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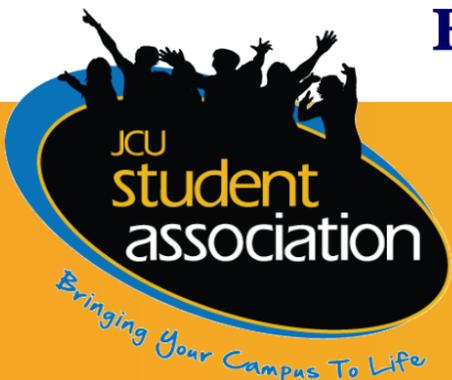
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For the Student Association Council Election!



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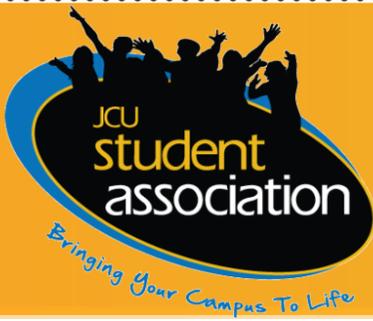
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Student Association Elections

The JCU student association council elections are fast approaching! If you want to get involved in your student association and make a difference to the university experience, nominate yourself for one of the positions below. Ask at the SA offices for more information, upcoming dates and nomination packs.



Hi, I'm Jesse and I am President and Acting Cairns Campus Officer

The three main duties of the President for me was:

1. Being the spokesperson for the Association.
2. Support the Association in achieving the goals of the Council.
3. Liaise with the University, Association and external parties.

The three main duties of the Cairns Campus Officer for me was:

1. Coordinate clubs & Societies on the Cairns Campus.
2. Run social events and free breakfasts on Cairns Campus.
3. Bring student complaints and feedback to be voiced.

If you are interested in either of these positions for 2018 or want more information email me at jesse.argent@my.jcu.edu.au



Hi, I'm Sydney Jones and I am the International Officer

"The role of international officer is a very important role on council and one I am personally very passionate about. International students are often the most engaging in the majority of activities and services we provide and having someone in the position who cares and represents them well is very good for the student association. If you are an international student who cares about the student experience at JCU I would highly encourage you to go for the position and feel free to contact me if you have any questions about it!"

Please contact Sydney Jones if you are interested in this position for 2018 or would like more information at sydney.jones1@my.jcu.edu.au



Hi, I'm Adam Tilbrooke and I am the Postgraduate Officer

I've only just joined the team in June so its still a new role for me personally as the postgraduate officer bearer. The role is quite diverse It is quite clear that there is a need for the post graduates to have a voice and be engaged in activities on campus.

So three things that I'm currently doing as my role are:

- Coordinating and meeting postgraduate students to assist in support, advocacy, social events to create improved experiences on Cairns and Townsville campuses.
- Create selective post graduate networking events on campus like intellectual forums, morning and afternoon teas to meeting in the uni bar at our own table for post grads.
- Working with the other members of council and the association staff in the day to day operations of council to assist in bringing the campus to life.

If your interested in finding out more information about the post graduate office bearers role for 2018 please contact Adam on adam.tilbrooke@my.jcu.edu.au.



Hi, I'm Tara Gopal and I am the Equity and Diversity Officer

My responsibilities include:

1. Run Campaigns and Initiatives on Cairns Campus such as #NeverOK day
2. Meet with new students at SA planned events such as O-Week and introduce them to life at university
3. Integrate the various diverse communities on the JCU campus with events such as multicultural lunch

Please contact Tara Gopal (Cairns Equity and Diversity officer) if you are interested in this position for 2018 or would like more information at jothivaishakhi.gopal@my.jcu.edu.au.



Hi, I'm Michael and I'm the Campus officer for Townsville

The three main duties the position entails include:

1. Manage relations between the JCUSA and affiliated clubs and societies. This includes managing the equipment the JCUSA uses and lends out to clubs for free, room bookings and vehicle bookings.
2. Working with the association to run general social events on campus. The main of these are weekly free breakfasts and the new monthly chillout zones.
3. To represent the students of Townsville and their interests to the University. Examples include working with other councillors on campaigns such as #Neverok and working with the University to help develop policies for their Sexual Assault campaigns.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Campus Officer Position for Townsville for the upcoming elections, feel free to email me at Michael.kane@my.jcu.edu.au for more information.



JCUSA WANTS YOU!

Respect. Now. Always.

By: Tara Gopal

Between the months of September 2016 to November 2016, thousands of students across 39 university campuses, including James Cook University, were asked to participate in a survey. This survey, is "Australia's first ever national prevalence survey" that investigated the depth of sexual assault and harassment experienced by university students. "Respect. Now. Always." Is an initiative launched in February of 2016 in response to sexual harassment and maintains safe environments on university Campuses across Australia.

On August 1, 2017, the Australian Human Rights Commission released this national report which revealed staggering results about the commonality of sexual harassment on campus. The results are open to the public on the AHRC website. In response to the results, Vice Chancellor Professor Sandra Harding commented the following. "These survey data show that younger, domestic undergraduate females are at higher risk and most commonly another male student known to the victim is the perpetrator of sexual harassment and another that harassment is more likely to take the form of offensive jokes or suggestive comments; followed by staring or leering; intrusive questions about private life or physical appearance, and unwelcome physical contact."

Various steps have been taken in response to the prevalence of sexual assault on campus including recruiting the assistance from former Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick, who had been asked to perform an external review which will examine university policies and ensure the implementation of policies to combat sexual harassment. A room called a "Safe Zone" has been implemented on JCU's Townsville campus in which students and staff can access if they feel threatened in any way. In addition, a review of security, including the coverage of the CCTV camera network, has been undertaken. Please visit the JCU website for a full detailed list of initiatives undertaken in response to the AHRC report.

Every student on the JCU campus deserves a safe place to work, socialize and study. This report highlights further improvements that must be made not only within the JCU student body, but within university culture on campuses across Australia. Students feeling uncomfortable should be able to come forward without retribution or embarrassment. The JCU student association stands by its students and will take every further step necessary in order to ensure values such as safety, equality and respect are held at a high regard within the JCU community.



NeverOK

By: Tara Gopal

The JCU student association has partnered with the NeverOK campaign, a student led initiative against sexual harassment led by Clark Cooley the president of the Tasmania Student Association. NeverOK day this year will be held on the 22nd of August in support of this initiative. This event will feature a free breakfast, in addition to T shirts available for purchase in support of the national campaign, and a pledge available for students to show support for safe university environments. To get involved, please contact the JCU Equity and Diversity officer at jothivaishakhi.gopal@my.jcu.edu.a on the Cairns Campus or the International Officer at sydney.jones1@my.jcu.edu.au on the Townsville Campus.

If you require assistance with personal matters or matters involving sexual harassment, please do not hesitate to call the National University Support Line at 1800 572 224.

DON'T CROSS THE LINE.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT IS #NEVEROK

Semester 2 Calendar- JCUSA Events Townsville

August

Uni Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
3	First Night of Social Sport	Monday 7th	6:00pm	JCU Sporting Fields
	Interfaculty Basketball	Thursday 7th/Friday 8th	6:00pm	JCU Courts
	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday 11th	9:30am	Ed Central
	JCU Open Day	Sunday 13th	11:00am	Ed Central
4	FREE BBQ Chill out Zone	Tuesday 15th	11:00am	Library Green
	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday	9:30am	Medicine/Pharmacy Buildings.
	Presidents Cup Rugby Union (Halls v Colleges v Off Campus)	Sunday 20th	3:00pm	Joe Baker Field
5	FREE BBQ Never Ok Launch - Against Sexual Harassment	Tuesday 22nd	10:00am	Education Central
	JCUSA Leadership Forum	Wednesday 23rd		
	JCUSA Intellectual Debate	Thursday 24th		
	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday 25th	9:30am	Library Green

September

Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
6	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday 1st	9:30am	Ed Central
7	JCUSA FREE BOOTCAMP STARTS	Monday 11th	6:00am	JCU Gym/Sport Fields
	FREE BBQ Chill out Zone	Tuesday 12th	11:00am	Library Green
	Interfaculty Rugby League Starts	Wednesday 13th	6:00pm	Joe Baker Field
	Free BBQ RUOK Day	Thursday 14th	11:00am	
	Battle of the Icons. Uni Vs Army Basketball and Netball	Thursday 14th	2:00pm	Townsville RSL Stadium
	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday 15th	9:30am	Market Square (beside JCUSA Office/Aromas Cafe)
	Battle of the Icons Uni Vs Army Soccer and AFL	Friday 15th	2:00pm	Wulguru Soccer Oval and Hermit Park Tigers AFL Oval
	Chancellor's and Commander's cup. Uni Vs Army Rugby Union	Saturday 16th	5:30pm	JCU Joe Baker Field
8	Nominations close for Council Elections	Tuesday 19th	4:00pm	JCUSA Office.
9	Uni Games	Sunday 24th - Friday 29th		Gold Coast
	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday 29th	9:30am	Engineering Undercroft

October

Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
10	JCUSA Student Council Elections	Tuesday 3 rd /Wednesday 4 th	9:00am-4:00pm	Online
	Interfaculty Basketball and Netball Starts	Wednesday 4th	6:00pm	JCU Courts
	FREE BRUNCH Intercampus FIFA Challenge (CNS v TSV)	Friday 6th	11:00am	Ed Central, D3 (Birdcage) in Cairns
11	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday 13th	9:30am	Vet Science
	JCUSA Farm Stay Trip	Friday 13 th - Sunday 15th	TBC	TBC
12	FREE BREAKFAST	Friday 20th	9:30am	Sir George Kniepp Auditorium (Building 26)
	Cairns & Daintree Trip/International Ball	Friday 20 th - Sunday 22nd	TBC	TBC
13	Social Sport Grand Finals	Monday 23rd	6:00pm	JCU Sporting Fields
	JCUSA Stress Less	Wednesday 25th	11:00am	Library Green
	Interfaculty Rugby League, Netball and Basketball Finals	Wednesday 25th	6:00pm	JCU Sporting Fields/Courts
	Uni Bar Halloween Party	Friday 27th	4:00pm onwards	Uni Bar Townsville
	JCU Sports Awards	Friday 27th	6:30 pm	Sir George Kniepp Auditorium (Building 26)

November

Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
	Down The Books Day (DTBD) at Uni Bar.	November 17th	8:00pm	



Semester 2 Calendar- JCUSA Events Cairns

August

Uni Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
4	FREE BREAKFAST	Wednesday 16 th	10:00am	JCUSA Office
5	Never Ok Launch- Against Sexual Harassment FREE BBQ	Tuesday 22 nd	10:00am	TBC
	Cairns Intellectual Debate	Thursday 24 th	12:00pm-1:30pm	Boathouse
6	FREE BREAKFAST /JCUSA GYM Open Day	Wednesday 30 th	6:00am-10:00am, 3:00pm-8:00pm	JCUSA Gym (on sporting fields)
	JCU Sport Cairns Volleyball CUP +FREE BBQ	Thursday 31 st	5:00pm	Student Lodge (across from Uni Sports fields)



September

Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
Lecture recess	Student Council Election Nominations Open	Monday 4 th	9:00am	JCU Electoral Officer/SA office
7	JCUSA FREE BOOTCAMP STARTS	Monday 11 th	9:30am	JCU Gym/Sport Fields
	JCU Social Sport Starts	Wednesday 13 th	6:00pm	Cairns JCU Sporting Fields
	RUOK Day- FREE BREAKFAST	Thursday 14 th	11:00am	
8	Nominations Close for Student Council Elections	Monday 18 th	4:00pm	JCU Electoral Officer/SA office.
	FREE BREAKFAST	TBC	TBC	TBC
	JCUSA Trivia Night and FREE FOOD!	Thursday 21 st	5:00pm	JCU Boathouse
9	FREE BREAKFAST	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Australian Uni Games	Sunday 24 th - Friday 29 th	5:00pm	Gold Coast

October

Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
10	JCUSA Student Council Elections	Tuesday 3 rd / Wednesday 4 th	9:00am-4:00pm	Online
	FREE BREAKFAST	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Inter-campus FIFA Challenge (CNS v TSV) +FREE BBQ	Friday 6 th	11:00am	Ed Central, D3 (Birdcage)
11	FREE BREAKFAST	TBC	TBC	TBC
	JCUSA Farm Stay Trip	Friday 13 th - Sunday 15 th	TBC	TBC
12	FREE BREAKFAST	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Cairns & Daintree Trip/ International Ball	Friday 20 th - Sunday 22 nd	TBC	TBC
13	JCUSA Stress Less FREE BREAKFAST BBQ	Wednesday 25 th	11:00am	TBC
	Social Sport Grand Finals	Wednesday 25 th	6:00pm	JCU Sporting Fields

November

Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
	Down The Books Day Party (DTBD) at Boathouse	November 17 th	8:00pm	Cairns Boathouse



Garbin off to the World University Games

Congratulations to JCU student Darcee Garbin who has been selected in the Australian Women's basketball team to compete at the 29th Summer Universiade (also known as the World University Games).

Garbin, has been named in the Emerging Opals team that have been drawn into Group D where they will face Russia (2015 bronze medalists), Lithuania and Argentina.

The JCU Student Association (JCUSA) have taken Darcee into their SSAF funded Elite Athlete Program and have pitched in to get Darcee to the games to be held from 20-29th of August in Taipei.

Darcee is currently rostered to the JCU Townsville Fire in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) and will be heading into her third season with the club.

The Emerging Opals team is seen as a stepping stone to the national team with the World University Games a great tournament to showcase their skills against some of the best students from around the world.



We wish Darcee all the best at the World University Games in August



Cairns

Vs

Townsville

**Loretta Lain:**

"The variety of things to do. We have Great Barrier Reef, Kuranda, Tablelands within an hour's drive."

Melanie Collier:

"Cairns is lovely and tropical with beautiful, green, lush mountains. Easy access to GBR, and no army."

**Krystopher Owens:**

Cairns is a better place to live because the landscape is absolutely beautiful with the rainforest which surrounds the city and the Great Barrier Reef just off our pristine coastline. In comparison, Townsville is a dry and hot which resembles Mordor, an evil volcanic region in J. R. R. Tolkien's fictional world of Middle-earth. Also, their local transport department seems to have lost the 'indicator chapter' in their driver instruction book because not once have I seen this essential device used during my brief unfortunate trips through this wasteland of a city."

**Jess Eagle-Rowe:**

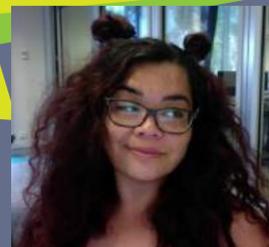
In my opinion, JCU Townsville is a better university to study at in comparison with Cairns as the extensive campus boasts a broader range of people, opportunities and courses and I believe this has diversified and enhanced my study experience.

**Jayden Woodbridge:**

The campus is much bigger with heaps more people than Cairns so you get to meet some interesting people.

**Ahlia Drew:**

For starters, it's not as brown as everyone says, it's actually really nice and the riverway is amazing and so close to the uni. There's so many opportunities and things to do, more than Cairns so Townsville gives you a great work and social balanced life.



Get Involved with the JCUSA

By Karlie Brady

Want to be more involved with your student association? Semester 2 is the perfect time to start with heaps of volunteering opportunities available at the JCUSA. Volunteering is the perfect way to build your resume with the extra things like teamwork, volunteering and community initiative, that employers may be looking for. It's also a great way to learn new skills and meet new uni mates along the way. There are loads of different ways to get involved in the JCUSA, even if you only have a little time to give, so get involved now!

Market Day

Market day is held at the beginning of each semester and showcases JCU's clubs and societies and all things uni. The JCUSA has a stall and needs volunteers to staff it and promote all that the student association has to offer.

The JCUSA Bullsheets

The JCUSA student newspaper is looking for more writers, so if you're an avid writer or a Journalism major looking for more experience then this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Social Sport

The JCUSA runs a variety of social sport programs throughout the semester for all students to enjoy. But for sports to run we need officials, umpires and just people to help out, set up and pack away equipment.

Free Food Stalls

The JCUSA is always giving away free food around campus, from pizza to donuts and more, come down and help out behind the stalls.

Social Events

The JCUSA holds many social events throughout the semester and are always looking for more hands to help out.

Fundraisers

Get involved by helping out the JCUSA during their fundraisers throughout the semester.

Admin

The student association have administration offices on both Cairns and Townsville campuses. A great way to get involved is to volunteer in reception.

To get involved contact:

Townsville
Ph: (07) 4781 4400
Email: studentassociation@jcu.edu.au
Or visit the JCUSA office on campus located behind education central.

Cairns
Ph: (07) 4232 1160
Email: admin.ccsa@jcu.edu.au
Or visit the JCUSA office on campus located next to the bookshop.



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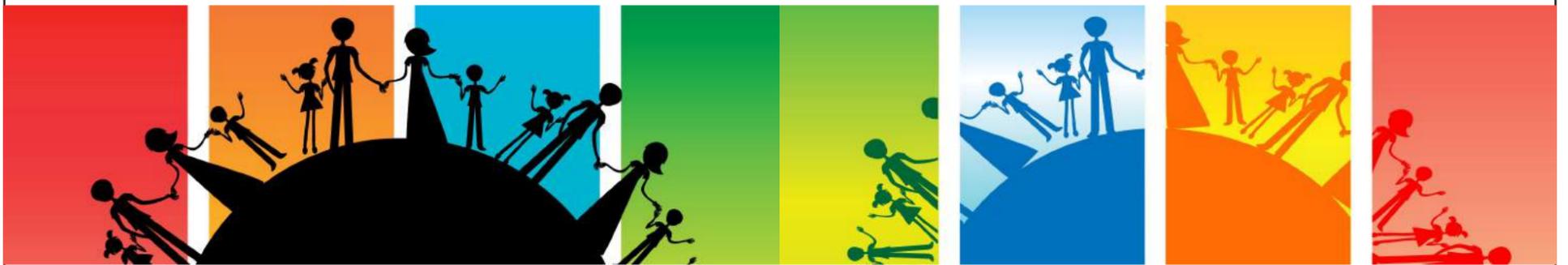
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International Ball

Since last year the JCUSA has made it a priority to host an International Ball. In 2016 it was hosted in Townsville during semester one. Due to the success of the event, in 2017 we have been able to get funding for two International Balls, one in Townsville and one in Cairns.

Townsville's International Ball was hosted on April 7th at The Brewery. The purpose of the event was to celebrate International students at JCU with an evening of entertainment, food and drinks! We have a very unique and supportive international student community here that deserves to be celebrated. In attendance for the event we had guests from International support, student life, JCUSA and both domestic and international students. It is important to acknowledge the domestic students attendance to such an event, every International student comes here looking for an Australian friend and it is important to thank them for opening up their home and culture to us.

For semester two we will be having our International Ball in Cairns! We are so very excited to host it at the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino on October 21st. We are still working out some details but keep an eye out because tickets will become available soon!



International Family Group

What is "International Family Group"

International Family Group is a friendly group that provides an opportunity for families to connect and engage with other families and people from all over the globe. It is also an opportunity for international families to learn conversational English. Activities for young children are run during the group, to give parents a chance to take a break and socialise. Morning tea is provided, and we do cultural food days on occasion too.

Why should you come along?

- To meet and connect with new people
- For your children to socialise, have fun and play with other kids
- To engage with people from all over the world
- For a multicultural experience, like no other
- To network and gain support from friends and people who care

Where and when is International Family Group?

We meet in the JCU Chaplaincy - Building 131 on Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm
Please email beforehand so we know you are coming!

Everyone is Welcome!!!

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Market Day Review

By Elijah Weightman



Ahh, market day. One of the highlights of the student calendar. A myriad of weird and wonderful stalls to bide one's time between lectures. Scent of overcooked sausages on the wind. Beautiful women stroking snakes. And best of all, free stuff. I decided to head on down to review as many components of the festival as possible (out of a top score of 5 stars).

After being accosted by rainbow haired individuals, I decided to calm myself down by visiting a stall with a more formal and stuffy complexion. A locale devoid of colour and creativity. I knew the perfect place. The attendants at the JCU Law Society stall were friendly and well mannered, if a little haughty. They informed me that their ball was coming up shortly, and that for the low, low price of \$119 I could enjoy: "brilliant live band entertainment, a hilarious guest speaker and opulent 3 course meal that would make Gordon Ramsay blush." Suffice it to say they won me over. The polo shirts they were selling looked nice too.

Rating: ★★★★★

Next door to the Law Society stall sat its neglected lesser brother, the Business Society. A doomed man looked up at me. "Please Elijah, he said, you need to fill out one of these review forms so that I don't get fired." "Alright, I replied, but I'm helping myself to a pen." The atmosphere at the stall was a bit graver than the others, but the people there gave unrivalled tax advice. A man referred to as 'Kooke' seemed to be at the centre of some grand conspiracy. I hope that guy didn't get fired.

Rating: ★★★★★

After potentially saving a person's career I strolled over to the Engineering Society. The structure of their stall was not particularly impressive. I moved in and began to occupy myself with some of the gadgets that had been delicately set up around their plot. My lollygagging was rudely interrupted by a beleaguered member of their flock. "Oh god, has anyone seen Sally? She was meant to be here half an hour ago." "Sally Fitzgibbons?" I responded sardonically. "No, Sally Smith. She's the only girl in Engineering. She's meant to be selling shirts for us."

Rating: ★★

After leaving the Engineering stall I decided it was time for lunch. Fortunately, there was a barbecue not too far away, where many a meaty treat could be enjoyed. I was impressed by the men and woman staffing the barbecue. Their production was phenomenal. Snags were being churned out. The only downside was that one needed to skirt the do-gooders asking for signups to enter a raffle contest. I thought of the perfect excuse. "I'm illiterate." The snags really hit the spot, and mustard? Get out.

Rating: ★★★★★

On the way back to the carnival I crossed the Commonwealth Bank stand. "Hello Sir, have you considered..." "Already have an account, can I please have a totebag?"

Rating: ★★★★★

Across the way something caught my eye. Do they deceive me? No they don't. Laser skirmish. What a great idea. I bounded over to the enclosure with all the enthusiasm of a puppy chasing a ball. The people running the show looked like they meant business, adorned with military gear. You'd think they were readying to be deployed to Iraq. "Can I have a game guys?" "Sure mate, in fact you're the first person to volunteer for a game." "I can't understand why, looks like good fun." They butchered me. Never even got a shot off. Still good fun though.

Rating:

After playing a physically demanding game, I decided one less so would be a good idea. I encountered some sun deprived fellows sitting around a board, rolling a die. "What are you playing guys?" "D & D acolyte. Does thou desire to playeth amongst us?" "Cut it out Mitchell. Do you want to join us man?" "Sure, I replied. I've played Oblivion and Skyrim so this shouldn't be too hard for me to pick up." "Darn metagamer." Mitchell did not seem too impressed by my credentials. We had a great adventure nevertheless. Sacked a castle, cleared out a band of cave dwelling orcs and enjoyed reaping some choice loot. However, we were eventually thwarted by the hideous troll Devitus, who demanded we pay a toll to escape a hole in which we had become trapped. Confound your lousy toll, troll.

Rating: ★★★★★

Overall, market day was, yet again, quite an enjoyable occasion. It's an amalgamation of various flavours. Some, when consumed alone, taste horrific. But when blended with the other components, create a tasty and flavourful experience. I look forward to attending the event each semester, and encourage everyone to go on down and slay some trolls.

Strand Ephemera 2017

By Néa O'Connor

One of Townsville's best events has come again, turning the Strand's beautiful 2.2 kilometre beachfront into a large public art exhibition. The Strand Ephemera has returned in 2017 for its ninth year, displaying 31 spectacular artworks over 10 days and nights.

Having started in 2001, the biennial event was bigger and better than ever this year, with 25 competitive pieces in the running for the \$10,000 Award for Artistic Excellence. From the 28th July to the 6th August, the Strand was decked out in artwork from local, national and international artists, enticing both young and old to interact with the pieces.

Using the Strand and surrounding environment, artists created pieces that focused on themes such as reflection, environmental awareness, the power of nature and people, and the interactions of man-made materials in a natural landscape.

Lantis, by Australian photographer and filmmaker (and former JCU student and tutor) Robert Crispe, is a magnificent piece made from mirrored safety glass and treated pine. It is Crispe's conception of Atlantis and its ruins, with sharp angles and lines. It reflected the sky and palm trees around it, and resembled a dreamy and digital looking structure.

Katri Pekri and Alide Zvorovski's Auditorium, features miniature porcelain chairs, which invited people to get down on the ground and experience them at eye-level, invoking a sense of the viewer's largeness in the area. Size and scale is important theme in this piece, with the uniformed rows of chairs placed meticulously to draw the eye around.

Local artist Alison McDonald submitted Making Waves, two large waves made from old SIM cards joined together with cable ties. McDonald often uses recycled materials in her work to create commentary on environmental issues, and has had multiple pieces displayed around Townsville. She favours plastic and metal, noting how society is enamoured with the materials and how sustainable our usage is. McDonald won the \$10,000 Award for Artistic Excellence in 2015 for her piece Shimmer, a collection of silver disks that were arranged on the Lifeguard tower on the main beach.

Other incredible pieces included Robbie Rowland's Light Falls (A repurposed light pole), Tom Emmett's Strangers in the Wind, Marion Gaemers and Lynnette Griffiths Ancyent Marinere ... are those her sails?, and Vanessa Stanley's Your Altered Gaze Returned.

Visiting the exhibition at night time was also a vital experience, with many of the displays transforming and gaining a new aspect to view. This was evident in Caitlind r.c. Brown and Wayne Garrett's work CLOUD, which is comprised of 6,000 light bulbs. It was switched on at night, illuminating the Strand and viewers. CLOUD is a symbolic piece, as rain clouds are an image that anyone around the world can recognise.

Sadly, the event is now over and the wait for the 2019 Strand Ephemera begins. But that doesn't mean Townsville is lacking art, people can always visit the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Riverway Arts Centre, or the Townsville Civic Theatre for more events between August and December.



Alison McDonald
"Making Waves"



Tom Emmet
"Strangers in the Wind"



Vanessa Stanley
"Your Altered Gaze Returned"



Katri Pekri & Alide Zvorovski
"Auditorium"



Marion Gaemers & Lynnette Griffiths
"Ancyent Marinere... are Those her Sails"



Robert Crispe
"Lantis"

Uni Students at Risk of Sexual Assault

By Samara Grumberg

The Australian Human Rights Commission has released its damning report on the prevalence and nature of sexual assault and sexual harassment across Australian universities. JCU is among the universities that have released their results despite showing that women at JCU experience sexual harassment and sexual assault at a higher rate than the national average.

Almost 31,000 students responded to the survey revealing that in 2016:

- 1 in 5 students were sexually harassed in a university setting.
- Women were three times more likely than men to be sexually assaulted and twice as likely to be sexually harassed.
- While the prevalence of women being sexually harassed or sexually assaulted was higher at JCU than the national average, the prevalence of men being sexually harassed or sexually assaulted at JCU was much below the national average.
- The survey further revealed that 'overwhelmingly, men were the perpetrators of sexual assault and sexual harassment'.
- Students who identify as being members of the LGBTIQ+ community experienced the highest rates of sexual assault in a university setting in 2015 or 2016.

- A staggering 94% of students who were sexually harassed and 87% of students who were sexually assaulted did not formally report the incident to their university. Non-reporting was attributed to students feeling the incident was not serious enough to report while others failed to report as they feared they would not be believed.

The Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Harding, and Student Association President, Jesse Argent, are assembling a Student Forum to discuss the steps JCU is taking to ensure students are safe on campus. The Forum is to be held at Crowther Lecture Theatre [A3.001] at 1:00pm, on Tuesday, 15th August 2017.

If you are the victim of sexual harassment or sexual assault please seek help on:

- In an emergency dial 000
- 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732
- Universities Australia hotline on 1800 572 224

Crime Epidemic Misdiagnosed

By Joel Sherwin

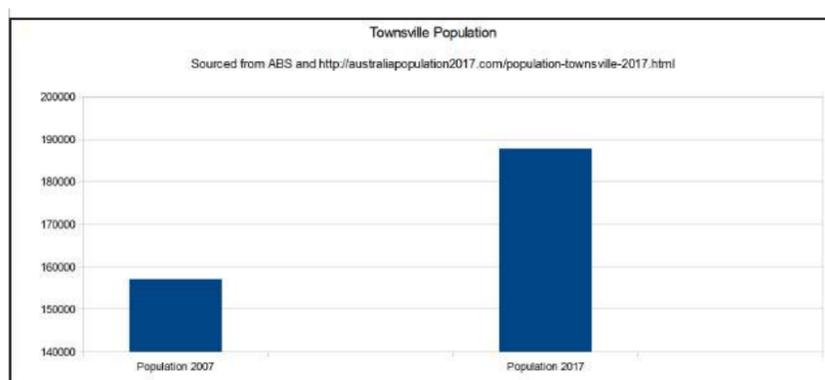
Townsville is often described by various media organisations as suffering from a 'crime wave', 'crime spree', or 'crime epidemic'.

The highest rate of recorded offences in the last decade was in March 2016, however, Townsville has actually had a decrease in criminal acts since October 2016.

Queensland police records show that in June 2007 there were 2,111 offences and ten years later in June 2017 there were 2,528 offences on record. Between 2007 and 2017 Townsville experienced a population increase of 19.5%, from 157,174 persons to an estimated 187,856 persons.

Comparing the recorded offences from June 2007 against its population shows an offence per capita of 74.45. The June 2017 offences and population show an offence per capita of 74.31, showing that the number of offences has in fact not increased over the last ten years.

Despite the statistical evidence, fears of crime and criminal activity have increased.



Owner of Townsville Hobbies Brett Eldridge, said he recently had his business ram raided by two criminals in a stolen car.

"You're forever hearing about it (robberies) on TV and it seems to happen more and more. It may be getting better. But when you hear about it on social media it doesn't seem to be getting any better."

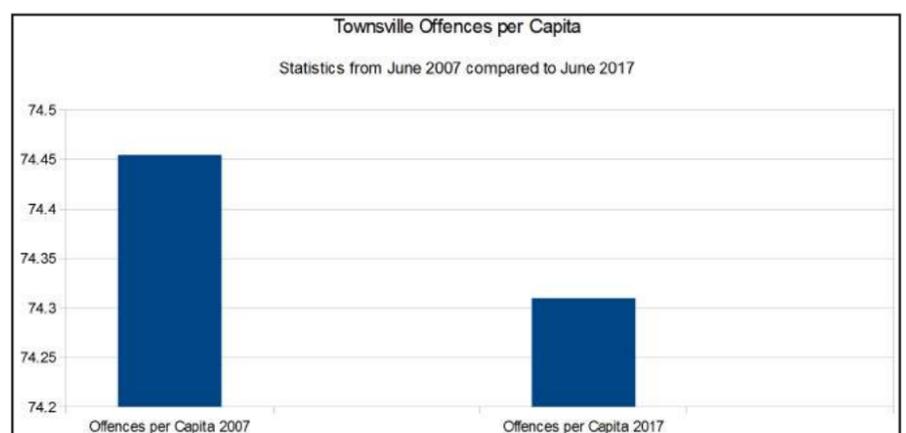
Associate Professor in Criminology at James Cook University Glenn Dawes, says that the media is altering public perceptions of crime.

"Media distorts the reality to crime, and produces heightened fears about crime within society which results in "moral panics" about the extent of the problem. And as a result of that politicians and police and others have to be seen to be doing something about it to stamp out the so called folk devil or perpetrators of crime."

Dawes says that more balanced reporting of crime statistics would go a long way to settling the public's fears of crime.

"Stats are very rubbery and it's dependent on who reads them and who interprets them. I think realistic reporting based on the actual facts rather than using more emotive language...would be useful. We're now seeing Facebook groups of people who may be the victims of crime and have something to say about it. Some of these people may not be aware of the causes of crime as well as some of the alternative measures for responding to crime".

Townsville Police Detective Brad Phelps said that Townsville had a "pretty standard" rate of crime given its population and most offenders were often charged with more than one offence. "I think the crime that's occurring has been fairly constant over the period, we have peaks and troughs, but it's fairly constant over the period."



Bing Files: Brethren of Ravenswood – Part II

By Elijah Weightman

We turned down the pike and entered the town shortly before sundown. In the distance we spotted some children chasing a ball through a weed infested yard. Vine clusters had set about reclaiming the cottage that sat behind them as a testament to the all-consuming power of nature. Before the car came into earshot they were ducking and weaving through a maze of derelict machinery. As we approached them they stopped playing and shot upright, straight as meerkats. If meerkats had bowl cuts and discoloured, eroded teeth. They appeared to be about ten years old yet sported austere looks and eyes as cold and hard as the calcrete soil upon which they stood. The pair watched us go by without blinking. "Well that was odd, perhaps they could smell we were outsiders," my brother joked.

"There's plenty of strange kids about Townsville, you can find them anywhere. It doesn't mean anything," I replied.

"Well I guess not, but I am willing to wager things are going to get weirder before they get better." I thought about that for a while and decided that I was not willing to doubt his rationale.

By 6:30pm we were walking through the swinging saloon doors of the Imperial Hotel in downtown Ravenswood. It was not eminently habited, with only a handful of people seated along the row of cheap black stools by the counter. I approached the bar and placed my hat upon its smooth pine surface. The man sitting next to me was so large that his knees were almost level with the counter. He was wearing dark clothing with a black slicker hat despite the fact it wasn't raining. "What'll you have son, will a XXXX do?" the publican asked.

"It's all I drink."
"Good man."

After taking a few swigs of beer, I summoned up the courage to ask the gentleman sitting beside me a couple of questions.

"Do you live here mate?"
"Haha, no thank god, he replied. I'd be mad to live here, or go made from it. I'm just stopping for the night before heading out with my Mack to the Isa."
"Why would you be mad to live here?"

"Well I'm guessing you're not blind so you should know yourself. The place is a dump, certified tip. The people are not much better. They have, put it this way, peculiar tendencies."

He reached into his breast pocket and withdrew a weathered pack of cigarillos. "Mind if I light up?"

"No-one's going to stop you chief," the publican responded cheekily.

"No they certainly aren't." He smiled and lit the cigarillo with an engraved silver zippo, the kind with the flick lid, and took an extended draw. He continued to speak as he exhaled. "All of us in here tonight are from out of town. John behind the counter there is from Goondiwindi and took over the operation of this place a couple weeks ago. Since then the locals have stopped coming, it's like the place has been hexed or something. It used to do a roaring trade before then. I don't know if you're superstitious or have heard the ghost stories or whatever but there is a feel to this place. Others are too afraid to talk about it but it's like presence follows you around wherever you go here. Like you're being watched."

"Have you ever seen anything that might be associated with occult activity, bonfires or people dressed in robes or anything like that?"

He took another draw. "No, nothing like that. Just the sensation that something bad is going to happen. Might be that they're too scared to start anything with me. Regardless I always look over my shoulder when I stay here." He took one final draught of his beer and pirouetted around in the stool and stepped off it like he was never really sitting down. "I reckon that'll do me for tonight, you take care now kid."

With the cigarillo dangling in his mouth he set off towards the door. "Do you wear that rain hat all the time?"

"Only when it's raining," he responded as the saloon doors swung shut. Sure enough, as soon as they ceased swaying the heavens burst and it sounded as though the hotel was under siege.

After the rain cleared we decided to have a search around Ravenswood's most notorious hotspot for alleged Brethren activity, the abandoned Hills Faith Church. What had once been the centre of peaceful religious observance in Ravenswood's heyday was reduced to cinders by state troopers during the government's occupation of the town. It had been mentioned on numerous sites I researched that the Brethren had since used the ruins as a mecca for their perverse practises. We decided to park off a ways and approach on foot. Each armed with a heavy duty Maglite, we set off through the scrub towards the church.

We decided to travel using only the moonlight as our guide until we got closer to the site. Twisting and turning through the woodland in a beleaguered pursuit of the truth. We exited the bush upon a promontory overlooking the ruins. On this point we waited to see if anything would make its presence known to us. After approximately 10 minutes of squatting in the dark nothing moved in the scabland below bar the wind through the church's skeletal timber framework. The silence was serene yet eerie. Heart rate increasing, we descended from our watch into the murk.

We lit up our torches and began scouring the area for any signs of occult activity. Bones, pieces of fabric, runes, symbols or creeds. My brother gestured to me that he was going to search the south side of the ruins.

I nodded in silent valediction. I shined the torch onto the ash shifting around my feet. Reaching down I brushed away some detritus. Shards of ceramic. Ruined pews. Burned books scattered careless. A screech pierced the hushed night air. I turned and caught a glimpse of a barn owl flying off towards the line of trees from where we had approached. After collecting the torch from the ground, as well as my nerves, I set off deeper into the ruin. There really wasn't anything of interest around. Unless you're one of those weird and wonderful persons that considers night-time church gazing a rich and stimulating experience. When I had all but given up hope I heard my brother call out to me. He had found something. I sprinted towards him. He had his torch illuminating the wall in front of him. Upon it was a large illustration of a raven. It was drawn crudely in black paint, perhaps by someone who possessed a faint notion of what a raven actually looked like. I moved closer to the tableau. Running my finger across its wing, I discovered that some parts felt rough. There was some kind of fabric stuck underneath the paint. I scratched at the protrusion until it started to break apart. It was a coarse fabric, not cotton or wool. "It looks like someone dropped a pack of tic-tacs over here," my brother said. He bent over and picked up one of the curious white objects. Immediately after turning it in his hand he dropped it as if it were a hot coal. "Christ, oh Christ, they're teeth, human teeth!" he whispered at the hop of his lungs. We looked at each other and bolted from the church and didn't stop until we had burst from the trees like some crazed and harried foresters and were in the car driving home.

On one of the back roads leading out to the highway I attempted to digest everything we had just seen. "You know," I gulped, "blood takes on a black appearance under moonlight. And I have a suspicion as to what the fabric was."

"You don't need to say it, let's just get home."

Coming around a bend in the road we were halted by the most peculiar of roadblocks. A dozen individuals, draped in long black robes, forming a chain link across the width of the road. The car screeched to a halt. It was as though they had premeditated our arrival. We were enthralled by the dark wall as it ebbed and chanted. Chanted manically. "Sein ist die hand die verletzt." The wall began to move forth. My brother managed to break the trance and turn the car around as the fiends descended. Before long they were a speck in the rear view mirror and then fell out of sight completely.

On a side note, months after writing this article I happened across some curious information given by a geologist friend. Apparently the region upon which the town rests is a hotspot for groundwater deposits. These deposits are interconnected via a highway of artesian wells, which oftentimes form large caves that connect to the surface. The caves below Ravenswood remain largely unexplored by hydrogeologists, but given Townsville's recent water crisis, interest in them is gaining. But will they encounter more than just spring water in those deep, dark recesses?

Let's Talk Lunch 2017 at JCU – Semester Two!

Welcome to the new students for semester two.

What is the "The Interfaith Project's Let's Talk Lunch" at James Cook University?

It's about building unity by working together to form relationships between people of different religions, faiths and beliefs through positive action and dialogue.

We hold different discussions related to faith in response to natural disasters, human tragedies and current events. We also discuss what your faith means to you and your university life.

How long has The Interfaith Project been running at James Cook University?

The program has been operating on campus since 2015.

How can you get involved?

Let's Talk Lunches happen at the Education Central Amphitheatre outside Miss Sushi on alternate Tuesdays from 12pm - 2pm.

Why get involved?

The Let's Talk Lunches aim to increase our knowledge and awareness of the faith communities and individual beliefs present on the JCU Townsville campus. Students participating will benefit from an understanding of fellow students' faiths, religions and spiritual traditions, through positive, safe dialogue. This will also lead to an increase in their social network.

All participants:

- Listen with respect and patience
- Value all contributions to the conversation, creating a safe atmosphere
- Support each other by developing trust with fellow students

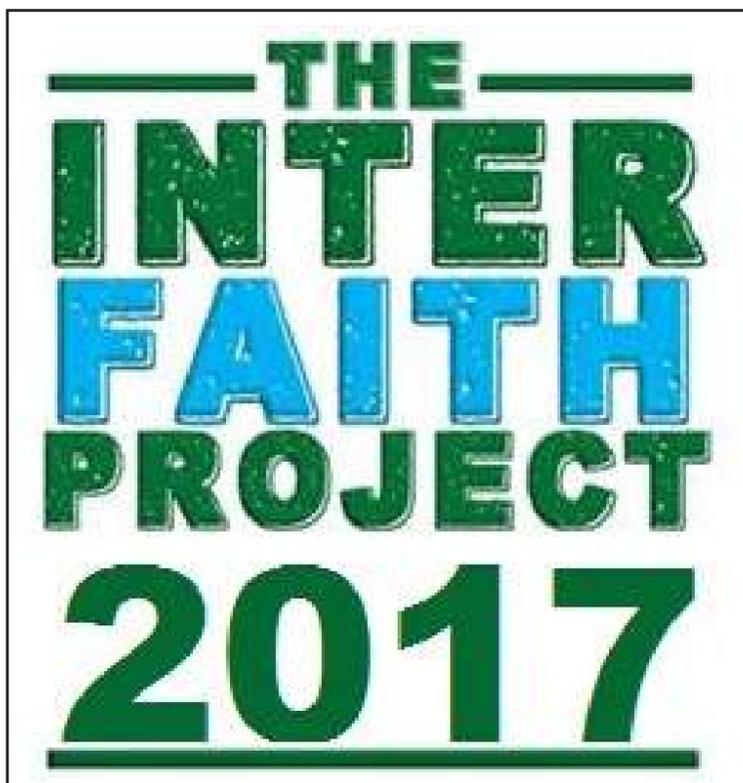
Free lunch available usually consisting of free pizza with vegetarian options.

For more information, like us on Facebook @ THEINTERFAITHPROJECT

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JCU Clubs and Societies Profile

Volume One: Matthew Olzard (JCULNC)

By Elijah Weightman

What could be better than sitting around a table with your mates, discussing the most pertinent issues of the day, over a couple ice cold brews?

Not much else, according to Townsville University Liberal National Club (JCULNC) director Matthew Olzard. Mr Olzard, who was elected into the position last summer, said that there was a misconception regarding the image of such student run political bodies.

"People come up to us and say things like; well I'm not really into politics, so why would I waste my precious time hanging around a bunch of rhetoric spewing sycophants?"

Well, to be fair, we don't really talk about politics all that much. There's plenty of people that come down to our events that are pretty casual when it comes to that sort of thing. We're a pretty laid-back group, we wouldn't rip into someone for not knowing the Prime Minister's middle name or anything like that.

We had a trivia night down at the Riverview tavern on Tuesday. People were answering obscure film and football related questions left and right. There's some fairly well-rounded guys and gals in the group.

The objective of the club is to bring well informed individuals together to discuss whatever they think is interesting or important. And to knock back some coldies and have fun in the process."

Mr Olzard, who described himself as a "big cheese" in the club hierarchy, said he had been tasked with overseeing many of the social events devised by the club.

"I'm not going to lie," he said. "I was elected into this role because people knew I could produce results. So far, I've achieved plenty of those."

I gave some feedback on a couple of events that were organised before my appointment that I wasn't too impressed with. Since that time, I think the overall quality of the events has improved, and are therefore much more enjoyable to attend."

Mr Olzard, a graduate of Biomedical Science, now juggles the responsibilities of the full-time position, along with a job working for the family run hydrogeology business Sustainable Groundwater Solutions.

"With great power comes great responsibility," he said.

"Fortunately, I've had experience in managerial positions before, so I kind of took to it like a duck to water."

When asked of what the future held for the club, and his role in it, Mr Olzard was particularly insightful.

"Time is money, that's what it all comes down to really. I think the club is going along well now and memberships are up. That says to me that people are liking what's being offered. So long as we continue to produce good results, and do so in an efficient manner, the prosperity of this club shall continue. So long as it continues, I guess there'll be no reason for me to go."

With an announcement that is sure to have seasoned revellers salivating, Olzard promised that there were "at least 4 or 5 separate projects in the works."

"We're planning some big things. Great things. Moondani house parties, liquor and cheeseburger barbecues, it's going to be a big finish to the year."

Upon making this statement, Mr Olzard leapt forth from his chair, simply stating that he "had work to do."

To any parties interested in joining the club, JCULNC members can be spotted frequently down at Bludgers bar between the hours of 4 pm to midnight of a Friday.

Library Spaces

By Sharon Bryan
(Liaison Librarian)

You've probably seen the stereotypical library in dozens of films and TV shows – a big, dusty, echoey space full of people who shush you if you so much as cough. You may have also noticed that our library buildings aren't quite so... quiet. That's because most university libraries are study spaces, and people often study in groups. Besides, we like to think of our libraries as being the "heart" of the university (that's why we're so centrally located, after all), and we all know hearts make a bit of noise.

But the library is a shared space, and it's important to make sure everyone feels safe, welcome and comfortable studying in the space. Some people like to study in a group, so we have group study spaces. Some people like to study quietly, so we have quiet study spaces. And, let's face it, no one wants to study next to someone who is smearing KFC on the keyboard of the computer next to them.

Our Client Services Charter outlines the behaviour we expect in our library – and the kind of service you can expect from us. We encourage you to read it, but the charter can be easily summed up with one word: Respect. We ask you to respect the staff and each other. We ask you to respect the space and the equipment. We ask you to respect the resources we have in the library (even when you take them home with you). And we ask you to respect the different zones within the library.

The Ground Floor is a collaborative zone, where group work is encouraged – and we love it when people use this space to meet up and chat. But please keep in mind that sound travels in our buildings, so avoid getting too noisy.

The 1st Floor is a quiet space. We don't mind if you talk here, as long as it's softly. And make sure you aren't disturbing anyone nearby who is trying to use the space to study. This goes for food, as well as noise. Keep a lid on your drinks, and stick with foods that don't give off a strong smell.

The 2nd Floor (the top floor) is a silent space. If you need to talk, go downstairs. But avoid taking phone calls in the stairwells – sound travels in our buildings, and if you are in the stairwells or under the voids, everyone on the floor above you can hear Every. Single. Word. So if you don't want your conversation to be public, you should take it somewhere more private.

Our libraries are community spaces, and we should all work together to make sure they stay clean, safe, friendly and welcoming. So respect each other, respect the spaces, and help us keep the place nice.

Oh, and put your rubbish in the bin. Sheesh, people, it's not that hard.



A Modern Day David & Goliath Story

By Samara Grumberg

The giant UK dairy industry took a hit this month when a small animal sanctuary relaunched their advertising campaign following a failed challenge by a number of milk producers who claimed the wording used in the billboard and social media campaign was misleading. The small print in the advert reads, "I went vegan the day I visited a dairy. The mothers, still bloody from birth, searched and called frantically for their babies. Their daughters, fresh from their mothers' wombs but separated from them, trembled and cried piteously, drinking milk from rubber teats instead of their mothers' nurturing bodies. All because humans take their milk. Their sons are slaughtered for their flesh and they themselves are slaughtered at 6 years. Their natural lifespan is 25 years. I could no longer participate in that. Can you?"

The complainants claimed that the wording was misleading because they conjured images of babies being taken from their mothers much sooner than they actually were. The Advertising Standards Agency (ASA) held that since calves are taken away from their mothers at between 12 -24 hours the mothers were likely to still be bloodied and that the advertising campaign was not misleading.

Given that in Australia 9.4 billion litres of milk are produced annually with over 400,000 calves being slaughtered each year as a by-product of the dairy industry, we are all left with the question – is humane milk a myth?

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I went vegan the day I visited a dairy. The mothers, still bloody from birth, searched and called frantically for their babies. Their daughters, fresh from their mothers' wombs but separated from them, trembled and cried piteously, drinking milk from rubber teats on the wall instead of their mothers' nurturing bodies. All because humans take their milk. Their sons are slaughtered for their flesh and they themselves are slaughtered at 6 years. Their natural lifespan is 25 years.

I could no longer participate in that.
Can You?

Advocacy

If you are ever facing a problem at Uni that you don't know how to deal with, don't do it alone! JCUSA offers a support system called Advocacy that will advocate on your behalf to the university to help you sort through the issue. We talked to Advocacy officer Gian Corpuz to find out more about the program and what exactly he does.

What is Advocacy at JCU?

Gian: Advocacy here at James Cook University is assist students with their rights and responsibilities and representing them where need be so that their voices are heard and their side of the story is considered when issues or disputes arise.

What do you do?

Gian: I am a Student Advocacy Officer and I offer help to students when it comes to their rights and responsibilities here at JCU. My assistance ranges from different student matters such as being a support person in handling allegations of misconduct, appealing unfavourable decisions when it comes to leave of absences or deferred examinations and assisting in challenging marks for assessments.

What are the most common issues you deal with?

Gian: In my experience working in this role thus far, common student issues I have assisted with relate to seeking leave of absences, challenging marks after failing an exam or a unit and handling allegations of plagiarism.

When should a student seek help from you?

Gian: A student should try to seek assistance from me at the onset of an issue or when they are seeking to submit any form of application with the University. One of the most common reasons for an application not succeeding is when the student waits for the last possible chance to approach me with their matter and the deadline for submission lapses or when they submit an application incorrectly and it is rejected because of lack of evidence or non-compliance.

Why is it important that students seek help when they encounter these issues?

Gian: Applications can prove to be quite complex and onerous to properly comply with and if a student does not understand the proper procedure of lodging and making their respective application, there is a heightened chance of it being rejected. It then compounds the matter further as that decision can be appealed. If the student seeks assistance at the onset of these issues, we may be able to avoid the need to appeal an unfavourable decision by submitting a properly written and compliant application in the first instance.

What got you into advocacy at JCU?

Gian: During my time in law school, I was extensively involved in student engagement and I assisted them with matters very similar to the ones I assist with here at JCU. I am very passionate at representing the students' best interests and being instrumental to ensuring that they are exercising their rights towards a favourable outcome to their issues and problems.

Tell me about yourself? How did you get here?

Gian: I am originally from the Philippines and I came here to Australia to study law. Upon my completion of a Bachelor of Law and Justice dual degree, I pursued my Masters in Law and I am currently undertaking a graduate research capstone for a PhD program, specialising in prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration. In addition to my role as the Student Advocacy Officer here at JCU, I am also a correctional lawyer for the Department of Justice where I have frontline dealings with prisoners in different correctional centres across Queensland. In my spare time, I am an amateur baker specialising in dessert cakes and I also do self-defence in Krav Maga to keep physically active.

How can students contact you?

Gian: I assist all students of JCU Brisbane Campus and the best way to contact me is through booking an appointment by sending me an email through to gian.corpuz@jcu.edu.au.

There are advocacy officers at each JCU campus so if you need help during your studies get in touch with one of the advocacy team!

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