

**Queensland**

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**Queensland Chapter Report for Special General Meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Auckland Conference.**

**AGM:** The meeting decided that the AGM will be held at 1:00pm on 6/8/13, before the next chapter event.

**Financial Report:** Financial report for chapter was received as follows: Current balance of funds is \$7,223.05. Expected surplus from 2013 events after costs is expected to be \$5,900.

All events for the year were finalised including early discussions on a joint event with ACA to be planned early in May.

**Tertiary Liaison:**

**Collaborative Research Opportunities**

On 25th October 2012 an initial meeting was held to explore collaborative/partnership opportunities between the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) Qld and Queensland University of Technology - Children and Youth Research Centre (CYRC).

The meeting was attended by:

Dr Noel Christie- Chair CEFPI Qld

Dr Hilary Hughes – QUT Education Faculty

Prof. Kerry Mallan – Director CYRC

Dr Raylee Elliott-Burns – CEFPI (QLD) Tertiary Liaison

Prof Jill Franz – Head of Discipline, Creative Industries Faculty (School of Design)

Dr Karleen Gwinner – Research Assistant CYRC

The two groups shared information about their organisations/entities in order to develop understandings about interests in common as a basis for potential research. Dr Noel Christie introduced CEFPI as a worldwide professional non-profit association whose sole mission is improving the places where children learn. CEFPI members, individuals, institutions and corporations are actively involved in planning, designing, building, equipping and maintaining schools and colleges.

The CYRC aims as expressed by the Director, Professor Kerry Mallan offer an indication of the positive potential of shared research projects:

*CYRC at QUT is a multidisciplinary research environment, led by the Faculty of Education and also partnered with the Faculties of Law, Health, Business, Creative Industries and now Science. CYRC is dedicated to enhancing the life opportunities for Australian children and young people (0 – 25 years). Our goal is to deliver innovative and high-impact research to ensure significant benefits for Australian children and youth, their families, and communities.*

Two CYRC **current research partnerships** provide evidence of this overall aim and of collaborative research potential:

**Collaborative CYRC (Environments for Work and Play) partnership** with Marsden State School, Logan City, identifies a number of ways young

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people can be involved in the design and use of, libraries, museum and schools. The project has also developed a program to enhance digital literacy in high school students in a culturally diverse community.

**Reimagining learning spaces to inform the design and use of learning spaces**

Funded through Qld Centre for Social Science Innovation (QCSSI) this research study aims to identify principles underpinning successful re-imagined learning spaces in schools that improve students' engagement and educational outcomes.

The group discussion discussed areas of common interest; research funding constraints; prospects for research; national initiatives in Education as prompts for identifying sources of seeding funds; changing political contexts; Brisbane City Council and other public entities as sources of project initiatives and funding; reciprocal memberships; formalising relationships between CEFPI and QUT-CYRC.

**Post Occupancy Evaluation:** emerged as an area of common interest which would be mutually beneficial as a research focus. Professor Jill Franz provided the group with some understandings about the potential in POE's. The group has their eye on two 'built spaces' currently in play – St Paul's Kindergarten [Bald Hills] and a proposed kindergarten at the Lone Pine Sanctuary [not finalised at this point]. Both are part of current relationships with QUT researchers.

**Funding:** A funding application to the Perpetual Trust was proposed as the most likely to offer a small grant to begin the project. The Perpetual Trust receives applications quarterly.

**Current Status:** The CYRC is yet to finalise funding sources and to establish suitable sites for the development of the research.

**Events:**

**The first event** for the year was a great success. Held at Cleveland District State High School after the chapter committee meeting on 19 March 2013. 36 people were in attendance, enjoying an informative explanation of the new yr. 7 to secondary facilities by Paul Bancroft (*the Executive Principal of the School*), Grant Mitchell (*Deputy Principal*), Chris Jones (*Senior Project Coordinator DETE Yr. 7 Flying Start program*), Shane Mason (*Head of IT*), and Greg Burns from the Event's Sponsor (ABET LAMINATI). All participants enjoyed a tour of the new facilities and then drinks and snacks. The event commenced at 2:00pm with all participants reluctantly dispersing around 5:00pm.

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**The second event was a combined event with ACA**, this event was held at Brisbane's first co-educational Marist Secondary College, Mt Maria College.



Mark Trotter, Architect and Director of Fulton Trotter will lead a tour throughout the campus' new projects. This included the new Marcellin Champagnat Building (2011), which houses a range of GLAs, Science Labs, Art Studios, Manual Arts Workshops and a variety of other spaces. In addition, the recently completed significant refurbishment to the 70 year old Rose Pelletier Building which has brought it into a new era of restored design details and architectural character, yet provides a range of highly advanced teaching spaces and administrative facilities for the College. Joining the new Marcellin Champagnat and recently rejuvenated Rose Pelletier buildings is the new Food Technology Centre.

**Other planned Events in 2013:**

**6/8/13** – After the AGM – Commencing at 2:00 – a forum on Challenging Spaces for Learning at the Kelvin Grove Campus of QUT – Finishing at 5:00pm with drinks and snacks.



**12/11/13** – Early Learning Facility – Commencing at 2:00pm at St Anthony's Alexandra Hills Kindergarten and then the next door BER and

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Outside School Hours Care Buildings. – Finishing at 5:00pm with drinks and snacks.

**Remaining Events 2013**

				
<b>Term</b> <b>3</b>	<p><b>Challenging Spaces for Learning</b> <i>through research, design, education, learning</i></p> <p><b>When:</b> 6th August (mark in your diary)</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 1:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>A Forum to be held at QUT Kelvin Grove Library</p>	<b>F</b> <b>o</b> <b>r</b> <b>u</b> <b>m</b>		<b>F</b> <b>o</b> <b>r</b> <b>u</b> <b>m</b>
	<p><b>Early Learning spaces</b></p>		<p><b>Tour of St Anthony's Alexandra Hills Kindergarten, BER and Outside School Hours Buildings</b></p> <p><b>When:</b> 12th November 2013</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 2:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Members: \$50 Non Members: \$75</p> <p><b>Sponsored by:</b> TO BE ADVISED</p>	
<b>Term</b> <b>4</b>	<p>For more information: <a href="http://WWW.CEFPI.ORG.AU">WWW.CEFPI.ORG.AU</a></p> <p>or Contact <b>Kerry Hands (secretary)</b> <a href="mailto:khands@aisq.qld.edu.au">khands@aisq.qld.edu.au</a> Ph: 07 38392142</p> <p><b>Louise Street (event Coordinator)</b> <a href="mailto:louiseastreet@gmail.com">louiseastreet@gmail.com</a></p>			