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Imagine...

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

Australia has many exceptional private Christian schools that raise up generation after generation of young people who are encouraged in their strengths and equipped to live out a purpose-driven life. Sadly, the opportunity for Christian higher education is limited from this point forward.

There is not a single fully-functional evangelical Christian University in Australia with a broad range of courses in fields such as:

- » Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- » Political Science & Journalism
- » Behavioural & Social Sciences
- » Theology & Christian Ministry
- » Education
- » Business & Law
- » Performing Arts
- » Architecture
- » Aviation and aeronautics

The Christian University for Australia initiative is the physical manifestation of a great act of faith. We see an opportunity and we are stepping out with a vision to fill this gap.

We believe that there should be at least one fully developed evangelical Christian university among the 40 universities already within Australia. So, we're on a mission to establish a world-class Christian 'university college' that offers Certificate level awards through to Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate awards, and everything in-between, across all fields of study that any 'normal' world-class university would offer.



PAUL TRUASHEIM
Board Chair & UNET CEO

"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."



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.

UNET is a not-for-profit registered training organisation which has been delivering Government accredited training to adults since 2000. ChristianUniversityforAustralia.org.au is an initiative of UNET.



Universal Education and Training Ltd



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

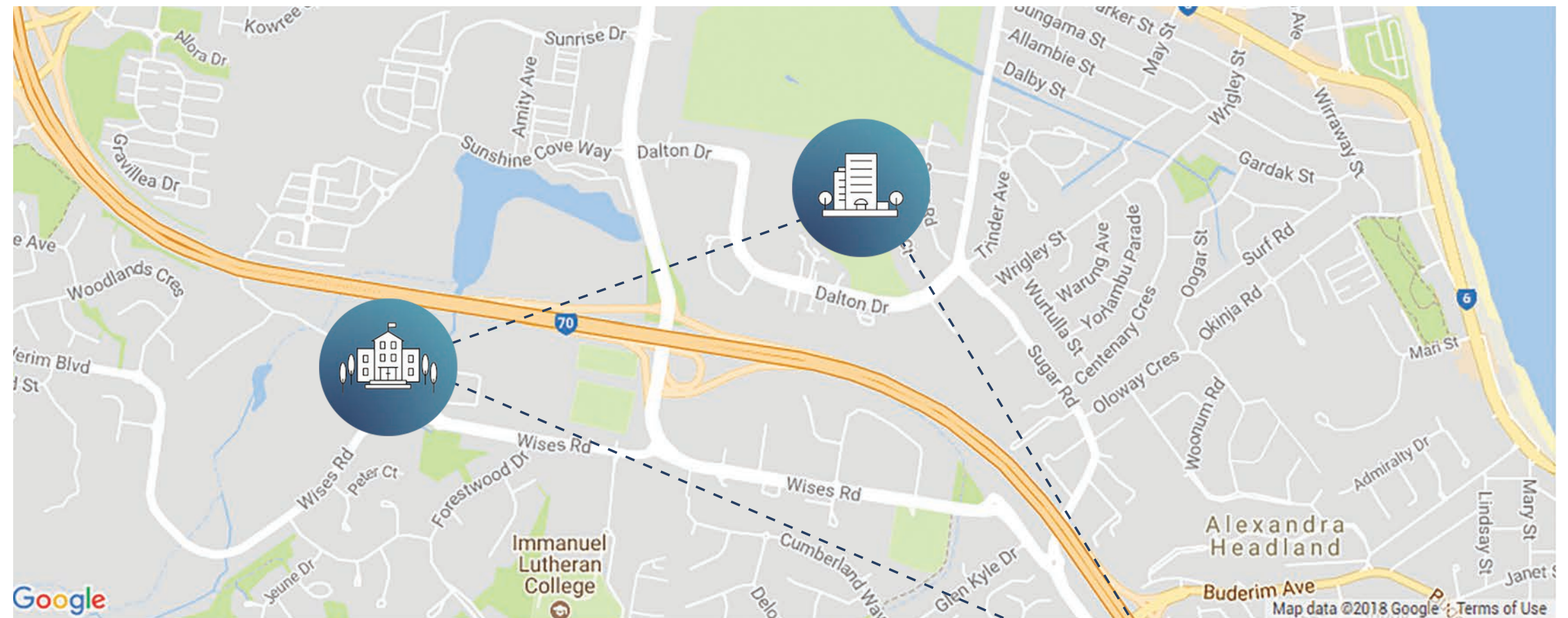
Making contact with all levels of government in order to meet requirements and benefit from educational support initiatives.

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.



MAIN CAMPUS LOCATION

The Christian University for Australia initiative has the potential opportunity to design a campus on a relatively untouched parcel of land in the heart of the Sunshine Coast. This property has been in the Wises family for generations and is brimming with natural qualities in the form of native fauna and flora. Situated at the base of Buderim, the land creates a natural overland flow leading water from the hill out to the connecting waterways of Maroochydore. Also of interest is the Maroochydore CBD Development located just over a kilometre away. The proximity of this major infrastructure development precinct only enhances the attractiveness of having a University Campus on Wises Road land.



INNER-CITY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

An inner-city campus facility could be included within the Maroochydore CBD Development and could possibly accommodate a multi-purpose Performing Arts Centre Facility. We have been granted permission from Mueller College, Redcliffe, to use the plans for their existing 6 storey building which includes a 1500 seat tiered level performing arts centre auditorium, a library, a 200 seat cafeteria, and multi-purpose lecture rooms. This building has the capacity to cater for 450 students on site in small class lectures at any one time, as well as 1500 attending mass lectures or functions and performances on site, and up to 10,000 distance students. We believe that this state of the art facility will be of incredibly benefit to both the university students, and the surrounding community, in it's capacity and potential for learning and entertainment.



STUDENT RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

Christian Universities in America are a shining example of the power of community involvement in the holistic development and nurturing of the students through the student residential facilities. We are passionate about creating not only an excellent learning environment for the students, but also ensuring that students are supported spiritually, mentally and emotionally through their tertiary journey. It is yet to be determined the exact location of the student accommodation; whether it be included in the traditional multi-acre campus, the inner-city campus or at a campus of its own. However, it is a priority that the student residential facility is designed with great intent and purpose to ensure the safety of each student, as well as provide every opportunity for the enrichment of student life and experience on campus.

WISES ROAD 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.



SPECIALIST SUPPORTERS

help build a strong base of academic and research capacity.

Here are just two examples:

DR RICARDO SIMEONI

*PhD, MAppScMedPhys,
GCertMagResonTech, GDipT,
AppScPhys*



Dr Ricardo Simeoni is a medical and theoretical atomic/quantum physicist. As a masters graduate in medical physics from QUT he was the first in his field to take up employment at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. During his time at the RBH Dr Simeoni worked in the Physical Sciences Department and was appointed as state-wide Coordinator of the Mammography Quality Assurance Program for Queensland Health and played a notable role in the program's natural on-going development. He went on to complete his PhD in physics at James Cook University in Townsville.

The front cover "brain image" of this publication is associated with Dr Simeoni's remarkable new research findings of how the brain functions. Such discoveries may one day contribute towards mind control of prosthetic limbs by accident amputees.



DR DEBORAH MILHAM-SCOTT

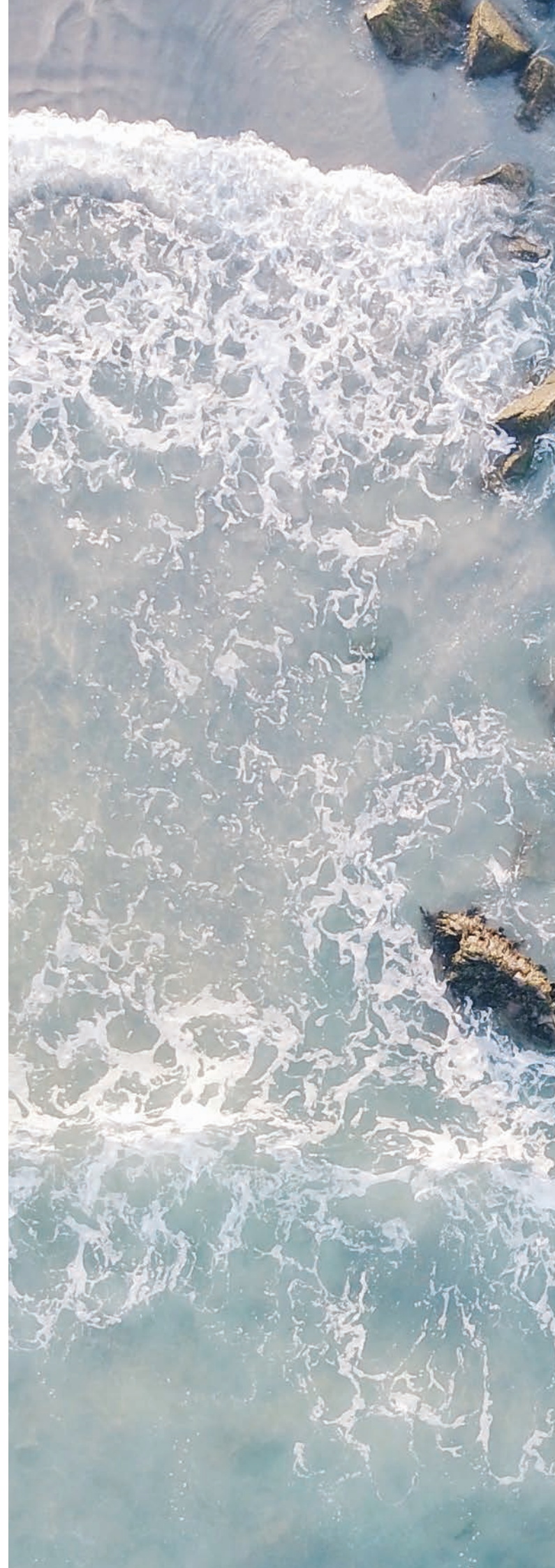
PhD, GradDipEd, BSc(Hons), BSc

Dr Deborah Milham-Scott graduated from the Flinders University of South Australia with a Bachelor of Science majoring in physiology and psychology. She later completed a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology at James Cook University in North Queensland.

Deborah's passion for the ocean lead her into humpback whale research, and an investigation into ecological health indicators, in the waters surrounding Australia and further into the Pacific Ocean. It was in this area of research that she completed her PhD.

It is indeed a privilege to have an academic with her experience and enthusiasm on the growing team of specialist supporters.

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in our Journal publication on-line at:
ChristianUniversityforAustralia.org.au/journal***



INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

create pathways for global collaboration.

Here are just two examples:



DAVID ALLAN

QCU Board Member

About 20 years ago, David went from Australia to the USA where he graduated from Liberty University, one of today's largest and most successful Christian Universities globally.

As a result of hearing of David's experience at Liberty University we have had a number of representatives visit the enormous 45 year old campus a few hours drive south of Washington DC. It is inspirational to see what is possible when a commitment is made to both excellence in Christian tertiary education and uncompromising Christian faith.

After completing undergraduate studies at Liberty, David returned to Australia and later graduated with a Master of Business from QUT. His specialisation is in Executive Coaching and Leadership Empowerment which is applied to both business and Christian ministry contexts.

David brings to the QCU Board of Governors a motivating and highly practical range of knowledge and skills related to strategic planning and organisational development.

DR STEVE AYERS,

*Cedarville University
PhDCivEng, BEng(Mech)*



Dr Ayers serves currently as Professor of Civil Engineering at Cedarville University, a Christian institution in Ohio, USA. He is the founding faculty member of the new Civil Engineering program. Before joining Cedarville, he worked at LeTourneau University in Texas for 13 years as Chair of Engineering.

Dr Ayers was educated in Australia and worked for several years in Australia as a research engineer developing and using advanced composite materials. Today his research includes a focus on new structural systems and materials for bridge applications. He also works internationally in Africa and Asia, including projects focussing on the development of water resource strategies for remote villages in Senegal. This work includes training for university students, faculty, and business professionals.

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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