



Developing Human Potential

knowledge for a better world

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It's time to build.

...a world class, private Christian University on Queensland's beautiful Sunshine Coast; committed to investing in the students' whole-person development, establishing the highest international standards, exceptional research and teaching facilities, and cultivating wisdom and leadership by integrating Christian scholarship in the pursuit of knowledge.

We're on a mission to establish an Australian Christian University that offers Certificate level qualifications through to Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate awards, and everything in-between, across all the fields of study that any 'normal' world-class university would offer, including but not limited to (for example):

- » Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- » Education, Health & Human Services
- » Creative & Performing Arts
- » Business, Law & Political Science
- » Theology & Christian Ministry
- » Architecture & Structural Design
- » Aviation & aeronautics
- » Agriculture & Environmental Science

Coupled with a strong teaching focus, our Christian University initiative has a solid connection to Research and Development (R&D). We aim to foster entrepreneurial leadership in the pursuit of meaningful research outcomes, and the provision of technologically advanced, socially sensitive solutions to emerging world challenges.

The Wisers Road property featured in this publication can be developed in such a way that the proposed University Campus not only blends with the natural environment in which it sits, but is strategically connected to the surrounding infra-structure that emerges. For example, the Medical Science Faculty of the University would have a strong connection to a medical facility established on the same property. The physical proximity of such a facility would not only enhance teaching and learning experiences, but also foster meaningful research opportunities and maximize the potential for new discoveries to emerge out of the application of existing knowledge.



PAUL TRUASHEIM
Board Chair & UNET CEO

We're looking for a developer who sees the potential for the immediate, and long-term benefits, of helping establish this landmark institution.

The Wisers Road property presents an opportunity for thoughtful development that seamlessly integrates a proposed University Campus with its natural surroundings while strategically connecting to the surrounding infrastructure. Partnering to establish this University is not only a wise choice for developers but also a mutually beneficial one.

By aligning with the university's Christian mission and values, developers not only contribute to the advancement of education but also demonstrate a commitment to ethical leadership and character development.

Supporting a university offers developers a unique avenue for engaging in research collaborations and innovative projects that can yield tangible benefits for their respective industries. For instance, the proximity of the Medical Science Faculty to a co-located medical facility enhances teaching and research opportunities, fostering potential discoveries through the application of existing knowledge.

In addition to these opportunities, developers can actively engage with the community through service initiatives and tap into a talent pool of skilled, ethically grounded graduates for employment and internships.

Furthermore, such support creates a lasting legacy, as it significantly impacts the enduring influence of education on future generations. Developers can explore various philanthropic avenues, including scholarships, naming rights, and research grants, not only showcasing corporate social responsibility but potentially offering tax benefits as well.

Ultimately, supporting a Christian university offers developers a significant avenue to create a positive influence on education, the community, and their corporate identity.



THE STORY OF THE QUEENSLAND CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY LTD

(Currently not accredited)

Over 30 years ago, in 1987, a group of Christian educators witnessed the establishment of Bond University on the Gold Coast, Australia's first private university. These Christian visionaries then approached the State Government and Premier of the day, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, about the idea of starting a similar private but Christian university.

With the permission of the Queensland Government authorities, and support of other Australian State Government Attorneys-General, "Queensland Christian University Ltd" (QCU) was legally incorporated and registered as a company.

Roland Heazlewood, a QCU Board Member for over 20 years, recounts that: "The next step was to introduce another act into Parliament granting the university authority to issue degrees from their educational programs."

Despite the fact that this next step didn't happen, the QCU company registration has been maintained with the resolute intent that it would become the university those early founders envisioned.

Today, **Universal Education and Training Ltd (UNET) is the ultimate holding company of Queensland Christian University Ltd**, and although QCU is still not accredited or registered as a university, it provides a legal entity and powerful constitutional company framework through which the ChristianUniversityforAustralia.org.au initiative can be fulfilled (subject to all Government registration requirements being met).

The emerging QCU Board functions in an advisory capacity contributing to the strategic development and realisation of the vision for this proposed world-class Christian tertiary institution.

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TWELVE STRATEGIC DIMENSIONS

The development of the proposed university is taking place within twelve strategic dimensions, as we work toward the realisation of this vision.

1. Academic Programs

Planning and developing exciting degree courses inclusive of a broad range of disciplines encompassing sciences, technologies, theology, education and the arts.

2. Accreditation & Registration

Preparing documentation for TEQSA to meet Australian Government requirements for the commencement of a new university.

3. Awareness, Events, Branding & Advertising

Making information about the proposed university widely available to the Australian community and to overseas peoples.

4. Christian Culture & Cornerstones

Working towards a university campus that is distinctive by its emphasis on Biblical principles and promotion of a Christian world-view.

5. Corporate Structure & Governance

Bringing together a cohesive team of Christian academics and administrators to develop policies and procedures consistent with those required of a world class multi-disciplinary teaching and research university.

6. Finance (Funding)

Seeking God's provision of funds needed for the establishment of the university and working as good stewards of capital and assets to achieve strategic goals.

7. International Connections

Forming links with tertiary institutions and accreditations throughout the world to draw from their experience and expand our range of course and research options.

8. Land, Infrastructure & Resources

Purchasing land and developing twenty first century learning spaces, equipped with the best technology, and supporting campus infrastructure.

9. Management & Administration

Ensuring that the right personnel are in place and that all practical aspects of administering the institution are correctly addressed.

10. Political Connection & Support

Making contact with all levels of government in order to meet requirements and benefit from educational support initiatives.

11. Research Activities

Pursuing unique research opportunities that may be distinctly Australian in areas such as environmental studies, solar energy and engineering.

12. Specialist Supporters, Staff & Volunteers

Bringing together Christian people from many diverse backgrounds to contribute their experience and expertise to the development of the university.

**INTERNATIONAL &
DOMESTIC AIRPORT**



**MAROOCHY RIVER
MEETS PACIFIC OCEAN**



**PATROLLED
SURF BEACHES**



NEW CBD



SUNSHINE MOTORWAY



WISES LAND

**PROPOSED
CAMPUS
LOCATION**



CAMERON CONWELL

Conwell Architects

When asked to plan a modern tertiary campus, we walked the land with Peter Wise. Not only was it these natural qualities that stood out, but also his passion for the land. This experience formed the beginnings of the design goals. We recognise that the ideal solution for tertiary education today, may not be the perfect one for tomorrow. Technology is playing an increasing influence in pedagogical delivery. With this in mind, we want to design a resilient campus that allows for change.

We aim to create a fertile environment for students to explore and understand how their life, not just their profession, can contribute to a meaningful society; to give space to a new intellectual voice that speaks from a Christian perspective; to provide an opportunity for academics and professionals from a range of fields, who share the Christian faith, to foster an intellectual community built on research and scholarship, which is engaged in the public discourse for the greater good of society

PROPOSED FACULTY AREAS

Business,
management &
innovative
development



Information
Technology



Communication
& Design



Architecture
& Structural
Design



Education &
Teaching



Science,
Technology,
Engineering
& Maths



And endless
other broad
fields of
study



Law &
Political
Science

Aviation &
Aeronautics



Health &
Human Services



Creative &
Performing Arts



Agriculture &
Environmental Science



Australia – An International Education Destination

Australia has been a significant player in international higher education, attracting students from around the world due to its high-quality education system, diverse range of courses, and welcoming environment. Over the past few decades, international higher education growth in Australia has seen a remarkable surge with both the number of international students and the revenue generated from the sector increasing substantially.

International Student Enrollment:

Australia has consistently been one of the top five destinations for international students. As of December 2022, more than 600,000 international students from more than 144 countries are studying in Australia – of which 361,247 are enrolled only in higher education institutions. This figure has been steadily rising over the years, reflecting the country's growing popularity as an education hub. With a majority of students enrolled in undergraduate programs, and with an almost even split of male to female students.

Economic Impact:

International education is a significant contributor to the Australian economy. In the 2022 fiscal year, international education contributed approximately AUD 25.5 billion to the Australian economy, making it one of the country's largest export sectors. This revenue encompasses tuition fees, living expenses, and related expenditures, such as accommodation and tourism. An additional 3.5 billion comes from students studying online, bringing the impact of international students to AUD 29 billion.

Queensland accommodates the third-largest international student population, presenting an opportunity for the Sunshine Coast to emerge as a prominent education hub for domestic and international students



National Strategy for International Education

Australia's 'National Strategy for International Education 2025' aims to bolster its standing as a global education leader. It opens doors for financiers to benefit from investing in a university location such as the Sunshine Coast, which offers a wide range of opportunities for businesses to support and collaborate through:

- Expansion of Education and Training Services
- Student Accommodation and Housing
- Essential Support Services (tutoring, health, counselling and legal advice, etc)
- Educational technology
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Workforce and Employment
- Innovation and Research Collaborations

Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy

The establishment of a new university on the Sunshine Coast region can significantly contribute to the core strategies outlined in the Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) 2013-2033. Since the development of the REDS, Sunshine Coast Council has been driving infrastructure investment, urban development, population growth, innovation and the nurturing of high value industries. As a result, the Sunshine Coast economy has undergone a period of significant growth and diversification.

The region has grown from a \$13.8 billion economy in 2013 to an economy worth \$20.96 billion in 2023.

Establishing Queensland Christian University can support the strategic objectives of the Sunshine Coast REDS through: Education and Skills Development:

- offering a broader range of degree programs and academic disciplines.
- contribution to a skilled and adaptable workforce aligned with industry needs.
- creation of jobs in academia, internships, administration, and support services.
- entrepreneurship programs and innovation hubs for development of new businesses.
- research partnerships for the development of new technologies, products, and services.
- collaboration between the university, local businesses, government agencies, and community organisations.
- joint initiatives to address regional challenges and drive economic development projects
- attracting international students, global business and trade.
- vibrant educational and cultural community events hosted by the university
- digital innovation and connection with smart city initiatives
- serve as an anchor institution that attracts other businesses and investments to the region.

A new university can be a catalyst for regional economic development by providing education and training opportunities, fostering innovation, promoting collaboration, and contributing to the diversification and growth of the local economy in alignment with the Sunshine Coast's core economic development strategies.



Andamooka Research Property

Our proposed Christian University aims to be a higher educational institution that is connected to the whole of Australia. We are thrilled to have acquired property in outback South Australia, in the town of Andamooka, to serve as a base for a variety of research initiatives. Just 31Km from Andamooka is the BHP copper and uranium mining operation at Olympic Dam, established in the 1980s, resulting in the thriving town of 4500 population, Roxby Downs.

In the 1930s opals were discovered in the area and numerous mines are now in operation. Around fifty years ago a Christian family took up a mining lease in the area. Over time they built a church on some of their property in the township, generously gifted to us to serve as a remote area research station in the future.

Possible research opportunities in this region will include a focus on:

- Mining – small and large scale
- Palaeontology – the area is rich in marine fossils
- Renewable energy technologies for remote regions
- Sustainable agriculture in Australia's arid zone
- Sociology of outback communities
- Water purification technology
- Salt lake catchment areas with Lake Torrens nearby
- Indigenous culture and history

It certainly is exciting and a great blessing to know that future research projects can operate in unique settings such as this!



“Ray’s Opal Mining Patch”



“Local Church”



“From Above”

UNET JOSS: Journal of Science and Society

UNET JOSS is an innovative, multidisciplinary, open access, rapid-peer-review journal covering all aspects of science and society including education. The journal's wide-interest original papers, that are ensured to be of the highest academic quality, are typically ground-breaking or seen as having significant impact on current research trends and borders.

One of a Million

**BECOME ONE OF A MILLION PEOPLE
WILLING TO SUPPORT A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
ON THE SUNSHINE COAST IN AUSTRALIA**

Never before in the history of Australia have we been so well placed to see the establishment of a Christian University on the beautiful Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia.

The opportunity still remains for our campus to be located on the most well suited and situated land imaginable in one of Australia's most dynamic and fastest growing coastal regions.

With the move towards Hybrid Learning in Australian Universities Peter Wises' untouched and undeveloped 30 hectares of land provides the ideal opportunity for the establishment of an entire "Education Community Precinct" with facilities catering for both the local community as well as University students and staff - present "in person" and those engaging "remotely" as they tap into a massive global on-line "Centre for Learning, Research and Development".

All that this growing region has to offer including world class shopping centres, business infrastructure, an International Airport and ultra-high speed internet technology cabling is at our doorstep, just minutes away... not to mention some of the the best beaches this planet has to offer.

Help us establish our proposed Christian University For Australia now in preparation for when the 2032 Olympics will put all that South Queensland has to offer on the world stage. What we do today will take on global significance tomorrow.

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