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Chancellor's Outstanding Alumnus Award winner Dr Amaya Gillespie with Chancellor, Major General (Retd) Peter Arnison AC, CVO.



(left to right) Chancellor, Major General (Retd) Peter Arnison AC, CVO, Mrs Barbara Arnison, Ms Ann Garms and Mr Harry Garms.



Outstanding Alumni Awards Ceremony

Last month the Chancellor, Major General (Retd) Peter Arnison AC, CVO and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Coaldrake, hosted the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Awards ceremony for 470 guests, which was held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. This year the Outstanding Alumni Awards ceremony was proudly supported by the National Australia Bank.

Nine Faculty Award Winners were announced: Mike Wilke (*Built Environment and Engineering*); David Pradella (*Business*); Peter Alwast (*Creative Industries*); Dr Joseph Pagelio (*Education*); Dr Amaya Gillespie (*Health*); Dr Gregston Terrill (*Humanities and Human Services*); Greg Davies (*Information Technology*); Michael Bowers (*Law*); Paul Nitz (*Science*).

Two Special Excellence awards were presented to Built Environment and Engineering alumnus, Laurie Truce, for Excellence in Contribution to Industry and the Community; and Law alumnus, Federal Agent Jason Pourpouras, for Professional Excellence. The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award was presented to Stephanie Jarvie (*Business*) by NAB's State General Manager (Qld), Mr Julian Pearce, and the Chancellor's Outstanding Alumnus Award was presented to Dr Amaya Gillespie.

Reception held for Old Government House

The Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce AC hosted a reception to support fundraising for the refurbishment of Old Government House on Tuesday 8 August.

Fifty guests were captivated by the inspiring speech by the Governor who sees the Old Government House restoration as a strong symbol for Queensland's identity. In turn, the Chancellor provided guests with an appreciation of the plans of the refurbishment and encouraged guests to consider supporting the appeal. The Chancellor expressed thanks on behalf of QUT for the generous support of a number of key donors.

Disability Services Queensland Sponsorship to help raise awareness of rare syndrome

The Faculty of Creative Industries has received \$5,000 in sponsorship from Disability Services Queensland (DSQ) for an important documentary film project by PhD student, Veronica Wain. The documentary charts the experiences of Ms Wain's daughter Allycia who was born with the rare chromosomal abnormality 18q-. Through the film and its associated research project, Ms Wain seeks to raise awareness of the Chromosome 18 syndromes, and disability more generally, to elevate the lived experiences of children and individuals born with rare chromosomal abnormalities. DSQ's support will contribute to travel costs for the US component of the film and help to take Allycia to the world's leading 18q Research and Registry Centre in San Antonio.

(left) 11-year-old Allycia Wain was born with the rare Chromosome 18 abnormality – 18q23 deletion.



New Fundraising Manager Appointed

The Development Office is delighted to welcome Rebecca Hazell to the Division of International and Development as the newly appointed Fundraising Manager. Rebecca recently relocated to Brisbane from Sydney where she held the position of Manager of Development, with the University of Western Sydney and was also Executive Director of the UWS Foundation. Rebecca brings with her a wealth of fundraising experience, having worked in various fundraising roles for 8 years. Rebecca took up her new role in August and is committed to raising funds for a number of faculties, and providing close guidance and leadership for appeals and campaigns. One of the key priorities for the Fundraising Manager is to provide guidance to the QUT Learning Potential Fund, which raises funds for disadvantaged student bursaries.

Upcoming Events

22 September – Community of Former Staff QUT – Day visit to Toowoomba

25 September – Luncheon in Old Government House

1 October – High Tea in Old Government House

3 October – Luncheon in Old Government House

25 November – Golden Graduates Morning Tea

Cheque in for Engagement Incentive Fund winners

This month the Development Office will distribute \$150,000 in Engagement Incentive Funding. The Fund is a key initiative of QUT's Engagement Strategy that aims to promote and support collaborative activities to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes for QUT and its partners. One of the nine successful projects will enhance collaborative activity between QUT and the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland's Equipment Technology Services. Thirty thousand dollars will support this partnership as it develops a much needed mechanism to increase the production and availability of customised seating and wheelchairs for sufferers of Cerebral Palsy. This will have particular impact in rural and remote areas where access to this equipment is currently limited.

'Better health in your lifetime' Inaugural dinner

The inaugural dinner 'Better health in your lifetime' was hosted by Professor Ross Young on 27 July to promote awareness of the important research underway at the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation.

The event was held at the United Service Club in Brisbane and attracted 110 participants from the local business and health industries. Guests were entertained by Associate Professor John Aaskov who spoke about the international threat of diseases such as Dengue Fever.



(left to right) Chancellor, Major General (Retd) Peter Arnison AC, CVO, Professor Ross Young, IHBI Executive Director and Associate Professor John Aaskov, IHBI researcher.

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