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COMMUNITY engagement is important to all institutions. It is now, and always has been, a high priority here at USC.

The University, through its Foundation, recently launched one of its most important community engagement projects.

With the announcement of the Building Excellence campaign, the University has set a goal to raise \$5 million over the next 18 months. The priorities chosen include: \$3.5 million toward a new Health and Sport Centre, which will be located adjacent to the indoor sports stadium; \$1 million toward scholarships; and \$500,000 for campus enhancement projects.

The priorities were chosen after an extensive consultation period and because of the impact they will have on the student experience at USC.

All universities across the world are reaching out to their communities for support. USC is no different in this regard. We have had our doors open for 10 years and built momentum in relation to student demand and national success.

Over the coming months we will be asking the community to consider assisting the University.

Our friends and reach of support are not limited to the Sunshine Coast. This was demonstrated recently with a gift of more than \$50,000 from the Lee Graff Foundation based in California. The Foundation is supporting a sculpture to be placed near the Art Gallery. We are thrilled to receive this donation as it will make an important difference to the University and visiting community members.

We look forward to bringing you news of gifts to the campaign from not only the Sunshine Coast region but also from national and international supporters.

Your involvement in the campaign and in “Building Excellence” at USC is important as we strive toward the next 10 years of progress.

Professor Paul Thomas
Vice-Chancellor

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News in brief

Australian String Quartet wows crowds again

ONE of Australia's leading chamber ensembles, the Australian String Quartet, held a benefit concert at the Innovation Centre on 2 August, as part of their 2006 concert series. The Sunshine Coast concert was midway through their 2006 Australian tour and was the only performance outside a capital city on Australia's east coast. The annual event is now in its fifth year at USC and has become a prestigious calendar event for music lovers on the Sunshine Coast.

Lecturer's book published internationally

THE use of military intervention to counter severe human rights abuses is the topic of a new book by USC academic Dr John Janzekovic. Based on Dr Janzekovic's PhD research, the book entitled *The Use of Force in Humanitarian Intervention: Morality and Practicalities*, argues that the international community has a moral obligation in certain circumstances to use military force against those who conduct serious and ongoing violations of human rights. Dr Janzekovic, who lectures in international relations and politics at USC and has had 22 years of military experience with the Royal Australian Air Force, says his background has influenced his academic work.

Smarter Hearts Program

THE Smarter Hearts Cardiac Rehabilitation Program commenced at USC in September. The program, which is providing structured exercise and education for patients who have suffered a recent cardiac event, is provided through a unique and innovative partnership between USC and the Sunshine Coast Health Service District, Queensland Health.

Fresh design for USC website

THE USC website has had a facelift. The new design has visual impact and increased accessibility, and allows for easy site navigation. The site caters for future and current students as well as alumni and the general community. Check out the new look site at www.usc.edu.au. Click on “Feedback” in the top right of the homepage to leave your comments—we'd love to hear your thoughts. All feedback will be used to improve the site.



New Science building unveiled at Courses for Careers Day



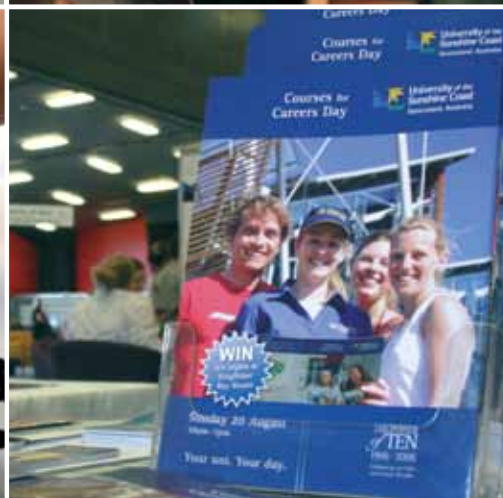
MORE than 2,000 people visited the campus on Sunday 20 August, taking the opportunity to talk to lecturers and students, attend seminars, collect degree information and take tours of the campus and student accommodation.

Courses for Careers Day crowds were also treated to a tour of the new state-of-the-art nursing ward and sport science facilities.

"Students have access to human simulation models with advanced human responses that can be pre-programmed to mimic a large range of clinical situations," Nursing Program Co-Director, Dr Leonie Mosel Williams said.

"These models are used nationally and internationally in nursing and medical education and have the capacity to simulate lung, heart and abdominal sounds, as well as coughing and 'speaking' to the students."

USC secured 100 new places for nursing and 30 new places for mental health nursing for 2007 (49 percent of nursing places given to all Queensland institutions).



Nutrition and Dietetics secures new places for 2007

AS part of Queensland's increasing focus on health, the University has been awarded an additional 20 places to introduce the Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics.

This degree seeks to address the high demand for qualified dietitians to work across a broad spectrum of special interest areas including sports nutrition, paediatrics, diabetes, public health, parental nutrition, food allergies, indigenous nutrition, aged care and vegetarian eating.

USC lecturers secure top national awards

TWO lecturers from the University of the Sunshine Coast have been recognised for their outstanding contributions to student learning.

Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing Gary Crew and Lecturer in Marketing Maria Raciti received the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education awards as part of an Australian Government program designed to recognise and reward teaching excellence in the higher education sector. Each award is worth \$10,000.

Minister for Education, Science and Training Julie Bishop congratulated the winners on their outstanding contribution to student learning.

"These citations acknowledge and celebrate the vital contribution made by individuals and teams to the quality of student learning, from undergraduate teaching to research supervision," Ms Bishop said.

Dr Crew won his award for leadership in establishing and developing a professionally productive creative writing program in a new regional university.

"Being both a professional writer and lecturer, I am able to give my students first-hand knowledge of creative writing skills and the publishing industry," Dr Crew said.

Dr Maria Raciti won her award for creating a successful learning environment for business students of all abilities.

Dr Crew and Dr Raciti were also the recipients of the University of the Sunshine Coast's 2006 Vice Chancellor's Medals for Outstanding University Researcher and Teacher, respectively.



Carrick award winners Dr Gary Crew and Dr Maria Raciti

USC Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Thomas believes the awards to be an integral part of the University's progress and a key to the success of students and staff alike.

"The awards were confirmation that as a University we have a responsibility to continually raise the bar and challenge ourselves to ensure we are servicing the

community to the best of our abilities," he said.

"These awards are proof that we are travelling on the right track."

Dr Crew and Dr Raciti will use their awards to further their learning and teaching practise and scholarship of teaching.

Public health lecturer recognised by AHPA

LILY O'Hara was recently awarded life membership to the Australian Health Promotion Association, the highest award offered by the industry. Ms O'Hara is only the fourth person to receive this accolade.

Ms O'Hara, who is passionate about public health and health promotion, received the award for outstanding and distinguished service to the Association and to health promotion in Australia.

Ms O'Hara has also been appointed to the Health Promotion Journal of Australia Editorial Advisory Board.

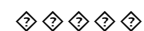
This peer-reviewed journal has more than 1,100 subscribers around the world, and is the only journal specifically focused on health promotion research and practice in Australia.

The journal has a small and select Advisory Board, making this appointment a great honour for Ms O'Hara.

Ms O'Hara lectures in Health Promotion and Public Health at the University of the Sunshine Coast at undergraduate and postgraduate level. She also actively promotes to the community a healthy approach to body size, health and fitness.

USC rates five-star in latest university rankings

USC has received great ratings in the 2007 Good Universities Guide. Here's how we scored:



Teaching quality

Generic skills

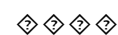
Overall graduate rating

Academic services

Electronic support

Gender balance

Getting a job



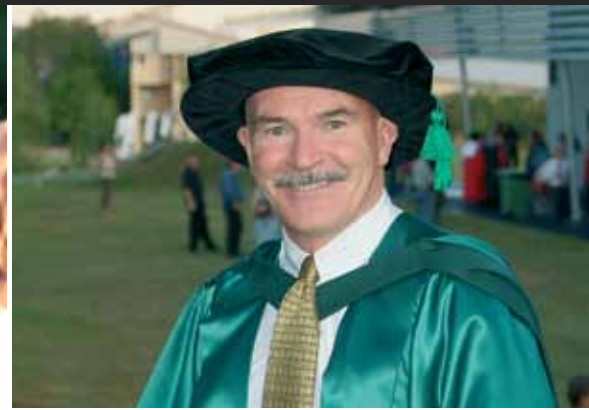
Staff qualifications

Graduate satisfaction

The ratings listed above have been awarded to the University of the Sunshine Coast by the Good Universities Guide 2007 utilising information obtained from the Department of Education, Science and Training, as well as results from the national Graduate Destination Survey.



Photograph courtesy Sunshine Coast Daily



“Deek” receives USC honorary award

ROB de Castella, or “Deek” as he is affectionately known to generations of Australian sports lovers, received a Doctor of the University award at this year’s Graduation Ceremony.

Australian of the Year in 1983, de Castella has had a long association with the University. In July 2004 he officially opened USC’s Centre for Healthy Activities, Sport and Exercise (CHASE).

The Hon. Dr David Kemp, former Federal Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs, also received a Doctor of the University award at the ceremony, held on 20 April.

Australian of the Year inspires USC students

THE 2006 Australian of the Year, Professor Ian Frazer, delivered a lecture entitled *The Exploration of Possibilities for Better Decisions* to University of the Sunshine Coast core course students on Tuesday 8 August.

Professor Frazer drew on his varied personal experiences, offering valuable insight to the Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship students.

Professor Frazer said while he was keen to get back to his research after spending a year out of the laboratory delivering presentations on how cervical cancer and the human papilloma virus are linked, public engagements such as these were important in his role of Australian of the Year.

Professor Frazer told the first year students that to reach their goals, they must be persistent.

“It’s a hard slog; it’s something you do because you are genuinely interested,” he said.

After emigrating from Edinburgh to Melbourne in 1980 and then moving to Queensland in 1985, Professor Frazer developed vaccines to prevent and treat cervical cancer, a disease that affects 500,000 women each year.

Faculty of Business Innovation lecturer Susan Hughes-Lucas said “USC strived

to introduce influential Australian professionals to students, to give a true understanding of the hard work and dedication needed to achieve goals.

“The life experiences these guest lecturers bring to the learning environment is instrumental in developing the quality graduates that the University aims to place in the local community,” she said.

Professor Frazer offered advice on how to become a driver, rather than an observer, of innovation, stating that he is “enjoying passing on his knowledge to others”—a philosophy the Professor has lived by for more than 20 years in his endeavour to cure cervical cancer.



2006 Graduation facts

Number of graduating students: 741

Doctor of the University:

- Robert de Castella MBE
- The Hon. Dr David Kemp

Honorary Senior Fellow:

- Arija Austin
- Harry Reed
- Ken Reed
- Margaret Reed
- Beryl Spencer

Vice-Chancellor’s Medal for Outstanding University Researcher:

- Dr Gary Crew

Vice-Chancellor’s Medal for Outstanding University Teacher:

- Dr Maria Raciti

Vice-Chancellor’s Medal for Outstanding Service (Teaching and Research)

- Dr Elizabeth Eddy

Vice-Chancellor’s Medal for Outstanding Service (Administrative, Professional and Technical):

- Mark Bradley
- Lynn Foster

Chancellor’s Medal:

- Emma Kill

University Medal:

- Michael Buky
- Amanda Carrol
- Leanne Taylor

Ex-HMAS Brisbane home to marine critters great and small



“The findings from the survey provide ample proof that the wreck has become an important addition to nearshore habitats on the coast, supporting a rich biodiversity in the area.”



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AN environmental study on the navy destroyer ex-HMAS Brisbane off Mooloolaba has established that marine life is thriving on the sunken ship.

The study, conducted by USC Senior Lecturer Dr Thomas Schlacher and Queensland Museum Centre for Biodiversity Professor John Hooper and Dr Monika Schlacher, was commissioned by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dr Monika Schlacher from the Queensland Museum says it is amazing that only one year after the sinking of the ship off Mooloolaba, the entire superstructure and deck area of the former navy destroyer are covered with a rich abundance of marine life where oysters and barnacles are providing microhabitats for numerous small animals such as juvenile rock lobsters, banded coral shrimps, crabs, sea urchins, feather stars, starfish, and small fish.

The vertical sides of the hull and the superstructure present a colourful cornucopia of animals due to a covering of bright red and yellow encrusting sponges, as well as striking orange and white lace corals.

Inspection inside the ship revealed numerous small barnacles, sea squirts, fan worms and several species of sea fir.

After diving on the wreck last month, scientists from the University of the Sunshine Coast and the Queensland Museum have so far recorded 15 species of sponges, four species of sea fir, six species of crustacean, 13 species of sea squirts, nine species of lace corals, and several other animals, such as the black feather star, sea urchins and molluscs.

The wreck has also become an important habitat for fish. Huge numbers of fish congregate over, around and inside the ship.

More than 130 species have been recorded by Queensland Museum fish expert Dr Jeff Johnson, including large Spotted Eagle Rays that patrol in midwater around the wreck, and Blotched Fantail Rays that prey on small animals winnowed from bottom sediments by currents swilling around the ends of the ship.

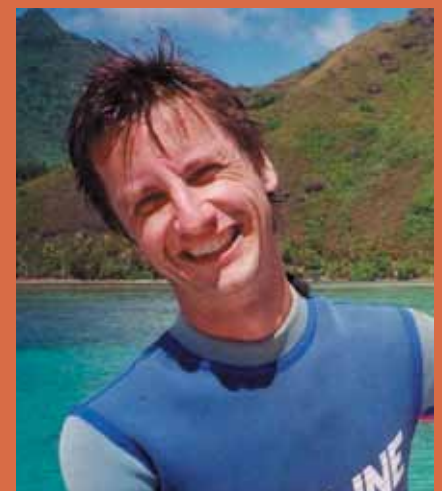
Schools of predatory kingfish and trevally quietly mill around the ship, but periodically raid the thick shoals of fusiliers above, and cardinalfish within.

Brightly coloured wrasses, bigeyes, damselfishes and butterfly fishes enliven the decks, while processions of rabbit fish barber and control the ship's thick coat of filamentous algae.

From there, under and around the hull, mangrove jacks, surgeonfish and groups of young red emperor greet divers.

On ascent, curious Unicorn Leatherjackets and batfish can usually be found patrolling the mooring ropes and buoys.

“The findings from the survey provide ample proof that the wreck has become an important addition to nearshore habitats on the Sunshine Coast, supporting a rich biodiversity in the area,” Dr Thomas Schlacher said.



Dr Thomas Schlacher



\$50,000 seed funding for child safety related programs

THE Department of Child Safety has entered into a 12 month funding agreement with the University of the Sunshine Coast to develop a child protection specialisation as part of undergraduate human services and counselling programs.

The funds will be used to develop a comprehensive teaching program in relation to child protection and Indigenous communities. These enhanced degrees will create graduate employment opportunities in what is regarded to be a rapidly expanding area.

Social and Community Studies Lecturer Jan Foster will now be able to develop and incorporate a more specialised curriculum pertaining directly to child protection.

"Our aim is to help develop professional education programs which help serve the regional community," Ms Foster said.

"We will be teaching students how to identify issues of abuse and neglect as well as how to understand the complexities of working with families and children with multiple needs."

With the issue of child protection continuing to grow in profile, and

increased resources allocated to the sector, the need for a greater number of graduates has been highlighted and given priority.

Ms Foster will be working closely with the Indigenous community to ensure all facets of the programs will enhance the lifestyles of families across all communities.

"We are very excited about receiving this seed funding," Ms Foster said.

Combining theoretical and practical learning will lead to students being able to deliver front-line protection services. We hope it will result in a superior system which will benefit not only the Sunshine Coast, but the whole of Queensland."

The funding agreement was developed in response to the Crime and Misconduct Commission Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Foster Care: Protecting Children, which recommended the new Department of Child Safety critically examine the possibility of forming partnerships with external agencies to develop more specialised programs.

USC Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Thomas, Dr Robin Sullivan, and the Minister for Child Safety Honourable Mike Reynolds AM MP, signing the USC Curriculum Funding Agreement.

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SMART report

RESEARCHERS from USC's Social Marketing and Advertising Research Team (SMART) have recently completed a systematic review of the evidence relating to advertising, diet and exercise in Australia and New Zealand. Associate Professor Debra Harker and Associate Professor Michael Harker led a team of researchers to conduct the project, which has important links to Federal Government research priorities as obesity levels continue to rise around the world.

The research was concerned with collating rigorous evidence in relation to the so-called obesity phenomenon and it is intended that this report, the first of its kind, will act as a benchmark. If future funding can be secured, SMART researchers plan to update the information twice a year in order to give the debate focus and to allow other stakeholders to build on their work. Apart from setting a research agenda, the SMART researchers also established eight criteria that can be applied to intervention strategies to improve effectiveness.



Spreading the spirit of enterprise

JANUARY 2007 will see the launch of "Enterprisers" a Sunshine Coast Student Enterprise initiative by the Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast Pty Ltd. The initiative aims to encourage, generate and support a new wave of businesses developed by graduates and students on the Sunshine Coast—be these commercial, community or not-for-profit.

This visionary program will involve USC, other Australian universities, Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and local schools. It will also link the Sunshine Coast region to two of the world's most prestigious universities—the University of Cambridge and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

"Enterprisers on the Sunshine Coast will take students through a five-day program to educate them on entrepreneurship and help turn their ideas into successful business ventures," said Andrew Mitchell, manager of the program.

"This program has fantastic potential to contribute to the creation of successful local businesses," Colin Graham, CEO of the Innovation Centre said.

"It will include the introduction of a student business hot desk program and

will build on the existing entrepreneurial network on the Sunshine Coast, creating partnerships between educational institutions, schools and the local business community."

Innovative ideas take students to UK

AS part of the Enterprise Initiative, three USC students received the chance of a lifetime when they were awarded places at the Cambridge-MIT Enterprisers program in the United Kingdom.

USC's Timothy Boulenger, Talina Christensen and Tomas Passeggi were selected from 116 applicants who presented their business ideas to the Innovation Centre.

Timothy plans to open a surf school with a difference, Tomas plans to devise a program incorporating therapeutic recreation and the performing arts and Talina plans to deliver education on health and wellbeing into schools across Australia.

More information

- www.enterprisers.eu
- suncoast@enterprisers.eu

Boost for business on the Coast

THE Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast Pty Ltd has announced plans for a major expansion with a new hi-tech facility to be constructed to accommodate up to 20 additional small to mid-sized knowledge based businesses.

The Innovation Centre already operates an award-winning Business Incubator that has supported the start-up and growth of 20 early stage businesses in sectors such as software development, electronics, biotechnology and sustainable water solutions.

The new development, the Innovation Centre Business Accelerator, will provide an additional 2,000 square metres of office space, including a board room and meeting rooms, for businesses that have progressed beyond the start-up stage and have a proven business model.

The Business Accelerator will be constructed within the existing Innovation Centre building, which has been made possible by a \$3.6 million funding package from the Queensland Government.

Neuendorf scholarships awarded



SUNSHINE Coast business identities Keith and Karen Neuendorf have awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to two first year USC students during the University of the Sunshine Coast's tenth anniversary celebrations.

First year Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Business student Bradley Wilshire from Caloundra Christian College, and first year Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education student Kate Chatfield, formerly of

Mountain Creek High School, each received \$5,000 in scholarship funding to further their university study.

"It is our great pleasure to be able to support students from within our own community, who, although in genuinely difficult financial circumstances, are pursuing further education towards rewarding careers which in turn will allow them to contribute to their community," Keith Neuendorf, Managing Director of the Neuendorf Group said.

To be eligible for scholarships and other financial support, students must be enrolled full-time and have commenced study in an undergraduate program at the University in the year immediately following their graduation from secondary school. Recipients must have achieved a high academic standard, and demonstrated financial need and a commitment to achieving their goals.



Scholarship takes Trent to South Carolina

A \$2,000 South Carolina Tourism and Hospitality Exchange Program scholarship has given Bachelor of Business student Trent McArdle the chance of a lifetime.

The Queensland Government scheme was initiated to assist students to travel abroad to experience a different lifestyle and broaden their education.

Following in the footsteps of past USC recipients, Trent began at the College of Charleston, South Carolina in August.

"I am very lucky to have the opportunity to experience university in America and build on my studies in business, accounting and tourism," Trent said.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic merit in areas relevant to tourism and hospitality.

"There are many things I want to experience over here, from the uni nightlife right through to the possibility of being coached by prominent swimming coaches. It's just such a great opportunity for me," Trent said.

To find out more about the range of scholarships, prizes and bursaries available to USC students, please contact the Scholarships Officer <scholarships@usc.edu.au>.

PhD student receives Kirk scholarship

USC student James Lee has been awarded a Kirk Foundation Scholarship for his work in Remote Monitoring Technology. James is currently completing a Doctor of Philosophy under the supervision of Dr Brendan Burkett and Dr Rebecca Mellifont at the Centre for Healthy Activities, Sport and Exercise (CHASE) in the Faculty of Science, Health and Education.



James Lee, Dr Brendan Burkett and David Kirk

Headstart success

THE University's successful Headstart Program held a special celebration evening for this year's students and parents, and staff and principals from local schools.

More than 100 people gathered for the presentation of Headstart Scholarships by David Kirk from the Kirk Foundation and the awarding of certificates to participating schools.

The Headstart Program has grown from strength to strength since it was first trialled in 2002 to provide a university experience for Sunshine Coast high school students.

Since then, 320 Headstart students have enrolled in university study with many achieving outstanding results.

Former External Relations Coordinator Kylie McKenzie said more than 30 percent of students received grades of High Distinction or Distinction for their university subjects, many while still studying a full load at high school.

"These students are often juggling high school study, university study, paid work, plus sporting and extra curricular commitments," Ms McKenzie said.

"A good support network through their families, schools and the University helps them succeed in their study."

Headstart students attend classes alongside undergraduate students and can complete up to two semesters of study, which, if successfully completed, will guarantee them a place in the USC degree of their choice.

For more information about Headstart in 2007, contact the School Liason Officer <+61 7 5459 4795; schools@usc.edu.au>.



Ross Strong and Bachelor of Arts/
Bachelor of Science (Psychology
and Exercise Science) student
Carlie Dann

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World champ aims high

FACULTY of Business staff member and taekwon-do coach Ross Strong talks about his student 2004 taekwon-do world champion Carlie Dann:

How did you become Carlie's coach?

I have been very fortunate to have Carlie as a good friend for the best part of eight years. We have always worked very well together, and as a result of this it became a natural progression for me to have a greater involvement in her progression as a martial artist.

What countries has the sport taken you to?

We are lucky enough to have travelled to many countries as part of our taekwon-do studies, including New Zealand, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, the Philippines and numerous parts of Australia.

What makes Carlie stand out from the crowd?

Carlie has a very positive attitude towards her taekwon-do, which makes my job a lot easier. I have been lucky enough to have been involved in Carlie's development in taekwon-do since she was young. I have seen her develop her skills to become an awesome practitioner as well as an accomplished instructor in her own right.

How many titles has Carlie won?

Carlie has competed in over 30 national and international competitions, winning over 75 titles. In particular she was very successful at the 7th International Junior World Championships in Italy in 2004, where she won gold in Female Power Breaking and two silver medals in Team Specialty Techniques and Team Power Breaking. When she returned home, Carlie was recognised as Sunshine Coast's "Junior Sports Star of the Year" (2004). There is no doubt Carlie is a talented individual. Even though she was the world champion for her age group she is still a very down-to-earth individual who is not complacent about her capabilities. She is a joy to teach.

Where to next for Carlie?

Carlie is considering her options with a view to competing in the 2007 World Championships in Canada. As her preparation would have to start now, she is mindful of the impact this will have on her USC studies—it's a huge commitment for a young person.

Northern University Games success

UNIVERSITY of the Sunshine Coast sponsored the Northern University Games in July, as part of the University's tenth anniversary celebrations.

This is the first time the week-long Games have been hosted on the Sunshine Coast, and the first time that USC has been the official university partner.

USC students celebrated their best-ever campaign at the Games, winning medals in a number of finals.

USC won gold in both the men's squash and open ten pin bowling, silver in the women's water polo, and bronze in the men's volleyball and women's netball.

USC teams placed fourth in no less than six other finals matches during the hotly contested sporting event.

These successes resulted in the University placing third overall from a field of 13 universities from Queensland, the Northern Territory and northern New South Wales.

USC's men's volleyball team (pictured below) and women's netball team will compete at the Australian University Games in Adelaide in September.



\$5m Building Excellence campaign launched

FOUNDATION Chair, Mr Tim V. Fairfax AM announced the launch of the University's Building Excellence campaign in front of 120 University supporters on 12 September.

"Campus enhancement, scholarships and the Health and Sport Centre are our priorities—these will add significant resources to the University and assist in developing the learning environment for our students," Mr Fairfax said.

The Health and Sport Centre will be an important addition to the developing Health and Sport Precinct.

When complete, the multi-million dollar Precinct will comprise an indoor stadium with playing courts, multi-sport playing fields, and associated physical fitness facilities. The Precinct builds on the existing outdoor courts, athletics track and playing fields.

Stage One of the Precinct includes the indoor sports stadium.* This \$9 million building will be constructed by May 2007 using University and State Government funds.

Stage Two of the Precinct development includes the multi-storey Health and Sport Centre. This facility will be the headquarters of the Health and Sport Precinct and will be positioned adjacent to the indoor sports stadium. This Stage will be developed in two phases.

Phase One will be funded through the Building Excellence campaign. It includes the construction of the ground floor and first floor of the building, which will include health testing and research laboratories, a fitness centre and the customised premises of the Centre for Healthy Activities, Sport and Exercise (CHASE) and its Health Clinic. The ground floor will provide access to the sports fields, adjacent indoor stadium and athletics track.

Phase Two is planned to include additional floors for research and technology development.

With an initial target of \$3.5 million for the Health and Sport Centre, the Building Excellence campaign aims to fund Phase One of this health and sport development. The goal is to build the platform for one of the country's most specialised health and sport research and testing facilities, which will provide the foundations for unprecedented study opportunities for students and lead to employment and business opportunities for graduates.

If you would like more information about donating to the University, or wish to become involved in supporting USC activities through giving programs or volunteer opportunities, please contact the University Foundation <dsouthwe@usc.edu.au>.

* The indoor stadium is not part of the Building Excellence campaign.



USC welcomes alumni home

THE Alumni Homecoming, held on Saturday 2 September, was an opportunity for USC graduates to return home to the Sunshine Coast and the USC campus, catch up with fellow alumni, celebrate the University's tenth anniversary and find out what is planned for the next 10 years.

Alumni were invited to take part in a business seminar, enjoy the current Gallery exhibition, check out the latest campus sights and socialise at the Spring Gathering at The Wine Bar Restaurant in Maroochydore.

A special thank you to those alumni and their guests who supported and attended the celebration.

Stay connected

USC graduates are encouraged to 'stay connected' to their University. To ensure you receive information about alumni events and activities, contact USC Alumni Relations:

Email: alumni@usc.edu.au

Web: www.usc.edu.au/alumni

World ironwoman champion receives alumni award



NOW in its second year, the Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award was presented at the University Foundation event in September. Kristy Munroe, a Bachelor of Business graduate and current world ironwoman champion, received the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award. Kristy was recognised for her achievements in surf life saving on local, national and international levels.



Exhibitions

Brisbane Advertising and Design Awards

19 October–4 November

THE Brisbane Advertising and Design (BAD) Awards exhibition presents dynamic design and showcases the best work created during the previous year by the Queensland advertising industry.



Title: *Butterflies*

2005 BAD Awards Silver Winner in the Category: Direction

Director: Mark TOIA

Production: Zoom Film

TV Client: Australian Rugby Union

Graduating Students' Exhibition

9 November–24 November

INCORPORATING digital prints, graphic design, websites and interactive CD-ROMs, this exhibition showcases the work of advanced level Art and Design students at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Students use their portfolios to start careers in their chosen areas of digital design and commercial graphic art. An art form that only began in the late 1950s, new interactive and multimedia technology is allowing artists to go in amazing directions, and the students' work is at the forefront of Australian design.

Gallery hours

During exhibitions, the Gallery is open:

Monday–Friday 10am–4pm; Saturday 1pm–4pm.

Admission is free.

Mailing list

To be included on our Gallery mailing list please contact Di Southwell <+61 7 5430 1104>; <dsouthwe@usc.edu.au>.

The 2006 Gallery Exhibition Program is proudly supported by Coastline BMW.

Events calendar

A taste of university life: Headstart program for Year 11 and 12 students session	25 October
Educational forum: Homework—help or hindrance	25 October
State of the Region Conference	31 October
Power of Ten Debate	1 November
Short course in health promotion: Health Promotion Principles	28 November–1 December
Sunshine Coast Sports Hall of Fame Awards	To be confirmed
Short course in health promotion: Health Promotion, Implementation and Evaluation	4–7 December
Changing your mind: easy steps to changing your QTAC preferences session	20 December

For a complete list of upcoming events, check the University of the Sunshine Coast website <www.usc.edu.au/events>.



THIS year marks the University of the Sunshine Coast's tenth anniversary. University staff, students, alumni and supporters have helped commemorate this milestone at a variety of celebration events throughout the year. As plans unfold for the next decade of development, the University of the Sunshine Coast would like to thank all those who contributed to the University's success over the past ten years, and who have helped make The Power of Ten a wonderful year of celebration.