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APA Australian Postgraduate Awards
ARC Australian Research Council
ATIS Unit Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Studies Unit (University)
AVCC Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee
Blackboard course content management system replacing WebCT; operational from summer semester 2004
Convocation Comprises all University graduates. May make recommendations to Senate on matters relating to the University’s affairs and administration, via the Standing Committee of Convocation (16 elected members) and/or eight representatives on Senate (eight elected members)
Course formerly subject – part of a program
CRC Cooperative Research Centre – bodies funded competitively by the Federal Government and involving university, industry and other research groups
CYBRARY University of Queensland Library’s integration of state-of-the-art information technology with traditional services to creative a “virtual library”, accessible day and night from home, office or Library
DEST Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training
EFTSU Equivalent Full-time Student Units
Go8 Group of Eight – an alliance of eight research-strong “sandstone” universities committed to ensuring that Australian higher education institutions are world-class
GPA Grade Point Average – a grading scale for University subjects ranging from one (the lowest) to seven (the highest)
HECS Higher Education Contribution Scheme
iCEVAL Institutional Course Evaluation
ICTE Institute for Continuing and TESOL (Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Education (University)
my.UQ Web portal for staff and students
mySI-net online enrolment facility (Web interface of SI-net)
NHMRC National Health and Medical Research Council
Program formerly course; a qualification e.g. degree or certificate involving enrolment, study and graduation
QTAC Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre – central processing point for applications from people seeking entry to tertiary institutions throughout Queensland
SI-net distributed administration system (PeopleSoft Student Administration System) facilitating data viewing and updates
TEDI Teaching and Educational Development Institute (University)
TESOL Teaching of English to Speakers to Other Languages
UNIVERSITAS 21 International alliance of research-intensive universities, limited to 25 members worldwide and committed to best practice

University faculties

Arts
BACS Biological and Chemical Sciences
BEL Business, Economics and Law
EPSA Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture
Health Sciences
NRAVS Natural Resources, Agriculture and Veterinary Science
SBS Social and Behavioural Sciences

Publications

More information about the University, including various publications, can be found at www.uq.edu.au or in printed form as follows.

From the Office of Research and Postgraduate Studies
(ST Lucia, telephone 07 3365 3560, email oper@research.uq.edu.au)
– Research Report

From the Office of Marketing and Communications
(ST Lucia, telephone 07 3365 3367, email marketing.communications@uq.edu.au)
– UQ News
– Graduate Contact
– Campus Map
– Annual Report

From the University Bookshop
(ST Lucia, telephone 07 3365 8585, email books@bookshop.uq.edu.au)
– A Place of Light and Learning – The University of Queensland’s First 75 Years, by Dr Malcolm Thomis
– The Brisbane Customs House, by Dr Malcolm Thomis
– A Guide to the Great Court
– The Mayne Inheritance, by Dr Rosamund Siemon

(UQ Gatton, telephone 07 5460 1451, email gatton@bookshop.uq.edu.au)
– UQ Gatton – 100 Years of Science with Practice, by Associate Professor Stephen Craig-Smith, Professor Craig Pearson and Juliet Middleton
– Faces and Places – A Portrait of The University of Queensland Gatton College, edited by Rebecca McEwen and Ray Montgomery

From the Marketing Office, UQ Gatton
(telephone 07 5460 1279, email cablett@uqg.uq.edu.au)
– The Stories So Far…, a heritage tour guide and history by Bruce Thompson

From the Office of the Campus Manager, UQ Ipswich
(telephone 07 3381 1002, email w.kerswill@uq.edu.au)
– The Road to UQ Ipswich, by Judith Nissen
Communication objectives
This Annual Report reviews The University of Queensland’s performance in 2004, compares it with previous years, and flags future intentions. It answers the interests of our diverse stakeholders by documenting our progress against the aims, aspirations and commitments stated in our five-year Strategic Plan 2004-2008.

The Report outlines our operational and business framework, and describes the teaching and research highlights of our year. It reflects the strength of our community partnerships and demonstrates our efficient stewardship of public and other resources.

We have structured this mass of information to serve a variety of reader styles ranging from the casual to the more exacting; and the inclusion of an index and cross-referencing add to the Report’s usefulness as a reference document.

Users of this Report include members of State Parliament, members of the public, the University community (academics, administrators, graduates and students), business and media communities, benefactors and others such as Australian and international visitors, and prospective staff and students.

They will find the Report describes a range of initiatives, achievements and future plans – a sound basis for measuring our performance in 2004 and our prospects as a continuing leader among Australia’s 39 universities.

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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 then 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 is one of the largest and most prestigious of the nation’s 39 universities. It is a founding member of Australia’s elite Group of Eight; and one of only three founding Australian members of Universitas 21, an international network of research-intensive universities limited to 25 members and chaired by our Vice-Chancellor.

In 1990, we employed more then 5000 staff and our total operating revenue was $736.01 million. Our seven faculties offered 380 programs and 4000 courses in a huge range of disciplines to 38,139 students. These included 6382 international students from 120 countries and more than 10,000 postgraduates, including the country’s second-highest number of enrolments by research students.

Our teachers continued an unbroken string of wins at the Australian Awards for University Teaching; and our researchers attracted high levels of government, industry and private funding for their work. We awarded 9008 qualifications bringing our total number of graduates to about 160,000. They include a Nobel Prize winner, an Oscar winner and leaders in government, the law, science, public service and the arts.

Our three main campuses at St Lucia, UQ Gatton and UQ Ipswich include world-class facilities such as four research and training institutes, an extensive Library, 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 about 50 specialist teaching and research centres elsewhere in Queensland. These include medical and dental schools in Brisbane, clinical schools in rural and provincial centres, marine research stations in Moreton Bay and on the Great barrier Reef, and our Experimental Mine just 4km from the St Lucia campus – the world’s only university-operated underground mine in a major city.