OBJECTIVES

- to strengthen links and share our specialist resources with industry, business, the professions and the community
- to encourage strategic, mutually-beneficial partnerships with our stakeholders
- to champion the role of education and research in supporting the economic health and social well-being of local, state, national and international communities

KEY RESULTS

- pre-Olympic training venue and services to 450 elite international athletes
- 53 Brisbane Institute events featuring high-profile speakers
- record fundraising result of more than $1 million

OUTLOOK

- more national and international partnerships with other universities engaged in community service and research projects
- increasing support from benefactions, bequests and other community sources

THE YEAR AHEAD

- expanded presence on the Internet
- major sponsorship of the Queensland ScienCentre Roadshow – a highly interactive exhibition that visits around 30 regional and rural communities throughout Queensland each year
- continued public usage of University facilities including Customs House, our many museums and collections

Sharing a taste of glory

Olympic fever took off in Brisbane during the lead-up to the Sydney 2000 Games when 450 elite international athletes joined the St Lucia campus community during final training. The 233-strong team of Italian officials and athletes (track and field, fencing, archery, judo, modern pentathlon and softball) occupied Women’s College. Czech and Polish teams moved into Emmanuel College and other athletes lived at St John’s and Cromwell Colleges.

Athletes from the USA, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Mozambique and Qatar completed the international lineup honing their skills at our $2 million polytran running track and other world-class sporting facilities.

The Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch Relay had set the tone months earlier, virtually stopping traffic on a June afternoon as thousands of students and staff cheered the torchbearers tracing a route through the University. Our Soccer Club women’s team coach assisted the general coordinator of the FIFA delegation for the Olympic Football tournament held in Brisbane.

Then, at the Games in Sydney, several athletes (see page 23) and sporting coaches with University ties did their best for Australia. Medal winners included Natalie Cook (volleyball), Clover Maitland (hockey), Susan O’Neill and Kieren Perkins (swimming) and Michael Blackburn (sailing).

UQ Gatton student Belinda McMillan and her horse Rivorli were among the Australian stockhorses and riders who set the theme at the Opening Ceremony by being first into the Olympic stadium.

Dr Ian Jobling, head of our Centre for Olympic Studies in the School of Human Movement Studies, worked throughout the Olympic and Paralympic Games as a Scholar in Residence at the main press centre. His 30-year association with the Olympic movement proved a valuable resource for more than 15,000 international journalists assigned to the event.
LEADING PUBLIC DEBATE

We maintained our dynamic program of free public lectures, seminars and debates, many followed by refreshments and further discussion. More than 500 people heard Lieutenant General Peter Cosgrove, AC, MC, Chief of Army and 2000 Australian of the Year, speak on A military leader’s contribution to Australian culture at the 21st Sir James Duhig Memorial Lecture, organised annually by St Leo’s College Student Club and the University.

Lord Robert Winston’s views on Will we still be human at the end of the 21st century? drew a crowd of more than 800 to the E.S. Meyers Memorial Lecture, an annual student offering from the University of Queensland Medical Society.

Other talks included:

- Mum, how far to Mars? Are we nearly there yet? (astronautical engineer, inventor and author Dr Robert Zubrin);
- The Agora and the origins of democracy (Professor John McKesson Camp II, Australian Archaeological Institute of Athens Visiting Professor of Archaeology, American School of Classical Studies); and
- five lectures by Faculty of Arts researchers on topics as diverse as political killings, poetry, capital punishment, religion, and the existence of a spirit world (series organised by our Centre for Critical and Cultural Studies).

As primary sponsor for the Brisbane Institute, a Customs House-based forum for intellectual public debate www.brisinst.org.au, we supported 55 events with high-profile speakers. Lunch and breakfast meetings, seminars, conferences and a black-tie Millennium Dinner nurtured discussions on topics ranging from biofutures, governance and equity to history and the arts.

INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

The Office of Marketing and Communications (OMC) implemented the University’s marketing plan and made significant advances in Web delivery of services and information to the UQ community.

Working with Information Technology Services, OMC launched the pilot of the new UQ student portal http://my.uq.edu.au as a one-stop service shop for students. The portal is registering up to 8000 logins per day from students on and off campus. It provides personalised, worldwide access to Web-delivered study materials, information, advice, calendars and email. myUQ is slated for extension to staff in 2001.

OMC upgraded the University’s media presence to provide worldwide reach on many occasions, and launched UQ News Online www.uq.edu.au/news/ which provides up-to-the-minute news about the University’s achievements, including research findings, awards and other landmark activities.

OMC staged the UQ Foundation Research Excellence Awards (see page 27) and worked with the Dean of Students and student administrators to promote and stage other major events such as UQ Study Expo and Postgraduate Evenings (see page 35). OMC staff also advised faculties and campuses on marketing academic programs and initiatives in a range of media.

Corporate publications including the UQ Research Report and CD-Rom, University News (with an on- and off-campus circulation of 14,000) and Graduate Contact (international circulation 100,000) all received Web as well as traditional exposure. The Annual Report was again a national award winner; and Customs House (part of OMC) again secured a Brisbane Tourism Award (see page 34).

BRISBANE INSTITUTE SPEAKERS INCLUDED

- Noel Pearson
- Dr Helen Nugent
- Lord Alistair McAlpine
- Barry Jones
- David Malouf
- U.S. Ambassador
- Professor John Mattick
- Anna Bligh
- Professor Peter Andrews
- Qld Premier Peter Beattie
- Ziggy Switkowski
- Jan Power

(FROM LEFT) A TOUCH OF THAI... STUDENTS TITAPORN UTENSUTE (SOCIAL WORK) AND NOPPAMAS VICHAYOTHIN (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT) PREPARE TO CELEBRATE LOY KRATHONG AT THE UNIVERSITY LAKE. THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING TO MAE KHONG KHA, THE MOTHER OF WATER, IS A PUBLIC EVENT FEATURING THAI DANCING, COSTUMES, FOOD AND DRINK.

REBUILDING EAST TIMOR...UQ GATTON LECTURERS IAN RUSSELL (LEFT), NATURAL AND RURAL SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT, AND DR GORDON DRYDEN, ANIMAL NUTRITION, PREPARE FOR SERVICE IN TIMOR. THEY WERE PART OF AN AUSTRALIAN TEAM, FUNDED BY THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (ACIAR), REHABILITATING THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF EAST TIMOR READY FOR THE 2001 ACADEMIC YEAR.
community partnerships

OUR CLINICS AND CENTRES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC INCLUDE...

- five physiotherapy clinics
- Behaviour Research and Therapy Centre (Psychology)
- several veterinary clinics
- Centre for Physical Activity and Sport Education (Human Movement Studies)
- Clinic for Audiology and Speech Pathology
- Life Skills Clinic for Children (Occupational Therapy)

TOWN AND GOWN

Our graduate and corporate relations program flourished thanks to our Development Office, Convocation, the Alumni Association of The University of Queensland Inc. and graduate associations in Australia and overseas.

Convocation events in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong celebrated degrees gained by recent graduates and renewed ties with regional Alumni Associations. The University of Queensland Alumni Association, Hong Kong Ltd hosted an Australian Graduates Ball to coincide with their event. Large numbers of our Malaysian alumni also met at a gathering hosted by Queensland’s Director General of Education for graduates of all Queensland universities.

At home, graduates supported their alma mater as Convocation representatives on the University Senate (see page 9) and through the Standing Committee of Convocation (see page 6).

The Friends of UQ Ipswich cemented University-community ties with a Golf Day on the course adjoining the campus (raising $4000 for scholarships and prizes), the Friends’ Dinner, four meetings and four member support events.

The Alumni Association honoured two exceptional graduates. Professor Martin Green, co-winner of the 1999 Australia Prize, was named Alumnus of the Year. He and colleague Professor Stuart Wenham developed the solar cells which generated electricity in the athletes’ village for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. The Graduate of the Year award went to Bachelor of Information Technology graduate and University Medallist Karen Hendriksen, now a PhD student in the Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Department and CRC for Enterprise Distributed Systems.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community consultation continued on major issues, for example through the UQ Ipswich Strategic Advisory Committee’s role in campus development and the Community Liaison Committee’s (CLC) input to the UQ/CSIRO Joint Building project on the St Lucia campus. This will house the Institute of Molecular Bioscience (IMB) (see pages 24, 43).

The CLC represents government, community, University and CSIRO interests. Members met six times in 2000 and outcomes included mutually-acceptable working hours and haulage routes, a University-maintained 24-hour telephone information service, and frequent communication via letter-drops and phone calls warning of temporary disruptions associated with construction.

PLEASURE AND LEISURE

Customs House, our heritage-listed city base, won the Heritage and Cultural Tourism category of the Brisbane Tourism Awards for the second year in a row.

Crowds of people enjoyed free offerings such as the Customs House Art Gallery (12,500 visitors), Sunday tours of the historic building (2700 visitors) and special tours organised for 14 groups.

About 3000 people attended the School of Music’s twilight and dinner concert series and 10 free-of-charge Sunday concerts in the majestic Long Room; and 30 concerts by outside groups such as Operatif! and the Imogen Youth Choir drew audiences totalling 6000.

On the St Lucia campus, the 80-member University of Queensland Symphony Orchestra performed in Mayne Hall. School of Music activities included free lunchtime concerts in the Nickson Room and the Sunday Music Series at Wordsmiths, the Writers Café – a venue for enjoying music, food and browsing at the University Bookshop.

The University of Queensland Union (Student Union) welcomed one-third community membership of about 120 clubs and societies. Two major new facilities boosted our status as an international sporting venue available for community use. UQ SPORT runs the new $4 million athletics facility and 600-

HERITAGE-LISTED CUSTOMS HOUSE LINKS UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY WITH OFFERINGS INCLUDING BRASSERIE DINING, GALLERIES SHOWCASING AUSTRALIAN ART AND CHINESE ANTIQUITIES, AND PERFORMANCES SUCH AS DINNER CONCERTS AND SUNDAY CONCERTS.
seat grandstand used in the run-up to the Sydney 2000 Olympics (see page 32) plus the refurbished Tennis Centre – home of the Queensland Open and other major tournaments.

UQ SPORT also maintains seven ovals, netball courts, a heated swimming pool, a softball diamond, a beach volleyball court, an indoor sports complex and gym.

SHARING RESOURCES
Free public access to our teaching and research museums exemplified our tradition of sharing resources with the community. Individuals and school groups flocked to the Anthropology, Antiquities, Computer, Physics and Zoology Museums, the Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History, and the Insect Collection and other collections.

A striking exhibition of artworks rescued from disaster – including a restored McCubbin oil portrait saved from fire – headed a dynamic program of showings at our University Art Museum (UAM).

In recent years, the UAM has conserved about 70 significant artworks damaged through vandalism or neglect. A badly-slash Calderon oil-on-canvas was conserved about 70 significant artworks damaged through vandalism or neglect.

The CSRC Breakfast Series cemented University/community friendships, with speakers such as former Queensland Premier Wayne Goss, the Reverend Tim Costello and champion netballer Vicki Wilson sparking large attendances.

Faculties also worked with local, state and federal agencies on community issues. The Faculty of Biological and Chemical Sciences, for example, promoted community health through cooperative research centres in Tropical Plant Pathology, Tropical Rainforest Ecology and Management, and Coastal Zone, Estuary and Waterway Management.

REACHING OUT
UQ Study Expo at St Lucia, covering courses on all campuses, was our flagship community information initiative. It attracted more than 25,000 people and included campus, college and library tours plus tours of our major museums and collections.

Annual Open Days drew more than 3000 visitors to UQ Ipswich and 2000 to UQ Gatton. Both events featured community, business, sporting and recreation groups as well as the state-of-the-art courses and facilities on offer. Two Postgraduate Evenings covered the full gamut of study, coursework, research and scholarship options for postgraduates; and our first Careers Fair provided chances to match 3100 final-year students with prospective employers. The UQ Careers Fair website recorded nearly 5000 hits in the four weeks leading up to the event.

School-to-university transition initiatives flourished. They included our

- five-day LEOW (Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology) conference at UQ Gatton for high school students,
hosting the Queensland Science Contest at UQ Ipswich, with 400 entries from 40 schools vying for the University of Queensland Environmental Award Bursary plus about 100 prizes worth several thousand dollars, and
Enhanced Studies Program for talented Year 12s completing University studies for credit.

We also sponsored the Queensland Sciencentre Roadshow, visiting rural areas, and maintained a strong presence at National Science Week, Medical Research Week and Engineering Week.

KEEPING UP WITH CPE: AT HOME...
Community and professional education took new turns this year with opportunities to “audit” dozens of undergraduate subjects.

The Community Education Division of ICTE – our Institute of Continuing and TESOL (Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Education – manages the audit option. It gives people not enrolled for degrees fee-paying access to all activities in their chosen classes except assessment and lecturer feedback.

A vital professional and personal development Community Education program attracted more than 1700 enrolments for courses in areas ranging from human society, science and natural history to the arts, business and finance.

Professional Education short courses on offer ranged from Business Administration to Criminal Justice, and life-long learning was a reality through 3-Score Club and TraveLearn programs for participants at home and abroad.

The Institute administered more than 1700 International English Language Testing System (IELTS) tests, making it the seventh largest IELTS centre worldwide, and it won the Australian IELTS Centre of the Year award. ICTE also contributed to our work with universities in Vietnam (see page 17) and hosted 18 English language study tour groups visiting Australia from Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand.

...AND ABROAD
ICTE staff ran English language training courses for more than 2000 people in 26 countries in Latin America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific. Other global-focused activities included:

- English and Continuing Technical Education short courses for about 1000 students of Jikei Gakuen Foundation; and English and Technical Studies programs for 115 participants in the Tokyo Colleges Association’s Study Tour Program (Japan);
- contracts with the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, and Changning District Education Bureau to deliver English and Methodology courses at St Lucia for high school English language teachers (China);
- appointment as one of seven providers in a five-year project, worth up to $2.5 million, to train school teachers in English for TESOL Professional Purposes (Hong Kong); and
- a strategic alliance with the School for International Training (Vermont, USA) to train Teacher of English.

BENEF ACTIONS AND BEQUESTS
Our Development Office-managed annual appeal, renamed the Chancellor’s Fund, raised more than $1 million for the first time. Gifts included:

- $25,000 from Port of Brisbane Corporation for an environmental scholarship;
- $55,100 for the Bone Implant Augmentation project from two private donors plus a private trust;
- $76,000 from the Heart Foundation for an honours scholarship; and
- $162,181 from a private international trust for an Arts Faculty Endowment Fund.

Ongoing commitments from our supporters included:

- $350,000 to finalise a $700,000 commitment from Workcover Queensland for orthopaedic surgery research;
$50,000 a year for three years from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for a professorship in banking and finance;

The first $20,000 of a three-year $60,000 pledge from Andersen Consulting for the study of e-commerce in the Faculty of Business, Education and Law;

$3.2 million for the CONROD Centre from the Motor Accident Insurance Commission – part of a $14 million pledge over five years;

the privately-funded Kratzmann chair in psychiatry, based at Toowong Private Hospital; and

$25,000 from SmithKline Beecham – part of a $80,000 pledge for single patient trials (drug trials) at the Centre for General Practice.

THE YEAR 2001

Our UQ Ipswich Community Service and Research Centre will extend its activities to include local virtual service and research partnerships.

We will finalise and implement an international marketing plan.

BOOSTS FROM BENEFACTORS INCLUDED:

the Ceridwen Indigenous Scholarship, an annual award maintained by a $50,000 bequest from Ceridwen Greenfield and gifts from her friends;

a collection of 53 major artworks bequeathed to the University Art Museum by graduate Dr Jeffery (Graeme) Bennett; and

a $5000 scholarship from Boeing Australia for behavioural studies at UQ Ipswich.