MEET WINNIE JERUTO

Student Advisor, Nicolene White, would like to introduce Winnie Jeruto. Nicolene first met Winnie at an Orientation for new students. They often talk about her studies and her job-hunting success stories.

Nicolene was so impressed with Winnie’s maturity, ambition and commitment to study that she decided to interview her as Student Services’ “student of the month”.

Why did you choose CQUniversity?
Loved the logo - BE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE and this has met expectations.

What do you like most about studying at CQUniversity?
Technical convenience with online assignments, lectures online and technical assistance online. Feel at home with the different cultures and equality. Students’ needs are attended to with Student Services caring about personal issues and feel like family, LSU, all academics and Library always so helpful, friendly and available.

What are your future goals?
To be a global personality! I want to help society and show the world that I have strong morals and as a woman can lead anyone! To understand the different cultures, the human psyche and work with humanity to create a better world.

Tell me about one of your recent achievements
Turning 21 and making decisions to be more self-confident and having the opportunity to put that confidence to the test. Being independent and supporting myself, looking for work and choosing wisely the position of Nanny with a lovely North Shore family that I have since built a bond with and have been accepted by the whole family. Also being asked to be a guest speaker at Highfields children’s school. I spoke about African culture and was excited about being able to present a true picture of cultural differences.

"The virtue of achievement is victory over oneself. Those who know this can never know defeat." - Anonymous

REMEMBRANCE DAY—11th November 2009

Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy Day, Armistice Day or Veterans Day. It is a day to commemorate the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war, specifically since the First World War. It is observed on 11th November to recall the end of World War I on that date in 1918.
WHAT’S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

CQUINIVERSITY SYDNEY ENJOYS CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Story by Shazhi Yaghi

CQUUniversity Sydney recently held a party to celebrate the end of Term 2 and to wish all students good luck for their upcoming exams. The multicultural diversity amongst the students and staff on campus was evident at this event.

CQUUniversity Sydney’s multicultural learning environment recognises and supports this diversity through various support services coupled with experienced academic staff from different cultural, social and educational backgrounds.

Tony Wei is an international student from China who enjoys meeting students and studying in a multicultural environment. He believes the exposure is a great way to break down stereotyping and to build on understanding. “Not only do I learn about different cultures but other students can learn about my culture,” Tony explains.

Ying, also from China, initially wanted to study at CQUUniversity Rockhampton but ultimately decided on enrolling at CQUUniversity Sydney due to the cultural diversity on campus. She states “for me I wanted to increase my understanding of cultures and customs and make friends from different countries”. Ying goes on to note that she enjoys the support services on campus such as the English Conversation Corner. Sometimes my friends and I like to drink coffee, talk and practise our English in the (Conversation) Corner. This has helped us a lot during our studies”.

CQUUniversity Sydney acknowledges the diversity of cultures on campus by celebrating various cultural activities throughout the year. These include Chinese New Year, Mid Autumn Moon Cake Festival, Eid Ul Fitr and many more.

“Our cultural diversity has most certainly shaped our national character.”

Julie Bishop

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AUSTRALIAN SLANG & COLLOQUIALISMS

by Julius Parker

True blue: very loyal or faithful / patriotic -

"Dave is true blue."

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER

Want to speak better English?
Want to be Job Ready?
Want to do better in your studies?
Where: Level 1 opposite the lifts
When: Weeks 2 to 8
Tuesdays 12.15pm – 12.45pm

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WHAT’S HAPPENING IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN FACTS and TRIVIA

Phar Lap  Phar Lap was Australia’s greatest race horse winning 37 of his 51 starts. After handicappers saddled him with enough weight to stop a train, his owner took him overseas to race in America. He easily won his first race but then died in mysterious circumstances.

AUSTRALIAN DVD REVIEW

All featured DVDs can be borrowed from the CQUniversity Sydney Library

A knight in shining overalls. From the biggest festival to the smallest church social, Kenny Smyth delivers porta-loos to them all.

Follow Kenny as he tackles every septic challenge that comes his way, culminating in a pilgrimage to that Mecca of waste management, the International Pumper and Cleaner Expo in Nashville Tennessee - or as Kenny affectionately calls it, “Poo HQ”. With fly-on-the-wall honesty and wit, “KENNY” lifts the lid on one of Australia’s roughest diamonds as he juggles family tensions, fatherhood and sewage with charm, humour and unflinching dignity.

Part philosopher, part comedian and all heart, KENNY is living proof that in sewage, like life, the best will always rise to the top

www.quickflix.com.au

FREE
Good Neighbourhood BBQ
8th Oct to 29th Nov 2009
The City of Sydney, Redfern, Leichhardt and Newtown Police are hosting a series of Good Neighbourhood BBQs. The days will feature Australian Wildlife Displays, live music, various activities, a free BBQ and information on safety and security initiatives.

SYDNEY ATTRACTIONS
Egyptian Treasure: art of the pharaohs
Experience ageless Egyptian beauty in 'Egyptian Treasures: art of the pharaohs’ at the Australian Museum for a limited time only.
www.australianmuseum.net.au

OUT OF SYDNEY
Dubbo
20th Anniversary of the Minokamo - Dubbo Sister City Relationship
The Shoyoen Japanese Garden in Elizabeth Park East Dubbo will be the place to be for great music, refreshments and continual tea ceremonies on Saturday 14 November 2009.

ARTS and PERFORMANCE
Menagerie: Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture
Showcasing 33 outstanding sculptural works by indigenous artists.
www.australianmuseum.net.au

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
CQUNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND STAFF PARTICIPATE IN THE 7 BRIDGES WALK

On Sunday 25th October, 15 CQUniversity Sydney students and staff along with their families and friends weathered the storms to walk the 25km route covering 7 bridges in Sydney. The event, now in its fourth year, raises awareness and funds for Diabetes Australia, Beyond Blue, Heart Foundation and Cancer Council.

We met at the campus at 8.00am and began with the Pyrmont Bridge. Winding through the streets of Pyrmont and chatting amongst ourselves whilst doing so, we found ourselves on the Anzac Bridge. We continued through the streets of Lilyfield led us to the Rozelle Village. After a short break, we walked over the Iron Cove Bridge. Continued chatting and wandering through the streets of Drummoyne led us to the Gladesville Bridge. The approach onto the Gladesville Bridge was formidable for two reasons. The steel bridge appeared to be an enormous feat and the large grey storm clouds in the distance meant only one thing.

Raindrops started falling and by the time we crossed Tarban Bridge and arrived at the next village the heavens had opened up. We tried to stay dry and weighed up our options over coffee and sausage sandwiches. The rain did not let up and so we decided to continue on our journey in the rain… until we saw the courtesy bus!

Some of us called it a day and returned to the city while the bravest of our group continued on and completed the course in the hours to come. A special mention goes to Prof Doc student Steven, his wife and two small children who completed the entire course. They are a credit to the group.

Community activities give students and staff opportunities to be involved in events such as this without feeling like they are participating on their own. As Sandip Shrestha said, “I don’t think I would have ever participated if it wasn’t for CQUniversity Sydney”.

Thank you to the students and staff who supported our efforts with donations totalling $75.

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