

AGTECH Connections

The newsletter of the Australian
Technology & Agricultural
College 'Connecting the College with the
Community'

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College Founder/CEO

Dr Narendra Nand

Principal's Message

As the greens in front of the College grows, it attracts more wild birds and the attention of passersby. ATAC has become more visible from the Mount Lindesay Highway and the installation of the lights by Main Roads at the Greenbak Road junction will make an easy and safer access to the college. However, we are still waiting for a driveway similar to what has been provided to other land holders along the highway. From 2nd September the service road from Olley's Orange to BP service Station will be opened and this would greatly help the local businesses. This service road will also be used by ATAC until the lights become operational in November. Thanks to TMR and the government for this development for safety and convenience of all road users.

The North Maclean Community Garden members will soon begin planting as the weather becomes more favourable. If any community member wishes to join the group, please contact the college. Bee All Natural has been working to set up hives at the College but Jason and Natasha are very busy celebrating the win of the a prestigious award, Queensland AgriFutures Rural Women's Award won by Natasha. The exciting Native Bee project is to support young and old local bee-keepers. Inclusion of new infusions of bushfoods with honey is another initiative, Natasha and Jason wish to take for innovative and healthy value-added products that will be unique and marketable.



ATAC has partnered with ONESTOP Training (RTO) to provide short term training programs for skilling young people to find employment more quickly. Students are currently doing Certificate I in Process Manufacturing and then 3-Day Forklift and Scissor training will be provided onsite in September. The courses are planned to be ongoing from time to time. Members of the general public of all ages, employed or unemployed are invited to do the training for upskilling and improving future job opportunities.

For the first time, the 7th Bushfoods Conference will be held at the ATAC site on 28 September 2019. All previous conferences organized by Dr Nand and Professor Rod Drew since 1999, were held at Griffith University (Nathan or Logan) Campuses. Emeritus Professor Rod Drew is our Patron and Dr Nand is an adjunct lecturer at Griffith. Dr Ian Cock (ATAC Chairman), Professor Sarojini Choy and Mr. Ganeshan Rao are currently senior staff at Griffith University who form our Board along with Ms. Irene Bayldon, a community worker and President of Ethnic Schools Association of Queensland, while Mr Bhuwal Syna is a retired agriculturist. Our highly qualified, experienced and active Board meet every month to ensure that we continue to provide education and training in the best way possible. Completion of the Road access and potentially new initiatives will assist more local community members and many students to join ATAC.

Mr Gary Suthers and I share the teaching load of since Mr Ravi Naidu who has resigned last week. ATAC thanks him for his services and wishes him all the best for the future.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. As semester two come to an end, students have been working on their English assessment, designing a review web-site that they can add their written review and record a video of their review that can be attached. They could choose from a variety of text that they could review; a music video clip, a video game, a television program or a short film. I have also given student grammar activities and word activities to help improve their overall English skills. In science the year 10's have been learning the common scientific laws and basic physics, leading to building a self-propelling vehicle. For Maths, students have been working on money, percentages, discount and loans, obtaining an income, spending, borrowing and investing

All students have become more focused as we move toward end of term assessment, thank you to those who are assisting students at home as we work together to achieve even better grades this term.

Radhika Behal

Business Development Manager

Thank you all those who have been enquiring about enrolment at ATAC for 2020. Your expressions of interest are on file and hope you can confirm your enrolment to secure a place at a 50% tuition fee discount before 15th October. If you or any one you know who wishes to do a short 3-day Forklift training, you can also contact me and we can arrange it for you. We greatly appreciate your fee payment on time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I would be too happy to assist you.

PROPOSED ONSITE TRAINING IN SHORT COURSES FOR QUICK ENTRY INTO JOBS



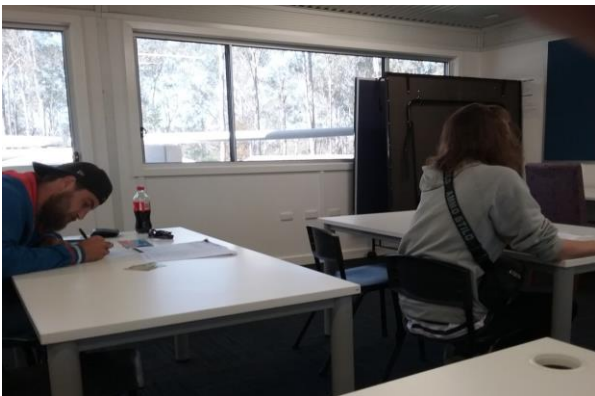
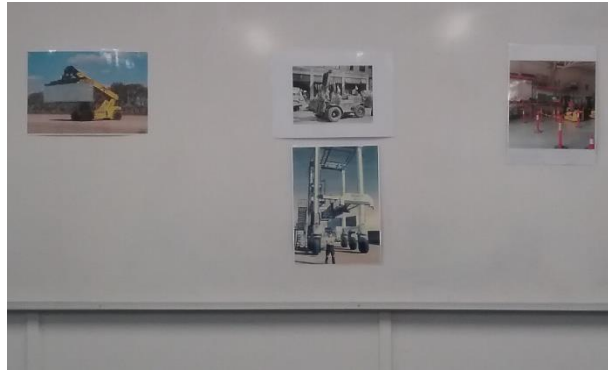
Mr. Craig Butler (left) and Mr. Jeff Lamb (right) Directors of ONESTOP Training (RTO No 31737) with Dr Nand. A great partnership for short term training of young people on ATAC site in Process Manufacturing, Forklift and Scissor Operation.

Process Manufacturing Cert I: (10 Days)
Monday 26 August – Friday 6 September 2019
8.30am - 4.00 pm

Forklift Training: First Session
11th to 13th September 2019
Dates for the other sessions will be made available soon.

For Further Enquiries: ONE STOP TRAINING
(One Stop Group Pty.Ltd. RTO No 31737)
www.onestoptraining.com.au





One Stop Information & Enrolment session was held on Thursday 22 August 2019 from 8.30 am -10.30 am at ATAC. New trainees are hard at work doing their Literacy and Numeracy Assessment for Processes and Manufacturing Certificate I Course.

2019 SCHOOL TERMS DATES

Term 3 (10 weeks)	Monday July 15	Friday September 20
Spring Vacation	Monday September 23	Friday October 4
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Monday October 7	Friday December 13
Competency Completion	Monday December 16	Tuesday December 24



Forklifts for short 3-day onsite training at ATAC (11th to 13th September, 2019). Enquiries for enrolment at ATAC or One Stop Training.

ATAC Well-Wishers supporting our students. They can be contacted on their websites.



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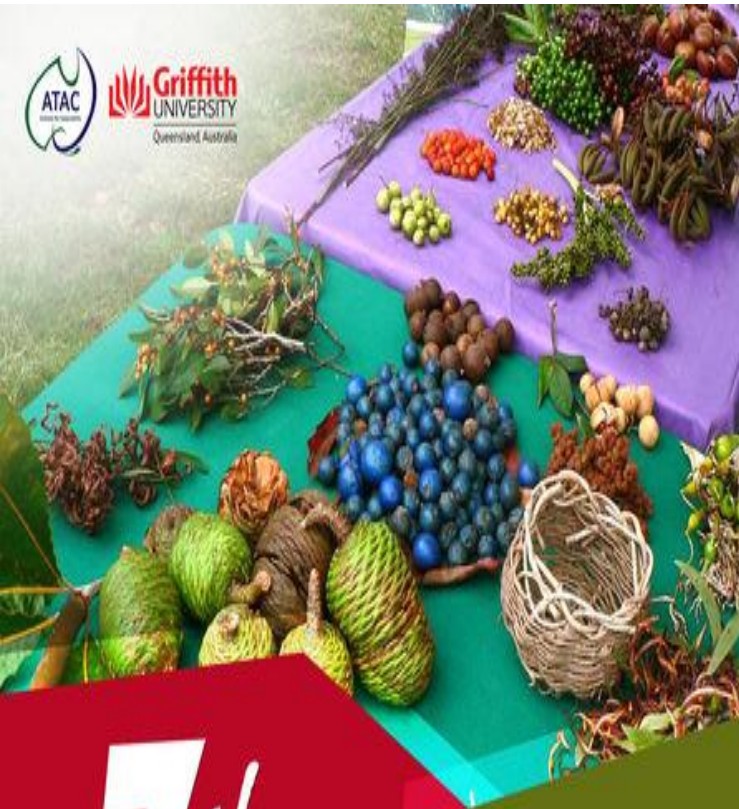


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COMBAT SYSTEMS

7th Bushfoods Conference:

On Saturday 28th September 2019 at ATAC.

(Nb: Margaret Saunders replaces Paula Nihot at 3.10 pm presentation). We sincerely apologise for the change, since Paula has withdrawn due to unforeseen personal reasons. We also apologise to Paula if advertisements of the program have gone out to the public.



7th QUEENSLAND BUSH FOODS CONFERENCE

“Meeting the growing demands of bushfoods”

DATE:
28th
September 2019

VENUE:
Australian Technology & Agricultural College.
4808 – 4822 Mount Lindesay Highway,
North Maclean, Qld 4280

REGISTRATION: 8:30 - 9:00 am

FEE: \$40.00 includes tea & lunch (QBA members \$30.00)

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PROGRAMME

8:30 REGISTRATION

SESSION 1: Dr. Narendra Nand (ATAC/GU)

9:00 WELCOME – Emeritus Prof. Rod Drew (ATAC/GU)

9:10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Gerard Kath (President of Papaya Australia)
“A Case Study” - Transport & Logistics of Fruit & Vegetable Crops

9:50 Doug Brownlow (QBA) “Growing Bushfoods for Profit”

10:10 John Wrench (QBA) “Mind your Bushfood Language”

10:30 MORNING TEA BREAK

SESSION 2: Natasha Reebig (Bee All Natural)

11:00 Dr Boyd Wright (QBA) “Aboriginal Seed Food & Narcotic”
from the Gibson Desert in WA

11:20 Ben Sipple (Grazing Management, Narromine, NSW)
“Saltbush - Bushfood for Animal Feed”

11:40 Emeritus Prof Rod Drew (ATAC/GU) “Diversification with Bushfoods”

12:20 Ralph Bailey (Guymer Bailey Architects) “Favourite Bushfood
Plants for Urban & Suburban Landscape Designs”

12:40 - 1:30 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 3: Mr Ganeshan Rao (GU)

1:30 Jason & Natasha Roebig (Bee All Natural) “Native Bees &
Honey infusions with Bushfoods”

2:00 Dr Satish Choy (Marine Ecologist & Energy Consultant) “Native
Fish & Crayfish Species for Commercial Aquaculture & River Stocks”

2:30 Jude Mayall (QBA) “Value-adding of Bushfood Products”

2:50 Dr Shivani Gandhi (Springwood Wellness Centre) “Australian
Native Flowers in Natural Healing”

3:10 Paula Nihot (Yugambeh Language & Heritage)- “Aboriginal
Perspectives of Medicinal Bushfoods and Catering Business Opportunity”

3:30 Doug & Tracey Goebel (QBA) “Commercialisation of Bushfoods
in the Lockyer Valley”

3:50 Panel Discussion, Presentation of Products & Displays

4:30 CLOSE