Career gamble pays off

Culturing friendships

Gateway to the future
Vice-Chancellor’s message

This issue of QUT Links magazine has an international flavour. It features our graduates developing local products for export, promoting Queensland exports, designing Brisbane’s new international air terminal, and working and studying overseas.

QUT has graduates all around the world – graduates who have returned to other countries after studying here, and local graduates now working in other countries.

Our international student program is significant in terms of its cultural and economic contribution to QUT and to Queensland. Some 1800 students pay $17 million each year to QUT in fees for their education. The fees cover the cost of teaching the students, and supplement the University’s staffing and building costs. Because they also pay for living costs during their courses, these students’ total economic contribution is in the order of $35 million per year.

As part of a broader internationalisation strategy, QUT has established links with universities in many countries for staff and student exchanges and joint projects. This year we saw Singapore employers visit Brisbane for the first time to interview graduating students. This was a direct result of strong interest shown by QUT students.

In 1996, for the first time, we are offering scholarships to assist QUT undergraduate and postgraduate students to study part of their degree at a university overseas. Our new MBA programs, for example, encourage this.

So whether you are planning postgraduate study, or extending your business interests overseas, you can take advantage of QUT’s international network.

Professor Dennis Gibson

Cover: Greg Nunn, managing director of NU-LEC. Story page 5.
THE dream of studying and living in Queensland led QUT MBA graduate Sun-Goo Yi to quit his executive job in Korea, sell his home and move his wife and three children to Australia in 1989.

It was a giant gamble for a man who already seemed to have it all in his homeland and a gamble based only on a chance meeting with QUT Registrar Brian Waters in a Seoul hotel in 1988.

Several years on in his George Street office, Mr Yi, Manager of the Korea Secretariat of the Department of the Premier, Economic and Trade Development, says it was a gamble which paid off, not only in terms of career success, but the change of lifestyle his family now enjoys.

“I was 39 at the time and I decided on retraining. I sold my home in Korea to come here and study full-time. I became the first graduate of the QUT MBA after it changed from QIT,” Mr Yi said.

While the drive to succeed and change his life spurred Mr Yi on, he says he believes his MBA from QUT, completed in 1991, was the key to his gaining his position as manager of the Korea Secretariat.

“I certainly believe the training I gained in my MBA prepared me for this position, and completing it in Queensland also gave me a very important edge,” Mr Yi said.

Mr Yi’s previous academic qualifications included a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Hong Ik University and a Master of Economics from the Yon Sei University in Korea. He had worked for a number of multi-national companies around the world.

Surrounded by the Queensland-made products he promotes in Korea, including Bundaberg Ginger Brew, macadamia nuts and eucalyptus products, Mr Yi said his job involved not only promoting Queensland exports to Korea and maximising the business opportunities for Queensland, but also encouraging Korean investment in the State.

Of course Mr Yi’s knowledge of Korean language and culture provided him with the unique skills needed for the job, but he said that essentially his MBA trained him to be a manager which was equally vital to the position.

Those management skills are now bringing millions of dollars into the Queensland economy and Mr Yi said Queensland stood to reap even greater benefits from other overseas graduates of QUT as they returned to their homelands but retained links with the State.

“Foreign graduates are not only full fee-paying students, they build links with Australia and come back as business executives, ministers and even presidents which in the end has to benefit Queensland,” he said.

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VISUAL arts graduate Sophie McIntyre was one of the two inaugural recipients of the Sir Edward “Weary” Dunlop Asia Fellowships.

Sophie, who graduated from the QUT Academy of the Arts with a Bachelor of Visual Arts in 1989, has gone on to do a Master of Arts Administration at the University of New South Wales and is now completing her Master of Philosophy in Fine Arts at the University of Sydney.

Living in Taiwan, continuing her studies in Chinese and carrying out research for her Master of Philosophy in Fine Arts with a focus on the changing face of Taiwan, Sophie said her greatest challenge had been completing her research while coming to grips with the language.

She said the political, economic and socio-political changes in Taiwan had captured her imagination, and that of the emerging artists of the country, which was under martial law until 1987.

As part of her masters, Sophie is researching the emerging national identity of Taiwan which is facing its first presidential election in 1996.

“Artists in Taiwan are travelling overseas in increasing numbers. They are opening up to overseas trends, and much like Australia a few years ago, they are examining their own national identity,” Ms McIntyre said.

“It’s a very exciting time here at the moment and also tense as Taiwan’s relations with mainland China remain strained especially with regard to their admittance to the United Nations.”

Her thesis will document and discuss various genres which have emerged in the visual arts as a reflection of the changes in Taiwan.

“While Taiwan is recognised internationally for its economic success, its present day values and socio-cultural issues have not been fully considered,” she said.

Sophie said she hoped to bring an exhibition of art from Taiwan to Australia soon.

She was awarded the fellowship to undertake the research on art in Taiwan which will ultimately contribute towards a greater understanding in Australia of art from Asia.

The award is given to Australians aged between 25 and 40 whose career direction represents a commitment towards furthering the Australia-Asia dialogue.

It also reflects the contribution the World War II hero, prisoner of war and surgeon, Sir Edward Dunlop made in promoting friendship among Australians and their Asian neighbours.

As a child Sophie lived in the Pacific region, the Middle East and spent some time in China where her fascination with Asia began.

She visited China a number of times, including in 1991 as the recipient of a Queensland Government and Australia-China Council Scholarship.

Sophie also received a scholarship from the Taiwanese Ministry of Education.

She said she hoped to return to Queensland and take up a curatorial position with a gallery.
Mr Lees began work with the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) early last year as part of a graduate recruitment program administered by the department.

He initially worked for DFAT in the Equal Employment Opportunity and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recruitment and Career Development area before taking up a position in the Office of Pacific Island Affairs.

In this position Mr Lees applied the skills gained in his Bachelor of Business – Advertising to issues of South Pacific media and broadcasting and South Pacific culture.

He said it was this experience in particular which enabled him to compete successfully for appointment to the overseas posting.

“Competition for (overseas) postings is extremely fierce, with hundreds of DFAT staff applying for a limited number of positions,” he said.

“My interest in the South Pacific and work with the Office of Pacific Island Affairs prompted me to apply for the position.”

Mr Lees will have a number of responsibilities once he begins his posting, including economic and political reporting on Australia’s relationship with Western Samoa and overseeing the work of the High Commission’s immigration section on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

He will also administer the AusAID Direct Aid Program and the Australia South Pacific Cultural Fund which is designed to assist Pacific Island countries to promote and maintain all aspects of their culture.

Mr Lees has a particular interest in issues of indigenous peoples and their cultures owing to his Torres Strait Islander heritage.

He is a descendant of the Meriam people from Murray Island and has ancestral connections with the people of Darnely Island and to a lesser extent the Wik people of Cape York.

Mr Lees said although his position in Western Samoa did not have an indigenous focus, it would present him with an opportunity to disseminate information about Australian Government programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in areas such as health, social justice and self-determination.

“With the unprecedented interest being shown in indigenous issues around the world, I believe it is important that DFAT has Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander officers to represent the views of indigenous Australians,” he said.

Mr Lees said he wished to challenge the idea that indigenous people were given preferential treatment in regard to employment and promotion.

“My recruitment to the department and my posting overseas were both on the basis of merit,” he said.
Helping migrant professionals make a new start

TRAINED doctor and public health lecturer Nelson Gonzalez, his wife Cenia, and their four children abandoned their home in El Salvador in 1990 amid a civil war.

He started the Migrant Professional Program in 1992 and has since gone on to study podiatry at QUT in order to support his family while he studies for exams to qualify as a medical practitioner in Australia.

Already he has secured part-time work with a podiatry clinic on the Gold Coast and will commence full-time work with the clinic after he finishes his podiatry degree at the end of this year.

Mr Gonzalez’s is just one of more than 600 success stories from the program which aims to give migrants with professional qualifications the specialist English language skills they need to get back into their chosen field.

While the program began in 1981 at the former Brisbane College of Advanced Education, the present program has been run for eight years by job-share coordinators Libi Burman and Marion Whittaker.

Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) since 1993, it is one of the most highly respected programs of its kind in the country.

“We now run a core program of three full-time courses per term with 20 to 25 participants in each course,” Ms Burman said.

Ms Burman said the program had an almost 80 percent success rate for its graduates.

Exposure to the workplace is a major component of the course accounting for two weeks out of the 10-week term. Over the years the coordinators have developed a network of employers willing to offer vital workplace experience.

“While providing valuable language experience, the workplace component gives our students an opportunity to get their foot in the door,” explained Ms Burman.

The composition of the classes is often an indicator of the state of the world. Bosnians dominate current classes while previous predominant ethnic groups have been Russians, Salvadoreans and Vietnamese.

Other program success stories include Kazakhstan-born Olga Sudnitsin, a first-class honours graduate in space engineering from Moscow State Technical University.

After migrating in 1993, Ms Sudnitsin attended two full courses and now works as a tutor in fluid mechanics at the University of Queensland. She is studying for a masters in Engineering Science.

Economists Nedim and Tatyana Mehinagic from Bosnia-Herzegovina came to Australia under a special humanitarian program in 1993. Both attended the program for 20 weeks. Through work experience Ms Mehinagic is now employed in the ANZ Bank’s head office Lending Support area and Mr Mehinagic is a costings manager for Claypave in Dinmore.
NU-LEC, a Brisbane company which began 15 years ago with one man with a screwdriver in a tin shed, is now leading the world in the design and production of high-tech electrical switch gear.

The one man was QUT graduate Greg Nunn who is still the managing director of this dynamic enterprise.

The screwdriver and tin shed have grown to become a high-tech factory situated on a 20,000 square metre site at Lytton on Brisbane’s outskirts.

The factory produces a range of equipment for the control of electricity for a client list which reads like a Who’s Who of Australian industry and government instrumentalities.

Mining giants BHP, Comalco and MIM all use NU-LEC equipment to control power to their dragline, open cut and underground mining operations in Australia and overseas.

The company also supplies 98 percent of the pole-mounted circuit breakers to electricity generation and supply authorities in Australia, including all of those used by SEQEB.

With the exception of a small number of components, all NU-LEC products were designed and manufactured in Australia, Mr Nunn said.

NU-LEC has now opened offices in the United States. In addition it markets its products extensively throughout Asia and in a number of European companies.

NU-LEC’s success was recognised this year when Mr Nunn was named Exporter of the Year in energy by the Australian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association.

Mr Nunn attributed the success of the company to the addition of cutting edge technology to traditional switch equipment.

“All our switches are microprocessor controlled. We are the only company in the world which produces a product with the particular features these products have,” he said.

“We don’t have a competitor in the world who can honestly say they produce a better product than us – we have competitors that outsell us, but they do that through marketing and pricing, not through technological merit.”

Mr Nunn’s association with QUT extends back over 20 years.

He first began his electrician’s apprenticeship at the Central Technical College, followed in 1973 with a Certificate in Electrical Engineering from QIT before completing an honours degree in mechanical engineering in 1980.

While quick to recognise the value of practical experience, Mr Nunn also believes good qualifications are an important ingredient in success.

“Good qualifications and good training always feed back into what you do,” he said.

“If I didn’t believe qualifications were important I wouldn’t have studied for 16 years part-time.”

Mr Nunn said his vision for NU-LEC’s future was to build on past success by continuing to develop more intelligent products and market them world wide.

Greg Nunn with pole-mounted circuit breakers which NU-LEC supplies to 98 percent of electricity authorities in Australia

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BRISBANE’S new international air terminal, opened in September amid a flurry of publicity, will provide a modern gateway to Queensland for travellers into the 21st century, according to architect, and former QUT student, Chris Clarke.

Mr Clarke, who studied architecture for three years at QIT between 1966 and ’68, designed the new terminal and oversaw its construction as a partner of Bligh Voller Architects.

He said the airport reflected the unique qualities of south-east Queensland both structurally and aesthetically.

“One of the keys aesthetically was the enormous concern for daylight into the building,” he said.

“Airports are very deep buildings, about 100 metres wide and 140 metres deep, so I’ve always regarded the roof as like another wall needing windows and natural light.

“Another thing is creating a sense of space, maintaining the spacious quality you potentially have with such a big building.

“We’ve used natural timber from this part of Queensland, silky oak, in the joinery and check-in counters for example.

“There’s a general sandy colour to some of the floor tiles which comes from an idea we had of using the sand colour from the beaches of south-east Queensland which is quite unique.

“The other big thing was the landscaping both external and internal to the building. There we chose sub-tropical species to reflect this part of the world as well.”

He said the terminal combined elements of the latest high technology to maximise efficiency and flexibility.

“The new airport has brought us up to date with covered access ways to all aircraft down fixed links which are the covered ramps and at the end of those are air bridges which connect you to the aircraft.

“There’s a lot of technology in the building to do with passenger and flight information on a host of TV monitors.”

While Mr Clarke undertook much of his study at QIT, he actually completed his Diploma of Architecture in the United Kingdom where he worked for 15 years.

He cut his teeth working for a number of small firms before joining Norman Foster, one of the world’s leading architects.

While working for Norman Foster he designed sections of the Hong Kong headquarters of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Bank, believed to be the most expensive office complex in the world.

He also designed underground railway stations and worked on the design of Stanstead airport, London’s new and third airport near Cambridge, which he said was similar in size to the Brisbane terminal.

He returned to Australia in 1984 and soon after began work as lead architect of the Brisbane World Expo ’88 site.
Major changes to postgraduate business degrees
FROM next year, business masters students will be able to complete a full-time degree in just 12 months.

Business Dean Professor Trevor Grigg said a major restructuring of masters degrees, which had resulted from an extensive curriculum review of the faculty’s postgraduate degree programs, would allow students commencing in 1996 to complete their degrees full-time over one year/three semesters or part-time over two years/six semesters.

Previously, students were required to undertake a two-year/four-semester program full-time or a four-year/eight-semester part-time program.

One-year business masters by coursework programs available in 1996 include MBA (International), MBA (Professional), Master of Business (Communication, International Management, Marketing), Master of Commerce (Accountancy, Banking and Finance, Business and Taxation Law), Master of Business (Professional Accounting) and Master of Business (Communication Studies).

The faculty has also finalised its involvement in a national consortium of five universities offering flexibility and mobility to MBA students.

As well as allowing students enrolled at one institution to continue their studies even when transferred between states, the combined power of the consortium will offer advantages to corporations looking for a training provider.

Professor Grigg said the faculty was also in the process of establishing a Graduate School of Business to take advantage of opportunities for management research and executive education, development and training programs.

“The school will be self-funding, with revenue coming from its full-fee-paying postgraduate coursework programs, continuing professional education programs and research and consultancy activities,” Professor Grigg said.

He said he believed the school would provide a clearer point of contact for business, government and the professional community.

Other 12-month masters by coursework programs to be offered by QUT in 1996 include:
- Master of Fine Arts
- Master of Public Policy
- Master of Engineering Science (Engineering Management)
- Master of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- Master of Information Technology
- Master of Arts (Justice Studies)
- Master of Laws.

Cultural ambassadors paint child-like picture
DRAWINGS and paintings from what a child sees and interprets and conveys to the adult world formed the basis of the Australia-China Children’s Art Exchange project undertaken by QUT’s School of Early Childhood in October.

About 100 artworks by children in Brisbane were selected for an exhibition in China at the Hubei Art College in Wuhan.

A similar number of works by Chinese children will be brought back to Australia as part of the project which had financial backing and approval from the Ministry of Culture in Beijing.

QUT trains Indonesian teachers
QUT earlier this year won a contract worth $250,000 to train Indonesian school teachers and principals in special education.

Office of Commercial Services Project Manager Peter Maccoll said the training, coordinated and delivered by staff from the School of Learning and Development, comprised a 12-week program for 10 special education teachers and a one-month program for 15 special education principals.

The project was sponsored by the Asian Development Bank through the Ministry of Education and Culture in Indonesia.

Carseldine campus to grow
Most of the 500 new places allocated to QUT over the next two years will be at the Carseldine campus.

This growth in student numbers will come with $9 million in new building activity on the campus.

In addition, QUT will offer evening lectures for part-time students in Business and Arts degrees at Carseldine for the first time in 1996.

QUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Dennis Gibson said evening lectures would be more convenient for many students who worked, or were otherwise committed in the day time.

At present, the Carseldine campus teaches courses in Arts (social science and humanities), and first year Business which was offered at the campus for the first time this year.

However, Professor Gibson said the range of courses could be broadened at the campus with the increased student intake.
**Deputy Chancellor appointed president of Law Society**

BRISBANE solicitor and Deputy Chancellor of QUT Ms Julie-Anne Schafer has been appointed president of the Queensland Law Society.

A partner of the firm O’Shea Corser Wadley, Ms Schafer began her term as Law Society president at the annual general meeting in Brisbane on July 19.

Ms Schafer is also the chairperson of the Solicitors Board and a member of the law faculty committees at Griffith and Bond universities.

**Home page redesign a boon to Net users**

QUT’s World Wide Web home page has been redesigned to offer Internet users access to an expanded range of information on the University, its courses and services.

The new user-friendly home page now reflects topics rather than the structure of the University which may be unfamiliar to outsiders.

“Under each topic we have placed the publications the University produces which offer information on that area,” Publications Computer Support Officer Dr Wayne Oswin said.

**Body Torque**

DANCERS from QUT’s Academy of the Arts showcase their vibrant talent in this, the final performance of their study year.

Their first piece, *Journeymen Dancing*, features three very vibrant dance styles designed to test the dancers’ versatility.

The second half of the performance is a 40-minute work by Natalie Weir, a graduate of the academy, who is finding great success in the dance world with her demanding choreographic style.

In her piece *Narcissus*, Weir updates the Greek tragedy and explores self-image in the modern world.

Weir drew much of her inspiration from the students and the final product is a demanding work of self-analysis. An original score will be provided by Andy Arthurs.

Bill Haycock will design the set with lighting by David Whitworth.

QUT Academy of the Arts, Dance Graduation Performance

Concert Hall QPAC, November 29 and 30 – 8pm

Tickets: Adults $16, Concession $10, School Groups $6

Bookings through Dial’N’Charge (07) 3846 4646.

**QUT graduates in demand**

The per centage of QUT graduates finding full-time employment within a few months of completing courses continues to be well above the national average.

All graduates of a QUT bachelor degree in 1993 were surveyed a few months after completing their studies and findings are based on a 60.4 per cent response rate.

The full-time employment figure was 62.5 per cent. This was more than 16 per cent above the national average.

For bachelor degree graduates under age 25, the QUT figure of 59.2 per cent compares with the national average of 46.4 per cent.

The University’s unemployment figure (not working and seeking full-time employment) was 6.2 per cent compared with 8.1 per cent nationally.

**Home Economics Annual Alumni Dinner 1995**

More than 60 alumni attended the Home Economics Alumni Group’s Sixth Annual Reunion Dinner at Chancellor on the Park on September 22 to honour QUT home economics graduates who finished their studies in years ending in 0 or 5. QUT lecturer Donna Pendergast spoke on changes in home economics curriculum at a national, state and industry level.

Graduates from 1950 to 1995 joined together at the reunion including past Outstanding Alumni Award winner Jan Hannant (*Home Ec*, 1955) who is now an executive director for the Department of Education, based in Toowoomba.

The 1996 Annual Reunion Dinner will honour graduates who finished studying at QUT in years ending in 1 and 6, but as in 1995, all home economics graduates are welcome.

For more details contact Michael Marendy (07) 3864 3525.

**Kelvin Grove Maths Class of ’85 reunites**

The search is on for the maths class who graduated in 1985 from QUT’s predecessor institution the Brisbane College of Advanced Education, Kelvin Grove to reunite at a 10-year reunion on Sunday, December 7.

Please contact Michael Stjepcevic on (07) 3372 8911 (wk) or (07) 3818 2217 (hm) for more information.
contribution at the international level which is community dance. Her design of her teaching specialisation departments around the country on the performance. Janet provides advice to several dance performance. With the objective being to move beyond short dance works for a second series to the intellectual disability. She will develop new projects for young adults and teens with an intellectual disability. Including a series of dance workshops and community dance programs within the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service in Queensland. Bet’s contribution to the profession is evidenced through results with an increase in blood donations of more than 30 per cent. Bet has been the recipient of a number of awards including the Australian Association of National Advertisers prize, Public Relations Institute of Australia (Queensland) prize, Australian Institute of Training and Development Prize and the AITF award for “Joint Highest Academic Achievement in the Study of Human Resource Development Subjects – Advanced Training Techniques”. The Salvation Army has gained benefit from Bet’s involvement as a member of their Greater Brisbane Commission, a crisis counsellor and an officer over the past eight years. She was promotions director in 1992 and 1993 for Easter Alive and is a member of the 1995 Conference Organising Committee of the Haemophilia Foundation International. Bet has played a pivotal role in the establishment of public relations and communications within the blood-banking system in Australia and this expertise was recognised by her invitation to organise the first international conference of the Association of Donor Recruitment Professionals in 1996. She established a media and communications centre for high profile publicity during the VIII Congress of the Asian Pacific Division of the International Society of Haematology in October this year.
Craig is the Chairman of the QUT School of Chemistry Advisory Committee, and a member of the QUT Faculty of Science Advisory Committee, QUT Foundation and Royal Australian Chemical Institute.

Under the creative leadership of Craig Schloman as the Managing Director, Astra Group of Companies have become a significant local manufacturing industry achieving:

- increases in production and profitability of the companies, doubling turnover in eight years
- development of export markets to Pacific Rim, South-East Asia and Taiwan
- development of best practice to maintain a leading edge position in insulated panel technology
- continual review and development of insulated panel technology through research and development.

Faculty of Health

Leo Hartley Partner, Practice Manager, Optometrist – Hartley and Dolan

Leo Hartley graduated with a Diploma in Applied Science (Optometry) from QIT in 1979 to become a leader in Queensland optometry and the 1995 winner of the Hamlyn Brier Clinical Optometrist of the Year. He was also the first practitioner to introduce clinical protocols, peer review and full scope integrated care to Australian optometrists.

As the owner manager of his practice in Mackay and three satellite practices in Sarina, Proserpine and Cannonvale, Leo employs six optometrists and 15 other staff. He is also the founding director of Optometrical Services at Pacific Eye Centre and Queensland Laser Sight – Australia’s first integrated care centre.

Leo has been heavily involved in the Mackay community as the local spokesperson for the Australian Optometrical Association and a member of its Council and Strategic Planning Committee. He organises all North Queensland Continuing Education and runs the successful annual North Queensland Contact Lens and Pathology Workshops. He established the Lions Low Vision Clinic in Mackay and regularly lectures at primary, secondary and tertiary institutions in the areas of preventative vision care and reading/learning disabilities.

Leo is a member of the Co-operating Optometrist Information Exchange (COIE), a nationwide network of successful optometrists who meet biannually with the aim of improving clinical care, practice management and financial turnover. In accordance with this idea, he founded and directs a similar network/work group of Queensland optometrists.

Faculty of Information Technology

Alan Key
Managing Director, Dialog Information Technology

Two years after graduating from QIT with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Computing), Alan Key formed a company to provide computing consulting and software development services to government, commerce and industry.

Sixteen years later, Alan is Managing Director of Dialog Information Technology, employing more than 140 people.

Dialog was the first Queensland information technology company to be recognised by Standards Australia for its pioneering work in quality management systems.

Alan completed his Master of Applied Science in 1985, and is a member of the Australian Computer Society and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

His success with Dialog has contributed to the community and economy, employing approximately five new graduates each year.

During 1991 and 1992, Alan was a member of one of the task forces that developed an information technology strategic plan for Queensland, resulting in the formation of the Information Industries Board (IIB). During 1993, he was a member of the IIB’s Export Development Working Party, which was charged with framing the board’s export policies and initiatives. This led to the formation of the Queensland Information Technology Export Centre, a State Government initiative to provide expertise to industry members embarking on international marketing programs.

In 1994, Alan was appointed by the Premier to the position of industry representative on the Queensland Government’s Information Policy Board, which develops and manages the use of information technology throughout government in the State.

Faculty of Education

Robin Sullivan
Deputy Director-General (Curriculum), Queensland Department of Education

Robin Sullivan began her career as a graduate from QUT’s Certificate of Teaching at Kelvin Grove. She went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education and a Master of Education, and a Qualified Assessor for the Career Assessment Centre.

Robin has reached the highest level of any woman in the Queensland Department of Education in becoming Deputy Director-General of Education in 1995. This follows an illustrious career in secondary schools and regional offices where she clearly demonstrated her leadership capacities. In 1992, as a member of the Mayer Committee, Robin made a significant contribution to the Mayer Report on key competencies which has had an ongoing impact at all levels.

As a high-profile member of the Department of Education, she has presented papers to and addressed local, state, national and international audiences and has published extensively in a range of journals. Robin chairs the Faculty Advisory Committee in the Faculty of Education at QUT and is a member of the QUT Academic Board. She also chairs the National Professional Development Committee which distributes $2 million to professional development associations in Queensland. Her support for projects in the area of gender and work and gender and violence is indicative of her deep commitment to developing better schools for Queensland children.

Robin has contributed significantly to the development of the Queensland Education Overseas Unit, the commercial arm of the Queensland Department of Education and has been a consultant on values in education for UNESCO. She has been centrally involved in setting up closer links between schools, training providers and industry.
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