

YEAR AT A GLANCE

January

- UQ ranks first in Queensland, and first in Group of Eight universities in the national Employer Satisfaction Survey
- UQx Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) program reaches 2 million enrolments
- Queensland Neurodiversity Hub opens at UQ to help students with autism gain employment
- UQ Business School has its Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation renewed for fourth time
- Institute for Molecular Bioscience Director **Professor Brandon Wainwright** is appointed to Australian Brain Cancer Mission advisory group
- UQ initiates partnership with The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-Delhi) for joint research venture



Rap artist Baker Boy headlined the NAIDOC Music Culture Art Festival in August (photo supplied).

February

- More than 10,000 new postgraduate and undergraduate students are welcomed to UQ during Orientation Week
- UQ alumni **Pita Taufatofua** and **Jaclyn Narracott** compete at Winter Olympics
- Chief Student Entrepreneur **Ben Coughlin** is appointed within UQ Idea Hub
- UQ partners with Atira to offer accommodation scholarships for Young Achievers Program recipients
- School of Medicine researcher **Dr Emma Hamilton-Williams** discovers link between the gut and type 1 diabetes
- UQ Brisbane city site officially opens at 293 Queen Street for MBA, postgraduate business and executive education students

March

- UQ Press celebrates its 70th anniversary
- *Robert Smithson: Time Crystals* exhibition opens at UQ Art Museum
- UQ ranks in the world's top 50 in 22 subjects in QS World University rankings
- UQ Sport awards a record 59 sporting scholarships
- International Women's Day panel discussion is held during UQ's Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) networking lunch
- Professorial Chair in Ethics is established by UQ alumnus **Mark Hutchinson**

April

- Five UQ students and five UQ graduates compete in Commonwealth Games
- ARIVAL's augmented reality platform that brings fans into the match wins inaugural HYPE UQ SPIN Accelerator Global Pitch competition
- UQ alumnus **Andrew N Liveris** and wife **Paula** donate \$13.5 million to help establish the Liveris Academy and also pledge to raise an additional \$26.5 million dollars to support UQ's *Not if, when* philanthropic campaign
- UQ law students win the 2018 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington DC, USA, for the third time
- QBI partners with the Queensland Government to trial a potential drug for treating motor neurone disease (MND)

May

- UQ Library trials a humanoid robot to provide general assistance to visitors
- UQ and Loughborough University host a Student Experience and Enterprise Symposium to share best practice on student academic experience, employability and enterprise programs
- UQ signs 20-year partnership agreement with Metro North Hospital and Health Service



Master's graduates in the Great Court cloisters after the mid-year graduation ceremony.

- Nanango State High School wins the Overall Grand Champion prize in UQ Sunflower Competition
- **Benjamin Gibson** and **Samantha Phillips** win Great Court Race at UQ St Lucia

June

- UQ signs as partner to co-produce third season of *Food Lab* by Ben Milbourne television program, to be aired in 130 territories worldwide
- UQ tops the nation in *Nature Index's* annual Top Institutions table
- BiG Day In™ ICT careers conference is held



Emeritus Professor Helene Marsh was awarded UQ Alumnus of the Year at Courting the Greats ceremony.

July

- UQ goes smoke free
- UQ law students defeat University of Hong Kong to win 19th International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition
- 10 graduation ceremonies are held at St Lucia with one at Gatton for more than 3000 graduates
- 82 staff honoured at UQ Staff Excellence Awards ceremony
- Academic Ranking of World Universities ranks UQ first in the world for the subject of Mining and Mineral Engineering, third for Hospitality and Tourism Management, and seventh for Biotechnology
- 274 UQ students share in \$1.23 million of federal government's New Colombo Plan mobility program funding



The UQ Art Museum hosted the Robert Smithson: Time Crystals exhibition from March until July 2018 (photo: Simon Woods).

August

- UQ signs agreement with Newcrest Mining for education, research and training activities
- UQ researchers ranks number one in the Open Science movement
- Sustainability Week is held at UQ
- Baker Boy headlines inaugural NAIDOC Music Culture Art Festival at UQ St Lucia
- 'Jazz and shiraz' networking event is held for senior academics and student leaders
- Securing more than \$17.66 million in funding, six (of 16 nationally) UQ researchers are named Australian Research Council Australian Laureate Fellows, the most ever awarded to a single university in the scheme's history
- UQ law students win fourth annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot in Brisbane
- Patina Restaurant opens at Customs House
- Open Days are held at UQ St Lucia and UQ Gatton, attracting 25,481 visitors

September

- Work begins on two new student recreational complexes at St Lucia following the signing of new UQ-UQ Union funding and services agreement
- Chinese Film Festival is held at UQ St Lucia
- UniQuest celebrates the creation of more than 100 startups
- **Micha Jackson** wins UQ 3MT Final
- The Ramsay Centre invites UQ to lodge an Expression of Interest for its degree in Western Civilisation
- UQ Research Week acknowledges outstanding researchers
- More than 420 UQ students and staff participate in UniSport Nationals Division 1 competition at the Gold Coast, eventually becoming Australia's top-ranked sporting university



The Heron Island Research Station became more energy efficient during the year.

November

- UQ installs Enviroweb Smart Pod on campus
- 14 Blues and 19 Half Blues are presented to UQ students at UQ Sport awards night
- Heron Island Research Station installs integrated roof top solar panels and battery storage facilities
- UQ hosts Wonder of Science Conference
- UQ Diamantina Institute leads the establishment of the Australian Cancer Research Foundation's Australian Centre of Excellence in Melanoma Imaging and Diagnosis
- UQ takes official ownership of the Warwick Solar Farm project
- Feasibility assessment commences for developing Anaerobic Digester at UQ Gatton for creating renewable energy source, new irrigation water and fertiliser
- Australian Research Council awards \$38.6 million in grants to UQ researchers (67 Discovery Project grants totalling \$27.62 million, 25 DECRA's amounting to \$9.63 million, two LIEFs totalling \$1.18 million and one Linkage Project for \$236,852)

December

- UQ launches the UQ Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2022
- 19 graduation ceremonies are held at St Lucia with three at Gatton for more than 8000 graduates
- Agriculture and soil scientist Dr Glen Simpson is awarded Gatton Gold Medal
- Research by UQ and Aarhus University links schizophrenia with Vitamin D deficiency
- 61 UQ projects are successful in nearly \$42 million worth of 2019 NHMRC Project Grant funding
- Phase 1 of Recreation Precinct development is completed, with four new multi-sports courts and beach volleyball court extensions
- Haystack founder and CEO **Ran Heimann** is appointed Entrepreneur in Residence for ilab Germinate PLUS accelerator program
- Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations awards \$14.7 million to UQ-led consortium to develop rapid-response vaccine testing
- QBI announces \$10 million Queensland Government funding to commence clinical trials of dementia ultrasound treatment.