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From the 1st of January 2001, Surveying and Mapping studies will be under an improved organisational structure of the new "SCHOOL OF DESIGN AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT" within the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering. The working group for the merger have spent three months preparing the submission to University Council for undertaking the bold move. This new school combines the former schools of Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Surveying & Architecture, Interior Design and Industrial Design along with the relatively new discipline of Urban Design into one larger School.

The combination of Design and Built Environment disciplines with one administrative support unit will create new exciting opportunities for cross-disciplinary projects, particularly in the land development and spatial sciences area. The new organisational structure and management approach will maintain and strengthen an already strong discipline based approach to education programs for professional courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The combined school has around 1040 students associated with its seven disciplines. The contact telephone numbers and addresses at Gardens Point Campus will not change. The interim Head of School of Design and Built Environment is Dr Janelle Allison.

Dr Sue Buzer and Robert Webb recently attended the Mapping Sciences conference in Sydney. The conference was generally up-beat in atmosphere with a very interesting presentation by the Honourable Tim Fisher MP on his world travels and the community reliance on spatial information and maps. The new mapping horizons appear to be multimedia mapping and map/ spatial information and data accessed over the Wireless Application Protocol through mobile telephones.

If surveying and mapping companies and organisations have potential student projects which may be suitable for undergraduate surveying and mapping students, contact the project co-ordinator Robert Webb telephone (07) 3864 2434 or fax a brief one-page description of a potential project to (07) 3864 1809. The project subject consists of five weeks introductory lectures followed by individual student research undertaken from Easter to early-October.

