

# Review of activities



# Community partnerships

We shared our intellectual and leisure resources while expanding mutually-beneficial partnerships, to enrich the wider communities of which we are a part.

## Community links

### Encouraging debate

Free public lectures and seminars, many including refreshments, offered opportunities for discussion and debate on topics as diverse as:

- managing and communicating science;
- knowledge-based economies;
- Judgement Day for the Bible Codes;
- contemporary challenges in Northern Ireland;
- responsible journalism; and
- the making of the documentary film, *Gallipoli*.

Speakers included our academics and numerous high-profile visitors:

- Professor Margaret Gill, Chief Executive and Director of Research Macaulay Institute, UK;
- Emeritus Professor Peter Andrews, AO, Queensland Chief Scientist;
- the Rt Hon Mrs Helen Liddell, High Commissioner for Britain; and
- the Rt Hon John Spellar, MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, UK Parliament.

We celebrated the Einstein International Year of Physics with workshops, debates and free public lectures. Speakers included Professor Tony Leggett, 2003 Nobel Prizewinner in Physics; and Professor David Jamieson, President of the Australian Institute of Physics.

Distinguished speakers drew large crowds to prestigious annual events such as our:

- UQ Ipswich Oration: Director of Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art Elizabeth Macgregor (elements of popular art);
- E.S. Meyers Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the UQ Medical Society and the University: prominent US surgeon Professor William Schechter (terrorist mass casualty events in Israel); and
- Sir James Duhig Memorial Lecture, sponsored by St Leo's College: 1996 Nobel Prizewinner for Medicine and graduate Professor Peter Doherty, (cultural development of Australian society). Previous presenters have included Prime Ministers John Howard and Malcolm Fraser; military leader Lieutenant General Peter Cosgrove; and author Bryce Courtenay.

UQ Gatton staff and students maintained a presence at the Royal Queensland Show (page 61) with initiatives including a *Beef Basics* presentation explaining the science behind beef production and the production chain.

The Australasian Centre on Ageing's monthly breakfast colloquia drew capacity audiences to hear speakers from within and outside our University; and our staff and students were among 1500 participants at the International Conference on Engaging Communities.

We were a major sponsor of the conference. Subsequently, former President of Ireland and UN Commissioner for Human Rights Mrs Mary Robinson joined an on-campus panel discussion on human rights in the age of terror – an initiative broadcast on ABC Radio and attended by more than 100 staff and students.

We also sponsored Brisbane's eighth International Riversymposium, the premier fresh water event in Australia. An integral part of Brisbane's *Riverfestival*, the event attracted about 500 delegates from more than 40 countries.

We continued as primary sponsor of the Brisbane Institute [www.brisinst.org.au](http://www.brisinst.org.au) and hosted most Institute events at Customs House (pages 62-63). The Institute fosters non-partisan discussion of issues concerning business, government, academic institutions and the wider community. This year speakers included Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Nobel Laureate Professor Peter Doherty and artist Jeffrey Smart; and topics were as diverse as management of water resources, historic conservation, education and art.

## Communications

### Communicating core activities

Moves to attract talented students included visits to schools plus representation at tertiary studies events such as:

- TSXPO, an annual Brisbane event for school leavers exploring tertiary options;
- our annual Careers Fair (page 36), including face-to-face meetings with leading employers from government and private industry;
- a Virtual Careers Fair, as a cyber meeting place for employers, students and graduate recruitment experts; and
- open days (page 60).

## Objectives

- to strengthen links and share 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 wellbeing of local, state, national and international communities

## Key outcomes

- a vigorous public lecture program
- concerts at Customs House and Queensland Performing Arts Centre

## Outlook for higher education sector

- increasing reliance on benefactors, bequests and other funding from community sources
- more mutually-beneficial partnerships

## Our year ahead

- continued free community access to resources such as concerts, lectures, museums and art galleries
- expanding alumni networks
- helping solve community challenges

◀ Making noise is good for you... music therapy lecturer Dr Felicity Baker (second from left) drums up interest with Milpera State High School students (from left) Richard Anei, Samson Peter Joseph and Minh Nguyen. The school's music therapy program, HEAL (Home of Expressive Arts and Learning), established in 2002 under the guidance of our School of Music, won the award for inclusive education at the 2005 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools.

## Review of activities

### Community partnerships

#### Contributing expertise at home...

- participating in, and part-sponsoring, the Brisbane Writers Festival (Arts)
- developing *Fez*, digital file repository software available free to organisations (Library)
- running National Science Week displays and workshops
- offering short courses on horticultural techniques (Centre for Native Floriculture)
- organising state-wide celebrations for the Centenary of Women's Suffrage (Arts)
- helping the St George-based Kamillaroi CDEP (Indigenous Community Development and Employment Project) group establish a native floriculture production facility (NRAVS)
- developing the Reading LINK-Decoding program, designed to teach anyone (including children with dyslexia) how to read (SBS)

#### ...and abroad

- helping reconstruct tsunami-ravaged areas of Sri Lanka (EPSA)
- launching the UN World Tourism Organisation *TedQual Volunteers* Program to help local communities build tourism industries (BEL)

Annual themed weeks included:

- *Research Week*, featuring presentation of the prestigious UQ Foundation Research Excellence Awards (page 54), a dinner with industry partners, forums, seminars and workshops;
- *Teaching and Learning Week*, including presentation of Teaching Excellence Awards (page 37), launch of the MIT-UQ iCampus collaboration (page 41) and a free public lecture; and
- *Diversity Week* (pages 34), with about 30 events including public concerts, forums, lectures and tours at St Lucia, UQ Gatton and UQ Ipswich.

#### Informing our public

Our Office of Marketing and Communications (OMC, page 77) nurtured community awareness by promoting research, teaching and community activities via:

- University websites, which received almost 16 million visits;
- *Research Week*, *Teaching and Learning Week* and *Diversity Week*;
- monthly *What's on at UQ* notices in Brisbane's city and suburban newspapers;
- a media liaison service facilitating expert media commentary and advising the public of significant developments;
- a photo library service;
- *UQ Update*, a weekly e-newsletter for staff [www.uq.edu.au/update](http://www.uq.edu.au/update)
- online news [www.uq.edu.au/news](http://www.uq.edu.au/news)
- news magazines *UQ News* (10 issues a year, circulation 14,000 internal and external) and *Graduate Contact* (bi-annual, circulation 125,000 to alumni worldwide);

- corporate publications such as our *Research Report*; and
- our *Annual Report*, a continuing Gold Award winner (and one of four finalists for the Report of the Year Award) in the 2005 Australasian Annual Report Awards. Ours is the only university ever recognised in this arena.

#### Student communicators

School of Journalism and Communication students again tested their practical skills in taking news to the community.

Under supervision, undergraduates and postgraduates wrote for and produced eight editions of *The Independent Monthly* (available free on our campuses and circulated to media organisations and local communities).

In first semester, undergraduates produced *NewsWatch* for Radio 4RPH [www.uq.edu.au/journ-comm](http://www.uq.edu.au/journ-comm)

#### Open days

Annual open days showcased our teaching and research alongside family-friendly activities at:

- St Lucia: study and career presentations, campus tours, museums, talks, demonstrations, interactive displays, music and drama performances;
- UQ Gatton: UQ Gatton – *Gatton Star* Fun Run followed by tours, entertainment, and displays and activities focusing on study and career opportunities in the agricultural, food and fibre industries;
- UQ Ipswich: mini-lectures, information booths, displays and walking tours of the campus;
- Moreton Bay Research Station, North Stradbroke Island (pages 50, 69): UQ Sharkfest 2005,



Inflating intelligence ... Forest Lake College student Annette Sultana adjusts her flying balloon project at the inaugural Science and Engineering challenge. She was among about 200 students from six high schools who took part in the event, run by the School of Engineering and the School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering. Forest Lake College triumphed and advanced to the Queensland final (picture Lyle Radford). ▶



▲ Do mention the war... Betty Cahill (left) and Emma Stitt review an exhibit in *Defending the north: Queensland in the Pacific War*, a University Art Museum exhibition shown in The James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre before touring regional Queensland and New South Wales. They feature in the framed picture as two of three entertainers who, undeterred by a wartime shortage of dress materials, went on stage in racy crepe paper costumes.

including seminars, hands-on experiments, displays and quizzes celebrating shark and ray research and conservation; and

- Experimental Mine: Open Weekend at the world's only known university-owned underground mine in a capital city included underground tours for hundreds of visitors.

More than 150 flower growers, nursery operators, industry partners and media representatives turned out for an inaugural open day at the Centre for Native Floriculture at UQ Gatton. Features included briefing sessions, tours and the official opening by Linda Lavarch, MP, of an upgraded plant propagation facility.

### School-to-university transitions

A full *Bright Minds* [www.brightminds.uq.edu.au](http://www.brightminds.uq.edu.au) program included continuation of the *Frontiers in science* lecture series, the UQ Ambassadors Prize scheme, the *Scientist in residence* program and *Experience science*, a one-day program for students and teachers.

The UQL Cyberschool, a school-to-university transition initiative, was a finalist in the Community Outreach category of the Australian Awards for University Teaching (page 37). The number of secondary schools using the service increased by 22 percent, to 220.

Dozens of other initiatives introduced school students to tertiary life. Examples included:

- Siemens Science Experiment for 206 Year 10 students (three days);

- FEAST (Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology) residential school at UQ Gatton for nearly 100 high school students from as far afield as Weipa, Blackall and Newcastle (five days);
- Opti-MINDS Challenge, with 103 eight-member teams from Queensland schools participating in the State final at St Lucia;
- RoboCup Junior Queensland Competition with 500 Queensland school students in 150 teams competing in five categories – soccer, rescue, premier rescue, primary and open dance;
- *Go agro! Cotton and grains careers* field trip for students and teachers from regional Queensland schools (including two days at UQ Gatton); and
- *Maths infinity* [www.maths.uq.edu.au/~infinity](http://www.maths.uq.edu.au/~infinity), a maths club for high school students and teachers.

## Town and gown

### Regional partnerships

Activities of our Development Office, alumni groups and The Alumni Association of The University of Queensland Inc (page 67) invigorated our internal and external relationships.

The Friends of UQ Ipswich joined the Alumni Association of UQ Ipswich in strengthening campus-community partnerships. Outcomes included the annual Scholarship and Prizes Award Ceremony involving

### Community events on campus...

- performance of Spanish and Latin American poetry and music (Arts Faculty)
- *Town vs Gown* cricket match involving University staff, alumni and the community
- Loy Krathong water festival (Thai Students Association)
- Bank of Queensland Classic, first of Athletics Australia's national series meets
- James Morrison concert benefiting our Aussie International Friendship Program (Chaplaincy)
- a multi-faith, multicultural concert benefiting victims of the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami (Chaplaincy)

### ... and elsewhere

- 2005 Royal Queensland Show: inaugural Beef Expo (UQ Gatton Cattleman's Club, School of Animal Studies and RNA Beef Cattle Committee) and 42nd Animal Nursery (School of Animal Studies)
- James Morrison concert at the Brisbane Convention Centre, benefiting children's charities (University of Queensland Medical Society)
- Low-cost and free music concerts at QPAC, Customs House and seniors' community centres

#### Student placements helped

- rehabilitation and palliative care patients, Prince Charles Hospital (music therapy),
- indigenous youth and students with special needs (music therapy, speech pathology and occupational therapy),
- develop a Regional Wildlife Corridor for the Helidon Hills-Murphy's Creek Landcare Group (natural and rural systems management),
- take business skills into school classrooms, as participants in the Business Enterprise Awareness through Mentoring in Schools (BEAMS) program (business),
- produce a *Practical Guide for Caregivers of People with Dementia*, free through our Cybrary to community groups (psychology and journalism/law), and
- develop a plan to save the rare native Cooneana Olive shrub *Notelaea ipsviciensis* near Ipswich (integrative biology).

Biophysics students Joel Gilmore (pictured with children in the Bamaga School playground) and Jenny Riesz celebrated the World Year of Physics by island hopping in the Torres Strait. They ran hands-on science workshops and performed entertaining science shows for about 850 students in Years One to 10, at seven schools on six islands. The initiative was funded by the Australian Institute of Physics and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. (picture courtesy Jenny Riesz). ▶

presentation of awards worth more than \$40,000, funded by 25 local donors.

This year marked the launch of the Ipswich Women's Development Fund—an initiative of Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan and the Ipswich Region Chamber of Commerce. Supporters include Cr Cheryl Bromage, Quota, Zonta Club of West Moreton and the Australian Institute of Office Professionals. The group aims to promote women's achievements in the Ipswich community and fund an annual scholarship honouring the late Heather Bonner, available from 2006 to a woman studying at UQ Ipswich.

Fund members held numerous successful fundraising events throughout the year, cementing their place as continuing highlights on the region's calendar.

Other UQ Ipswich community-based activities included public lectures such as the annual UQ Ipswich Oration (page 59), involvement in the Ipswich Festival of Children's Literature, initiatives at the Boilerhouse Community Engagement Centre (page 63) and sponsorships of the:

- Screen Culture interactive exhibition at the annual Ipswich Festival;
- Ipswich Chamber of Commerce Ipswich Business Awards;



- Ipswich and District Careers Fair;
- St Edmunds College Mentoring Program; and
- Hilda des Arts Community Award.

A host of **UQ Gatton** community-focused activities included:

- the UQ Gatton – *Gatton Star* Fun Run (to raise funds for juvenile diabetes) at Open Day;
- work with Hervey Bay City Council to determine types and numbers of small mammals in the local area (Student Wildlife Association of Gatton); and
- an International Cultural Night where about 300 students and Lockyer Valley locals sampled food from 15 countries and enjoyed performances by people from Vietnam, Japan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Mozambique, Indonesia, the USA, Samoa and Australia.

#### Community consultation

Wide consultation on issues of major concern characterised our interactions with local communities.

The Secretary and Registrar continued as our representative on the **Bridge Community Liaison Group**, convened in 2004 to facilitate construction of a \$55.5 million bridge (due for completion in 2007) providing a bus, bicycle and pedestrian link between Dutton Park and the University's St Lucia campus. The group has met on site once a month throughout the year, providing valuable input on construction activities, design elements and community impacts.

To strengthen ongoing relations between UQ Ipswich and the broader Ipswich community, we realigned the UQ Ipswich Strategic Advisory Group and the Friends of UQ Ipswich to form the **UQ Ipswich Advisory Committee**. Members will work with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ipswich), advising on campus direction and development while supporting research and regional marketing of the campus.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ipswich) led ongoing development (including international marketing in Hong Kong) of the **Ipswich Region Education and Training Cluster**, aimed at promoting the region as a quality education destination for international and domestic students.

The **UQ Gatton Strategic Advisory Group** met twice as a forum for University, industry and community views on strategic issues relating to our Gatton campus. The Group also awards the annual Gold Medal (page 65).

Other initiatives include the **Sustainable Minerals Institute Sustainability Advisory Group**. Members link the Institute with industry, and advise the board, the Director and senior management on relevant issues.

#### Customs House

[www.customshouse.com.au](http://www.customshouse.com.au)

Customs House is well-known as our downtown city base in Brisbane's CBD. This year the heritage-listed riverside building continued as a high-demand venue for University, public and private meetings; seminars;

cultural events; and catered functions. Regular users included the University-sponsored Brisbane Institute (page 59).

The School of Music program at Customs House included a twilight concert, a dinner concert, an orchestral concert and the *Sundays at Customs House* series of eight free concerts. Each of these attracted capacity audiences of more than 200 people.

Free community events included a concert by Los Angeles-based pianists Liam Viney and Anna Grinberg; and *What Oh Tonight*, a free Seniors Week performance based on the Nat Phillips Collection of rare vaudeville scripts and papers held in our Fryer Library [www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/Stiffy\\_and\\_Mo/10.html](http://www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/Stiffy_and_Mo/10.html)

Customs House Art Gallery operations scaled down early in 2005 following the 2004 opening of The James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre on the St Lucia campus. The Stuartholme-Behan Collection remains on show for Sunday visitors (4600 this year) on guided tours and people attending functions.

### Making music

[www.uq.edu.au/music](http://www.uq.edu.au/music)

Customs House events represented a fraction of our busy School of Music program, on- and off-campus.

Our University Symphony Orchestra and Chorale featured at two fully-subscribed, low-cost public Sunday afternoon concerts at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), Brisbane South Bank. These concerts continued a University-QPAC partnership begun in 2003 with support from The Alumni Association of The University of Queensland Inc (page 67) and this year also received support from the Development Office (pages 66).

Public events on the St Lucia campus included:

- 28 free lunchtime concerts;
- five competition-based evening performances for piano, strings and winds; and
- an all-ensemble concert in the UQ Centre showcasing the Orchestra, Chorale, Wind Symphony and Brass Ensemble.

Off-campus activities at home and abroad included:

- performances in seniors' community centres (String Orchestra); and
- a performance at the HELP Institute annual charity dinner, and two concerts, in Malaysia (Quintessential Quartet).

We expanded the on- and off- campus programs inaugurated in 2004 for pre-school children, and our highly-successful workshops for secondary schools. Musicianship classes remained popular with the community and our teacher support network, including the Summer Music Program, attracted participants from overseas and throughout Australia.

## Seeking solutions

### Partnering on problems

[www.uq.edu.au/boilerhouse](http://www.uq.edu.au/boilerhouse)

A new name, a new leader and a new direction marked a year of change for our UQ Boilerhouse Community Engagement Centre (formerly the Community Service and Research Centre) at UQ Ipswich.

Work began on the \$2.1 million Boilerhouse redevelopment to provide new headquarters for the Centre. The project was partly community-funded, in particular Ipswich City Council, Bendigo Bank, Swanbank Enterprise Park and Bremer Business Park; and it will transform the heritage-listed former Challinor Centre engine room into contemporary offices and a community meeting space.

More than \$400,000 from government and community sources funded a range of research, consultancy and educational activities; and two new ARC Linkage grants underpinned partnerships with other University academics.

Boilerhouse researchers focused on:

- examining the role of property developers in building social capital in new communities; and
- developing informed engagement strategies for potential students from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) communities in the Inala-Ipswich corridor.

Other activities included:

- a one-year project investigating elements of youth culture in the Ipswich area (Ipswich Behavioural Studies students, supported by Boilerhouse staff);
- training workshops facilitated by Boilerhouse staff for the public, private and community sectors;
- a host of free public computer education courses;
- support for the Lowood Hub, a contact point for our University, local government and community organisations in Esk Shire;
- addition of a *Leadership for girls* program to our on-going after-school care initiative providing on-campus courses for students aged 13-15;
- an examination of the experiences of community-based asylum seekers;
- research into local government's role in providing services to an ageing community; and
- evaluation of the *Lead on Youth* Program. When completed, this evaluation has potential for use as a framework Australia-wide.

### Faculty clinics focused on:

- developmental paediatrics, musculoskeletal and sports injuries, neurological disorders, ageing and balance, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology and speech pathology (Health Sciences);
- special education, clinical psychology, and parenting and family support including Triple P – Positive Parenting Program (SBS); and
- Small Animal Clinic and Hospital (NRAVS).

### Degrees honoris causa...

- Mrs Chan-Low Kam Yoke, Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of HELP University College (Doctor of the University)
- Ted Edwards, company director and University senator (Doctor of Economics)
- Dame Carol Kidu, Minister for Community Development, National Parliament of Papua New Guinea (Doctor of the University)
- Andrew Liveris, President and Chief Executive of the Dow Chemical Company (Doctor of Science)
- Dr Mary Mahoney, medical practitioner, educator and administrator, University Senator since 1990 and the University's only woman Deputy Chancellor 1996-1999 (Doctor of Medicine)
- Richard Mills, AM, conductor, composer and artistic director of the West Australian Opera (Doctor of Music)
- Bryan Nason, AM, a founding father of professional live theatre in Queensland (Doctor of Letters)

## Sharing knowledge

### Overcoming language barriers

[www.iml.uq.edu.au](http://www.iml.uq.edu.au)

Our Institute of Modern Languages (IML), Faculty of Arts, remained the leading language services provider in Queensland. An environmental scan of similar services in the State highlighted IML's unique position relating to program diversity and flexibility.

In line with its mission to provide the community with language learning and associated services, the Institute provided courses in more than 30 languages ranging from Arabic to Vietnamese.

Demand continued to rise for tuition in European languages such as Spanish, French and German and in Asian languages, particularly Chinese and Japanese. Cultural segments, such as the French Ciné-Club, were also popular.

Escalating worldwide use of the Internet and online marketing, in tandem with the globalisation of economies, underlined the value of translation, interpreting and localisation services; cross-cultural briefings; customised tuition in specific languages; and complementary tuition in cultural aspects.

Increasing government and industry demand prompted expansion of our comprehensive range of corporate services. Assignments ranged from corporate to the unusual, for example, an assignment for *The Courier-Mail* newspaper series commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. This involved the first translation of an emotive letter written by a Japanese soldier, 60 years after its retrieval from an abandoned Japanese military site in Papua New Guinea.

### English language teaching

[www.ict.e.uq.edu.au](http://www.ict.e.uq.edu.au)

Our Institute of Continuing and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Education (ICTE, page 32) strengthened its numerous active government, institutional, university and corporate partnerships. Activities included both regular and customised English language training programs for individuals and groups plus TESOL teacher training and professional development programs.

Activities in Australia included general, academic and business English language training for 1776 students from 51 countries, plus IELTS language testing for 4442 candidates (621 more than in 2004). Community homestay placements were organised for 3089 student and professional program participants.

The Institute also provided:

- 38 customised group programs for 748 students from Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam and Mexico;
- pre- and in-service professional development training for 111 English and bilingual teachers from Hong Kong, Vietnam, China, Japan, South Korea and Mexico;
- pre-service TESOL training for 58 participants;
- customised English and methodology for TESOL purposes training for 20 English language teachers from Chile (contracted by Fundacion Minera Escondida [FME], funded by BHP Billiton/Rio Tinto FME) plus follow-up in Chile in 2006; and
- English language training for four cohorts of senior Indonesian Department of Immigration officials (contracted by Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs).

Students and staff at the annual Thanksgiving Service pay solemn tribute to the memory of people who donated their bodies to assist scientific research and training. Each year up to 5000 Faculty of Health Sciences students benefit from the donors' generosity. The service in May honoured the donors and expressed gratitude to their families and friends. ▶



The University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations approved ICTE as a Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) administration centre. ICTE will deliver its first TKT in **2006**, along with customised training in language development, teaching methodology and TKT exam preparation and practice.

Further afield, numerous initiatives included delivery of:

- programs for Queensland's sister states in Japan and South Korea (including two English language training programs for 30 Gyeonggi Provincial Government officials, plus English and specialist health care training for 36 Saitama Prefectural University students);
- credit-bearing courses at Hong Kong University and Hong Kong Baptist University;
- on-campus and online components of the International Diploma in Language Teaching Management (joint initiative with University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations and US School for International Training);
- English for Specific Purposes training for numerous South Korean universities (collaboration with our Division of Physiotherapy, School of Engineering, and School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering);
- customised English language, leadership and professional internship training for 13 Mexican students on the Vanguardia Leadership Program;
- first-year subjects of a Bachelor of English and Translation curriculum project between our Faculty of Arts and Sohar University, Oman; and
- offshore English for Academic and Special Purposes programs in Hong Kong and Vietnam (Hanoi and Danang, as part of our broader doctoral development and postgraduate scholarship initiatives in Vietnam – page 32).

### Continuing education

The Extension Studies International division of ICTE delivered:

- customised technical/vocational short courses for 1435 students from the Jikei Gakuen Group of Colleges, Japan;
- short-course academic programs (*Business in Australia* and *Soil and earth sciences*) for 172 students from five US universities;
- professional development training (*Australian studies* for 13 teachers from the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut, Germany; and *School governance and leadership* for 25 senior teachers sponsored by Hangzhou Municipal Education Bureau, China);
- public finance management training for 15 Vietnamese Ministry of Finance officials under agreement with the Ministry's Academy of Finance;

- advanced aerospace and mechanical engineering training for 35 students from Gyeongsang National University, Korea (with our School of Engineering);
- *Confronting globalisation: Australian experiences and challenges for Hong Kong* (with our School of Social Science) for 11 students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- pharmaceutical training (with our School of Pharmacy) for 10 members of the Japan Association of Chain Drug Stores; and
- an *Educational travel for seniors* program for 12 American retirees.

The State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, People's Republic of China registered ICTE as an overseas training provider. This facilitates the approval process for delivering international and in-country programs for Chinese government officials at central, provincial, municipal and district levels.

The Extension Studies Domestic division of ICTE delivered:

- 121 community education courses (on topics ranging from workplace skills to the creative arts) for 1369 participants in Brisbane and, for the first time, in Ipswich;
- 43 corporate in-house training programs for 1100 staff from 27 organisations and government instrumentalities at city and regional locations in Queensland; and
- 12 Registered Training Organisation Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment courses for 120 participants in Brisbane and, for the first time, in Ipswich.

## International service

### Overseas aid

For more than a decade, UniQuest (pages 10, 51-52) has exported our expertise to countries in the Pacific, South-East Asia, the Indian sub-continent and Africa. This year, we placed a total of 134 consultants in 47 projects in 23 countries.

We won three new projects with major aid agencies in the region:

- governance support (with GRM) in the Solomon Islands (AusAID, \$2 million);
- a rural finance project in Sri Lanka (Asian Development Bank, \$3 million); and
- a phytosanitary project in Vietnam (NZAID, \$1.5 million).

Other highlights included:

- project extensions in Kiribati, Vanuatu and Samoa worth \$1.8 million; and
- a joint venture with Health Sciences Faculty to market our health capabilities.

### Degrees honoris causa...

- Norbury Rogers, AO, Senior Consultant with Ernst & Young and University Senator since 1990 (Doctor of Economics)
- Spencer Routh, librarian and scholar (Doctor of Letters)
- Her Royal Highness Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Crown Princess of Thailand (Doctor of Philosophy)
- Robert Wensley, QC, University Senator since 1978 and the University's Deputy Chancellor 1999-2005 (Doctor of Laws)
- The Honourable Justice Margaret White, Queensland Supreme Court Judge and University Senator since 1993 (Doctor of Laws)

### UQ Gatton Gold Medal

- Professor Mark von Itzstein, co-creator of the world's first-known anti-influenza drug, Relenza™

## Honouring alumni

### Development Office awards...

- International Alumnus of the Year: Loh Hoon Sun (MD, Philip Securities, Singapore)

### Alumni Association awards...

- Alumnus of the Year: Andrew Liveris (CEO, Dow Chemical Company)
- Graduate of the Year: Lindsay Hogan (BAppSc 2004, University Medallist with GPA of 7 – page 42)

### Medical Alumni awards...

- Medical Alumnus of the Year: Professor Harvey Whiteford (Kratzmann Professor of Psychiatry at UQ)
- Medical Alumni Centric Wealth Student Research Award: Dr Angus Thompson (MBBS/PhD 2005)

## Alumni connections

### Development Office

[www.development.uq.edu.au](http://www.development.uq.edu.au)

Established in 1988, our Development Office nurtures external support for and encourages graduate involvement in University affairs. The Office, along with the Office of Marketing and Communications (page 60, 77) and the Office of the Dean of Students, was reviewed this year as part of a Vice-Chancellor's Review of the University's Interactions with its Wider Communities. Results are expected in 2006.

This year we helped raise nearly \$9.5 million as gifts, new pledges and notified bequests from individuals, business and the community. This constituted nearly 3000 gifts from 1663 donors.

The Chancellor's Fund, our annual direct mail appeal, focused on and secured nearly \$434,000 for a scholarship endowment fund. This included more than \$37,000 for a specific Law School scholarship endowment appeal.

Gifts outside the appeal included \$400,000 to support scholarships for students in business, law, engineering, information technology, health, agriculture, veterinary science and education. This figure included a \$184,135 grant from a US-based Trust for PhD scholarships in the Faculty of Arts, bringing the total from this Trust, over a six-year period, to nearly \$1 million.

Our efforts also provided:

- \$15,000 for two community concerts at QPAC featuring the University Symphony Orchestra (page 63);
- more than \$23,000 for the Vision, Touch and Hearing Research Centre;
- \$400,000 in-kind donation for the Centre for Buddhist Studies;
- \$37,500 from three law firms for the Mooting and Alternative Dispute Resolution Program run by the TC Beirne School of Law;
- nearly \$30,000 for the School of Veterinary Science;
- \$20,000 from two individual donors for the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies;
- nearly \$4000 for the Centre for Companion Health *Patron for pets* appeal; and
- a feasibility study for the proposed new veterinary science school and preliminary planning for a \$20 million community-focused fundraising campaign.

Gifts and confirmed pledges supported numerous Faculty of Health Sciences initiatives in areas such as psychiatry (\$850,000), the School of Nursing (\$105,342), mental health (\$85,000), brain disease (\$63,000), dentistry (\$55,000), a chair in dermatology (\$55,000), Burns Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre (\$31,000), School of Medicine (\$29,806),

Centre for Online Health (\$27,800), Tropical Health Program (\$25,000), and immune therapy research (\$21,000).

We confirmed 15 new bequests (money or part/whole of an estate written into wills), including two of more than \$1 million each.

We received nearly \$4 million to further research at the Queensland Brain Institute (QBI), including \$3 million from the Peter Goodenough and Wantoks Bequest – the second largest bequest in our University's history. The funds, together with those received for the Ross Maclean Fellowship, will advance research into Motor Neurone Disease.

The QBI will also lead a research consortium studying spinal cord injury, funded by a \$650,000 bequest from 29-year-old Lisa Palmer. A quadriplegic following a 1997 car accident, she died of cancer in 2004. The Rowland Family Research Fellowship also raised nearly \$3000 for spinal cord research resulting from a mail-out to all Queensland police.

Development Office activities in regard to alumni relations included:

- support for the activities of 26 alumni networks – including special interest groups the UQ Air Squadron and UQ Athletics Club – in Australia and overseas;
- the annual *Graduates of 50 or more years standing* lunch with a record attendance of graduates from all disciplines;
- eight alumni reunions and planning milestone anniversary celebrations for several schools and programs;
- new associations for graduates within the health professions; geography, planning and architecture; languages; drama; psychology; and art history;
- fundraisers such as the inaugural *Town vs gown* cricket match, the Ross Maclean Fellowship Centenary Mercedes Cocktail Evening, and the QBI Melbourne Cup luncheon;
- training for heads of schools to help establish graduate associations at school level (including in-country workshops for Singapore and Hong Kong Alumni Associations);
- regular monthly meetings for all University staff involved in alumni-related activities; and
- a new monthly alumni e-newsletter with positive feedback from graduates.

**International alumni** activities included two major functions in the USA – one in Philadelphia in conjunction with the Bio 2005 Convention, and another in Washington, DC in partnership with UniQuest to help recruit expatriate staff and identify potential for creating USA alumni groups.

This year's round of overseas ceremonies for the presentation of degrees included an inaugural event in Bangkok, as well as the usual ceremonies in Singapore,

Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong. The ceremony unveiled our newly-formed Alumni Association of Thailand, whose 200 members date their University involvements from the 1950s. We also began planning for graduate networks in Eastern Europe, Chile and Taiwan.

Planning progressed significantly for the biennial Australian Universities International Alumni Convention to be held in Brisbane in **2006**. This has involved our Development Office staff collaborating with representatives of the State Government and all other Queensland universities.

### Alumni Association

[www.uq.edu.au/alumni](http://www.uq.edu.au/alumni)

The Alumni Association of the University of Queensland Inc, formed in 1967, continued to promote and further University interests while fostering mutually-beneficial relations among alumni.

The biennial Alumni Book Fair and Rare Book Auction were highlights of the year, with sales of more than a hundred thousand textbooks, novels, magazines, records, CDs, and pieces of sheet music raising more than \$1.2 million to benefit University projects.

Financial support for University initiatives this year included:

- \$10,000 towards two School of Music community concerts at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex (page 63);
- an exhibition at, and the gift of a Melville Haysom painting to, the University Art Museum;
- contributions to the Mars Gravity Biosatellite Program, with Massachusetts Institute of Technology;
- funding for the Formula SAE Racing Car Project;
- Daphne Mayo Visiting Chair in Visual Arts, and the Public Lecture in Visual Culture;
- the inaugural annual Richard Spenser Hopkins Memorial Prize in Civil Engineering;
- support for student traditions such as the Debating Society, Sports Scholarships (along with UQ Sport) and the Great Court Race (page 43);
- the Betty Fletcher Memorial Travelling Scholarship, Elizabeth Usher Memorial Scholarship, David Dunlop Memorial Bursary and five Alumni Postgraduate bursaries; and
- various alumni awards (page 66).

## The year 2006

- We will launch a free permanent public display (with complementary website) chronicling the physical development and social history of the built environment on our St Lucia campus. *People, age and place* will be on show on Level Three of Forgan Smith, the first building completed at St Lucia as part of our National Trust-listed Great Court.
- \$2.1 million redevelopment of the heritage-listed Boilerhouse will be completed at UQ Ipswich. The site will house the UQ Boilerhouse Community Engagement Centre and facilities for community activities.
- We will host two firsts for the southern hemisphere: the inaugural Australian Scholar-Athlete Games in January, uniting about 100 students from the Asia Pacific region for a week-long program of education, culture and sport; and the six-day VIII World Shakespeare Congress in July  
[www.shakespeare2006.net](http://www.shakespeare2006.net)



- ◀ Honorary degree recipient Dr Chan-Low Kam Yoke (left) and Smart State award winner Wai Yie Leong celebrate the value of higher education during a ceremony for the presentation of degrees in Kuala Lumpur. Dr Chan received an honorary Doctor of the University degree for contributions to education. Ms Leong, an electrical engineering graduate, developed the Better Hearing Aid, using advanced technology to improve on the conventional hearing aid (picture Werkzphotography).