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TACKLING THE BIG ISSUES

The School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management is working on practical solutions for the big issues affecting physical environments: climate change, urbanisation, population growth, conservation, and natural resource management.

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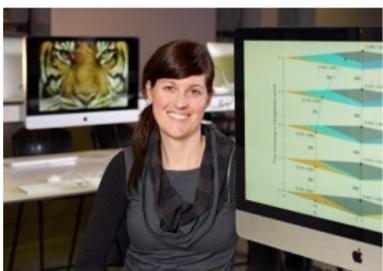
The School of GPEM holds a regular seminar series on Tuesdays from 1.00-2.00pm in Room 320, [Steele Building](#) (#3), UQ St Lucia.

For details of the upcoming seminar, please visit the [Seminar Series](#) page.



GPEM researchers receive national teaching award

Associate Professor Ann Peterson and Dr David Neil, from the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, are part of a team that has been recognised for excellent teaching in the 2015 [Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning](#) section of the Australian Awards for University Teaching.



UQ FREA award to GPEM environmental decision scientist

Environmental decision scientist Dr Eve McDonald-Madden is one of six early to mid-career researchers and two supervisors recently honoured at the annual [UQ Foundation Research Excellence Awards](#). [Watch her video](#) online now.

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Planner in residence

Warren Rowe, an experienced industry planner who played a major role in developing the Gold Coast Light Rail project has been announced as the [Planner in Residence](#) in UQ's School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management.



PETRONAS provides scholarships for UQ health and safety students

Making workplaces safer is a high priority for four Malaysian students studying occupational health and safety science through UQ's School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management. Malaysian oil and gas company, PETRONAS, selected UQ to host Nurul Jasmine Shaifful Anuar, Crystal Lwi, Ying Hwei Ho and Huey Fang Woo, who have been awarded [prestigious academic scholarships](#).

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GPEM alumnus working with U.N. in Thailand

Former student in the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management Duncan Munro is currently undertaking an [internship](#) with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in Bangkok, Thailand.



Industry placement leads to award

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (WPSQ) has presented the inaugural [Holly Bryant Award](#) to final-year Bachelor of Environmental Management student, Kate Brodie, for her project to enhance habitat and connectivity for the spotted tailed quoll.

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Opinion piece Shenhua mine: Farming could have been chosen over coal

[GPEM analyst Chris McGrath](#) comments on a Federal Minister's claim he had no choice but to approve a coal mine near Gunnedah, NSW. He looks at possible avenues for a legal challenge.

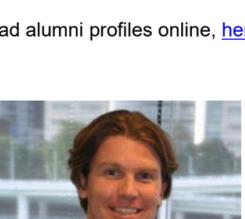
Where are they now?

Read alumni profiles online, [here](#).



Combining a Bachelor of Regional and Town Planning with a degree in law allowed [Chiara Wood](#) to work as a [Principal Legal Officer](#), providing planning advice to Government Ministers and departments.

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Geography graduate [Andy Stewart](#) pioneered ways to use spatial information for the Queensland Government's Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

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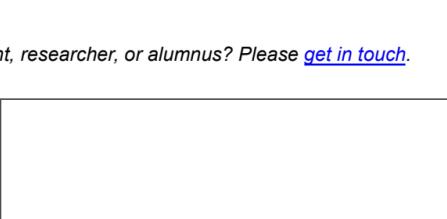


[Dr Elin Charles-Edwards](#) started her study with a degree in Geography, before completing her PhD, a post-doctoral research fellowship, and finally becoming a lecturer in Human Geography.

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