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# Kym mixes maths with minerals to win Edinburgh trip



Student Conference winner Kym Runge, left,  
with runner-up Sanjeeva Latchireddi

Former Broken Hill resident Kym Runge will be off to Edinburgh in Scotland next year after winning the award for best paper at the sixth annual Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre student conference.

Kym's paper on the mathematics behind the flotation process, where minerals separate from ore, impressed the panel of judges chaired by the University of Queensland's Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ted Brown.

To win the prize of an overseas trip to a conference of her choice, Kym had to fend off stiff competition from a strong contingent of Australian and international students, including postgraduates from India, Papua New Guinea, China, and Wales.

Noted as a world leader in mining and minerals engineering research, the University of Queensland's Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre at Indooroopilly in Brisbane attracted a large crowd of researchers, engineering students and mining industry personnel to the annual conference.

Runner up was Sanjeeva Latchireddi who received a \$200 book prize sponsored by the Australian Mineral Foundation for his presentation on a patented design for pulp lifters in grate discharge mills at mine sites.

Pasminco Century mine consultant Mr Joe Grimmond delivered the keynote address on changing trends towards fly in fly out employment at Australian mine sites versus the continued development of company mining towns.

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