

# Year at a glance

## January

- UQ Diamantina Institute researchers suggest that melanomas may be stopped by cutting off their blood supply
- The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) provides UQ with \$14.7 million funding to develop vaccines against emerging infectious diseases
- Several UQ staff are recognised in Australia Day honours list

## February

- More than 11,000 new postgraduate and undergraduate students are welcomed to UQ during Orientation Week
- Two UQ postgraduate students, **Sachithrani Umanda Madugalle** and **Matthew Page**, are named as 2019 Westpac Future Leaders Scholars
- UQ signs Memorandum of Understanding with Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation to undertake joint research and development projects
- Medical Research Future Fund awards UQ \$7.6 million in grants for research into rare cancer
- UQ ranks first in Australia for Agriculture and Forestry, Environmental Sciences and Sports-related subjects in QS Subject Rankings
- 2018 Australian Awards for University Teaching are announced
- 'Get your Geek on' all-day event is held at St Lucia in collaboration with BrisAsia Festival and UQU eSports club

## March

- The Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) rates UQ above and well above world standard in more specialised fields of research than any other Australian university, across 93 disciplines
- Fair Work Commission approves UQ's new Enterprise Agreement 2018-2021
- UQ is the only university to receive 25 Highs and Mediums in both Impact and Approach to Impact (100 per cent), as well as 23 Highs and Mediums in Engagement, in ARC Engagement and Impact assessment
- UQ Sport awards 57 sporting scholarships
- Chief Student Entrepreneur **Josh Tambunan** is appointed under the UQ Ventures banner
- Spring Festival and Lantern Parade are held at UQ St Lucia to celebrate Chinese New Year and the University's commitment to safety on campus

## April

- Hand Heart Pocket Alzheimer's Gala is held at Parliament House to raise money for dementia research
- UQ Warwick Solar Farm is officially launched on site
- Artist **Lara Merrett** begins a 10-day outdoor studio for her *High Stakes* project at the UQ Art Museum

## May

- CWTS Leiden Rankings rank UQ as top\* university in the southern hemisphere for global research quality
- **Max Whiteoak** and **Jamie Hiscock** win Great Court Race at UQ St Lucia
- Create Change Scholarship Match is launched to support students with financial need



The Malu Kial Mura Baiu Torres Strait Islander Dance troupe performed at the NAIDOC Festival in August (photo supplied).

- Vice-Chancellor and President **Professor Peter Høj, AC** announces his retirement with effect from 31 July 2020
- Reconciliation Action Plan artwork is launched

## June

- Newly refurbished food complex opens with seven food outlets
- 121 staff are honoured at UQ Staff Excellence Awards ceremony
- Academic Ranking of World Universities ranks UQ in world's top 10 in four disciplines
- UQ tops the nation in *Nature* Index's annual Top Institutions table, moving from 110th to 79th in the world
- UQ moves from 48th to 47th place in QS World University Rankings, and 40th place in the Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities
- Yoga Day Festival is held at UQ St Lucia
- UniQuest partners with Pfizer's Centre for Therapeutic Innovation to develop cancer-beating drug
- UQ becomes the first university in Australia to launch a Founders Pledge

## July

- More than 4000 new students are welcomed to UQ during Mid-Year Orientation Week
- With 1417 participants, UQ breaks Guinness World Record for Largest Mindfulness Lesson (single venue)
- UQP author **Melissa Lucashenko** wins the Miles Franklin Literary Award for *Too much lip*
- UQ Sports Achievement Scholarship holder **Ria Thompson** wins Women's

- Single Scull gold medal at the 2019 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- 10 graduation ceremonies are held at UQ St Lucia for more than 5000 graduates
- UQ law students win the 20th International Maritime Law Moot
- 1000 high school students attend UQ's Experience Science program at St Lucia
- UQ Minerals Week is held at St Lucia
- UQ Volunteer Expo is attended by almost 700 students and 50 not-for-profit organisations
- Student protest activity occurs at St Lucia

## August

- UQ signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation to introduce an extended major in Western Civilisation in two UQ programs
- UQ moves from 55th to 54th globally in Academic Ranking of World Universities
- UQ Innovate is launched at St Lucia
- Sustainability Week is held at UQ with tree planting, workshops and more
- UQ NAIDOC Music Culture Art Festival is held at UQ St Lucia, Gatton and Herston
- UQ partners with PNG's UNITECH to train future mining engineers
- New sporting complex for football and cricket opens at UQ St Lucia
- Open Days are held at UQ St Lucia and Gatton, attracting 24,934 visitors
- UQ receives \$29.7 million in funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council for health research

## September

- R U OK Day is held
- Levels 1 and 2 of Central Library reopen
- A Taste of BIGSOUND Festival is held at UQ St Lucia
- **Cody Frear** wins UQ's 3MT Final
- UQ moves from 69th to 66th in the world in *Times Higher Education* World University Ranking
- A new 106-place childcare centre opens on the St Lucia campus
- UQ Research Week acknowledges outstanding researchers
- edX attracts 3 million registrations since inception in 2014
- Inaugural UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Forum is held
- UQ competes in UniSport Nationals Division 1 championships at the Gold Coast
- UQ is awarded Athena SWAN institutional Bronze Award for gender equity
- The second Little Asia Laneway event is held at St Lucia to celebrate Asian culture

## October

- Inaugural Mental Health Symposium for students and staff is held at UQ St Lucia

- UQ holds its first Giving Day
- Brisbane Open House attracts hundreds of visitors to the St Lucia campus and Princess Alexandra Hospital precinct
- Courting the Greats ceremony acknowledges 2019 UQ Award recipients
- 25th anniversary of Customs House Restoration and Fundraising Campaign function is held
- Teaching and Learning Week acknowledges outstanding UQ teachers
- The BLOOM Festival is held to celebrate the UQ community in jacaranda season
- ARC awards eight UQ researchers future fellowships
- UQ receives \$21 million for more than 500 UQ undergraduates in New Colombo Plan funding, its highest ever allocation
- The Australian government awards \$102 million for three ARC Centres of Excellence at UQ: Children and families over the life course, Innovations in peptide and protein science, and Plant success in nature and agriculture
- Review of Australian Qualifications Framework report is released
- *U.S. News* ranks UQ 42nd in world
- UQ researchers receive \$20 million in Series A funding to bring KB312 antibody treatment to trial

## November

- ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre for Uniquely Australian Foods is launched at UQ
- UQ's Community Garden and All Abilities Playground are officially opened
- 32 UQ student-athletes are recognised for their sporting achievements at UQ Blues Awards Dinner
- Construction begins on the Inner City South State Secondary College at Dutton Park
- Performance funding metrics are released

## December

- UQ endorses Student Residences Project
- UQ purchases a new CBD base
- Design and business planning begins on the establishment of a new Health and Recreation Centre at St Lucia
- 17 graduation ceremonies are held at St Lucia with two at Gatton for more than 8800 graduates
- UQ graduand **Jack Hill** is appointed Youth Governor for Queensland 2020
- Human Capital Management Solutions is approved by Senate
- Contract cheating legislation is introduced
- 2020 ilab Accelerator program awards \$20,000 each to 10 aspiring startups
- 38 UQ projects are successful in \$30.6 million of NHMRC grant funding
- **Professor Deborah Terry, AO** is announced as new Vice-Chancellor and President, due to commence 1 August 2020.



R U OK Day in September provided many opportunities such as morning tea, arts and crafts, and games to start an everyday conversation.



Approachable Members of Your Local Community featured at the Taste of BIGSOUND Festival.



Above: The World's Largest Mindfulness Lesson in July was followed by a mini Colour Run; below: UQ's UniSport pennant-winning Judo team in action.



UQ Innovate's makerspace was just one of the spaces open to the public in Brisbane's 2019 Open House.