Message from the MQES President

Exam time is just around the corner, and I wish everyone the best with their exams and have a great summer break (or Session 3 for the more studious amongst us).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that took part in the MQES BBQ that was held two weeks ago. A special thanks goes out to the committee and other members that helped cook, clean, sell and DJ on the day that made the event a complete success.

The Latex workshop held on the same day also received favourable response from the attendees and I would like to thank the committee members that organised and ran the event, and the MQES members who attended on the day.

This friday I look forward to seeing everybody out at the end of year party and to talk with you all about future plans and ideas for next year.

Pierce Rixon
MQES President

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#1 :: Newsletter Issue #1 Problems - please whitelist MQES

Due to Macquarie University’s email settings, our bulk mail out of issue 1 was spam filtered by the email server. It is likely this will occur with this issue too. As a short term fix we are posting the newsletters on the [MQES Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MQES) as well. In the long term we will be setting up a email delay problem to send out emails in smaller batches at set intervals, which will get around the spam filtering issues.

To ensure you get emails from MQES please whitelist our emails in your spam filter:
- MQESCommittee@gmail.com
- MQES_Memberships@gmail.com

That way you will be able to stay up to date with not only future newsletters, but also other updates and announcements.
#2 :: Informal Meetup #2/S2-2012

The second MQES Informal Meetup is happening on Friday 9th November at 2pm, at Marxine’s Cafe. With the end of the year holidays fast approaching, we invite all members to take a break from exam study and find out what’s in store for MQES over the summer break and into next year. It’s a great chance to provide the MQES committee with feedback about how you think we are going, and to pitch ideas for future events or projects MQES can run/organise.

Meetups are a great chance to catch up with other MQES members and engineering students. They can help students to form study groups, to make new friends, and to give or receive advice on extra curricular projects.

Going forward meetups will be held every week of semester - with the next one in Week 2, S1 2013. So come along to the last one of the year!

**Time:** 2pm  
**Date:** Friday 9th November, 2012  
**Location:** Marxine’s Cafe  
**Extra:** Look for your friends or committee members at or around the cafe, we won’t be able to have the banner out in such an enclosed location - but we will have some signage up on the day.

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#3 :: Outcome of Fundraising BBQ for Summer Project 2012-2013

The sun was shining, the tunes were pumping, the snags were sizzling, and everybody was having a good day at the MQES BBQ. In fact we sold out of our original stock of snags in 30 minutes! It's been fantastic to have this much interest generated to help support the upcoming 2012-2013 MQES Summer Project.

In terms of raising funds for the 2012-2013 MQES Summer Project the BBQ was a great success! We now have enough funds set aside to get the project off the ground. So the MQES Committee would like to say - thanks so much for all your support!

We will be having a big chat about the MQES Summer Project at the MQES Informal Meetup this Friday. If you want to get involved in the project, to find out more about it, or to have input into it’s subject the best thing to do is attend the meetup.

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#4 :: Inaugural Engineering End of Year Party

This Friday is the last day of classes for 2012, finally its over! but exams are coming up so soon...

MQES has the solution! You're invited to a friendly get together at the Chatswood Bavarian Bier Cafe on Friday the 9th of November (the last day of classes).

Come and talk about exam tips, the upcoming MQES summer project, network with your peers, help MQES plan how to follow through on our successes of S2, 2012! Grab your engineering buddies and celebrate the end of classes and the coming of Summer holidays.

**RSVP here:** [https://www.facebook.com/events/109587665867504/](https://www.facebook.com/events/109587665867504/)  
**Time:** 7:00 - 10:00  
**Date:** Friday 9th November, 2012  
**Location:** Bavarian Bier Cafe - Chatswood
#5 :: LaTeX Workshop Report and future workshop plans

October 25th saw the launch of the first in a series of workshops aimed at enthusiasts wanting to hone their skill set or be exposed to new and interesting technologies. The first workshop was an introduction to LaTeX typesetting. With attendance ranging from first year undergraduate students to PhD candidates in their second and third year, the workshop was certainly well received.

The workshop was a two hour interactive session introducing the ideas behind LaTeX typesetting, the principles of managing references and bibliography files, and some introductory notes for tables, figures, and other environments commonly used in documents of interest to the attendees. Further exercises in debugging common errors and other quirks were introduced as a way of preparing the students new to LaTeX typesetting, some of the stumbling blocks along the way were also presented.

As a result, a great interest has been expressed for targeting more specialised workshops in LaTeX typesetting for PhD candidates, honours students, and for those who have a requirement for the typesetting in assignments and reports. If there is this much enthusiasm for other topic areas, then 2013 is looking to be a great year for MQES.

Keep an eye out in the 2013 calendar for other workshops on topics like advanced C++ programming techniques, MatLAB, presentation tips, interview and reporting skills, and workshops with Arduino and Raspberry Pi's!

#6 :: Message from the Secretary

I’m really happy to report that MQES recruited our 100th member at the Society BBQ. This is very exciting news to the MQES Committee - we have exceeded our expectations on membership levels this semester by a great deal.

This first semester of MQES being affiliated has be centred on recruiting members, getting the MQES brand out there and laying some foundations for us to expand upon next year. So while we are really happy to report our successes in membership rest assured over the summer break we will concentrate on giving back to our members.

MQES are looking forward to changing gears over summer to let our members get involved in activities, as well as working on material for member workshops for 2013. The first such activity members can get involved with is the 2012-2013 summer project - please come along to the informal meeting this friday if you want to find out more.

I wish all our members the best of luck with any remaining final assignments and with the upcoming exams!

Joe Campbell
MQES Secretary

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That’s all for this issue of the newsletter guys! If you have any ideas for future issues come and have a chat to MQES Committee members at an informal meetup.

Next year the newsletter will be expanded to include feature articles once a month written by undergraduate and higher degree students, alumni, and academic staff.

There will be one more issue this year after exams providing both a retrospective and an update on summer break activities.

All the best with your exams!

From the MQES Team

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Facebook :: http://www.facebook.com/MQ.Engineering.society

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