

Past...

The University of Queensland was founded in 1910 as the first university in the State and the fifth in the nation. A year later 83 students (including 23 women) attended the first classes in Government House, George Street, Brisbane.

In 1926 our Senate accepted an offer from Dr James O'Neil Mayne and his sister, Miss Mary Emelia Mayne, to buy 114ha of riverside land for our St Lucia campus. Lack of funds and World War II delayed development; but building started in 1937 and the move from George Street was completed between 1946 and 1972.

In 1990 we merged with Queensland Agricultural College (now UQ Gatton, a 1068ha campus 80km west of Brisbane) as part of a unified national system abolishing the binary system of universities and colleges of advanced education.

In 1999 we opened UQ Ipswich – an ultra-modern 25ha campus just 40km west of Brisbane.

... and present

Our University, one of the largest and most prestigious of the nation's 39 universities, is one of only three Australian members of *Universitas 21* – a select alliance limited to only 20 universities worldwide. We are also one of Australia's elite Group of Eight.

Our vast facilities include Australia's first Institute for Molecular Bioscience and a Centre for Human Ageing (to be known from 2002 as the Australasian Centre on Ageing). We have more than 155 exchange agreements with universities in 33 countries and our international student enrolment represents about 11 percent of total student numbers.

In 2001 we employed more than 4600 staff and our total operating revenue was \$643 million. We offered more than 5600 courses and 350 programs to nearly 32,000 students, including more than 6500 postgraduates. Our PhD profile included the largest enrolment in Australia, third national ranking for completions and conferral of our 5000th PhD degree.

We topped the nation's universities for industry-related research income and placed a close second for total research income; and our academics continued a string of annual wins which has given us more Australian Awards for University Teaching than any other university.

We have produced 155,000 graduates include a Nobel Prize winner, an Oscar winner and holders of public offices such as Governor-General, Governor, Premier and Chief Justices of Australia and Queensland.

Our three main campuses at St Lucia, Gatton and Ipswich include the largest Library in the State, extensive teaching museums and collections, ultra-modern laboratories, computing, sporting and leisure facilities. The heritage-listed riverside Customs House is our base in Brisbane's CBD and we operate more than 40 specialist teaching and research centres elsewhere in Queensland.

They include medical and dental schools in Brisbane, clinical schools in provincial cities, marine research stations in Moreton Bay and on the Great Barrier Reef, agricultural farms at Redland Bay and Mount Cotton, and our Experimental Mine just 4km from the St Lucia campus – the world's only university-operated underground mine in a major city.

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