

The Power of Engagement with Professional Associations

Professional Industry Associations are typically the central access point for information, resources and networking opportunities for career professionals.

Within the sector student learning is positioned within the academic purview. However, the time required to establish and maintain relationships with professional associations can be prohibitive to academic staff. Given this, professional staff at the CQUniversity Cairns Campus, working in tandem with academic staff, take carriage of these relationships.

Through meaningful engagement with professional associations, programs can be identified or developed which provide university students with significant extra-curricular learning experience opportunities, delivering invaluable personal and professional growth.

CQUni Cairns Case Study

Upon opening in 2015, the CQUni Cairns campus sought to identify industry connections and learning opportunities for its students. This led to CQUni applying to becoming a member of the Far North QLD Law Association. The FNQLA's mentoring program pairs budding law students with law professionals, and through its industry engagement evenings Indigenous law student, Nareeta Davis was selected as a mentee by Her Honour Judge Josephine Willis, Federal Circuit Court Cairns.

Her Honour Judge
Josephine Willis &
CQUni Law Alumnus
Nareeta Davis



Nareeta's Testimony

I am a previous student of CQU University. I studied a law degree externally and have since completed a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice and have been Admitted in the Supreme Court as a Lawyer in 2018. Whilst studying as a mature age student, working and raising a young family, I was privileged to be selected as a mentee to her Honour Judge Josephine Willis. This has been a treasured experience. Her Honour's encouragement and persistence in offering guidance and support has given me confidence. Her Honour's belief in me has greatly impacted upon my personal and academic journey.

Nareeta has since been awarded the prestigious QLD Law Society First Nations Legal Student of the Year (2018).

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