Upcoming Events

26 Nov  Faculty’s End of Year Celebration  
   When: 4:30pm - 6:30pm  
   Where: First Year Engineering Learning Centre

26 Nov  Final grade spreadsheets due to School by Friday 26 November, 5pm

01 Dec  ALTC Seminar and workshop: "What should be the standards (graduate attributes) of a science graduate in Australia?". Presented by Prof Sue Jones and Prof Brian Yates.  
   When: 9-11am (includes morning tea), workshop from 11-12 where Brian and Sue will speak more specifically about disciplinary standards/learning outcomes.  
   Where: Location information and registration (for catering purposes) at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UQscience standards

02 Dec  Synchrotron Research Perspective Forum  
   When: 9am-1:30pm  
   Where: AIBN Seminar Room, level 1  
   RSVP: j.prescott@uq.edu.au

03 Dec  Barefoot Bowls and BBQ, end of year get together, 4pm onwards (rsvp to d.mahony@uq.edu.au by 26 Nov 2010)

09 Dec  ARC Session on grant writing skills and strategies applications: Engineering and Physical Sciences. The ARC seminars will include presentations from ARC Colleges of Experts members, fellowship holders, members of ARC panels and/or senior academic staff with substantial grant success. There will be a 30 minute panel discussion at the end of the seminar specifically to respond to questions from the floor, followed by afternoon tea.  
   When: 9 Dec, 1:00pm to 3:00pm  
   Where: OBI Auditorium, Building 79  
   Register: email workshops@research.uq.edu.au with the word “Three” in the subject line

15 Dec  Pre –Graduation Function and Graduation

Graduations

A pre-graduation function will be held on Wednesday 15 December. It will be for all Mining, Mechanical and Material Engineering Graduates, and will be held in the St Leo’s Boardroom, in St Leo’s College from 8:30am till 11:00am. There will be a professional photographer taking photos of the student cohort, and academic attendance is strongly encouraged.

To register your attendance at the graduation ceremony, please visit: http://www.uq.edu.au/graduations/graduations-information-for-staff

Grade Uploads

All final results must be submitted to the School office by 5pm Friday 26 November. Please email your completed grade spreadsheet in CSV format to enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au.

Congratulations

Congratulations to A/Prof Martin Veidt and Dr Peter Jacobs and colleagues from ITEE who received EAIT Faculty Teaching & Learning Committee Strategic Funding for their project “A new cluster of online (ILAB) experiments with a laser-feedback sensors for optical communications, remote sensing and signal processing applications”.

Accommodation required

A visiting academic requires fully furnished accommodation near UQ for 6 months from Jan-June 2011 for her family of 4. They would prefer a 3-4 bedroom house. If you have anything suitable please email Dr Judy O’Neil at joneil@umces.edu

Departure Checklist

Please note that the departure checklist has recently been updated. The revised form is available at: http://www.uq.edu.au/shared/resources/personnel/DepartureChecklist.doc.
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Library News

**NEW Databases:**
- We managed to obtain a subscription to DieselNet at the library. DieselNet is an internet information service on diesel engine emissions and related topics including emission control, measurement, health, and environmental effects. It incorporates emission standards and technical reports on diesel technologies.
- During this year we trialled two great resources for sciences and engineering at the library, namely Knovel and Springer Materials. Thank you all very much for the feedback sent regarding these databases. We are very hopeful that we will be subscribing to them in 2011, in the meantime you can use them as indexing/abstracting tools from their websites.

**NEW books:**
Please check our [weekly new titles](#) at the Physical Sciences and Engineering Library. Let me know if you would like me to purchase any specific titles.

**CRC Funding**

Round 14 under the CRC program has been announced. Priority areas for this round are clean manufacturing, social innovation and sustainable regional communities. Kim Carr’s announcement can be found at: [http://minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/Pages/NEWCOOPERATIVERESEARCHCENTRESWILLMAKEAUSTRALIAABETTERNATION.aspx](http://minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/Pages/NEWCOOPERATIVERESEARCHCENTRESWILLMAKEAUSTRALIAABETTERNATION.aspx)

Please pass onto any of your colleagues who may be considering applying for CRC Funding in the next round. It is a prompt to action.

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DAAD Scholarship

In this program, research groups, laboratories and doctoral students can apply to host a motivated and well-qualified Bachelor student from Germany as research intern in their proposed project. Students participating in this program have academic training in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, engineering, or a closely related field, receive a DAAD scholarship to help cover living expenses and travel costs. If you are interested in hosting a German research assistant in the summer of 2011 (between June and October 2011), you can find more information and submit a project offer online at [www.daad.de/rise-weltweit](http://www.daad.de/rise-weltweit). Project submission closes 26 November 2010.

**Election of a WHSR**

The Workplace Health and Safety Act (1995) requires workplace health and safety representatives to be elected in the workplace. Accordingly, nominations from the academic (including research only) and professional staff are sought to fill this role for a three year term, commencing on 1 January 2011 or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Nominations are due to the School Manager via email (k.lamb@uq.edu.au) on or before the close of business on 1 December 2010. If multiple nominations are received, an election may be held. The role includes the following responsibilities and entitlements (as set out in HUPP 2.10.1)


The staff member does not need any experience or qualification to be a workplace health and safety representative and training is provided.

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**Congratulations**

**2010 Australian Awards for University Teaching:** At an awards ceremony in Canberra on November 16, Dr Mehmet Kizil accepted the ALTC Award for Programs that Enhance Learning (Educational Partnerships and Collaborations with Other Organisations) for Mining Education Australia. MEA was developed to deliver a common undergraduate course in mining engineering across Australia. This unique initiative was developed in response to increased demand for mining industry professionals in an environment of limited funding within the traditional university environment and a critical shortage of suitably qualified academic staff.