorium, its stakeholders and the music industry generally. The Board is chaired by Mr Matthew Hall, Partner, Swaab Attorneys.

Memoranda of Understanding

Current and planned Memoranda of Understanding involve the following local organisations:

- Queensland Symphony Orchestra (soon to be housed in the ABC building)
- 4MBS Classic FM
- The Song Company
- Australian String Quartet
- Camerata of St John's
Queensland College of Art Griffith University

Established in 1881, the Queensland College of Art (QCA) is Queensland’s oldest academy. It has produced thousands of professional artists, designers, photographers and filmmakers who have helped shape art and design culture in Queensland, Australia and internationally. Students work with community organisations, business and government on a variety of projects throughout their programs. The business community supports students through scholarships, travel prizes and exhibitions.

Community engagement

The QCA end-of-year graduate exhibitions draw large crowds from the greater Brisbane area. Comprising six separate exhibitions, the events showcase the best emerging visual arts creative talent and are used by galleries and design studios to recruit staff and to offer contracts to emerging artists.

Students from the Jewellery and Small Object program also manage and operate a stall at the South Bank Lifestyle Market and Young Designer’s Market. Proceeds from the sale of items are used to support their continuing artistic practice.

Industry partnerships

The Queensland Centre for Photography

The Queensland Centre for Photography (QCP) is a key partner for students and graduates. Recent collaborative projects have included:

- The First Impressions exhibition by 20 Bachelor of Photography first and second year students, which was the result of free workshops in curatorship offered by QCP.
- With Griffith University’s support, the QCP represented Australian and Queensland photographers at the annual Photo LA exhibition in January.

South Bank Corporation

- South Bank Corporation provided QCA students with a “Popup” space in Grey Street for two months rent-free to display their artwork.

South Bank cultural institutions

QCA staff enjoy a close relationship with many of South Bank’s cultural institutions. Professor Pat Hoffie and Associate Professor Jay Younger have been involved in a number of collaborative projects with QPAC. The State Library of Queensland has also been a partner in hosting a number of design seminars and Hot House events. Professor Tony Fry’s leadership in the area of Design Futures has made him a regular participant in ABC Radio National programs.
Griffith University Art Gallery is a vibrant partner in visual arts events with other South Bank institutions such as the Gallery of Modern Art and the Queensland Art Gallery, and also with the University of Queensland Art Museum. Major events such as the *Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art* bring these bodies together in the planning of complementary arts events.

Other partnerships include:

- a longstanding relationship with the Brisbane River Festival, staging a number of photographic and fine art events as part of the Festival’s program. This also includes a number of exhibitions staged in cooperation with the Maritime Museum.
- an MOU with Brisbane State High to enable the rental and management of the “Art Factory” gallery space from December 2012.
- participation in the Conservatorium’s *Encounters: India* program in 2013 by holding Indian-themed exhibitions in the Project Gallery, Webb Gallery and Griffith University Art Gallery by students, staff and QCA alumni.
- working with the manager of the Ship Inn to provide ongoing exhibition support to display student works.

**Liveworm**

Liveworm is the professional graphic design studio of the Queensland College of Art, with offices at South Bank and the Gold Coast.

QCA students complete real-world design projects, supervised by an experienced management team for clients across Australia. In recent years, the Liveworm concept has expanded into photography with LiveImage, and LiveLab at the Griffith Film School.

**Queensland College of Art Industry Advisory Board**

The Queensland College of Art Advisory Board membership includes prominent community, government and industry representatives, and Griffith University staff. The Board meets quarterly to provide advice on strategic matters relating to the College, its stakeholders and the arts, design and film industries generally. The Board is chaired by Brisbane lawyer, Ms Ulla Zeller.
Griffith Business School

The Griffith Graduate Centre at South Bank offers an inner-city location for executive education students in the Griffith Business School. Programs offered include the Master of Business Administration and the Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis which engages with local, state and federal government agencies through the provision of development to staff. The centre includes seminar, lecture and meeting rooms, as well as a state-of-the-art learning centre.

Community engagement

The Asia Pacific Management Centre (APMC) at South Bank is the new Executive Education provider within the Griffith Business School. Its aim is to develop thought leaders and high performing business people working in private and public sector organisations. APMC facilitates a unique association between the world famous UC Berkeley Center for Executive Education and the Australian Institute of Management (AIM) that brings some of the world's top educators to Brisbane. The Centre hosts a number of executive education seminars each year, held in The Ship Inn and the Griffith Graduate Centre.

Industry partnerships

Asia Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise

The Asia Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise delivers innovative research and teaching and engages on an international level to promote sustainable enterprise. The Centre has a network of global partners and linkages including the Academy of Business in Society (EABIS), Globally Responsible Leadership Initiative (GRLI), Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) and the United Nations Global Compact Network Australia (UNGCNA).

The Centre holds many events at the South Bank campus including public seminars and lectures, and recently organised The Necessary Transition international conference at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Griffith Law School (GLS)

Legal Practice Centre (LPC)

Based in the Griffith Graduate Centre the Legal Practice Centre (LPC) is uniquely positioned as the University’s “window on the legal profession”, a stone’s throw from the Courts, as well as the tier 1 law firm concatenation that is Brisbane’s George Street. The Centre provides postgraduate and continuing professional education, and attempts to facilitate debate and discussion among the legal and wider community.
Community engagement

Legal History Seminar Series

A collaborative initiative of members of the judiciary, the profession and the academia, the Griffith Law School’s Legal History Seminar Series commemorates the 20th year anniversary of the Griffith Law School by showcasing law in historical context for an audience that includes the general community as much as the specialist, all the while utilising our South Bank campus.

The most recent speaker, The Honourable William Gummow AC, recently retired from the High Court of Australia, drew a crowd of more than 200, including most members of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. Two eminent speakers remain: Professor David Saunders, Professor Emeritus, Griffith University and Professor Jim Philips, University of Toronto.

Highlighting legal history’s international and comparative flavour, the LHSS welcomes all who are interested in legal history’s present and future significance. The LHSS’s program bridges a significant time – 2011 to 2012 marks the sesquicentennial of the Queensland Supreme Court (2011), the twentieth-year anniversary of the Griffith Law School (2012), and the thirtieth Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Law and History Society (2012).

Industry partnerships

Practical Legal Training

The LPC offers a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice Skills and Ethics, qualifying law graduates for admission to the profession, both bar (as barristers) and law society (solicitors). The LPC is one of only two Queensland providers who offer an in-person, on-campus practical legal training. Part-time and online delivery are also available. The Centre also offers a Certificate in Legal Practice Skills and Ethics.

Professional Legal Studies

Offered online through Open Universities Australia since 2012, the LPC runs a Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Studies in this area. This degree is aimed at the non-lawyer, legal executive market.

Migration Law and Practice

The LPC offers a Graduate Certificate of Australian Migration Law and Practice as well as a Master of Migration Law and Practice which can be studied on campus or online.

Professional outreach

This program is aimed at engaging with the legal profession, building bridges between the law school and legal practice and creating job opportunities for our students. The program components are:
Meetings with the profession, raising awareness about and discussing program offerings at LPC and GLS;
• Presenting to the profession;
• Involving the profession in our programs as guest lecturers and sessionals;
• Creating new and innovative ways to lead debate, discourse, discussion, problem solving and best practices in the practice of law; and
• Seek out opportunities to partner and collaborate with the profession whether through conferences, events, research, prizes or scholarships.

Practice in Motion Series (PIMS)

PIMS is a first for Queensland and stimulates ongoing discussion and debate in the areas of law firm and practice management, talent management, knowledge management, financial management, client relationship management and diversity and inclusion.

The inaugural PIMS event was held in August in partnership with the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland and focused on women in law firm leadership roles in Queensland and Australia.

The event was very favourably received with a request made from one of the distinguished participants that it be repeated by the Queensland Law Society (QLS) at one of its symposia. This was embraced by QLS participants also in the audience. It is likely the “repeat event” will take place at the annual symposia in March 2013.

Career Jump Start Program (CJP)

The PLT on-campus Career Jump Start Program was launched to support our students in becoming better job interviewees. The students were taken through the process of applying for a job and attending a mock interview with briefings, feedback and debriefings all along the way. LPC/GLS staff worked on this with law firm HR professionals, legal recruitment professionals and law firm partners.

Professionals in Residence Series (PIRS)

PIRS is a successful lunch-time series that draws on the experience of Griffith’s in-house and adjunct legal professionals for the benefit of PLT on-campus students. The topics are aimed at supporting these students in “hitting the ground running” when they enter practice. The series has been made possible by the many professionals who supported it (including Visiting Committee members). It has built stronger and deeper links with the profession.
Griffith REVIEW

Established in 2003, Griffith REVIEW has grown to become Australia’s leading quarterly journal of ideas and fine writing, and is published in hard copy and e-book formats. The editorial team is based at the Griffith Graduate Centre and regularly engages with the wider community through master classes, bookshop events, and collaborations with writers’ festivals.

Griffith REVIEW often anticipates public debate and has made several exceptional impacts on the national conversation. Among its many accolades is the 2007 Walkley Award for Excellence in Journalism, and the Alfred Deakin Award for best essay three times. The current edition celebrates the art of novella writing, with writers selected from 250 entries supported by Copyright Agency Limited. Past editions which are still subject of active discussion included *Hidden Queensland, The Lure of Fundamentalism* and *Unintended Consequences*.

Community engagement

Recent engagement events have included:

- Panel discussions on the lessons of surviving disasters (at the State Library of Queensland), on Australia’s future (at The Ship Inn), and on travel, tourism and globalisation (at the Bleeding Heart Cafe in Ann St). Several of these events were broadcast on Radio National’s *Big Ideas* program
- Multiple sell-out events at the 2012 Brisbane Writers Festival
- Successful Humanities in the Community writing master classes in Brisbane and Melbourne (a collaboration with the University of Melbourne supported by the Sidney Myer Fund)
- Events hosted by the Brisbane Institute (which Griffith University sponsors)
- Successful events at this year’s Sydney, Adelaide, Byron Bay and Perth Writers Festivals
- Collaboration with *The Conversation* (which Griffith University supports) extending the reach and range of the *What is Australia For?* issue, provoking substantial and informed discussion online and syndication
- Extensive positive reviews in major papers and online, extracts in major newspapers and the Qantas inflight magazine

South Bank and the University’s footprint

Griffith University’s four buildings on the South Bank precinct are deeply embedded in the surrounding cultural, business, leisure and educational communities. The University continues to explore the potential expansion of its South Bank operations as the campus continues to experience very strong demand for high quality student places. The campus is brilliantly positioned in the State’s premier cultural precinct opposite the CBD, and the red Griffith brand is highly visible on all four buildings.
## Appendix 1 - South Bank academic programs

### Griffith Business School
- Graduate Certificate in Business Administration
- Graduate Certificate in Franchising
- Graduate Certificate in Business
- Graduate Certificate in Australian Migration Law and Practice
- Graduate Certificate in Risk Management
- Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis
- Graduate Certificate in Supply Network Management
- Graduate Certificate in e-Marketing
- Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Enterprise
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration (Advanced)
- Master of Business Administration with Honours
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration with Honours
- Master of Business Administration with Practicum

### Queensland College of Art
- Bachelor of Fine Art
- Bachelor of Photography
- Bachelor of Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Fine Art with Honours
- Bachelor of Photography with Honours
- Graduate Certificate in Digital Design
- Graduate Certificate in Visual Arts
- Graduate Certificate in Design Futures
- Master of Arts in Visual Arts
- Master of Design Futures
- Master of Digital Design
- Master of Arts with Honours in Visual Arts
- Master of Digital Design with Honours
- Master of Design Futures with Honours

### Griffith Film School
- Bachelor of Animation
- Bachelor of Film and Screen Media Production
- Bachelor of Games Design
- Bachelor of Animation with Honours
- Bachelor of Film and Screen Media Production with Honours
- Bachelor of Games Design with Honours
- Graduate Certificate in Screen Production
- Graduate Diploma of Screen Production
- Master of Screen Production
- Master of Screen Production with Honours

### Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University
- Bachelor of Music with Honours
- Bachelor of Music Technology
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Music Technology with Honours
- Graduate Certificate in Music Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Music Technology
- Graduate Diploma of Music Studies
- Graduate Diploma of Music Technology
- Master of Music Studies
- Master of Music
- Master of Music (Research)
- Certificate in Music Studies
- Certificate in Music Technology

### Griffith Law School (Legal Practice Centre)
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, Skills and Ethics
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, Skills and Ethics (In Practice)
- Master of Migration Law and Practice

### Research higher degrees
- Doctor of Visual Arts
- Doctor of Musical Arts
- Master of Philosophy
- Research Higher Degree Qualifying Program
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<td>BFS is the largest higher education institution for Film and Television Production in Asia.</td>
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<td>Film and TV School of Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU)</td>
<td>Czech Republic</td>
<td>Griffith Film School</td>
<td>FAMU is a leading international film school</td>
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<td>Innovative Studios Pvt. Ltd.</td>
<td>India</td>
<td>Griffith Film School</td>
<td>Mr Saravana Prasad, Chairman and Ms Upasana Mittal, Exec Director, visited GU from 6-8 June 2006 as part of a visit coordinated by Qld State Development, Trade and Innovation Office.</td>
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<td>Whistling Woods International, Institute for Film, Television &amp; Media Arts - MOU</td>
<td>India</td>
<td>Griffith Film School</td>
<td>MOU formed as first step in articulation into GFS courses and possible expansion to student exchange. All courses are taught in English. Whistling Woods is located on the Film City Studios site (part of “Bollywood”) and is an excellent industry partner. All courses are taught in English.</td>
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<td>Ready To Go Animate</td>
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<td>Griffith Film School</td>
<td>This is a 2+2 articulation arrangement that allows suitably qualified students from RTGA to enrol in the Bachelor Animation program and the Master of Arts in Visual Arts and Master of Fine Arts PG coursework programs.</td>
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<td>Film and Television Institute of India</td>
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<td>Griffith Film School, QCA</td>
<td>Prof Marilyn McMeniman, former PVC(AEL) visited FTII in Pune, India in 2008 and as a result of their discussions an MOU was developed. It was signed during a visit by the Director, FTII, Shri Pankaj Rag to Griffith in September 2008.</td>
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<td>Universitas Padjadjaran</td>
<td>Indonesia</td>
<td>Griffith Film School</td>
<td>The Griffith Film School and the Department of Journalism Studies, Faculty of Communication Sciences at Uni Pad are exploring the possible formation of the Padjadjaran-Griffith Documentary Training Institute.</td>
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<td>SUT and UAD Helsinki are the lead institutions in a EU-DEEWR funded project entitled “Design Education Partnership and Knowledge Transfer”.</td>
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<td>Ontario College of Art &amp; Design</td>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>Queensland College of Art</td>
<td>Canada is a popular choice with GU students and QCA students are always looking for good options. Founded in 1876, OCAD is Canada's largest art and design University and is located in Toronto.</td>
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<td>Central Academy of Fine Arts</td>
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<td>GU formed an MOU with CAFA in 1999. In addition, an agreement was signed in October 1997 between GU and CAFA for a QCA Master of Photography delivered off-shore at Central Academy of Fine Arts signed by the President, Professor Jin Shang Yi.</td>
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<td>Griffith has had a very active relationship with SCA since 2000, including reciprocal visits, joint performances with QCGU, joint exhibitions with QCA, as well as exchanges of students and staff.</td>
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<td>State Secretariat of Culture, Ministry of Education, Timor-Leste</td>
<td>Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste</td>
<td>Queensland College of Art</td>
<td>July 2012: The MOU will cover the scope of engagement with the Timor Leste government regarding the creation of a creative arts academy in that country.</td>
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<td>Griffith first signed an agreement with CUHK in 2010 for the transnational delivery of the Griffith Bachelor of Design by QCA and a new renewal agreement was recently signed in June 2012 for a further 5 years.</td>
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<td>There were several visits by Pukyong to Griffith in 2002 and again in 2004 when PNU staff visited QCA and GBS to discuss the possibility of a double degree (a double credit articulation program) in design and business.</td>
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<td>Peruvian Institute of Art and Design</td>
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<td>IPAD is a small but dynamic institution in Lima, Peru. The focus of the collaboration is in photography.</td>
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<td>University of Leeds</td>
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<td>Uni of Leeds approached GU as they were interested in developing more exchange partnerships with Australian universities. Their initial areas of interest are in the fields of creative arts and law and there are good opportunities for collaborations in other areas.</td>
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<td>Exchange agreement for student and teacher exchange signed by the Director, Qld Conservatorium and President Shanghai Conservatory of Music and witnessed by the former Premier of Qld, The Hon. Wayne Goss.</td>
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<td>Taipei National University of the Arts</td>
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<td>TNUA is premier provider of tertiary music training in Taiwan. Griffith Trio undertook tour in 2007. Taiwanese institutions now keen to pursue Australian relationships.</td>
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<td>Guildhall School of Music and Drama</td>
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<td>Close ties between the institutions and their staff have been established over the years. The MOU and Exchange Agreement serves to formalise faculty collaborations such as operas, projects, and faculty staff visits.</td>
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<td>Royal Northern College of Music (2) Exchange agreement</td>
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<td>Queensland Conservatorium</td>
<td>The agreements were negotiated by Prof Roennfeldt directly with RNCM and formalised a long-standing arrangement with them.</td>
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<td>UCF has a matching complement of visual arts disciplines and an exchange with QCA was desirable to give GU students a wider range of choice for exchange opportunities in the UK. UCF and Dartington College of the Arts merged in 2007.</td>
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Introduction


Background

The White Paper was authored by Dr Ken Henry following over a year’s public dialogue and stakeholder engagement. It includes a response to the Asialink Report, *Developing an Asia Capable Workforce*, and suggests some specific goals for universities to 2025.

Key Points

There are a number of national objectives of direct relevance to universities (see Appendix 1). In summation these are:

- Australia’s school systems will be in the top five schooling systems in the world and our universities and training systems will be among the world’s best.
- All students will have access to at least one priority Asian language; these will be Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Indonesian and Japanese.
- Australia will remain among the world’s best for research and teaching in universities.
- By 2020, 20 per cent of undergraduate higher education enrolments will be people from low socioeconomic backgrounds.
- By 2025, 40 per cent of all 25 to 34-year-olds will hold a qualification at bachelor level or above, up from 35 per cent in 2011.
- By 2025, 10 of Australia’s universities will be in the world’s top 100.
- A larger number of Australian university students will be studying overseas and a greater proportion will be undertaking part of their degree in Asia.
- Support universities to increase the number of students who undertake Asian studies and Asian languages as part of their university education.
- Encourage every Australian university to have a presence in Asia and establish an exchange arrangement involving transferable credits with at least one major Asian university.
• Commit to **12,000 Australia Awards (Asian Century) over five years** to nations in Asia to encourage people-to-people links with the region.

• Extend Australia Awards (Asian Century) offered to recipients in Asia to include **work placements and support mid-career sabbaticals** in Australia.

### Universities Australia points for consideration

#### 10 universities in the top 100

The extent to which this target is an appropriate measure of success is likely to spark debate within the sector. Leaving aside the merit or otherwise of the rankings, the aim to have 10 Australian universities in the top 100 will need to be supported by a plan for achievement. Many countries have identified goals to increase the number of their universities in the rankings and the competition – most particularly from our region – is growing. The longer term challenge for Australia may well be to maintain our position. To further enhance our position would require a very substantial investment.

#### Asian languages and Asia competencies

National objectives to increase students with both Asian language ability and Asia capabilities will require universities to respond through curricula, student mobility and internship/work integrated learning opportunities. In responding to the Asialink paper, *Developing an Asia Capable Workforce*, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors – Academic (DVC-A) group is considering additional effort in collaboration in language delivery, (plans include universities grouping together to share languages with cross-credit or co-branding arrangements which will be especially useful in an online environment). The DVCs-A have also proposed a stocktake of current activity in Asian studies and Asia competencies with potential future work towards the development of an Asia Capabilities Competency in the Graduate Attributes statement.

#### People to People Links

The announcement of 12,000 Australia Awards (Asian Century) for which Australian students will be eligible is welcome, though it is unclear if this is new funding or a targeted allocation of existing scholarships. Announcements that acknowledge and include work placements within the scholarships program are also helpful in that they address the worth of various types of international experience while studying (not solely semester long exchange at the undergraduate level).

The challenge for every Australian university to have a presence in Asia and establish an exchange arrangement involving transferable credits with at least one major Asian university is likely to have already been met. While not every university has a campus in Asia or delivers programs in Asia, every university can point to major partnerships that allow for student exchange as a minimum. Universities Australia will work with government on defining the scope of work as well as with universities in documenting existing partnerships and exchange agreements in the region (building on biennial survey work already completed).
Universities Australia has been engaged in considerable advocacy around increasing outbound mobility options for Australian students through the removal of policy barriers and increasing opportunities for students to both study and complete work/clinical placements overseas. While the governments’ initiatives are focused on increasing mobility within our region, Universities Australia will be pursuing policy changes that enable an overall increase in the number of students pursuing offshore study (not solely within Asia).

Next Steps

While further announcements are imminent (most particularly on Australian student mobility), it is apparent that implementation of the White Paper will require a considerable increase in resources across the economy. While we will continue to pursue increased funding for those recommendations of particular relevance to universities, we will also argue to free up resources currently devoted to compliance and reporting to allow universities to better meet the challenges of the White Paper without a diminution of quality in other areas of the university mission.

An announcement on student mobility by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Senator the Hon. Chris Evans, is expected later in the week.

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Appendix I: National Objectives relating to universities

While most of the national objectives affect university missions, the national objectives of direct relevance to universities are:

- All Australians will have the opportunity to acquire the skills and education they need to participate fully in a strong economy and a fairer society.
  - Australia’s school systems will be in the top five schooling systems in the world and our universities and training systems will be among the world’s best.
- All Australian students will have the opportunity, and be encouraged, to undertake a continuous course of study in an Asian language throughout their years of schooling.
  - All students will have access to at least one priority Asian language; these will be Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Indonesian and Japanese.
- Australia will remain among the world’s best for research and teaching in universities, delivering excellent outcomes for a larger number of Australian students, attracting the best academics and students from around the world and strengthening links between Australia and the region.
  - By 2020, 20 per cent of undergraduate higher education enrolments will be people from low socioeconomic backgrounds, up from 17 per cent in 2011.
  - By 2025, 40 per cent of all 25 to 34-year-olds will hold a qualification at bachelor level or above, up from 35 per cent in 2011.
  - By 2025, 10 of Australia’s universities will be in the world’s top 100.
  - A larger number of Australian university students will be studying overseas and a greater proportion will be undertaking part of their degree in Asia.
  - Progress higher education reform to continue improving the reach, quality, performance and flexibility of Australia’s higher education system, including a strengthening of our international education sector informed by the International Education Advisory Council.
  - Work with universities to substantially boost the number of Australian students studying in Asia through closer links with regional institutions, and improve financial support and information for students who study in Asia.
  - Support universities to increase the number of students who undertake Asian studies and Asian languages as part of their university education, including through increased use of the National Broadband Network and digital technology.
  - Encourage every Australian university to have a presence in Asia and establish an exchange arrangement involving transferable credits with at least one major Asian university.
  - Support, through the Australian Research Council and other mechanisms, high-quality research by Australian publicly funded research organisations and strengthen research and teaching links between Australian institutions and those in the region.
Australia will have deeper and broader people-to-people links with Asian nations, across the entire community.

- **Commit to 12,000 Australia Awards (Asian Century) over five years** to nations in Asia to encourage people-to-people links with the region.
- **Extend Australia Awards (Asian Century)** offered to recipients in Asia to include **work placements and support mid-career sabbaticals** in Australia.
- **Strengthen the extensive alumni networks** of Australian-educated leaders in Asia by providing a focal point for coordinating the networks through an Australia Awards Office.
- **Support high-quality private-sector scholarships** that bring future Asian leaders to Australia.
- Use the National Broadband Network and digital technology to **boost online collaboration between researchers**, community groups, students, schools and universities in Australia with their counterparts throughout the region.

Decision makers in Australian businesses, parliaments, national institutions (including the Australian Public Service and national cultural institutions) and advisory forums across the community will have deeper knowledge and expertise of countries in our region and have a greater capacity to integrate domestic and international issues.

- **Build stronger relationships through interactive programs and regular exchanges of senior officials** at mid-career points, including through the university sector.
Improving the Learning Environment

During 2012, Campus Life delivered a number of projects which improve the learning environment. The projects include:

- Teaching spaces
- Learning spaces
- Social zones
- Higher degree research spaces

A. Teaching spaces

Seminar Rooms

The new campus heart building (N76) located in the Centre of the Nathan campus features 5 new seminar rooms (2 rooms x 60 seats, and 3 rooms x 30 seats). The smaller 30 seat seminar rooms feature node chairs, providing greater flexibility for collaborative type learning.
Specialist Teaching Space

The Mechanical Engineering Laboratory provides a specialist teaching space for the Mechanical Engineering Program. The space is used for mechanical testing facilities or for student projects. The facility has the capacity for 80 students.

Mechanical Engineering Laboratory (Engineering Building G09), Gold Coast Campus.
Journalism Laboratory

The old Film School was refurbished to create teaching and Higher Degree Research (HDR) space. A state of the art Journalism teaching space was created featuring:

- Journalism laboratory
- A sound room, enabling radio journalism reports to be monitored by the training staff
- Radio booth for conducting exams
- Collaboration area
- TV is also installed for viewing television journalism reports. The equipment is linked to ABC studio.
Lecture Theatres

All three lecture theatres in the Macrossan building at Nathan were refurbished during first semester. New ‘Camatic’ seats provide ‘fold over’ tablet arms. Power points have been provided throughout the theatres to enable students to recharge laptops and electronic devices. New audiovisual technology, including lecture capture, was installed in all theatres.

Macrossan (N16) Lecture Theatre, Nathan campus
B. Learning spaces

Student Collaboration Zones:

Following the success of the collaboration zones at the Nathan campus, three new collaboration areas were constructed at the Gold Coast Campus at Clinical Sciences 1 (G02), Clinical Sciences 2 (G16), Arts and Education 1 (G30) and Arts and Education 2 (G31).

All areas are wireless enabled and provide power points to enable students to recharge all mobile devices.
C. Social zones

A primary objective of the Nathan Master Plan was to open up the campus and create ‘social’ zones to facilitate interaction, engagement and learning. The Campus Heart and Community Plaza have achieved this objective and become active social and learning hubs creating a significant improvement in the student experience.
Campus Heart, Nathan, was opened early 2012

The Community Plaza, surrounded by Nathan’s commercial precinct is close to completion

D. Higher degree research spaces

A number of postgraduate study spaces were refurbished during the year. All spaces have been designed to provide individual study spaces, with lockers and filing cabinets. A number of spaces also provide a collaborative/social space and kitchenette facilities to encourage collaboration between students.
Patience Thoms (N06)

The Patience Thoms HDR Space provides individual study spaces for 28 students, kitchenette, resources area and social space.
**Environment 1 (N13)**

Rooms 0.23, 0.24, 0.08, 0.32, 1.04, 2.08 were refurbished, providing 50 individual study spaces.

**Arts and Education 1 (G30)**

This area was refurbished to incorporate 2 offices, 14 individual study space, lockers, storage and filing space.
PROFESSORIAL APPOINTMENTS

The following professorial appointments have been made since my last report to Council in October 2012.

Arts, Education & Law
Nil

Business
Professor Jeremy Williams
Professor Jeremy Williams has joined the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics from Knowledge Universe Education where he was appointed as the Chief Academic Officer (Global Operations) and was based in Singapore. Professor Williams has worked at a number of higher education institutions including U21Global and Queensland University of Technology and has more than a decade of experience in international business development in the field of postgraduate business education and executive education. Professor Williams is a specialist in pedagogy and learning design and is acknowledged as a pioneer in the development of technology-enhanced learning.

Health
Nil

Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology
Nil
Campus Life

CAPITAL AND MINOR WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

MAJOR PROJECTS

UPDATE ON NATHAN CAMPUS MASTER PLAN PROJECTS

Sir Samuel Griffith Centre (N78), Nathan campus ($42.76m)

Works have progressed well with the building structure now completed and ‘topped-off’ and the roof framing substantially complete. Rough-in of the building services and partition framing is progressing on all levels and the solar panels have been delivered to site.

A ‘topping-off’ ceremony was held on 24 October to celebrate the completion of the concrete structure at which the Vice Chancellor trowelled off a symbolic concrete plinth to mark the occasion.
The Campus Heart (N76) & Campus Club Link Bridge ($13.825m)

As highlighted in the August report to Council, the Campus Heart building and plaza are now fully operational.

The Club Link Bridge is now complete and open for pedestrians. The completion of the bridge completes the Campus Heart project which has created significant benefits to the campus overall.

Johnson Path Upgrade Stage 2, Pedestrian Tunnel to Central Theatres incl. The Circuit ($12.655m)

The new pavement and in-ground services work adjacent to the Hub is now substantially complete and the tunnel has been re-opened to pedestrians providing access to and from The Circuit via the front of the Bray Centre. The canopy structural steel has been installed in the arrival plaza area in front of the Bray Centre and works in this area will continue for the next 5 weeks. The remaining open space to the south of the Community Building is currently being rehabilitated following the replacement of the old asbestos cement in-ground chilled water pipework and construction of new concrete valve pits. It is intended that this area will be returned to bushland.
A 3000 litre water tank and pressure pump is being installed in this area to provide water for irrigation of the new lawn and planting. The reconstruction of the pedestrian spine path and new stairs along the western side of Environment 2 is ongoing with an anticipated completion of works in December.
Refurbishment for GBS & AEL Macrossan Building (N16) Nathan campus ($8.51m):

As highlighted in the October report to Council, practical completion of the Macrossan Building refurbishment has been achieved with a few minor defects to be addressed. The Users are ‘ecstatic’ with the finished product and feel that a new benchmark has been set for all future refurbishments.

GOLD COAST CAMPUS PROJECTS

Griffith Health Centre and Teaching Facility (G40 & G41), Gold Coast campus ($149.1m)

The University has now received coordinated design documentation for all levels up to level 10. Campus Life and the Health Group users have formally reviewed the design documents and provided comments to the designers and the builder for correction. The corrections in the documents are minor in nature and this review is a final design check.

The installation of the Level 11 structural steel and roof sheeting is now complete. The air-conditioning chillers, air handling plant and hot water boilers are fixed in position on the roof of the building. Three of the buildings 6 lifts have been installed and made operational. Installation on the remaining three lifts has commenced. The tower cranes are due to be dismantled at the end of November 2012.
The furniture procurement and planning for the relocation is ongoing. Planning for the building commissioning phase has also commenced. The University is anticipating a completion and handover in June 2013.

**Expansion to Library (G11) + GUMURRii Centre, Gold Coast campus ($20.54m)**

The level 4 and plant deck floor slabs are now poured completing all concrete structure. The 'Shard' floor slab and structural concrete walls are in place and provide a glimpse of what will be a striking element of the new building. On the lower levels mechanical, electrical, communications and plumbing services have commenced installation, and partition framing has been erected for the level 3 teaching spaces.

The refurbished level 3 west wing of the existing Library (G10) is now complete and was opened to student use in early September. INS have placed tables, chairs and bean backs for quiet study and started installing shelving for the collection.
The University anticipates handover and occupation of the new building in April 2013.

New Business Building (G42) Gold Coast campus ($35m)

On 9 October 2012 Gold Coast mayor, Tom Tate turned the first sod, ceremonially commencing construction of the building.

Existing underground high voltage cables which crossed the site have now been relocated west clear of the new building. The Total Project Sum (TPS) has been agreed between the University and Abigroup. It is anticipated that construction will commence in December 2012.

DARLING DOWNS PROJECTS

Darling Downs – South Burnett Clinical Education Network ($6.66m)

The Stanthorpe facilities have reached Practical Completion and Warwick and Kingaroy are close to handover. All sites have been inspected by Project Services on behalf of Queensland Health under the terms of the site lease, and they have not raised any issues regarding the design or quality of the buildings.

Campus Life has developed all the necessary protocols and procedures for the buildings to be occupied and to operate for their designated functions.

Darling Downs Clinical Training Centre, Toowoomba ($3.46m)

Final fit-out of the Administration Building to be occupied by QRME is 95% complete with the occupants planning to relocate into the building in mid-November.

OTHER CAMPUS PROJECTS

Extend East Car Park, Nathan campus ($1.3m)

Tenders have now closed for the second stage of this project which will have an anticipated duration of 5 months from commencement works on site. This work can be undertaken with minimal interference to existing car parks.
Refurbishment of Level -1 for Gumurrii (N06), Nathan campus ($475k)

The internal fit out is now complete, and a contract has been let for the installation of a canopy to the external balcony. Installation will commence on site around the end of October and will be completed during the vacation period.

Expansion of Existing Chiller Plant & Substation (G21), Gold Coast campus ($1.5M)

This project is a sub-project of the new Griffith Business School. Following a detailed evaluation of the tenders and the equipment being offered, a contract has been awarded to Cockram Constructions. A program of works is being finalised with Cockram to establish the most suitable time to commence work with minimal disruption to the campus.

MINOR PROJECTS

Nathan campus

Modifications and Upgrade of Laboratory Space for ARI in Environment 2 (N13), ($425k)

The scope of the project is now being finalised with SEET which will enable documentation to commence for tender and construction purposes.

Refurbishment of Part of Level 2 West (N54), Nathan campus ($80K)

The project is complete with the exception of small furniture items still outstanding.
ABC Collaborates with Griffith for Australian First

In a first for Australian universities, Griffith will now be able to broadcast live radio following the development of a communication channel linking QCGU and the ABC headquarters at South Bank.

The collaborative effort between Griffith’s Information Services division, Campus Life, QCGU and the ABC will result in the University being the first non-ABC location in the country to have access to these facilities.

The possible creative and educational synergies between Griffith and the ABC were identified shortly after the 2009 announcement that their new Queensland base was going to be at the northwestern end of the QCGU building.

Representatives from Griffith and the ABC continued to meet during the building’s construction to finalise the installation of the fibre optic cable that delivers a communication outlet for the QCGU to the world.

This installation was finalised and approved in October, and the first broadcast took place from the QCGU Theatre via ABC Classic FM on Friday, 2 November.

Extended Library Hours

The trial of extended opening hours at Nathan and Gold Coast libraries during semester began in May 2012. The extended hours range from 7-8am Monday – Friday, 10pm-1am Monday – Thursday and 6pm-10pm Friday, equating to an extra 21 hours open for each library.

Griffith student rovers are employed to staff the library during the extended opening periods. The library’s student rover program provides employment for between 17 and 21 students, assisting them to balance their work and study demands in a flexible manner. The student rovers provide an excellent service to the library. The rovers are
supported in their roles by Library Team Leaders, who are on call in case the student rovers need any assistance, and by campus security staff in any emergency.

Whilst the student uptake of the additional opening hours varies across the semester, it is common to see over 150 students in the libraries at 10:00pm, and one evening there were over 300 students. Student numbers decline throughout the evening, however one evening had 61 students still in the libraries at 1:00am. The averages number of students across the days and the weeks of the semester are provided in the table below.

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Report on International Delegations

Delegations

The International Relations Unit coordinated 16 international delegation visits to Griffith University from 7 September 2012 to 6 November 2012. The highlights are as follows:

Germany
Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology & Inland Fisheries, IGB, Berlin
Dr Klement Tockner, Director, The Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology & Inland Fisheries, IGB in Berlin visited the Nathan campus on 11 October 2012, as part of his overall visit to Australia for the 15th River Symposium held in Melbourne on 11-12 October 2012. Dr Tockner joined Professor Ian O'Connor, Vice Chancellor and President in signing an MOU for collaboration between our two institutions. Professor Stuart Bunn, Director, Australian Rivers Institute (ARI) initiated this MOU for research collaboration with IGB as an initial step to establish the relationship and to facilitate the close cooperative association between the two parties to effectively carry out joint research projects in freshwater science. The ceremony included several other ARI academics and concluded with a tour of the ARI facilities.

Indonesia
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Indonesia
Dr Pribadi Sutiono, Director, Diplomatic Training Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia and alumnus of Griffith, visited the Nathan campus from 17-18 October 2012. Professor Ian O'Connor, Vice Chancellor and President welcomed Dr Pribadi together with other Griffith staff, Professor Andrew O'Neil, Director, Griffith Asia Institute (GAI); Professor Colin Brown, Adjunct Professor; GAI; Associate Professor Martin Griffiths, Head, School of Government and International Relations; Professor Haig Patapan, School of Government and International Relations; Dr Sara Davies, Senior Research staff, GAI and Ms Greta Nabbs-Keller, PhD Researcher, GAI. In addition to signing a landmark MOU between Griffith University and the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Pribadi Sutiono's visit resulted in talks with academics at Griffith Asia Institute and the School of Government and International Relations about the delivery of short courses for senior and mid-level diplomat training programs within the Centre for Education and Training in Jakarta. This followed a successful visit by Professor Andrew O'Neil and Ms Greta Nabbs-Keller to the Centre earlier in October for meetings and Professor O'Neil's delivery of a presentation to mid-level Indonesian diplomats.

Indonesia
Bitung City Government
On 23 October 2012, a delegation of four officials from Bitung City Government, Indonesia, led by the city Vice Mayor, Mr Maximilian Jonas Lomban, visited the Nathan campus. The delegation met with Professor Ian O'Connor, Vice Chancellor and President, to sign a MOU incorporating Tourism, including sustainable tourism, joint research in tourism, and research projects in Tourism. In addition to the MOU signing, the delegation met with Griffith representatives from Griffith's Department of Tourism, Leisure, Hotel, and Sport Management, Department of International Business and Asian Studies (IBAS), Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, School of Human Services and Social Work and School of Environment to discuss potential areas of synergy. Professor Patrick O'Leary, Head of School, School of Human Services and Social Work is planning further visits in Indonesia in 2013 and will visit Bitung City Government to follow up on this meeting. Dr Peter Woods, Senior Lecturer (IBAS) and Dr Lanita Winata, Lecturer, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, will spend three months in Indonesia in 2013 and also plan to visit Bitung City Government as a follow up on recent discussions.
Taiwan
Taiwan Alliance For Healthy Cities (AFHC)
A group of 47 Taiwanese delegates and local Taiwanese community members attended a function hosted by Professor Cordia Chu, Director, International Centre for Development, Environment & Population Health as part of the Healthy Cities Conference being held in Brisbane from 22-31 October 2012. Professor Ian O'Connor, Vice Chancellor and President welcomed the delegation at the Multi-Faith Centre, Nathan campus which included: The Mayor of Hsin Chu City, Mr. Hsu; Ming Tasi, current Chairman of Taiwan AFHC; Dr. Kuo, Hsien Wen, Secretary-General of Taiwan AFHC; and Dr. Hu Shu-Chen, Vice Chairperson of the Alliance. Amongst the group were leaders of their cities, communities and related NGOs.

Brazil
Minas Gerais Government, Belo Horizonte
On 24 October 2012, a delegation of 12 members representing Minas Gerais State Secretariat for Sports and Youth (SEEJ), Belo Horizonte Metropolitan Area Development Agency (ARMBH), State Environment Foundation of Minas Gerais (FEAM) and Minas Gerais Water Management Institute (IGAM) all from Minas Gerais Government, attended the 10 Day International Healthy Cities Forum commencing on 22 October 2012. As part of their visit to Brisbane, Professor Ian O’Connor, Vice Chancellor and President signed an MOU with Minas Gerais Government to further strengthen the ties with Queensland and in particular Griffith University to collaborate in the areas of sports, sustainability and urban planning with a focus on development of Healthy Cities relating to planning use and occupation of land, urban mobility, solid waste management and development of information systems to support the regulation of the use and occupation of the land, as well as many other relevant initiatives and projects.

Indonesia
The City Government of Palembang, South Sumatera Province, Republic of Indonesia
Mrs Gema Asiani Head, Palembang Health Office and Mrs Herty Mochtar, Head of Social Agency of Palembang attended an MOU signing between Griffith University, Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Development for Indonesia (CESDI) and City Government of Palembang, Indonesia at South Bank, Parklands on 24 October 2012. Professor Ian O’Connor, Vice Chancellor and President welcomed the delegation as part of their visit to Brisbane for the International Healthy Cities Conference. This MOU was established to extend Griffith’s partnership links in Indonesia as developed by Dr Peter Davey from (CESDI) in developing capacity for Indonesia's public health and environmental sustainable development to address future issues across Indonesia.

Vietnam
HCMC Academy of Politics & Public Administration
A delegation of 7 led by the Vice President of the Ho Chi Minh City Academy of Politics & Public Administration Region 1, Dr. Nguyen Vinh Thanh, visited the Nathan campus on 1 November 2012. The delegation met with Griffith academics to discuss leadership programs, public administration programs, research proposals, and other areas of interests such as public administration in a globalised world and public sector reform. The Academy which provides training for government leaders at all levels of government in Vietnam, including undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and professional short course training, particularly in leadership, signed an MOU with Griffith during their visit.
Other partner and non-partner institutions that visited during this period included:
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand (12/09/12)
- Trade & Investment Queensland, Brazil (13/09/12)
- Consulate of Oman, Melbourne (14/09/12)
- Australia-Indonesia Knowledge Exchange Program, Indonesia (19/09/12)
- Changzhou Centre for Disease Control, China (25/09/12)
- Guangdong University of Finance (GDUF), China (15/10/12)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia (18/10/12)
- Hiroshima University (HU), Japan (19/10/12)
Media and Communications Report for December Council meeting

Overview:

Griffith enjoyed unprecedented media coverage for the period, with more than 6700 media mentions in the third quarter of 2012. This is a record level of coverage with the previous high being less than 6000. Coupled with our own channels and social media, the Griffith promotional footprint grew significantly.

The quarter was punctuated with authoritative coverage related to major news events:

- Release of the *Australia in the Asia Century* White Paper
- Debate of international university rankings
- The ‘turning of the sod’ of the new Griffith Business building on the Coast
- QTAC/UAC application period
- $10m in ARC funding to Griffith projects

The Communications team has also promoted the University externally through its networks at the Queensland Media Club luncheons, a Gold Coast City Council ‘City Branding’ summit, Harmony Week planning, attendance as sponsors at the awards nights for the Suns AFL and Titans NRL teams.

The new website is proving very successful with a great diversity of University content, developments and academic thought represented through the News section, the *Red Couch Blog*, the *Inside Griffith* campus news section and the Video News Channel on Youtube.

Media profile snapshot:

![Percentage of total coverage (Volume)](image)

Source: Media Monitors

Social media snapshot:

- Facebook main account: 21,000 Likes (up from 20,000 last report)
- Twitter main account: 4360 Followers (up from 4000)
- Twitter media account: 352 Followers (up from 300)
Media Highlights by strategy area:

Influence was demonstrated:

- Professor AJ Brown’s research of Australians’ views about the federal system of government featured in remarkable coverage on November 17 including the front page lead story of The Weekend Australian, further coverage on Page 2 and an entire page of the Inquirer section (Attachment 9a). Arguably the most significant single story coverage Griffith University has received in national media in years, Professor Brown also featured in Channel 9 news broadcasts in Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, Darwin and Perth; NBN broadcasts in Lismore, Tamworth, Newcastle, Coffs Harbour and Gosford; Radio 2GB in Sydney and Radio Adelaide.


- Australian Research Council funding grants drew significant coverage and a visit from the Federal Minister senator Chris Evans who was Acting Prime Minister the day he came to the Gold Coast campus http://poc-app.griffith.edu.au/news/2012/11/06/griffith-research-a-leading-light-acting-pm/


- Griffith’s School of Human Services and Social Work coverage for its Mental Health and Community Pharmacy Project, led by Professor Amanda Wheeler, included Southern Star, 2MCE Radio Orange, Pharmacy News online, Radio National Life Matters (and online), ABC online and Australian Hospitals and Healthcare Association online

- Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin profiles the Gold Coast’s top 100 most powerful people on the coast and lists Professor Ian O’Connor at 11, with Professor Ned Pankhurst at 55 (Attachment 9e).
Research success:

- Glycomics Week (Oct 1—5) included coverage of researchers at the Institute for Glycomics on Channel 9 TV and in the Gold Coast Bulletin, including a double-page spread featuring Professor Mark von Itzstein (Attachment 9f). Communications team also produced a series of videos about Glycomics http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8izZnpD96ew&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=12&feature=plcp
- ABC Radio National and ABC online interviewed Professor Stuart Bunn (Australian Rivers Institute) on his upcoming trip to China to assist in improving their river management. http://www.abc.net.au/rural/telegraph/content/2012/s3611683.htm
- Sky News http://news.sky.com/story/997134/grim-climate-change-prediction-for-oz-skiers reported on Associate Professor Catherine Pickering’s (Environment) snow research. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5Vt9HNk25Q&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=10&feature=plcp
- Gold Coast Bulletin (p 16) and Gold FM radio, (Gold Coast) on Griffith securing a record funding amount of more than $7 million for discovery projects from the Australian Research Council for a range of projects, including creating a quantum computer. Chris Evans, Federal Minister for Science and Research says Griffith’s research is world class http://poc-app.griffith.edu.au/news/2012/11/06/griffith-research-a-leading-light-acting-pm/ and on video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFOWDWiwXEI&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=2&feature=plcp
- The Australian (Higher Education) online and print ran an article on PhD student Vu Nguyen (ICT) and his signature verification research. http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/phd-student-invents-signature-verification-program/story-e6frgcjx-1226503717550
- Professor Brendan Bartlett was interviewed on ABC 612 about the ARC research study with charity BoysTown which has helped young people find employment and reconnect with society (syndicated to 10 stations)
- Dr Troy Allard was quoted on the front page of The Courier Mail (Attachment 9g) and The Townsville Bulletin on his research into the cost of juvenile offenders to the community. He was also quoted in 23 other media outlets – print and radio, metro and regional

Community Engagement:

- The Restrung Festival curated by Dr Danielle Bentley (QCGU) was featured in Brisbane News (Up Close), The Courier-Mail (Arts & Entertainment), mX Brisbane, City South News (ABW Cover), Northern Chronicle, City News, Southern Star, Sunday Mail (U on Sunday), Time Off, South East Advertiser, Westside News, South West News, Arts Hub online and Time Out online. ABC 612 Brisbane, ABC Gold & Tweed Coasts and ABC Sunshine &
Cooloola Coasts interviewed Danielle along with Diana Tolmie and Ben Greaves (QCGU) of Collusion about their performance at the festival.

- Paradise Regatta on the Gold Coast attracted media coverage from Channel 9, NBN Television and the Gold Coast Bulletin (Attachment 9h), leading up to and after the event. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1862d1sAsE&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=13&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1862d1sAsE&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=13&feature=plcp)

- Titans Scholarships were awarded in September to three first year students. They were presented to the crowd at Skilled Park at the Titans final home game [http://poc-app.griffith.edu.au/news/2012/10/11/trio-awarded-titans-scholarships/](http://poc-app.griffith.edu.au/news/2012/10/11/trio-awarded-titans-scholarships/)

- Griffith Business School new building attracted saturation coverage on the Gold Coast with the Gold Coast Bulletin (Attachment 9i), ABC Radio and TV, SeaFM and GoldFM and Hot Tomato covering the ‘turning of the sod’ and unveiling of plans. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83IlppSITzY&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=7&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83IlppSITzY&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=7&feature=plcp)


### Student recruitment

- Engineering graduate Sarah Marsanich was featured as a ‘trail blazer’ in Brisbane News special edition on role model women (Attachment 9j)
- MBA student Stephanie Oates featured in Quest newspapers in Brisbane as a feature on the success of mature age students at Griffith
- One-Minute Journalism Competition held with the Griffith Journalism Department resulted in coverage on Channel 9 and in the Gold Coast Bulletin and the winner (a Queensland Academies student) received an internship at Nine organised through the Communications team
- A visit to Griffith by school students from Doomadgee received good coverage in The Courier-Mail as well as an excellent news video produced by Communications [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvbjopo0gKM&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=3&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvbjopo0gKM&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=3&feature=plcp)
International

- Tourism Confucius Institute opened on November 16 with coverage in local and national media
- Griffith Business School held a forum, organised with Communications, to commentate on the US presidential election as results unfolded. This was held in Nathan Campus Heart and a video created and publicly posted: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7H9t49nljXs&list=PL06BB77D61F4886F8&index=1&feature=plcp
- Professor John Kane and Research Fellow Wesley Widmaier extensively quoted on the US presidential election
- Eskitis researcher Rohitesh Kumar and his work featured in the Fiji Times http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=217112
- AJ Brown and his whistleblowing survey is mentioned in The Guardian featuring an article on whistleblowing in the UK http://www.guardian.co.uk/media-network/media-network-blog/2012/oct/19/whistleblowing-survey?newfeed=true
- The Economist and others mentioned Jason Sharman’s research on shell companies and money laundering worldwide http://www.economist.com/node/21563286
- Fairfax New Zealand featured Devon Halligan, a Griffith engineering student, who is also a surf lifesaving contestant http://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/other-sports/7914775/Devon-Halligan-togs-up-to-dish-out-towelling
- Bahamas Tribune (http://tribune242.com/news/2012/sep/24/bahamas-world-top-eight-100-kyc-compliance/) runs story on Know Your Customer research involving Professor Jason Sharman, Director of Centre for Governance and Public Policy.

Other media highlights by Academic Group:

Business

- Wall Street Journal (online, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390443847404577628722372680112.html) story on dangers of China coal industry includes comment by Professor Yi-chong Xu, Centre for Governance and Public Policy.
- Ad News (p25) profile of industry high achiever Chris Howatson mentions he studied a double degree at Griffith, which included B Business.
- Gold Coast Sun (p9) runs article on TQual research for tourism research involving Dr Sarah Gardiner, Griffith Business School.
- Business Spectator (p1) runs article by Associate Professor Fabrizio Carmignani on Spain’s role in Eurozone crisis.
- The Saturday Age (p15) and Sydney Morning Herald (p32) highlights Griffith’s grad cert in public sector management.
- 612 ABC Brisbane (Breakfast with Phil Smith) interviews Dr Zim Nwokora, School of Government and International Relations, on US elections.
Australian Financial Review (p47 and online) publishes an article by John Kane, Rod Rhodes and Anne Tiernan, School of Government and International Relations, on concerns about Australian politics. (http://afr.com/p/the_political_limbo_of_stooping_Rh1PYkDQXJygNfLOAtOL9N)

ABC Capricornia, Rockhampton (news), ABC Southern Queensland (Qld Country Hour), ABC North Queensland, Townsville (news), ABC Western Queensland, Longreach (news), ABC Tropical North, Mackay (news); ABC Capricornia, Rockhampton (news); 612 ABC Brisbane, Brisbane (news); ABC Online (www.abc.net.au/rural/news/content/201210/s3621824.htm) story on Galilee Basin coal project includes comment by Associate Professor Bradley Bowden.

Adelaide Advertiser (p25), Daily Telegraph (p36), Courier Mail (p25), Herald Sun (p3), Adelaide Advertiser (p6), Hobart Mercury (p4), Townsville Bulletin (p33) story on growth in franchising plans includes comments by Professor Lorelle Frazer, Director of Asia-Pacific Centre for Franchising Excellence.

612 ABC Brisbane (Drive with Tim Cox) interviews Professor Alex Bellamy on Australia gaining seat on UN Security Council.

Science, Environment, Engineering, Technology (SEET)

Channel Ten’s science program Scope profiled PhD student Gervase Tucksworth and his research at Eskitis; 3D Microscopy capturing extremely detailed images of cells.

Cosmos (online) profiled Scientific Visualisation Researcher Changming He.

Australian Science (p47) ran an opinion piece written by Professor Emeritus Ian Lowe (BPS) on landcare.

Australian Aviation (p14) runs an article on the Guild of Air Pilots & Navigators (GAPAN) and Griffith offering an Aviation Management Scholarship.

612 ABC Brisbane interviewed Associate Professor Michael Blumenstein over the jailing of Italian scientists for failing to predict a deadly earthquake and the implications of this for scientists world-wide.

New Scientist (online) and Slate online published an opinion piece written by Professor Ralf Buckley (International Centre for Ecotourism) regarding conservation and tourism. http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21628860.200-endangered-animals-caught-in-the-tourist-trap.html Also reported in http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/new_scientist/2012/10/india_s_tiger_to urism_ban_endangered_species_rely_on_tourism_dollars.html

Ten News (Queensland) interviewed Dr Matthew Burke (Urban Research Centre) over future viability of the Airportlink Tunnel after tolls are introduced.

The Courier-Mail (p12) ran an article on the effects of climate change and urban growth on frogs; quotes from Associate Professor Jean-Marc Hero (Environment).

ABC 612, ABC Sunshine & Cooloola Coasts, ABC Gold & Tweed Coasts, ABC Wide Bay, ABC North Queensland, ABC Far North, ABC Capricornia and ABC Tropical North interviewed Professor Rodger Tomlinson (Coastal Management) regarding developing a new method of predicting the size of storm surges caused by severe weather events like hurricane Sandy.
Arts, Education, Law

- The Fat Stories photo exhibition being held at the Powerhouse to challenge stereotypes of obesity - run by Isaac Brown (QCA) and Dr Lauren Gurrieri – was covered by *The Courier-Mail* (Arts & Entertainment), *Southern Star* (AWB Cover), and Concrete Playground online.
- Two QCGU Musical Theatre students were photographed rehearsing for ‘Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens’ which then appeared in *mX Brisbane*. *Wynnum Herald*, *Southern Star* and *City News* also listed details on the performance.
- The latest work from the QCA creative advertising photography students for the 2012 Sanpellegrino Café Society Competition was featured in an online gallery by the Brisbane Times. *mX Brisbane* also printed the winning photo by student Gerwyn Davies.
- ABC 612 Brisbane, ABC Gold & Tweed Coasts and ABC Sunshine & Cooloola Coasts interviewed jazz singer Luara-Karlson Carp and her teacher Irene Bartlett (both QCGU) about her selection in the national Jazz Awards. Both performed live.
- Dr Stephen Smallbone was interviewed on Radio National about former ABC presenter Andy Muirhead’s conviction of Internet Child Pornography offences. He was also quoted in *The Age* and authored an article on ABC’s *The Drum*. [http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/4300204.html](http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/4300204.html)
- Professor Paul Mazerolle was mentioned in an interview on ABC 612 about the current investigation into the Crime and Misconduct Commission. He was also interviewed on Channel 10 about the Australian Homicide Study and interviewed on ABC Gold and Tweed Coasts about crime on the Gold Coast ahead of the Friends of the Library Forum last week. The forum was also reported on Gold FM and SEA FM.
- Professor Ross Homel was interviewed on Radio National’s *Life Matters* program about the efficacy of CCTVs in deterring crime.
- *The Age* and *The Canberra Times* quoted Dr Saskia Hufnagel about whether FBI officer Bill Spencer has breached Australia’s sovereignty laws.
- *The Canberra Times* publishes an article by Professor Ramesh Thakur (Institute for Ethics, Governance & Law) about the ethics of US drone strikes in Pakistan.
- Dr Susan Forde was interviewed on 3CR about mainstream media not portraying the diversity of the Australian population and discussed alternative media.
- 4BC interviewed Professor Stephen Stockwell about the Alan Jones furore and how social media activity is ensuring the story remains on the agenda.

Health

- *Gold Coast Bulletin* (p2 and online) (Attachment 9k) and Kenya Star online reports cure for cervical cancer is being developed at Griffith, with researchers less than three years from testing it on women. Associate Professor Nigel McMillan (School of Medical Science) is interviewed.
- 6PR, Perth and *Community Advocate and Southern Star* says Griffith research has found two lines of information from a GP could be more effective for a patient than five visits to a dietitian. The study was by PhD candidate Lauren Ball (School of Public Health).
Bayside Star says a national Medicare-funded screening program for genetic high cholesterol is urgently required to fight against heart disease. Professor Ian Hamilton-Craig, Professor (Griffith Health Institute) is interviewed.

Gold Coast Sun, Cairns Sun, South East Advertiser reports overweight teenage girls are at risk of developing health problems during pregnancy Professor Andrew Hills (Griffith Health Institute) says.

Sydney Morning Herald mentions a study by Griffith which aimed to examine whether couples who received extra relationship support before and after the birth of their first child were more satisfied than those who only received standard newborn-care training.

ABC Gold and Tweed Coasts says 35 people who've donated their bodies to science will be remembered on the Gold Coast tonight. Professor Mark Forwood (School of Medical Science) is interviewed

Australian Women’s Health says hospital-acquired infections are an even bigger battle facing our healthcare system, says Associate Professor Ramon Shaban (School of Nursing and Midwifery).

The Conversation online publishes opinion piece on ‘The hardest choice: families who give up disabled children’, by Dr Donna McDonald (School of Human Services and Social Work).

News Medical Net online, Nursing Review online and Southern Star interviews Professor Joan Webster (Griffith Health Institute and Griffith School of Nursing and Midwifery) about her study into the required rate of replacement of IV drips in hospital wards.

ABC Alice Springs, ABC Capricornia, 936 ABC Hobart, 612 ABC Brisbane, 774 ABC Melbourne, 891 ABC Adelaide, Southern Star, Yahoo News online and Oncology Update online report a research team has called for low-level laser therapy to be used to protect the mouths of patients receiving chemo and radiotherapy, quoting Professor Raj Nair (School of Dentistry and Oral Health).

ABC Gold and Tweed Coasts speaks with Professor Allan Cripps, (PVC Health) who says wet weather has delayed construction of the Gold Coast University Hospital.
‘FEDERATION IS FAILING’

Faith in political leaders collapses

EXCLUSIVE
IMRE SALUSINSZKY

A TURBULENT period in national affairs has left Australians disillusioned with their federal system and increasingly cynical about the national tier of government.

Fully two-thirds of Australians do not believe federal and state governments are working well together, while confidence in the federal government as the most effective of the three levels at doing its job has plummeted from 50 per cent in 2008 to 29 per cent today.

Over the same period, the proportion of Australians who believe the federal system is not working has risen from 30.3 per cent to 38 per cent.

These are among the key findings of the third biennial constitutional values survey, conducted by Newspoll last month for Griffith University’s federalism project, and reported exclusively in The Weekend Australian.

Briefed on the survey yesterday, former NSW premier Nick Greiner said it showed the public was “running ahead of politicians on all of this”.

Mr Greiner — whose report on federal-state financial relations, co-authored with former Victorian premier Steve Bracks, has been submitted to Wayne Swan — said voters were “saying what the political class is in denial about, which is that the federation is dysfunctional and due for a 100-year refresher”.

The crisis of confidence in federalism and increasing negativity towards the upper tier of government corresponds with Labor’s period in office and has accelerated during the period of minority government since 2010.

It suggests the high ideals of Kevin Rudd to herald a new age of “co-operative federalism” when he took office in 2007 — and faced coast-to-coast Labor governments — have crashed and burned.

As Julia Gillard has faced in-
creasingly hostile state governments in Western Australia, Queensland, Victoria and NSW, she has not followed up Mr Rudd’s declared wish to make the Council of Australian Governments the “engine room” of reform.

As for the loss of support for Canberra, the deal-making and rancour from all sides of politics that have featured in parliament since Labor lost its majority in 2010 are cited by experts as likely to have played a major role, along with the mode of Mr Rudd’s axing by his colleagues.

Griffith University’s AJ Brown, lead researcher on the survey, said the declining faith in governments suggested Australia was headed for a “crisis of confidence” unless greater political priority was again given to issues of federal co-operation and longer-term reform.

“There are signs that citizens are declaring a ‘plague on all your houses’ when it comes to confidence in the future of governance that with reduced faith in the

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Federal class in denial as faith in federal system wanes

The three surveys taken so far show that, while 81.6 per cent of Australians were satisfied in the performance of the federal government in 2008, by this year only 55.6 were prepared to say it enjoyed their trust and confidence.

Australians are now far less satisfied with their federal system than either Americans or Canadians, despite the fact there are 50 states to co-ordinate in the US, while Canada must deal with bilingualism and the special status of its largest province Quebec.

The drop in support for Canberra as the most effective level of government to a mere 29 per cent of respondents means it has been overtaken by local government, which 30.1 per cent see as the most effective.

The states continue to languish in third place, with 23.6 per cent of support, despite the fall of a succession of unpopular long-term Labor administrations since the 2010 survey.

Nevertheless, there remains about a third of Australians who would abolish the states, and four in 10 who would create regional governments in place of one of the existing tiers.

Perhaps most disturbing of all, Australians’ faith in democracy itself is wobbling: those who believe democracy works poorly have risen from 16.4 per cent to 23.8 per
cent since 2008, while those who think it works well have dropped from 80.8 per cent to 73.1 per cent.

One area where Australians seem reasonably content with the federation is fiscal redistribution, with 40 per cent believing their state received a “fair amount of money” from the system, a much higher level of support than in other federal nations including the US (26 per cent), Canada (24 per cent) and Germany (25 per cent).

University of NSW law professor and federal reform expert Andrew Lynch said the increasingly dim view of intergovernment co-operation reflected the see-sawing approach by federal Labor towards the states.

“That is directly traceable to the distancing from the Rudd agenda under Gillard,” Professor Lynch said.

“Under Rudd, COAG was supposed to be the workhorse of the nation, and there was a lot of unity, largely because the state governments were all Labor as well. He was closely identified with saying federalism needed to be fixed.

“The change of power in various states has meant that Victoria and NSW, especially, weren’t going to buy into the co-operative federalism ideology that defined the Rudd era.

“Gillard has met with COAG far less frequently and she doesn’t see it as the vehicle through which commonwealth policies are best prosecuted.”

Constitutional law expert George Williams, also from UNSW, said it was no coincidence plummeting faith in the federal level of government had occurred during the rancorous period of the hung parliament.

“Both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have had historically low satisfaction ratings,” Professor Williams said.

“If people are not satisfied with their leaders they’ll attribute that level of dissatisfaction to that tier of government.”

Mr Greiner said there was overwhelming evidence to support the public’s view of federal-state collaboration.

“The COAG process is bogged down in motherhood and in far too many projects,” he said.

“The best evidence is both the Gonski education reforms and the national disability insurance scheme. Everyone agrees between the different levels on the principle, and then literally within minutes of the agreement it breaks down into a puerile argument about who’s going to pay.”

The Prime Minister declined to comment on the survey.
Evolution plan for a workhorse

The reform of Australia’s federal system requires much more effort and considerably greater clarity of purpose

AJ BROWN

FIVE years ago a new prime minister, Kevin Rudd, promised to whip Australia’s federal system into becoming the workhorse of the nation.

Seizing the historic advantage of wall-to-wall Labor governments, he set about an ambitious agenda of using the Council of Australian Governments—the national premiers’ conference—to drive regulatory, social and economic policy reforms.

Indeed, it was state governments, led by Victoria, that designed the national reform agenda John Howard’s government had already accepted. But it was the Rudd government that turned it into an engine room of frenetic activity.

But five years later Rudd is gone and Australia’s four largest states have Coalition governments. The familiar rhetoric of the states versus Canberra has begun to return.

Witness the slowing of occupational health and safety reforms and stalling on streamlining of the nation’s anti-discrimination systems. And a new era of posturing over who’s going to pay for initiatives such as the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Gonski education reforms. Small surprise that Julia Gillard has been calling COAG meetings far less frequently.

The outgoing chairman of the COAG Reform Council, Paul McClintock, noted recently that after being whipped into higher performance our federal system is once again at risk of becoming “just a convenient whipping boy whenever governments fail to agree”.

During McClintock’s stewardship of COAG much has been achieved. And if some of the lessons are followed through and institutionalised, some of the steps towards a better functioning system may even be permanent.

But the risks of political and bureaucratic backsliding have always been there.

Griffith University’s latest Constitutional Values Survey shows Australians have been forming their own opinions of what’s happening. In the eyes of the public, if the historic reform moment was seized at all, it was not seized enough, and the grip has been slipping—certainly if Australian federalism is to be rebuilt into something fit for the 21st century.

In 2008, the values survey recorded 92 per cent of Australians as supporting collaboration between the levels of government, but only 42 per cent as believing our system of government was delivering it.

In 2010 that figure was already heading down, in line with political events. As McClintock said then, soon after Rudd’s demise and the start of the swing back of state governments, although those 12 months had not killed cooperative federalism, it plainly needed “real attention.”

Sustaining the “bold experiment” of an outcomes-focused, collaborative approach required not just “bold reassessment of the priorities for data collection”, he said. It needed “bold reassessment of how the commonwealth and the states and territories conduct their day-to-day affairs, and how they develop complex policy across jurisdictions”.

Another two years on, notwithstanding the achievements, Australians are not persuaded it’s happening. This year, confidence...
in intergovernmental collaboration is a full eight points down on 2008, at only 34 per cent.

This result matches an 8 per cent rise in the proportion of adults who think the whole three-levelled system is not working well. And with 66 per cent of Australians disputing that “federal and state governments are working well together”, our concern over the performance of co-operative federalism is significantly higher than in the US (55 per cent) or Canada (58 per cent), when these countries were last measured in 2010.

Is this concern justified, especially when some real progress was made? Progress there may have been, but for the reasons evident now, only a brave policymaker would dismiss these figures.

On the one hand, our relationship with our federal system has long been love-hate — as political scientist Brian Galligan summed it up — even if, fundamentally, most of us are federalists. But, like many nations, we suffer from a “devolution paradox”. We like the idea of strong and independent regional governments to serve our community needs but also want seamless national laws and strong national leadership.

In Australia, this paradox is compounded by two big issues. Everyone knows it is the federal government that collects the lion’s share of taxes and redistributes the money, mostly to the states, a little to local government, and quite a bit directly to the community, although the High Court has pointed out that its constitutional power to do this may be unclear.

And many Australians remain convinced that even if the resources are available, in most cases the states are simply not the right vehicle to call national shots, or deliver many of the services the community needs.

In the short term, 75 per cent of people continue to look to the federal government to drive the necessary changes.

Less than 40 per cent think the federal government “interferes too much in state decision-making” — much lower than the 52 per cent of Germans, 54 per cent of Canadians and 62 per cent of US citizens who think this way.

But since 2008 our faith in the federal government to drive that change has collapsed — spectacularly. The number of citizens rating the federal level of government as “the most effective at its particular job” has fallen from 50 to just 29 per cent.

Local government now rates as the most effective level, up from a 20 per cent rating in 2008 to 30 per cent this year. And remember, most people do not rate local government as very effective, especially outside Queensland and South Australia.

Meanwhile, state governments continue to come in as third best out of a fairly bad lot.

Over six years, the state level achieved only a 5 per cent rise in the number of people rating it as the most effective (up from 18 to 23).

Significantly, declining faith in the states seems at best to have stemmed, not stopped, by the recent conversion from Labor-governed states to Coalition-governed states.

For example, in NSW, the number of citizens who believe the federal government isn’t working has continued to rise, and is 10 per cent greater than six years ago. Only 14 per cent of Queenslanders rate state government as the most effective level, even after the Liberal National Party’s massive victory earlier this year.

Overall, 30 per cent of Australians still think we should abolish the state level altogether — including 33 per cent in NSW and 37 per cent of Queenslanders.

Two-thirds of all citizens continue to describe their preferred system, in 20 years’ time, as structurally different to the one we have today — down slightly on 2010 but up on 2008, and with more saying they don’t know.

What would we do instead? The big demand remains for a stronger system of regional governance, given the relatively low confidence in current state and local government.

Forty per cent of Australians would recognise a new level of regional governments — whether as a replacement for the state or local levels, or, for a rising proportion (15 per cent), as a fourth tier.

This figure prompts some to see hope for the future.

Mal Peters, chairman of the federal government’s Regional Australia Institute, is one who believes Australia will never maximise national growth while the regions languish. “With 40 per cent of those surveyed supporting regional government, a win for the nation and a win for federalism could be achieved by adopting the will of the people,” he says.
Recently, former senior Treasury economist Richard Murray mapped out a fresh plan for how a federal system based on true regional governments could deliver significant benefits in terms of wellbeing and productivity.

Former NSW premier Nick Greiner told the recent Securing Australia’s Future conference there needs to be a debate “involving all levels of government” about the scope of government and the preparedness of the community to pay for the services it delivers.

But while those ideas continue to point to where many believe we should go, the question remains of ensuring the existing workhorse is working.

The challenge falls to national and state leaders, on all sides of politics, to show more tangible commitment to charting the future of the federal system. If they don’t, then the values survey makes it hard to see how a crisis of confidence in our system is going to be averted.

After all, local government is the only level that a substantial number of Australians (37 per cent) think should be given more power, against only 12 per cent who think it should have less.

We could go further and amend the Constitution to better require and support co-operation between the levels. We could establish a permanent co-operation or federation commission to start tackling the hard issues of reallocating roles and responsibilities. And building a stronger system of regional governance is ripe for the picking; it could be done with basic co-operation and legislative change, without needing to wait for a new Constitution.

We now know that citizens’ interests in seeing our federal system evolve and perform better are not resolved simply by people voting to change either state or federal governments they don’t like. Australians are interested in real commitments towards longer-term reform. Whether they will get them is in the hands of their leaders.

Local government is the only level that a substantial number of Australians (37 per cent) think should be given more power.
Julia Gillard at COAG with, from left, premiers Campbell Newman of Queensland, Barry O'Farrell of NSW and Jay Weatherill of SA
A J Brown is professor of public law and lead researcher for the Australian Constitutional Values Survey, Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University. Last year he was a member of the commonwealth expert panel on constitutional recognition of local government.

For a summary of the Australian Constitutional Values Survey results see www.griffith.edu.au/federalism.

Data source: The Australian Constitutional Values Survey was conducted nationally among 1219 respondents by Newspoll for Griffith University and the University of NSW in September and October.
Asia paper long on vision, short on detail

Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s release of the much anticipated “Australia in the Asian Century” white paper marks a potential turning point in Australia’s engagement with the region.

But while strong on vision and rhetorical commitment, the white paper provides no compelling message about how government will better resource the capabilities that are integral to deeper regional engagement. In particular, our poorly resourced diplomatic service or training programs to deliver dynamic Asian language teachers in primary and secondary education.

Three features in the white paper are worth highlighting:

First, the analysis is highly optimistic and projects a linear path of deeper engagement for Australia in a region that will continue to grow economically.

It contains very little of the pessimism and hedging typical of defence white papers and barely mentions what could go wrong in Asia over the next 13 years: conflict over maritime territory, a severe slowing of China’s economy, increased uncertainty over America’s regional presence barely rate a sentence.

Secondly, there is a consistent emphasis on Australia having control over its destiny in Asia. The analysis captures an assertive, at times even muscular conception of Australia’s capacity to shape its regional environment as an active middle power.

It tends to downplay the reality that the capacity to shape our destiny remains in part contingent on events beyond our control. It is difficult to find anything of substance about how Australia is perceived in Asia and the extent to which other states have agendas that do not always accord with Australia’s liberal institutionalist vision of regional order.

Thirdly, the document is short on detail about extra resources to be devoted to achieving the core objectives. There is no evidence of any new funding commitments to achieve greater Asian literacy among Australian school students, despite the widely acknowledged need for greater investment in languages.

The paper is adept at pointing out depressing facts that many are already familiar with (for example, fewer Australians are learning Indonesian today than in 1972), but remiss in providing any detail on initiatives to remedy a national crisis in training well-qualified Asian language teachers.

In sum, the white paper is disappointingly vague on how capabilities will be improved to address these challenges. The broader question remains whether any government – Labor or Coalition – will devote the resources necessary to overcome the obstacles that threaten to derail Australia’s grand ambitions in Asia.

Andrew O’Neil is director of the Griffith Asia Institute

The Australian Financial Review
Australia improves tertiary ranking

AUSTRALIA'S top universities have shown overall improvement on a world ranking of tertiary institutions, according to a new report out of London.

While the California Institute of Technology again takes out top spot in the 2012 Times Higher Education (THE) rankings, Australia's strongest contender, the University of Melbourne, comes in at 28th.

It's a positive shift of nine places since 2011 for the Victorian school.

But while things are looking up for Melbourne, the news was not so good for the University of Sydney, which dropped from 58th to 62nd place in the past 12 months.

"Despite high-profile problems with international student recruitment, and some reputational challenges, this has been a really strong year for Australia," rankings editor Phil Baty said.

"The improvements are primarily down to better scores for research, in both scholarly papers per staff and citation impact. It is also clear that Australia is investing in its universities."

Bond University does not enter the rankings because of a lack of available resources.

Griffith University missed out on the top 400 this year.

Griffith hoped it could secure another top-400 position after last year's success, especially after appearing in the top 400 of the Academic Ranking of World Universities index last month for the sixth consecutive year.

There are more than 10,000 universities in the world.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Ned Pankhurst said he was pleased to be recognised in the top 4 per cent of universities in the world is validation of and reward for the tremendous work that has gone on at Griffith over the last few years," he said.

Compared to seven listings in the top-200 rankings in 2011, Australia boasts eight in 2012: the University of Melbourne (28), ANU (37), University of Sydney (62), University of Queensland (65), University of NSW (85), Monash University (99), University of Adelaide (176), and the University of Western Australia (190).

Adelaide is a new top-200 member in 2012, while New Zealand is also improving, with its sole inclusion, the University of Auckland, climbing 12 rungs to 161st place.

"No doubt Australia is really starting to benefit from the power shift from the west to the east in higher education," Mr Baty said.

Call to clean up dirty river

Brian Williams
ENVIRONMENT REPORTER

A LEADING scientist has called for governments to spend more money on waterway protection after part of the Brisbane River was found to be in its worst condition since detailed monitoring began a decade ago.

Speaking at the launch of a scientific report card on waterways and Moreton Bay, Professor Jon Olley said a million people would move to the southeast region in the next 25 years.

To support this growth, $120 billion would be spent on infrastructure such as roads, hospitals and schools.

"By reserving as little as 0.5 per cent of infrastructure expenses for rehabilitation and protection of the rivers of the region we can ensure the availability of our natural resources for future generations," he said.

Environment Minister Andrew Powell said this financial year the Government would contribute $4.6 million dollars in cash and in-kind investment to protect southeast waterways.

He said southeast Queensland waterways had environmental, social and economic values worth about $5 billion each year.

Prof Olley said although this year’s Healthy Waterways report card was largely good news, the condition of the river between Wivenhoe Dam and the Mt Crosby Weir was a worry.

"This is of concern as the mid-Brisbane River is the primary conduit for Brisbane water supply and has been declining over the last four years," he said.

Prof Olley said nutrient increases and riverbank slumping in the mid-Brisbane and Lockyer catchments probably contributed to this decline.

"One of the major issues... is the increased amount of sediment or mud entering our waterways," he said.

"Mud increases the turbidity or murkiness of waterways and contains pollutants that have a negative impact on water quality.

"... we must plant vegetation along riverbanks, improve stormwater runoff, protect wetlands and restore floodplains."

In August last year, scientists complained about bulldozing of Lockyer Valley creeks and stream-side vegetation that was undertaken as part of the January floods clean-up.

Griffith University’s Professor Stuart Bunn warned then the work would boost sediment and nutrient levels.

The mid-Brisbane River has been declining over the last four years.
Trends in the ecosystem health of Moreton Bay

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Mayor Tom Tate is the city’s new number one most powerful person. His influence is now wide-ranging and all-encompassing and his strong links to business consolidate that power.

The former number one Clive Palmer has dropped down the list considerably. Since being elected to office six months ago, Cr Tate has acted decisively and swiftly to cut the council bureaucracy and slash the budget.

He’s appointed his own committee chairs, a mix of experience and go-getter first timers who have the pedigree and desire for reform.

Cr Tate swept to power with a mandate for change. He told greens that if they didn’t like his policies they shouldn’t vote for him.

It was a gutsy but overdue move. For too long they have held this city ransom to their loopy and uninformed agendas.

With LNP counterpart Campbell Newman in George Street and the strong likelihood of Tony Abbott being prime minister sometime next year, Cr Tate has a rare tripartite opportunity to put the Gold Coast back on the map.

He has already indicated that his first-term priorities are a cruise ship terminal and arts and cultural precinct. These are vital to the future prosperity of the Gold Coast and must be supported by the wider community.

As a political novice, however, he is learning quickly that he will not always score a century when he strides to the batting crease. It is important that Cr Tate understand that some of his decisions will always be criticised, but he must not take his eye off the bigger picture, which is delivering tangible outcomes for tourism and the development industry.

Cr Tate has also attracted the ire of some key stakeholders for his lack of consultation. This is another area that he and his office are working on.

The Mayor’s unashamed pro-development policies have given business and corporate types a much-needed confidence boost as the city struggles to get traction because of the flat economy.

He has big plans and big ideas and he’s not afraid to step on toes to get them implemented. The city needs a ‘can do’ mayor like Cr Tate in these difficult times.

Cr Tate must hold his nerve over the next three and a half years and make the tough decisions. He has already shown he’s prepared to do that.
Msyor Tate with his council saliva r this year

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Mr Dickson is the CEO of the city’s biggest company, the Gold Coast City Council, and is in charge of 3000 staff. He has formed a tight relationship with Cr Tate and the council newcomers and is working closely to deliver some of the big city plans with both the Mayor, his office and the State Government. The former AFL player has a keen interest in seeing the city move forward and that means advising the council in making some tough decisions which the public may not always agree with. He has taken a more behind the scenes role since the local election in March.

John-Paul Langbroek

The former Opposition leader is the unofficial chieftain of the city’s 10 LNP state MPs. The state Education Minister represents the Gold Coast as a senior cabinet minister and provides Premier Campbell Newman with regular guidance and counsel. His portfolio is one of the biggest and the Surfers Paradise Government. The former AFL player has already moved to stamp his authority on the department. Mr Langbroek has moved to hand extra powers to principals and weed out departmental interference.
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4 john witheriff

We saw a little less of him in the spotlight this year but the go-to man in the city’s business community still had a stellar year and remains a driving force in the development of the city.

The man who heads the Gold Coast office of law firm Minter Ellison was kept busy in his roles as chairman of the Coast’s light rail operator Golding and chairman of the Gold Coast Suns AFL Club. He has been an unofficial advisor to Mayor Tom Tate. He continues to promote the city to a national audience.

5 cameron caldwell

The city planning chief and youngest councillor is ambitious. He bombed out of the state election after it emerged he had dressed as a pirate and attended a swingers’ party but tried his luck at council and has been the best performer of the rookies so far. He has the authority of council to resolve planning appeals and has cut the legal appeals from 115 to 65. He designed, implemented and now leads the Construction Kickstart Taskforce which delivered a developer infrastructure charges relief package. This has been lauded by his colleagues and the development industry. Despite the rocky period with the LNP, the 33-year-old maintains solid relationships at state and federal levels. He is in the frontline forging public relations with the development industry. The Division Three councillor has been touted as a future city leader.
Sohn Abodian
and his son
Sohha

Jann Stuckey

The Currumbin MP was handed the super portfolio of Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games. She plays a pivotal role in the delivery of some of the city’s key infrastructure for the games and other sporting events — and that may include a home for the 2014 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships. She will be instrumental in determining ongoing funding for major events.

Soheil & Sahba Abedian

The chairman and managing director of listed property company Sunland Group have had a rollercoaster ride this year. The company has been dogged by legal battles both here and overseas over their involvement in a Dubai land deal which went sour, and the company posted a full-year net profit after tax of $14.5 million, a drop of 32 per cent from the previous year’s $21.4 million.

However, the sale of their glamorous Palazzo Versace Hotel to Chinese interests will allow the men to focus on its residential and development projects, including Carrington, its upmarket 47-storey tower in Brisbane and the redevelopment of Mariner’s Cove, rumoured to be their biggest project yet. The Abedians have the ear of some of the city’s most powerful people and when they talk, people listen.

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9 Tony Cochrane
He shocked all when he announced he would stand down as Chairman of V8 Supercars. Since resigning, he has been linked to numerous high powered roles including NRL chief executive. The business heavyweight will play a key role in attempting to negotiate a new deal for the under fire Gold Coast 600. The race this year beat last year's attendance, proving it's still popular with the Gold Coast.

10 Ros Bates
The Minister for Arts, Innovation and IT is a senior member of the controversial Santo Santoro faction. Ms Bates' ties have seen her enjoy a sporadic rise through the ranks. The jury is still out over her ministerial ability but she remains powerful because of Santoro affiliation and close links with Treasurer Tim Nicholls. Ms Bates is also a close friend of Mayor Tom Tate.

11 Prof Ian O'Connor
The Griffith University VC has been in charge since 2005, overseeing more than 17,000 students from Australia and overseas at the Gold Coast campus. Prof O'Connor is respected by both political and business leaders and has been an active participant in all major Gold Coast industry and community workshops, including Turning Point and the Bulletin's Rescue Patrol.

12 Donna Gates
After winning her northern Gold Coast division by the biggest margin across the city, Councillor Gates was handed the plum role of deputy mayor - more of a ceremonial role than hands on. She has performed well so far and while working closely with Cr Tate, she is known to be a passionate independent and is unlikely to be easily pushed around.

13 Stuart Robert
The conservative Christian federal MP has firmly as a favourite in the Abbott hard right faction. It's expected the former army man would be handed the same portfolio as part of an Abbott government. After some early slip-ups, Mr Robert has improved his juggling of local politics and federal politics. He is working closely with council on some key projects to be announced at later dates.
53 julie grantham

Unlike her director-general compatriots in NSW, who were handed golden handshakes, Ms Grantham has managed to hold on to her job. The former Gold Coast principal has a healthy relationship with her new boss, Surfers Paradise MP John-Paul Langbroek. The pair is working towards handing more power back to principals.

54 rob borbidge

The former Premier is waiting for a call-up from Premier Campbell Newman. Mr Borbidge is tipped to be handed a plum position (in the same vein as Nick Greiner in NSW) as reward for his service to the party. He has held several board positions since leaving politics.

55 prof. ned pankhurst

Griffith University’s Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost Gold Coast is involved in the growth of the city’s biggest university including what form that growth may take. He is also privy to private conversations about the 2018 Commonwealth Games, its village and the role the campus with play.

56 dean leigh smith

Mr Leigh Smith has a leading role at the family’s Gold Coast City Marina at Coomera since his father Jeff took time away from the business to recover from illness. He has continued to come up with innovative ideas to keep the marine business growing and is behind the Gold Coast International Marine Expo aimed at showcasing the local boating industry.

57 paul ziebarth

As police district superintendent for the Gold Coast, Mr Ziebarth oversees all major operations on the Gold Coast and helps coordinate annual events including Schoolies, New Year’s Eve and the V8 race. His primary role is to liaise with police branches and government departments.

58 andrew and luke henderson

The real estate moguls are the main players in the ritzy Hedges Avenue millionaire’s row. Their business, Professionals at Mermaid Beach, was the best performed Professionals office in Australia. The Henderson family have a large racing empire with leading trainer Gai Waterhouse and Luke is a board member of the Gold Coast Turf Club.

59 jason murakami

The former journalist turned solicitor is a senior partner at the high-profile Nyst Lawyers. The fourth-generation Gold Coaster is a fledgling boxer – a regular at local fight nights – and has a contact book full of underworld phone numbers and clients. Has a passion for painting.
Focus

Humans have been winning the fight against killers like tuberculosis, pneumonia, MRSA and VRE bacteria for decades – or have they?

Stephanie Bedo looks at the real threat of their re-emergence and the part played by one of our biggest allies, antibiotics.

War on Superbugs

Human’s reliance on antibiotics a losing battle

Professor Mark van Hensbroek, of the Institute for Global Health at Griffith University on the Gold Coast: “We’ve brought people back to life who would otherwise have died, and that’s very worrying for all of us.”
IMAGINE a world where thousands of people in the Western world die of infectious disease every day.

Children are lost to pneumonia and adults struck down by septicaemia never make it out of hospital because there's nothing to help them beat their bugs.

Sound dramatic? Post apocalyptic even? It's not.

Researchers all around the world, including experts on the Gold Coast, don't think this fatal bug attack is that far off.

In fact, they say it's happening now. Last year 25,000 people died from antibiotic resistance in Europe alone.

The bugs are beating humans because bacteria is beating antibiotics. They are adapting and emerging with the upper hand.

Dr Daniel Stone calls them superbugs, with a Darwinian nature that has allowed them and other bacteria to survive the next antibiotic assault that hits them.

The physician at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre in Los Angeles doesn't think it's long before doctors are telling you they can't treat your infection with a short course of antibiotics because you've got a super bug. Medicine simply won't work.

"Antibiotics once seemed like a miracle weapon against microbes that have plagued mankind for millennia, killing untold numbers of people with wounds and serious infections," Dr Stone says.

"But we're in danger of losing that weapon. Over the years, bacteria have grown increasingly resistant to these drugs." Gold Coast Professor Mark von Itzstein, who tackles infectious disease each day with a team of researchers at his Institute of Glycomics at Griffith University, is even more blunt.

"We have nothing to stop a pandemic occurring and that's very worrying. Every virus has the capacity to change and adapt. I don't think people realise the significance of it." Prof von Itzstein uses the movie Contagion to engage public interest scientists suiting up to stop the spread of a deadly disease that's quickly crippling the world.

Today you can't even say the scary scenario is simply Hollywood — far-fetched drama for the movies. A similar, albeit smaller, situation happened here in Queensland with Hendra — it just didn't travel that far.

"While (Contagion) is a Hollywood-style movie, that's the reality when you get a virus or infectious disease we know nothing about," Prof von Itzstein says. "It's a full scare mode."

Down the road at Bond University Professor Chris Del Mar talks about an armageddon of past and present medicine and illness and the impacts the antibiotic wave will have on joint replacements and the fight against modern-day killers like cancer.

He believes people will again start dying of ordinary pneumonia, septicaemia and meningitis — infections that used to be death sentences but are now routinely treated with antibiotics.

"The issue is that ordinary infections can become a problem if they are caused by bacteria that are antibiotic resistant," Prof Del Mar says.

"Resistance to nearly everything is becoming evident. If that extends any further we'll end up in a situation where the kind of things we take for granted — hip replacements, chemotherapy, cardiac catheterisation — all the machinery of modern medicine will no longer be safe."

Prof Del Mar says it will be too dangerous to do these procedures without antibiotic cover.

"We will be returning to the dark ages of the pre-antibiotic era of about 70 or 80 years ago."

The antibiotic era started to bloom in the 1930s with the discovery of the antibiotic drug sulfa. After World War II, the emergence of penicillin allowed doctors to cure a vast range of potentially crippling, if not fatal, infections of the urinary tract, the respiratory system and other parts of the body.

Earlier in 1915 and 1917, bacteriophage, also called phage, was discovered and described as a group of viruses that infect bacteria.

Phages were used — largely unsuccessfully — in treating human bacterial diseases such as bubonic plague and cholera, but after the discovery of antibiotics the therapy was virtually abandoned.

US physician Dr Daniel Stone says medicine simply won't work soon in the fight against superbugs.
With the rise of drug-resistant bacteria in the past decade, the therapeutic potential of phages has received renewed attention.

Dr Stone says humans went on to bear the blame for antibiotic resistance, with doctors becoming too prescription happy for patients.

“Our first mistake has been the failure to respect our opponent or even to recognise the landscape of the battlefield,” he says.

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But experts also say doctors are not fully to blame. Patients who demand a prescription and feel their trip to the GP clinic is worthless unless they walk out with something to fix their symptoms are also responsible.

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ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT DISEASES AROUND THE WORLD

**TUBERCULOSIS**

- Commonly known as TB, tuberculosis is an infectious bacterial disease, most commonly affecting the lungs. It is transmitted through phlegm of people infected with the disease.
- More than 1100 new cases of tuberculosis were diagnosed in Australia in 2010 – 33 of them with the multi-drug resistant strain.
- Countries such as India, where the disease is prevalent, had 1.23 million in 2010 – 2967 of those MDR out.
- Drug resistance arises due to improper use of antibiotics in chemotherapy of drug-susceptible TB patients.

**MRSA**

- The first reported case of MRSA, or meticillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, in Australia was in 1967.
- It now accounts for 15-20 per cent of all staphylococcus aureus infections in Australia, with a median 35 per cent morality rate.
- About 9000 episodes of staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia occur in Australia annually.
- In pre-antibiotic era, mortality was as high as 90 per cent.
- MRSA is used to describe a number of strains of the bacteria staphylococcus aureus, which are resistant to a number of antibiotics, including meticillin.

**VRE**

- Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus.
- The first case was reported in Australia in 1994. A 1998 report on the emergence of VRE here. Documented 68 cases.
- The simple enterococcal germ is generally harmless, living in the intestines of most people.
- Vancomycin is an antibiotic used to treat serious infections, and VRE bacteria has become resistant to the antibiotic.
- Patients at risk of developing VRE infections have typically suffered from long-term illnesses, undergone different courses of antibiotics, had major surgery, treated for serious conditions such as cancer, had organ transplant, been in intensive care, or treated with a course of vancomycin in the past.
- VRE is spread by touch and can be prevented with regular and thorough hand washing, particularly after going to the toilet.
MORE than 2000 hard-core young criminals have cost Queenslanders more than $130 million in the past decade.

And experts say boot camps and threats of long prison terms only make the problem worse.

The young criminals, born in 1990, are part of a new generation with a one-in-four chance of having a brush with the law.

The cost of youth crime is exposed this morning in a report providing the most empirical examination of juvenile delinquency compiled in this state.

The report puts Toowoomba, Cairns, Townsville, Strathpine and Bundaberg as the top five hot spots.

Juvenile offenders costing millions

The study puts the cost of the chronic juvenile criminals operating in Toowoomba between 2000 and 2010 at $14,041,855. That is followed by Cairns ($9,490,988), Townsville ($6,880,943), Strathpine ($5,526,594) and the Bundaberg region ($5,219,528).

The total cost to the state of the chronic offenders, taking in police, courts, medical costs, property damage and other costs, exceeds $130 million.

Dr Allard said there was an argument for increasing the use of the police caution for minor adult offenders in order to ease cost pressures on the justice system. Simultaneously, there should be a focus on formulating more effective policy for the chronic juvenile offenders, especially as each adult prisoner costs more than $100,000 a year, he said.

The State Government has budgeted $2 million over two years for boot camps to deliver “structured training, mentoring and support” for 80 young offenders.

Dr Allard said if the camps were military style with an emphasis on structure and discipline “they will do more harm than good”.

“However, if they are aimed to enhance life and social skills they may prove quite effective.”
Free advice an oarsome bonus at Paradise regatta

OLYMPIC gold medallist Duncan Free will be the most highly credentialed spectator at the Griffith University Paradise Regatta when it hits the water at Surfers Paradise on Sunday.

Revered as one of Australia’s most decorated all-round oarsmen, Free was recently appointed head of the Griffith University Sports College.

He is also a life member of the Griffith University Surfers Paradise Rowing Club.

Free is still recovering from an injury which ruled him out of the London Olympics.

The regatta has attracted about 350 rowers, including 12 national medallists, three Queensland champions and a national titleholder.

Now in its sixth year, it is the brainchild of former Griffith dentistry student and world university rowing champion David Houston.

The event is run in a Henley-style format of just two crews in each race, competing over a fast 500m sprint course, mirroring the traditional Oxford and Cambridge match-up.

Crews will battle it out along the Nerang River from Budds Beach.
$35m school next stop in uni growth

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GRIFFITH University today will begin a major expansion of its Gold Coast campus with the launch of the $35 million Griffith Business School.

The school, to be built on Parklands Drive between Engineering Drive and Alumni Place, is set to cater for a substantial expansion in students studying business on the Gold Coast.

Construction of the seven-storey facility will be fast-tracked to tie in with the planned opening of the nearby Griffith University station of the Rapid Transit System in September 2013. The $35 million building adds to a total of $200 million in recent building work in progress at the university’s Gold Coast campus.

That includes the new $150 million Health Centre, the $20 million library and the $30 million International building, which opened earlier this year.

The state-of-the-art Business School is due to take students from January 2014, with work expected to be completed inside a year.

“This initiative confirms Griffith Business School’s commitment to the Gold Coast region,” Pro Vice Chancellor, Business, Professor Michael Powell, said.

“We are very aware of the ever-increasing numbers of high-achieving school leavers living on and moving to the Gold Coast to study business at university.

“We are also very excited and optimistic about the contribution our business graduates can make to the local economy.

“Highly trained graduates, armed with the latest knowledge, newest techniques and the ability to bring bright, innovative ideas into the Gold Coast marketplace bode well for the future of this fast-growing region.”

Griffith University now has more than 9000 business students, half of them based on the Gold Coast.

The university has just created a School of Government and International Relations and revamped its graduate program, and expects the extra courses will see major growth in student enrolments.

The business school will be home to academic and administrative staff and higher degree research students from the departments of Accounting, Finance and Economics; International Business and Asian Studies; Employment Relations and Human Resources; Marketing; and the newly formed School of Government and International Relations.

The building will feature a simulated trading room. Abigroup Contractors are the design and construction consultants, working with Wilson Architects.

An artist’s impression of the Griffith Business School.
Role models
The women making their mark

It's a little dangerous, but it's great fun ... everyone is there to help, to learn and enjoy themselves and their cars.
Women are increasingly getting their hands dirty, on and off the job, writes Lucy Brook.

Twenty years ago, the likelihood of a make-up artist doubling as a racing car driver was close to zero. Women working in male-dominated industries such as mining and engineering were few and far between.

Fast-forward to 2012 and women are free to explore their passions, even if they were traditionally considered for men only. Gender equality continues to be spearheaded by female leaders, from Prime Minister Julia Gillard (whose recent Parliamentary speech about sexism went viral on the internet, with news outlets across the globe calling her a “feminist hero”) to personalities such as US talk show host and media proprietor Oprah Winfrey and Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer.

Brisbane News spoke with three young women whose work roles and out-of-hours hobbies have helped level the playing field. They’ve occasionally raised eyebrows, but mostly they’ve garnered support from their male counterparts and inspired other women to follow in their footsteps.

Stephanie Rotolone

A typical tomboy growing up, Stephanie Rotolone, who works as beauty brand Lancome’s state make-up artist, often spends her weekends at the wheel of a hotted-up Porsche race car.

Although her wardrobe is brimming with feminine dresses and stilettos, the 25 year old, who lives in Nundah with her husband, will don a fireproof race suit (“never fun in the Brisbane heat,” she notes), shoes and a helmet when she takes to the wheel of the Porsche 911 GT3, owned and also raced by her father, to compete in Porsche Club Queensland events and track days.

Since joining the club in 2010, she has driven at speeds of more than 200km/h, set lap records at Queensland Raceway, Ipswich (often pipping some of the blokes in the speed stakes), and narrowly missed taking the top prize for the female 2011 championship.

“My interest stemmed from Dad,” she says, confessing having a race car as an outlet means she doesn’t speed on the streets.
“It’s been a bonding experience for us. Dad taught me the ins and outs of the car, which is completely different to a road car. Although we’ve had a few arguments, he’s really proud of me and it’s exciting for him that I share his passion.”

Stephanie says she’s always had an interest in fast cars and that the adrenaline rush she gets from racing keeps her going back.

“It’s a little dangerous, but it’s great fun. I’ve always been treated as an equal at the track, and everyone is there to help, to learn and to enjoy themselves and their cars.

“I have never felt like I shouldn’t be part of the club because I’m a woman — if anything, my membership has been embraced and encouraged. Plus, I love beating the guys.”

**Sarah Marsanich**

Articulate, fiercely intelligent and quick witted, 24-year-old Sarah Marsanich never considered studying civil engineering until her aunt, who once worked for international firm Aecom, suggested she investigate the degree when considering her options post-high school.

Sarah completed a degree at Griffith University and now works as a graduate geotechnical engineer for Aecom in its ground engineering and tunnelling team. She’s passionate about her industry, regularly speaking to students curious about engineering as a career.

She says her role balances corporate responsibilities with on-site work, and although she is aware that stigmas still exist around women in her position, she’s been fortunate to work with supportive and encouraging colleagues.

“I’ve always worked within mature, tolerant and inclusive teams, and I’ve set my own standards on how I wanted to be treated,” says Sarah, who lives in Bowen Hills.

“I am sure there are women in my field in teams less supportive than mine who mightn’t be as empowered as I am because there’s definitely a stigma. There aren’t a lot of women in engineering in leadership roles, so there’s a lack of role models for young women to look up to.”

Sarah, whose parents owned a caravan park when she was growing up and instilled in her a love of nature, says her day-to-day tasks vary, but she balances meetings and office work with field trips, where she does everything from working with machinery to collecting data.

“When I first started, people often asked me if dad was an engineer,” she says.

“I guess it’s just an old-school assumption. I wouldn’t describe myself as a tomboy, but I always loved being outdoors — I love camping and four-wheel driving — and I developed an appreciation of the big picture.

“We’d drive down a country road and I’d be trying to work out what happened on that road millions of years ago.”

Sarah admits there are still challenges in her role as a woman in an industry that remains largely male dominated.

“I guess you have to try to figure out how to maintain your femininity without compromising the respect you want for the work you do,” she says. “I spoke to my boss about this, and he said he finds that because women have something to prove to themselves, they often do extraordinary things.

“It’s great to see more women coming into engineering because the more diverse the team, the more innovative the ideas.”
Kimberley Busteed grew up in North Queensland and loved being on the water from an early age. As well as fishing with her parents and sister, and swimming competitively, Kimberley was sports mad and recalls spending time on her father’s boat as a toddler.

After school, she worked on a construction site in Gladstone, where a friend pestered her to enter a modelling competition. She won it and was at a photo shoot in Mexico within months.

“It happened so quickly,” she says of her career in front of the lens. “I never intended to get into modelling, but it was a natural progression and because I’ve always loved meeting people and public speaking, it was a good fit.”

Kimberley, now 24, was crowned Miss Universe Australia in 2007 and began popping up on the small screen within a year, with presenting gigs on The Great South East and Creek to Coast, where she’s wrestled giant fish and braved dangerous watersports.

“My mum is an amazing fisherwoman, so I guess I got it from her,” she laughs. “The thing with fishing and four-wheel driving is that it’s not necessarily about brute strength, so women are just as capable as men. I feel like I have been really embraced by my boss, who is an incredible woman and a great role model, but also by the men around me, who treat me as an equal.”

Determined to prove she’s more than just a pretty face, Kimberley learnt the ropes of television production and now works just as hard behind the scenes as she does on camera.

“I am very aware that in this industry, looks will only get you so far, and I would much prefer to be judged on my skills off screen than on,” she says. “Finding that substance through producing has been amazing; I love my job.”
A CURE for cervical cancer is being developed at Griffith University, with researchers less than three years from testing it on women.

The treatment involves placing a medicinal patch into the reproductive system to target and dissolve cancer cells.

It is being developed by Associate Professor Nigel McMillan.

Over the past two years Prof McMillan has successfully cured cervical cancer in mice and said he would now extend the trial to sheep, and then women.

If successful, the treatment would prevent women with abnormal pap smears and lesions from having painful surgery to have them removed.

Prof McMillan has spent much of his career working alongside Professor Ian Frazer, the creator of the world’s first cervical cancer vaccine, Gardasil.

“What we can show is when you look at the development of cancer in mice, the highest grade of cancer is gone or they have much less,” Prof McMillan said.

“The issue is now moving that on into more challenging models.”

Cervical cancer kills 200 Australian women every year and about 250,000 worldwide.

However mortality rates have halved since the introduction of the National Cervical Screening Program in 1991.

Cervical cancers are caused by the human papilloma virus, with Gardasil guarding against four types of HPV.

In 2008, 15,814 women were found to have high-grade abnormalities of the cervix.

“A pap smear tells you there’s an abnormality and at the moment the typical therapy is these abnormal cells will go away,” Prof McMillan said.

“It’s when they won’t be cleared or persist that we start to think about other therapies.

“This would be a gel that attacks the virus to get rid of these cells. As soon as you kill the cells the virus dies.”

Prof McMillan said current treatment for cervical cancer was painful and almost “medieval” and this new treatment would provide hope for women.

“We think this is going to be a great therapy,” Prof McMillan said. “This is a beautiful technology in that it can be adapted to any new virus relatively quickly.

“We’ve got a really good system that works – we’ve just got to scale it up to human size.”

SCIENTISTS are a step closer to releasing the next vaccine to prevent cervical cancer – and trials begin on humans next year.

Led by Professor Ian Frazer who developed blockbuster drug Gardasil, the Coridon vaccine aims to assist patients who have already contracted human papilloma virus (HPV), a common precursor to cervical cancer.

Prof Frazer developed Gardasil in 2006, winning him the title of Australian of the Year.

While Gardasil is successful in preventing the transmission of HPV, it doesn’t assist patients who have already contracted the sexually transmitted disease.

Yesterday Australian biomedical company Allied Healthcare Group announced

Prof Frazer and his team had trialled a new drug called Coridon that could bring hope to the thousands of patients living with HPV.

The study of mice showed the Coridon vaccine can stop HPV-affected cells from progressing to tumours. The vaccine induces an immune response, preventing the development of tumours linked with HPV infection.
Gold Coast Griffith University Associate Professor Nigel McMillan pictured with cervical cancer cells.

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