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Ron and Colleen Cutcheon with their son David Cutcheon (back row, left to right), Aileen Greensill and Raina Davies (left to right) at the official opening of the memorial student lounge at QUT's Creative Industries Cultural Precinct.

Students' memories live on through scholarships

Designer chairs and a scholarship fund will honour the memories of three QUT students killed in a tragic car accident earlier this year. Gerard Cutcheon, Adam Neykoff-Davies and Helena Wood lost their lives on a country road north-west of Brisbane when returning home from a research trip to Carnarvon Gorge. Gerard, 21, and Adam, 32, were in their final year of study and Helena (a 20-year-old French woman) was on an exchange from the University of Westminster. In their memory, QUT has established the Communication Design Honours Scholarship, a perpetual scholarship valued at \$5,000, and a student lounge at QUT's Creative Industries Cultural Precinct. QUT, the students' families and friends, and the University of Westminster in the UK, have contributed a combined total of \$100,000 to the fund. If you are interested in donating to the fund, please phone 07 3864 2950 or email a.dillgrantham@qut.edu.au.



Mrs Grace Sarra, Mr Chris Sarra, Minister for Education and the Arts, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, QUT Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Coaldrake, Professor Peter Lavery and Professor Vi McLean at the QUT Gardens Theatre reception.

Reception for Queenslander of the Year and *Gulpilil*

Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Coaldrake hosted a reception at the QUT Gardens Theatre foyer to recognise and congratulate Queenslander of the Year and Chancellor's Outstanding Alumnus, Mr Chris Sarra, Principal of Cherbourg State School on 17 September. Guests included the Minister for Education and the Arts, Hon Anna Bligh MP, Director-General of Education Queensland, Mr Ken Smith, Doctors of the University, Council and Former Council members, past Outstanding Alumni Award Winners and their guests. Afterwards, guests enjoyed a performance of *Gulpilil* starring David Gulpilil, presented by the Energex Brisbane Festival.

John T Reid Trust Fellows presentation

The John T Reid Charitable Trust has been recognised for its generous support to QUT with the prestigious Jack Parkinson's Fellow Certificate. The Trust has been a major donor to University initiatives such as QUT's Cultural Precinct and the Centre of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies. Trust Chairman, Mrs Margaret Ross, was recently presented the certificate in Melbourne by Simone Garske, Director – University Advancement and Alumni.



Mrs Debbie Ashbolt, Administration Officer, Mrs Anne Grindrod, Trustee and Mrs Margaret Ross, Chairman of John T Reid Charitable Trust at the Jack Parkinson's Fellow presentation in November.

New Power Engineering Bursary Program launched

The Minister for Energy, the Hon John Mickel, recently presented bursaries to engineering students at a function hosted by Energex. This, and a separate function hosted by Ergon Energy in Rockhampton, was held to recognise the inaugural bursary recipients of the Power Engineering Bursary Program. QUT is taking the lead role in coordinating the new program in conjunction with UQ, CQU and a range of industry partners. The aim of the program is to increase the profile of power engineering and recruit quality graduates to the industry. This year, eight bursaries valued at \$6,000 each were offered thanks to the support of Powerlink, Energex, Ergon Energy, CS Energy, Areva T&D, Tarong Power, Stanwell Corporation Limited and the Electric Energy Society of Australia (EESA).

Alumni events

The 2004 *Golden Graduates Morning Tea* was well attended with more than 500 alumni at the Hilton Hotel on 27 November. Alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago from QUT's predecessor institutions gathered to reminisce and renew old acquaintances. Alumni were also invited to participate in a tour of the Kelvin Grove or Gardens Point Campus as part of the event.

The *Philanthropy & Nonprofit Studies Alumni Chapter* held their annual Alumni Anniversary Dinner on 26 November. The guest speaker was Jeff McMullen former ABC Foreign Correspondent, Four Corners and Sixty Minutes reporter who spoke on 'First Nation Building - The greatest challenge facing Australia's not-for-profit sector'.

The *Hong Kong Alumni Chapter* has held a number of exciting events this year for its members, the most recent being a trip to Lamma Island for a seafood dinner.

The *Singapore Alumni Chapter* held a 'Hoe Down' networking night in September and organised two QUT tables at the Australian Alumni Singapore Annual Dinner in October.

The *Information Professionals* gathered together at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct at the Kelvin Grove Campus for a tour of the facilities and their 'Creative Christmas Party' in November.

The *BKTC Graduates & Friends Assoc. Inc.* gathered together in October for their annual Peggy Banff memorial event. The event also included a tour of the old (post 1964) BKTC Building at Kelvin Grove and the chapter's AGM.

The *Brisbane Executive Club (BEC)* has continued to hold its popular monthly First Friday drinks. The chapter also held a seminar in October and a networking barbeque lunch in November.

The *Malaysian Alumni Group* organised a table at the recent Malaysian Australian Alumni Council (MAAC) Annual Dinner in November and held a Careers Seminar in September.

Alumni make a difference to the lives of QUT students

Earlier this year, graduates Tom and Janine Meakin established bursaries for financially and socially disadvantaged students. These bursaries will assist final year students in Engineering or Education degrees who are experiencing financial hardship or social disadvantage. Similarly, Optometry alumnus Will Chin has established a scholarship for students from rural and remote communities wishing to study Optometry at QUT. Having come from the Northern Territory, Mr Chin understands the financial burden students can face when moving to the city to attend university and says he "feels it is the right time to give something back". Mr Chin has contributed \$21,000 to establish the fund and hopes to solicit further support from fellow alumni and friends to build the fund to \$100,000 over the next year, so that the scholarship can be offered in perpetuity. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Scholarships Officer on 07 3864 9096 or email r.holmes@qut.edu.au.

Construction Hall of Fame welcomes two new recipients

Distinguished Constructors Award recipients joined the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Coaldrake and the Dean of Built Environment and Engineering, Professor Martin Betts, to welcome two new recipients to the Hall of Fame at the 2004 Ceremony on 20 October. The 2004 recipients were the late Dr John Bradfield, a leading Australian engineer who designed the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Brisbane Story Bridge, and Mr Don Fry AO, Chairman of NQEA. Professor Miles Moody accepted Dr Bradfield's award on behalf of the family.



Distinguished Constructors Award recipients (from left to right) Sir John Pidgeon, Miss Valmai Pidgeon AM, Mr John Panizza, Mr Jack Hutchinson, Mr Martin Albrecht AC, Mr Cyril Golding and Mr Ian Barclay CBE congratulate the 2004 winners, Mr Don Fry (middle right) and the late Dr John Bradfield, whose award was accepted by QUT's Professor Miles Moody (middle left).

New Alumni Chapter formed

A new alumni chapter, the 'Community of Former Staff QUT' has been formed by former staff of QUT and its predecessor institutions. The chapter aims to develop and maintain fellowship and a sense of community amongst former staff by keeping them up-to-date with events and changes at QUT and encouraging them to contribute expertise and time, on a voluntary basis, to the QUT community. For more information, phone 07 3864 2950 or email a.dillgrantham@qut.edu.au.

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