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Whether you’re a creator, an innovator or a motivator, this edition of MAKE will inspire you to explore your imagination and dare to dream of the extraordinary.

TAFE Queensland East Coast is home to some truly successful and talented students and teachers. In this issue we share their stories, their aspirations and their amazing flair for style and design.

Lakkari Kim is an award winning Diploma of Fashion student who graces our cover this summer. Her enthusiasm and energy are as bright as her designs and we’re so excited to be able to recognise her achievements as she embarks on the next stage of her career.

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AUDIBLY AMAZING: STUDENT GUIDED BY SOUNDS

Nathan Letts has proven being blind is no barrier when it comes to creating incredible music. The talented student is forging a successful career while navigating the complexities of study. His future has never looked brighter.

Nathan has shown how vitally important a good ear is in learning new skills, retaining information and creating quality sound for music and other recordings.

“I’ve been amazed by Nathan’s ingenuity in navigating the sound production and engineering environments and how passionately he applies himself to learning the course content,” TAFE Queensland East Coast Sound Production teacher Charlie MacNeil said.

“It is a strong skill to have, particularly in this industry.”

As a huge fan of radio, Nathan has fully immersed himself in the field to gain experience and hopes to work in the industry in the future.

One approach that is preparing him toward his dream job is by running a regular segment on a community radio station at Noosa and volunteering at the Maroochydore Surf Club.

“I volunteer with the radio tower at the surf club and it’s really cool because I get to help with beach safety and know what’s going on at other places like Kawana, even though I’m at Maroochydore,” he said.

“I really like the relaxed atmosphere of class at TAFE; it’s pretty chilled and interacting with people who have the same sort of interests has been so good.”

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Sounds you need this Summer

Tone down the scorch with this summer’s playlist by sound production and music student Damian Khoury.

Finishing his final classes soon, Damian Khoury shares his music picks for summer.

“These are just a few of the people I love to listen to, apart from all the music I hear with the bands I play for,” he said.

- Thirsty Merc
- The Za Brown Band
- John Mayer
- Jamie Cullum
- Brothers Strut
- A Great Big World
- Kingfisha
- Bob Marley

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CAPABLE OF ANYTHING: CREATIVE SHINES WITH GRADUATE’S SUPPORT

Award winning artist, children’s book author and presenter, Peter Rowe, relies on the support of his ‘golden girl’, Tracey Wiggins to help him communicate, as he has Down Syndrome, making speech difficult.

For the first 30 years of Peter’s life he could not communicate, but thanks to a system called Facilitated Communication (FC) and assistance from Tracey, he can now lead a full and meaningful life.

“Tracey is just a delight,” Peter said.

Tracey completed a Diploma of Community Services at TAFE Queensland East Coast in 2014 after identifying she desperately needed a career change from retail work.

“I was almost screaming on the inside; I just wasn’t happy and couldn’t quite work out what I wanted to do.”

Having agonised over the decision, Tracey eventually went to TAFE’s Mooloolaba campus to enrol and has not looked back since.

Tracey describes working with Peter on his children’s books, art and presentation opportunities as a privilege and an honour.

“I’m so happy now and I really tie it back to going to TAFE; I’m so glad I did it,” she said.

One of the major projects Tracey is working on with Peter is his ‘Josh’ series of children’s books, which are aimed at young children with a focus on celebrating and accepting difference.

“The books are for young children, but will help anyone who is open to having an understanding of how to look at differences and appreciate and respect that we are not bound by or defined by the disability we have,” Peter said.

“The writing of these books has been possible because of the support of people like Tracey, who like her, are passionate, supportive and let me be me,” he added.

“I was almost screaming on the inside; I just wasn’t happy and couldn’t quite work out what I wanted to do.”

Find Peter on at Facebook or visit his website peter-rowe.info to purchase books or find out more about his work.

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SUMMER RECIPE

Berry Smasher Mocktail

INGREDIENTS
One tablespoon of sugar syrup
Soda water
Ice
Half a lime
Five blackberries or blueberries
Five raspberries
A few strawberries
Mint

METHOD
Add the syrup to a shaker of crushed ice and soda water
Crush berries and limes with mortar and pestle
Place in shaker with ice and soda water
Shake well and pour into glass
Garnish with strawberries and blueberries and a bit of mint

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LAKKARI KIM NEVER EXPECTED TO WIN AWARDS for her designs when she started her studies with TAFE this year, but the young Diploma of Fashion student is turning heads for all the right reasons, with her flair for drama and futuristic designs captivating the local community.

This year her creations were showcased in the Wearable Art competition at World Environment Day on the Sunshine Coast, which attracts thousands of visitors annually.

Much to Lakkari’s surprise, her colourful canvas creation came second in the People’s Choice competition, recognising her fun and energetic approach to wearable art.

“I was inspired after an episode of Project Runway where they had to create an outfit from materials they got from the $2.00 store — one girl used plain white art canvases, so I thought wouldn’t it be cool to have different artworks on it,” she said.

“I really liked the idea of a kind of futuristic look with all those geometric shapes and 3D elements.”

The process of creating a garment like this is fairly exhaustive. Lakkari applied several months and hours of research to investigate future fashion trends, before combining these with her unique style to start the development phase of her design.

Lakkari’s winning streak has also extended to her designs in bridal wear, with her bridal design recently winning the Calico Bride competition, which will be featured in Queensland Bride’s magazine at the end of 2015.

“We had to make a wedding dress out of calico with an allowance of 20% of other fabrics, so I used cream calico and old lace curtain from the op shop and put the curtain over the calico and spray painted it so that the calico looked like lace.”

Lakkari hopes to one day have her own international label, working toward that goal in Australia first.

The enthusiastic designer is modest about her success, but it won’t be long until she’s storming runways across the country with her revolutionary designs.

“I love what I do and can’t wait to finish my studies and continue to be adventurous with my designs and share them with the world.”
Over the next 18 months Merrie Tomkins won’t be in Australia very much, with a whirlwind international tour including South Korea, Belgium and the USA all planned over the next year; taking her ceramic skills across the globe.

“I’m really getting to live my two passions—ceramics and travel—and it’s all thanks to TAFE really.”

“Had you said I could achieve what I have now, I wouldn’t have believed you, but attending TAFE opened doors internationally and it has been so exciting,” she said.

“I’m proud of myself as I didn’t think I was able to achieve this. The support from teachers made it worthwhile.”

Merrie’s career in ceramics started over 27 years ago with a presence at a local artisan market.

One morning she noticed a TAFE stall at the markets and the teacher at the stall encouraged her to consider a course to take her creativity to the next level.

“I eventually called a few weeks later and Andrew who was at the market said: ‘We’re having an open day today, can you get down here?’

“Twenty minutes later I was there and enrolled.”

Merrie is passionate about applying global skills to her craft. This year, she applied all she learned from a recent visit to Jingdezhen China (the world capital of porcelain), concentrating on making chawans, which are ceremonial tea bowls used throughout much of Asia.

Merrie’s TAFE experience has been nothing short of inspirational and she enjoys the opportunity to share her knowledge and skills with such an enthusiastic class.

“I LOVE coming here and being with everyone so like minded. It’s a family who all look out for each other.

“For me I was stuck in a rut with my art and with TAFE the blinkers came off – there is so much to explore. People will make things and it will inspire me to make something else.”

ABOVE Merrie’s chawan (ceremonial tea bowl)
SWEAT IT OUT THIS SUMMER WITH THESE FITNESS TIPS

YOU HAVE TO LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR. SUNNY DAYS, BBQ’S, DRINKS WITH FRIENDS, RELAXING...AND HEAPS OF TIME TO TRAIN!

Whether you’re on an exotic holiday or just taking time off work, there are heaps of ways to stay active this summer.

Fitness Tips

1. A morning walk
   The sun is up before 5am and the heat of the day isn’t too intense. It’s the perfect time to exercise and a great way to kick start your day.

2. Embrace your inner gym junkie
   If you are still keen to pump your guns on holidays you can pay a casual visit fee or take out a short term membership.

3. Get going outdoors
   These sessions are everywhere. This is an awesome way to do some different types of training and a great way to meet new friends while you’re on holidays!

4. Hit the beach
   Is there a better way to beat the heat? Running on sand will hit more leg muscles and burn more calories than a road run.

CAMPUS COUTURE

Fashion students Aaron Grant, Olivia Sullivan and Teigan Lindley took a stroll with us to spot some trendsetters on campus.

JESSE COSTOLLOE
Studying Community Services
Jesse’s nautical look was a hook from afar. Aahrrrr. Few people could pull off such a bold look, but the critics agreed Jesse was on point with his seafaring style. His outrageous hair is awesome (Teigan and Olivia).

VIOLET FOX
Studying Youth Work
“Laid back punk” Violet was coy about being photographed saying she really didn’t like it, but the team agreed she’s gorgeous and should share her carefree style. It’s laid back and effortless (Teigan).

JOSHUA KEMP
Studying Fashion
Josh said he likes to be unique with a different look to others on the coast. This cruisy Coasty got the nod of approval from our budding fashionistas. Love the funkiness of print on his shirt (Aaron).
TOP NOTCH WOOD INSPIRES CUSTOMISED FURNITURE CREATIONS

Classmates Brendon Spalding and Ben Lawrance have one big thing in common – a love of making unique furniture pieces with precision craftsmanship.

With a perfectionist approach to detail and a flair for creativity, the gifted students’ Cabinet Making teacher Roxley Bye acknowledged their talent, saying he was really blown away with their projects.

“Some students go over and above what's required and you can see that in the results,” he said.

“We’re one of the few training providers still teaching design in solid furniture, allowing students in stage four of their apprenticeship (Certificate IV Cabinet Making) to show their creativity making products.”

Brendon made his TV entertainment unit from top quality American oak with a white lacquer veneer board and solid timber edging. With ‘push to open’ doors and mesh encasing a DVD slot, his clever design surpasses industry standards for fine furniture and is likely to go into a major Australian furniture competition next year.

A secret button opening the drawers to Ben’s entertainment unit made from salvaged hardwood is one of the highlights of his unique piece. It also features a pane of shattered glass between two solid pieces of glass and changeable led lights illuminating it.

Study tips

RHYS MELVILLE SHARES HIS SECRETS TO SMASHING HIS DIPLOMA OF GRAPHIC DESIGN

1 Teamwork & collaboration matters. At TAFE it’s really great to be working in a group regularly where we bounce ideas off each other and get feedback.

2 Get your music sorted. Always have a good soundtrack going before you get stuck in.

3 Stock up. Be prepared with plenty of food and drink and don’t forget to sleep. Creative ideas need time to brew.

4 Try to avoid procrastinating. Prevent last minute panic and sloppy work.

5 Try to do tasks immediately. Get cracking on your list as soon as possible.
From a field of hundreds of students across the State, Nick Golding has caught the attention of the design world with his surf inspired office winning the prestigious Queensland Building and Design Awards.

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“We have a strong reputation for exceptional students and every win we have demonstrates the strength and industry relevance of the course, particularly as designers from the packaging industry judge these awards,” Gary said.

GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDENTS CREATE REAL DESIGNS FOR REAL BRANDS

BRANDING YOUR BUSINESS

By Gary Chapman, Graphic Design teacher and industry expert

FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT
Your branding is often the first point of contact with a potential client, so be bold and make sure you positively influence your customers’ overall impression.

KEEP IT FRESH
Keeping products and services fresh in consumers’ minds is important. Personalisation through design is a key ingredient to effectively reflect the business and ensure its success.

PICTURES TRUMP WORDS
Strong design can convey a message more persuasively than the written word. People are more likely to look at an advertisement heavy in graphics than read a lot of text. Design can be far more disruptive in today’s heavily saturated market, so give your brand impact through superior design.

BRANDING = LOYALTY
Branding helps generate and retain loyalty of customers and turn them into ambassadors for your brand. Building brand equity is important; it keeps your customers coming back for more.

CONSISTENCY IS KING
Brands that are always clear put customers at ease as they know what to expect each time they experience it. Be sure to be consistent in your approach.
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