

THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

- We predominated at the Australian Awards for University Teaching, with four finalists and three winners.
- Our researchers topped the nation in winning funds for industry-sponsored research. They also took the lion's share in the Australian Research Council's inaugural International Projects Scheme – 15 of 36 grants available, worth twice the amount given our nearest competitor, the University of Sydney.
- We announced the world's first-known Institute for Molecular Bioscience, in partnership with CSIRO, to open on the St Lucia campus in early 2002. The \$100 million Institute will spawn new drugs and treatments and so generate new industries.
- We completed course-planning, staffing and construction for the first stage of UQ Ipswich, to open in February, 1999 as a purpose-built, ultra-modern, technology-rich campus.
- We took second place nationally (after the University of Melbourne) in the 1998 Research Quantum – the Federal Government's annual funds allocation based on overall research performance.
- The Federal Government's inaugural SPIRT (Strategic Partnerships with Industry – Research and Training) scheme placed us third for 1998 – a result surpassed with the December announcement we would top Australia in 1999.
- We awarded a record 315 PhD and 119 research masters degrees; and national comparative data released for 1997 showed our 311 completions a close second to the University of Sydney's 340.
- Twenty thousand people converged on the Great Court at St Lucia to enjoy our first International Fair – a day-long celebration of cultural diversity organised in partnership with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.
- Our Annual Appeal met its \$700,000 target and in addition we launched three new professorships – including an Australian first – with the help of gifts totalling about \$3 million from the private sector.

The Good Universities Guides named us 1998-99 University of the Year for outstanding outcomes for graduates, celebrating our national dominance in two key outcomes of higher education – employment and access to further study.

Parliamentary secretary Tony Abbott (right), on behalf of Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs Dr David Kemp, presents the award to Professor Hay at Parliament House in Canberra.

