

Council is the governing authority of the University of the Sunshine Coast and is responsible for the governance of the affairs and concerns of the University. Its powers, duties and authorities are prescribed by the *University of the Sunshine Coast Act 1998*.

The members of the Council present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of the University of the Sunshine Coast and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 31 December 2006.

It is recommended that this report be read in conjunction with the full details published in the 2006 Annual Report. The Annual Report lists comprehensive record of the University's performance in 2006, plans for the future and achievements documented against the aims and objectives of the University's Strategic Plan 2005 – 2010.

#### **Official Members of the University Council and Record of Attendance**

The following persons were members of the Council during the whole of the year and up to the date of this report.

<b>Name and Qualifications</b>	<b>Term of Appointment</b>
<b>Chancellor</b> Mr Ian KENNEDY AO	1 April 2004 – 30 June 2007
<b>Deputy Chancellor</b> Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
<b>Vice-Chancellor</b> Professor Paul THOMAS AM, BSc(Hons), DipEd <i>Wales</i> , MA <i>Lough.</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i> , FACE, LRPS	Ex Officio
<b>Chairperson of the Academic Board</b> Professor Greg HILL, CertTeach, BA(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> .	5 March 2005 – 6 March 2008
<b>Six members appointed by the Governor in Council</b> Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
Ms Jenny HADDRELL, MEd <i>Qld</i>	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
Emeritus Professor Phil MEADE, BSc BEd <i>Qld.</i> , MA <i>La Trobe</i> , PhD <i>NSW</i>	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
Ms Julie-Anne MEE, FCPA, BBus <i>CIAE</i> , MAdmin <i>Griff.</i>	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
Dr Keith STEELE, BAgrSc, MAgrSc(Hons) <i>Massey</i> , D Phil <i>Waikato</i>	2 February 2006 – 8 December 2009
Mr Michael WILLIAMS	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
<b>Two members of the University's academic staff</b> Dr Karen BROOKS, BA(Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , CertEd, PhD <i>W'gong</i> .	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
Dr Paul CORCORAN, MEdAdmin(Hons), <i>NE</i>	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009
<b>One member of the University's full-time general staff</b> Miss Heather CARNEY, BA(Comn), <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	9 December 2005 – 8 December 2009

**Two members of the student body**

Ms Carolyn SIDDEL 9 December 2005 –  
8 December 2007

Mr Daniel MCINTYRE, BA *Sunshine Coast* 9 December 2005 -  
8 December 2007

**Four additional members appointed by Council**

Mr Scott FORSDIKE, BBus *Sunshine Coast* 22 February 2006 –  
8 December 2009

Fr John DOBSON OAM 22 February 2006 –  
8 December 2009

Mr Phillip HARDING 19 April 2006 –  
8 December 2009

Mr David JEFFRIES, BCom *Qld*, FCA, FAICD, FFin 15 August 2006 –  
8 December 2009

**Meetings of Members**

There were six (6) ordinary meetings of Council held each year. Confirmed minutes of the meetings are available to members of the University community for perusal. In 2006, meetings were held on 21 February, 18 April, 13 June, 15 August, 10 October and 15 December.

Member Listing	Board Meetings	
	A	B
Mr Ian KENNEDY AO	6	5
Mr Tim FAIRFAX AM, FAICD	6	6
Professor Paul THOMAS AM, BSc(Hons), DipEd <i>Wales</i> , MA <i>Lough.</i> , PhD <i>Qld</i> , FACE, LRPS	6	6
Professor Greg HILL, CertTeach, BA(Hons), PhD <i>Qld</i> .	6	6
Ms Jenny HADDRELL, MEd <i>Qld</i>	6	4
Emeritus Professor Phil MEADE, BSc BEd <i>Qld.</i> , MA <i>La Trobe</i> , PhD <i>NSW</i>	6	6
Ms Julie-Anne MEE, FCPA, BBus <i>CIAE</i> , MAdmin <i>Griff</i> .	6	6
Dr Keith STEELE, BAgSc, MAgrSc(Hons) <i>Massey</i> , D Phil <i>Waikato</i>	6	4
Mr Michael WILLIAMS	6	4
Dr Karen BROOKS, BA(Hons) <i>La Trobe</i> , CertEd, PhD <i>W'gong</i> .*	6	3
Dr Paul CORCORAN, MEdAdmin(Hons), <i>NE</i>	6	6
Miss Heather CARNEY, BA(Comn), <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	6	4
Ms Carolyn SIDDEL	6	5
Mr Scott FORSDIKE, BBus <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	5	2
Fr John DOBSON OAM	5	5

Mr Phillip HARDING	4	3
Mr David JEFFRIES, BCom <i>Qld</i> , FCA, FAICD, FFin	2	2
Mr D McIntyre, BA <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	4	4

A = Number of meetings attended

B = Number of meetings held during the time the member held office or was a member of the council during the year

\* Leave of absence from two consecutive Council meetings was sought and granted.

### Principal Activities

The University of the Sunshine Coast was established under *The Sunshine Coast University College Act 1994* and officially opened in 1996. Full university powers were granted to the University under the *University of the Sunshine Coast Act 1998*.

The main functions of the University as set out in the Act are:

- to provide education at university standard; and
- to provide facilities for, and encourage, study and research; and
- to encourage the advancement and development of knowledge, and its application to government, industry, commerce and the community; and
- to provide courses of study or instruction, at the levels of achievement the council considers appropriate, to meet the needs of the community; and
- to confer higher education awards; and
- to disseminate knowledge and promote scholarship; and
- to provide facilities and resources for the wellbeing of the university's staff, students and other persons undertaking courses at the university; and
- to exploit commercially, for the university's benefit, a facility or resource of the university, including, for example, study, research or knowledge, or the practical application of study, research or knowledge, belonging to the university, whether alone or with someone else; and
- to perform other functions given to the university under this Act or another Act.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the University during the year.

### Strategic Directions

The Strategic Plan is the University's highest level planning document, along with the Master Plan. The current planning process was initiated in 2004 by the University Council, which developed a detailed environmental (SWOT) analysis and identified the directions for the consultative process to follow. At various stages throughout the process, the University's Senior Management Team provided input and critique, fine tuning each draft until the final version was developed through the Office of the Vice-Chancellor.

### Mission

To be the major catalyst for the innovative and sustainable economic, cultural and educational advancement of the region, through the pursuit of international standards in teaching, research and engagement.

### Values

In the pursuit of its Mission and its everyday operations, the University has a commitment to:

- the advancement, dissemination and preservation of knowledge through innovative and effective teaching and research of the highest quality

- fostering freedom of inquiry and expression
- the process of lifelong learning
- engaging in and responding to the community's intellectual, cultural and economic needs
- adopting consultative processes and ethical behaviour in all activities
- engendering respect among students, staff and Council of the University for their diverse roles and contributions
- fairness, openness, honesty, trust and effective communication as fundamental expectations of students, staff and all associated with the University
- developing the University and its surrounds as an environmentally sensitive exemplar
- the advancement of human rights within a tolerant and inclusive society, in which respect for Indigenous and international peoples is fundamental.

### **Review of Operations**

All Australian universities are currently being audited for quality and accountability by Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA). Each audit covers all areas of University operations. The University chose to undertake a trial audit in March 2006, in preparation for the University of the Sunshine Coast's first AUQA audit in October 2006. A review of the operations of the University of the Sunshine Coast during the year, including the results of the AUQA audit is provided in detail in the full version of the 2006 Annual Report.

### **Significant Changes in the State of Affairs**

During the year there were no significant changes in the state of the affairs of the University other than that referred to in the annual report.

### **Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the University or the consolidated entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the University in future financial years.

It is likely that Multi Access Productions Pty Ltd, a subsidiary, will not continue operations in 2007. The going concern of Multi Access Productions Pty Ltd will not have a significant impact on the University or the consolidated entity.

### **Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations**

Disclosure of information regarding likely developments, future prospects and business strategies of the operations of the University in future financial years and the expected results of those operations is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the University. Accordingly, this information has not been disclosed in this report.

### **Environmental Regulation**

The University's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

### **Insurance of Officers**

In 2006, the University of the Sunshine Coast held comprehensive insurance policies in relation to Directors and Officers.

The annual premium of \$10,512 for Directors and Officers Insurance covered the period 1 November 2005 to 1 November 2006.

**Proceedings on behalf of the University of the Sunshine Coast**

There are no significant legal matters other than those referred to in the financial statements and notes following.

This report is made in accordance with the resolution of the members of the Council of the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Professor Paul Thomas AM  
Vice-Chancellor  
University of the Sunshine Coast

30 March 2007

Mr Ian Kennedy AO  
Chancellor  
University of the Sunshine Coast

30 March 2007