



## Alumni News

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# COURTING THE GREATS Sir Llewellyn Edwards AC 2010 Alumnus of the Year awarded by Alumni Friends of UQ



Sir Llewellyn Edwards AC 2010 Alumnus of the Year, and Dr Nat Yuen the International Alumnus of the Year. (Photo courtesy Lyle Radford)

PLEASE NOTE
The April/May issue of the AF-UQ newsletter was to have been the last to be issued to nonfinancial members. However, as we still do not have a UQ-funded Alumni Officer, volunteers have been unable to finalise all

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renewals.

Read the citation for Sir Llew by Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland's President Ms Dalma Jacobs, page 2

One-time classmates and long-time friends Sir Llew Edwards and Nat Yuen were reunited at UQ on the Alumni Reunion weekend. The two friends, who studied medicine together almost half a century ago, were honoured at The University of Queensland Courting the Greats gala dinner during the UQ Centenary Celebrations in July.

Sir Llew said he was "absolutely thrilled" that his long-term friend and former medical school classmate, Dr Nat Yuen, had been recognised as International Alumnus of the Year.

Also presented at the Courting the Greats gala dinner was the UQ Young Alumnus of the Year award to Robert Dann, a Middle East peace negotiator with the United Nations. Mr Dann's father Des Dann worked at Princess Alexandra Hospital with Sir Llew and Dr Yuen, after graduating a year ahead of them in 1964.

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

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#### **Dear Members**

#### UQ Centenary Alumni Reunion Weekend and Regional Celebrations

A very big 'thank you' from the Alumni Executive Committee to all members and your families and friends who participated in these celebrations whether as organisers, volunteers or attendees. All of our events were very well attended and the enjoyment was infectiously obvious. One email that I received on the night of the Canberra reunion said it well: "Good fun, good food and drinks, met so many interesting people and, best of all, caught up with some old classmates."

**2010 Alumnus of the Year** Congratulations to the Hon. Sir Llewellyn Ed-



wards AC, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and the University's twelfth Chancellor, who received this prestigious award at the Courting the Greats Gala Dinner held during the UQ Centenary Alumni Reunion Weekend. See the citation on page 3.

**2010 Graduate of the Year** Congratulations to Mr Karl Davy, Bachelor of Science, with First Class Honours

(Chemistry), a 2009 University medallist with a grade point average of 7 for his entire course of study, who received his award at the Graduation Ceremony on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Karl's citation will be included in the November issue of Alumni News.

Advancement Office re Alumni Officer Regrettably, after nine months we still do not have a dedicated Alumni Friends Officer. In early August, Ms Lea Sublett, Director - Alumni and Community relations in the Advancement Office at UQ, advised that a service level agreement was being prepared, and that we should receive something within a week. It was thought by our executive committee that we would have had this before the newsletter was published. At the time of going to press, however, we still have not received anything from the Advancement Office. The situation for many of our volunteers is becoming desperate.

Alumni Friends continues to function under enormous pressure, using the generous time, patience and expertise of a group of volunteers from the Executive Committee, which, unless we can attract some new recruits, will decrease dramatically in the next six months due to the long-standing personal commitments of these dedicated people.

As from 23 August, we have been forced to employ a part-time administrative officer (Alumni Officer) to assist our wonderful volunteers. The Association was pleased to reduce fees this year on the assurance of the University that a paid Alumni Officer (administration officer) would be provided. It will be a backward step if we have to return to higher fees next year. I hope that we do not.

I hope to report some more positive progress in the November issue of Alumni News

Dalma

#### SIR LLEW EDWARDS AC - ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Dalma Jacobs, President of the Alumni Friends of the University of Queensland Inc., in her citation (below) said Sir Llew, 2010 UQ Alumnus of the Year, had had an outstanding career devoted to The University of Queensland, the medical profession and the Queensland Parliament.

Sir Llewellyn Roy Edwards AC was born and educated in Ipswich, attending Raceview and Silkstone Schools, then Ipswich Grammar School, where he was later President of the Old Boys' Association and also a member of the Board of Trustees of Ipswich Girls' Grammar School. After a time as an electrician in the family business, he graduated Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from The University of Queensland.

Sir Llew then practised and continued studies in medicine in London, Edinburgh and Wales, before returning to his practice in Ipswich where he served as a member of the Ipswich Blue Nurses Council, a member of the Ipswich Hospital Board and then as President of the Australian Medical Association.

In 1983, having been elected to the State Parliament in 1972 as Liberal member for Ipswich, Minister for Health in 1974 and Deputy Premier and Treasurer of Queensland in 1978, Sir Llew retired from politics and took up the position of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of World Expo 88, the major bicentenary event in 1988, a role he executed with great distinction and finesse. Brisbane and Queensland owe him a debt of gratitude for his insight and imagination at that time in demonstrating the state's and the country's grandeur to the world. It was one of the most successful events held in Australia and attracted 18 million visits over six months.

Entering corporate life, Sir Llew's skills were widely sought on many boards. He has chaired the Asia Pacific Economic Forum and UQ Holdings Pty Ltd and was a member of the Forde Foundation Advisory Council, appointed by the Queensland Government for three years from 2001.

Sir Llew was awarded a Knight Bachelor in 1984 for his services to the people of Queensland, entering The University of Queensland Senate in that same year before becoming Chancellor in 1993, in which role he

was much loved and respected. He retired as the University's twelfth Chancellor in February 2009.

Other awards have included Queen-slander of the Year in 1988, Companion of the Order of Australia in 1989 for his services to the people of Australia and a Queensland Greats Award in 2010. He holds Honorary Doctorates from the University of Queensland, Griffith University and the Queensland University of Technology.

In recognition of an outstanding career devoted to The University of Queensland, World Expo 1988, the medical profession and the Queensland Parliament which has brought great credit to himself and to his *alma mater*, I have pleasure in presenting to you the Hon. Sir Llewellyn Edwards AC, as recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award for 2010.

Dalma Jacobs AF-UQ President

#### **EUREKA AWARD**

Professor Martin Green, the 2000 UQ Alumnus of the Year, won the outstanding 2010 Scientific Leadership Prize, the top prize for scientific leadership, at the recent Eureka Awards, the



most prestigious awards in Australian science.

Professor Martin Green BE MEngSc (Qld), PhD & DSc (Hon) (McMaster), FAA, FTSE, FIEEE, works at the University of New South Wales, and has been involved in solar cell development over the past 30 years. He graduated from UQ as Master of Engineering Science and then completed his PhD at McMaster University in Canada in 1974.

At UNSW, he initiated the Solar Photovoltaics Group, which soon worked on the development of silicon solar cells. The group had their success in the early 80s through producing a 20% efficient silicon cell, which now has been improved to 25%. He is regarded as a world leader in the field of photovoltaics, which involves converting light into electrical energy through a solar cell.

## ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND THE HON MS PENELOPE WENSLEY AO

#### On the occasion of the Centenary Celebration Reception for Alumni Friends of UQ at Queensland Government House - 4th July 2010

Chancellor, Mr John Story, Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Paul Greenfield AO, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Keniger, President, Alumni Friends of the University of Queensland, Ms Dalma Jacobs and members of the Executive Committee of the Association, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow UQ Alumni,

A very warm welcome to you all, to Government House and to this reception.

It is Sunday evening, after a busy period of celebrations and a quite hectic round of reunions, during this long-planned and long looked-forward-to Centenary Alumni Reunion Weekend. There have been many speeches, many announcements, many expressions of appreciation, many reflections on UQ's journey over the past 100 years, and also, I hope, lots of satisfying catching-up with former fellow-students and friends, sharing recollections, swapping stories, exchanging cards and contact details, storing up more memories for future reunions.

At this point in the Reunion Weekend - and this mid-point in the University's Centenary Year celebration - it is not my intention to deliver a major address tonight. The idea this evening is for everyone to relax, wind down a little and enjoy our Government House hospitality, while continuing the networking and the conversations that the Alumni Reunion Weekend was designed to stimulate.

I do want, however, to make a few remarks that I believe appropriate to the occasion.

Firstly, to express regret that the Patron-in-Chief of the Alumni Association, Sir Zelman Cowan, could not be with us this evening. It is well over a year since I last saw and spoke to Sir Zelman, when I travelled to Victoria to represent Queensland at the national memorial service for the Victorian bushfires, and he appeared quite frail then, so I appreciate that it was not possible for him to make the journey to Queensland for this occasion. However, I am sure everyone here joins me in wishing him and Lady Cowan well, as

a much-admired couple who made a great contribution to the University during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor in the 1970s.

When Sir Zelman became Vice-Chancellor, the Alumni Association of the University of Queensland was in its infancy, having been set up in 1967 by Sir Zelman's predecessor Sir Fred Schonell.

1967 was the year that both my husband and I completed our studies and graduated from UQ, so the Association has, in a sense, travelled with us in the time since, mainly through the Alumni News newsletter, which, together with the *Contact* magazine always managed to find its way to us, through the diplomatic bag, in locations all around the world. They were both publications we valued greatly, as a means of keeping our connections with the University which had set us on our respective career paths, of staying in touch with Queensland and enabling us to follow the fortunes of both the University and of many of our fellow alumni.

Tonight, I want to pay tribute to all those who have worked to build the Association, to keep it going - and growing - through its fourplus decades, through various challenges and changes, including its name change in 2008 to the Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland Inc, to avoid confusion with the newlyformed UQ Alumni network. Frankly, I'm not sure, still, whether everyone appreciates the distinction, but what is certain is that AFQ - to use the easier shorthand acronym - has worked with great determination, steered by a succession of hard-working, imaginative and dedicated Presidents and Executive Committee members, to develop a distinctive identity and role within the large - indeed, increasingly large - and diverse University community, and, as it has pursued this course, has succeeded in adding real value to the University and has made a very real difference in the life of many students and graduates.

I am thinking here of the remarkable number of scholarships, bursaries and prizes that the Association has funded over the years, worth thousands of dollars annually - much of the

## Cont. from p4 Address by the Governor of Queensland at a Reception at Government House

money raised during the Association's marvellous, trademark Annual Book Fair.

I am thinking also of the grants and donations to University departments and University-based organisations - sponsoring lectures, conferences, contributing to concerts, endowment funds, functions, meeting the costs of framing photographs of graduates, helping to purchase musical scores, produce a CD, even meet the administrative costs of a Museum of Medical History. Small amounts in some cases - \$200 - much larger in others, all greatly appreciated, I am sure, by the recipients and beneficiaries of this generosity, targeted to niches and points of need in the system, but also, I suspect, largely invisible and unnoticed in the wider community.

One area of activity by the Association which DOES draw greater attention from the wider community, the media and the general public is the annual Alumnus of the Year award, whose 2010 winner was announced last night at the Courting the Greats Gala Dinner.

This wonderful initiative, begun in 1992 to mark the Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, not only attracts considerable interest, but has prompted the University itself to introduce two associated awards, of Young Alumnus of the Year and International Alumnus of the Year, and has also spawned offshoots, off-shore, for example the UQ Australian Alumni Awards, Indonesia. I hope there may be more in other countries where UQ graduates are making their mark, as the University becomes increasingly more globalised in its outlook and reach.

As one of the earliest recipients of the award - and the first woman graduate awardee - in 1994, I have a very direct and personal appreciation of the Award's significance and, 16 years later, still remain deeply grateful to the Association for the recognition it chose to confer upon me, and the Association may be gratified to know that I have, on many occasions since, drawn inspiration from the wording on the Award and in the citation that was presented with it. For those here tonight who may not have had the opportunity to see the Award up close (and it is here in the room for those who

might wish to do so later) it is highly symbolic - a bronze pinnacle, symbolising achievement, based on a Helidon freestone pillar - hewn from the same stone as the University of Queensland (which means it is also very heavy - not easy to carry as hand luggage, I can assure you!). It also has a bronze fountain motif, recalling the natural world and its chief element, water (so evocative - at least for me - of UQ's St Lucia campus, cradled in the curve of the Brisbane river) and another spiral motif, designed to represent the creativity of the human spirit.

The citation features a quotation from the Bible, Proverbs 4:7:

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:

And with all thy getting, get understanding."

Wonderful advice to carry with one through life and something that I believe every UQ alumnus, in whatever discipline, area of study or of work, can understand and appreciate and is capable of achieving in their lives, armed with the education and values that this great University provides.

We have all had occasion, in recent months, weeks and days, to reflect on - and appreciate -what the University has done for us as individuals, for Queensland and Australia, but tonight is the opportunity to express appreciation specifically and particularly to the Alumni Association - now the Alumni Friends - for what it has done for the University, in so many ways, over the years.

To President Dalma Jacobs and her fellow Executive Committee members, representing also your predecessors (including former President Steve Papas, who I am very pleased to see is with us tonight), thank you for your hard work, for your unstinting, generous loyalty and commitment to the University and to your fellow Alumni. I am happy to have this opportunity to pay tribute to you, and I invite everyone here to do the same, joining me in a toast of thanks and appreciation to the Alumni Friends of the University of Queensland.

Ladies and Gentlemen -

"The Alumni Friends"!

#### TOUR TO IPSWICH

On Friday 18 June, a group of Alumni Friends met at UQ to begin a much-anticipated journey to Ipswich to savour its history and magnificent architectural heritage. The trip was organised by Deidre Brown OAM and included morning tea at the Ipswich Visitors Centre and a delightful lunch at the Incinerator Theatre, catered for by a group of its hardworking member/actors. This was followed by an enjoyable interlude in the theatre to view several plays written by Ian Pullar and performed by some of Ipswich Little Theatre group, including Ian and his wife Helen. Helen noted that the cast was particularly excited to be presenting to Ipswich Little Theatre's longest continuous member, Deidre.



One of the first stops was for a guided tour of the Ipswich Campus of UQ, which in its former days was

the Challinor Centre. Although built over a period from 1877 to 1938, the site was not constructed in an *ad hoc* approach. Thus the buildings are consistent architecturally, such as the bell-shaped roof ventilators featured in each. Of particular note are the striking chimney stack and the reservoir with a polygonal roof that dominate the site. Other buildings incorporate polychromatic bricks made in England, often combined with stone string corners and baroque

facades. The tour here concluded with a visit to the campus library – a wonder in itself as it features a rainforest and pond with fish in the main entrance.





A n o t h e r guided tour featured significant religious, public and domestic architectural examples from Ipswich's past. Some exam-

ples are: St Mary's Catholic Church built in 1905 of Helidon sandstone; the Baptist Church in Brisbane St., the oldest Baptist church in Queensland. and built in 1876; Ipswich City Uniting Church in Ellenborough. the oldest continuous

use church in Queensland.

A highlight of the tour was the revelation of the plethora of historic homes that remain in Ipswich. Many streets south of the business centre, on



Denmark Hill and at Tivoli, reveal rows of magnificent and imaginatively designed old houses, demonstrating the wealth of members of the local community in the latter nineteenth

century. "Garowie", one of several mansions built on the ridge of Limestone Hill, is a residence of quiet grandeur with a gabled portico and decorative ironlace balustrading. Built for James Cribb (the son of Benjamin Cribb founder of Cribb and Foote) and his wife Alice, the house was completed in 1888.



The Wright family houses are located on Mt Crosby Road in Tivoli, north of the city. They are timber houses built

between 1898 and 1903 on adjoining allotments for John and Elizabeth Wright, who were colliery owners.

The itinerary

concluded after the play performances with a tour of the Incinerator Theatre, built in 1936 to burn the city's rubbish. Helen and Ian Pullar described in their commentary the history of the building and the Ips-

wich Little Theatre's development of the site that saved it from destruction. Its heritage is important as the designer was Walter Burley Griffin and the only example in Queensland of his work.



Special thanks to Deidre Brown for organising such an enjoyable and insightful day. Events like this are complex to organise, and many hours of behind the scenes work are not always obvious to those enjoying the final product. Thank you also to the genial driver, various tour guides and to the members of lpswich Little Theatre for their wonderful input.

#### THREE SCORE CLUB - A SHORT HISTORY OF IPSWICH



At the July meeting, the thirty-four attendees looked forward to

hearing consultant historian Margaret Cook speak on *The History of Ipswich*. Having grown up in Ipswich and attended schools in that city, Margaret acquired such a deep love for her home town that she set about documenting its history. In no small measure that love was nurtured by the commitment of her science teachers, particularly AF-UQ members Miss Deidre Brown and Ms Alison Goleby, who impressed upon their students the capabilities of women in the scientific arena.

Before European settlement, the aboriginal people were the Jagara tribe, who roamed an area extending to Cleveland. The first Europeans were a small group of convicts under the control of Captain Logan in 1827, who mined limestone from the surrounding hills. Thus the settlement came to be named *Limestone*. In 1827 the area was given the title *Ipswich* and was opened to free settlers.

Margaret highlighted significant events of each decade, from the initial settlement to the current day. During times of early settlement Ipswich made an important contribution to the economy of the colony. The major means of transport for people and agricultural products was the Bremer River. The introduction of rail transport in 1859 enabled the continuing growth of industries such as mining, sawmilling, woollen and cotton mills. The education of the children was not forgotten, with the Ipswich Grammar School becoming the first private school, followed within a few years by the Ipswich Girls' Grammar School. Cultural activities including music and art developed concurrently with the growth in population.

The separation of Queensland from New South Wales in 1859 provided further impetus for the growth of industries, especially the railway workshops. Ipswich soon became known as

an industrial town which contributed considerably to the economy. Although Ipswich was a significant contributor to the economy its distance from the coast, thus overseas trade, was a factor in the naming of Brisbane as the capital of Queensland.

In time and with the ramifications of two world wars, the industrial focus of Ipswich deteriorated. Many workers became unemployed following the closure of mills, railway workshops and sawmill. Although for many years the economic status of Ipswich was in decline, it is now in another period of growth. Whereas the industrial nature of Ipswich, which now holds the status of a city, gradually decreased, recent employment focuses on technology and housing. With the completion new buildings for commercial and cultural activities, shopping complexes, a modern hospital and the first high rise building for dwellings many inhabitants believe that the face of Ipswich has changed forever.

At the next meeting of the Three Score Club, Emeritus Professor Trevor Bryce will discuss "The Exodus - Fact or Fiction?" 15 September. Everyone welcome.

Further meetings in 2010 will be Dr Sam Bateman's talk "Australia's oceans- their importance for our future prosperity and security" on 17 October and the 15 November Christmas Party. Lorna Williams

#### VALE

We mark with sadness the death of Foundation Member Kevin Seeney, who held the following positions on the AF-UQ Ex. Committee:

- Hon Treasurer 1970-1977
- Executive Committee member 1981-1982.
- Vice President 1982-1988
- Executive Committee member 1988-2004

Kevin was also a long-standing member of the Standing Committee of Convocation.

We are also saddened to hear of the death of former UQ Chancellor and long-time member Sir James Foots AO.

#### A CELEBRATION of CENTENARIES

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010, I was privileged to be able to attend the University of Queensland's School of Music concert. This was to be a celebration of their first semester of music and of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual 4MBS Festival of Classics. The concert's title comes from famous centenaries, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Frederic Chopin and Robert Schumann and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Gustav Mahler. We also had CPE Bach's music thrown in for good measure. This piece was conducted by Dr Robert Davidson, who then went on to conduct his own work "Elegy."

Chopin's "Concerto No.1 in E Minor" opened the concert. The conductor was Warwick Potter, who has recently been appointed Musical Director with the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra, Queensland Youth Orchestra Wind Symphony and the Queensland Conservatorium Junior Con Symphony Orchestra. The piano was played to perfection by Linh Tran Thai, who is studying for his Master of Philosophy degree in music at UQ as part of the Australian - Vietnam Collaborative Master of Music project between UQ and Hanoi's Na-

tional Academy of Music. At the conclusion of the Concerto the audience applauded loudly and Linh Tran Thai returned to give us an encore with a piece by Rachmaninoff.

The UQ String Orchestra played the next 2 pieces, CPE Bach's "Symphony in C for String Orchestra No. 3" and Dr. Robert Davidson's "Elegy". Both were beautifully executed.

The UQ Symphony Orchestra returned to play Mahler's "Blumine". This piece was originally part of his first symphony but was later omitted due to poor audience response. In 1966 it was rediscovered and is now played as a separate work.

Finally the UQ Symphony Orchestra and the UQ Chorale performed Schumann's "Requiem für Mignon" written for solo voices, chorus and orchestra. The music came from Goethe's novel "Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship". This tells the tragic story of Mignon's passionate love and tragic death. Thus the music is hauntingly melancholic. It was expertly performed by orchestra, chorus and three soloists, Stephanie Lloyd (soprano) Jessica Hallas (alto) and Joshua White (bass). *Margaret Mapp* 

#### **BOOK FAIR REPORT**

Sorting and boxing of books is continuing. There has been a slowdown in the number of books coming in, so this is giving us more time to catch up with the backlog.

We had a very successful book sale on 2 July in the Great Court at the University during the Centenary Re-union celebrations, where we raised \$2,600. Another \$482 was raised from the sale of books at Ancient History Day on 7 August. A Christmas book sale will be held outside the newsagency in Hawken Drive in November. Date is yet to be set.

Ms Clare Pullar Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Advancement) visited us for morning tea on 4 August and was given a tour of the building. This meeting was to give Clare an insight into what the book fair volunteers actually do on a weekly basis, between book fairs. It was felt

that this was a very positive meeting for all those involved. In the week before this meeting, book house volunteers had contributed 75 volunteer hours to this work.

In 2011 the book fair will be held over the long weekend in May. The Rare Book Auction will be at 6.30 p.m. on Friday 29 April, with the book fair commencing on Saturday 30 April through to Wednesday 4 May 2010. Please mark your diaries as once again we will be calling for volunteers closer to the time.

If you know of someone who has an interest in geology, we are looking for a volunteer to assist with sorting in this area. We are always looking for volunteers in all areas, so, if you think you would like to be involved, please join us on Tuesday or Wednesday around 9 a.m.

Feona Walker Convener

#### FRIENDS OF ANTIQUITY INTEREST GROUP

Friends of Antiquity are well known as an active Special Interest Group of the Alumni Friends, but their activity has risen to new heights over the last months, firstly in their contributions to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Reunion weekend at the beginning of July and then in their highly successful Ancient History Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Our major contributions to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have been described in earlier issues of Alumni News: 1911 Greek and Latin examination papers; a display of 100 years of Classics and Ancient History at UQ; a public reading, Virgil's *The Georgics*. On American Independence Day, a public lecture "Tyrants and Tyrannicides in Ancient Greece" was delivered. This was followed by the presentation of the winner of this year's Betty Fletcher Memorial Travelling Scholarship, Mr James Donaldson.

This year's annual Ancient History Day (the 16<sup>th</sup>) was dedicated to the memory of our "founding father" and first President, Adjunct Professor Adrian Heyworth-Smith. The theme of the day was "Entertainment in the Ancient World", and, as always, the day itself was preceded on the Friday evening by a free public lecture presented by the keynote speaker, who this year was Professor Frank Sear from Melbourne

University, who gave as his public lecture a fascinating account of a day in the life of Pompeii. On the day itself there were six speakers, including Professor Sear, each covering a different aspect of the entertainment that delighted the ancient Greeks and Romans, ranging from public and private reading of literature, through athletics and wild beast contests to theatrical productions (but no AFL or cricket!). We also had a public launching of our brand-new website

www.friendsofantiquity.org.au

And just to show that we're not running out of steam after all that activity, we have several more events coming up before the end of the year, includ-



ing a champagne "High and Jack Taylor at the 16" (come dressed as a June Literary Lunch figure from the ancient

world) on September 26<sup>th</sup>. View details on our website or on the back of the August edition of our journal *Nova*. If you want some mental stimulation seasoned with more than a bit of fun and fellowship, come along and join us.

**Bob Milns** 

President, Friends of Antiquity

#### 2010 MARGARET WAUGH BURSARY WINNER



I would like to thank the Alumni for awarding me the Alumni-Margaret Waugh Memorial Bursary.

It's a great honour and I'll be using it to attend the Rural Medicine Australia conference in Hobart in October.

Margaret Waugh believed strongly in staff development. Like any good librarian, I asked colleagues, Googled Margaret's name and found that she was the inaugural librarian at the new dentistry library in 1944, and she also worked at the Central Medical Library. I've worked with UQ Library since 1996 and started my career at the Herston Medical Library. I held a position at the PAH Library for three years until I was seconded to the City and the Dentistry

Library in 1992. I then accepted the Liaison librarian position in the new Rural Clinical School Library in Toowoomba. So close to half a century later I had traced some of the professional footsteps of Margaret Waugh.

My achievements include the PDA service - a first for rural medical students in Australia; establishing library services to support RCS staff and students in Roma and Hervey Bay; building relationships with rural doctors with personal visits. We have students throughout South West and Central Queensland, the Top End and Central Australia. I like to regale students with stories to prepare them for their placements; dodging kangaroos and emus, mobile phones on back of utes, cattle drives; the 2008 survey of medical students' use of information and developing relationships with Ochsner library staff at the UQ clinical school in New Orleans, USA. *Kaye Lasserre* 

#### DR MARGARET MITTELHEUSER AM

"Taking stock of a pioneer for women"

Extract from "The Daily Telegraph, 16 June 2010 Max Davidson meets a role model in Australian Business, Margaret Mittelheuser.



Max Davidson reports, "Everyone loves a first. The history of feminism would not be complete without them. And if Margaret Mittelheuser is not a name that resonates as powerfully as that of her contemporary Margaret

Thatcher, she wrote her own glorious chapter in the history of her sex."

Max Davidson gives an outline of Margaret Mittelheuser's career from the time she was at The University of Queensland, in the Arts and Commerce Faculties. In the latter she was one of only two female students.

"After graduating Mittelheuser worked at the Commonwealth Public Service Department reviewing rent records, an eye-opening experience, alternating between tedium and farce. One of her tasks was to collect rent from government-owned properties, which took her to some rough parts of Brisbane, so she was given a gun – but not taught how to use it. It did not take Mittelheuser long to realise that she was not cut out for the public service, its red tape and crusty traditions. Her interest in stockbroking had been stimulated when she inherited a small sum of money from her uncle and invested it in shares that quickly appreciated. Perhaps a hobby could become a career?

"In 1956 she began work as a research officer at a small Brisbane stockbroking firm, later joining the Sydney firm of Ralph W King and Yuill.

"Mittelheuser returned to Brisbane when her father died but had made such a good impression in Sydney that she was invited to open the Brisbane Branch of Ralph W King and Yuill, where she worked until her retirement in 2004. 1964 saw the defining moment of her career. Mittelheuser was invited to become a partner in the firm, underscoring how much she was valued by the firm.

"Mittelheuser attributes her success as a stockbroker as much to commonsense as financial acumen." The full article can be seen at <a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk">www.telegraph.co.uk</a>

Patricia Jones AF-UW Senior Vice-President

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members to the Association and hope that they enjoy their membership for many years:

John Argus
Victoria Bladen
Noela Corrigan
Elizabeth Cressswell
James Hurst
Peter Ioannidis
Diane McManus
Joy Milner
Joas Marinho Morais Neto
Denise O'Donnell
Hugh O'Donnell
Jayne Reynolds
Merril Rylance
Ian Zimmer

#### SECOND PHD



Foundation Alumni Friends member and former UQ Pro Vice-Chancellor of Biological Sciences Emeritus Professor Ross Humphreys was awarded his second

PhD in July this year - 44 years after his first.

In 1993, he "switched" from a long career in academia to writing works on grasslands science and then biographies of eminent Australian scientists.

Professor Humphreys says that his memoirs may be next on his list of writings. We await them with interest.

#### **AF-UQ SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are several traditions that are upheld every year to celebrate the continued success of sport at UQ. One tradition is The Great Court Race, based on the famous Cambridge University Race depicted in the film Chariots of Fire. It was first run in 1985 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the University.



The 2010 Great Court Race on May 12 provided an unforget-table mix of UQ tradition and emerging athletic talent. A competi-

tor in 1985, Dr Richard Bonner, watched on as his two sons joined other UQ student-athletes in an exciting afternoon.

The men's medals were presented by Dalma Jacobs, President of the Alumni Friends of the University of Queensland. The Alumni Friends donated the Great Court Race perpetual trophy in 1986.

The UQ Sporting Scholarship Program is designed to help outstanding undergraduate student-athletes to achieve sporting excellence while completing their studies. The Sporting scholarships are offered through partnerships with the Alumni Friends of UQ and UQ Sport. More than 500 athletes have been awarded the sporting scholarships.

You may directly influence and contribute to the lives of our elite student-athletes by donating to the Sporting Scholarship Fund of the Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland Inc. <a href="https://www.uqsport.com.au/scholarships">www.uqsport.com.au/scholarships</a>

#### **BENEFACTIONS - GRANT TO REBECCA ROWLING**

I want to formally thank the Association for its generosity in providing me with this grant of \$5000, which was pivotal in enabling me to accept this honorary position for an internship in the Judges' Chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), in The Hague, the Netherlands, from January to June 2010.

This internship was probably my most challenging and enriching life experience, on both personal and professional levels. I was assigned to a case in Trial Chamber One, with multiple co-accused, involving counts of persecution, murder, plunder, wanton destruction, deportation and forced displacement and other inhumane acts as crimes against humanity. The case had been in trial for two years when I arrived. The trial phase officially ended and the judgment writing phase began as I was finishing my internship, so I was fortunate to have a "bird's eye view".

During my internship, I was given responsibility for managing the list of pending issues for my team, which gave me an insight into all aspects of the case. The internship extended my skills and challenged me. By the end of my in-

ternship I felt a sense achievement, having come to understand some important aspects of the case and many aspects of ICTY jurisprudence.

Working at the United Nations was a truly international experience which was fascinating and inspiring. I felt humbled by the accomplishments of many of my colleagues. I worked with people from many different cultures and learnt much from this experience.



Rebecca Rowling in front of a map of Croatia (site of the alleged events in the case she was working on).

As a result of this experience I have developed a strong interest in International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law. I intend to pursue career opportunities in this area.

I have just commenced a Judge's Associateship with The Hon. Justice Margaret Wilson of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

I aim to promote the activities of the Association. *Rebecca Rowling* 

## ALUMNI FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND INC. CALENDAR OF PROPOSED EVENTS 2010

Updated September 2010 Some Changes May Still Become Necessary - Please Check Times, Dates and Venues Closer to the Date

Time & Date	Group	Venue	Event
10.00 am 15 September	Three Score Club	Emmanuel College, UQ	Em. Prof. Trevor Bryce "The Exodus - Fact or Fiction?"
3.00-5.30pm Sunday, 26 September	Friends of Antiquity	The Women's College, St Lucia Campus	Champagne "High Tea" (come dressed as a figure from the ancient world), \$23 including food, champagne, tea, coffee and juice. Address bookings to "FoA High Tea Function, Alumni Friends Office, Building 91C, University of Queensland, 4072" including name, phone number, and number attending. Cheques/money-orders payable to "Alumni Friends of UQ Inc/Friends of Antiquity".
2.30 pm Sunday, 17 October	Friends of Antiquity	Goddard Bldg, Room 139	Public Lecture: Visiting Scholar - Professor Vincent Gabrielsen (University of Copenhagen) "Banking and Credit Operations in the Ancient Greek World 350-31BC".
2.00 pm Sunday, 24 October	UQ School of Music	QPAC Concert Hall	UQ Symphony Orchestra – Conductors: Mr Warwick Potter and Maestro Werner Andreas Albert and Mr Patrick Pickett CSM, CEO of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra
2.00 pm 07 November	Friends of Antiquity	Goddard Bldg, Room 139	Emeritus Professor Trevor Bryce on "The Ancient Greeks on Stage".
10.00 am Wed. 17 No- vember	Three Score Club	Emmanuel College, UQ	Dr Sam Bateman "Australia's oceans- their importance for our future prosperity and security"
Monday, 22 November	UQ Centenary Oration	To Be Advised	Andrew Liveris, 2005 Alumnus of the Year. No other details are yet available.
12.00 noon Sunday, 28 November	Friends of Antiquity	The Women's College, UQ	Friends of Antiquity Christmas Party Cost: \$30 per person.
Sunday, 05 December	Alumni Friends	The Women's College, UQ	Alumni Friends Christmas Party. Cost \$30 (members) \$32 (non-members). See Insert.
15 December	Three Score Club	Emmanuel College, UQ	Three Score Club Christmas Function

#### 2010-11 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE