MEDIA RELEASE
9 October 2012

RUN universities build links in teaching and learning

The Regional Universities Network (RUN) will hold a major workshop at Southern Cross University’s Gold Coast Campus on Friday, 12 October, to grow further collaboration in teaching and learning.

The Chair of RUN, Professor David Battersby, said that the workshop would enable the network to make further progress towards achieving objectives in the RUN Accord, a multi-lateral agreement across the RUN universities enabling them to partner in a range of activities.

“One of the Accord’s aims is to boost the range of courses available to regional students by pooling teaching resources. Course units unavailable at one university can be offered by distance to others broadening the scope of offerings available in a cost-effective manner,” Professor Battersby said.

“Together we can address issues in regional delivery such as sparse markets using the specialisation of our institutions.

“Some of our members are already teaching engineering, arts and language units to students at other RUN universities.”

The Chair of the RUN Academic Group, Professor Birgit Lohmann, said that the workshop would focus on building collaboration in the delivery of science, maths, engineering, languages and performing arts.

“We will also explore ways to enrich our teacher training courses in maths, science and languages. Teachers with broader training in these areas may inspire school students to take up the subjects at university,” Professor Lohmann said.

“RUN universities play a key role in developing human capital and transforming lives in regional Australia,” Professor Battersby said.

“We are committed to enhancing our capacity and sustainability through greater collaboration as a network of like-minded institutions.”

Contact: Dr Caroline Perkins
Executive Director, Regional Universities Network
0408 482 736