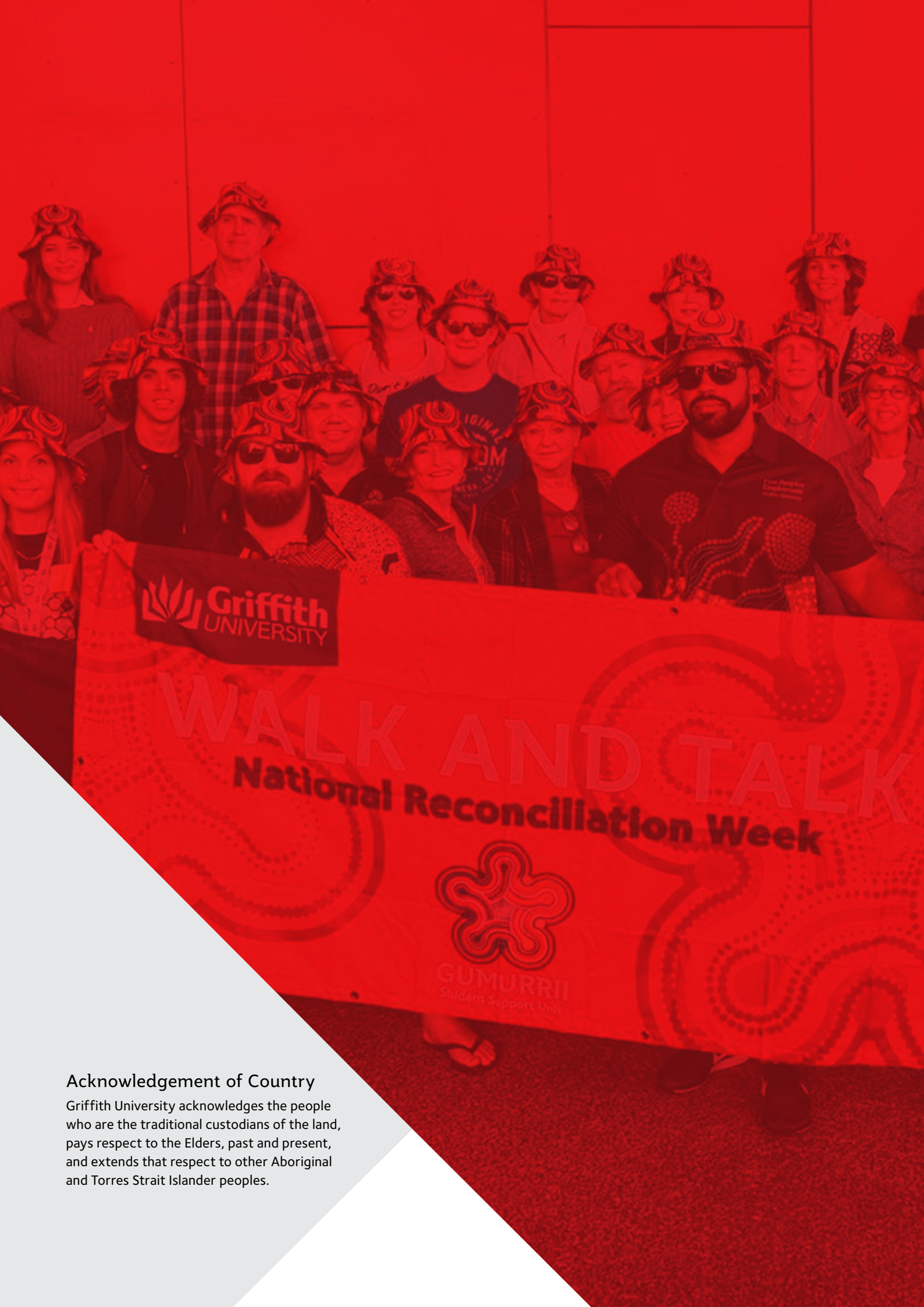


GUMURRII News

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Student Support Unit



Acknowledgement of Country

Griffith University acknowledges the people who are the traditional custodians of the land, pays respect to the Elders, past and present, and extends that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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Welcome

GUMURRII is a dedicated student support unit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, where our staff assist students from recruitment to graduation: providing undergraduate and postgraduate support, including tutorial assistance.

Servicing on each of Griffith's campuses, with officers who also assist online students studying through the digital campus, GUMURRII Student Support Unit offers a safe and culturally appropriate environment to enhance the student experience.

GUMURRII logo

Our logo symbolises the five campuses with the five traditional owners of the land and depict the career pathways to learning and development, joined by the red swirls to symbolise the students journey at Griffith University.



GUMURRII
Student Support Unit

Welcome messages

Message from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement)



Since its inception, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People have made significant contributions to Griffith University through academia, community involvement, and student participation.

The success and wellbeing of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students has been made possible by the support and guidance provided by GUMURRII Student Support Unit. The University commends the current and past staff of GUMURRII for their efforts in fostering such a supportive community where students can believe in, and strive for, success.

In 2018, the success and achievements of Griffith students and alumni were on display through our official partnership with the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. It was particularly pleasing that North Stradbroke artist, and Griffith alumnus, Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, was selected to design the artwork for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games medals. This was one of countless examples where members of the Griffith community benefited from with this event, and I am excited about the legacy of our partnership, and the opportunities that will flow into the future.

Moving towards a future of respectful relationships is at the heart of National Reconciliation Week, and I was delighted to once again participate in the 'Walk and Talk' that was hosted by GUMURRII to celebrate the reconciliation journey. The events held at both the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses are an important opportunity for staff, students and the wider community, to come together in a spirit of reconciliation, and build positive relationships through respect and trust.

This year, the journey of reconciliation continues, and I look forward to celebrating and strengthening the contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People make to Griffith University.

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Professor Martin Betts
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement)

Message from the Director



Because of her we can: This year's theme celebrates the essential role that women have played—and continue to play—as active and significant role models at the community, local state and national levels.

Griffith University has been a university of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Through the evolution of learning and providing student support GUMURRII SSU has seen our students succeed and achieve in their personal journey.

Through our programs for outreach, orientation and study support, the GUMURRII Student Support Units on all five campuses foster a sense of community, provides access to learning resources and personal support for our students.

On behalf of the GUMURRII Student Support staff, it is a pleasure to welcome you to Griffith University. Whether you are considering studying, a current student, alumni, an employer or a community partner, I invite you to explore the many opportunities that exist through GUMURRII and Griffith University.

GUMURRII Student Support Unit works with our community partners to create educational pathways that build lifelong learning.

Our primary mission is to provide a cultural learning environment that will assist our students and future students to follow their aspirations through higher education.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Barnes'.

Shane Barnes
Director, GUMURRII Student Support Unit

GUMURRII and First Peoples Health | Staff News



INDIGENOUS RETENTION OFFICER —GUMURRII—NATHAN

Leanne Long is a descendent of the Wangkumarra and Gamilaroi peoples. She recently relocated to Brisbane from North Queensland, but her connections are to western Queensland and North West New South Wales.

In her role as the Indigenous Retention Officer she provides high-level student support to ensure that they have timely and effective interventions aimed at enhancing student engagement and retention.

As the Retention Officer, Leanne works closely with individual students, developing and ensuring the delivery of personalised support plans offered through a mix of 'drop-in' sessions and prearranged appointments. Student Support includes a blend of study skills support and mentoring, coaching and encouragement; all aimed at empowering the student to take charge of their own learning and continue with their studies because they recognise greater chances of success.

Leanne also works very closely with the Learning Assistance Officers, Academic Schools and most notably students, to ensure that they are being effectively supported.



TRANSITION AND SUCCESS CONSULTANT (FIRST PEOPLES)—GOLD COAST

Amanda Rachow is a descendent of the Gamilaroi peoples. Amanda was born and raised in the Yugambeh community in which she has strong connection. A Griffith Health Alumni she graduated with a Master's of Rehabilitation Counselling, Bachelor of Education and Child Family Studies. Amanda has contributed to the integration of Australia's First Peoples knowledge to the Griffith University Master of Rehabilitation Counselling curriculum and is also published in this area.

Amanda was a recipient of the Outstanding First Peoples Health Alumnus of the year—highly commended award in 2017. Amanda has worked with both 'at risk' and 'high achieving' students and brings with her a wealth of experience providing both cultural support and vocational counselling to assist students to successfully transition into further study or graduate employment.

In her role as Transition and Success consultant, Amanda will be designing innovative evidence informed strategies and initiatives which support the transition and success of First Peoples Health students as they progress across the student lifecycle. Amanda will also be working in partnership with University, School and Program stakeholders to build greater cultural capability and nurture a sense of shared connection to ensure increased engagement with and effectiveness of transition and success related activities specific to First Peoples Health students.

griffith.edu.au/griffith-health/learning-and-teaching/transition-and-tertiary-preparedness

GUMURRII officer participates in Queen's Baton handover

Griffith University's John Graham formally received the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Queen's Baton for the final international leg of its journey in the lead up to the Games in April.

John, the Senior Learning Assistance Officer with the GUMURRII Student Support Unit, represented the Yugumbah people with the traditional Maori owners of the land in Auckland passing on the Queen's Baton ahead of its arrival in Australia on Christmas Eve. 'I was overwhelmed by this great honour and felt privileged to represent our people at this important ceremony,' John said.

The Queen's Baton handed over by Ngati Whatua Kaumatua to Uncle John Graham in a farewell event giving the Baton back to the Yugumbah people of the Gold Coast, in a cultural exchange ceremony concluding the international sector of the Queen's Baton Relay, at the Auckland War Memorial Museum on December 23.

'I also felt privileged to be representing GUMURRII and Griffith University at this important stage of the Queen's Baton's journey throughout the Commonwealth on to its final destination to the Gold Coast in April.'

John was selected by the Yugumbah Elders and the GC2018 Working Group for the official presentation where he accepted the Baton from the Maori people and delivered a speech. He was accompanied by two other members of the Yugumbah people who performed a dance and song during the ceremony.

John Graham's Kombumerri people are part of the wider Yugumbah language group. He has been involved with the Yugumbah Elders group in an advisory capacity in planning and organising of Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games events including the Opening and Closing ceremonies.



'I have provided cultural advice to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDDOC) and information for other First Nations visitors coming here for the Games,' he said. 'The proactive planning and discussions have been excellent.'

The Queen's Baton Relay continued through Australia following its arrival on Christmas Eve. Griffith University's Nathan and Gold Coast campuses hosted celebration events to mark the Baton's arrival on each campus on Saturday 31 March (Nathan) and Wednesday 4 April (Gold Coast) 2018.

Eight Griffith University representatives received official Baton bearer role on the Australian leg of the Queen's Baton Relay.

The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls on the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition. The GC2018 Queen's Baton Relay will be the longest and the most accessible ever, not just passing through but spending quality time in each community it visits.



During the school holidays, the Queen's Baton engaged with thousands of Australians at popular summertime events, iconic locations and children's hospitals around the country. On 25 January 2018, the Queen's Baton Relay shifted gears to a traditional relay starting in Canberra.

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Commonwealth Games | Staff contribution



Becki Cook with Dale Rowland when the Queen's Baton relay came through the Gold Coast campus and Krystal Lockwood (student) carried it.

These photos are from Becki Cook's experience as part of Team Griffith, promoting the university and the partnership between Griffith and the G2018. Becki worked at the Optus Aquatic Centre activation site, where they had the virtual reality bike and 360 experiences. Attendees were able to experience cycling in the velodrome or undertake virtual swimming, rugby or weightlifting training.

Becki also attended the marathon event as part of Team Griffith, cheering along athletes and promoting the university. It was a great opportunity to experience the games, represent the university and be out in the community.



Commonwealth Games | Student contribution

Sera-Lyn Terare is a 27-year-old Butchulla woman from the island of K'gari (Fraser Island). Sera-Lyn is currently in her third year of an undergraduate degree of a Bachelor of Arts with a double major of History and Creative Writing.

Since beginning her degree at Griffith University, she has been given multiple opportunities to expand her experience in writing and business. One of these opportunities was working as one of the Reconciliation Action Plan interns in the final three months of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Sera-Lyn worked closely with the Yugambeh Elders who are a strong group of men and women that were welcoming and encouraging. These Elders taught her a great deal about Yugambeh peoples and culture.

During this time, she got to meet some of the different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance groups that performed at the Commonwealth Games and to meet with some of the athletes.

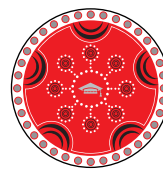
Another exciting moment was working with the team Welcome Ceremonies during the lead up to the games. Working with so many amazing people has inspired her to continue to do her very best to ensure she has every opportunity to better herself both personally and professionally.

Sera-Lyn will graduate in July of 2019 and hopes to continue her learning with postgraduate activities in 2020.



Sera-Lyn Terare

First Peoples Health Unit



First Peoples Health Unit
Better wellbeing | Baugal baugulin yabruma

Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) Fellowship Award 2018

Congratulations to Professor Roianne West for receiving the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives Fellow of the Year 2018.

The Fellowship of CATSINaM recognises the experience and contribution of outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives for their excellence in improving health outcomes for the wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian community. The Fellowship is awarded to a CATSINaM Member in recognition of significant professional achievement within the nursing and midwifery profession.

The Fellowship of CATSINaM is a prestigious award and assessed on the basis of the applicants' professional leadership, commitment and achievements in their profession.



Congratulations to Professor Roianne West and family, on their new addition—she welcomed her first grandson in September.



Indigenous Research Unit



Krystal Lockwood, Jennifer Campbell, Cameron Summers-Borchard, Eden Little, Phoebe Delaney, Kyly Mills

Throughout 2018 the Indigenous Research Unit (IRU) has continued to work closely with our GUMURRII colleagues to support and develop our growing number of higher degree by research candidates and, in collaboration with Jennifer Campbell (Kungullanji Coordinator, Griffith Graduate Research School), research-interested undergraduate students.

In collaboration with John Graham and Jennifer Campbell we have created opportunities for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Degree Research (HDR) cohort to gather and yarn while extending their research skills. This year we have hosted cohort catch ups on the Nathan, South Bank and Gold Coast campus' and look forward to scheduling more of these popular catch ups. At this point, we are planning an End of Year gathering on the Nathan Campus in early December, so watch your email for an invitation!

More recently, we have jointly facilitated both one day and three day writing and publishing retreats for HDR candidates, Honours students and Kungullanji scholars. Not only do these days provide an excellent opportunity to focus on writing and ultimately producing research outputs via publications, they enable everyone to connect (and talk some more) during the breaks!

IRU have been excited to continue our support of the highly successful Kungullanji Undergraduate Research Program—which remains focussed on providing a fantastic research pathway

for our undergraduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Of particular note is that the 2017–18 Program received the greatest number of applicants in the Program's five-year history. This is an incredible achievement for both Jennifer, the students and supervisors involved. Our heartfelt congratulations to you all! For HDR candidates presenting their research in national and international forums, don't forget to contact the IRU when your presentations have been accepted as we may be able to assist you via our Conference Support program. We have also been absolutely delighted to be able to support some of our Kungullanji Program scholars to present their research at the Australasian Conference for Undergraduate Research at La Trobe University in Melbourne in late September. Opportunities such as these are essential for developing your researcher capacity and profile, and of importance, creating networking opportunities for potential research collaboration.

With three remaining seminars in our popular "Indigenous Knowledges and Research Seminar Series" we look forward to meeting you!

The Series continues to expand, offering a greater depth of topics and presenters, from both within and external to the University. If you are interested in attending one of the three remaining seminars this year:

- Oct 25—Integrating Indigenous knowledges into academic learning and research (Dr Roianne West)
- Nov 14—Breaking the Silence: Engaging in Respectful Conversations about Race (Debbie Bargallie)
- Nov 21—IMeRSe: A Feasibility Study of an Indigenous Medication Review Service (Dr Kerry Hall & Dr Santosh Kumar Tadakamadla)

Please email red@griffith.edu.au to be placed on the mailing list.

2019 is promising to be another fantastic year—make sure you follow the Indigenous Research Unit on Facebook (facebook.com/IndigenousResearch) to keep in touch with what we are up to.

If you are interested in applying for the Kungullanji Undergraduate Summer Research Program this summer check out their website for more information griffith.edu.au/kungullanji or E: kungullanji@griffith.edu.au

Community walks a pathway to reconciliation

To mark National Reconciliation Week Griffith University Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff and students came together to participate in two Walk and Talk events that week.

Hosted by the GUMURRII Student Support Unit, the annual walks at the Gold Coast campus (May 29) and from Mt Gravatt to Nathan campus (May 31), were created in the spirit of reconciliation. Record numbers of students and staff participated this year.

‘This is the eighth year the University has held the Walk and Talk and the aim is to encourage the entire University community to think about ways we can foster better cross-cultural understanding and respect,’ said Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) Professor Martin Betts.

Students and staff took the scenic route from Mt Gravatt to Nathan campus.

‘The University has committed to clear targets to improve the participation and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in academic and general staff positions.’ Every year, National Reconciliation Week is held between two significant milestones in Australia’s reconciliation journey history,



Students and staff took the scenic route from Mt Gravatt to Nathan campus.

May 27 and June 3—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision, respectively.

GUMURRII Student Support Unit Director Shane Barnes said the Walk and Talk events also marked National Sorry Day, a national observance held on May 26 each year. ‘National Sorry Day remembers the Stolen Generations, Indigenous Australians forcibly removed from their families and communities, and promotes a process of recognition, respect and healing,’ he said.

‘GUMURRII is honoured to host the Walk and Talks each year in a spirit of reconciliation and healing.’

This year is the 11th anniversary of the launch of Griffith’s Statement on Reconciliation—a public declaration of the university’s commitment to promoting an environment valuing the traditions, protocols and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Record numbers of students and staff are attending this year’s Walk and Talk events.

NAIDOC WEEK 8–15 JULY 2018

‘Because of Her, We Can!’

NAIDOC 2018

Women’s NAIDOC Week Morning Tea—Thursday 5 July

10 – 11 am, Nathan campus

NAIDOC Week was held in the first full week of July.

It was a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played—and continue to play—active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels. They are our mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunties, our sisters and our daughters.

This morning tea was hosted by the GUMURRII Student Support Unit to recognise Griffith University’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous women under the theme—Because of Her, We Can! We had over twenty ladies attend across the university to celebrate with GUMURRII SSU female staff and enjoy morning tea, gifts and yarns.



GUMURRII Student Support and Griffith University Staff

Community participation



FAMILY DAY IN THE PARK

Musgrave Park
Friday 13 July 2018
All Day

Local community celebrations during NAIDOC Week attended by communities and organisations, government agencies, local councils, schools and workplaces.



SUNSHINE COAST FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 14 July 2018
9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Free event that invited the community and beyond to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and acknowledge this year's theme.

A day of art, music, workshops and entertainment.



ACACIA RIDGE 2018 NAIDOC

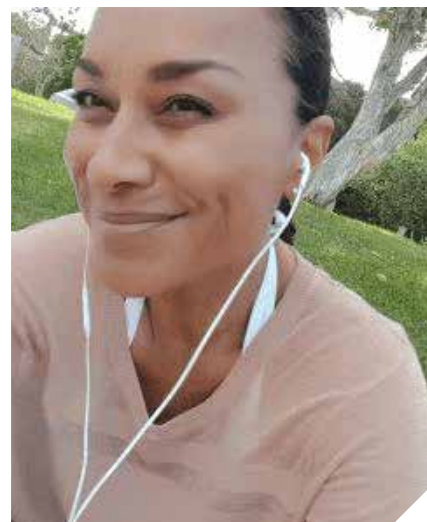
MURRI SCHOOL
Friday 20 July 2018
9.30 am – 2.00 pm

Food, rides and activities, community stalls and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance performances.

'Because of Her, We Can,' say Griffith Indigenous women



Yugambeh Youth Choir conducted by Candace Kruger



Arabella Douglas

During NAIDOC week, Griffith's most prominent Indigenous students share their personal stories.

Griffith PhD candidate Arabella Douglas' research explores how behavioural economics and social impact investing (SII) can improve investment decision making with greatest social impact on Aboriginal wellbeing. A member of the Yugambeh Nation from the Gold Coast, Arabella credits her extensive education opportunities to her ancestors and the incredible women in her veins.

Keeping language alive through song

Candace Kruger is completing a PhD at Griffith's Queensland Conservatorium, exploring ways to keep Indigenous languages alive through song. A proud Kombumerri/Ngughi woman, Candace spent more than two decades as a classroom music teacher before founding the Yugambeh Youth Choir in 2014. This unique ensemble won a Queensland Reconciliation Award and performed in the Opening and Closing ceremonies of the Commonwealth Games.



Candace Kruger

'We meet twice a week at Logan and on the Gold Coast, and the kids are given the chance to sing in their own language,' she says.

'I refer to it as singing the language alive—we do everything in Yugambeh from the national anthem to Christmas carols and traditional songs set to my own melodies.

'It's a way in for these kids—music is allowing them to learn their language, rediscover their Aboriginality and find their place. 'It helps them connect to an identity that they hadn't previously understood, particularly the youth who are in foster care.'

A composer, conductor and author, Candace credits role models like Yugambeh elder Patricia O'Connor for showing her the importance of sharing her language and cultural heritage. 'Women like Aunty Pat, who founded the Yugambeh Museum, have really inspired me,' she says. 'She is one of many female role models in the community who encouraged my pathway. 'When I see the impact, I have on the kids in my choirs, I also see how important it is to help the next generation find their voice.'

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Career Expos 2018



DEADLY TRACKERS CAREERS DAY

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Participated in the Careers Expo in Schools Program at Wilsonton State High School Hall—Toowoomba

Schools invited to attend were: Highfields Secondary College; Toowoomba State High School; Oakey State High School; Dalby State High School; Kingaroy State High School; Nanango State High School; Murgon State High School; Crow's Nest State High School.



DEADLY TRACKERS CAREERS DAY

Thursday 19 July 2018

Participated in the Careers Expo in Schools Program at Centenary Heights State High School Hall—Toowoomba

Schools to attend were: Harristown State High School; Clifton State High School; Pittsworth State High School; Millmerran State High School; Warwick State High School; Laidley State High School; Lockyer District State High School.



WESTERN CAPE BUSINESS EXPO

Weipa Storm Surge Shelter

Friday 3 August 2018

12 – 3 pm Career & Business Expo for Students

3 pm – 7 pm Event open for all Community Members

This event was organised and supported by Western Cape College in conjunction with Weipa Town Authority and the Weipa Chamber of Commerce. The event provided opportunities for students, parents and the wider community to interact and converse with businesses as well as education and training providers.



TAGAI STATE COLLEGE THURSDAY ISLAND SECONDARY CAMPUS ANNUAL CAREERS MARKET

Wednesday 8 August 2018

9 am – 3 pm Tamwoy Community Hall

Thursday Island

This event provided career information to students and community members and opportunities to discuss career pathways.

Campus News

The Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art (CAIA) Program at the Queensland College of Arts (QCA) began in 1995. Griffith University is the only University in Australia that combines both theory and practice to provide to Indigenous students. It is the first degree in contemporary Indigenous art, taught by Indigenous Lecturers for Indigenous students.

The primary objective of the Program is to allow Indigenous students the ability to obtain a degree in visual arts while working within a framework of Indigenous culture and community, which is core to the Program. CAIA teaching respects Aboriginal lore concerning the ways in which techniques and images may be used. The Program takes on the issues of appropriation as one of its core concerns.

The Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art space has celebrated numerous successes of late, beginning with the opening of their custom-built studios in 2017 on the South Bank Campus. GUMURRII Student Support Unit would like to recognise, highlight and congratulate the achievements of staff, students and alumni in this space.

The Program Director became Dr Bianca Beetson on receiving her Doctor of Visual Arts. Dr Beetson had the opportunity to curate the successful Myall Creek and Beyond alongside fellow CAIA Lecturer, Laurie Nilsen, alumnus Robert Andrew and postgraduate students Carol McGregor and Warraba Weatherall.

GUMURRII Student Support Unit have contributed to opportunities of overseas and interstate travel for students completing the course, Back to Country which this year one (1) student travel through New South Wales and another two (2) students travel to Vanuatu.

The opportunities for student within this degree are far and wide, varying from collaborations on projects, exhibitions and platforms for them to speak to their developing styles of work, a snippet captured below:

- MAIWAR 2018: Laneway project by Brisbane City Council which consisted of doctoral candidate, Jason Murphy's projection onto the William Jolly Bridge, works by undergraduate student (Dylan Mooney), doctoral candidates (Mandy Quadrio and Deb Taylor) and alumnus (Jordana Angus).
- Student, Kyra Mancktelow commissioned artwork on a water tower for Unity Water.
- Student, Dylan Mooney featured as part of CTRL + ALT + DEL //, pop up art exhibition by Digi Youth Arts, part of Brisbane Street Art Festival with a live mural and part of art exhibition 660: Calling Home featured in Unsettled by Digi Youth Arts at the Queensland Museum.
- Postgraduate student, Deb Taylor was the winner of the Redland's Arts Award.
- Speaking Beyond the Vitrine, exhibition at the Metro Arts Gallery by doctoral candidate, Mandy Quadrio.



Student, Melissa Stannard was invited to feature her jewellery and artworks at the South East Aboriginal Arts Markets hosted by Carriageworks, Sydney.



Visible, art exhibition at Queensland Art Gallery by alumnus, Tony Alberts who is currently undertaking an Artists in Residency at CAIA.

Tony is providing the CAIA students with a private Artists Talk through his exhibition.



Possum Skin by Carol McGregor for The Commute

- She Sees, She Feels, She Makes, exhibition at the Project Gallery, QCA a collaboration by six (6) women, including postgraduate students Kim Ah Sam, Glennys Briggs and Deb Taylor and curated by doctoral candidate, Carol McGregor.
- Single File, installation by postgraduate student, Warraba Weatherall for Co-MMotion (a Brisbane City Council initiative) on the shore of the Brisbane River, Kurilpa.
- Postgraduate student, Di Hall had her image, sugarcoated chosen for the promotion of the Graduate Exhibitions QCA 2018.
- Prosperity, book launched by doctoral candidate, Ryan Priestley following his Institute of Modern Art (IMA) exhibition earlier in the year.
- The Commute, exhibition as part of a series of commissioned projects in which postdoctoral candidate, Carol McGregor was involved in at the Institute of Modern Art (IMA). Carol is also exhibiting works as part of So Fine: Contemporary artists make Australian history at the National Portrait Gallery.

- Featured alumnus in the Griffith News, doctoral candidate, Mandy Quadrio was listed as one of 30 emerging Artists chosen to exhibit at the Hatched National Graduate Show in Perth.
- Featured Alumnus in the Griffith News, doctoral candidate, Robert Andrew won the Alice Prize which recognises the Country's best contemporary art.
- Featured Alumnus in the Griffith News, doctoral candidate, Dale Harding unveiled new work at the Tate Liverpool, as part of the tenth Liverpool Biennial.

Support students at CAIA by attending Graduate Exhibitions (31 October through to 14 November), attending the Meeanjin Markets (7 & 8 December at Reddacliff Place, Brisbane) where CAIA will have a featured stall or keep up with our successes via our community Facebook page: CAIA

facebook.com/CAIA-Contemporary-Australian-Indigenous-Art-544028855794064/

Carmen Perez—Learning Assistance Officer—South Bank campus



Featured Alumnus in the Griffith News, Claudia Moondoonuthi was one of three Artists commissioned to create a limited-edition design for iconic Australian company, Vegemite.

Campus News

Bev Muchan was born in Ayr in North Queensland. She is a Birri Gubba, Kabbi Kabbi and South Sea Islander woman. Her Mother was Dorothy Isobel Muckan (nee—Smallwood) and her Father was Arthur Keith Muckan. She is the second person but the first woman from her family to attend University.

Bev chose to study the Bachelor of Counselling because 'we need more black (Aboriginal and Islander) counsellors to service our own mob'. Counselling around the cultural framework and to become qualified person with that white man paper in my hand'. Throughout her life she witnessed community people who needed help with mental health issues, domestic violence, with suicidal young people who were referred to mainstream and at the end of the day these qualified people still couldn't assist as they do not know our way of life.

Bev last attended school in the 70's, her challenges of being a student was getting back in the flow of studying. She completed a couple of TAFE courses but it wasn't the same. When at university, it's about time management to ensure her assignments were finished and lodged on time, attending all lectures and tutorials.

The highlights are meeting other students and forming friendships, also having the freedom to access GUMURRII Student Support Unit anytime of the day or night for study and to attend private tutoring. Frequently catching up to yarn and share with fellow Murri students as there is always someone to talk or just to have time out with in the unit.



Bev came to Griffith University—Mt Gravatt campus because they offered the degree that she wanted, and she have heard that it was a good university to attend. 'Mt Gravatt campus is perfect for me as the place is not too big and not too small, it's just right'.

Students should connect with GUMURRII Student Support Unit as the staff are always supportive; go out of their way to help; encourage you and guide you on your journey.

Debbie Woodbridge—Learning Assistance Officer—Mt Gravatt campus

'We need more black (Aboriginal and Islander) counsellors to service our own mob'

Campus News

Torres Strait Islander Law Student Sets the Bar High

Isaiah Banu, Griffith University's (GU) Torres Strait Islander law student appeared in the Federal Court in Brisbane in a mock trial in front of some of Australia's top judicial minds. The mock trial provides a simulated court room experience for law students who receive feedback and advice from some of the nation's legal experts.

Banu, a Koedal (crocodile) man from Boigu Island, spent two months preparing for the event and attributes the experience to building his self-confidence.

'The experience allowed me to improve my advocacy, communication and public speaking skills,' he said. 'It has reinforced my self-confidence that I am capable of appearing in court as a strong legal representative'.

Griffith Chambers Barrister Joshua Cremer and GU law lecture Heron Loban both mentored and attended the trial with Banu. 'It's really important for Indigenous people to be represented in all professions and trades within the workplace, including in the legal profession'.



Isaiah sees his law degree as both a personal achievement and a demonstration to his community that Indigenous people can succeed in all areas across society. He attributes much of his success to his late-father Masepah Banu, an Anglican priest for more than 30 years in both the Torres Strait and mainland Australia. 'He taught me the importance of education from a young age, sending me to Townsville Grammar School. 'I have followed his advice, and continued my education into university, and I encourage other Indigenous people believe in themselves and pursue their dreams, whatever they are'.

Banu commenced his law degree in 2015. He's set to graduate in 2020. Banu was GU's only representative. The mock trial has been running since 2015 and the success of the event has guaranteed it will continue in the future.

Carol Edwards—Learning Assistance Officer—Nathan campus

Campus News

Originally born in Mt Isa, and growing up in Logan, Krystal is the oldest of eight children; three of which are currently studying at University.

Krystal always achieved good marks at school; with a flair for drama and music. She had her first job at the age of thirteen in an Agnes Water surf shop, working through her school holidays and being paid in clothes. Since then she worked nonstop throughout high school, then moved on to build a career in the hospitality industry for 12 years. Wanting to help people she changed careers and found herself contemplating University.

Krystal watched the nurses at her workplace and was inspired to help people; so, nursing seemed like the perfect career for her; she enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing degree at the Logan Campus. Krystal has learnt a lot about Nursing in her first trimester at University; successfully gaining three Distinctions and one High Distinction. After being at University for one trimester, Krystal is now determined to become a peri-operative nurse surgeon assistant as she is fascinated by the human body and wants to help people.

Krystal's transition from full-time employment to a full-time student has been a very difficult adjustment for the family and herself. Trying to split her time and attention between university, two casual jobs, a husband and 3 children is hard to manage at times. However, she knows the sacrifice will be worth it once her studies are completed.



Krystal stated 'The support provided through GUMURRII has been invaluable. There is always a quiet place to study and a welcoming ear when I need it. The support staff always go above and beyond to ensure I am given the best possible opportunity to succeed in my Academic endeavours'.

Krystal feels being a mature aged student is an advantage, having life experience; common sense and drive really pushes her to succeed. She aims to achieve the best she can and hopes to inspire her own children to follow their dreams, no matter what the cost.

Rennae Hopkins—Learning Assistance Officer—Logan campus

'If you don't sacrifice for what you want, what you want becomes the sacrifice'

Krystal Mancktelow

Campus News

Congratulations Bianca and good luck in your next Championships!

Bianca Crisp is in her first year studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Science on our Gold Coast campus. She is a motivated and driven student with the aspiration of continuing to study the Doctor of Medicine. Bianca has been loving her first year at Griffith University and cannot wait to continue her studies here.

As well as her studies, she is extremely dedicated to swimming and trains for 10km marathon swims. This year she competed in the swimming at the 2018 University Nationals held in late September on the Gold Coast.

While competing in the Women's 400m, 800m and 100m freestyle events, Bianca came 5th in the 400m with a time of 4:29.56 and 13th in the 100m with a time of 1:03.22. She also won the silver medal in the Women's 800m freestyle with a time of 8:53.09 and did a personal best time by 11 seconds!

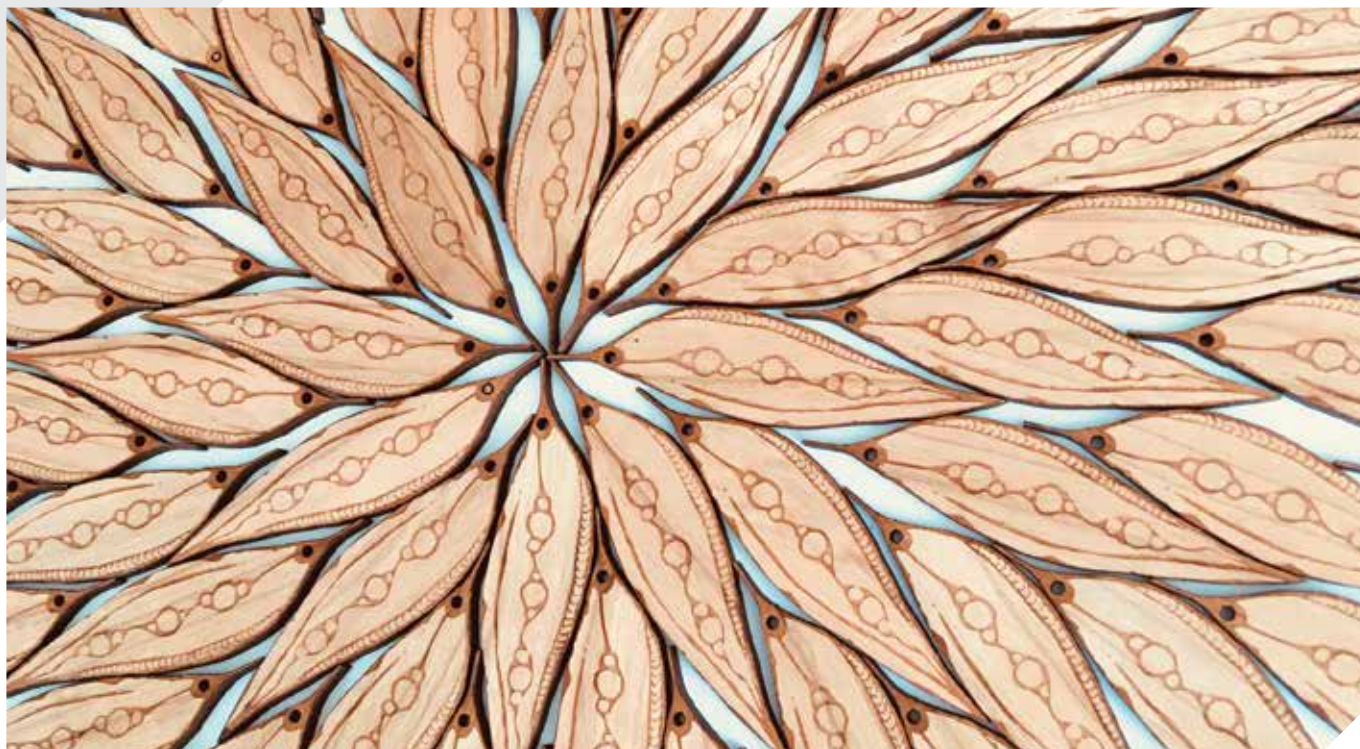
It was a great experience for her and she was extremely happy with her results, especially since she also competed at the 2018 Brisbane Open Water Championships the week prior in the Open Women's 7.5km swim, placing 3rd.

Bianca will also be competing at the Queensland Open Water Championships on Saturday 20th of October in the Open Women's 5km, 7.5km and 10km events. Until then she will be training hard in preparation for this event.

Becki Cook—Learning Assistance Officer—Gold Coast campus



Master of Business Administration Alumnus— Artist Gaala Watson creates bespoke design for Griffith Business School



Griffith Business School has been incredibly privileged to work collaboratively with MBA Alumnus and Brisbane Aboriginal artist, Gaala Watson. Gaala recently completed her Griffith MBA and was a very worthy recipient of the MBA Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Gaala is a descendant of the Kungalu and Birri Gubba peoples of Central Queensland. She started her creative business Bimbi Love with the aspiration of creating authentically made products and encouraging the economic development of First Nations owned and operated business.

Gaala's work was recently showcased when Griffith Business School commissioned her to create a beautiful and meaningful delegate gift for the National NAIDOC Women's Conference, to which GBS was a sponsor. With this year's theme of Because of Her We Can, a Bimbi Love gift seemed perfect. The design for this Nathan Scrub Leaf pendant was inspired by Gaala's connection to place, and time spent on Griffith University's Nathan campus during her MBA studies.

Gaala also created a bespoke design that shares her perspective on her learning journey in the Griffith MBA and the core values which are embedded within the program.

Gaala's work has been showcased on this year's Griffith Business School Annual Gala Dinner and Awards Night invitation, promotional material for the MBA Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and a range of beautiful bespoke Griffith Business School gifts.

Find out more about Gaala's work at bimbilove.com

Leauarne Adams—Postgraduate Manager Griffith Business School—Nathan campus

Career Trackers—Internships

This past Winter there were twelve Indigenous students from Griffith University who interned with Career Trackers; seven of which were brand new to their program and undertook their first CareerTrackers internship. Graeme Kennedy was the winner of the Alumni Excellence Award at Gala Dinner 2018—an award for outstanding Alumni contribution to the program and community.



Zelma Woodhead

Zelma Woodhead and James Aird were also awarded for holding a top 4 GPA (for the academic year 2017) in the program, which is a fantastic achievement.

Since joining CareerTrackers in 2016, Zelma has excelled in all aspects of the program. Some highlights have included her being awarded the CareerTrackers Academic Excellence award in both 2017 and 2018. Zelma has a strong work ethic, and her behaviours were reflective of the public service values. Zelma had many strengths, including her effective interpersonal and communication skills and contribution to team work. Further to academic and internship success, Zelma has contributed to the CareerTrackers community by volunteering her time with the Cathy Freeman Foundation and growing the QLD CareerTrackers program by referring and encouraging other Griffith students to join.

Zelma is an asset to the CareerTrackers program, and earlier this year won a round the world trip gift card for being in the top 4 GPAs for the academic year 2017. Zelma has recently obtained a HR role with Woolworths and is set to graduate at the end of Trimester 2, 2018.



James Aird

Since joining the CareerTrackers program in 2015, James has completed three internships with DLA Piper. This year James applied for and was accepted into DLA Pipers graduate program for 2019, which reflects both his considerable knowledge and skills, as well as his professionalism and contribution in the workplace. At this years' CareerTrackers Gala Dinner, James received a Gold Diary recognising his consistent high-level academic performance: he has been offered a round-the-world trip as a reward and recognition for his academic success.

Alongside his academic and professional achievements, James is an asset to the CareerTrackers community and demonstrates an admirable commitment to his community and a strong willingness to give back.

**Jacob-John Pale—Student Advisor—
CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program**

Griffith Indigenous STEM Experience Day

The second STEM Experience day was held on Thursday 9 August 2018 involving 18 schools from across the South-East region of Queensland. Over 70 students from 17 schools took part in a range of activities from creating a virtual reality coral reef to an ecotoxicology experiment at the Griffith University Nathan Campus.

The purpose of the day was to expose Indigenous students in years 9 to 12 to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) through STEM activities with valued support from the Queensland Department of Education.

- Science—Poison in the Gym—a forensic investigation to determine who poisoned the local sporting heroes drink, by comparing visible light absorbance spectra of food dyes and sports drinks to determine which drink has been tainted.
- Environment—Ecosystem Health Check—a microscopic world where they will discover a range of mysterious creatures that are found in our freshwater creeks, streams and dams, using an App and various guides to identify these live specimens, and learn how the diversity of creatures are used by freshwater ecologists to determine the health of our waterways.
- Engineering—Build a bike light—Learn how to operate simple analogue circuits and have fun building a flashing bike light, by constructing an electronic circuit on a printed circuit board (PCB), by soldering various components to the board.



- IT—Robot Masterclass—a demonstration on how to build a robot, and how it can be operated and controlled simply with an electronic device such as a phone or a tablet.

To sign up for their newsletter to receive information about upcoming events visit griffith.edu.au/griffith-sciences/stem-outreach

Damian Harris—Marketing and Engagement Manager—Griffith Science—Gold Coast



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Outstanding First Peoples Alumnus Awards



HEALTH GROUP WINNER 2018 CLINTON SCHULTZ

B Psychological Science 2007 | B Psychological Science with Honours 2008

One of less than 20 male Aboriginal registered psychologists nationally, and a strong Gamilaroi man, Clinton Schultz founded, Marumali Consultations, providing culturally responsive social and emotional wellbeing support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Mr Schultz consults on organisational cultural responsiveness and on the the Queensland Child Deaths Case Review Panel. He also mentors Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and university students.

In 2016, he founded, Clinto's Kupmurri, food van providing healthy native-focused food, and, Sobah, Australia's first non-alcoholic Aboriginal owned craft beer, which is aligned to the, Sobah Initiative, providing culturally responsive support and programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



SCIENCE GROUP WINNER 2018 DARREN SMITH

B Science 1996 | M Science in Clinical Physiology 1999

Darren Smith has been a respiratory scientist for more than 20 years and is a senior respiratory scientist at Sunshine Coast University Hospital. Mr Smith is passionate about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and specialises in the treatment of respiratory ailments.

He is a member of the Indigenous Respiratory Outreach Care team and through the program has provided expert advice at outreach clinics, including Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. Mr Smith has also provided spirometry training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait health workers, including healthcare workers in East Arnhem Land.

His commitment to training the next generation of respiratory scientists is evident, having been responsible for the clinical supervision of 43 students on university placement and mentoring many of these students throughout their careers.



GRIFFITH BUSINESS SCHOOL WINNER 2018 DELVENE COCKATOO-COLLINS

B Leisure Management 1996

A renowned First Peoples artist, Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, is a proud Nunukul, Ngugi and Goenpul woman from the Quandamooka region of South East Queensland.

As an artist and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advocate, Ms Cockatoo-Collins, is committed to telling, preserving and continuing the story of culture and country, and received international recognition after designing the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games medals.

In 2012, Ms Cockatoo-Collins established a Minjerribah-based youth arts group and continues to draw artistic inspiration from the stories handed down to her, which relate to family, culture, history and the land.



ARTS, EDUCATION AND LAW GROUP WINNER 2018 DONISHA DUFF

B Arts in Humanities 1998 | B Arts with Honours 1999

Donisha Duff has worked tirelessly to improve pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as an advocate for health and supporter of girls' and women's educational and career opportunities.

She is deputy chairperson of the Stars Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation providing school-based engagement programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls and women.

Ms Duff has held senior roles in government and not-for-profit organisations and is an advisor to the Minister for Indigenous Health. Locally, she is general manager for the Deadly Choices preventative health brand for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Support the Legacy Project

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Queensland Incorporated (ATSIDMQI) has been formed with the support of Griffith University.

ATSIDMQI aims to raise funds, engage professional artists and the broader community to facilitate the establishment of a memorial that commemorates the sacrifices made by these heroes.

The last twelve months has seen monumental progress for the committee's vision.

The first Annual General Meeting as ATSIDMQI was held on Friday, 29 June 2018. The Organisation becoming solidified as an incorporated structure is symbolic of the achievements shared by the Committee and the progress that the project has undertaken.

A development application to secure the position of the memorial in ANZAC Square has been submitted and is currently being reviewed by the Brisbane City Council.

The Marquette has undergone amendments since its inception to reflect culturally significant aspects of history. The spectrum of military history and service is represented through a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander personnel. The Air Force is represented by an individual WW2 Pilot while the Australian Army is represented through Multi-Camouflage Uniformed male officer and a Modern Australian Army Disruptive pattern camouflage Uniformed Woman. The Traditional symbology is reinforced through physical connection and location of the service people. For example; the Navy officer is standing on the water and ocean symbols, the pilot is standing on air, clouds and wind symbols.

The dancers in the sculpture are sending out powerful spiritual supervision to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have gone to war.



Winning design Marquette concept



Updated Marquette concept

It is important to note though, that the sculpture has no weapons of war signifying the hope for a future where conflict will not be necessary.

This memorial will be a truly community funded project, meaning that Federal, State and Local Government as well as corporate, philanthropic and community funding is being sought and already being gratefully received.

Your support of this legacy project would be greatly appreciated and tax-deductible donations can be made by following this link:

app.secure.griffith.edu.au/donations/info.php?donatewhere=782

Lorraine Hatton
—Co-Chair ATSIDMQI

The Pearling Show/Mura Gubalgal (Many Winds) Torres Strait Islander shows

In honour of Australia's Torres Strait Islander people, Dreamworld and Alkira Compass are showcasing historical songs, dance & stories, traditional costumes, and a surprise appearance by one of Australia's most iconic animals.

Alkira Compass is owned by Albert Bowie, an Argun Man from Badu Island, Torres Strait, who is the project manager and oversees the 2 daily shows, which are presented in a custom-designed amphitheatre featuring authentic art and sculptures right behind Dreamworld's crocodile display exhibits.

For the duration of around 15 minutes, presenters tell stories of the renowned "Pearling days" when pearl diving was a thriving industry in the Torres Strait, dancers tell stories of natural occurrences and traditional legends, and the entire cast make themselves available for photos with the audience after each show. The show is a remarkable display of cultural resilience and importantly, marks the first time that a theme park has devoted a specific exhibition to celebrating Torres Strait Islander history and culture.



TIMES:

11.45am and 12.45pm

DATES:

- 26 December 2018 – 27 January 2019 (Qld School Holidays)
- 02 February 2019 – 14 February 2019 (Chinese New Year)
- 06 April 2019 – 21 April 2019 (Qld School Holidays)
- 29 June 2019 – 14 July 2019 (Qld School Holidays)
- 21 September 2019 – 06 October 2019 (Qld School Holidays)

LOCATION:

Dreamworld, Gold Coast Australia
Dreamworld Parkway, Coomera, Qld

Useful information

Direct Entry

The GUMURRII SSU conducts the Direct Entry program designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders seeking to undertake tertiary studies at Griffith University. Through the Direct Entry program, potential students speak directly with GUMURRII SSU staff regarding the courses offered at Griffith University.

The Direct Entry program enables applicants to be assessed on any formal qualifications, life experiences and other transferable skills that support your enrolment application.

How to apply online

All applicants applying through the Direct Entry Program (form below) need to provide the following documents, prior to or at their interview.

- Confirmation of Aboriginality or signed Statutory Declaration
- CV (Curriculum Vitae)/Resume
- School/TAFE Results and/or relevant certificates
- Year 12 Exit Statement or school records statements

griffith.edu.au/gumurrii-student-support-unit

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tutorial Assistance Program (ATSITAP)

We facilitate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tutorial Assistance Program, which aims to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Through the program, eligible students are matched with tutors to help them achieve the best possible outcomes in their courses. If you are an eligible student, or tutor, we encourage you to register.

app.secure.griffith.edu.au/gumurrii

Blue Card Application

Blue Card Services

bluecard.qld.gov.au/applications/applications.html

General enquiries

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Nathan campus

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07 3735 7653

Logan campus

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South Bank campus

Phone 07 3735 3197

Mt Gravatt campus

Phone 07 3735 5814

Important dates for 2019

26 January	Survival Day
13 February	Anniversary of the Australian Government Apology to the Stolen Generation
20 March	National Closing the Gap Day
26 May	National Sorry Day Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum
27 May – 3 June	National Reconciliation Week
3 June	Mabo Day
1 July	Coming of the Light Festival
7 – 14 July	National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week
4 August	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (NAICD)
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
4 September	Indigenous Literacy Day

