Regional Roadshow 2019
UQ Women in Engineering
Engineers Without Borders
Rural Roadshow Feedback

• Road trip to Darling Downs South West region 29th April – 1st May, 2019

• 3 Regioneering volunteers – all current UQ engineering students
  - Matilda Meppem – Women in Engineering
  - Aira Fabello – Engineers Without Borders
  - Tom Kim - Engineers Without Borders

• Outreach:
  - Chinchilla State High School
  - Goondiwindi State High School
  - Warwick School of Total Education
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Regional data analysis

Why this school region? Data analysis from 2016 to 2018 showed:

• Majority of female school leavers enrolling in Engineering disciplines at UQ outside of Brisbane/metro regions were from “South East” ND “North Coast” schools

• Significant decline in female enrolments from the Darling Downs SW (71%)

• Able to undertake this region as a 3 day road trip from Brisbane

• Outreach request from Goondiwindi State High School teacher

• Student leader Matilda Meppem from Westmar, near Goondiwindi and moved to Brisbane for UQ Engineering
Regional Engagement

- 148 total students in Years 9-12.
- 56 females
- 10 teachers

- Workshops
  - Women in Engineering
    - Renewable Energy
    - Making an Impact with Engineering
  - Engineers without Borders:
    - Clean Water
    - Floating Homes
    - Prosthetic Limbs
    - Sustainable Bridges
96% of all students surveyed agreed or strongly agreed they found the workshops interesting.

When asked what their favourite part of the workshops was: 60% of students enjoyed the hands-on component over all other aspects.
Feedback - Students

- 46% increase in students who “Strongly Agree” they are interested in Studying Engineering after participating in the workshops
- 62% increase in students who “Strongly Agree” they are aware of Engineering as a Career after participating in the workshops
Feedback - Teachers

ALL teachers Agreed or Strongly Agreed that:

- Workshop content was valuable to their students
- Volunteers were effective presenters and communicated the engineering message positively
- Would recommend engineering careers to their students
- Would recommend and promote the UQ WE/EWB workshop for other classes and students
### 2019 Regional Key Feeder Schools for female enrolments in Engineering at UQ

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**2019 Female School Leaver Data by School Region – enrolled in Engineering disciplines at UQ**

- Brisbane/Metro (includes Ipswich), 60%
- North Coast, 15%
- South East, 11%
- Central QLD, 6%
- North and Far North QLD, 3%
- Darling Downs South West, 5%
- Darling Downs, 2%
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- Central QLD, 6%
- North and Far North QLD, 3%
Potential for Regional Engagement

• Emerging key feeder region: **North Coast**
  - 75% increase from 2018 to 2019 in female school leavers from “North Coast” region enrolling in engineering disciplines at UQ, a road show in this area would allow for engagement with the key feeder schools and new schools
  - 50% of our key feeder regional schools in 2019 are from the North Coast school region
  - Student leader from Narangba Valley State high school and WE have had outreach request from a student in Hervey Bay this year

• Female school leavers from **South East and Logan** school region decreased 24% from 2017 to 2019 - this would be a manageable roadshow by car due to proximity to Brisbane and strategic to increase engagement and awareness of UQ engineering in the area
Potential for Regional Engagement

• One day trip from Brisbane proposal: Toowoomba
  - There are many schools in Toowoomba that could justify it’s own road show/day trip from UQ
  - 2019 Key feeder school St Ursula’s College is in this region (2 female enrolments this year) and we have teacher interest from this school in the UQ WE program
  - We also have a student leader that attended another school in Toowoomba – Fairholme College (1 female enrolment into UQ engineering every year since 2016) and has engaged with her school contacts who are very interested in the UQ We program to visit, present and run the workshop.

• One of our NEW 2019 key feeder schools was St Patricks College in Mackay with 3 female enrolments in 2019 – WE have not previously engaged with this school
Thank you

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