



QUT students cop valuable real-life advice

QUT students are tapping into decades of policing experience and real-life cases this year, thanks to Queensland Police officer Inspector Christopher Emzin (pictured) being recruited by QUT's School of Justice as the university's first visiting police associate.

Insp Emzin, who is a QUT law graduate, is half-way through a 12-month appointment that involves him delivering guest lectures, mentoring students and assisting with research. The role aims to improve links among law enforcement, QUT's policing and criminology students, and researchers in the QUT Crime and Justice Research Centre.

Professor Kerry Carrington, head of QUT's School of Justice, said Insp Emzin had a wealth of knowledge to share.

"He has an enormous amount of experience in the justice sector, and networks of great value to the school," Prof Carrington said.

"Insp Emzin is working collaboratively on projects with us, including those involving Indigenous

people, improving probation and parole and how to make policing systems more responsive to contemporary demands."

With more than 30 years of experience in the Queensland Police, Insp Emzin has worked in prosecutions, the flood crisis review group and counter terrorism.

"I complement the world-leading learning and research environment of QUT with my contemporary, real-life experiences in policing and in the law and the justice system generally," he said.

Insp Emzin has insights into the workings of prosecution cases from both a policing and legal perspective, as he holds a law degree from QUT, Master of Laws from Griffith University and is admitted as a barrister-at-law.

As an Indigenous officer, Insp Emzin is also working with QUT's Oodgeroo Unit to provide support to Indigenous students.

"I want to help the next generation of Indigenous police officers to be as successful as possible in roles throughout the justice profession," he said.

Graduates lead the way



TWENTY-SIX Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders from across Australia have graduated from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program (NATSILP), held in Canberra.

The NATSILP was designed by Indigenous people to develop leaders for the future. The program supports participants' leadership aspirations by providing them with experiences to learn from other leaders and each other.

Australian Rural Leadership Foundation program director Scott Gorrington said participants walk in the footsteps of remarkable Indigenous leaders.

"They connect with the leadership capacity of our past, and remember and learn from their stories to set a way

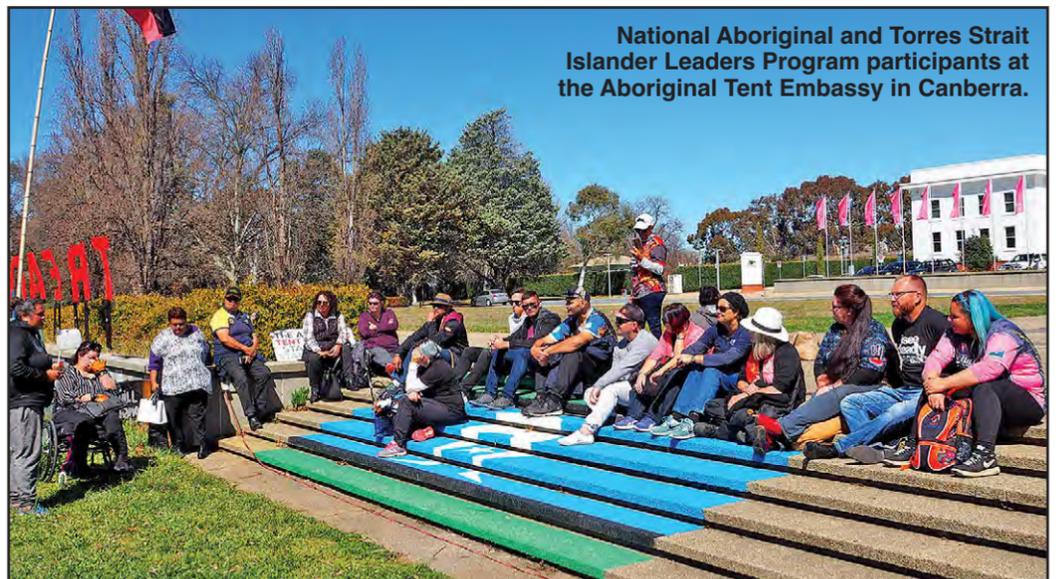
forward into the future," he said.

"These 26 leaders have already completed one session in either Shepparton (Victoria) or Cairns (Queensland), and have come together in Canberra to further develop their understanding of themselves as leaders.

"The participants have begun to co-create robust conversations that will engage significant shifts across the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander landscape."

This is the first year of the NATSILP, with more than 50 people graduating from the programs delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. The initiative is supported and funded by the Australian Government.

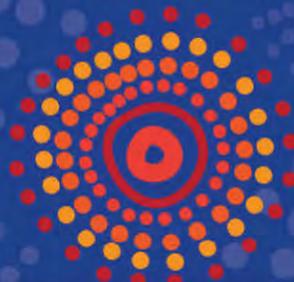
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National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program participants at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra.

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