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From: UQ Drupal CMS Transition Team  

Dear Stakeholders,

The UQ Drupal team is excited to announce the first release of UQ Drupal with a simple Starter Site template available for selected UQ sites. At the end of 2015, UQ’s current CMS (OCMPS) will be phased out. This is the first release towards this goal.

**Take part in release 1**

The team is seeking expressions of interest from organisational units that would like to put forward their site to be one of the first Starter Sites. This opportunity is available to organisational units that have suitable support resources and website development knowledge in-house, and of a smaller nature. At this stage there is no central support available as the training and support is being developed in conjunction with this release. There is basic online help available for Starter Sites only.

Organisational units selected for this release will be contributing to UQs knowledge and skill with the new platform. They will work closely with the team, providing feedback, contributing to help guides and training, suggestions, and workflow improvements as we move forward to migrate the University across to the new standard platform. UQ Drupal information sessions will begin soon and will provide much more detail about the transition, please check the UQ Drupal site and UQ Update for details.

If you would like to register your site for consideration, please complete the expression of interest form [http://drupal.uq.edu.au/uq-drupal-web-site-registration](http://drupal.uq.edu.au/uq-drupal-web-site-registration).

**The next steps**

The UQ Drupal transition team will select organisational units from the expressions of interest and commence working on the first round of Starter Sites during April. The core team will continue working on the UQ Drupal core features and infrastructure, along with developing UQ Central portfolio web sites.

Release 2 is scheduled for June 30 2014 and will include further refinements and additions to features based on feedback from the sites and training being developed between April – May 2014, and a wider release of Starter Sites.

For further information, information session dates and times, and Release 1 expressions of interest, please visit [drupal.uq.edu.au](http://drupal.uq.edu.au).

**What's in Release 1?**

**Introducing Central Data**

The UQ Drupal starter site comes with a range of centrally available data that will allow site administrators to:

- Install common UQ content types (News Article, Event) easily.
- Install common UQ Taxonomies (Semester Dates, Org Unit Tree) easily.
- Share content between sites (e.g your News Articles can be submitted to UQ News for review and display).
**Improved interface**

The UQ Drupal starter site has an improved user interface making site administration even easier. Site administrators will be able to:

- Rearrange their front pages quickly and easily by dragging in common elements (sliders, featured lists) and customising to suit individual sites.
- Move menu items and other ordered lists easily.
- Access administrative interface easily and quickly.

**Integrated UQ Single Sign on**

UQ Single Sign On is integrated into the UQ Drupal starter site. This means that site administrators can:

- Assign roles based on attributes to users and other staff responsible for content editing.
- Assign roles based on group membership (e.g. from active directory) to users and other staff responsible for content editing.

**Pre-built template**

The new UQ Drupal starter sites contain:

- Common UQ design layouts to save hours of manual effort and easily maintain UQ branding.
- Common blocks and views to display your content in a consistent and user friendly manner.

**Easy to use Image Styles**

Images in the UQ Drupal Starter Sites will be much easier to use. Features include:

- Pre-defined image styles that can be applied to any of your images throughout your UQ Drupal site. This means far less editing images manually in Photoshop or large uncompressed imagery that may be slowing your site down.

If you would like to come to an informal demonstration on April 15, 2014 session please email Dee McGrath, CMS Transition Manager, uqdrupal@uq.edu.au.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during the transition.

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Regards

The UQ Drupal Transition Team