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The Sunshine Coast is set to strike into netball's elite national competition in 2017, with the new Sunshine Coast Lightning team to be based at USC.

A joint venture between Melbourne Storm and the University of the Sunshine Coast, the Lightning is the region's first national elite sports team, and one of three new teams joining the National Netball League next year.

The Lightning's debut lineup will include one of the game's most celebrated goal shooters, Caitlin Bassett, and her Australian Diamonds teammate Stephanie Wood. Other recruits include New Zealand Silver Ferns vice-captain Laura Langman and English-born Geva Mentor, who comes to the Sunshine Coast after six years with the Melbourne Phoenix.

Pre-season training will begin in December as the team prepares for a tough Round One match against the Queensland Firebirds on February 18.

The Lightning will be coached by New Zealand's most successful ANZ Championship netball coach, Noeline Taurua, who played 34 Tests for the Silver Ferns and coached the Southern Steel to an unbeaten record in her first season at the helm. Ms Taurua will be joined by assistant coach Kylee Byrne, a former elite development coach at Netball Queensland.

USC Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Hill said the establishment of Sunshine Coast Lightning as the region's first national sports team would promote high-performance sport as a key attribute of the region.

"This partnership has galvanised USC to develop a strong brand around high-performance sport and invest in developing its facilities to a new level," he said.

"Sunshine Coast Lightning is a wonderful fit to our University, where two-thirds of the students are female, and to a region with more than 6,000 registered netballers."

To register to receive all the latest updates on the team visit sunshinecoastlightning.com.au



IMAGES: **above** Sunshine Coast Lightning logo. **opposite page**, left USC Spartans para-swimming squad. **opposite page**, right USC Sportsperson of the Year Kyle Bridgwood.

USC athletes swim and cycle to Rio silver medals

BY GEN KENNEDY

USC athletes have finished the Rio Paralympics with three silver medals and a swag of personal best performances.

USC Sportsperson of the Year Kyle Bridgwood made a stunning Paralympic para-cycling debut, earning silver in both the individual pursuit and road time trial, while USC Spartan and student Blake Cochrane swam his way to a silver medal in the S7 100m breaststroke.

Kyle, who studies a Bachelor of Primary Education, also recorded a sixth-place finish in the highly competitive C4-5 road race to wrap up his campaign.

All seven members of the USC Spartans para-swimming squad made at least one final each with eight personal best times recorded over the

24 races that the team contested.

USC students and Paralympic debutants Braedan Jason and Jake Templeton provided a highlight for the Spartans on Day 9, swimming alongside each other to finish fifth and sixth in the world in the S12-13 400m freestyle.

Veteran Paralympian Rick Pendleton topped off his Games with a fourth place as part of the Australian 34-point medley relay team, while Michael Anderson, Guy Harrison-Murray and 17-year-old Logan Powell also raced strongly across two weeks of competition.

The team was supported throughout the Games by coach Jan Cameron, who has led the para-athlete contingent of USC's High-Performance Swimming Program since it began in 2013.



USC DIVES INTO NEW \$4.2M MULTI-POOL PROJECT

BY JULIE SCHOMBERG

A plan to build a \$4.2 million Sunshine Coast Aquatic Exercise Facility next to USC's Olympic-standard pool on campus at Sippy Downs is off the blocks after the USC Spartans Swim Club received a \$1.4 million State Government grant.

The money has kick-started the next phase of development within USC's national standard sports precinct. The precinct already has USC's High-Performance Olympic and Paralympic swimming program operating near the region's only tartan athletics track, and the Coast's first national netball team, the Lightning, will be

training and playing on campus within months.

The new indoor facility will include: a six-lane, 25m, graduated depth, heated pool; a state-of-the-art "endless flow" recovery immersion pool; and ancillary facilities.

USC Professor of Sport Science (Biomechanics) Brendan Burkett said the aquatic exercise facility would enable innovative training and recovery for all athletes, along with new research to guide rehabilitation and exercise programs for the broader community.



USC community gives \$26,000 to help students in need

BY JARNA BAUDINETTE

STAFF, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI 'GIVE BACK' ON G-DAY

A group of financially disadvantaged students from the University of the Sunshine Coast will receive a helping hand to complete their degrees after the USC community donated more than \$26,000 as part of its inaugural 'G-Day' fundraising event.

G-Day (short for Giving Day) encouraged staff, students, alumni and supporters to 'give back' by donating toward USC's Study Support Bursaries, which help undergraduate students in financial need to reduce their hours of paid work and focus on their studies.

The event raised money through online crowdfunding, a breakfast catered through donations from local businesses and a Pledge Party featuring live entertainment by Bearfoot, Gian and former Australian Idol winner Wes Carr.

Funds raised will enable USC to provide an additional 13 Study Support Bursaries in 2017.

USC Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Hill said the University last year received more than 1,000 applications from students needing financial support, and was able to assist 400.

"For some students, that financial support can be the difference between completing a degree or not," he said.

"The generosity of our community will ensure as many students as possible are able to graduate from USC."

Event organiser Greg Bradley from USC's Development Office said G-Day aimed to share the message of need in a positive way.

"Giving is a representation of who we are as a community," Mr Bradley said. "When someone needs a hand we pitch in and help them out, which also makes us feel good."

"Throughout the day we received wonderful messages of support from staff and alumni who remembered doing it tough while studying."



How can you help?

IT'S not too late to support our students doing it tough. Go to usc.edu.au/gday to make a donation or contact the Development Office.

Email: development@usc.edu.au
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IMAGE: Former Australian Idol winner Wes Carr performed at the Pledge Party for G-Day.

USC makes the grade on global universities list

BY JULIE SCHOMBERG

USC has officially “arrived” on the global stage, making its first appearance in the Times Higher Education rankings of the top 980 universities in the world.

USC Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Roland De Marco said the achievement, with USC ranking in the 501-600 bracket out of thousands of universities, was extraordinary for a regional Queensland institution that was only 20 years old, given the Times Higher Education World University Rankings for 2016-17 included established universities that were hundreds of years of age.

This year’s top 10 included world-class institutions such as Caltech, MIT, Stanford, Cambridge, Harvard and Princeton. Number one was the University of Oxford.

“To be ranked between 501 and 600 out of more than 50,000 universities in the world is an incredible feat for our smaller and younger university,” Professor De Marco said.

“The results are based on a range of performance indicators required for vibrant and successful universities in the modern era, and effectively positions USC in the top 1 to 1.5 percent of the world’s universities.”

Professor De Marco said USC had achieved an international ranking about four years ahead of schedule because of its recent steep rise in research.

“We’ve had a quintupling of research income, a trebling of research publications and a doubling of student research enrolments over the past five years,” he said.

Professor De Marco said USC’s new positioning provided great impetus towards its strategic goal for 2020 of reaching the Times Higher Education top 100 universities under 50 years of age, with the ranking expected to boost USC’s international reputation as well as attract more students and staff, particularly researchers, from overseas.

“Students in other countries who want to study abroad can be heavily influenced by university standings internationally,” he said.

“There are also a number of significant international doctoral scholarship programs that will become available at USC now that it has featured on this prestigious table.

“We certainly expect to continue our rapid rise on both of these tables.”



Considering research?

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IMAGES: **left** USC Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Roland De Marco. **right** USC’s Sippy Downs campus buildings.





Business graduate in Sport Australia Hall of Fame

USC graduate and staff member Kristy Ellis AM was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in October for her world-beating career in surf life saving. The 33-year-old dual world champion from Alexandra Headland is only the fifth surf lifesaver to receive the honour. Her 11-year sporting career included two world titles in the ironwoman, board and ski events, nine national titles, and selection in eight Australian representative teams, including as the first female captain. Mrs Ellis (nee Munroe), who works in the Office of the Executive Dean in USC's Faculty of Science, Health, Education and Engineering, said she was honoured to have her hard work recognised in the national Hall of Fame. "I am passionate about my role as a female in sport, so to be only the second female lifesaver inducted is an honour," she said.



USC students win international law competition

TWO aspiring lawyers from USC delivered a "shock upset" to win an international law competition held in New Delhi, India in October. Third-year law students David Knobel and Callum Lee beat 28 teams from around the world to take out the National Law University Delhi – Herbert Smith Freehills trophy for International Negotiation Champions. In the final, they represented a fictitious instant noodle entrepreneur trying to negotiate a favourable commercial deal with a global food distributor known for aggressive tactics and big resources. They said it was exciting and challenging to progress through two rounds and the semis to reach the final. "We had the opportunity to meet students from different countries and enjoyed generous hospitality and true cultural immersion staying on campus at NLU-Delhi," David said.

Seniors to get good oil in weight loss research

DOZENS of Sunshine Coast seniors have volunteered for USC research into how aspects of the Mediterranean diet could help older adults avoid losing muscle mass when they go on prescribed weight-loss diets. USC Lecturer in Nutrition and Dietetics Dr Anthony Villani said despite overweight people being at greater risk of metabolic diseases, health professionals often avoided putting older patients on energy-restricted diets due to concerns about muscle mass loss. "We don't know a lot about how nutrients, particularly antioxidants, could help prevent that muscle loss, so we're testing out carotenoids and polyphenols in this study – and the Mediterranean diet is particularly rich in those two nutrients," he said. Participants' 12-week diet includes 40-60ml of olive oil each day and a range of red, orange, yellow and leafy green fresh produce. The results will give nutrition professionals more confidence in prescribing medically supervised weight loss programs to older adults.



USC lecturers named among nation's best

TWO USC lecturers have been recognised for their outstanding contributions to student learning in the prestigious 2016 Australian Awards for University Teaching. Lecturer in Accounting Ratna Paudyal (below, left) and Lecturer in Social Work Dr Athena Lathouras (below, right) are among almost 110 of the nation's leading academics and professional staff to be awarded the annual citations, which are valued at \$10,000 each. Dr Lathouras was awarded a citation for her inspiring community-development approach to education, including a passion for social justice that enables social work students to become agents of change. Mr Paudyal, who grew up in a remote village in Nepal and now lectures in accounting at USC's Fraser Coast campus, was acknowledged for his collaborative, student-centred teaching and pastoral care.





Government gives Moreton campus priority status

CONSTRUCTION of a USC campus in the Moreton Bay region is set to be fast-tracked, with the Queensland Government declaring the planned university precinct at Petrie a Priority Development Area (PDA). Deputy Premier Jackie Trad announced the Government's support for the former Petrie Paper Mill site to be transformed into a vibrant urban community called "The Mill at Moreton Bay" that will have the university campus at its core. Ms Trad said PDA status recognised the area's potential to drive economic growth, and enabled accelerated planning, approval and development processes to ensure the university campus will be open to students by Semester 1, 2020. USC Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Hill said he was thrilled by the State Government's support of the project, which would help increase the participation rate of Moreton Bay's young people in higher education and boost their access to future job opportunities.



Fraser Island Defenders fund \$100,000 USC scholarship

USC has received a \$100,000 donation from a conservation organisation to fund research into minimising the impact of vehicle traffic on the fragile natural environment of Fraser Island. The Fraser Island Defenders Organisation (FIDO) decided to fund a PhD scholarship at USC following a generous bequest from passionate environmentalist Barbara Winkley. The Barbara Winkley-FIDO Fraser Island PhD Scholarship will see a research student investigate the environmental damage caused by vehicle traffic and develop sustainable transport solutions for the iconic island. USC Lecturer in Geotechnical Engineering Dr Adrian McCallum said the scholarship recipient would work closely with FIDO to ensure future generations of visitors could enjoy Fraser Island's natural setting and wildlife. The scholarship recipient will be named in December 2016, with the project to begin in early 2017.



USC introduces dedicated Midwifery degree

BY GEN KENNEDY

USC will offer a dedicated Bachelor of Midwifery, starting Semester 1, 2017.

THE three-year degree will give students the skills and knowledge they need to support women throughout their pregnancy, birth and postnatal journey, with a focus on providing high-quality, holistic maternal care.

Students will use USC's state-of-the-art simulation facilities and gain hands-on experience in clinics, community settings and hospitals.

Lecturer in Nursing and Midwifery Dr Rachel Reed said the new degree allowed students to focus solely on the field of midwifery, with graduates equipped to support women throughout their pregnancies – from conception to six weeks postnatal.

"We'll be equipping students to provide holistic support for the woman – concerning not just their physical health, but also emotional, psychological and social outcomes," she said.

"Students will get a significant amount of face-to-face learning from a really experienced teaching team, including those who are currently practising midwives."

Clinical facilitator and midwife at The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital (Buderim), Laura Gabriel, said there was a huge variety of work available to graduate midwives.

"I think it's a really positive thing that USC is offering this course at a time when there is a push in the healthcare sector for a workforce of dedicated midwives to provide continuity of care," she said.

"The Sunshine Coast population is growing, and with a new hospital opening, there are likely to be plenty of opportunities for graduates."

Graduates will meet the national requirements set by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia to apply for registration as a midwife.

For more information, go to usc.edu.au/learn

Outstanding alumni recognised

BY JULIE SCHOMBERG



A 37-year-old Arts/Business graduate who is now an executive director at a leading Abu Dhabi property services company has been named USC's 2016 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

2003 USC graduate Ryan Darnell is responsible for 4,000 facilities management staff and 80 percent of revenue at Khidmah, a company with a diverse property list including residential, commercial, retail, government infrastructure and more than 300 mosques.

Mr Darnell received the award at a special ceremony at USC's Sippy Downs campus in September in front of more than 100 guests, including alumni, students, staff, donors, supporters and friends.

The ceremony also awarded 'Alumnus of the Year, Regional Achievement' to television and online journalist Katie Toney and 'Alumnus of the Year, Rising Star' to rugby league performance analyst Scott Barker.

A third-generation Sunshine Coast local, Mr Darnell started his double degree at USC in 1997, a year after the university opened.

He said he particularly appreciated the multicultural exposure during his USC studies, and the "amazing level of access to professors who were leaders in their industries".

"Studying at USC gave me a broad range of experiences and skills that I have used every day in my career," he said.

"I was inspired by lecturers to venture into courses I may not have chosen previously and I still keep many of the textbooks on my office shelf in Abu Dhabi.

"The study was intense, but I was able to learn with students from a variety of backgrounds while also visiting the beach in the mornings and having the familiarity of my hometown.

"Australia's greatest export is not found in the ground but in the minds of those who come from our world-class universities, and I believe USC creates many of those minds. My clients and colleagues study in the US or the UK and I'm proud to tell them about my university."

Gympie-born Katie Toney, who is now 7 News Queensland's online news presenter, gained her USC Bachelor of Communication in 2006.

Handpicked for her current role after working as a field reporter across the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast newsrooms, Ms Toney said USC nurtured her ambition to be an innovator in news delivery formats.

2006 graduate Scott Barker said his USC Bachelor of Science (Sport and Exercise Science) had kicked off his career to the highest levels in rugby league, from touring internationally with teams to his current role as Head of Performance Analysis at the Brisbane Broncos.

For further details on the winners go to usc.edu.au/alumniawards

Mental health clinics open to public at USC's Thompson Institute

BY JULIE SCHOMBERG

THE University of the Sunshine Coast Psychology Clinic, which has assessed and treated members of the public for almost 10 years at its Sippy Downs campus, has relocated to USC's new Thompson Institute at Birtinya.

Clinic Director Dr Dixie Statham said the relocation to the Sunshine Coast Mind and Neuroscience–Thompson Institute would have significant benefits for the public and for USC's capacity to provide excellent clinical teaching and research opportunities for students and staff.

USC's new Counselling Clinic has become the second clinic to start operating from the three-storey institute at 12 Innovation Parkway. It is giving final-year Master of Counselling students the opportunity to support the local community through free services.

The world-class mental health facility now taking shape was established last year after USC bought the building with a donation from philanthropists Roy and Nola Thompson. It will be a teaching, research and clinical hub focused on issues such as depression and dementia.

Dr Statham, who is also Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, said students in the Master of Professional Psychology and Master of Psychology (Clinical) programs were now able to complete their fifth year clinical work in the expanded facilities on the ground floor, and attend lectures and work on their research in state-of-the-art facilities on the first floor.

"This move is allowing us to expand our clinical services to the public and increase our research capacity, which will also help our clients through new knowledge and improved interventions and treatments," she said.

"Students are supervised by six staff who are clinical psychologists as well as full-time academics at the University."



The purpose-built Psychology Clinic has four rooms and is open five days a week from 9am to 5pm. Patients are referred by their GP or mental health professional, or they can self-refer and call to request an appointment.

"We'll be able to offer 1,000 appointments a year, still at no cost to our clients," said Dr Statham. "The most common problems we work with are anxiety, depression, stress and substance use."

USC Senior Lecturer Dr Mark Pearson, who coordinates the Counselling program, said the new Counselling Clinic was overseen by experienced supervisors and used evidence-based techniques such as mindfulness, expressive therapies, and solution-focused brief therapy.

"Adults, adolescents and children can access ongoing support for concerns including feeling anxious or depressed, life transitions, interpersonal challenges, grief, bereavement, stress," Dr Pearson said.

Thompson Institute Director Professor Jim Lagopoulos said the building offered researchers and clinicians the latest in technology and facilities. He expected external specialist medical clinics to join the USC clinics as the fitout continued next year.

"It's important that our frontline clinics address the disorders and conditions which are overrepresented on the Sunshine Coast compared to the national average," he said.

"These include youth mental health issues, dementia and ageing, cognitive impairments, and stress including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder."



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USC'S Alumni Relations Office is keen to ensure it has the current email addresses of graduates, so they can receive news of the University and opportunities to stay involved. Contact alumni@usc.edu.au to update your contact details.

IMAGES: **above, top** Sunshine Coast Mind and Neuroscience–Thompson Institute at Birtinya. **above, bottom** USC Psychology Clinic Director Dr Dixie Statham (left) with USC Psychology students Danielle Welch, Amanda Kuchel and Julie Paschke. **opposite page** Outstanding Alumni of 2016 (left to right) Ryan Darnell, Katie Toney and Scott Barker.

Clinical trials begin at new USC centre

BY TERRY WALSH



Clinical trials of cutting-edge medical treatments – including a synthetic form of cannabis to counter a specific form of epilepsy – have begun at a new facility established by USC.

USC'S Clinical Trials Centre has been purpose-built at the Ochre Health Medical Centre, opposite the University's Sippy Downs campus, and will give local residents the chance to participate in trials that previously were only offered in capital cities.

Centre director Lucas Litewka said the centre was partnering with experienced health providers across the region and would advertise for volunteer participants when required.

"The clinical trials will be conducted by qualified health professionals who provide a high standard of care and attention, while under consistent supervision of independent monitors and regulatory agencies," he said.

The first three clinical trials to be held at the centre are assessing:

- A topical application of a pharmaceutical-grade cannabidiol (CBD), a component of cannabis, to counter epilepsy (this trial has specific eligibility requirements and is to be conducted with Sunshine Coast neurologist Dr Peter Patrikios);
- Emphysema medication that combines three existing therapies to help prevent, relieve and control symptoms at the same time (with Dr Evan Jones of Golden Beach Medical Centre); and
- An influenza test kit, described as a "digital hanky", that can determine within 30 minutes if a person has a strain of influenza.

Clinical trials are medical research studies aimed at finding new or better ways to treat and manage health conditions and illnesses.

"Clinical research is a key part of best-practice medicine and contributes to the collection of information to demonstrate the effectiveness of new medicines or treatment methods," Mr Litewka said.

"If we don't take part in clinical trials locally, we could find ourselves having to wait longer – up to 10 years in some cases – for new treatments and medicines to be approved for use in Australia.

"We want doctors and patients across the region to have access to advanced therapies and not be disadvantaged because we are not a major metropolitan centre."

Mr Litewka, whose staff include experienced research coordinators and USC Biomedical Science graduates, said the opening of USC's Clinical Trials Centre would boost the region's reputation for health research and help drive employment opportunities for USC students.

"We hope to tackle health challenges within our community, including cancer, Alzheimer's disease and mental health conditions, and look to attract research to make a real impact for individuals and the wider community," he said.

HEALTH MEETS GAMING IN NEW USC TECHNOLOGY BY GEN KENNEDY

USC academics have been shortlisted for a prestigious Australasian award for serious games, after developing a ground-breaking new computer game to train health workers.

THE application 'Safe Environments', developed by USC health researchers in conjunction with Bondi Labs, was named as one of two industry finalists in the 2016 Serious Games Showcase and Challenge Australasia (SGSCA).

The simulation training game sees users enter into a variety of three-dimensional simulated environments – including a home, a healthcare facility, a park and a supermarket – and asks them to identify safety risks and hazards for a particular patient.

Players receive points for finding and managing the risks, which are linked to the Australian National Safety Standards, and finish the game with a score and feedback on their result.

USC Associate Professor in Nursing Patea Andersen said the game gave students and professional healthcare workers an

alternative way to engage with critical safety information.

"We've included more than 100 safety factors, which are spawned differently every time someone plays the game," she said.

"Players can apply what they've learnt in a safe yet naturalistic setting, using a 3D platform and real-world scenarios that we've developed with industry input and trialled with Suncare Community Services.

"Trips, falls and accidents in the home account for a huge proportion of hospital visits, and that's an area where we think this game could make a real difference."

USC's Nursing team is also working on the development of several new training games.

Top director to lead new Performing Arts degree

BY GEN KENNEDY

USC is set to introduce a new postgraduate Performing Arts degree, led by the founder of the award-winning Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre.

The USC Master of Professional Practice (Performing Arts) will provide emerging and established artists with the skills and knowledge to forge sustainable careers in the professional performing arts industry.

The program will be coordinated by award-winning actor-trainer Lynne Bradley, best known for founding the internationally renowned Zen Zen Zo performance centre in Brisbane.

The one-year degree will include a series of intensive training units in acting, physical theatre, directing, devising, producing, auditioning, and administration.

USC Lecturer in Drama Dr Jo Loth said Ms Bradley's appointment as program coordinator would give students a unique opportunity to learn from an industry leader.

"This intensive degree bridges the gap between artistic pursuits and academic study, and will help artists 'future-proof' their career," Dr Loth said.

"We'll be honing students' artistic skills, through courses in physical theatre, acting and directing, but also teaching the practical skills necessary for a successful, long-term career as a performer."

Dr Loth said the final trimester would see students apply their skills by devising, producing, and performing a theatrical production under the guidance of a professional director.

"We've got a major focus on helping people find their niche in the industry and teaching them how to capitalise on that," she said.

The Master of Professional Practice (Performing Arts) will start in Semester 1, 2017 and will be taught from USC's study hub at Noosa, with many classes taking place in the professional theatre spaces in the precinct.

For more information, go to usc.edu.au/learn



the last word

Graduate profile: Matthew Byrne

AS Residential Development Manager, Stockland Sunshine Coast, Matthew Byrne builds residential communities where local people live, work and play.

He decided to pursue postgraduate study to keep competitive in a changing marketplace, and graduated from USC with an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) in April 2015.

Matthew said the highlight of his EMBA was an overseas study tour to China and Hong Kong, where he met with leading executives and visited the headquarters of multinational companies.

"USC's course format was exactly what I was looking for – one weekend per month, and all over in two years," he said.

"I wasn't aware when I enrolled that an overseas study tour was one of the units in the EMBA. The University gained us access to the floor of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and a board meeting with the Chairman of Huawei in China."

His advice to others considering a postgraduate degree?

"You'll find the time. Just get on with it!"



Q&A

I grew up in... Townsville, North Queensland.

When I was a kid I wanted to be... A farmer. My uncle had a sugar cane farm outside of Ingham.

My first job was... As a Cadet Land Surveyor. It was back in 1993 during one of the mining boom periods. I had many great adventures working in North West Queensland building new mines and infrastructure.

Now I spend my days... Leading a great team designing and delivering places that will be here long after I'm gone.

I can't live without... The great outdoors. I love camping and boating with friends and family. Rainbow Beach is a family favourite.

My proudest professional moment was... In 2016, when my team was judged to have delivered the Best Residential Master Planned Community in Queensland – Brightwater on the Sunshine Coast. It's a great community and a great legacy to leave.

The best advice I've been given is... Don't be lazy. A bit of hard work never hurt anyone – I think my Mum told me that one.

In other people, I value... Honesty, straight talking and good energy.

It's daggy, but I love... My Akubra hat – a recent purchase at the EKKA.

I'm currently reading/watching... Reading Richard Branson's *The Virgin Way*; watching *Airplane Repo*, OMG!

My hidden talent is... Cooking. I can cook a pretty mean roast.

I'm hopeless at... Singing, although I like to get the family wound up with a good rendition of 'Rip Rip Woodchip' by John Williamson.

One day I'd love to... Be a philanthropist; however I've got a long way to go!

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USC GALLERY exhibitions

Seer and Seen: Alex Ashton

23 JANUARY TO 11 FEBRUARY

Seer and Seen: Alex Ashton presents the creative outcomes of a three year Doctor of Creative Arts undertaken by the artist at USC. Ashton's research is prompted by a long term pre-occupation with how landscape is experienced through the act of drawing.

IMAGE: Alex ASHTON, *Jubilee Moor (North West of England)*, 2013. Graphite and pigment on paper. Courtesy of the artist.



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