

# news roundup

## Welcome and goodbye to top roles

Former Executive Dean of Education Professor Vi McLean, pictured, has replaced Professor Sandra Harding as QUT's Deputy Vice-Chancellor



(International and Development). Professor Harding, who is now Vice-Chancellor of James Cook University, was warmly farewelled in October. QUT also said goodbye to Gaynor Austen after 31 years as the director of the library services for QUT and its predecessor institutions.

## QUT/BAC partnership

A partnership between QUT and Brisbane Airport Corporation was named the nation's best research and development collaboration for 2006. The prestigious honour, from the Business/Higher Education Round Table, recognised the innovativeness of a QUT/BAC project to turn Brisbane Airport into an "airport city".

## More ARC grants success

QUT has been awarded \$6.7 million in grants by the Australian Research Council. The university secured \$4.1 million in Discovery Projects grants and \$2.6 million in Linkage Projects grants. The new research projects, which will commence in 2007, include a \$418,000 study into sociodemographic factors – including family and home – in the literacy development of Year 1 students.

## ePrints make impact

QUT ePrints is proving highly successful with one university academic's papers attracting more than 25,000 hits. Professor Ray Frost recorded phenomenal interest in his science research with people worldwide downloading his research papers at an average rate of more than 2080 a month. QUT ePrints provides open access to electronic copies of peer-reviewed research journal articles and conference papers.

## Student accommodation development

QUT recently signed a marketing and resident reservation agreement with Campus Living Villages. The property group plans to build and operate student accommodation at Kelvin Grove Urban Village, accommodating 455 students in two apartment blocks of six to eight storeys.

## New CHASS leader

Professor Stuart Cunningham has become the president of the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) for the next two years. The national advocacy body represents the interests of researchers and educators working within the humanities, arts and social sciences sector in Australia.

## CEO for QUT Bluebox

Michael Finney has been appointed as the founding chief executive officer of QUT Bluebox, the university's research commercialisation company. Mr Finney has held senior positions at UniQuest and IMBcom, the University of Queensland's technology transfer and commercialisation companies.



## QUT in top 10

Breakthrough prostate cancer research by Professor Judith Clements was selected as one of the top 10 National Health and Medical Research Council projects in Australia in 2006. Professor Clements was Queensland's sole representative in the prestigious "10 of the Best" booklet published by the NHMRC.



## DVDs promote uni study

A run of 35,000 DVDs was sent to school and community groups by QUT in 2006 to encourage more disadvantaged students into higher education. *Project u* is part of QUT's commitment to attracting Indigenous students and students from low-income, rural and remote backgrounds to tertiary study.

## Blood Bank deal signed

QUT has sealed an arrangement that will see the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (ARCBS) move to a new \$80 million development under construction in the Kelvin Grove Urban Village. In a mutually beneficial arrangement, the ARCBS will become the major tenant in a building it will share with the university. Partners to the project are QUT, Baulderstone Hornibrook's Capital Solutions and ING Health Care Fund.

## High-profile recognition

Senior science lecturer Dr Serge Kokot was awarded the Royal Australian Chemical Institute 2006 Analytical Division Medal. Also in 2006, PhD students Alex McKinley and William Olds were each awarded prestigious Young Investigator Awards by the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, while PhD researcher Mick Adams was recognised for his outstanding achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health at the 2006 national Deadly Awards for Indigenous Australians.

## A showcase effort

International Student Services manager Graeme Baguley was singled out for an award at the inaugural Queensland Government Industry Showcase event last September. He was recognised for his outstanding individual contribution to the development and sustainability of Queensland's international education and training industry.

