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GUC welcomes 2017 tutors with Community of Practice

GUC recently made welcome new and returning academic tutors for Term 1 2017 with the bi-annual Community of Practice induction and workshop.

The Community of Practice saw 12 new tutors being inducted and introduced to the GUC campus, its administration facilities and to further understand the role of academics in the GUC mixed-mode supported distance education model. The event also gave tutors, new and returning, the opportunity to network and workshop themes about GUC and its student community.

"We have some 40 academic tutors this year. It's terrific to see such local talent and to have these industry professionals helping to nurture and support the future professionals that our region will need to grow and prosper," Director Natalie Nelmes said.

Merle Meyer, who tutors in the CQUniversity Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) explained what she liked most about providing academic support to students at GUC.

"South Africans have a saying, 'local is lekker' meaning 'local is nice'. At GUC tutors play a vital role in supporting the students. Not only am I supporting the region's future professional Social Workers, I am learning with the students and best of all – keeping it local!" said Ms Merle.

For Isabelle Greenfield the recent Community of Practice was part of her induction into the GUC academic community.

"For me it is my first year tutoring at GUC and immediately I got the feeling of joining a highly professional organisation who live up to their values and ensure students get the best possible education while staying in Geraldton," Ms Greenfield said.

Most of all the Community of Practice is a chance for academic staff at GUC to network and support each other.

"Peer support! It gave me the opportunity to meet new tutors such as Sue Herbert, who is a new tutor in Psychological Science. We had a great chat," stated Ms Meyer.

The GUC model of mixed mode delivery sees students accessing online curriculum from GUC's university partners (CQUniversity and the University of Southern Queensland) as well as additional academic support from its tutors by attending the Centre typically for a two hour tutorial each week or an intensive block of tuition in each unit of study.

"Tutors of the calibre that we have been able to attract allows GUC to run the expanded range of programs that we now have at the Centre and deliver an excellent standard of academic support that is particularly relevant to our community," Ms Nelmes said.

Welcome to the new GUC tutors for 2017 including;



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Amanda Silvester, Andy Russ, Belinda Lycett, Brent Parsons, Claire Courtney, Colin Johnson, Glenn Varley, Isabelle Greenfield, Jade Fallon, Jess Wain, Kaylene Tomkins, Reg Whitely and Sue Herbert.

For those wanting to know more about becoming part of the record breaking success of GUC contact the Centre on 9920 4400 or email info@guc.edu.au

Ends ... Photo Credit: GUC tutors in action at the 2017 Term 1 Community of Practice workshop.