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School of Earth and Environmental Sciences Newsletter



From the Head of School

Welcome to the final School of Earth and Environmental Sciences' (SEES) newsletter for 2018.

2018 has been a remarkable year for the School, and I invite you to read some of our highlights below, as we showcase some of the work of our academics and students.

Over the last few months, we've been making headlines. Below are just a handful of media highlights from the School. Take a moment to read about new work investigating 60,000 years of environmental and climate history in the Kimberley, how international students are preferring Brisbane's low-density lifestyle, Microsoft's late co-founder's reef mapping project, and research uncovering our vanishing wilderness - recently featured in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and other international media outlets.

We also have some great, new video content for you. Professor James Watson discusses his latest wilderness research and our BrisScience event, 'Sharing is Daring', features perspectives on how the sharing economy provides novel solutions to various intractable problems in cities, with a focus on how future developments can promote urban sustainability.

It's also worth mentioning that a defining characteristic of SEES is the many field experiences our students engage in. This year a highlight was an Advanced Field Experience trip in Earth Sciences that visited the 'Roof of the World' and ultimately Everest Basecamp on the Tibetan side of the Himalayas.

Finally, we're looking forward to holding the UQ Placemaking Summit, a day-long event for those interested in shaping Australian cities and communities, running on Tuesday 27 November in Brisbane's CBD. Through a series of interactive sessions, participants will gain new knowledge on how change is impacting our suburbs.

Thank you for being part of the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences community in 2018 and I hope you have a wonderful end-of-year period.

- Professor Jonathan Aitchison



SEES Seminar Series

The School of Earth and Environmental Sciences holds a regular seminar series at St Lucia.

Come along to find out what's happening on the cutting-edge of science. You can find out when the next event is on at the [SEES events page](#).

Professor Dominic Stead will soon be exploring the effect of travel-time on location choice in Australian cities.



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SEES in the News



Kimberley's ancient environmental past a click away

The environmental and climate history of the past 60,000 years of Australia's Kimberley region is set to be uncovered by a multidisciplinary team led by a UQ scientist.

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World's last wilderness may vanish

The world's last wilderness areas are rapidly disappearing, with explicit international conservation targets critically needed, according to UQ-led research.

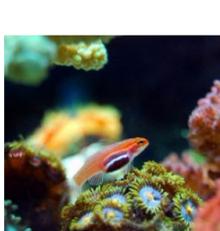
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International students embracing Brisbane's low-density lifestyle

International students from Asia prefer the low-density lifestyle they've experienced in Brisbane, according to a UQ study.

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International global reef project maps now online

The most up-to-date global satellite images of the world's coral reefs are now online, thanks to a collaboration between Microsoft's late co-founder, Paul G. Allen, and a team of international partners, including UQ.

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Watch SEES Online



Professor Watson talks wilderness

An international team - led by UQ's James Watson and James Allan - has recently mapped intact ocean ecosystems, complementing a 2016 project charting remaining terrestrial wilderness.

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BrisScience: Sharing is Daring

Hear from various leaders in Brisbane's sharing economy to discuss the benefits, and potential obstacles and challenges, of the sharing economy.

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UQ Placemaking Summit



27 November 2018 8:30am-4pm

The UQ Placemaking Summit offers you a unique opportunity to engage with leading policy-makers, industry leaders, community builders, entrepreneurs and designers, build your personal and professional network, gain actionable insights on what it takes to deliver great places in the suburbs, and learn why this is critical for Brisbane and South East Queensland's future.

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