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Professor Andrew Wilson  
MBBS (Hons), BMedSc *UQ*, PhD *Syd.*,  
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## heads of school/area

### School of Human Movement Studies

Dr Charles Worringham  
BA *Birm*, MA *Calif*, PhD *Wisc*

### School of Nursing and Midwifery

Professor Helen Edwards  
DipAppSc, BA(Hons), PhD, FRCNA

### School of Optometry

Associate Professor Peter Hendicott  
DipAppSc(Optom) *QIT*,  
MAppSc PhD

### School of Psychology and Counselling

Associate Professor Renata Meuter  
BA (Hons) *Queen's*, D.Phil. *Oxford*

### School of Public Health

Professor MaryLou Fleming  
DipTeach BEd *QUT*, MA *OSU*, PhD *Qld*

### Social Work and Human Services

Professor Robert Lonne  
BSocWk *Qld*, PhD *UniSA*

## introduction

The Faculty of Health at QUT is an international leader in specialised health education and research. Each year, around 700 students graduate from the Faculty's schools of Human Movement Studies, Nursing and Midwifery, Optometry, Psychology and Counselling, Public Health, and Social Work and Human Services and go on to build successful careers in these areas.

From their achievements during the 2011 academic year, 50 students have been selected to receive special prizes and awards. The purpose of the Faculty Awards Ceremony is to officially recognise these outstanding achievements, and for the awards' sponsors to present students with their prizes.

The value of this year's prizes exceeds \$30 000 thanks to the generous support of the Faculty's sponsors. The Faculty of Health would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all of the individuals, groups and organisations listed in this booklet.

## welcome

Executive Dean of Faculty  
Professor Andrew Wilson

## school of human movement studies awards

Introduced by Dr Charles Worringham, Acting Head, School of Human Movement Studies

### ACHPER QLD Award

Awarded to a fourth-year physical education student who, during their undergraduate studies, has demonstrated excellence in their academic endeavours, community sport involvement and professional presentation.

\$250 cheque and one year Council Membership

**Joanna McDowell**

### Exercise and Sports Science Australia Award (ESSA)

Awarded to a fourth-year graduating Human Movement Studies student with the highest academic achievement in the single degree.

\$150 Human Kinetics gift voucher and one year Association Membership

**Jessica Efimov**

### School of Human Movement Studies Staff Award

Awarded to the first-year student with the highest level of academic achievement in the Bachelor of Exercise and Movement Science or Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology degrees.

This award is kindly sponsored by the academic and professional staff of the School of Human Movement Studies.

\$500.00

**Christopher McCarthy**

## Wesley Health Promotion Award

Awarded to a fourth-year Human Movement Studies student with the highest achievement for the practical components of the unit Practicum 2.

Prize to the value of \$350

**Stephanie Ryman**

## school of nursing and midwifery awards

Introduced by Professor Helen Edwards, Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery

### Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses: Lyn Frazer Postgraduate Nursing Award in Child and Adolescent Health

Awarded to the student who achieves outstanding clinical assessment and the highest grade for the clinical subject Specialisation in Paediatric, Child and Youth Health.

Lyn Frazer was a Queensland Nurse who commenced nursing in 1947. Lyn commenced working in paediatrics in 1955 and was Director of Nursing at the Royal Children's Hospital in Brisbane from 1971 to 1996. During this time Lyn modelled a strong commitment to nursing education and continual learning. Under her leadership the Post Basic Paediatric Course was developed and commenced in 1974 and joined the Child Health Course in 1993.

The combined program was moved to the university sector in 1995. Lyn's outstanding contribution in supporting paediatric and child health nursing is acknowledged by

the Queensland Paediatric and Child Health Nurses through specialist post-registration education in this field.

The Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses presents this award in Lyn's memory and in recognition of her contribution to paediatric and child health nursing.

\$130 cheque and one year  
College membership  
**Alyce Callaghan**

### **Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (Queensland Branch) Award**

Awarded to the student with the highest achievement in the units Key Issues in Emergency and Intensive Care Nursing and Principles of Intensive Care Nursing.

One year membership to ACCCN and a copy of the text *ACCCN's Critical Care Nursing*, valued at \$300  
**Alison Leech**

### **Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc (Queensland Branch) Award**

Awarded to a graduating student in the Bachelor of Nursing who has excelled in the mental health clinical and academic subjects combined.

One year College membership,  
valued at \$250  
**Belle Cubillan**

### **Joan Penridge Commemorative Award**

Awarded to a final-year full-time undergraduate Nursing student who has demonstrated a high level of academic and professional commitment.

The late Dr Joan Penridge was a founding member of QUT's School of Nursing when it was established at the former QIT in 1978. Throughout her academic career, Joan made an enormous contribution to the development of nursing education in Queensland, particularly the transition of undergraduate nursing to the higher education sector.

\$3000 cheque  
**Peta Murray**

### **Masonic Care Queensland Bursary**

The bursary is awarded after consideration of the following: academic merit; experience and/or qualifications; personal commitment to a career in aged care; and demonstrated understanding of aged care nursing as a contemporary profession.

\$3000  
**Stephanie Venier**

## Queensland Eye Hospital Award for Excellence

The Queensland Eye Hospital (QEH) was established in 1997. The Hospital provides excellence in surgical eye care delivered in a personal, caring, cost effective and compassionate environment and is now the largest stand-alone ophthalmic day surgery hospital in Australia. QEH is the hospital of choice for leading professionals in ophthalmology, ophthalmic nursing and health administration.

This prize is awarded to the student who achieves the highest mark in the Principles of Ophthalmic Nursing continuing professional education course offered through the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

\$500.00 cheque

**Kelly Merrylees**

## Royal College of Nursing Australia High Achiever Award

This prize is awarded to a Kelvin Grove Campus and Caboolture Campus graduating undergraduate student who has demonstrated an ongoing record of high achievement.

College certificate and one year College membership valued at \$370

Caboolture Campus: **Kirsty Hall**

Kelvin Grove Campus: **Kate Theodore**

## The Simon Ashton Encouragement Award

Awarded to a nursing student who continues to demonstrate exceptional application, determination and enterprise during their studies.

In 2005 Simon Ashton tragically lost his life in unexpected circumstances. At the time he was a student in the Nursing course at QUT. Prior to enrolling in the Bachelor of Nursing, Simon had been working in the Student Administration Department at QUT. He maintained full-time employment in this area while studying full-time in the Nursing course. His passion to become a nurse and an ongoing commitment to his studies enabled him to maintain a grade point average of 6 until the time of his tragic and untimely death.

This award has been kindly donated by the family and friends of the late Simon Ashton.

\$500 cheque

**Shayne Beckham**

## The Joy Croker Centaur Silver Medal Award

Awarded to the graduating undergraduate nursing student with the highest grade point average for the Bachelor of Nursing Course.

The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses was founded in 1948 as a result of subscriptions by the people of Queensland, who had been shocked by the sinking of the hospital ship, AHS Centaur, off Moreton Island on 14 May 1943, by enemy action.

Of the 332 people aboard, only 64 survived and of the 12 nurses on board, only one survived, Sister Ellen Savage. She was awarded the George Medal for her courage and inspiring behaviour during the sinking of the Centaur. The Fund commemorates all nurses who have given the supreme sacrifice in time of war.

The Silver Medal has been renamed the Joy Croker Centaur Silver Medal in memory of the long-serving president, Joy Croker, who died in office in 2005.

Silver Medal, \$200 cheque and  
History of the AHS Centaur  
**Robyn Dickson-Taylor**

## **school of optometry awards**

Introduced by Associate Professor Peter Hendicott, Head, School of Optometry

### **Abbott Medical Optics Prize**

Awarded to the third-year student who gains the highest aggregate mark in the subjects Assessment of Vision 5 and 6.

\$500 QUT bookshop voucher  
**Rohan Hughes**

### **Alcon Bursary**

This bursary is awarded to a student entering their final year of study who has achieved high academic results and has exhibited excellence in extracurricular activities while studying Optometry

\$3000 bursary  
**Vu Nguyen**

### **CooperVision Australia Contact Lens Prize**

Awarded to the third-year student who gains the highest aggregate mark in the subjects Diseases of the Eye 5 and 6.

\$500 cheque  
**Jacinta Managan**

### **Johnson and Johnson Vision Care Prize**

Awarded to the fourth-year student who achieves the highest grade in clinical contact lens studies.

\$1000 cheque  
**Liam Bassingthwaight**

### **Kenneth B Ward Memorial Prize**

Awarded to a second-year student with the highest aggregate mark in Visual Science 3 and 4.

Kenneth Ward was a pre-eminent Brisbane optometrist. He served as Chairman of the Optometry Board, on the Council of the Australian Optometry Association and was involved in the original development of a full-time course in optometry at QIT in the mid-1960s.

\$300 QUT bookshop voucher  
**Ronald Nguyen**

### **Optometrists Association Australia (Qld and NT Div) Bookshop Prize**

Awarded to the first-year Optometry student with the highest course grade point average.

\$500 Optometrists Association Australia bookshop voucher  
**Gloria Hsu**

### Optometrists Association Australia (Qld and NT Div) Clinical Excellence Award

Awarded to a final-year student on the basis of performance in clinical optometry together with a rating by clinical instructors on clinical aptitude and professionalism.

Professional expenses such as continuing education, books, journals and equipment valued at \$3000

**Tina Huynh**

### school of psychology and counselling awards

Introduced by Associate Professor Renata Meuter, Head, School of Psychology and Counselling

#### Australasian College of Road Safety (Queensland Chapter) Award

Awarded to the graduating student for outstanding achievement in the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Road Safety.

\$500 cheque

**Matthew Jupp**

#### Australian Psychological Society Prize

Awarded to the graduating student with the highest achievement in the Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours Psychology) course.

One year Associate membership and an invitation to present a poster based on their thesis at the Annual Conference of the Australian Psychologists Society.

**Brooke Poulson**

#### John Wiley and Sons Psychology Award

Awarded to the student who attains the highest overall mark in the unit Foundation Psychology.

\$200 John Wiley and Sons book voucher

**Lucy Thwaites**

#### John Wiley and Sons Undergraduate Award

Awarded to the first-year psychology student who achieves the highest grade in the unit Introduction to Psychology 1B.

\$200 John Wiley and Sons book voucher

**Courtney Steffens**

#### Pearson Education Physiological Psychology Award

Awarded to the highest performing student in the unit Physiological Psychology, one of the core units in the APAC-accredited psychology programme.

\$200 Pearson Education Australia book voucher

**Hannah Blaine**

## RACQ Road Safety Prize

Awarded to the student with the most outstanding thesis in the area of Road Safety in either the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) course or the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology course.

\$1000 cheque

**Lisa Rosta**

## School of Psychology and Counselling Honours Thesis Prize

Awarded to the student in the Bachelor of Psychology Honours course who has submitted the thesis that has the highest commendation and contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the discipline.

\$500 QUT bookshop voucher

**Peta Greaney**

## School of Psychology and Counselling Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology Prize

Awarded to the student who achieves the highest grade point average in the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology course.

\$500 QUT bookshop voucher

**Lauren Cunningham**

## school of public health awards

Introduced by Professor MaryLou Fleming, Head, School of Public Health

### HEALTH SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Environmental Health Australia (Queensland) Incorporated Prize

Awarded to the student who has achieved academic excellence in Environmental Health and who has also demonstrated outstanding commitment to professional practice.

18 months graduate membership and \$200 cheque

**Mitchell Bright**

#### QUT Nominee for the Safety Institute of Australia Medal

QUT nominates one postgraduate student who demonstrates a high level of achievement as well as professional initiative in health and safety. The QUT nominee will go forward for State and National Selection. The SIA Medal is awarded to one postgraduate student chosen from all tertiary institutions teaching Occupational Health and Safety.

QUT Certificate

QUT Nominee is **Michael Phillips**

#### Workplace Health and Safety (Queensland) Award

Awarded to a postgraduate student for outstanding achievement in the study of Occupational Health and Safety.

\$250 QUT bookshop voucher

**Christopher Sarich**

## **NUTRITION and DIETETICS**

### **Dietitians Association of Australia (Queensland Branch) Prize**

Awarded to the graduating Nutrition and Dietetics student with the highest grade point average.

One year Association membership, valued at \$500

**Stephanie Young**

### **Queensland Meals on Wheels Nutrition Award**

Awarded to the final-year Nutrition and Dietetics student with the highest achievement in the unit Practice in Community Nutrition.

\$350 cheque

**Lynda Menzies**

## **PARAMEDIC**

### **Paramedics Australasia (Queensland Branch) Malcolm McDonald OAM Award for Excellence in Clinical Studies**

Awarded to a first, second and third-year Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) student who achieves the highest result in clinical studies.

Malcolm McDonald, now retired, was a foundation member of the Australian College of Ambulance Professionals (Qld Branch) Inc, past president and state chair. Malcolm was a driving force for clinical change and clinical excellence and a prominent member of the professional association. Malcolm followed his father into the ambulance service and spent all of his working life in the service. He was awarded a Medal of

the Order of Australia in 1992 for service to the community, particularly the ambulance, fire and emergency services.

\$500 cheque each

First-year: **Gavin Nichols**

Second-year: **Kate Schmidt**

Third-year: **Daniel Wilson**

## **PODIATRY**

### **Australian Podiatry Association: Charles W Graves Award for Orthotics**

Awarded to a third-year Podiatry student who demonstrates excellence in orthotics.

The late Charles Graves was a founding member of the Queensland branch of the Australian Podiatry Association and a part-time lecturer in Podiatry at Queensland Institute of Technology. This award commemorates the service Mr Graves gave to the podiatry profession.

\$300 cheque and Plaque

**Eleftheria Lentakis**

### **Australian Podiatry Association: Leonard K Claxton Award for Clinical Studies**

Awarded to a second-year Podiatry student who demonstrates excellence in Clinical Studies.

The late Leonard K Claxton was a founding member of the Podiatrists' State Registration Board and President of the Queensland branch of the Australian Podiatry Association for more than 20 years. This award commemorates Mr Claxton's dedication and service to podiatry.

\$300 cheque and Plaque

**Jessica Hannah**

### **Australian Podiatry Association: Phillip R. Perlman Prize for Podiatric Radiology**

Awarded to the third-year student who achieves the highest academic performance in podiatric radiology.

Phillip Perlman DPM was a graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, and formerly an Associate Professor at the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa – prior to taking up a position as lecturer in podiatry at the School of Public Health at QUT in 1991. With clinical and research interests in podiatric radiology and podiatric surgery, along with a memorable teaching style, Dr Perlman has been a valuable contributor to the podiatry profession in Queensland for many years. The Australasian Podiatry Association (Qld) awarded him an honorary life membership in January 2008, and resolved to award an annual prize in his honour.

\$300 cheque and Plaque  
**Rebekah Young**

### **Medeleq Encouragement Award**

Awarded to a mature-age Podiatry student in recognition of their demonstrated outstanding commitment to their clinical studies.

\$500 Medeleq Voucher and Plaque  
**Robyn Ayres**

### **Texas Peak: Brooks Award**

Awarded to the third-year student in the Bachelor of Health Science (Podiatry) who gains the greatest distinction in sports medicine.

Brooks Sports Pack valued at \$500  
**Rebekah Young**

### **Walk Without Pain Podiatry Clinics Award**

Awarded to a final-year student who achieves the highest grade in the orthoses and biomechanics component of the unit Advanced Clinical Studies 2 (PUB838).

\$500 cheque  
**Nathan Currie**

## **public health – health promotion**

### **Australian Health Promotion Association (Queensland Branch) Award**

Awarded to the final-year undergraduate student who achieves the highest grade in the subject Health Promotion Strategies and who has demonstrated the greatest potential for a career in clinical health promotion.

One year Individual Association membership, valued at \$182  
**Ashley Walton**

## public health

### Family Planning Queensland Award for Excellence in Women's Health

Awarded to the undergraduate student who receives the highest grade in the unit Women's Health.

\$500 cheque

**Kyly Mills**

### Public Health Association of Australia, (Queensland Branch) First Year Prize in Public Health

Awarded to the first year Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health) student who achieves the highest result in the unit Contemporary Public Health.

One year Association membership and registration to the Qld State Conference  
**Michaela Gray**

### Public Health Association of Australia, (Queensland Branch) Prize in Public Health

To be awarded to the Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health) final year student with the highest grade point average.

One year Association membership and \$250 cheque

**Ashley Walton**

## social work and human services awards

Introduced by Professor Bob Lonne, Head, Social Work and Human Services

### Australian Association of Social Workers (Queensland Branch) Award

Awarded to the student who achieves the highest result in the unit Mental Health and Social Work.

One year Association membership and \$250 cheque

**Emily Fawthrop**

### UnitingCare Community Health and Wellbeing Award

Awarded to the student who achieves the highest result in the unit Social Work Processes and Methods

\$800 cheque

**Stephanie Jessup**

### Ryan Kruger Lawyers: Debbie Duddridge Memorial Award

Awarded to the student who achieves the highest result in the unit Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Human Services and Social Work.

Debbie Duddridge was a social worker in Canada and in 1986 commenced working in the Department of Child Safety in Brisbane. For over a decade, Debbie was Team Leader at Crisis Care.

Debbie's enormous capacity, knowledge, skills and expertise were recognised by her colleagues. Her sense of fairness, compassion and respect for others was admired. Debbie's contribution to child protection services in Queensland for over 20 years was outstanding.

In August 2005, Debbie was listed for a double lung transplant. In October 2007, Debbie died waiting.

This award is presented in memory of Debbie and to encourage people to think about registering to be an organ donor and to talk to their families about their wishes.

Live life give life – [www.doitfordebbie.com](http://www.doitfordebbie.com)

\$200 cheque

**Jessica Arday-Wild**

### Taylor and Francis Academic Excellence Award

Awarded to the student who achieves the highest result in the unit Introduction to Human Services and Social Work

One year subscription to two journals published by Taylor and Francis and \$150.00 cheque

**Alexandra Grace**

## FACULTY AWARDS

Introduced by Dr Simon Smith, Chair, Faculty of Health, Equity Committee

### Faculty of Health Equity Award

Awarded to an undergraduate or postgraduate student who demonstrates exceptional application, determination and enterprise in any year of a health course (ie. under adversity).

\$400 cheque each

This year we award four students:

**Emad Al Sahafi**

**Penelope Eckersley**

**Vikki Looker**

**Thi Thy Trang Nguyen**

## guest presentation

### Inez Hsing

Inez completed her Optometry degree in 2008 graduating with first class honours and a University Medal. Upon graduation, she was awarded the Optometrists Association Australia (Qld and NT Div) Clinical Excellence bursary which allowed her to further pursue her interests in clinical optometry, particularly in the field of contact lenses. During her studies, Inez developed a keen interest in contact lens practice and was also awarded contact lens prizes from Coopervision and Johnson & Johnson in 2007 and 2008, respectively.

Inez now works in private practice at Laubman & Pank where she continues to enjoy all aspects of optometry. She remains committed to providing her patients with quality eye care and educating them on the prevention and management of ocular conditions. Inez is also a strong advocate in the local community for eye health and care. She has given presentations on children's eye health and conducted vision screenings at several childcare centres and schools. In 2010, she was invited to speak about the impact of diabetes on the eye at a local multidisciplinary seminar for diabetics. Additionally, Inez is passionate about improving access to eye care in Australia and works as a volunteer for the charity foundation OneSight to provide eye testing to those in need.

Inez credits her academic and professional achievements to QUT's comprehensive 'hands-on' approach to teaching, which included two years of training at the QUT Optometry Clinic in Kelvin Grove. The knowledge and practical skills she learnt during her course allowed her to transition readily into the optometric workforce and effectively prepared her for a road of lifelong learning. Most recently, Inez was awarded a scholarship from Luxottica's Institute of Learning to undertake her Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics at QUT.

