FROM THE DEAN’S DESK

As I sit here and ponder what’s occurred over the past month or so, so much as happened inside the School and with our Industry partners. It is an exciting time for Nursing and Midwifery with the change of government in Queensland and for our University as we are one year on as a dual sector institution. What does this mean? From a Learning and Teaching perspective, we are currently preparing for two major accreditation visits – one from the College of Mental Health Nurses seeking to accredit our Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council for our new Bachelor of Nursing program. Our success in these accreditations ensures a high level of quality and standards of our programs and demonstrates to the sector, industry and public our continued and sustained commitment in these disciplines. Our simulation work inside the School is going from strength to strength with staff embracing this process as a pedagogy. We have actively recruited in this space to ensure we have continued sustainability in simulation. From a research perspective, another exciting emergence is our Publishing Partners (PUPs) program where we are linking across industries, sector and internationally to work with other health professionals on evidencing and disseminating health knowledge. The Centre for Professional Health Education is transforming and morphing into the Central for Professional Excellence and broaden its mandate and vision to accommodate not only the VET space but also include Business, Engineering, IT, Medical and Applied Sciences, Health, Education, Human and Social Sciences. This space is moving quite quickly and Deb Friel as the Director of the Centre is working across the University now to expand professional development out to community and industry. This has the added advantage of attracting students into the PD space and allowing them to have a ‘taster’ (a ‘see-try—buy’) proposition for tertiary education studies. Our engagement portfolio in the School has grown as we embark on a number of partnerships across our footprint. So in summary, we have achieved and are achieving much in the last little while. We have a remarkable group of staff across our footprint and our students are experiencing the very best of their talents, knowledge and expertise.
International Nurses Day celebrated at Noosa

Florence Nightingale’s birthday on May 12 is celebrated all around the world as International Nurses’ Day; with this year being the 50th year it has been celebrated. To mark the occasion, CQUniversity Noosa hosted a memorable ‘reader’s theatre’ event that also commemorated the Anzac Centenary.

A specially written script was shared that takes a closer look at the contributions of Australian nurses during the war.

The script has been shaped by Dr Sue Davis into a reader’s theatre script that reflects on the 6Cs of nursing: Care, Compassion, Competence, Communication, Courage and Commitment. Nursing history and stories are a particular passion of Professor Margaret McAllister, with this being the fifth event she has organised which has focused on uncovering and sharing nursing stories. “Through these stories, students of nursing can come to appreciate that they are part of a profession with a long history,” explains Margaret. “Students don’t know much about Australian nursing history, but it is worth knowing about. We stand on the shoulders of giants, and many of these figures were extremely hardworking and impressive women.” Another highlight was the display of historical nursing uniforms, created by CQUni alumnus Dr Leonie Mosel-Williams.

The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum was arranged by the Indigenous Reference Group of the CDVFR and held at the MECC on the 6th, 7th May. This year the Centre gratefully acknowledged the Sidney Myer Fund which supported five scholarship places to attend the Forum. “Thanks to this funding opportunity, workers from inland Queensland, the Cape and Gulf areas were able to join their peers from diverse services around the state to build their skills and support each other,” said CDVFR Director Dr Annabel Taylor.

“Based on feedback from the 2014 Forum, a theme explored this year was creating services which are responsive to the needs of people in same-sex relationships.” More than eighty representatives from a range of sectors, including health, legal and community organisations, attended last week’s event. Guests travelled from all around Queensland and interstate to participate in Skilling Circles, network and hear the latest from the national and state scenes regarding domestic and family violence.
CQUniversity & Central Queensland Hospital & Health Service (CQHHS) work together

Researchers in the school of Nursing and Midwifery at CQUniversity and Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CQHHS) are working collaboratively to evaluate the Nurse Practitioner service as an effective model of health care delivery. A nurse practitioner in Australia is a registered nurse, educated to Masters level with extensive experience working at an advance level within their clinical area. The service being evaluated includes two nurse practitioners in gerontology, and two nurse practitioners operating in Cardiac and respiratory outpatient clinics in the community setting of Central Queensland. These practitioners, through early intervention, are endeavouring to reduce the time from onset of symptoms to assessment, referral and treatment in aged, cardiac and respiratory care. Early intervention is thought to be the key to reduce deterioration and avoidable hospital admissions. The research team aim to use a range of data collection methods such as interviews, surveys and the Department of Health data to measure service outcomes in relation to number of consumers seen, waiting times, hospital admissions and other measures.

The research is supported via a grant from the Department of Health and being carried out in collaboration with the team from subacute services at CQHHS. Such collaborations build partnerships between the university and industry as well as provide expertise in service evaluation in the clinical area. This in turn provides evidence for decision making about service delivery.

School of Nursing & Midwifery Appoints New Adjunct Professor from Singapore

It is with great honour that CQUniversity has appointed Dr Ma as an Adjunct Professor with the School of Nursing & Midwifery. CQUniversity acknowledges Dr Ma's extensive experience from being a Registered Nursing with an emphasis on District and Community Nursing and for the past 15 years, Dr Ma has been working with the Lions Home for the Elders, Singapore. This accumulated knowledge and experience has put her in tune with the needs of the Age Care Industry and Clients. CQUniversity are keen to develop a long term partnership with Dr Ma and the Lions Home for the Elders, as we believe that "Working together is much better than working Alone". We also aim to develop and improve our knowledge and innovations for Long-Term Care for the Elderly. In June and December this year – the University is sending two groups of 10 nursing students to the Lions Home for the Elders to gain practical insight into nursing and aged care and to have a cultural experience within this great Country. This reflects our University values of: Engagement; Leadership; a 'Can Do' approach; openness and inclusiveness.
SilverQ Simulation Rockhampton: Five more sessions planned for 2015!

CQU nursing and paramedic students from the Rockhampton area teamed up with medical interns from the University of Queensland Rural Clinical School (UQRS) to participate in two SilverQ emergency department (ED) simulation activities in April. SilverQ is a multidisciplinary program designed to offer experience in a simulated ward or ED situation. The scenarios are all pre-scripted and actors are hired to play the role of the patients. There are five simulation scenarios and each one is overseen by a medical and nursing supervisor.

In the ED scenario, the nursing students get handover from the paramedic students and initiate care and notify the intern of the situation, using the communication tool ISBAR. Then the nursing students and the intern collaborate to manage the patient. Nurses prepare and administer medication as per current policy and document correctly. Nurses and interns are required to work within their Scope of Practice and to their current skill level. The scenario concludes with a debrief session. The allocated time is normally 15 minutes and each supervisor provides feedback to the individual students about their observed performance. The actors and group also provide feedback as a whole.

The next ED session is scheduled for May 30 and will be held at the UQRS training school next to Rockhampton Base Hospital. The ward call sessions are scheduled for August 1 and 8; October 3 and 10. Sessions run from 7:30 to 12:30. Sessions are open to nursing students who are enrolled in or have completed pharmacology. If you would like to participate, send an email to: nursingandmidwifery@cqu.edu.au or contact Barbara O'Neill at b.oneill2@cqu.edu.au.
CPHE provides the following First Aid courses for ALL higher education students and the general public:

- HLTAID003 – Provide First Aid (Senior First Aid including CPR) $110
- HLTAID001 – Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR Refresher only) $65

These courses are delivered in mixed mode with the theory provided online as a flexible study option to complete at your own pace. The practical competency is a face to face workshop at the Rockhampton North CQU campus.

Next available date for First Aid and CPR workshop is Monday 15 June

To enrol in First Aid or CPR, first access the course material at our online learning platform at cpheonline.cqu.edu.
School of Nursing & Midwifery Staff celebrate with Lucy Jiang at a recent Citizenship ceremony held at Rockhampton Region Council Chambers. From L-R, Wendy Hillman, Kim Ghodes, Rebecca Shields, Lucy Jiang, Michelle Landry MP, Leone Hinton, Lydia Mainey, Christina Hunt.

Meet Georgi

The newest Pup-Ed character! Thanks to the creation of Kerry Reid-Searl and Richard Mueck, this little boy is intended to help the journey of sick children. Thanks to the donation of the Lions Club Emu Park, Kerry will hand him over to Connected Care at Rockhampton Hospital. There are four more in the process of production.