

## **Vice Chancellor's Report to Council Monday 2 December 2013**

### **Key Issues & Highlights**

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

Highlights include:

1. Griffith's GUMURRII Student Support Unit has been recognised with an *Australian Award for University Teaching*. For more detail see page 3 of my report.
2. Dr Benjamin Weeks (School of Rehabilitation Sciences) was announced as the winner of *The Vice Chancellor's Griffith University Teacher of the Year* for 2013. For more detail see page 3 of my report.
3. The outstanding work of Griffith's general staff was recognised in October with the inaugural *Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in General Staff Service*. For more detail see pages 3-4 of my report.
4. Griffith performed strongly in the recent major research grant rounds. For more detail see pages 5-9 of my report.
5. Three Griffith academic staff were recognised by being elected as Fellows to the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. For more detail see page 19 of my report.
6. Griffith alumnus, Ms Jingjing Xi, was named joint recipient of the Young Australia China Alumni of the Year Award. For more detail see pages 20 of my report.

## The Year in Summary

2013 was the year in which many of our major capital development projects came to fruition.

At the Gold Coast campus, it started in May with the launch of the new \$3 million GUMURRII Student Support Unit - a truly unique facility whose architectural design incorporates important cultural aspects of the traditional custodians of the land. In July, we joined the Governor-General of Australia in celebrating the opening of the \$150 million eleven-storey Griffith Health Centre – the largest building project in Griffith's history. And then in August, Queensland Education Minister, the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, officiated at the opening of the new \$21 million Learning Commons. The \$1.8 billion Gold Coast University Hospital was also opened in September. Further important projects will be completed at the Gold Coast campus in 2014, including two light rail stations (see page 27 for more details) and our new \$37 million Business Building.

Our Nathan campus has been revitalised with a new Campus Heart, a new Arrival Plaza which provides a fantastic 'front door' to the campus, and the jewel in the crown – the \$50 million Sir Samuel Griffith Centre, Australia's first zero-emission teaching and research building driven by solar-powered hydrogen energy.

"The New Griffith" campaign aimed to bring the scale of these developments to the attention of our communities.

During the year, Griffith continued its strong performance on international rankings. We ranked in the top 400/top 500 on the four major and most credible world university rankings:

- Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU);
- QS World University Rankings (QS);
- Leiden Ranking, (Leiden University);
- University Ranking by Academic Performance (URAP).

The most prestigious, reliable and stable of these rankings is the ARWU in which Griffith is one of only two South-East Queensland universities listed. Griffith is increasingly being listed in the top 301-400, however even world top 500 is elite positioning within the global higher education landscape of more than 18,000 institutions. Griffith is one of Australia's leading Social Sciences universities and this is borne out in several field rankings in which the University is listed in the global top 200. For volume of output in the Social Sciences, Essential Science Indicators (ESI) currently places Griffith at 93<sup>rd</sup> in the world (as at June 2013). Additionally, the QS subject rankings released in 2013 placed Griffith 43<sup>rd</sup> in the world for Law and the top 51-100 for both Education and Politics and International Studies. The subjects of Sociology and Communication and Media Studies were ranked 101-150.

In the research domain, our researchers continued their success in securing national competitive research grants and fellowships. Earlier in the year, Professor Mark Finnane was awarded one of 17 ARC Australian Laureate Fellowships which recognise Australia's most outstanding researchers of international repute who will play a significant, sustained leadership role in building Australia's internationally competitive research capacity. Griffith was also awarded a 2013-14 Indigenous Justice Program grant for the project, *Evidence-Informed Youth Sexual Violence Prevention Project*, with funding of \$2,278,182 over 3 years. The project team is led by Professor Stephen Smallbone and Ms Susan Rayment-McHugh.

Our researchers also had excellent outcomes in the major research grant rounds announced in October/November. A detailed summary appears later in this report.

In the learning and teaching domain, Griffith was awarded two of six National Teaching Fellowships in the 2013 Fellowship round. For the second year in a row, Griffith was the only university to receive two Fellowships. Griffith staff were also awarded six 2013 Office for Learning and Teaching Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. Our most recent success at the national level was the fantastic achievement of our GUMURRII Student Support Unit in winning a prestigious national *Award for Programs that Enhance Learning* in the widening participation category of the Australian Awards for University Teaching (see page 3 of this report for more detail).

## Highlights since the last Council meeting in October 2013

### ***Australian Awards for University Teaching***

Griffith's GUMURRII Student Support Unit has won a prestigious national *Award for Programs that Enhance Learning* in the widening participation category of the Australian Awards for University Teaching.

In the words of the Minister for Education, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP: "*The GUMURRII Student Support Unit has been recognised as making an outstanding contribution to the quality of student learning and student experience in higher education and setting a benchmark for similar programs.*"

The GUMURRII Student Support Unit, which has been in operation for 27 years, is a dedicated unit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students located on each of the University's five campuses. Under the outstanding leadership of Director Bronwyn Dillon, the Unit's inspirational staff assist students with cultural, academic and personal issues from the initial stages of recruitment right through to graduation and beyond.

Griffith has the highest number of undergraduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander completions, and is amongst the nation's leading universities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments. These outcomes are a testament to the impact of the GUMURRII Student Support Unit and its reputation for providing quality student support.

### ***2013 Griffith University Teacher of the Year***

Dr Benjamin Weeks is the winner of *The Vice Chancellor's Griffith University Teacher of the Year* for 2013.

The Griffith University Teacher of the Year is awarded to the most outstanding recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award, who is selected from one of the four Group Excellence in Teaching Award recipients. This year's candidates included Dr Kylie Burns (Griffith Law School), Dr Jason Harding (Griffith Business School), Dr Benjamin Weeks (School of Rehabilitation Sciences), and Dr Jenny di Trapani (School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences).

Dr Weeks is a Lecturer in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences based at Griffith's Gold Coast campus. His innovative and engaging teaching activities have led to him consistently scoring in the highest benchmark rank in student evaluations and receiving both Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and Dean's teaching commendations and two Group Learning and Teaching Citations in the last two years. His scholarly approach to learning and teaching is also reflected by his involvement in Learning and Teaching grants, his publications and presentations record, and his completion of Griffith's Graduate Certificate in Higher Education. Dr Weeks is quickly developing a reputation as a leader in physiotherapy education, locally and internationally, as evidenced by learning and teaching collaborations with other Schools and consultation with overseas universities.

Dr Weeks is also a leader in learning and teaching within his School. He has developed and led several of the School's successful learning and teaching initiatives and is currently in the process of developing another - 'Clinical Links' or 'CLinks' - an innovative approach to teaching clinical and professional skills using video vignettes of actual physiotherapy consultations. Dr Weeks has also been invited to peer-review as a learning and teaching expert as part of the PRO Teaching Project.

### ***2013 Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in General Staff Service***

Earlier this year, I announced the launch of the inaugural *Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in General Staff Service*. These awards provide the Griffith community with the opportunity to publically acknowledge and celebrate the many achievements of the University's general staff. It was very pleasing to see so many staff nominated by their colleagues and/or by students.

In view of the very large volume of nominations, the selection panel recommended that, in some categories, more than one award should be made. The panel also recommended that, in some cases, the quality of the nominee should be recognised by a ***Highly Commended*** notation.

I congratulate the following staff on their well-deserved recognition:

*Outstanding individual client service to students - HEW Level 1 – 5*

**Mary Ping, School of Engineering – Winner**

Lisa Lowe, School of Nursing and Midwifery - Highly Commended

Carol Baldwin, School of Rehabilitation Sciences - Highly Commended

*Outstanding individual client service to students - HEW Level 6 – 10*

**Judy Collyer, Student Administration GELI – Winner**

**Dr Lirio Calderon-Gomez, Technical Services (Health) – Winner**

*Outstanding individual client service to staff - HEW Level 1 – 5*

**Sassy Braisby, School of Medical Science – Winner**

Janene Bosa, Key Centre for Ethics, Justice, Law and Governance - Highly Commended

Maree Lauder, Griffith School of Environment - Highly Commended

Emma Lee, Centre for Health Practice Innovation - Highly Commended

Lacey Shaw, QLD Micro- and Nanotechnology Centre - Highly Commended

*Outstanding individual client service to staff - Hew Level 6 – 10*

**Salvador Aguirre, Information Services – Winner**

**Barbara Shaw, Australian Rivers Institute - Winner**

*Outstanding team client service to students*

**Disabilities Team (all campuses), Student Equity Services – Winners (Cathy Easte, Rosemary McGuire, Judy Hartley, Ellen Reid, Sharon Garside, Bobbie Blackson, Kristy Apps, Jeremy Muir, Thea Wren, James Patterson)**

Clinical Placements Team, School of Medicine - Highly Commended

Careers and Employment Service Team, Academic Administration - Highly Commended

*Outstanding team client service to staff*

**Academic Service Officers Team, Academic Services – Winners (Kim Hillier, Jillian Misson, Kate Rees, Tristan Damen, Rebecca Voisey)**

QCA Student Administration, Student Administration - Highly Commended

Biosciences Technical Support Team, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences - Highly Commended

*Outstanding streamlining achievement*

**Gabrielle Ingram, Corporate Information Services (CARMS) – Winner**

*Outstanding innovation in service*

**Trudy Jensen, Queensland College of Art (Gold Coast) - Winner**

Individual award winners will receive a \$5,000 cash prize, while teams will receive a \$10,000 cash prize. Staff in the *Highly Commended* group will receive a book token of \$50.00.

Functions for the award winners and highly commended staff will be held at both the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses in December.

**2013 Green Gown Awards Australasia**

In recent years, the University has sharpened its sustainability agenda through the development and implementation of a new Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Action Plan. Our commitment to being a sustainable University is also highlighted as one of the five key goals of the Strategic Plan 2013-2017.

Given this renewed commitment to sustainability, it was very pleasing to hear about our recent success in the 2013 Green Gown Awards Australasia which were announced at a special dinner as part of the annual Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) conference in Sydney. Griffith's MBA was the winner in the *Learning & Teaching* category (the most popular category in this year's awards) where the Griffith Business School was recognised for being the first Australian business school to commit to the principles for responsible management education.

Griffith also received a highly commended for our 'leadership focused on sustainability' in the *Continuous Improvement - Institutional Change* category. This commendation acknowledges the work undertaken to embed sustainability across all elements of the University and is a credit to the many staff who support sustainability initiatives in learning and teaching, research, community engagement and campus operations.

At the same conference dinner, the Manager of Griffith's EcoCentre and ACTS Founding Secretary/Treasurer - Delwyn Langdon - was announced as a finalist in the ACTS *Award of Excellence – Individual* category.

### ***External Environment***

I will report to the meeting on latest developments in the external environment including the Government's recent announcement about a review of the demand driven funding system for higher education.

## **Research**

### ***Major Grant Round Success***

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

Griffith has been awarded approximately \$19 million in recent funding rounds across the major ARC and NHMRC schemes.

The following table compares outcomes from major ARC and NHMRC funding rounds (October/November) from 2012 to 2014.

Grant Scheme	No. Approved	Funding Year	Success Rate	\$M	National Ranking <sup>1</sup>
NHMRC Project Grants	12	2012	16.4%	\$7.3M	11
	10	2013	13.9%	\$6.2M	12
	7	2014	10.0%	\$4.4M	11
ARC Future Fellowships	4	2011	18.2%	\$3.1M	12
	7	2012	30.4%	\$5.1M	10
	6	2013	15.8%	\$4.5M	12
ARC Discovery Grants	11	2012	11.7%	\$2.6M	19
	24	2013	23.1%	\$7.7M	10
	17	2014	14.8%	\$6.3M	13
ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards	5	2012	7.4%	\$1.8M	12
	4	2013	13.8%	\$1.5M	12
	4	2014	14.8%	\$1.5M	14
ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities	2	2012	40%	\$2.4M	11
	1	2013	16.7%	\$0.3M	16
	1	2014	25%	\$2.0M	6

<sup>1</sup> National Ranking refers to place amongst the university sector and excludes medical research institutes. This relates only to NHMRC and ARC Future Fellowships and ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards.

**NHMRC Project Grants 2014**

Griffith achieved strong funding outcomes including the award of seven project grants amounting to \$4.4 million, four fellowships and an Australia/EU Collaborative Research Grant. Our researchers were also involved in four additional projects administered through collaborations with other institutions. The table below provides further details on Griffith's results.

Griffith Researchers	Project Title	\$ Awarded
Dr Lara Farrell, A/Prof Allison Waters, Prof Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck, Dr Evelin Tiralongo	Combined d-cycloserine and intensive behaviour therapy for children and youth with obsessive-compulsive disorder	\$285,000
Prof Wendy Chaboyer, Dr Brigid Gillespie, Dr Jennifer Whitty	The INTACT trial	\$1,071,077
Prof Yaoqi Zhou	Discriminating disease-causing from neutral insertion/deletions in human genetic variations	\$340,171
Prof Wendy Moyle, Prof David Shum	Effect of an interactive therapeutic robotic animal on engagement, mood states, agitation and antipsychotic drug use	\$1,115,684
Prof Vicky Avery, Dr Graeme Stevenson	FTY720 to treat HAT	\$632,402
Prof Lyn Griffiths, Dr Rod Lea	Identifying glaucoma risk variants in the Norfolk island genetic isolate	\$635,745
Prof Lyn Griffiths, Dr Rod Lea	Genetic Variants underlying X-linked familial migraine	\$322,298
Senior Research Fellowship	Project Title	\$ Awarded
Prof Suresh Mahalingam	New insights into viral inflammatory disease mechanisms and approaches to therapy	\$601,420
Translating Research into Practice Fellowship	Project Title	\$ Awarded
Dr Brigid Gillespie	Improving patient outcomes in surgery: Implementing the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist	\$170,689
Early Career Fellowship	Project Title	\$ Awarded
Dr Mehruz Zaman	Development of a Group A Streptococcus vaccine candidate	\$304,596
Dr Adam Taylor	How alphaviruses cause disease and identifying new therapeutics	\$304,596
Aust/EU Collaborative Research	Project Title	\$ Awarded
A/Prof Katherine Andrews	Anti- Parasitic Drug Discovery in Epigenetics	\$266,353

Griffith researchers are also participating on a number of NHMRC Projects administered through other universities:

**Professor Suzanne Chambers** is a member of a team granted \$561,845, for the project, *Improving sexual health in men with prostate cancer: Randomised controlled trial of exercise and psychosexual therapies*, to be administered by Edith Cowan University.

**Associate Professor Glen Ulett** is a member of a team granted \$621,894, for the project, *A matter of life and death: Defining novel interactions between uropathogenic E. coli and macrophages that influence UTI pathology*, to be administered by University of Queensland.

**Professor David Lloyd** is a member of a team granted \$968,257, for the project, *Randomised controlled trial of hip arthroscopy for femoroacetabular impingement*, to be administered by University of Sydney.

**Professor David Ellwood** is a member of a team granted \$1,364,000, for the project, *My Baby's Movements: A stepped wedge cluster randomised trial of maternal awareness of decreased foetal movements to reduce stillbirth*, to be administered by Mater Medical Research Institute.

### ***ARC Future Fellowships for funding commencing in 2013***

Griffith performed extremely well in the latest round of ARC Future Fellowships with six researchers awarded funding totalling greater than \$4.5 million.

Griffith was placed 12<sup>th</sup> nationally in terms of number of fellowships awarded and total funding. The University's success rate for this round was 15.79%, which is slightly below the national average of 16.29%. The 2013 Griffith Future Fellows are listed in the following Table.

Future Fellow	Project Title	Funds Awarded
Dr Luz Boyero	How will the biodiversity crisis affect vital ecosystem functions?	\$747,517
Dr Sara Davies	Security and health diplomacy: A necessary partnership?	\$697,214
Dr Sue Jackson	Recasting solutions to the Murray-Darling Basin crisis: Recognising and valuing the role of Indigenous people	\$807,410
Dr Erik Streed	Trapped ion imaging for biomolecular dynamics	\$754,820
Professor Zhiyong Tang	Self-assembly of inorganic nanoparticles and biocatalyst proteins for artificial photosynthesis	\$824,240
Associate Professor Allison Waters	Changing the lives of young Australians with emotional disorders using a simple three-step treatment based on cognitive-neuroscience insights	\$719,660

### ***ARC Discovery Projects Grants 2014***

Griffith University was highly successful in the latest Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects grant round, with researchers awarded \$6.25 million for 17 research grants (funding commencing in 2014). This represents a success rate of 14.8%, which was lower than the national average of 19.9%. The table below provides further details on Griffith's results.

Griffith Researchers	Project Title	Funds Awarded
Dr Susan Bengtson Nash, Dr Roger Cropp and Prof Darryl Hawker	When sinks become sources: Understanding persistent organic pollutant behaviour in dynamic polar environments	\$408,567
Prof AJ Brown, A/Prof Robyn Hollander and Dr Ron Levy	Confronting the devolution paradox: Constitutional values, federal political culture and governance reform	\$700,000
Dr Sara Davies	Preventing mass sexual and gender-based violence in conflict and non-conflict affected countries	\$380,000
Prof Diego De Leo and Dr Kairi Kolves	Bereavement of suicide and sudden death	\$520,000
Prof Yongsheng Gao and Prof Michael Blumenstein	Intelligent image retrieval from distorted and partial queries for rapid mobile identification of pests threatening food and the environment	\$405,000
Prof Ross Homel	Crime, poverty and early prevention: A longitudinal study of social and developmental pathways to wellbeing through the Pathways to Prevention Project	\$153,000
Prof John Kane and Prof Haig Patapan	Democratic leadership in foreign affairs	\$176,000
Prof Roger Kitching and Prof Nigel Stork	Ecosystem quality and herbivore dynamics in tropical rainforests fragmented by deforestation	\$355,000
Prof David Lambert and Dr Michael Westaway	The origin of the first Australians: A genomic approach	\$394,717
Dr Mirko Lobino and Prof Sima Dimitrijevic	Large scale and ultrafast integrated quantum photonics in silicon carbide	\$503,000
Dr Clarence Ng	Is maths for me? Understanding and promoting disadvantaged students' academic aspirations for mathematics	\$349,000
Prof Andrew O'Neil	Extended nuclear deterrence and the restraint of non-nuclear allies: Material cooperation and strategic dialogue	\$179,000
A/Prof Fiona Paisley	Australia and anti-slavery: Humanitarianism and popular culture from 1890 to the present	\$275,149
A/Prof Sally-Anne Poulsen	Selectively targeting cancer and infectious disease with fragment-based drug discovery	\$390,000
Prof Geoffrey Pryde, Prof Howard Wiseman and Dr Michael Hall	Unconditional photonic entanglement verification and quantum metrology using fast, ultra-high-efficiency photon detectors	\$450,000
Prof Charles Sampford, Dr Hugh Breakey and Dr Timothy Cadman	Towards global carbon integrity: Applying integrity systems methodology to the 'global carbon crisis'	\$364,000
Prof Adrian Wilkinson and A/Prof Michael Barry	Taking the pulse at work: Employer employee relations and workplace problems in Australia compared to the United States	\$255,566

Congratulations also to Professor Richard Johnstone, Professor Leanne Aitken, Professor Sidney Dekker and Associate Professor Andreas Hofmann, who have been successful with applications submitted through other institutions.

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

Griffith researchers have been awarded four research grants totalling more than \$1.5 million from the ARC *Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards* (for funding commencing in 2014). This represents a success rate of 14.8%, which was higher than the national average of 13.6%. The table below provides further details on Griffith's results.

Researcher	Project Title	ARC Total Awarded
Dr Benoit Gilbert	Behaviour and reliability of veneer based composite structures manufactured from waste hardwood plantation thinning	\$393,229
Dr Lara Herrero	A glycomics approach towards the discovery of novel markers of virus transmission by mosquitoes	\$368,720
Dr Carolin Liss	Privatizing maritime security in Southeast Asia: Drivers and consequences	\$370,789
Dr Yorick Smaal	Boys and sexual abuse: Rethinking victim and offender categories	\$382,240

### ***ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities grant commencing in 2014***

Griffith researchers have been awarded a Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) grant for funding commencing in 2014.

Researchers	Project Title	Partner Organisations	ARC Funding
Professor Ron Quinn, Dr Tanja Grkovic, Dr Jennifer Wilson, Professor Mark von Itzstein and Assoc Professor Sally-Ann Poulsen	Regional nuclear magnetic resonance infrastructure network for South East Queensland and Northern New South Wales	QUT, UNE, USC and SCU	\$2,000,000

Griffith researchers are collaborators on two LIEF grants to be administered by other universities, as follows:

**Professors Rodger Tomlinson and Brendan Mackey** are collaborating on the project, *FlashLite: A high performance machine for data intensive science*, awarded ARC funding of \$1,000,000 to be administered by The University of Queensland.

**Professor Darryl Hawker** is collaborating on the project, *Microflow ultra high pressure liquid chromatography – high resolution mass spectrometry for chemical exposure monitoring*, awarded ARC funding of \$249,000 to be administered by The University of Queensland.

### ***Other major research grants awarded***

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

**Professor Hamish McCallum** was awarded an American National Science Foundation grant of \$285,006 for his project *Emergence, transmission and evolution of Tasmanian devil facial tumour*.

**Dr Sue Jackson** was awarded a Natural Resource Managers Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Grant of \$99,000 for the project *Indigenous knowledge of climate change adaptation*.

### ***Appointments to the Australian Research Council (ARC) College of Experts***

Four senior Griffith researchers have been appointed to the ARC College of Experts:

- **Professor Michael Drew**, Griffith Business School;
- **Professor Jason Sharman**, Centre for Governance and Public Policy;
- **Professor Brad Sherman**, Griffith Law School;
- **Professor Clare Tilbury**, School of Human Services and Social Work

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

### ***Higher Degrees by Research***

#### ***September HDR On-Campus Induction Program***

The September on-campus induction programs at the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses were attended by 60 research students. Students were inducted on a range of topics from HDR policy, candidature management and support services available; and met with Element HDR Convenors over morning tea.

#### ***Research Scholarship Information Evenings***

Research scholarship information evenings were held in late September to promote the 2014 end-of-year research scholarship round. The two events attracted 67 prospective applicants at the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses - the majority being current undergraduate students and working professionals. All prospective applicants were followed up with a direct marketing campaign (phone and email) to assist them with their scholarship applications.

#### ***Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Griffith Final***

Eighteen Griffith finalists competed in the annual Griffith 3MT Final held on 18 September at the Institute for Glycomics Lecture Theatre. The event was attended by a 100-strong crowd, attended by members of our research community and the general public. Four awards were presented by Professor Ned Pankhurst, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research):

- Stephanie Strong, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences (Honours category Winner)
- Leah Coutts, Queensland Conservatorium (People's Choice Winner)
- Dianne Johnson, Griffith Business School (HDR category Runner up)
- Nathaniel Mitchell, School of Languages and Applied Linguistics (Overall Winner)

Griffith 3MT overall winner, Nathaniel Mitchell, represented Griffith at the Trans-Tasman final at The University of Western Sydney on 18 October.



*Griffith 3MT Finalists and members of the judging panel*

### **2013 International Student Research Forum**

Griffith University hosted the 2013 International Student Research Forum (ISRF) on October 14-16. This annual forum, organised by Griffith PhD students, brought together more than 50 research students from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, University of Nebraska Medical Centre, University of Tokyo, University of Southern Denmark and Griffith University who converged on Griffith's Gold Coast campus to present their work in the Life and Medical Sciences.



*ISRF 2013 delegates*

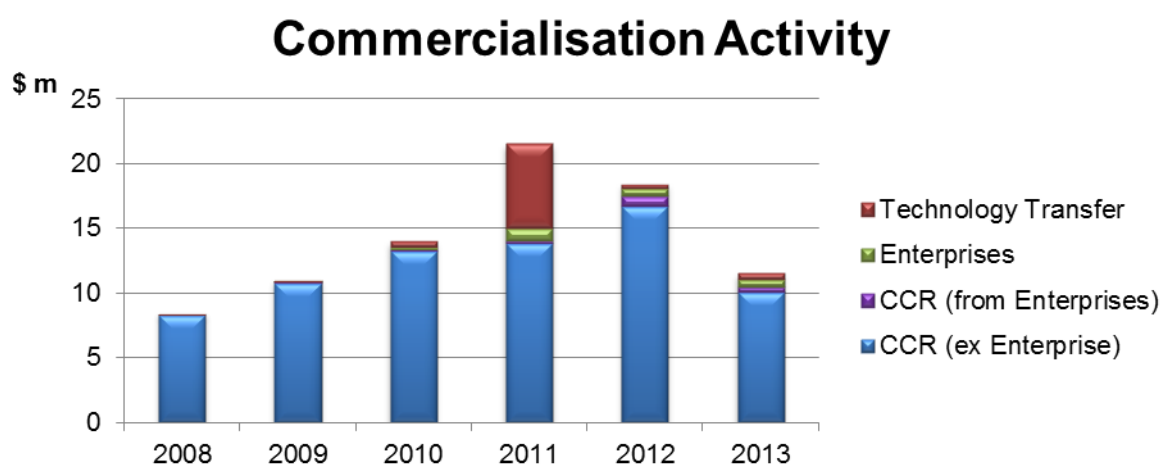
### **Thesis as a Series of Papers Workshop**

The GGRS workshop "Thesis as a series of published and unpublished papers" held on 5 November was attended by 114 Higher Degree Research (HDR) students. This thesis format is relatively new to Griffith, but has proven to be popular with HDR candidates as those enrolled from 2011 are required to have published at least one paper during candidature.

### **Griffith Enterprise**

#### **Overall Commercialisation Activity**

The following graph displays commercialisation 'revenue' from Consultancy and Commercial Research (commissioned income); Enterprises (gross revenues); and Technology Transfer (consideration to be received, excluding potential royalties) to end of October 2013.



Commercialisation revenue commissioned in 2013 totals \$11.5 million at the end of October.

Griffith Enterprise has assisted staff with the preparation and submission of 59 tenders and proposals during 2013, which compares with 49 submissions for all of 2012. The University's tender success rate for 2013 currently sits above the industry average at 48 per cent (one awarded for every two submitted).

So far this year, Griffith Enterprise has assisted with the negotiation and execution of more than 260 contracts with external clients.

External market conditions (for both government and industry-based engagements) have been very tough, especially for the first 8 months of this year. There has been a slight recovery in market conditions over the last two months.

### ***Psychologist Training Tender***

Associate Professor Analise O'Donovan and team have won a National Psychology Board (NPB) tender to provide supervision training to registered psychologists under the NPB-approved Supervision Training and Approval Program (STAP) from 2014-2018. This permits Griffith to address the national market as one of six suppliers.

The STAP was developed by Associate Professor O'Donovan for the NPB, and more than 2000 psychologists to date in Queensland have been trained through the program.

In parallel with the tender win, Griffith has secured all intellectual property (IP) rights related to STAP. This enables Associate Professor O'Donovan to continue to provide clinical supervision training to psychologists and to use the STAP brand to build similar programs for other professions both inside and outside health fields.

### ***Safer Workforces***

World-renowned safety science expert Professor Sidney Dekker, from the School of Humanities, has launched the first of a series of two-day workshops aimed at skilling safety professionals to address 21<sup>st</sup> Century safety challenges within their organisations.

The new ***Safety Leadership – Learning Labs*** will help mining, construction, manufacturing, transport and human services professionals to reorient their organisations from a heavy process and compliance-focused strategy to one that better copes with the complexities of today's businesses.

Griffith Enterprise has assisted with the commercial arrangements around the workshop setup, including facilitating founding donations from industry partners like Laing O'Rourke, SafeMap, CaterCare, and Thiess, towards the newly formed "Safety Science Innovation Lab" that is offering the courses.

### ***Public Art Commission***

Dr Donna Marcus from the Queensland College of Art continues to extend her wonderful public art works portfolio with a commission from the Gladstone Regional Council. Titled the 'Propel' project, the artwork will act as a beacon or marker overlooking the Auckland Hill harbour and is scheduled for launch on 24 January 2014.

### ***Gold Coast Beach Protection***

Griffith's Centre for Coastal Management Director Professor Rodger Tomlinson will continue to assist the City of Gold Coast to protect the region's shoreline and waterways through three research projects.

Professor Tomlinson's longstanding reputation as a coastal engineer and his established relationship with the City of Gold Coast helped secure the projects that form part of the implementation of the Gold Coast Shoreline Management Plan.

The first project will review the Gold Coast A-line Seawalls current condition and performance over the past 40 years, to inform design and construction techniques for any required future upgrades.

The second project involves the ongoing implementation of the Management Plan, originally developed by the Centre for Coastal Management, through a number of set tasks to include reviewing the current Plan and its performance over the past few years.

The third project will provide technical advice on appropriate materials and construction methodology for a 30 metre Kirra Point Groyne extension.

### ***SEED Extends QPAC Partnership***

Due to the success of a 2013 inaugural performance season, the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) has confirmed they will continue to partner with Griffith University to promote its SEED program through 'The SEED Project' in 2014.

The first season of 'The SEED Project' provided Griffith students the opportunity to perform their original works before hundreds of onlookers each Friday evening from 9 August to 11 October.

Through online publicity and promotion, SEED has now reached an audience of one million people, providing substantial exposure for the Bachelor of Popular Music, the Queensland Conservatorium and the University overall.

These initiatives have enabled Griffith students to link with music professionals and capture opportunities to perform at some major music festivals.

For next season, Griffith and QPAC are currently negotiating the involvement of a major sponsor, which will provide even further opportunities for Griffith students.

### ***New Dentistry Workshop***

A three-day hands-on dentistry course is being positively received among professionals and industry partners, creating inroads for further workshops.

Conducted in the new Griffith Health Centre by Professor Vasilios Chronopoulos, the workshop, entitled 'Aesthetic Restorations with All-Ceramic Materials' is the latest of a series of professional development courses Griffith is conducting to meet the growing needs of dentists and oral health professionals.

Griffith Enterprise has assisted Professor Chronopoulos with the commercial arrangements for this dentistry professional training enterprise. A suite of new workshops are currently being organised with Griffith Enterprise's assistance.

### ***Collaborations with Korea***

Griffith Enterprise through the Trade & Investment Queensland exchange program with our sister Korean state, is pleased to be hosting Deputy Director of the Arts Promotion Team in the Gyeonggi Provincial Government's Art Division, Mr Jung Hee Mun. This exchange program is aimed at actively enhancing collaborations between Queensland and Korea. Mr Mun will work with Griffith Enterprise until January next year to facilitate connections and collaborations with Korean government and industry.

## **Learning, Teaching and the Student Experience**

### ***Preliminary Demand for Griffith Programs – Semester 1, 2014 intake: Undergraduate Application Summary***

Demand is similar to last year but fluctuates from week to week. A summary of key highlights appears below.

#### *TAC Update (comparative figures as at 14 November 2013)*

- This summary provides a high level overview of year on year (YOY) trends, comparing data from Thursday 14 November in 2013 to Wednesday 14 November in 2012.
- A total of 49,400 QTAC first preferences have been received to date. This equates to 83% of the final number of QTAC first preferences received for Semester 1, 2013.

#### *YOY changes in the total market*

- The overall QTAC first preferences (P1) market continues to show incremental softening, being slightly lower than at this time last year. The total number of P1s is down -1,246, equating to -2%.

QTAC university category is down by -982 P1s (-2%) while non-universities are down by -264 P1s (-9%).

- The overall QTAC total preferences (TP) market is also down marginally YOY: -3,049, equating to -1%.

QTAC university category is down by -2,132 TPs (-1%) while non-universities are down -917 TPs (-6%).

- The overall QTAC P1 market is comparable for school leavers (SL) (+92 P1s, +0%) but lower for non school leavers (NSL) (-1,338 P1s, -6%).

#### *YOY changes for Griffith*

- Griffith QTAC P1s are slightly lower YOY (-175, -2%), as are Griffith QTAC TPs (-520, -1%). This proportional change in P1s and TPs is comparable to, though marginally stronger than, the overall QTAC market change.
- Griffith UAC P1s are similar YOY: 715 in 2013 vs. 725 in 2012 (-10, -1%). Note: The overall UAC market was lower YOY by -4% as at the 27 September on time closing date (source: UAC UG Bulletin).

#### *Market share for Griffith*

- Griffith has 8,336 of the total 49,400 QTAC P1s received to date. This equates to 16.9% market share, which compares to 16.8% at this time last year (a difference of +0.1%). This indicates a slight strengthening YOY since the previous TAC update.

#### *YOY changes for Griffith's SL and NSL*

- Griffith's QTAC SL P1s are slightly higher (+64 P1s, +1%) while QTAC NSL P1s are lower (-239 P1s, -7%).
- Griffith's UAC SL and NSL P1s are comparable: -9 UAC SL P1s (-2%) and -1 UAC NSL P1s (-0%).

#### *YOY Griffith Academic Group numbers (QTAC and UAC)*

- AEL is comparable on P1s (+3, +0%) and TPs (+55, +0%). YOY P1s are slightly higher for SL (+31, +1%) and slightly lower for NSL (-28, -2%).
- GBS has slightly lower P1s (-22, -2%) and slightly higher TPs (+127, +2%). YOY P1s are marginally higher for SL (+10, +1%) but slightly lower for NSL (-32, -10%).
- Health has slightly lower P1s (-45, -2%) and TPs (-231, -2%). YOY P1s are higher for SL (+69, +5%) but lower for NSL (-114, -9%).
- SEET has lower P1s (-121, -8%) and TPs (-437, -4%). YOY P1s are lower for SL (-55, -5%) and NSL (-66, -15%).

#### *YOY Griffith campus numbers (QTAC and UAC)*

Nathan campus is showing higher P1s and TPs, Gold Coast is showing lower P1s but higher TPs, South Bank is showing similar P1s but lower TPs, while Mt Gravatt and Logan are showing lower P1s and TPs.

- Nathan is up +31 P1s (+2%) and +90 TPs (+1%).
- Gold Coast is lower by -84 P1s (-2%) and up by +33 TPs (+0%).
- South Bank is up by +3 P1s (+0%) and -86 TPs (-3%).
- Mt Gravatt is lower by -38 P1s (-4%) and -186 TPs (-3%).
- Logan campus is lower by -97 P1s (-16%) and -337 TPs (-13%).

#### **2013 Celebrating Teaching Week**

On 31 October (Gold Coast campus) and 4 November (Nathan campus), the University acknowledged its award winning teachers at *Celebrating Teaching Gala Nights*.

The two events also celebrated the award of the 2013 Vice Chancellor's Griffith University Teacher of the Year to Dr Benjamin Weeks – a Lecturer in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences.

A total of 67 Griffith staff comprising winners of National Fellowships, National Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning, Griffith Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Group Learning and Teaching Citations and university-wide Griffith Grants for Learning and Teaching received certificates at the Gala Nights.

Hosting the Gala Nights in the new Griffith Health Centre at the Gold Coast and the Sir Samuel Griffith Centre at Nathan gave staff and guests an excellent opportunity to experience the features of the University's newest facilities. It was very pleasing that the Honourable John McVeigh MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry attended the Nathan ceremony, while several local Councillors attended at both venues.

Celebrating Teaching Week in 2013 included a *Scholarship of Learning and Teaching Forum* in the Health Group on Monday 28 October, a national forum *Capstones: The Time is Now!* attended by more than 90 Griffith and interstate staff on Tuesday 29 October, a seminar led by members of the Griffith Academy of Learning and Teaching Scholars (GALTS), *So You Want a Career in Learning and Teaching...* on Wednesday 30 October, and the annual *Technology Enhanced Learning Symposium* attended by 57 staff at the Gold Coast on 31 October and 70 staff at Nathan on 1 November.

#### **Griffith Honours College**

Recent highlights from the Griffith Honours College appear below:

- Two Griffith Honours College students were shortlisted in the top six for the Queensland Rhodes Scholarship - Chris Eigeland [Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts] and Ethan Bowering [Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning/Bachelor of Science (Environment)]. Chris has progressed to the Australia-at-Large selection to be held in Canberra in December, while Ethan has progressed to the national interviews for the John Monash Scholarship. We wish both of these outstanding students the very best in their endeavours.
- Griffith Honours College student, Rebecca Curran (Master of Pharmacy – Honours), was announced as the winner of the Professor James Dare PSA Pharmacy Graduate of the Year Award at the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia annual dinner on 8 November.
- Dr Jeanne McConachie, Manager Griffith Honours College, was invited to be a panel member at the 27<sup>th</sup> Australian International Education Conference in Canberra, where the Griffith Honours College was recognised as an example of “best practice” in Global Leadership Programs for high achieving students in the Asia-bound policy context.
- Griffith Honours College students joined a delegation from the Griffith Asia Institute at Peking University for the Emerging Leaders' Dialogue. The conference included a great networking evening involving some premier members of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Beijing, a number of Prime Minister's Asian Award scholars and Griffith academics.

## ***Griffith Sports College***

### ***After the Siren***

In 2013, the Griffith Sports College (GSC) facilitated 6 workshops for high school based student athletes. The venues included the Tallebudgera Recreational Centre, the Gold Coast Titans, Griffith Gold Coast Campus, Runaway Bay Sports Centre, Sports House in Milton and South Bank. The workshops were kept limited in size to ensure it was intimate and personal. In all, approximately 150+ top high school student athletes attended to listen to presentations from 2 Olympic Gold Medallists, including GSC Manager Duncan Free and many Griffith staff presenting topics including appropriate use of social media, public speaking, leadership, drugs in sport, media training and more. Feedback from both students and their schools on these one-day workshops was very positive. Recruitment rates from these workshops will be tracked from those year 12 students who attended.

### ***AFL Sports Ready***

Griffith Sports College have cemented a relationship with AFL Sports Ready which is an educational provider for AFL players delivering certificate and diploma programs.

Griffith University and AFL Sports Ready have signed an MOU which acknowledges Griffith as the exclusive Queensland University partner and includes an articulation agreement. This agreement recognises prior learning from AFL Sports Ready and is a clear pathway into University for AFL players.

### ***Blues Awards***

For the first time since 2007, the Griffith Sports College has resurrected the Annual Blues Awards for Sporting Excellence. The awards evening recognised outstanding sporting achievements and awarded 13 'Half Blue' awards for underage or World Uni Games Australian representatives and 20 'Full Blue' awards for senior level Australian representation. In all, Griffith University had 33 Australian representatives in 2013. It was a successful event with Gold Coast Suns CEO Travis Auld as guest speaker.



*Attendees at the 2013 Blues Awards*

### ***Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) Forum***

Griffith was a proud host of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) Forum for 2013. Every second year the Australian Institute of Sport through the National Athlete Career and Education program runs a two day forum for the network of universities and professional player associations who participate in the EAFU program. The forums are a combination of professional development, workshops, guest speakers and networking events, all aimed at strengthening the program to assist elite athletes combine their sporting and academic aspirations. The event held

at Griffith, Gold Coast had the largest attendance in the forum's history with 34 universities being represented by 65 delegates.

### ***School Sports Awards***

In 2012, the Griffith Sports College created an award for each state high school on the Gold Coast. Out of the 16 schools that offered the award to their most outstanding student athlete, 14 of them accepted enrolment into Griffith in 2013.

Again, in 2013 the award is being offered, and extended to all independent schools, now totalling 35 schools participating. Griffith Sports College staff attended many awards ceremonies to present the award. Recruitment rates will be tracked for 2014 admission.

### ***Griffith Student Leadership Conference***

The Student Success Team hosted the inaugural Griffith Student Leadership Conference on Tuesday 1 October 2013 at the Gold Coast campus. The one day conference brought together current and aspiring student leaders from across Griffith. 275 students registered to attend the conference.

In addition to keynote speakers, the program offered 40 concurrent presentations and workshops which offered skill development opportunities and showcased student achievements, such as:

- the development of 'Healthy Start' – a refugee health project developed by Griffith medical students in which health students deliver a series of educational modules to recently arrived refugees.
- the revitalisation of the Criminology Student Society and partnership activities with the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.
- the creation of not-for-profit businesses by students in the Griffith Health Group: the Surgical Interest Association and Investing for Charity – Health.
- the establishment of GURSA - Griffith University Refugee Students Association.
- the creation of student media - Arbiter Magazine.

The conference was well supported by the University community with 250 delegates receiving sponsorship from a School or element to attend. The Student Representative Council provided funds for transport for Brisbane and Logan based students. The Student Guild was the major sponsor of the conference, providing generous support for catering for the day.



*Delegates at the inaugural Griffith Student Leadership Conference*

### ***Student Professional Development and Community Engagement Fund***

The Student Professional Development and Community Engagement Fund is a HEPPP funded project administered by Mentoring@Griffith which supports students in identified equity groups to participate in professional, community or leadership development activities through financial sponsorship.

In 2013, 10 students were selected to represent Griffith at the National Student Leadership Forum (4) and the Queensland Servant Leadership Forum (6), hosted by the Commonwealth and State parliaments. The students attending reported that the experience was transformational and inspired them to develop servant leadership within their own lives. A number of student representatives subsequently presented at the Student Leadership Conference on the topic of servant leadership.

Six student leaders from Surgia – the Surgical Interest Association were sponsored to attend the Australasian Students' Surgical Conference (ASSC), the Developing a Career in Academic Surgery (DCAS) course, and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Annual Scientific Conference (ASC). These events offered the students career development opportunities as well as the chance to network and represent Griffith University to surgeons, students and other professionals from the Australian and the Asia-Pacific region.

Following discussions at the conferences with the Australian Medical Students Association, Surgia's business model is being used as a guide to help other surgical societies grow. Medical schools from The University of Queensland, Bond University, Wollongong University and James Cook University are all using Surgia's business plan to inform the successful development of their own societies, demonstrating the efficacy of an idea entirely conceived by Griffith students. Surgia subsequently presented their work at the Student Leadership Conference.

### ***Open Universities Australia (OUA) Update***

#### ***Enrolments***

Enrolments offered through Open Universities Australia (OUA) have plateaued in 2013, with student enrolment in individual Griffith units of about 31,000 up to Study Period 3/Study Session 2. This is equivalent to an EFTSL of 3,875 to date for 2013 (Study Period 4 data are not available yet).

Undergraduate enrolments for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) showed a strong performance in 2013. OUA Pathways, established in 2013, allows students to complete four units of credit and apply for a CSP in specified programs offered by the University. A new pathway involving more Griffith University units is under development. Griffith's three units are *Management Concepts (Introduction to Management)*, *Developing Research and Analytical Skills* and *Text and Culture*.

#### ***Programs***

Three new postgraduate online programs will be offered through OUA in 2014:

- Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Music Studies, and
- Graduate Certificate in Asia-Pacific Business Management.

Griffith entered into an agreement with Open2Study (a free open education platform for OUA) to offer two massive open online courses (MOOCs) titled *Introduction to Business in Asia* and *Understanding the Origins of Crime*.

#### ***Online quality***

Griffith and OUA continue to raise the quality of online education with the launch of *OUA Quality Framework*, *OUA A Developer's Guide to Online Quality 2013* and *Griffith Online Standards*. The fusion of Griffith's Online Standards and OUA's Principles will ensure we gain sustainability across the board. The OUA Provider Portfolio Review in April offered positive feedback, and a project for the refurbishment of some Griffith OUA units commenced recently.

### ***Symposium: “From Classrooms to Careers: Evolving Education for the Asian Century and Beyond”***

On 17 October, the Careers and Employment Service hosted a symposium ‘From Classrooms to Careers: Evolving Education for the Asian Century and Beyond’ with the generous funding and support of the Cultural Diversity and Internationalisation Community of Practice. The full-day event brought together 80 delegates from government, industry and higher education and focused on the topic of career development and attainment for international students. The momentum created through this symposium will be carried forward in the form of a working group comprised of government, international business council heads, industry, university representatives and students to discuss and implement solutions around this issue.

### ***Second Annual Australia-China Careers Fair***

Following the successful inaugural China Careers Fair in 2012, the Careers and Employment Service again played a significant role in the development and delivery of a series of career development events for Chinese graduates of Australian universities. These events were held in Australia (16–20 September) and China (4–10 November) as part of the 2013 Careers Fair program.

The 2013 program, delivered via a partnership between the Australian Trade Commission and Zhaopin.com, included an Australian multi-city tour with a select group of Chinese employers, a series of industry visits in Beijing and Guangzhou, and a careers fair in Guangzhou, which attracted both state-owned and private enterprises from a wide variety of industry sectors.

This unique platform for Australian universities to support the career development of their graduates, engage with alumni and build corporate links has come about as a direct result of Griffith University’s close engagement with Austrade staff in China over a number of years.

### ***New Support Network for Students***

A new support network for students who are refugees (Griffith University Refugee Students Association) was established in conjunction with Student Equity Services this year, with weekly workshops conducted initially to encourage students to help shape the development of the Association. Five workshops were provided and 46 students attended these. This Association won the Community Service award at the recent Campus Life Clubs and Associations Awards night.

## **People: Staff and Members of Griffith Community**

### ***Fellows of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia***

Three of Griffith’s outstanding scholars have been elected to the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia:

- **Professor Mark Finnane**, ARC Australian Professorial Fellow in the School of Humanities and ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security. (Professor Finnane is also an elected Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities).
- **Professor Ciaran O’Faircheallaigh**, School of Government & International Relations, Griffith Business School
- **Professor David Peetz**, Department of Employment Relations and Human Resource Management, Griffith Business School

Fellows are elected to the Academy by their peers on the basis of a distinguished contribution to one or more of the Social Sciences that has also been recognised internationally.

### ***Top 100 most influential women***

Ms Kirsty Wright, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences, is a finalist in this year’s 100 Women of Influence Awards staged by The Australian Financial Review and Westpac Group.

Ms Wright is a senior lecturer in Forensic Biology and an internationally renowned DNA profiling expert who can be called upon to help identify victims of war or disaster anywhere in the world.

### ***Australia China Alumni Association Awards***

On Saturday 2 November, the Australia China Alumni Association (ACAA) and IELTS presented the 2013 Australia China Alumni Awards in Beijing. The evening saw Griffith alumnus, Ms Jingjing Xi, named joint recipient of the Young Australia China Alumni of the Year Award.

After completing a Bachelor of Medicine Administration in China, Jingjing attended Griffith's Public Health Leadership Program and the Joint Master of Science in Public Health in 2008. Jingjing is an exceptional young leader in the field of public health and a very worthy winner of the Young Australia China Alumni of the Year Award. At only 35, she has been recognised numerous times for her contributions to public health. She is currently Deputy Director with the Office of General Administration at the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

We were also proud to have Griffith alumnus, Mr Freeman Xiang, recognised as a finalist for the Australia China Connections Magazine Australia China Alumni Award for ICT and New Media. After graduating from Griffith University in 2005 with a Master of Arts in Media Production with Honours, Freeman returned to China to embark on what has become a successful career in the Chinese film industry. He is a strong ambassador for the Griffith Film School and its programs through his impressive professional achievements in cinema.

Griffith is extremely proud of our strong China alumni cohort and it was wonderful to see two of our graduates recognised for their successes.

### ***Pro Vice Chancellor (International)***

Professor Sarah Todd commenced as the new Pro Vice Chancellor (International) on 4 November 2013.

Professor Todd comes to Griffith from a distinguished career at the University of Otago in New Zealand. She was the Academic Dean in the School of Business at Otago before her appointment as the inaugural Pro Vice Chancellor (International) there in 2006.

Professor Todd brings to Griffith valuable experience in senior academic roles as well as long exposure to the intensely competitive world of international education, which plays such an important part in Griffith's mission.

### ***Appointment of New Academic Provost***

As advised earlier in the year, Professor Sue Spence will be stepping down from the position of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) in March 2014.

The University Council has recently approved that the position of "Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)" be redesignated "Academic Provost".

Following an extensive international recruitment process which drew together an impressive field of candidates, I am very pleased to announce that Professor Adam Shoemaker has been appointed to the position of Academic Provost.

Professor Shoemaker is currently Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Education) at Monash University.

Since 2007 he has been responsible for the quality, range and impact of all of the University's coursework offerings; innovation in digital education and international learning; Indigenous student access, support and programs; and the University Libraries. A former Commonwealth Scholar, Professor Shoemaker is one of Australia's leading researchers in the area of Indigenous Literature and Culture. The author or editor of eight books in that field, he is also widely published in the areas of international and online education; race relations; and cultural studies.

A former Dean of Arts at ANU from 2000 to 2007, Adam served as Chair of the Brisbane Writers Festival in the mid-1990s and edited a landmark anthology of Australian writing and photography—*A Sea Change*—which was published in association with the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. He chairs the Advisory Board of Monash University Publishing and, for many years, was on the Advisory Board of *Campus Review*.

Professor Shoemaker is committed to social justice outcomes and to education with tangible impact.

In an external professional context, Professor Shoemaker is a Director of Open Universities Australia (OUA) and, for the past four years, has chaired the Victorian statutory authority which oversees the VCE, NAPLAN and the development of the National Curriculum: The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

Professor Shoemaker will join Griffith University in February 2014.

### ***Appointment of New Chief Financial Officer***

Following an extensive recruitment process which attracted a large and strong field of candidates from within and outside the sector, Mr Peter Bryant has been appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer (Mr Bryant will be replacing Mr Rangan Srinivasan who will be retiring as Director of Planning and Financial Services at the end of this year).

Mr Bryant's current role is Group Executive, Global Commercial Operations, Billabong International Limited, a role which oversees all commercial change within the business globally, reporting directly to the Billabong International CEO and the Group's Board. Prior to taking on this role, he held the position of Billabong America's CFO and Acting Global CFO.

Mr Bryant commenced his career in audit roles with PricewaterhouseCoopers, moving on to hold managerial positions with InterGen, a global independent power producer. He joined Billabong International Limited as their International Finance Manager in 2004 and subsequently moved to the position of Australasia Business Development Manager. Mr Bryant left Billabong International Limited in 2008 to take on the role of Director and Chief Financial Officer for the Australian Music Group Holdings Pty Ltd. He was re-recruited by Billabong International Limited in 2010.

Mr Bryant holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Queensland and is a member of the Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants. He comes to Griffith with a wealth of financial management and commercial experience, a deep analytical capability and technical strengths across financial management reporting, compliance and tax.

### ***Appointment to Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) Board***

On 22 October 2013, Treasurer and Minister for Trade Tim Nicholls announced my appointment as one of six members of the newly created Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) board.

The Board will be chaired by Mark Stockwell, a well-respected businessman, property developer and former Olympian.

### ***Vale Mr John Kearney AM QC DUniv***

The University community was greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Mr John Kearney in October.

John Kearney's close association with Griffith University began with his appointment as one of the inaugural members of the Gold Coast College Advisory Council in the early 1990s. He served as Chairperson of the Gold Coast Advisory Council (1999 – 2003) and completed a three year term on the Griffith University Council (1999 – 2002).

John Kearney and his wife Alison shared a deep commitment to education and were generous benefactors to a number of educational institutions including Griffith University. The John and Alison Kearney International Scholarships in Law were established through their generosity. Mr Kearney also funded the establishment of a named Chair of Law and he and Mrs Kearney were founding patrons of the Moot Court at the Gold Coast campus.

John Kearney played a leading role in raising the University's fundraising profile through his activities as Deputy Chair of the Griffith University Fund Board and was a major donor to the Sir Zelman Cowen Law Library Collection. He worked diligently to ensure that the University's Gold Coast campus remained the major focus for higher education in the region.

In April 2000, in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the University and to the community, the Griffith University Council conferred upon John Kearney the honorary degree of 'Doctor of the University'.

John Kearney will be deeply missed by the Griffith community.

### ***Vale Rex Hobcroft DUniv***

The University community was also saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Rex Hobcroft in October.

A teacher, conductor and administrator, Rex Hobcroft was notably the first Australian to play the complete cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas in public, and held directorships at conservatoriums in NSW and Tasmania. Hobcroft also co-founded the Sydney International Piano Competition.

In 1957, Rex Hobcroft was appointed to one of only four full time academic positions at the newly established Queensland Conservatorium, where he was the Foundation Head of Keyboard studies for four years. During his tenure at the Conservatorium, he very quickly established a strong tradition of excellence in performance, with numerous students gaining exposure and acclaim through public events such as the ABC's Concerto and Vocal Competition.

As a performer, he was in demand as a recitalist and concerto soloist, vocal accompanist and chamber musician in Brisbane and throughout regional Queensland, appearing with Conservatorium colleagues and other associate artists, and also with performing organisations such as the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Musica Viva. In addition, he was heard regularly on ABC Radio, where for a number of years he presented an extensive series of music appreciation and educational programs.

In 2007 - the year in which we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queensland Conservatorium - Rex Hobcroft was conferred Griffith's honorary degree of 'Doctor of the University' in recognition of his outstanding contributions to music in Australia, and in particular his contributions as one of the foundation members of staff of the Queensland Conservatorium.

### ***Professorial Appointments***

A number of new professorial appointments have been made since the October 2013 report to Council. See attached for further details. (Attachment 1)

## **People: Student Achievements**

### ***Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) Research Challenge for Australia***

A team of Griffith Business School students has won the 2013 Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) Research Challenge for Australia. The CFA Challenge is a global educational initiative that promotes best practices in equity research among the next generation of analysts through hands-on mentoring and intensive training in company analysis and presentation skills. The Griffith team comprised John Fan (captain), Andrew L'Estrelle, Euan Orsini and Jason Rayment. This is a first for Griffith and a significant achievement by our students. The team will now go to Bangkok for the Asia Pacific finals to be held in April next year.

### ***Queensland Conservatorium Student Successes***

Queensland Conservatorium students and alumni have enjoyed great success in recent months as highlighted below:

- **Sam Johnson** won the Opera Foundation German Operatic Award in Sydney. Sam is well known through his operatic roles at the Conservatorium - including the Count in this year's production of *Figaro*. Other recent winners from the QCGU include Luke Stoker and Shannon Foley.
- **Jade Moffat** (Bachelor of Music, 2012) won the prestigious Marianne Mathy Scholarship. Previous QCGU winners of this award include Jason Barry-Smith, Jeffery Black, David Quah, Clare Gormley, Miriam Gormley and David Lemke.

- **Rachel Merton** won the 2013 Willoughby Symphony Orchestra and Choice Fine Music 102.5 Young Composer Award. Rachel started in the Young Con at age 12, and completed her Bachelor of Music in 2005. This year she has been completing her Master of Music Studies.
- In the musical theatre sphere, **Vivien Emsworth** (3rd year) has been offered female ensemble and understudy Tuptim and **Chris Fung** (2nd year) has been offered male ensemble and understudy King of Siam in *The King and I* which opens at the Sydney Opera House next year before touring nationally.
- The Orchard, featuring three Conservatorium Bachelor of Popular Music Students (**Sean Thomas, Steven Dalamara and Lachlan Bambach**) recently won the National Campus Band Competition in Canberra, being voted No 1 out of an original field of 238 bands.
- **Dami Im** was announced as the winner of popular television talent show *X-Factor*. Dami graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Music (Classical Piano) and continued her vocal studies at QCGU with Irene Bartlett, completing a Master of Music Studies in 2011.
- **Joseph O'Connor** (Bachelor of Music and Conservatorium medalist, 2010) won 1st place in the National Jazz Awards at the Wangaratta Jazz Festival. The prize includes \$10,000 and an invitation to make a recording for 'Jazztrack' on ABC Classic FM. Jazz Department tutor (and graduate) David Spicer also made the top 10 finalists. Past recipients of this prestigious award include jazz staff member Kristin Berardi (voice) and Isaac Hurren (saxophone).

### ***Commerce student enters the Bloomberg “Hall of Fame”***

Commerce student Peter Kell was inducted into the Bloomberg Institute Hall of Fame in September.

The final year Bachelor of Commerce student, completing majors in economics and finance, was recognised in the highly competitive Asia and Pacific region ranking after completing the Bloomberg Aptitude Test. The Bloomberg Aptitude test covers a wide range of topics such as business, finance and economics and skills such as analytical reasoning. It is designed to help students showcase their strength and abilities to potential employers by publishing their test results and resumes online.

## **Physical Facilities and Information Services**

Reports on Capital and Minor Works (Attachment 2) and Information Services (Attachment 3) are attached.

## **University Engagement**

### ***2013 Walkley Awards***

Finalists in the prestigious Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism were announced in October, and two articles from our award-winning quarterly Griffith REVIEW have been shortlisted:

- All Media Coverage of Indigenous Affairs - **Kathy Marks** for “Channelling Mannalargenna”
- Print/Text Feature Writing Long (over 4000 words) - **Melissa Lucashenko** for “Sinking below sight: Down and out in Brisbane and Logan”

Winners will be announced on Thursday 28 November.

### ***2013 Body Bequest Program Thanksgiving Ceremony***

On Thursday 17 October, I attended the thanksgiving service dedicated to the remembrance of those who donate to the University's body bequest program. By making this personal gift, donors make a vital contribution to training the next generation of doctors, scientists and health professionals, and an invaluable contribution to the work of our researchers who have dedicated their working lives to advancing scientific and medical knowledge, promoting health and finding cures to human illness.

At the service, the names of 38 donors were read out in a deeply moving ceremony attended by the families and friends of donors, and by the staff and students who benefit from this generous act of giving.

### ***Australia-Indonesia Dialogue***

On 19 November, the Griffith Asia Institute hosted the inaugural Australia-Indonesia Dialogue at the Nathan campus. The one day workshop was developed in collaboration with colleagues at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences - the largest and oldest state-owned research institution in Indonesia, and the only government research institution with significant capacity in the social sciences and humanities.

The express aim of the workshop was to deepen existing partnerships between Australian and Indonesian researchers across a range of constituent disciplines.

Special guests attending the inaugural Australia-Indonesia Dialogue included Professor Lukman Hakim – Chairman, Indonesian Institute of Sciences; Mr John McCarthy AO, former Australian Ambassador to Indonesia and Chair of the Griffith Asia Institute Advisory Council; and Mr Derek Brown – Queensland State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

### ***Glycomics Week***

The Institute for Glycomics celebrated its fourth annual Glycomics Week, commencing on 8 October with the Peter Gallagher Memorial Public Lecture delivered by Professor Benjamin Davis from the University of Oxford. Professor Davis is internationally recognised for his contribution to the field of glycoscience and his lecture “The World is Made of Sugar and Dirt” addressed the issue of why sugars are such important yet neglected molecules.

The annual Institute for Glycomics Gala Dinner was held on 10 October and provided a unique opportunity to celebrate research achievements and successful partnerships throughout the past year. Special guests included Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, patron of the Childhood Leukaemia project, the Federal Health Minister, the Honourable Peter Dutton, and the patron of the Melanoma Project, Vaughan Johnson MP.



*The Hon. Peter Dutton, Federal Minister for Health and Minister for Sport, addressed the 2013 Glycomics Gala Dinner.*

### ***Chancellor's Dinner – Gold Coast Campus***

The annual Gold Coast Chancellor's Dinner was held on Thursday 3 October.

The event was attended by over 20 guests who started the evening enjoying drinks and canapés on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the new Griffith Health Building. Guests were then escorted to the 10<sup>th</sup> floor where they were treated to unique views of the Gold Coast University Hospital and the impressive Gold Coast coastline. The Chancellor and I then hosted an intimate dinner in The Chancellery.

We were delighted to be joined by Queensland Education Minister, The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP and wife Stacey Langbroek, as well as esteemed supporters of the University.



*Chancellor Leneen Forde AC addressing guests at the 3 October dinner*

### ***Griffith Business School 2013 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Winners***

At its Annual Gala Dinner and Award Night on Friday 8 November, the Griffith Business School celebrated the achievements of the 2013 'Outstanding Alumnus of the Year', Mr Karl Morris, and 'Young Outstanding Alumnus of the Year', Ms Sarah Bairstow.

Mr Morris is a Bachelor of Commerce graduate from 1987 and is currently Executive Chairman of Ord Minnett. He has been a leading contributor to the Australian stockbroking industry for the past 25 years, and is an active company director, philanthropist and a patron of education, the arts and various not-for-profit organisations.

Ms Bairstow is a Bachelor of International Business/Bachelor of Laws (Hons) graduate from 2006 and is currently Santos Limited's Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Marketing Manager. In this role, she has negotiated long term sale and purchase agreements with two of the world's largest LNG corporations - PETRONAS and KOGAS. She has been appointed to many industry committees including the Australian Institute of Energy (Queensland), Queensland Young Energy Professionals (founding committee member) and Women in Mining and Resources Queensland.

The GBS Annual Gala Dinner and Award Night attracted more than 280 alumni, industry partners, current students and staff.

### ***2013 Arts, Education and Law Gala Dinner and Awards Night***

Alumni, friends, industry partners, staff and students came together to celebrate at the 2013 Arts, Education and Law Gala Dinner and Awards Night on Friday 11 October. Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, the third annual dinner was attended by 240 guests.

ABC Radio National's Paul Barclay hosted the night, with showcase performances from third-year Musical Theatre students and a stunning performance from Australian singer-songwriter Katie Noonan and her string quartet. Katie was the 2012 AEL Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Senior Sergeant Corey Allen took out the 2013 AEL Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award, while barrister Joshua Creamer won the AEL outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year Award. Twenty-six alumni from across AEL were honoured for their achievements and successes as part of the evening's celebration.

The dinner provided an excellent opportunity for AEL alumni to re-engage with each other and recognise the diversity of graduates' achievements.

### ***Relay for Life***

On Saturday 19 October, I had the privilege of opening the inaugural Griffith University Gold Coast Relay for Life at our Gold Coast campus. Organised by the Griffith University Student Guild, in collaboration with Cancer Council Queensland, the event saw more than 30 teams engage in a relay style walk or run over an 18 hour period.

The event raised over \$32,000 with all funds to be invested into Cancer Council Queensland's vital cancer research.

Developing a commitment to philanthropy and volunteerism is an expression of Griffith's core values and it is truly inspiring to see this instilled in our students through participation in events such as Relay for Life.



*Left to Right: Cameron Harrison (President, Gold Coast Student Guild), Bec Sproule, Prof. Ian O'Connor, Sophie Wood, Steve Harris (event organiser), and at front Reilly Gee and Alex Cruice*

### ***Woodridge State High School Ambassador Award.***

Griffith University is the recipient of the Woodridge State High School Ambassador Award. This award was presented to Griffith as a school community member, for promoting and building goodwill, and enhancing the name of Woodridge State High School within the wider school community.

In delivering the award, Tracey Cook, Deputy Principal of Woodridge State High School said:

*"The recipient of this year's award, Griffith University have promoted goodwill and enhanced the name of Woodridge SHS within and across the wider community through their commitment to a variety of programs, initiatives and partnerships that support opportunities and outcomes for our students."*

The Student Equity Educational Outreach and Partnerships team in Student Services contributed to this award through their Talking Careers Program, the LEAD Program, Uni-Reach and through administering the REACH aspiration awards. This team has also been acknowledged through other community awards in 2013.

### ***Logan – City of Choice Leadership Team***

The Logan City of Choice Leadership team continues work on several projects across key areas of education, employment, safety, housing and social infrastructure. Professor Lesley Chenoweth, as member of the team, is leading the social infrastructure initiative. Regular updates on the state of the city will be released over the team's two year term.

### ***Red Event – 11 December***

A *Red Event* to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Logan campus is being held on 11 December. This event will provide an opportunity to raise the profile of the campus and to promote the Students' Future Fund. All Council members are invited to attend the event which will be held from 6 - 8pm in the L03 Foyer.

### ***Gold Coast Light Rail***

The light rail system, due to open on the Gold Coast next year reached a key milestone on Friday, 20 September. The first of the trams was officially launched at a special ceremony at the new Goldline depot at Southport.

The 13km of rail is expected to be a boon for Griffith, with students and staff able to get in and out of the Gold Coast campus with ease. Griffith will have its own tram stop at Engineering Drive and a second stop at University Drive which will also service the new Gold Coast University Hospital.

The light rail will transform the Gold Coast and greatly improve campus access. It will also directly link Griffith with the key recreational and accommodation areas of the city.

Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Ned Pankhurst attended the launch ceremony alongside Transport Minister Scott Emerson, Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate, light rail consortium Goldline Chairman John Witheriff and more than 100 other distinguished guests.

The first assembled tram then travelled a ceremonial 150m as a "first journey" and guests were invited to climb aboard and inspect the newest addition to the Gold Coast transport network. The light rail, running from Griffith to Broadbeach, through Southport and Surfers Paradise, is due to be fully operational by mid-2014.

### ***2013 Australian University Games***

More than 8,500 competitors representing universities from throughout Australia recently descended upon the Gold Coast for the 2013 Australian University Games. Officially hosted by Griffith University, the event ran from Sunday 29 September to Friday 4 October, and is one of the largest student sporting gatherings in Australia.

Athletics, swimming, cycling, volleyball, basketball, golf, squash, martial arts and touch football were among the 30 sports that were contested over the week long Games. There were also less conventional competitions, such as Ultimate Frisbee, and 2013 saw the first year that Griffith fielded a women's teams for AFL and rugby union sevens.

Griffith fielded 440 individual and team competitors who were partially subsidised by Campus Life and the University's Student Guild.

### ***Riverfire 2013***

More than 90 Griffith University donors and supporters gathered at the Queensland College of Art on 28 September for the annual Riverfire cocktail reception. The Chancellor hosted the event, and thanked those in attendance for helping the University to unlock its potential as a leader in teaching and research. Guests enjoyed unparalleled views of the fireworks and the music of Queensland Conservatorium guitar duo “Dos Guitarras”.



*Attendees enjoying the fireworks at Griffith's 2013 Riverfire cocktail reception at the QCA***International**

## **International**

### ***Delegations***

The International Relations Unit coordinated 14 international delegation visits to Griffith University from 12 September 2013 to 5 November 2013. The highlights appear in Attachment 4.

### ***Griffith English Language Institute (GELI)***

#### *ELICOS*

ELICOS student numbers have continued to improve, with the greatest increase continuing to be at the Gold Coast campus. Brisbane numbers, spread across Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses, have also seen a 29% increase in September-October 2013 compared with the same period in 2012. The Gold Coast campus has experienced a 59% increase in this period.

There are now 106 Science Without Borders students from Brazil who are completing English language courses with GELI for a minimum of 20 weeks in order to reach the required English proficiency level to enter a year of Study Abroad at Griffith.

The Mixed English and Academic Program co-delivered by GELI and Queensland Institute of Business Technology (QIBT) is experiencing steady growth. While nowhere near the 2010-2011 numbers, the Semester 3, 2013 intake showed a 203% increase on the same intake in 2012, continuing the growth trends of the Semester 1, 2013 intake (203%) and Semester 2, 2013 (188%).

#### *Griffith English Language Enhancement Strategy (GELES)*

At the Australian International Education Conference (AIEC) in October 2013, the Griffith English Language Enhancement Strategy won an International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) Excellence Award for Best Practice/Innovation in International Education. This is national recognition of the University's work in relation to supporting the academic language and learning needs of students with English as an additional language.

Additionally, in the i-graduate International Student Barometer results released in August 2013, 87% of students were satisfied/very satisfied with the support provided to improve English language skills, representing an 8% institutional improvement since the introduction of GELES.

### *EnglishHELP*

EnglishHELP has delivered 7200 consultations in 2013 YTD. From Semester 2, 2013, Higher Degree Research (HDR) students were able to access two consultations per week. 92 HDR students signed up for double appointments and 62 have attended regularly since registering for assistance. Feedback from students in the October 2013 survey was overwhelmingly positive. 345 responses were received, with 94% of students indicating that they perceived their consultation to be useful for their studies.

### *IELTS Test Centre*

Numbers remain relatively steady in the test centre, though a slight decrease in tests has been noted. 4708 tests have been delivered YTD, compared with 5131 at the same time in 2012. In September 2013, the biennial audit was conducted by IDP: IELTS Australia head office. The audit report noted that the centre maintains exemplary records and operates at a very high standard.

### ***International Business Development Unit (IBDU)***

IBDU continues to work closely with schools and academic staff for delivery of aid-funded and overseas government proposals. October/November was a busy period, as highlighted by the projects below:

- AusAID funded Australia Awards Fellowship (AAF) grant for 15 Mongolian government officials and policy makers to study at Griffith was secured by IBDU and delivered by the Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law and led by Professor Charles Sampford. The program involved academics from Griffith University and the Australian National University and its purpose was to help positively shape Mongolia's young democracy. This is a critical first step to cementing Griffith with key decision makers in Mongolia. New proposals are being developed for further capacity building programs in English language, higher education reform and governance.
- Vietnamese officials travelled to Griffith under Project 165, which funded 20 senior local government staff from 19 different provinces in Vietnam to conduct leadership training at Griffith. This program was secured by IBDU and delivered by the Department of International Business and Asian Studies (IBAS) led by Professor Peter Woods and Professor Tom Nguyen. The program concentrated on Ethical Leadership, Economic Development and Growth Challenges, Sustainability Policy and Natural Resource Management, Leadership, Management and Communication in the Tourism Industry, Trade and Investment, Sustainable Futures, Transport Planning and Urban Management.
- The Centre for Creative Entrepreneurs, co-hosted by the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) and Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) in Korea, sent 12 of its brightest young inventors to Griffith University in October 2013 to participate in two weeks of workshops on sustainable and creative enterprise delivered by the Asia Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise and led by Professor Jeremy Williams. The Centre for Creative Entrepreneurs was established in 2009 to develop and nurture individuals who can create new values through creativity and contribute to Korea's national growth and development. In three short years its students have already submitted 1056 patents. The program was noted by the Korean Ambassador to Australia, His Excellency Mr Kim Bong-Hyun, during his recent visit to Griffith. Discussions around an Australia/Korea creative economy forum were initiated.
- A series of lectures was provided to 69 nursing students from the Shoin Higashi Nursing College in Japan at Logan campus by the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

### ***International Office***

#### *Partner Week (October 2013)*

Griffith International hosted its final partner week for 2013, with 23 agents from Europe, Africa and South East Asia spending four days across all Griffith campuses. The event was an opportunity to showcase new facilities and new programs and research areas to agents who work with the Griffith International Marketing team to send thousands of students to Griffith each year.

#### *Innovative Research Universities (IRU) Professional Development Seminar (October 2013)*

In late October 2013, Griffith International hosted the annual IRU Professional Development seminar which rotates each year to a different IRU partner. This year the themes were compliance and global mobility which were run in two concurrent streams. 25 staff from member universities flew in to the Gold Coast to participate and IRU Secretariat attended and contributed.

*Griffith Global Mobility (Study Abroad and Exchange)*

Effective from 21 October 2013, the Study Abroad and Exchange Office has been renamed Griffith Global Mobility. The name better reflects the scope of work carried out by the office and is an industry-accepted term. Students and academics are responding well to the recent promotions with the level of enquiry up substantially from previous years.

On 21 October 2013, Griffith was the host site for a major campaign launch from Universities Australia and the Australian government called "World Class: The World is Your Campus". This campaign is designed to grow the number of Australian students participating in global mobility programs as part of their degrees. Two Griffith students - Ethan Bowing and Elise Giles - are featured in the national campaign. This event followed a highly successful Griffith Global Experience Expo that was held at Nathan, Gold Coast and South Bank campuses. The Expo showcased the range of options available to students to study overseas during their degree. Over 300 students registered for the event with many others engaging directly during the program.

#### *Student Linx Program*

Semester 1, 2013 saw the highest level of attendance on record with 2972 student participations at our events. Semester 2, 2013 continued this momentum, and while final participation data is currently being tallied, so far student participation is at 3643.

The ratio of domestic to international students currently stands at 57% domestic, 43% international. This is the first time that domestic participation has outnumbered international participation since the inception of the Student Linx program. A significant contributor to this is the International Trivia event on the Gold Coast which saw 924 students participate across Semester 2, 2013 (92% of which were domestic).

Community engagement has grown significantly this semester, with Gold Coast students participating in bushwalks and trips to community events, such as the Swell Sculpture Festival and Burleigh fire twirling and drumming circles. On the Gold Coast, attendance increased from 17 students in Semester 1, 2013 to 179 students in Semester 2, 2013. At the Nathan campus, Bush Care also received a record 53 students who participated in the event. Sites were rotated between Fox Gully and Mt Gravatt State High School, with the opportunity to expand to other sites next semester.

On 19-20 October 2013, Student Linx entered two Griffith MATES-led teams into Relay for Life at the Gold Coast campus. 22 students took part in this continuous run/walk from 3pm on Saturday 19 October to 9am Sunday 20 October, and managed to raise \$1425.65 through online and offline fundraising.

Our Relay teams were also praised by event staff for having participated in every activity on offer throughout the event, with their yellow smiley-face shirts (based off the UniFY light bulbs) noticeably present at each activity.

In Semester 2, 2013 we shifted our Gold Coast Games Afternoons event from the Unibar to the G11 Library Undercroft. Moving this event into this main thoroughfare saw attendance increase by 315.92%, up from 113 students in Semester 1, 2013 to 470 in Semester 2, 2013.

At close of applications, Student Linx received 204 applications to join the Griffith MATES Team in 2014. This included 41.1% domestic applicants. Of the 204 applications, a total of 148 positions have been offered to students who have been interviewed and found suitable candidates to fill the position of Griffith Mate, with 38% of the total representing domestic students.

## **Media Highlights**

A summary of media activities appears at Attachment 5.

## **PROFESSORIAL APPOINTMENTS**

The following professorial appointment has been made since my last report to Council in October 2013.

### ***Arts, Education & Law***

None

### ***Business***

None

### ***Health***

**Professor Lauren Williams** commenced as Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics in the School of Public Health on 1 October 2013. Over the past 18 years, Professor Williams has made a significant contribution to the development of nutrition and dietetics in both the education sector and in the wider professional community. Professor Williams came to us from the University of Canberra where she was Professor and Head of Discipline of Nutrition and Dietetics. She is also a member of the Australian Public Health Nutrition Academic Collaboration which is currently developing a national assessment of entry level competence in this discipline. In her previous role at the University of Newcastle, Professor Williams oversaw the accreditation of the nutrition and dietetics program. Her innovations in teaching earned her the Vice Chancellor's Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. Professor Williams is a leader in the field of social nutrition and public health nutrition, in particular the sociology of slow food, and has a strong track record of publications. She is Chief External Examiner for Nutrition and Dietetics students at the International Medical University. She is also Associate Editor of the journal of the Dieticians Association of Australia, and serves on a number of government advisory groups.

### ***Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology***

None



## Campus Life

### CAPITAL AND MINOR WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

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#### MAJOR PROJECTS

##### **New Business Building (G42), Gold Coast campus (\$35m):**

All seven floors of the building have now been poured and completed. The roof is on and the curtain wall facade to Parkland Drive is complete. The fit out of the services is now well advanced through the lower level of the building. Internal partitions have commenced on all levels including the top floor. Installation of services is being undertaken upward through the building, and is currently at Level 6. Painting has commenced on the lower levels.

The Roof Wetting ceremony was held on Tuesday 29 October 2013. Practical completion is currently expected to be achieved in early May 2014.



**Replace Roof (M10), Mount Gravatt campus (\$6.5m):**

The M10 project is proceeding well. The builder has completed the demolition of the existing level 5 structure. A temporary water proof membrane system has been installed and is maintained daily to reduce the risk of water ingress.

The installation of the new structural steel roof frame has commenced. The work will be completed by late November.



**Completion of Law (G36) Building, Gold Coast campus (\$0.74m):**

The construction works associated with the enclosure of the open link between G36 and G06 has been completed. The opening of these new works will be held on Monday 25 November. The opening will be attended by Mrs Alison Kearney DUniv and her son John. The Kearney family were financial contributors to this project.

**Upgrade of the PC3 Laboratories (G26), Gold Coast campus (\$0.85m):**

The G12 Animal House air conditioning upgrade has been completed.

The design of the G26 PC3 Annexe has been developed to a point where pricing of the project can be undertaken and submitted by the Design & Construction Manager.

**Rugby League Football Training Facility, Logan campus (\$1.38m):**

The Design & Construction Manager has now submitted a Total Project Sum offer which has been accepted, and work on this project has commenced. The scope of the project includes creating an earth platform capable of taking two fields, however only one field will be developed in this contract and the balance of the platform will be seeded to provide a basis grass cover capable of being developed into a full specification field in the future if the need arises. There will also be a small change room and toilet facility which can also be expanded if the second field is developed. A small sealed carpark will complete the contracted works. Completion of the project ready for use by the University team is scheduled for 24 April 2014.

**Johnson Path Signage – Phase 1, Nathan campus (\$390k):**

Limited signage has been installed throughout the campus. Some key signage in the Arrival Plaza and also at the end of the path near Sewell Building is waiting for finalisation of the design details prior to fabrication and installation.



**Nathan & Gold Coast Data Centre Upgrade (N34 & G10), Nathan & Gold Coast campuses (\$841k):**

The scope of work required for the Nathan data centre has been finalised with INS and tenders will be called in the third week of November.

**Refurbishment of Public Spaces in Patience Thoms Building (N06), Nathan campus (\$2.00Mm):**

Tenders have been received. Clarification is being sort from all tenderers at the present time.

**Relocation of SEET Mechanical/Engineering Workshop (N34), Nathan campus (\$350k):**

The first draft of the consultant drawings are presently being reviewed by Campus Life and SEET.

**Mount Gravatt Chiller Replacement, Mount Gravatt campus (\$232k):**

The tender for the installation and associated work for the chiller closed recently and is currently being reviewed by the mechanical consultant and Campus Life. We are awaiting their advice before awarding a contract. Installation is expected to commence during the Christmas break.

**Relocation of the Student Centre, Cashier and INS Technical Support Workshop to Arts & Music (M09); Refurbishment of East end of Social Sciences (M10) for AEL, Mt Gravatt campus (\$1.63m).**

The proposed redevelopment of the eastern end of M10 to accommodate AEL research staff, and the relocation of the INS workshop from M10 to M09 to facilitate this redevelopment, has resulted in a larger project by the addition of the new Mt Gravatt Student Centre which is also to be relocated to M09 adjacent to the new INS workshop.

This combining of the projects has been done to achieve better integration of the services infrastructure in M09 and to achieve better value for money and efficiencies in programming and decanting by letting as a single project.

Fee proposals for architectural services are currently being sought.

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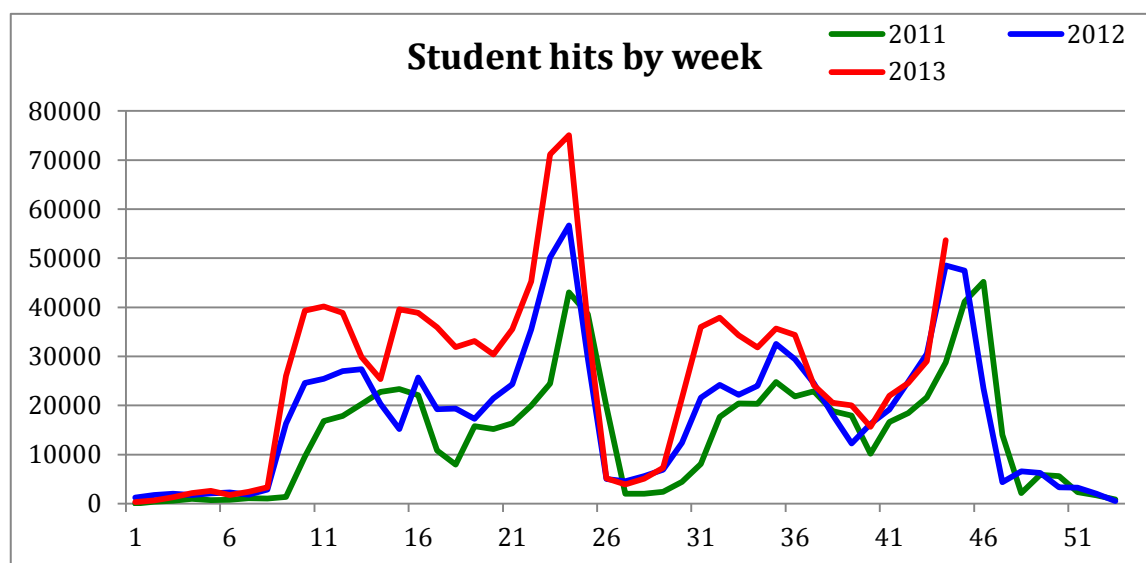
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## Attachment 3

### INS Report to Council December 2013

#### Lecture capture and wireless usage continue to break records

Lecture Capture has officially broken all previous records with 1.1 million hits (of students viewing Lecture Capture recordings) year to date.



Total hits for 2011 – 749,960

Total hits for 2012 – 951,157

Total hits for 2013 – 1,150,015

With greater coverage, increased connections and faster downloads, INS' wireless network continues to provide an impressive service to students and the broader Griffith community.

So far in 2013 the Griffith wireless network has:

- Serviced 14.5 million connections by 44,665 different users using over 100,000 unique devices.
- Enabled 340 terabytes of data to be downloaded and 68 terabytes uploaded.
- There has been increased utilisation in popular wireless hotspots and we have identified future service improvements. Some popular campus hotspots include:
  - Nathan and Mt Gravatt student residences
  - Nathan and Gold Coast libraries.

18 Outdoor Wireless Mesh access points have now been installed and are operational. These specially-built access points are installed on light poles and roofs of Griffith buildings to give

a wide coverage area in outdoor locations, such as the Gold Coast's tennis courts, The Pavilion (G32), Nathan's seating areas near The Hub (N11) along with many more.

## An improved digital learning and teaching environment



The latest Learning@Griffith upgrade has brought a myriad of new features with it, set to benefit both staff and students. Three new Learning@Griffith features are now live:

1. Global Navigation and My Blackboard

Available to everyone who uses Learning@Griffith, the Global Navigation Panel gives quick access to courses and students' personal settings, while the My Blackboard functionality gives access to the new Posts feature.

2. New Content Editor

A Content Editor now appears everywhere that you enter text into Learning@Griffith, from Discussion Board posts to blog entries (and for teaching staff, contents items added to the course). The new Content Editor helps create complex online content without extensive knowledge of HTML.

3. My Marks

My Marks allows students to view their marks along with feedback on assessment items. My Marks now has an improved layout and more information about past and future assessments.

## A Finance system patching leap

The October 2013 Finance patching project refreshed our Finance system from maintenance version 4, to maintenance version 11. This was a significant exercise and the first time the Finance system has been patched outside of a major upgrade project.

Patching has allowed the University to achieve database and application security currency and ensure ongoing full support from our product vendor, Oracle. As well as significant bug fixes, there were also specific product enhancements to critical business areas such as Purchase Requests, Approval workflow and Assets Management.

Regular patching of our critical Enterprise systems will continue and is crucial to ensuring the ongoing security of the University's valuable information assets. The project was completed on-schedule and under-budget.

## AARNews interview with the Pro Vice Chancellor, Information Services



Australia's Academic and Research Network (AARNet) is the not-for-profit company that operates Australia's National Research and Education Network (NREN). AARNet's shareholders are 38 Australian universities, including Griffith University, and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

In October 2013, the AARNews travelled to Griffith's Gold Coast Campus to interview our Pro Vice Chancellor, Information Services, Ms Linda O'Brien.

The interview explored issues around why we need to rethink traditional models of IT strategy and decision making, and the important role of partnerships with key stakeholders and agencies in delivering the best possible outcomes for Griffith.

The interview can be viewed at: [AARNews](#).

## Report on International Delegations

### ***Delegations***

The International Relations Unit coordinated 14 international delegation visits to Griffith University from 12 September 2013 to 5 November 2013. The highlights are as follows:

#### **Thailand**

##### *Thai Institute of Justice (TIJ)*

Professor Paul Mazerolle, Pro Vice Chancellor (AEL), hosted a delegation from the Thai Institute of Justice (TIJ) together with Professor Ross Homel, Director, Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance (KELAG) and staff from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The delegation visited the Mt Gravatt and Nathan campuses on 10 September 2013 to discuss and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalise the relationship between TIJ and Griffith University initiated by Professor Peter Homel, KELAG. One of the keys to the TIJ's continued prosperity is that it is "sponsored" by the granddaughter of the current King of Thailand. HRH Princess Pat, as she is known, works closely with TIJ and is currently the Ambassador to the Thai Standing Mission to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna. HRH is a well-credentialed law graduate from Cornell.

#### **Canada**

##### *Simon Fraser University (SFU)*

Cara McDonald, Recreations Coordinator, Aquatics at SFU visited the Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt, and Nathan campuses on 2 - 3 October 2013 to meet with staff to discuss Griffith's initiatives for health and wellness of students, staff and faculty as part of a SFU Staff Mobility Initiative. Cara was interested to learn about our initiatives to engage domestic and international students, faculty and staff and the community in athletics and recreational opportunities. She also attended the Australia University Games hosted by Griffith during the week. The Staff Mobility Initiative supports international professional development opportunities for non-academic staff at SFU and supports the ongoing internationalization of the university through improvements and innovations in service, practice and programming. Essentially, they are attempting to create opportunities for non-academic staff that will positively impact SFU and the community and they have set aside funds to support people for short-term exchanges or full exchanges at partner institutions.

#### **Chile**

##### *Australian Education Commissioner-Latin America*

Ms Sofia Pereira, Education Commissioner for Latin America, Australian Trade Commission, Embassy of Australia in Chile visited the Nathan campus on 4 October 2013 and met with the Australian Rivers Institute to learn about their latest research projects. Austrade is organising a series of water-management symposia around the Latin American continent to profile Australian expertise in this area, particularly around research and capacity building for staff (across technical, scientific and government sectors) and Ms Pereira encouraged Griffith University to participate.

#### **Denmark**

##### *University of Southern Denmark (SDU)*

Per Christian Andersen, Senior Advisor, Vice Chancellor's Office, visited Griffith on 14 - 15 October 2013 to accompany SDU students attending the International Research Forum hosted this year by Griffith University with students from Chinese Academy of Sciences, University of Tokyo, and University of Nebraska as well. He was interested to learn from the experience as SDU will be hosting the Forum in 2014. During his visit he also met with Professor Ian O'Connor, Vice Chancellor & President, Chris Madden, Pro Vice Chancellor (International) and Griffith staff to learn about general student services, as well as special programs and services for students with learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

#### **Brazil**

##### *Australian Trade Commission-Australian Consulate-General, Sao Paulo*

Ms Sheila Lunter, Consul and Trade Commissioner Sao Paulo, visited the South Bank campus on 17 October 2013 to meet with academics from relevant areas to introduce a new initiative that Austrade is

working on in Brazil called the "Tropical Alliance", which is in cooperation with the Queensland Government office in Brazil. The Tropical Alliance initiative focuses on Australia's specialised knowledge that is leading to expertise in many areas of research and development including commercialisation of tropical health and medicine, living and urban design, environmental science and management, primary industries and education. This would be a point of differentiation from the massive range of programs being pursued with Brazil by other countries. The Tropical Alliance would build from a base of strength in Australian public and private sector institutions with a track record of operating in Australia's tropical environment and similar regions throughout the world.

### **Indonesia**

#### ***Semarang City Government***

Professor Ian O'Connor, Vice Chancellor and President hosted a dinner event in honour of a senior Government delegation from Semarang, one of Indonesian's most important cities on 24 October 2013. Mr Adi Tri Hanango Semarang City Regional Secretary, representing the Mayor of Semarang, Mr Hendrar Prihadi, attended the dinner with more than 150 guests at the Nathan campus arranged by Griffith, in conjunction with the Australia Indonesian Business Council (Qld) and Brisbane City Council.

Part of the evening's proceedings included the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, a collaboration between Griffith and Semarang City Council that will see cooperation in the areas of education; science, environment, engineering and technology; health and business. The delegation also took part in workshops on Tourism and Small Business Resilience; and Environmental Waste Management during the day at Griffith. With a population of approximately two million people, Semarang is the capital of the Indonesian province of Central Java and has been a sister city of Brisbane for 20 years. The evening included a cultural celebration with a musical performance by the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development for Indonesia/Griffith University Students Association on the "Angklung" bamboo instrument; Queensland Conservatorium award winning guitarist Sean Flynn; Indonesian Gamelan by Francis Gilfedder; and a colourful Indonesian batik display from Semarang and Queensland.

#### **Other partner and non-partner institutions that visited during this period included:**

- Mahidol University, Thailand (04/09/13)
- Korea Environment Institute, Korea (13/09/13)
- Ontario College of Art & Design University, Canada (16/09/13)
- National Union of Kuwaiti Students, Kuwait (21/09/13)
- NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands (03/10/13)
- Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange, China (10/10/13)
- Ausbiotech, China (30/10/13)
- Rangsit University, Thailand (05/11/13)

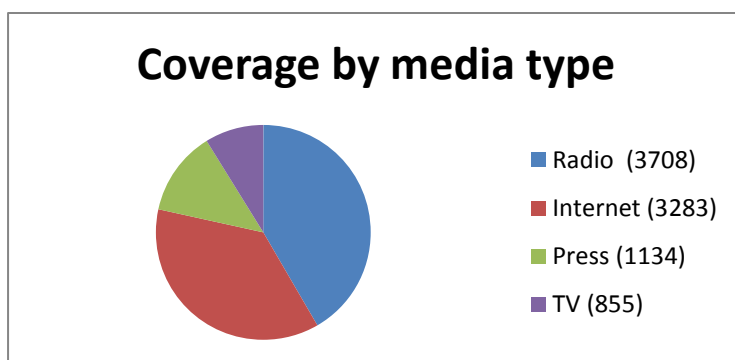
## **Communications and Media Report – December 2013**

### **1.0 Overview**

From robot seals to irukandji jellyfish to research into rudeness and a fun run to raise cancer awareness, Griffith University's media and communications footprint has been extensive and diverse this period. A record 8911 domestic news media reports were recorded for the third quarter of the year, up substantially on the previous high of 6800 the preceding quarter and up from 6700 the corresponding quarter last year.

The quality and favourability of the media coverage remains strong with *The Australian*, *The Courier-Mail*, *ABC Radio* and the *Gold Coast Bulletin* the main outlets. Research generated a lot of interest such as Professor Wendy Moyle's use of robot seals to assist dementia patients, PhD student Shannon Klein's findings on the threat of irukandji migrating south and Professor Paul Martin's work into treatment of headaches. Key University events such as Glycomics Weeks, the Relay For Life, the Three-Minute Thesis and the Griffith Sports Awards received coverage. Griffith academics were also front and centre in debates around the new Federal Government, the law and order issues in Queensland surrounding outlaw motorcycle gangs and Brisbane's preparation for the 2014 G20 Leaders Summit. The Education Minister's decision to close Old Yarranlea State School on Griffith's Mt Gravatt's campus as part of a series of school rationalisations across Queensland received several mentions. This mainstream coverage coincided with a surge in social media traffic along with viewing of Griffith's own news website, which averaged 10,000 visits a week during the third quarter; up from the year-to-date average of 6800. The news website has drawn 300,000 views this year, indicating the growing importance of Griffith's own channels for information dissemination.

This unprecedented volume of earned publicity came during the key student recruitment period as QTAC preferences were lodged, followed by Return To Study Week and supported the Marketing and Future Students campaigns over this same time.



Source: iSentia, Media Monitoring, July-Sept 2013

## **2.0 Media Profile Snapshot**

### **Highlights**

**Professor Wendy Moyle's** research into robot seals assisting dementia patients continues to receive significant national attention. A full-page feature article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* in September was followed by an *SBS World News* report on October 23 focusing on her work with a Brisbane nursing home. (Attachment 5a)

**Nathaniel Mitchell** is a PhD student with the School of Languages and Linguistics. He won the University's Three Minute Thesis competition and his research into rudeness and impolite behaviour received excellent coverage across Australia, starting in the *Sunday Mail* and including *The Courier-Mail*, *ABC* and *4BC* radio interviews and reports as far afield as Perth, Wollongong, Sydney, Townsville and Adelaide. Online giants *Sky News*, *Bigpond*, *Yahoo7* and [NineMSN](#) also carried his story. (Attachment 5b)

**Shannon Klein**, another PhD student, received national and international coverage when she released the findings of her research into the migration of the deadly irukandji jellyfish and the fact that ocean acidification could thwart its movements. In the space of three days, her work was featured in no less than 44 media reports across the *ABC* network, including the AM Program, throughout Queensland regional media, Indonesian media and highly-regarded websites such as *Science Daily*. (Attachment 5c)

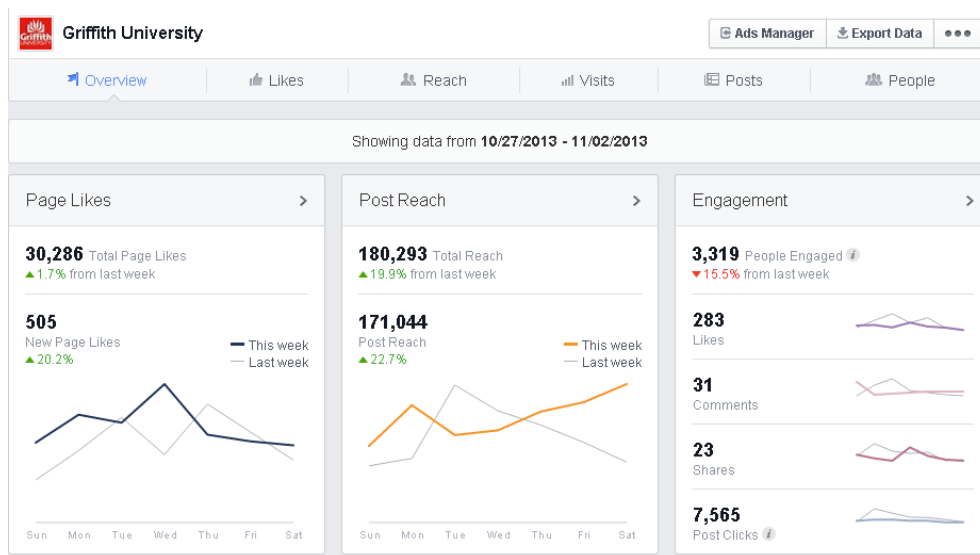
**Professor Ned Pankhurst**, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Provost and lead DVC (Research) for Universities Australia, featured as the main spokesperson in [The Australian's](#) Higher Education Section commenting on the structure of the new Federal Government's portfolios affecting higher education, explaining that dialogue, not titles was important. Professor Pankhurst also was a key spokesperson in an article in *The Australian HES* on the need for minimum standards in research. (Attachment 5d)

**Professor Andrew O'Neil**, the Director of the Griffith Asia Institute, was quoted in an extensive article in *The Australian's* "The Deal" magazine on Brisbane preparing for the G20 Leaders Summit. Griffith was the only university quoted in the article and it outlined some of the key initiatives planned in the lead up to the G20. (Attachment 5e).

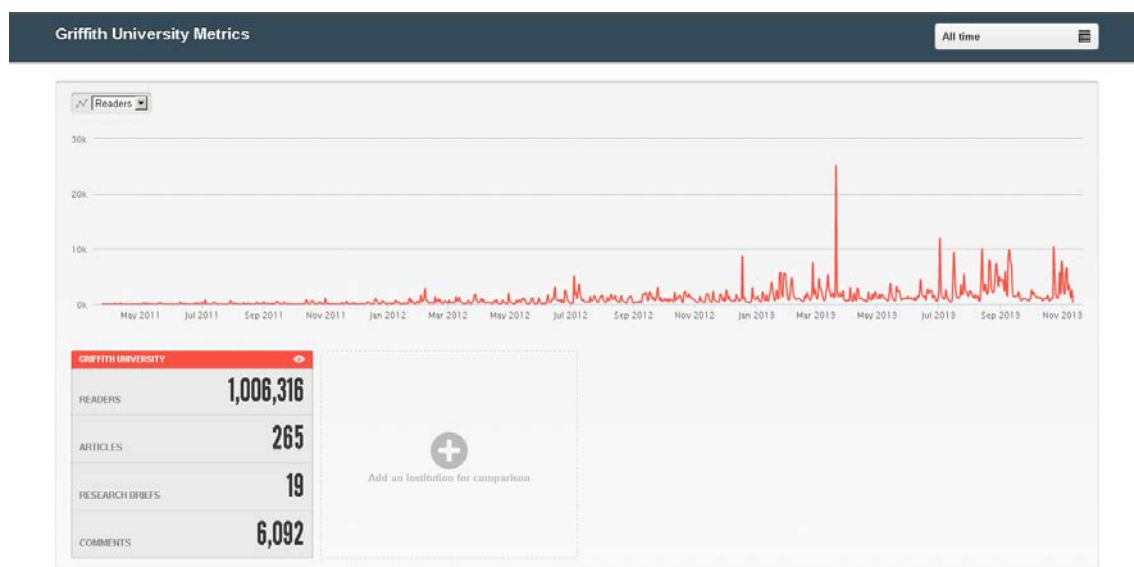
### 3.0 Social Media

- Facebook main account: 30,286 Likes (up from 27,800)
- Twitter main account: 7500 Followers (up from 7000)
- Twitter media account: 723 followers (up from 676)
- Youtube Griffith channel: 106 news videos (up from 96); 225,000 total views on the channel (up from 213,000); 768 subscribers (up from 676)
- Linked In (Griffith University profile page) – 63,000 followers (up from 8600. LinkedIn has changed how its University pages operate. It has linked all users with a Griffith University connection to our page, giving us formidable reach)

#### **An indicative snapshot of Griffith facebook activity October 27 – November 2, 2013**



**3.1 *The Conversation*** academic news and comment website has reached the milestone of one million views of Griffith content. In early November it crossed the threshold figure and at last analysis stood at 1,006,316 views of Griffith postings. Dr Michael Howes, from the School of Environment, authored the most popular post in the last week of October with "[What Firefighters think about climate change](#)". The Communications Unit also hosted *The Conversation's* Queensland editor, Liz Minchin, at two seminars aimed at promoting Griffith authors and more use of this channel. These were well attended and this vehicle continues to grow in importance.



## **4.0 Communications and Media Highlights By Strategy Area:**

### **4.1 Influence Demonstrated**

**Criminology and Criminal Justice:** Media coverage of the Queensland's Government crackdown on outlaw motorcycle gangs included widespread commentary by Professor Janet Ransley and Dr John Rynne on the efficacy of the penalty and custodial strategies associated with the crackdown. The *ABC* radio and *The Courier-Mail* both featured these Griffith academics.

**Criminology and Criminal Justice:** Professor Stephen Smallbone was in high demand commenting on child sexual abuse issues, relating to either overseas allegations involving Rolf Harris or the Royal Commission under way in Australia. He was featured on *ABC* radio interviews in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Hobart, Newcastle, Perth and Darwin as well as the *Sun-Herald* and *The Age* newspapers.

**Governance and Public Policy:** Professor Jason Sharman affirms his standing as Australia's premier commentator on money laundering and tax evasion techniques and subsequent policy responses. He

was quoted in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *the Canberra Times* and the ABC nationally on a variety of stories relating to this topic.

**Griffith Business School:** The growing influence of GBS is demonstrated in the very positive coverage surrounding its MBA program climbing into the *Australian Financial Review* Boss Top 10 with Nick Barter the lead spokesperson. PVC (Business) Professor Michael Powell is lead spokesperson in *The Australian* commenting on speculation about changes to self-education tax policy impacting on MBA programs. Griffith's leadership in franchising education is also apparent in the [national coverage](#) (including *Courier-Mail*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Herald Sun*) of its free pre-entry program and other articles (*Gold Coast Bulletin*) featuring "franchising guru" Adjunct Professor Michael Sherlock. (Attachment 5f)

**Environment and Sustainability:** Australian Rivers Institute staff Professor Rod Connolly and Professor John Olley were both at the forefront of debate about environmental and freshwater ecosystem debates. The release of the Health Waterways River Health Findings had Professor Olley quoted on *Channel 7* and in the [BrisbaneTimes](#), *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*. Professor Connolly featured in [the ABC Online](#) and several ABC radio interviews.

**Health:** Professor Ian Hamilton-Craig gained media attention through a series of ABC interviews and [industry coverage](#) where he strongly refuted claims made by the *Catalyst* television program about high cholesterol not being a health risk. His timely participation in this debate and the readiness with which it was received by media continues to raise his credentials as a national expert in this field.

**Science:** Kirsty Wright, a DNA profiling expert and senior lecturer at Griffith University, has been named one of 100 finalists in the Women of Influence Awards conducted by the *Australian Financial Review*. Also reported by *MX Brisbane* and *MX Melbourne*.

#### **4.2 Research Excellence**

**Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention** featured prominently across Australian media. The Institute's research into suicide among the rural and farming community was covered by 27 newspaper and [online outlets](#) and nationally on 10 different ABC radio stations. The controversial debate about the media's role in suicide reporting and prevention was also a hot topic, with Dr Samara McPhedren featured in six television reports across the *NBN* regional network.

**Professor Paul Martin**, Head School of Applied Psychology, received national coverage for his research on treatment of headaches. He featured in television coverage in Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sydney, radio interviews in Brisbane, North Queensland, Gold Coast, Hobart, Melbourne, and Adelaide, and in several regional newspapers and [online news sites](#). (Attachment 5g)

**Professor Rod Drew**, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences, gained national attention with his success in reproducing the rare giant swamp orchid through plant tissue culture. The story was first published in *The Australian* on October 9 and then followed by further national coverage including ABC online and [SBS](#). (Attachment 5h)

**Dr Caroline Donovan and Professor Sue Spence's** work into teenage anxiety received strong coverage as the [Brisbane Times](#), the *Canberra Times* and the *ABC* covered the extension of their Brave Online treatment program.

**The Grows@Griffith app**, created by PhD candidate Mark Ballantyne and staff graphic designer Olleg Estrin, was the feature story on Channel 10's *Totally Wild* environmental program. It highlighted Griffith's environmental research credentials.

**Sanja Ajzerle**, a Business Honours student, received almost a full page feature article and photo in the Gold Coast Bulletin Business section on September 23 highlighting her research into debt. (Attachment 5i)

#### **4.3 Community Engagement**

**Pro Vice Chancellor (Health) Professor Allan Cripps** was a special guest interview at the ABC radio outside broadcast for the community open day for the new Gold Coast University Hospital, on September 7. He highlighted the collaborations between Griffith and the Hospital and the opportunities it presented for students and health practitioners.

**The second Distinguished Lecture**, hosted by the School of Government and International Relations, was highlighted on *612 ABC Radio* with Professor Pat Weller interviewed on the *Drive* program.

**The Relay for Life** held at Griffith Gold Coast on October 19 received coverage locally in *the Gold Coast Sun* and [MyGC.com](#), featuring cancer survivor and lecturer Robyn Cameron. More than 20 teams attended the event and it also received good coverage on the Griffith news website and social media channels.

**Griffith Review** was highlighted again with two of its authors being nominated for [Walkley Awards](#). Melissa Lucashenko for "Sinking below sight: Down and out in Brisbane and Logan" and Kathy Marks for "Chanelling Mannalargenna".

**Glycomics Week** this year attracted publicity around the melanoma research being conducted in conjunction with Allamanda Hospital. Professor Mark von Itzstein was interviewed by *ABC* radio and Glycomics supporter John Penglis was featured in *The Courier-Mail* for being made an honorary fellow of the Institute.

On the back of publicity earlier this year about Griffith's investment in medical education at Warwick, the *Daily News* featured **Griffith Film School** students on November 2 shooting footage around the town of Allora (near Warwick) for a new film project they are working on.

The opening of the **Gumurii Student Support Centre** on the Gold Coast was reported in the *Koori Mail*, a national indigenous newspaper and website, on September 25 under the headline "Celebration at Griffith".

**The GC600 V8 Supercars** featured in an on-campus event on October 23 at the Gold Coast titled "The Science of Speed". The event, covered by the *Gold Coast Sun* and *Gold Coast Bulletin*, included V8 Supercars drivers and engineers talking with Griffith academics on stage about the physics, mechanics and car racing to a roaming student and public audience.

#### **4.4 Student Recruitment**

The successful Griffith Business School team which won the **CFA Research Challenge** gained coverage in the *Australian Financial Review*.

**Student visits to campus** for both the Engineering Challenge and the Journalism Experience Days were covered by the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, with student authors writing about their positive experiences and what Griffith had to offer. Griffith was also mentioned in coverage of the Indigenous Career Expo.

**Business graduate** Monique Jeremiah is featured in the "Stairway to work-life success" in *The Courier-Mail* on October 5 and talks about how beneficial Griffith studies were to her.

**Artist Joel Rea** says he is proud of being a fulltime artist since graduating from Griffith's Queensland College of Art 10 years ago. His story and images of his work are featured in the *Sunday Mail* (Brisbane) and *U on Sunday* magazine on October 27.

**The Griffith Sports Awards**, featuring the best national and state athletes among our students, was covered in the *Gold Coast Bulletin*.

**Sports Management student** Ali Orchard is featured in the *Gold Coast Bulletin* and [online](#) on October 29 for her golfing exploits and talks about her plans after she graduates from Griffith.

**Aviation Business Asia Pacific** features Caitlin Stephenson the winner of the 2013 GAPAN-Griffith University Aviation Scholarship on October 28. Caitlin studies a Masters in Aviation Management. (Attachment 5j)

#### **4.5 Asian Engagement (and other international)**

**The Crime and Research Conference** held at the Gold Coast campus and its focus on drug cheats in sport in October received coverage in [The Cambodian Times](#) and [The Tajikistan News](#).

Uighur ethnic unrest in China was covered by a variety of international agencies, including *Reuters*. **Dr Michael Clarke, from Griffith Asia Institute**, was quoted significantly in the articles. This also appeared in *The Australian* on October 30. (Attachment 5k)

Shannon Klein's research into irukandji jellyfish received strong coverage in **Indonesia**, including [Republika Online](#), [Suray Online](#) and [Tribun News](#).

[Perth Now](#), Adelaide Now, News.com, [India Times](#), [Times of India](#), [Sify](#), [Outlook India](#), [DNA India](#), [Economic Times](#), [NDTV](#), [Kerala Next](#) story on Sachin Tendulkar's retirement mentions research by Dr Nicholas Rohde, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics.

ABC Gold and Tweed Coasts (Breakfast) mentions Griffith University hosting an East West Dialogue on Tourism and The Chinese Dream.

Thailand Business News ([online](#)) runs comment piece by Professor Heidi Dahles, Head of Department of International Business and Asian Studies, on Cambodia's relationship with China.

[E-Global Travel](#) Media publishes story on Griffith University hosting the first East-West Dialogue on Tourism and the Chinese Dream.

E-Global Travel Media ([online](#)) and Asia Travel Tips ([online](#)) reports on appointment of Thomas Barguil as GM at Anantara Hua Hin Resort says he has a Bachelor of Hotel Management Degree from Griffith University.

*Fassifern Guardian* (p1) story on free trade agreement with China includes comment by Dr Yi-Chong Xu, School of Government and International Relations.

ABC News Radio interviews Professor Andrew O'Neill, Director of Griffith Asia Institute, about tensions on the Korean peninsula. Professor O'Neill also writes an opinion piece on the same subject for [The Interpreter](#). [The Strategist](#) publishes comment piece by Professor O'Neil on a previous article about Australia as a pivotal power.

*The Australian* (p25) story on Chinese economy includes comment by Dr Hui Feng, Griffith Asia Institute.

[Yahoo UK and Ireland](#), [Yahoo Finance](#), [Live PR](#), [Digital Journal](#), [Yahoo Singapore](#)) and [Benzinga](#) report that Harvest Portfolios appointment Paul MacDonald has a Bachelor of International Finance from Griffith.

## Media Highlights By Academic Group (not already mentioned)

### Health

- ABC 612, *Gippsland Times* and [Maffra Spectator](#) 2MCE Orange, Gold Coast Sun. Reducing 'perfectionistic' thinking as a way to improve treatment for adolescent anorexia is the focus of new research by Griffith. PhD candidate **Kim Hurst** (School of Applied Psychology) is interviewed.
- NBN Coffs Harbour, NBN Central Coast, NBN Tamworth, NBN Gold Coast, NBN Newcastle, NBN Lismore, Channel 9 Brisbane, Channel 9 Melbourne, ABC 612 Brisbane. Oncology [online](#), and online at Balina Shire Advocate, Gladstone Observer, [Coffs Coast Advocate](#). After fighting off [prostate cancer](#) and beginning the road to recovery, many men are finding the expense of [cancer](#) treatment is almost as big a challenge as the disease. **Dr Louisa Gordon** (Griffith Health Institute) is interviewed.
- ABC Radio National, ABC World Today, ABC News Radio – podcast, ABC Breakfast News TV, QANTAS Inflight News, Cairns Entertainment, Perth Now, Nine MSN, Yahoo 7, The Advertiser Adelaide, The Courier Mail, The Mercury, Agricultural News, Brisbane Diary, Inquirer Lifestyle, 6 Minutes National Medical Australia, The Inquirer Lifestyle, Business Standard, The West Australian, MSN NZ, Chanel News Asia, France 24, Capital FM Kenya, Sowetan Live South Africa, Iran Herald, eNCA, SABC News - South Africa, The Citizen - South Africa, Age Online Zambia, ABC 612 Brisbane, ABC Darwin, Triple J Sydney, Triple J Perth, 666 ABC Canberra, ABC News Radio Sydney, *Ballarat Courier* (p8) **Dr Cate Cameron** (Griffith Health Institute), talks about women drinking while aware they are pregnant after the first trimester.
- Triple J, ABC 612, Gold and Tweed Coasts, ABC Sunshine Coasts, ABC Southern Queensland, New data shows suicide rates are slowly declining in Queensland. **Dr Kairi Kolves**, (Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention) is interviewed.
- ABC Gold and Tweed Coasts, ABC 612, ABC Southern Queensland, ABC Wide Bay, researchers have begun a study into factors surrounding homosexual, bisexual and transgender suicides and **Dr Delaney Skerrett** (AISRAP) will speak at a suicide prevention day forum in Brisbane.
- Channel 9 News, *MX Brisbane*, [bignewsnetwork.com](#), [hospitalandagedcare.com.au](#) and [news-medical.net](#) Reducing the negative impact of amphetamine use is the aim of a new website launched by a Griffith PhD candidate, in the face of this significant drug problem. **Eliana Hirakis** (School of Applied Psychology) is quoted.
- News medical ([online](#)) reported on the \$6M NHMRC grants received by Griffith University.

## Sciences

- Professor Roger Kitching is leading a biodiversity survey of the Eungella National Park near Mackay and the Mackay Regional Council is leading a push for community volunteers to take part. This was reported by Winn television news in Mackay and online by the [Whitsunday Times](#), the [CQ News](#), and the [Gladstone Observer](#) The Rockhampton [Morning Bulletin](#), Daily Mercury (p 6), *Midweek (Mackay and Sarina* - p 4).
- Australian river expert Dr Andrew Brooks is taking part in a community project to construct log jams along a badly eroding stretch of Owens Creek, near Gargett, as part of a wider effort to help restore the Mackay region's riverine health. This was reported by Channel 7 News (Mackay), ABC radio Tropical North (Mackay), ABC Wide Bay (Bundaberg), *Rural Weekly* (Mackay – p 3) *Whitsunday Guardian* (p 19) and online by [The Rural Weekly](#), [The Whitsunday Times](#), [Central Queensland News](#), [Gladstone Observer](#).
- *Sydney Morning Herald* (p 4) published an article about a push by Australian scientists to adopt nuclear energy. Professor Ian Lowe said it would take 15 years to build a nuclear reactor in Australia which would cut carbon emissions by just 18 per cent by the year 2050. Also published online by The [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [Melbourne Age](#), [Brisbane Times](#), [Canberra Times](#), [WA Today](#).
- 4BC conducted an extended interview with Dr Matthew Burke on a range of issues which included explaining the difference between the Brisbane City Council's City Plan and City Centre Master Plan.
- [e! Science News](#) and [pddnet.com](#) reports on a study by Associate Professor Rodney Stewart into how post-meter water monitoring can reduce household waters bills by as much as 10%.
- *Gold Coast Bulletin* (p 3) Professor Jean-Marc Hero is quoted extensively in an article about the cane toad problem on the Gold Coast.
- [PhysOrg.com](#) (online) reports on a Griffith study, led by Associate Professor Catherine Pickering, which looked at the number and types of weed seeds which can be dispersed through horse manure. The findings have been published in the journal *Ecological Management and Restoration*.
- [Photonics Online](#) has reported that in a Griffith led project, physicists have demonstrated the first device capable of amplifying the information in a single particle of light without adding noise. The findings have been published on the Nature Physics website and team leader, Professor Geoff Pryde from Griffith's Centre for Quantum Dynamics, said the breakthrough would provide a new tool for all sorts of new quantum technologies.
- 7.30 report ABC TV (Queensland edition) Professor Gordon Holden interviewed about the demolition of Gold Coast high rise buildings.

## **Business**

- *The Australian* (p26 and [online](#)) story about soft marking and international students includes comment by Professor Ross Guest, Griffith Business School.
- *Gold Coast Bulletin* (p42) story on development industry employment opportunities includes comment by Griffith business graduate Julia Foster-Massie.
- *Sunday Age* (p12), *Sunday Canberra Times* (p21 and [online](#)), *Sun Herald* (p41), [WA Today](#), and [Business Day](#) run a story with comment by Associate Professor Reza Monem on two strikes shareholder rule. The story is also published by 132 other Fairfax media outlets.
- 720 ABC Perth, ABC Darwin, 936 ABC Hobart, 666 ABC Canberra interview Professor Jason Sharman, Centre for Governance and Public Policy about alleged fraud involving gold bullion companies.
- Sydney Morning Herald (p25), The Age (p23), Canberra Times (p7), [Coastal Leader](#) plus 125 other online media outlets story on dormant bank accounts includes comment by Professor Jason Sharman, Centre for Governance and Public Policy.
- ABC Gold and Tweed Coasts (Drive with Scott Lamond) interviews Professor AJ Brown, Centre for Governance and Public Policy, on parliamentary structure in relation to judiciary.
- *Australian Financial Review* (p10) story on probe into insulation deaths includes comment by Professor AJ Brown, Centre for Governance and Public Policy.
- *Canberra Times* (The Diary, p31) mentions Professor AJ Brown, Centre for Governance and Public Policy, is a speaker at seminar on public interest disclosure.
- [PolitiFact](#) runs post-election column by Professor Tony Makin, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics on fiscal stimulus during GFC.
- 6PR Radio, Perth; Wave FM Wollongong interview Jim McGowan, adjunct Professor at School of Government and International Relations, on disaster management policy.
- ABC Gold and Tweed Coasts (Mornings with Nicole Dyer) spin doctor segment includes comment by Dr Olav Muurlink, Griffith Business School (three occasions).
- Sunday Times (p9), Sunday Tasmanian (p21), The Mercury ([online](#)), [News.com](#), [Adelaide Now](#) story on use of drugs among young athletes mentions research at Griffith.
- 4BC (Afternoons) interviews Associate Professor Sharyn Rundle-Thiele about Queensland Health advertising anti-obesity campaign.
- Get Research ([online](#)) and Get Living ([online](#)) run story on a social marketing project led by Dr Krzysztof Kubacki, Department of Marketing, on opportunities for women to stay active.
- Medical News Today ([online](#)) story on teenage binge drinking mentions social marketing research led by Associate Professor Sharyn Rundle-Thiele, Department of Marketing.
- [The Strategist](#) runs article by Rod Grant, adjunct Associate Professor Griffith Asia Institute, about strategic cooperation between Australia and Indonesia.
- [Asian Scientist](#) publishes article on air pollution in China by Christian Wirth, research fellow at the Griffith Asia Institute.
- [Asia Pacific](#) runs review of book on Brave New Burma. Review by Dr Andrew Selth, Griffith Asia Institute.
- Triple J (Hack) interviews Vlado Vivoda, Griffith Asia Institute, about fallout from Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan.
- [Global Mail](#) story on Aung San Suu Kyi visit to Singapore includes mention of research in this area by Dr Andrew Selth, Griffith Asia Institute.
- *Recruitment Extra* (p16) story on investment in staff wellbeing and productivity includes comment by Professor David Peetz, Centre for Work, Organisation and Wellbeing.

## AEL

- 4BC interviews political analyst and senior lecturer Dr Paul Williams on the voting debacle in WA over 1400 missing votes. He doubts the Greens and Sports Party candidates will win if there is a fresh election.
- *Courier Mail* (p20) and [couriermail.com.au](http://couriermail.com.au) also run Dr Williams' regular weekly column. This week he discusses the separation of powers between those who make the laws, those who administer them and those who must pass judgment when laws are broken. Dr Williams says this platform is the cornerstone of any society wanting to call itself democratic.
- [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [The Age](#), [Brisbane Times](#), [WA Today](#) and [Canberra Times](#) feature on QCGU popular music graduate Bec Laughton who has returned from a trip to New York where she received a promising reaction to her performances.
- *Sunshine Coast Daily* (p12) article on QCGU student Samuel Johnson who won the Opera Foundation Australia Scholarship valued at \$53,000.
- [ABC Tropical North](#) feature on the Queensland Small Towns photography project interviews the QCA's David Lloyd and mentions the exhibition's coordinator Earle Bridger.
- 612 ABC Brisbane Saturday Tracks and [Blog](#) features QCGU popular music graduate Marcus Blacke and his latest album. ABC Gold & Tweed Coasts also mentions the album.
- *Gold Coast Bulletin* (p40) mentions Dr Darryl Dymock (Griffith Institute for Higher Education) who has written *Hustling Hinkler*, about Queensland pioneer aviator Bert Hinkler. Dr Dymock is also an advocate of so-called encore careers, taking up a new role at a time when most people are thinking of retiring.
- *Sydney Morning Herald* (p17) interviews journalist Kellie Scott, who did a degree in Journalism at Griffith and talks about the value of starting one's working career in a regional area.
- *Community Advocate Gladstone* (p6) carries an article about Griffith University art lecturer Glen Skien, whose exhibition *Mytho-Poetic* is showing at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery.
- *Daily Telegraph* (p25) runs an article by Professor Emeritus Ross Fitzgerald (History & Politics) who says Education Minister Christopher Pyne's impending tertiary review should seek to ensure the financial viability of higher education in Australia.
- *Canberra Times* (p5) and [canberratimes.com.au](http://canberratimes.com.au) quotes Professor Mark Pearson (Journalism & Social Media) about online invasion of privacy. He says if we head towards a new tort of a serious invasion of privacy, we may find that those who are guilty of serious wrongdoing will use it to protect themselves.
- *Channel 9 Gold Coast* and *NBN Newcastle* air a story about Queensland College of Art Fine Arts students John Forno and Chris McKenzie who have painted a mural on the wall of the Currumbin Telstra exchange, once a target for graffiti vandals.
- 612 ABC Brisbane air story about 760 Queensland High School students sharing their passion for music at the Queensland Conservatorium. Professor Ralph Hultgren is interviewed about the State Honours Ensemble Program. This also airs at *ABC 1 Brisbane* and *ABC News 24*.



# Robots starting to feel the love



It does compute: Actroid-F is an android from Japan being used at the University of NSW to understand how people and robots interact.

Machines have been used to help dementia sufferers with some amazing results, discovers **Mark White.**

**T**homas would sit still all day at his aged-care home. The 82-year-old had not spoken for two years. Staff would serve him coffee and leave him be.

One day, a group of researchers led by Wendy Moyle, from Queensland's Griffith University, were running a test involving a Paro robot seal called Millie. They had

been used in Japan to help children with developmental disorders, and to comfort victims of the 2011 tsunami. Professor Moyle wondered if a Paro could improve the quality of life for dementia sufferers – the seals are covered in antibacterial plush fur and sensors, and squirm and squeal when stroked.

So Millie was handed to Thomas. He looked at it with surprise but put it on his shoulder and started petting it. Millie turned to him, lifted its head up, looked at him and made a noise. Squeee! Thomas looked very content. He did not want to hand her back, so they told him Millie was going to bed and to say goodbye to her. Thomas took Millie off his shoulder, looked at it and said, "Goodbye Millie" – his first words in

two years. Around the room, people were in tears. They had assumed he could not speak.

"We wondered whether people with dementia would throw them out and say that's just a stuffed toy," Moyle says. "I guess we were surprised by the reaction of the group in the study – they were keen to engage with the robot, look at what it was, and some of the people who were cognitively impaired would ask questions about Millie."

And Paro's appeal is not limited to the elderly: Moyle says if she leaves one on the table in a room of academics, everyone starts playing with it. "There were a lot of people saying things like, I hadn't thought about robots before – this is so adorable. The reason why it's

so adorable is because it's responsive, like a dog." You engage Paro by stroking and touching it. "It looks up at you with long eyelashes and very dark eyes and it's like having a newborn baby. It has that same emotional response."

So why do people react to something that is not alive? "I think you forget that. I find that even myself."

Researchers believe we will become emotionally attached to robots, even falling in love with them. People already love inanimate objects like cars and smartphones. Is it too far a step to think they will fall deeper for something that interacts back?

"Fantastic!" says Adrian Cheok, of Japan's Keio University's mixed reality lab, when told of the Paro study. Professor Cheok, from Adelaide, is at the forefront of the emerging academic field of Lovotics, or love and robotics.

Cheok believes the increasing complexity of robots means they will have to understand emotion. With social robots that may be with you 24 hours a day, he says it is "very natural" people will want to feel affection for the machine. A care-giver robot will need to understand emotion to do its job, and he says it would be a simple step for the robot to express emotion. "Within a matter of years we're going to have robots which will effectively be able to detect emotion and display it, and also learn from their environment," he says.

The rather spooky breakthrough

came when artificial intelligence researchers realised they did not need to create artificial life. All they needed to do was mimic life, which makes mirror neurons – the basis of empathy – fire in the brain. "If you have a robot cat or robot human and it looks happy or sad, mirror neurons will be triggered at the subconscious level, and at that level we don't know if the object is alive or not, we can still feel empathy," Cheok says. "We can't really tell the difference if the robot is really feeling the emotion or not and ultimately it doesn't matter. Even for humans we don't know whether a person's happy or sad." He argues if a robot emulates life, for all intents and purposes it is alive.

Psychologist Amanda Gordon, an adjunct associate professor at the University of Canberra, is sceptical. "It's not emotional, it's evoking the emotion in the receiver," she says. "That seal isn't feeling anything. It's not happy or sad or pleased to see you."

She says the risk is that people fall for computer programs instead of a real relationship. "Then you're limiting yourself. You're not really interacting with another. Real-life relationships are growth-ful, you develop in response to them. They challenge you to do things differently."

Cheok's research shows 60 per cent of people could love a robot. "I think people fundamentally have a desire, a need to be loved, or at least cared for," he says. "I think it's so strong that we can probably suspend belief to have a loving rela-

tionship with a robot."

Probably the most advanced android in the world is the Geminoid robot clone of its creator Hiroshi Ishiguro, director of the Intelligent Robotics lab at Osaka University. Professor Ishiguro says our bodies are always moving, so he programmed that realistic motion into his creation along with natural facial expressions.

The one thing it does not do is age, which means 49-year-old Ishiguro is constantly confronted with his 41-year-old face. "I'm getting old and the android doesn't," he says. "People are always watching the android and that means the android has my identity." So he has had plastic surgery – at \$10,000, he says it is cheaper than \$30,000 to build a new head.

Robots can help kids with autism who do not relate to humans. Ishiguro is working with the Danish government to see how his Telenoid robots can aid the elderly.

Moyle says she has had inquiries from throughout Australia about Paro. A New Zealand study showed dementia victims interacted with a Paro more than a living dog.

"There are a lot of possible negative things [that artificial intelligence and robots could lead to]," Cheok says, "and we should be wary as we move along. We have to make sure we try to adjust. But in general I think the virtual love for the characters in your phone or screen or soon robots is ultimately increasing human happiness, and that's a good thing for humanity."



# PhD in politeness, please

## Man gets A in Ps and Qs

ROB KIDD

NATHANIEL Mitchell (right) could not understand why he kept rubbing people up the wrong way.

The Griffith University PhD student, 36, said he had spent his life being "perceived as impolite" but didn't know what he was doing that was so rude.

"I took a year out to be as polite as I could," said Mr Mitchell, from Griffith's Languages and Linguistics School at its Nathan campus.

It was after exploring different perceptions of politeness that he decided to undertake a

four-year research project, looking at questions like why it's OK to sledge a mate but not a random man in the street.

"Someone might be doing something that is quite impolite but the other person doesn't accept they are impolite," he said.

"What I am interested in is whether or not people have a choice of perceiving people as impolite."

Mr Mitchell, who recently won Griffith's "Three Minute Thesis" competition and will compete in the trans-Tasman event next month, said a com-

mon issue was directness of language. "I didn't realise I was perceived as impolite but I have some friends who are European and they say I am just upfront," he said. "In Australia you need to do all these hedges and softeners and other sort of things.

"So we say things like 'perhaps' and 'maybe'. Like, 'Maybe you could lend me some money' rather than 'Give me some money'."

The research, which is in its third year, involves analysing emails sent between people who know each other and ar-

ranging meetings between strangers to see how they respond to behaviour that could be considered rude.

Mr Mitchell said he believed people were choosing to be rude, but it was a fine line between a playful sledge and a malicious insult. "Taking the piss is a really Australian thing to do. And there is data to suggest women do it too, I don't think it's a gender thing," he said.

"It is important to take the piss but it is important to be able to be perceived as taking the piss as well."





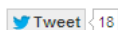
## Science News

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### Irukandji Threat to Southern Waters

Oct. 28, 2013 — A Griffith University led study has made the surprising discovery that ocean acidification may provide some protection for South East Queenslanders from the Irukandji jellyfish.

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Researchers from Griffith University's Australian Rivers Institute have conducted a series of climate change simulation experiments to investigate whether the dangerous tropical jellyfish, the Irukandji, is likely to establish breeding populations in the South East.

It was found that while higher sea temperatures could provide an opportunity for adult Irukandji to expand their range south, increasing ocean acidification may inhibit the development

of juveniles.

The research is the first step towards assessing if Irukandji pose a significant threat to tourism and human health in the South East. The findings have been published in the journal *Global Change Biology*.

Lead author, Griffith PhD student Shannon Klein said concerns have arisen from evidence world-wide that tropical marine species are moving towards the poles as oceans warm.

"Increasing ocean temperatures and strengthening boundary currents have caused the poleward migration of many marine species," Shannon Klein said.

"These effects of climate change are particularly apparent on the eastern coast of Australia. Over the past 60 years the East Australian Current (EAC) has strengthened and now delivers warmer tropical waters further south by as much as 350km."

As a consequence at least five species of tropical fish that occur on the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) are predicted to be able of survive winter temperatures in waters off Sydney by 2080. Among all species that could potentially expand their range south, the Irukandji would arguably have one of the greatest socio-economic impacts.

Irukandji have historically been limited to waters north of Gladstone, however in 2007 an adult specimen was recorded for the first time as far south as Hervey Bay.

"What we needed to find out was if the Irukandji would be able to establish their entire lifecycle south of their historical range in these expanded reaches of warm water or if adults only are able to drift south on the strengthened current," Shannon said.

As it turns out the role of ocean acidification in limiting reproduction may hold the key to protecting the SE Queensland coastline. But we may not be out of hot water just yet.

"This response may reduce the likelihood of Irukandji jellyfish establishing permanent populations in South East Queensland in the long term, however, it is possible that they could migrate farther south in the short term if acidification proceeds slowly and appropriate reproduction habitats are available.

"But even if juvenile populations remain confined to more northerly waters there is still the strengthening EAC which could carry adults south."

Irukandji jellyfish are represented by at least six species of cubozoan jellyfish which occur throughout the world's tropical zones, so the implications of this study are far reaching.

"Our results suggest that, if other Irukandji species behave similarly, range expansions could be occurring in other regions around the globe," Shannon said.

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## Research and industry cosy up

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**TALK, not titles, will decide whether research gets serious attention across portfolios, says Griffith University's Ned Pankhurst.**

Professor Pankhurst, lead deputy vice-chancellor (research) for Universities Australia, said the peak body understood the new government's wish for "streamlined" ministerial titles.

Some commentators, including Nobel prize-winning astronomer Brian Schmidt, were dismayed at first by the lack of a specific minister for science.

But Professor Pankhurst said the important thing was for good co-ordination between ministers and a coherent development of research policy and predictable investment plans across their departments.

"I don't think there are many portfolios that don't have a significant research agenda associated with them," he said.

Under new administrative arrangements, Ian Macfarlane's industry portfolio has many fields to do with science, research and technology.

These include science policy, collaborative research in science and technology, co-ordination of research policy, research infrastructure, commercialisation, and research grants and fellowships.

Christopher Pyne's education department has higher education policy, regulation and programmes; as well as policy, coordination and support for international education.

Professor Pankhurst said the splitting of university interests across portfolios was not necessarily a problem, as long as there was good communication.

With research sitting in Mr Macfarlane's portfolio, more business and industry involvement in the research process would be welcome.

However, the government would have to make sure that the humanities and social sciences did not "get lost in the conversation," Professor Pankhurst said.

Apart from the value of these disciplines in public policy, they also contributed to "operational practice" - as seen, for example, in the role of health economics in effective spending of the health budget.

Steven Schwartz, from the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, said he would only be troubled by the portfolio setup if it led to a narrow of worthwhile research.

"It is only a worry for CHASS if they begin to define the purposes of research so narrowly that basically we would be left out," Professor Schwartz said.

On the eve of the election, Liberal MP Jamie Briggs, who chaired an anti-waste committee, targeted research projects in the humanities and social sciences as ridiculous and wasteful.

But Professor Schwartz said he believed "cooler heads will prevail" and that Mr Briggs' comments would prove to be "show off politics."

He said the ministerial arrangements suggested that the new government would more strongly back moves to introduce measures of research impact, such as outcomes and benefits.

While Labor had taken steps towards impact measures, releasing a discussion paper this year, the on- and off-again minister Kim Carr was a sceptic.

"My guess would be that the impact agenda would become even more relevant and apposite (under an Abbott administration)," Professor Schwartz said.

Vicki Thomson, from the Australian Technology Network of universities, welcomed the inclusion of research within the industry portfolio as an indication of how important it was to productivity and innovation.

"On the face of it, it looks very positive move because it confirms that research is part of the industry fabric," Ms Thomson said.

She believed it would help ATN lobbying for measures of research impact beyond the current focus on mere measurement of excellence.

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The shining city on the river is seeking a new glow from the G20 meeting next year

# BRISBANE’S CALL TO ACTION

World leaders Barack Obama and Angela Merkel are helping to sell the Queensland capital’s sultry charms to the world in a bold poster campaign

Story **Phil Hawkes**

Graham Quirk has one message for foreigners thinking of investing in Australia: Choose Brisbane. The city’s low-key Lord Mayor is yet to have the national profile of his outspoken predecessor, now state Premier Campbell Newman. But Quirk, who took over from Newman in April 2011, has been quietly working to promote the international image of Brisbane as “Australia’s new world city”. It’s a message being delivered everywhere from upmarket international publications such as the *Financial Times*’s glossy *How to Spend It*, and Tyler Brulé’s fat *Monocle* magazine, 1500 outdoor advertising sites in Britain, France and Spain and more than 1000 bus shelters in Hong Kong. Brisbane Marketing, the marketing arm of the Brisbane City Council, is spending about \$1 million on international advertising this year alone to promote the city ahead of the G20 meeting in November next year. The event will bring world leaders such as US President Barack Obama, Russia’s President

Vladimir Putin and Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel to the Queensland capital in what will be the largest international event in Australia since the APEC meeting in Sydney in 2007 and the largest in Queensland since the Expo of 1988. “Our aim is to position Brisbane as the ideal choice for business investment, meetings and conventions, research and development, export industries, a tourism gateway and top location for international students,” says Quirk. “The G20 is an ideal opportunity for us to capitalise on worldwide media exposure, both before and after the meeting itself.” Quirk says the campaign to leverage the G20 meetings is “one component of a bigger plan we embarked upon several years ago to brand Brisbane as Australia’s new world city and emphasise our strong connections to Asia via the Asia-Pacific Cities Summit, a forum we established in 1996”. The campaign plan began soon after former prime minister Julia Gillard announced in July last year that Brisbane would host the G20 meeting of world leaders in November 2014. It was an important coup for the Queensland capital, one not lost on the leaders of the larger capitals of Sydney and Melbourne. Immediately, the phones starting

ringing all over Brisbane as the city’s leaders realised the benefits would reach further than the two-day leaders’ summit on November 15-16.

The G20 grouping was established 14 years ago, in September 1999, when finance ministers and central bank governors of the seven major industrial countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain and the US) met in Washington in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 1997-98. The crisis had highlighted the vulnerability of the international financial system as economies became increasingly globalised and the need for key developing countries to be involved in global economic discussions.

As well as the original G7 countries, the G20 grouping took in the “rising nine” of Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea and Turkey as well as Australia, Russia, Saudi Arabia and the European Union. An inaugural meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors was held in December 1999 in Berlin.

In 2008 the grouping took a step up with the beginning of annual meetings of the G20 leaders in Washington DC. Russia, the current president of the group, hosted its leaders’ summit in the historic city of St Petersburg earlier this month.

Today the G20 members represent nearly 90 per cent of the global economy, 80 per cent of global international trade and play host to two-thirds of the world’s population. Australia takes over the rotating presidency of the G20 in December, an event that should get more attention now that the federal election is over.

The Brisbane meeting, the highlight of Australia’s one-year presidency, will attract more than 4000 delegates and 2500 media representatives. The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre will host the heads of 19 countries plus the European Union and high-level representatives from organisations such as the UN, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the International Labour Organisation, the OECD and the Financial Stability Board.

Quirk sees the event as a major step in the city’s ambitious development strategy to double the size of its economy over the next 20 years, increasing the number of jobs and average wages by 50 per cent. Quirk was first elected to the Brisbane City Council in 1985, at the age of just 27. He stepped up to become deputy mayor to Campbell Newman in 2008 and took over Newman’s job in 2011. He was elected to the position in his own right last year and now oversees a budget of \$3 billion a year. Quirk has an apparently laid-back style and

he has been keen to put his own stamp on the city. He grew up near the Doomben Racecourse, north of Brisbane, and maintains an active interest in horse breeding and racing. He calls himself “a very small-time punter” who will place a bet only when an opportunity is too good to be missed. But he is gambling big-time on the potential long-term benefits of the G20 meeting for his city.

Brisbane Marketing, which is overseeing the promotional campaign, is a company owned by the Brisbane City Council that was formed more than 10 years ago as a tourist promotion organisation. Overseen by a board of local business people, it functions as an economic development board with a staff of more than 130. Unique among Australian cities, it takes an entrepreneurial attitude to its



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role, which includes marketing the Brisbane Convention Bureau, Invest Brisbane, Study Brisbane and, more recently, Digital Brisbane, South Bank and the Asia-Pacific Film Awards.

Cairns-born John Aitken took over as chief executive five years ago after years of running events such as the Sydney Royal Easter Show and Brisbane Riverfire. He talks enthusiastically about the city’s goal to become a major force in the Asia-Pacific, both economically and culturally.

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Graham Quirk in the City Hall clock tower; John Aitken, CEO of Brisbane Marketing, below left; Brisbane G20 poster in Paris



future,” he says. “We have a global outlook and audacious goals.”

Aitken’s team, with creative input from advertising agency Cummins & Partners, came up with the “Choose Brisbane” theme, which was launched in March by the Lord Mayor.

This campaign features G20 images and messages to remind business leaders in China and Europe that the city of Brisbane is significant enough to host the world’s leaders, including Obama, Putin, Li Keqiang and Merkel.

The first poster featured an image of Obama



and Merkel from last year’s G20. The idea was to trigger an immediate association between Obama and the “Choose Brisbane” theme. Further posters featured Chinese media personality Chen Lei and nanotechnology professor Max Lu from the University of Queensland. Others to come will include Brisbane-based immunologist Ian Frazer and feature high-calibre companies investing in Brisbane such as Bechtel and the BG Group (the successor to British Gas).

Most of the intensive poster campaign has been part of a deal with France-based outdoor

firm J.C. Decaux, which operates Brisbane’s bicycle network. This has been supported by advertisements in leading financial media including the *Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Wall Street Journal Asia*, *South China Morning Post* and *Hong Kong Economic Times*.

Digital media has also been a prime component of the campaign and by the end of June the website had had almost 40,000 hits, 84 per cent of which were first-time visitors.

And in Hong Kong, research conducted by the Colmar Brunton group revealed that the campaign had been seen by nearly half of the business decision-makers surveyed. For those who saw the campaign, their likelihood to consider Brisbane as an investment opportunity had doubled from 24 per cent to 47 per cent.

Aitken argues that the “Choose Brisbane” theme goes beyond a simple positioning statement and invites a call to action.

The G20 meeting itself involves a co-ordinated strategy by the federal government, the Queensland government and the Brisbane City Council to manage the delegate list, invitations, the agenda, transport, accommodation and logistics.

Security is a top priority and all three levels of government will be deeply involved in these arrangements. A G20 taskforce has been set up under the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet with a Brisbane office to be staffed by the end of this year. The G20 announcement has spawned a host of other groups, taskforces and committees looking at ways to leverage the world’s attention on Australia next year.

The federal government has formed a lobby group called Queensland 20, or Q20, to showcase the attractions of the broader state. Announcing its formation, Gillard said: “This is going to be a great time for taking images and perspectives of Queensland around the world ... bringing together business identities, local government and community representatives”.

Q20 will be headed by Brisbane-based BG Australia chairwoman and Reserve Bank board member Catherine Tanna. Queensland Treasurer Tim Nicholls, the Queensland government’s representative on Q20, points out that north Queensland will also benefit from media exposure next year. Cairns will be the venue for a September meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors, giving the state two chances to capture heightened global attention.

The “Choose Brisbane” campaign has a strong Asia focus, particularly on Hong Kong and mainland China. Tertiary education is one



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of the industries keen to benefit from G20 exposure and the “Choose Brisbane” campaign. Griffith University, which has five campuses in southeast Queensland, places great emphasis on its multicultural mix of students, especially from Asian countries, where it has partnerships and ties with dozens of institutions.

Andrew O’Neil, director of the Griffith Asia Institute, is a member of the G20 Studies Centre, based in the Lowy Institute, which will play a lead role in debate around the G20 including public forums and academic research projects.

The university will also hold a senior students’ debating competition and set up a public online forum involving key G20 questions and opinions.

With two major international airports and an upgraded transport system, Brisbane today has much more to show than it did during the 1988 Expo. Quirk has recently overseen a \$215 million refurbishment of the auditorium ceiling of Brisbane’s City Hall, a 1920s heritage listed building, with the addition of 8500 LED lights.

He argues that Brisbane is a city that combines a rich heritage with a modern face and a strong future. “For a long time we were regarded as a big country town,” he says. “But since the 1988 Expo, we’ve been a city on the move and this is gaining momentum every year. Along with all the other things we’re doing, the G20 next year will propel us into a new phase of global recognition and reputation”. <sup>TD</sup>



# Five Queensland unis rank in top 10 MBAs

**MBA Ranking** The Sunshine State shows its business schools are rising fast

Tim Dodd

Queensland universities have taken five of the top 10 positions in the 2013 *Australian Financial Review* Boss MBA Ranking announced on Friday, and every one of them is on an improving trend.

"It's great Queensland is the place to do business," said **Nick Barter**, MBA director of Griffith University, which made it into the top 10 for the first time.

Dr Barter believes Queensland's business schools look south, aiming to prove themselves against better-known

competitors, and there's an "innate hunger" to do well.

Professor **Andrew Griffiths**, head of the University of Queensland Business School which took out the number one MBA ranking this year, agreed.

Because the focus is usually on the competition between Melbourne Business School and Sydney's Australian Graduate School of Management, Queensland's business schools are "a little bit underestimated", he said.

The University of Queensland Business School's MBA reached the top after climbing from second in 2011, and seventh in 2009. The outcome is a result of a long-term strategy that has been mapped out over seven or eight years, Professor Griffiths said.

He said the school has invested in good academic staff, built its contacts

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Andrew Griffiths, of the UQ Business School, says a long-term strategy led to it taking the No. 1 spot. PHOTO: GLENN HUNT



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with industry and developed a relationship with alumni.

Professor Griffiths took over the job at the beginning of this year and said he's "a recipient of the legacy of a couple of deans".

**Neva Maxim**, MBA director at Bond University, whose MBA was ranked fifth, believes the rise of the Queensland business schools reveals a cluster effect.

"We compete against each other but also compete against the southerners," she said.

Griffith University's Dr Barter concurs a cluster phenomenon is evident.

"The fact that you have five universities all bumping into each other in the locale, forces us to make sure we are putting our foot to the floor," he said.

Robina Xavier, executive dean of the Queensland University of Technology Business School, whose MBA was ranked third, said the strong competition in the state meant all business schools had to do well.

She says a key selling point for QUT, which has risen from 10th to third over the past three rankings, is the fact its MBA has all three major globally recognised MBA accreditations – AACSB,

EQUIS and AMBA – the so-called triple crown. The market for MBAs is different in Queensland compared to southern states because there is not as many head offices, nor the strong financial markets, of Sydney and Melbourne.

"Because we are not a strong corporate market we have to be able to draw from a wide variety of sources [for students] and demonstrate what we

can offer," Professor Xavier said. "Word of mouth is very important."

Professor Griffiths believes the changing Queensland economy has provided the right environment for its business schools to develop, with economic growth from resources and infrastructure investment.

In particular, the resources industry has needed to turn its technically

trained professionals into managers. The University of Southern Queensland, whose MBA was ranked eighth, offers a different sort of degree.

USQ has long been a distance education specialist and its MBA is mainly offered online to students in other locations, both interstate and overseas.

**Jane Summers**, associate dean (teaching and learning) of the university's business and law faculty, says USQ MBA's strength is in aligning with what industry wants.

"They don't just want people who know stuff, they want people who can do things," she said.

In the USQ MBA, assessment of students strongly focused on skills rather than just knowledge. Nearly all its students study online, and work in teams with other students on projects. It's just like the way many companies operate, expecting their staff to work effectively with colleagues located elsewhere.

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Interview with Professor Paul Martin, Behavioural Health Centre at Griffith University. Paul Martin says stress, loud noises, hunger, dehydration, fatigue and weather conditions can cause headaches. He says tension and migraine headaches can be completely debilitating. Martin says modifications to lifestyle can prevent headaches, and also stress release techniques. He says recently they have been trying to expose test subjects to some headache triggers to try and desensitise them.

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Rod Drew, of Griffith University's School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences, is engaged in pioneering work to save the endangered giant swamp orchid. Source: Supplied

**THE "forgotten art" of plant tissue culture should be resurrected to help save endangered plants - and people - according to Griffith University biologist Rod Drew.**

Professor Drew says decades of experience in laboratory-based propagation techniques are going to seed because "biotechnology came along".

"All the students now want to do biotechnology. It became the latest fad," he says.

"Tissue culture has been neglected over the last 20 to 30 years. The fellows I learnt from are all in their 70s and 80s and retired."

Professor Drew is keeping the faith, using the technique to build a viable bank of one of the world's most endangered plants.

Fewer than 100 giant swamp orchids remain in the coastal lowlands of south-eastern Queensland and northern NSW. Professor Drew's tissue culture program has quadrupled the population.

"Orchids have tiny seeds, like particles of dust. They are difficult to control and require very delicate handling," he said.

"But once you manage to tissue culture an orchid, or any endangered plant for that matter, you can multiply it in the laboratory and go a long way towards saving it.

"When the time is right the plants are transferred to a nursery for further care and eventually replanted in their natural environment. With the tissue culture technology we have, the potential is there to produce as many as you like."

Professor Drew says the technique can also be applied to food crops including pawpaw, pineapple and coffee. Some of these crops can require up to 30 years to produce viable commercial stock through conventional propagation methods, with each generation taking 18 months or so.

"With tissue culture we can do the initial multiplication in six months," Professor Drew says.

He says the technique could help address a worldwide food security issue. "About 25,000 people, mainly under the age of five, die every day from malnutrition.

"It's not because they don't get the basic crops like wheat and maize and rice. It's because they don't get enough nutrition because horticulture has been neglected."

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# Student learns to assist strugglers

SANJA Ajzerle remembers her early days in Australia when English was so foreign to the Croatian native that a dictionary was as important as a wallet on a visit to the supermarket.

Now a first-class honours student at Griffith University, the struggle with translation belongs to the not-so-distant past and last week Sanja was in Sydney for the national finals of the Association of Financial Advisers 2013 Excellence in Education Award after taking out the Queensland gong in July.

She competed against candidates from other states and the winner will be announced next month.

Sanja credits much of her success to hard work and determination, but she is also quick to highlight the support and guidance she received

from people such as Brett Freudenberg, Mark Brimble and Craig Cameron at the Griffith Business School.

She took a Bachelor of Commerce (Professional), majoring in financial planning at Griffith's Logan campus in 2009, after completing a Diploma of Accounting at TAFE.

At Griffith University she flourished and was allowed to complete the three-year commerce degree in two years.

The degree program also allowed for a work placement and she spent time with a Gold Coast financial planning business where she secured a position.

This year Sanja completed her honours-year thesis at Griffith, where she researched personal debt and how people utilise debt.

Her survey of 680 people explored the use of different types of personal debt and financial capability, or the application of financial knowledge.

"If debt is used effectively it can tend to increase an individual's financial wealth overall," she said.

Through her work placement, Sanja said she saw "how people struggled with the basics of financial planning" and that it happened right across society.

"I decided to specialise in the area where people struggle, the area of debt, leading to the research thesis," she said.

"People are not educated enough in financial practice. Clients are not educated enough. They don't know the right questions to ask and don't realise the value of advice."

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## GAPAN, Griffith University present 2013 scholarship

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Caitlin Stephenson is the winner of the 2013 GAPAN/Griffith University Masters in Aviation Management scholarship.

The chairman of the GAPAN Education and Training Committee, Peter Holstein, presented Caitlin with her Scholarship Certificate recently, on behalf of the Australian Region of GAPAN and GriffithUniversity.






The presentation was made at 2 Squadron, RAAF Base Williamtown, where Caitlin is presently employed by Boeing Defence Australia as an avionics engineer working specifically on the Wedgetail airborne early warning and control project.

Caitlin commenced studies toward her Masters in Aviation Management degree earlier this year and says the qualification will be a beneficial addition to her Bachelor of Engineering in Aerospace Avionics that she presently holds, particularly in broadening her knowledge in the civil aviation industry and airline management.



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## Tensions rise over Xinjiang after attack on China

**BEIJING:** Festering discontent with China's governance of Xinjiang is on the rise and Beijing is intent on clamping down, analysts say, in a vicious cycle that will only spin faster after this week's fatal attack in Tiananmen Square.

Authorities say attacker Usman Hasan and his wife and mother were carrying jihadist banners and machetes in the vehicle that they crashed into crowds outside the Forbidden City on Monday, before setting it alight and dying in the blaze.

China's security chief Meng Jianzhu said the East Turkestan Islamic Movement were "behind-the-scenes supporters" of the incident, which has been dubbed terrorism by authorities.

Experts play down ETIM's capabilities and say they doubt that international militant Islam was a significant factor, given the lack of sophistication in the action — which killed two tourists and injured 40 people — and the absence of any claim of responsibility. "What would one make of the three people in the van at Tiananmen on Monday?" asked Barry Sautman, a political scientist at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, who has studied the far western region of Xinjiang, which has population made up a predominantly of Muslim Uighur.

"Are they a group? Well, they're three related people in a family. Do they have any attachment to any larger organisation? It's not entirely clear."

China's Han majority made up only a small fraction of Xinjiang's population when the People's Re-

public was founded in 1949, but decades of migration have seen their proportion balloon to 38 per cent, according to official figures.

Authorities often tout the fact that China's booming growth and affirmative action policies have lifted many Uighurs out of poverty. But ethnic Han control much of the economy, while Uighurs complain of marginalisation, discrimination, and religious and cultural repression.

"Over the long term, these (restrictions) are being perceived as part of a Chinese strategy to dilute the ethnic identity of the non-Han population," said Michael Clarke, a professor at Queensland's Griffith University who has written a book on China's integration policy in Xinjiang.

The tensions have led to a series of eruptions of violence over the past five years, with Beijing casting the unrest as the work of Islamic "terrorists" — sometimes asserting links with international jihadists — or "ethnic separatist forces" influenced by overseas-based Uighur activist groups.

Gardner Bovington, a professor of Central Asian studies at Indiana University and an expert on modern Xinjiang, noted that Beijing moved swiftly to control the narrative of events after the Tiananmen attack.

He likened the media scrubbing to an internet and mobile phone blackout in the region following huge inter-ethnic riots in summer 2009, in which more than 200 people were killed.

"It is telling that the police so quickly cordoned off the area and scrubbed the web of pictures and

blog posts the day of the crash," he said. "Beijing wants to squelch information and control the story that ultimately emerges, to avoid a deeper look into why Xinjiang has been unstable for so long."

Further crackdowns will probably only backfire, experts said, but predicted that they would be imposed nonetheless.

"History tells us that new administrations in Beijing, as (Chinese President) Xi Jinping's, tend to be keen to demonstrate their strength early on in their tenure in order to solidify their grip on power," said Nicholas Dynon, who is a researcher at Macquarie University.

"With the current government, we have seen this being played out not just in Xinjiang but across the board: from internet anti-rumour campaigns to anti-waste and thrift drives within the party itself."

The motivation for the Tiananmen attack remained uncertain, he pointed out.

"Was this a protest against religious persecution, ethnic discrimination, policies of Han migration to Xinjiang, Chinese rule, or was it merely a private plight that had nothing at all to do with the broader tensions?"

"Beijing will need to tread very carefully," he said.

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