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CELEBRATING
100
YEARS
1917-2017



2017 has been a wonderful year in the life of Wesley College. Centenary celebrations have helped the College welcome back many old friends to join in the festivities and reminisce about their time at Wesley. On October 4th, 2017, we welcomed back our former Senior Students, with those able to attend pictured above. The highlight of the celebrations was the Centenary Ball and Cocktail Party also held in October – please see page 65 for a report on this wonderful event.

FROM THE EDITOR

MALCOLM BROWN (fr 1965)



Having hit my 71st year, deep into retirement but busy with Rotary, a choral career of sorts, and family, I sometimes reflect on what might have been, had I known what I know now when I walked up that sloping path to the Wesley College façade for the first time in 1965. All Wesleyans have walked that path for the first time, seemingly an innocuous thing to do at the time, but it is an entry to a new world. The doors close behind the student and the college works its alchemy. Some are inspired to go on to do great things. In the last half-century, some have left hand-in-hand with future wives. At Wesley before such distraction became freely available, I decided on a certain career direction and became a modest achiever. A couple of years ago I rang Bill, a fellow fresher in 1965, thinking he might be a profile candidate for the *Wesleyan*. "Sorry mate," he said. "I am not really suitable for that sort of thing, I am just a middle order public servant in Canberra." Thank heavens there are a few of us still around.

But others who walked up that path who were brimming with talent, energy and ambition and they were always going to go places. They had almost always shone at school, and many of those who had been school captains, or duxes, or both, were destined to be Senior Students, the focus of this edition. It is said you cannot keep a good man - or woman - down and for the most part these Senior Students have gone on to great things.

Harry Bell (Fr 1947), who came third in English in the Leaving Certificate, then had to fight in World War 11, drew on his extra life experience when he became Senior Student in 1949. He then went into Law. Hot on Harry's heels as Senior Student was Alan Shepherd, who would have fought in the air had the war not ended

when it did. Alan went into Medicine, became Senior Student in 1950 and embarked on a career that took him across the world. All through the fifties and sixties they came: Reg Barrett, Senior Student, 1965, later a Supreme Court judge. Roger Houghton, Senior Student, 1968, a Rhodes Scholar then an outstanding medico. Greg Holcombe (Fr 1970), Senior Student, 1973, graduated in Law but along with his wife Helen, whom he met at Wesley, he pursued a career in professional tennis. In 1971, Ric Lucas went up the Wesley path after a year as School Captain at Sydney Grammar. He was Senior Student in 1974. He found the love of his life at Wesley, and went on to a distinguished career in the Law. Two years after Ric came John Colvin, who had been at the top of the state in HSC Economics. He became Senior Student in 1973 and pushed on into a career in Law and professional management.

In 1977, both Seth Grant and Julie Ward walked up the path, Seth having managed to top the state in HSC Physics, Chemistry and Economics. He went on to graduate in Medical Science with Distinction and in 1979, as he entered the clinical years of his medical degree, became Senior Student. Julie, having been Dux of Newcastle Girls' High School, went on to get First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law, then went off to Oxford and did a two-year course in one year and got First Class Honours, leaving the academic boffins of the Old World perhaps a little red-faced at the performance of a girl from the Dominions. She is now Chief Judge in Equity in the NSW Supreme Court.

Neil Gibson came to Wesley in 1982 to study Agricultural Science, found his wife-to-be,

became Senior Student in 1984, graduated, went into agricultural business and then into steel, where he became chairman of the Australian Steel Institute. Kimberley Holden also came to Wesley in 1982, after having been School Captain of Tara. She became Senior Student in 1986, graduated with Honours, went onto a high-flying career in international business and returned to serve Wesley as Chair of the College Foundation. Sally Kay came in 1985, having become Dux of Orange High School and became Senior Student in 1988, graduated in Arts and Law and pursued a career in the law in Australia and Britain.

The brilliant stream has continued. In 2006, Georgie Hubbard came to Wesley after having been Head Girl at Calrossy, Tamworth. She was destined to leave Wesley hand-in-hand with her beloved, Tim Alison, who entered Wesley a year after she did and in 2009 became Senior Student in succession to Georgie. Georgie went into teaching. Jackson Roberts (Fr 2012), Senior Student in 2014, graduated in Arts and Law and is still making his way on what must assuredly be another glittering career.

This year, we have lost three prominent Wesleyans: Bruce Pryor (Fr 1956), an Architecture Honours graduate, who came back to design our New Wing; Adrian Lane (Fr 1960), who was Head Prefect at The Shore School and Senior Student at Wesley in 1962, before embarking on a career in Law, business and community service; and Richard Wise, who made a great contribution to Tamworth as a citizen and a dentist. In June, in the prime of his life, he was killed in a cycling accident.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)



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MASTER'S REPORT

As I sit to write and reflect, on the last day of 2017, our Centenary year, it has been a fulsome and enjoyable year for all associated widely with the College. While in all our preparations over many years, we knew the year would draw attention and be exciting, yet we could never have predicted just how many eyes would be upon us.

This year, The Broderick Cultural Renewal project was agreed to and undertaken by five residential colleges and the University of Sydney in a first for this kind of project internationally. This was in response to media attention over the previous year, related to colleges on this campus. This provided an opportunity for an independent external expert in organisational culture, Ms Elizabeth Broderick, former Sex Discrimination Commissioner for New South Wales, to 'hold up a mirror' and look closely at our college life and provide us with an independent report which would allow us to take stock and make changes as required. With the report now available publicly on our website, we recognise the huge commitment of our students in their honest and open participation in the review, via forums, interviews and a survey, which has provided us as a community with a clear snapshot of our current culture and we are now putting in place, working collaboratively with our student leader cohort for 2018, the recommendations relevant for Wesley to ensure we remain an inclusive and cohesive community moving forward.

This has been a year of celebrations, befitting our rich and colourful history, particularly well marked by our Centenary Ball occasion in October within MacLaurin Hall, a spectacular "Wesley" evening of fine food, wine and company, exactly the way it should be celebrated and recognised.

Within a place like Wesley, one associated with the Uniting Church and established as a not for profit organisation, we rely on so many individuals who provide us with their time and expertise to assist and guide us. These volunteers work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, attending late night meetings and all day planning workshops to help drive our strategy and future plans. As the current Master, representing those Master's before me, we are indebted to these people for their commitment to our college. We can lose sight of the input they have in keeping the wheels turning. The people to recognise are our Council members, Old Cols and Uniting Church members alike, our Foundation members and individuals like our Chair of Council, currently Deborah Page A.M., our Foundation Chair, currently Kimberley Holden and our Editor for The Wesleyan, Malcolm Brown. Without these people, driving our committees, recording our history and stories, bringing us together to reminisce, we would not be the rich and vibrant community that we are today. We are indebted to our volunteers and in 2017, we recognise their contributions as significant in our history.

In 2017, in launching our Strategy 2021, we considered our vision with a view to being aspirational and forward thinking, representing our strength of position in the current University Residential sector. Our vision is 'to ensure our pre-eminence as a leading and most respected university college in Australia, known for its inclusiveness and achievement; where its students flourish and excel, and where its Old Collegians are proud and supportive of the continued success of the college.' This is an important statement as we head into our next 100 years.

Our history has been recorded in our Centenary Book, 'From Faith



and Virtue to Respect and Integrity, The Wesley College 100 Year Journey'. While the narrative can only capture a glimpse of our journey, it does so in an accessible way, including many stories and memories as well as profiles of well known collegians. It is important that we have this record to mark our journey.

Our Chaplain, Rev. Barbara Oldmeadow, has retired as at the end of the year. Barbara joined Wesley in 2010, not long after my appointment as Master and has been in a half time placement with us. Barbara had also served many years as a Uniting Church Member of our Council, so was very much a part of the "Wesley family" and was particularly valued for her contributions to our pastoral care team.

And now we enter the next century for the college, not knowing how technology and the fast changing pace of our society will be reflected in what we do exactly, but assured that the importance and value of the liberal education of young people and the opportunity to thrive and grow from new found independence will always be at the heart of the Wesley experience.

Lisa Sutherland

WESLEY IN 2017



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Lisa J Sutherland BA (Syd) Dip Ed (Syd) M.Ed Admin (UNE)

Has “general superintendence” over the College and is responsible for the overall well-being, good order and conduct of the College

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Will Lawless, Social Secretary

Ben Rowse, Rawson Captain

Emily Rogers, Rosebowl Captain

Jess Negus, Palladian Captain

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CHAIR OF COUNCIL'S REPORT

OUR CENTENARY YEAR

Wesley College was officially opened in 1917, and 100 years later it provides a home away from home for over 270 students - young men and women from all walks of life, from all over Australia and the world. Many events have been held over the course of 2017 to celebrate the College Centenary, and special thanks are due to the Master and her team, together with the Foundation Management Committee and the Old Cols Association for all their hard work to ensure we celebrated in the Wesley way.

A History of the College, "from Faith & Virtue to Respect & Integrity - the Wesley College 100 year journey", has been produced with special thanks to its author Sam Roberts (fr 13). Thanks also to Peter FitzSimons (fr 80) for his assistance and foreword and to Bruce Pryor (fr 56) for his passion to ensure it was written and published.

COLLEGE CULTURE

During the 2017 academic year, the College has participated in the Broderick Review of the University of Sydney Colleges. This exhaustive process has required a



significant time commitment from our student leaders and broader student community during the year, and they are to be commended on their mature and transparent approach to participation in the many areas of review undertaken by the Broderick team.

The Broderick report on Wesley College specifically, and the Overarching Report on the Colleges generally which is to be issued to the University, are expected to be released in late November. Our expectation, based on feedback from the Broderick team to date, is that the Wesley College Report will confirm that the cultural renewal program which has been underway at Wesley now for eight years has been successful in creating a College Culture which has stood the test of this rigorous review. We remain committed, however, to continuous improvement and remain focussed on the ongoing issues we, and the broader community, face with regard to alcohol use amongst young adults and the antisocial behaviours which can result.

THE PRYOR DONATION

In July this year Bruce (fr 56) and Jenny Pryor donated \$2million to the College, our largest donation in modern times. Bruce was the Architect of New Wing, and as we began to consider the need to undertake renovations to this Wing, he was intent on ensuring it was done in a way he would approve of. The Pryor Donation includes \$1million towards the New Wing renovation, subject to certain conditions. Council was immensely grateful to the Pryors for this generous donation, and approved all the conditions requested. At the Pryors' request, and in recognition of the significant building renewal which



Deborah Page AM

has occurred under the current Master's leadership, New Wing has been renamed *The Lisa Sutherland Wing*. Renovation works are about to commence, and are expected to be completed in time for Semester Two 2018. A further \$1million was donated to undertake repairs to the slate roofing on Callaghan Wing in future years.

TRANSPARENCY

Our voluntary Transparency Reports are published each year and I commend them to you as a comprehensive annual report of Wesley College. The Reports are available on our website (or request a copy).

COUNCIL

In April Jane Glover (Bryson fr 82) retired from Council after many years of distinguished and diligent service, including as Council Secretary and Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Council has subsequently welcomed Catherine Hallgath (appointed by the Uniting Church Synod), Jenny Morison (Nixon fr 77) (Council Appointee) and Jason Masters (Church Member - casual vacancy). I thank everyone who has served on Council over the last year for their effort and contribution.

With kind regards,
Deborah Page AM (Bullock fr 77)

WESLEYAN FOUNDATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The 2017 year was a busy one for the Foundation, with many achievements to note. We finalised the Foundation strategic plan; recorded an increase in general donations (excluding bequests) of 77%; had a huge increase in attendees at wonderfully organised functions; reinstated the Old Col's Association and appointed its President - Suzie Carlon; received a second Greg and Beverley Alt Scholarship; and created a Centenary Scholarship Committee and commenced detailed planning and execution for it.

2017 FINANCIALS

We began the year with \$3.5m in net assets. We received general donations of \$343,361 (up from \$193,483 last year); earned gross investment income of \$194,796 (slightly up from \$189,160 last year); and awarded \$219,650 in

scholarships (down from \$227,965 last year). We transferred \$520,000 to the College for building maintenance and other projects (including \$259,127 from the Raise the Roof donations) and finished the year with \$3.544m in net assets.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

With the help of the Master and Larry Cornell, we have prepared a Foundation strategic plan. The plan has been approved by the Wesley College Council. We have updated the strategic vision for the foundation, which is now:

Within 5 years to become a leading Foundation among Australian university colleges, held in high regard by the Old Cols. Known as a strong supporter of College values; and for providing meaningful; financial support to the College and students in need.



Kimberley Holden

The Foundation's core strategic imperatives for the next five years are to

- engage Old Collegians and friends of the college;
- reunite them and maximise their meaningful interactions with College; and
- ensure delivery of the Foundation's fundraising plan.

2017 EVENTS

The Centenary Year was cause for much celebration at Wesley, and many wonderful events were organised by the Master and Kiri, including the Ball and the Senior Students Dinner. Rather than an individual decade reunion, the Old Col's Association organised a garden party for all Old Col's and their families. Big thank you to Suzie Carlon and Kiri for organising such a wonderful day. Other events included our Scholarship Dinner, where we celebrate the academic success of the College and award our scholarships. Old Col's should be very proud of the academic achievements of the College as well as the high calibre of our scholarship recipients. Our



David Greatorex presenting the Greatorex Foundation Scholarship to first year recipient Ben Devine



Greg Alt, with the 2017 recipients of the Greg and Beverley Alt Foundation Scholarship, Nick Starr and Annabel Tremain

Foundation medal dinner is always a wonderful night and a great way to celebrate the success of individual Wesleyans. The wit, charm and humility displayed by our medal recipients cannot help but inspire our students in both their personal and professional lives. To round out the 2017 Centenary Events, the Master hosted a dinner for major donors and friends of the College. Guests included David Greatorex, Greg Alt, Deb Edwards, Cathy Bray, Ian Warner and Andrew Hudson. It was a lovely way to bring to a close a fabulous year of Centenary celebrations.

FUNDRAISING PLANNING AND EXECUTION

The Master currently turns away between 5-10 country students each year who would make

excellent Wesleyans but who are unable to afford the fees. To help make Wesley possible for these students, the Foundation has set itself a goal of earning \$1m per year over the next five years. This is a bold target but with hard work and application we believe it is achievable. This level of net assets, although still significantly behind the levels of other colleges, would give us enough money to support around 15% of students on a half scholarship.

Our aim is to actively promote fundraising in a well-organised, respectful and grateful manner.

We will split our activities into the promotion of general giving (one off donations, regular/annual giving, bequests) and the establishment of a Centenary Scholarship drive. Fundraising is a thankless task! So please help where you can for this excellent cause!

PEOPLE

Thank you to the Master for her support of the Foundation and to Debbie Page for her excellent chairmanship of the Foundation Investment Committee. Thanks also to Andrew Hudson from Morgan Stanley for his work as independent advisor to the Investment Committee. I am very grateful to all the Foundation Committee members: Suzie Carlon, Larry Cornell, Louise Mitchell, Garry Scarborough and David Lyons for all their hard work, especially with fundraising as it is an exceptionally difficult task. A big thank you to the tireless Kiri Dumont. She has had an incredibly busy and very successful year. Our biggest thanks go to our donors for their generous support of this wonderful College.

Kimberley Holden (Fr 1982)
Chair of Wesley College
Foundation

WESLEY OLD COLS' ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who joined us this year and helped celebrate Wesley's 100 Years. We started the year with an Open House and Garden Party on Saturday February 11. The event was well attended by Old Cols of all ages with many enjoying the opportunity to show their families around the college, find their old rooms and recount tales from their days at Wesley. Afternoon Tea was served in the Dining Hall followed by a Centenary photo. The Garden Party then kicked into action on the front lawn with a fabulous jazz band and champagne bar. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all catching up with friends. Thank you to the college for hosting this day and the students who conducted tours.

The Wesley Foundation every year hosts several functions celebrating Old Cols and the first of these was Foundation Medal Dinner. This event celebrates the outstanding achievements of our Old Cols and this year. Greg Alt, Jim FitzSimons, Seth Grant and Lee Ming Tee were honoured. You can read more about these people on page 10.



The second annual event hosted by the College was the Old Cols Celebration lunch. This event is an open invitation to all Old Cols who were freshers 45+ year's ago. The lunch was once again well attended and the rousing welcome provided by the students is always well received.

This year Wesley also hosted a Senior Students Dinner honouring all our past holders of this office. More than 16 were able to attend the event including Reg Barrett our oldest Senior Student and Seth Grant who travelled from the UK and was also presented with his Foundation Medal on the night.

Being Wesley's Centenary year, the College hosted a fantastic Centenary Ball on Saturday October 7. A cocktail party on the front lawn of Wesley, attended by Old Cols and students, was followed by a truly magnificent ball in Maclaurin Hall. More than 200 Old Cols ate, drank, told stories and then danced the night away.

Thank you to Lisa Sutherland and

Wesley College for hosting these events this year and a very big thank you to Kiri Dumont for her organising genius and admin support to The Old Cols Association, none of these events would be possible without her.

Keeping contact details up to date is a never ending task so please let us know if yours change.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Wesley soon,

Suzie Carlon (fr 82)
Chair, Wesley Old Col's Association



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WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MEDAL

2017 RECIPIENTS

GREG ALT (fr 64)

Greg Alt (fr 64), like his sister Marilyn (fr 1970), has been an asset to Wesley. He came to Wesley from Newington College where he was Dux of the school. The transition from boarding school was welcomed and at Wesley and Sydney University he was in his element. He graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. In December that year he returned to Wesley to marry Beverley Bray in the chapel. The service was the first conducted by fellow Wesley student the Rev Ian Diamond.

Greg worked initially for a manufacturer, Crompton Parkinson, then for eight years for Tubemakers of Australia. In 1976, he was awarded a Master of Business Administration by Macquarie University. He spent two years in stockbroking and then went into resources and mining management. As managing director of a company, Coolawin Resources Ltd, he directed attention towards gold-mining and was enormously successful with a

gold mine in Western Australia.

Freed from any financial worries of his own, Greg thought of others, in particular of Australia's disadvantaged Indigenous population. In 2007, he proposed the establishment of a Wesley Indigenous Scholarships Endowment Fund and led an Appeal to raise \$1million in one year. "It wasn't quite that easy," Greg said. "It took not one but ten years to reach the target. And I owe special thanks to the late Russell Baxter, for his generosity from the beginning of the Appeal and for the major bequest from his estate."

In 2015, Greg and Beverley, established a charitable foundation in their name. One of its initiatives has been the provision of scholarships to assist country students to attend Sydney University as residents at Wesley, Greg having come from Toukley on the Central Coast and Beverley from Grenfell in the west of the state. This year scholarships at Wesley have been awarded to Nicholas Starr from Taree and Annabel Tremain from Bathurst.



JAMES FITZSIMONS (fr 76)

Jim FitzSimons (fr 1976) comes from a family of high achievers who have left their mark on Wesley. A lawyer, Jim served as chairman of the Wesley College Foundation for seven years from 2008 to 2015. Professionally, he has embraced the emerging and ever-changing world of IT, with its myriad challenges. In his Arts course, part of his combined Arts/Law studies, Computer Science was his major, and he worked briefly as an analyst/ programmer in Ottawa, Canada before settling on a legal career.

Jim married Deborah Edwards (fr 1976), whom he met on his first day in college. Their children Niall (fr 2009) and Freya (fr 2013) are both Old Cols. In 1990, he was headhunted by the leading law firm, Clayton Utz, to found a commercially-orientated IP and technology practice. He led the firm nationally in this area for more than a decade. He was one of the pioneers in many aspects of technology law and among of other things he advised Ric Richardson to obtain a patent for some exciting technology Ric had



Greg receiving his medal from Chair of Foundation, Kimberley Holden



Jim receiving his medal from his proud brother, Peter FitzSimons

invented and the patent was later the subject of a successful suit in the US where damages of nearly \$US400m were awarded against Microsoft. As President-Elect of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (an organisation for commercial lawyers in our region based in Tokyo) he took a leading role in organising the Association’s annual conference in Sydney. As President, he gave a speech in the company of a member of the Chinese Politburo in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Jim left Clayton Utz in 2013 and has become an adviser to a number of start-ups which are hoping to disrupt industries as diverse as the way shipping containers are weighed, the way containers are “lashed” in place on a ship and the way in which overseas students choose a place to study. He is also General Counsel for the Australian Paralympic Committee and was an accredited member of the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Teams in London and Rio de Janeiro. In addition he is a Consultant at the specialist international law firm, Bird & Bird, an Executive-in-Residence at venture capital firm Sapien Ventures LLP and he is chair of the advisory board of the Australian Graduate School of Leadership, which operates through Torrens University.

SETH GRANT (fr 77)

Understanding how the brain works, how we think and feel, and how the devastating diseases of the brain arise, are some of the greatest scientific challenges of the 21st Century. Seth Grant is an internationally renowned scientist who has been at the forefront of research into these important problems for over 25 years. Following schooling at Maitland High School and Knox Grammar School, Seth matriculated to Medicine at Sydney University and was a Wesley college fresher in 1977. He served on the House Committee as Treasurer in 1979, was Senior Student in 1980 and won the John Irvine Hunter prize

for academic excellence.

His first research, leading to a BSc (Medicine) with Distinction, was in the mechanisms of breathing and Sudden Infant Death syndrome. After graduating from medicine with first class honours, he began Post-Doctoral research into the molecular biology of cancer at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in the US, under James D. Watson, the discoverer of the structure of DNA. Seth then moved to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Columbia University in New York where he discovered genes controlling learning and memory. This work contributed to the Nobel Prize awarded to Eric Kandel in 2000.

After 10 years in the US, he moved to Edinburgh University in the UK, then Cambridge to the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute where he started the “Genes to Cognition” international research program. His research has focused on the molecules that are found in synapses - the junctions that connect nerve cells. This research uncovered the crucial link between genes and brain circuits and has changed the way scientists understand the function of the brain. These fundamental scientific studies have had a major impact on medicine. Seth’s work discovered synapse molecules are disrupted in over one hundred brain diseases, including childhood developmental



Seth Grant, with Margot Saville

disorders, psychiatric and neurological diseases in adults. This research has also led to a new model explaining the origins and evolution of the brain and behaviour.

Seth is currently working on understanding how genes control the way the brain changes throughout the lifespan and why many mental disorders start in young adults.

Seth has held Professorships in Edinburgh, Cambridge and Melbourne, served on numerous international advisory panels, led international research consortiums and been awarded prizes and fellowships in prestigious academies including the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Academy of Medical Science. He has trained future generations of scientists and doctors, some of whom have gone on to hold professorships at Universities across the world. He is actively involved in public engagement with lectures and educational websites.

Seth is married, has two daughters, and lives in Cambridge, UK.

Seth joined the Wesley Community for dinner on 4th October to accept his medal.

LEE MING TEE (fr 60)

Lee Ming Tee enrolled at Sydney University in 1960 and boarded at Wesley College throughout his time at university. He received a Shell scholarship for his studies in Mechanical Engineering and graduated with Honours in 1964. He made many life-long friends at Wesley College, including law student, Arthur Dew, a fellow 1960 fresher and Senior Student in 1964, whose services he would call on later in life.

Mr Lee's business career started in earnest in the 1970s when he acquired a majority stake in National Finance and Development Corporation, a struggling Malaysian company. Mr Lee took over as CEO and brought about a complete turnaround in its fortunes.



Mr Lee was unable to be in Sydney to accept the award in person, that was presented to Cerena Fu, on behalf of Mr Lee

Mr Lee returned to Australia as an Australian citizen in 1983 and acquired Sunshine Pacific, a diversified conglomerate listed in Hong Kong. As chairman, he oversaw the expansion of its interests in Singapore, China, Australia and the Philippines across the property, mining, hotels, food and finance industries. Mr Lee's Australian investments were used to establish Mulpha International in 1985, a Malaysian publicly listed company with core businesses in tourism, real estate and property in Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong and China. In Australia, Mulpha owns a diversified portfolio, including retirement homes, the Intercontinental Hotel in Sydney, Bimbagen Vineyard, Norwest Business Park, the One & Only Hayman resort, a high-end luxury tourism property on Hayman Island and the famous Sanctuary Cove Resort on the Gold Coast.

In 1985, Mr Lee also founded Allied Group, a flagship investment holding company. Allied Group remains a Hong Kong-based investment holding company engaged in property investment, development and the provision of financial services. In 2007, Mr Lee's Wesleyan colleague, Arthur Dew, who had gone on to forge a career in international finance and investment, became the chairman of the Allied Group.

While Lee Ming Tee went on to forge an international business career, he did not forget where he had got his start. Each of his three children studied at Sydney University: both of his sons, Lee Seng Hui and Lee Seng Huang, studied Commerce and Law, while his daughter, Lee Su Hwei, studied Economics. His children now hold prominent positions in the corporate group, with Lee Seng Hui appointed as the CEO of the Allied Group in 1998 and Lee Su Hwei appointed as a non-executive director of the Allied Group in 2000, while Lee Seng Huang is currently serving as the Chairman of Mulpha International. In March 2004, Lee Ming Tee was instrumental in Mulpha donating \$1 million to the University of Sydney's Science Foundation for Physics.

More recently, Mr Lee established the LEE Ming Tee Foundation, a charity with the objectives of promoting education, including bilingual education, and the improvement of Aboriginal health. In 2013, the LEE Ming Tee Foundation contributed \$1 million to Wesley's "Raising the Roof" appeal, making it possible for the College to expand its accommodation to give more students the unique opportunity to experience university life at Wesley.

FINANCIALS

WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

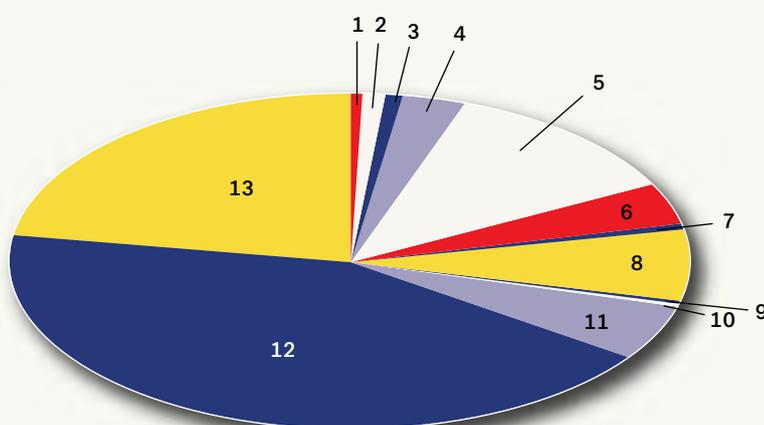
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations for scholarships and general building fund	343,361	193,483
Donations to Raising the Roof appeal	259,157	444,856
Bequests		333,544
Other revenue from investment	140,859	230,321
Interest revenue	23,511	12,997
Total Revenue	766,858	1,215,201
EXPENDITURE		
Building contributions to Wesley College	520,000	520,000
Scholarships	219,560	227,965
Investment management fees	22,144	28,575
Fundraising & other expenses	-8,894	30,632
Total Expenditure	752,900	807,172
Surplus for the year	13,958	408,029
Other Comprehensive Income		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	30,426	(54,149)
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year	44,384	353,880

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	26,001	17,246
Other receivables	259,665	625,947
Total current assets	585,666	643,193
Non-current assets		
Other non-current assets	3,264,957	2,868,131
Total Non Current Assets	3,264,957	2,868,131
Total assets	3,550,623	3,511,324
Liabilities		
Other payables	5,943	11,028
Total current liabilities	5,943	11,028
Total liabilities	5,943	11,028
Net assets	3,544,680	3,500,296
Equity		
Revaluation reserve	318,563	288,137
Accumulated surplus	3,544,117	3,212,159
Total Equity	3,544,680	3,500,296

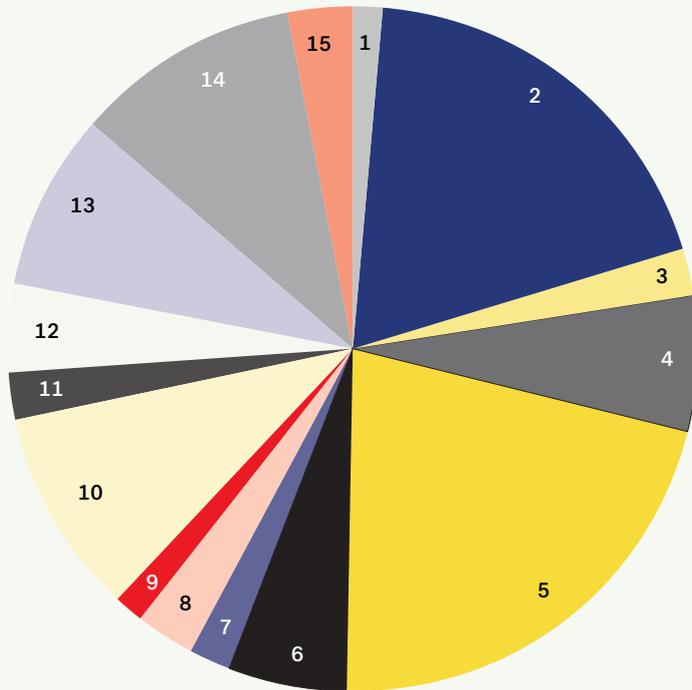
FOUNDATION DONATIONS 2016 '\$000s



1	John Lindsay Allen Scholarship	5.0
2	Colvin Family Scholarship	7.0
3	Linden Edwards Scholarship	6.0
4	Indigenous Scholarships	19.0
5	Indigenous Scholarships Endowment Fund	71.7
6	Chartwell Scholarships	22.7
7	Sporting Scholarships	0.6
8	David Greatorex Scholarships	40.0
9	Rev N Webb Scholarship	1.6
10	Rev B Wyllie Scholarship	1.6
11	Other Scholarship Donations	32.9
12	Donations Raising the Roof appeal	259.1
13	Building Fund	135.3

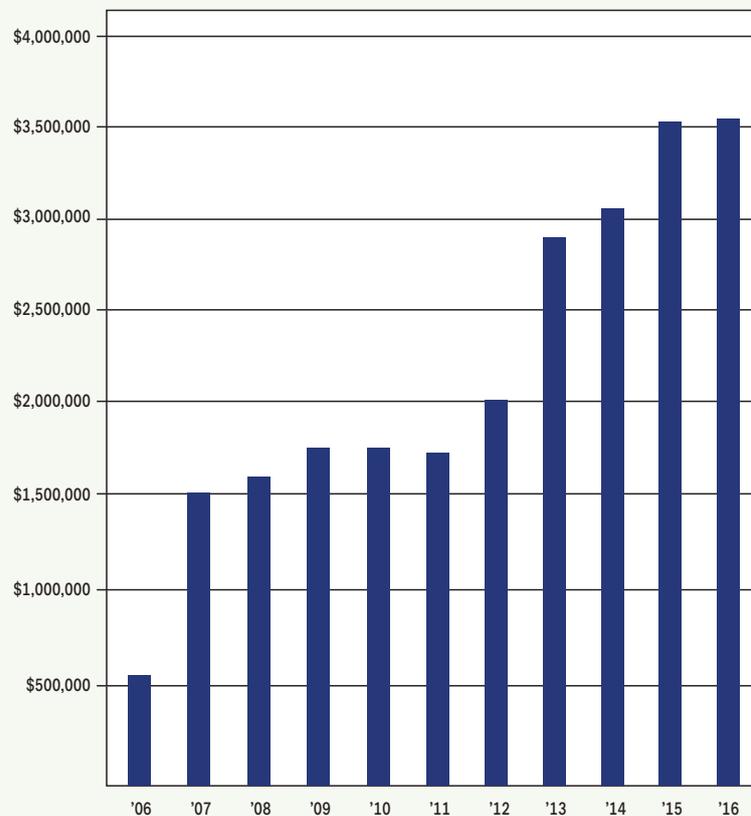
WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2016 (\$'000S)



1	Cultural Scholarships	3.0
2	David Greatorex Scholarships	40.0
3	Dr A Bromley Scholarship	5.0
4	Indigenous Scholarship Endowment Fund	13.5
5	Indigenous Scholarship Fund	45.6
6	Greg & Beverley Alt Foundation Scholarship	11.5
7	John Lindsay Allen Scholarship	4.0
8	Joint Sporting Schols (with USyd Sport)	5.8
9	Linden Edwards Scholarship	3.0
10	Master's Discretionary Scholarship	20.4
11	Prof. DA Ahlberg Scholarship	5.0
12	Rev B Wyllie Scholarships	8.9
13	Rev N Webb Scholarships	17.8
14	Chartwell Scholarships	22.5
15	Awards and Prizes	6.2

FOUNDATION TOTAL EQUITY (\$'000s)

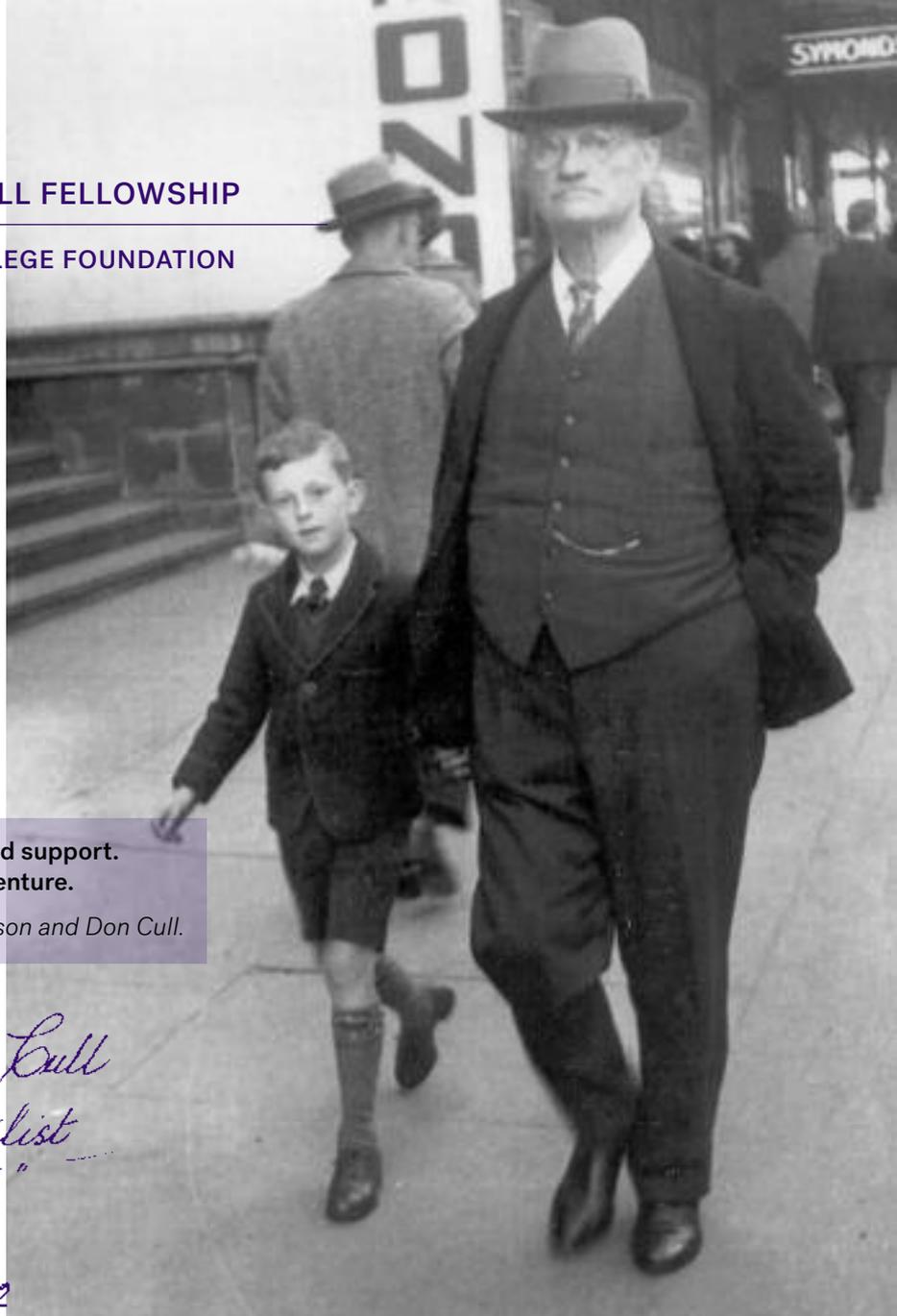


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THE CULL FELLOWSHIP

WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



The Cull Fellowship has our wholehearted support.
We wish you every success in this new venture.

– With kind regards, Alison and Don Cull.

Donald B. Cull
Philatelist
From Granddad
April 1932

THE PURPOSE OF THE CULL FELLOWSHIP IS TO THANK AND RECOGNISE WESLEY MAJOR DONORS AND BEQUESTORS IN THEIR LIFE TIME.

The Cull Fellowship has been named in honour, of Fred and Ada Cull to express the gratitude and admiration that the present members of the Wesley College community feel towards the Culls. The value of Fred and Ada Cull's contribution to Wesley in today's terms would be over 20 million dollars.

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Luke Albrecht, Dennis Ahlburg, Laurie Allen, Greg Alt, J. Russell Baxter, Peter Beaumont, Charles Birch, Cathy Bray, Allan Bromley, John H.C. Colvin, Don Cull, Deborah Edwards, Lyn Edwards, Stephen Fairfax, James FitzSimons, David Greatorex AO, Albert Harris, Kimberley and Angus Holden, Arthur McGeoch, Colin Mort, Bruce Pryor, Robert Rankin, Frank Simpson, Kim Taylor, Lee Ming Tee, Jennifer Turnbull, Amanda Wilkins

* As at 31 October 2017

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*AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

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(Total donations over \$100,000)

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Due to an amended Wesley College Foundation Trust Deed, accepted by the Foundation Committee on 18 October 2014, a donor (Foundation Member) is defined as any person who has either:

- 1. Donated a total of at least \$5000 since the establishment of the Foundation or*
- 2. Made regular contributions in the last 3 consecutive accounting periods. Accounting periods run Jan - Dec.
The current past three periods are 2014, 2015, 2016.*

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1940s

H H Bell, Ian Dunlop,
Edward D L Killen, Eric
R Marschman, John R
McIlwain, James
Pendlebury, Dr W J
Pryor, James Rae, John
Walmsley, Trevor Wilkins

1950s

David Greatorex, Peter
Barnard, Pat Cole, Bruce
G Cook, Richard Crago,
Alan Davis, Bill Ford AM,
MJ & G Gerrard, Michael
Guinness, Graham
Henry, Geoffrey Hiatt,
Cary James, W. L. Jones,
Graeme Kelleher, Roy
Mason, Grant Miller,
Milton E Osborne, Bruce
& Jenny Pryor, Angus G
Richards, Bruce Wilson,
Barry Wren

1960s

Reginald Barrett, Alan
Bray, Penelope Brown,
John Colvin, Andrew
Currie, Ian Diamond,
Kim Edwards, Ray G
Ferguson, David
Fitzsimons, John Foug,
David Gibb, Peter A
Hales, Peter Honey,
Michael Horsburgh,
James Jelbart, Peter
Klineberg, Howard
Spark, Michael Sweeten,
Lee Ming Tee, William
Nighjoy Wong, Greg &
Beverley Alt

1970s

Robyn Alders, Laurie
Allen, Deidrei Bedwell,
John S Cullen, Tim
Driscoll, Ian J Edwards,
Deborah Edwards, J
FitzSimons, Caroline
Frykberg, Bruce J
Gibson, Belinda Gibson,
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Korner, Nicholas R
Korner, Allen Lakeman,
Gerry Markezinis,
Deborah Page, Peter
Riordan, Gregory Scragg,
Keith Suter, Jennifer A
Turnbull

1980s

Gill Campbell, Christie
Cooper, Lucy Crook,
Peter Fitzsimons, John
Gan, Neil Gibson, Anne
Hatton, Kimberley
Holden, Sally Kay, Shish
Lal, Melanie Lovell,
Nicole McWilliam,
Adrienne Morey, Stuart
Ronan, Hamilton
Wearing, Jennifer
Whalley, Stuart Williams,
Ineke Williams, Michael
Wright, David York

1990s

William Brilliant

2000s

Mauro Ferrante

2010s

Gracie Adam, Arsian
Ahmed, Gyan Ainkaran,
Angus Airth, Sarah
Allworth, Wessley
Armstrong, Anil Arora,
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Bailey, Alexandra
Bainbridge-Brook, Lily
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Simone Barakat, David
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Grindal, Cameron Lewis, Robert Liddle, Sebastian Parsons, Sweeney, Hai Hui
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Gunson, Joshua Madeleine Lofthouse, Patel, Alishka Patel Tan, Liam Taylor, Yarlalu
Haertsch-Doust, Elyssa Sean Lowrie, Stuart Alexander Patfield Thomas, Alexandra
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Hanbury-Brown, Karl Aimee Macdonald, Maddison Pearce, Thyne, Cynthia Tian,
Harbers, Saskia Hartog, Alexander Macdonald, Alanna Pearsall, Mikaela Tilse, Jack
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Hendy, Kate Hewett, Martin, Juliette Maurer, Potter, Jack Racklyeft, Luke Vandenberg, Sophie
Alice Hibbard, Ella Hide, Oliver Maxwell, Lexie Anil Rajanathan, Rowan Verheul, Matilda Walker,
Jack Hide, Gemma Hill, McCullagh, Finn Ramamurthy, Jules Madalyn Walker,
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Hutchesson, Haruto Ima, Meller, Claudia Mezrani, Jordan Romeo, Harrison Weston, Kimberly
Ashleigh James, Madison Ethan Miller, Fenella Ross, Hannah Ross- Whalley, Allison Whalley,
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Ryan Jeffreson, Evan Sarah Moore, Jonathon Dylan Ruba, Jack Rudd, Wilcock, Thomas
Jenkins, Sophie Jobson, Moore, Patrick Moore, Sasha Ruggiero, Thomas Willson, Alexander
Nicholas Jobson, Dylan Bonnie Moorfield, Tomas Ryan, James Ryder, Wilton-Reeves, Peter Xu,
Johnston, Matthew Jolly, Moran, Ellie Morris, Bridget Scott, Harriet Peirong Yang, Jerry Yu,
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Kershaw, Isabella Key, Munchenberg, Sayano Siobhan Shaw, Hamish
Liam Key, James Kilby, Murayama, Alexander Sinclair, Harry Skacel,
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Alexandra LaVacca, O'Keefe, Zara Olsen, Stewart, Andrew Sue,

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Posel, Ralphs Café,
Madeline Sutherland,
Syd University -
Indigenous scholarship

2017 WESLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

College Awards	Terms	Recipient
Bennett	(\$400 for best result in Medical Science & Pharmacy)	Kate Hewett
Robson Bryant	(\$750 for the best UAI of student entering first year of undergraduate study)	Sanjay Yapabandara, Abhishek Chawla, Ellie Morris, Tony Lian
Chapman	(\$400 for best result in Health Sciences, Allied Health & Nursing)	Grace Gavin
Dawson	("Captain Edward Dawson Scholarship") (\$750 for most outstanding overall result for 2014)	Patrick Hendy
Dwyer	(\$400 for best result in Commerce, Economics, Agricultural Economics)	Patrick Hendy
Eisenklam	(\$400 for best result in Engineering & Architecture)	Ryan Jeffreson
Grainger	(\$400 for best result in Science (including Psychology)	Ben Rowse
Harrington	(\$400 for best result in Veterinary Science & Agricultural Science)	Aimee MacDonald
John Irvine Hunter	(\$1,500 for best pass of student entering final year of undergraduate study)	Ben Rowse
Kippax	(\$400 for best result in Law)	Patrick Hendy
Robson ("Reginald Robson")	(\$400 for best result in Languages, Humanities, Music & Visual Arts)	Adelaide Wallace

COLLEGE AWARDS

Soup Bowl	Awarded at Valete 2016 for contribution to social services	Annalise Lance
Collegian of the Year	Awarded at Valete 2016 for contribution to College through participation in all aspects of College life	Henry Chan
Hamilton Mott	Awarded at Valete 2016 for character and corporate contribution to College	Bruce Wilson

SCHOLARSHIPS

MASTERS DISCRETIONARY SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2017

Through the support of the College Council, the Scholarship Committee identified four additional students who would be worthy recipients of some form of financial need. **Andrew Cameron, Alexandra Thomson, Jessica Buchanan and Melanie Ridley** each received a \$3000 Masters Discretionary scholarship in 2017.

Chair of Foundation Scholarship: Katie Williams

Prof Dennis A. Ahlburg Scholarship Established by 1969 Old Collegian Dennis Ahlburg. The Dennis A. Ahlburg Scholarship is for a student enrolled in the Faculty of Economics and Business who has demonstrated excellence in, and a passion for, the study of Economics. The award is to the value of \$5,000 per annum and will be reviewed each year. The award is taken as a discount off College fees - **Juliette Fleming (fr 2016)**.

David Greatorex Scholarships - The Greatorex Scholarships (up to 4 at any one time) were established by Old Collegian Professor David Greatorex AO (fr. 1953) in 2002. The scholarship is open to all students who are entering Wesley College for the first time. The holder of the award must show a general all-round ability in the area of their academic results, sporting and cultural life and their community service. The successful applicant must also establish a financial need to hold the scholarship. This will be understood to mean that "but for the scholarship" the student would not be able to attend Wesley College. The award is to the value of \$10,000 each year for up to 4 years - **Eliza Fessey and Benjamin Devine (fr 2017); Lucy Lomax (fr 2016); Emma Fessey (fr 2015)**

Jessie Hope Paterson Scholarship - Established by Old Collegian Cathy Bray (fr 1972) in 2004 in memory of her mother Jessie Bray nee Paterson. The Jessie Hope Paterson Scholarship is to be awarded to a student who has suffered the death of a close friend or family member or has experienced emotional trauma, and who, but for the scholarship would be unable to attend Wesley College. The scholarship value is \$8900 and is to be taken as a discount against College fees - **Ross McKinlay**.

Rev Norman Webb Scholarship – Established by the College Council to honour the memory of the Rev Norman Webb, a former Master of the College 1965-1978. The Webb scholarship is to assist a student with a fine academic potential who would find it difficult to attend Wesley College or the University without financial assistance. The Scholarship is to the value \$8,930 first year and \$8,900 ongoing each year for up to three years and is received as a rebate on College fees. Angus Airth (fr 2016)

Rev Bertram Wyllie Scholarship – Established by the College Council to honour the memory of the Rev Bertram Wyllie, a former Master of the College 1942-1964. The Wyllie Scholarship is given to assist a student with fine academic potential who would find it difficult to attend College or the University without financial assistance. The Scholarship is to the value of \$8,900 for up to three years and is received as a rebate on College fees – Olivia Norley (fr 2017) and Alexander Eden (fr 2015).

Wesley College Cultural Scholarship – The Award is for well rounded artists or performers who have demonstrated outstanding ability in their chosen cultural pursuit and will provide leadership to the College cultural life. The Award is open to current residents of the College and to any applicants who have proven ability and leadership in cultural affairs. The value of the Cultural Scholarship is \$3,000 – Jerry Yu.

Wesley College Foundation Indigenous Scholarship – The scholarship is to be awarded to an Australian Indigenous student of the University of Sydney who will be resident at Wesley College, and who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College. The scholarship is to the value of full Wesley College fees – Verenna Brown and Benson McClelland (fr 2017); Yarlalu Thomas (fr 2016).

Wesley College Indigenous Endowment Scholarship – Michaela Finlay (fr 2016).

John Lindsay Allen Award – Established by Mr Laurie Allen fr 1970 in memory of his father. This scholarship is awarded to a student in their 2nd, 3rd, 4th or post graduate year. The student must be from a remote, regional or rural area of Australia, and who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College. Preference is also given to a student studying German. The award is to the value of \$4000 a year – Vincent Umbers (fr 2015).

Linden Edwards Scholarship – a scholarship established by Ms Deborah Edwards fr 1976 and the Edwards family in memory of her sister Linden Edwards (fr 1974) who was an Old Collegian and College Councillor. The scholarship of a minimum \$5000 a year is awarded preferably to a country student. This year this scholarship is \$6,600 – Matt Swain.

Chartwells Scholarship (formerly Scolarest) – Chartwells have kindly donated two half scholarships for students wishing to live at Wesley. Scholarships were awarded to a first year student and a returning student who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College – Tony Lian and Sanjay Yapabandara (fr 2017); Emily Rogers (fr 2015).

Greg and Beverley Alt Foundation Scholarship – The Greg and Beverley Alt Foundation Scholarship was established in 2015 by Old Collegian Greg Alt and his wife Beverley to support students from rural or regional Australia to attend the University of Sydney. In 2016 the scholarship is to be awarded to a student from rural or regional Australian requiring financial assistance. This will be understood to mean that “but for the scholarship” the student would not be able to attend Wesley College. The scholarship is to the value of half College fees, offered for up to four years and taken as a discount against College fees. The scholarship is to be awarded to Nicholas Starr (fr 2017) and Annabel Tremain (fr 2016) to the value of \$11500.

Sports scholarships – Male and Female sporting scholarships are offered for students of outstanding sporting ability: Tom Willson; Connor Grindal; Will Ridley



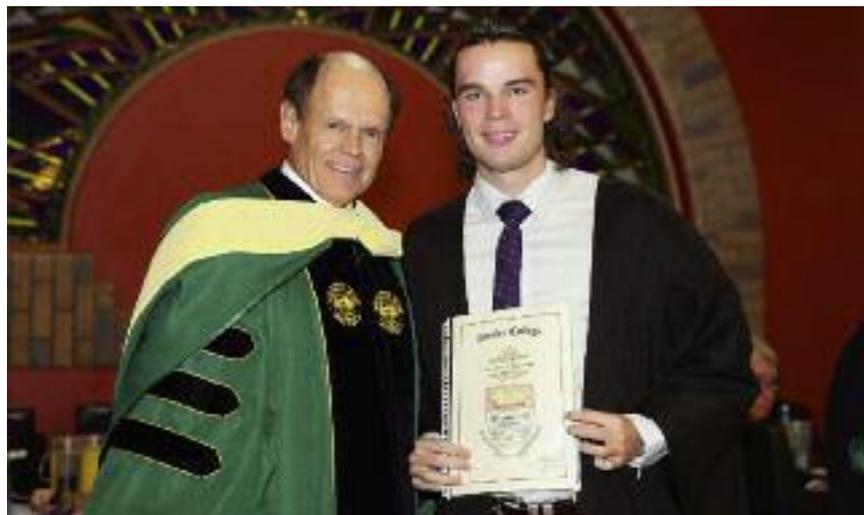
ACADEMIC REPORT

2017 proved to be another successful academic year for students at Wesley College. Exams for Second Semester are just finishing, and if First Semester is anything to go by our students will acquit themselves admirably. The average mark in the first half of the year was 68, with 25% of students achieving a Distinction or High Distinction average.

To recognise academic high achievers within our community, the Master authorised the creation of the Academic Dean's List. Students with a Distinction or High Distinction for the semester are listed. Congratulations go to Jessica Buchanan, Ben Devine, Ryan Jeffreson and Tony Lian for being on the inaugural list with a High Distinction average, and to Sanjay Yapabandara as Dux of Wesley College for the highest average mark.

The tutorial program continues to be a strong point of academic support for students in the college. Many tutors are appointed from the senior students within the College, giving these students an opportunity to deepen their understanding through teaching others.

2017 has seen the creation of



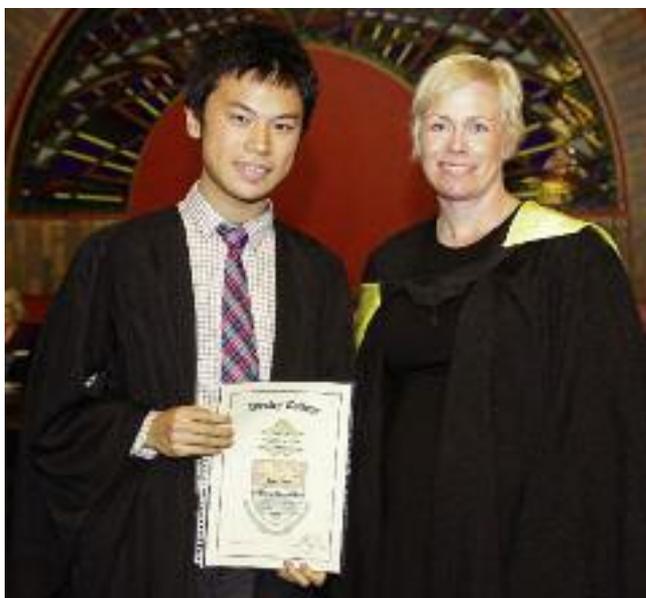
another avenue for academic support. Ten senior students within Wesley have been appointed as Academic Area Tutors. In this role they provide informal support to others in their broad subject areas. This program recognises the important role that peer support plays within a community of scholars such as ours, and gives recognition to those who have selflessly filled this role in the past. For freshers it means that they know whose door to knock on when they need to find someone who knows their subject.

Our Peer Writing Assistant program continues to be very popular. Ten students were

appointed as PWAs in 2017. Students could book a one-on-one hour long session with a PWA to work on a piece of writing. PWAs deliberately do not consult in their subject areas - the idea is to focus on the style of writing and the quality of academic argument being created. Over 200 consultations have been provided during 2017.

Wesley College continues to attract academically high achieving students, and I look forward to our continued success in the next 100 years.

James Ward
Academic Dean





Academic Dean's List of High Achievers at Wesley College

DUX OF COLLEGE

MIHINDU (Sanjay) YAPABANDARA

HIGH DISTINCTION AVERAGE

JESSICA BUCHANAN

BENJAMIN DEVINE

RYAN JEFFRESON

TONY LIAN

DISTINCTION AVERAGE

ANGUS AIRTH

SOPHIA AMERENA-COWIE

LILY BAKER

JAMES BLAXILL

ROWAN BRAY

JONATHAN BRUNNER

AUDREY BURNS

GEORGIA CAMPBELL

NISHTHA CHADHA

MICHAEL CHAU

ABHISHEK CHAWLA

JOL CHOCT

ALEXANDRA COURTNEY

RAFAEL CUGINOTTI DE
OLIVEIRA

JULIET CUNNINGHAM

MIA EVANS-LIAUW

OLIVIA FAIRBANK

BILLI FITZSIMONS

MADELINE FRERER

GRACE GAVIN

SEIYA GRANT

CHRISTOPHER GREEN

PATRICK HENDY

ELLA HIDE

LUCY HOGG

BENJAMIN HOLMES

MIRANDA HUTCHESSON

GIORGI JARDINE

EVAN JENKINS

JK KAZZI

HELENA LAMBERTH

JORDAN LEE

ZIFEI LIN

GEORGIA MANN

PASCALE MANN

ALEXANDER MC DONALD

ROSS MCKINLAY

ETHAN MILLER

EMILY MITCHELL

JONATHON MOORE

ELLIE MORRIS

CHARLOTTE POWER

MELANIE RIDLEY

EMILY ROGERS

BENJAMIN ROWSE

JAMES RYDER

BRIDGET SCOTT

SAMANTHA SHANNON

SIOBHAN SHAW

EMMA SOTO MACNAUGHTON

ABBAY STEWART

LAUREN SUTHERLAND

DAVID SWEENEY

JACK TIZZARD

MATILDA WALKER

JACK WESTON

ARTEMIS WILSON

COURTNEY WITHERS

PETER XU

JERRY YU

PROFILE OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

YALARLU THOMAS (fr 2016)

What Scholarship are you currently on?

“The Wesley Indigenous scholarship”.

Where are you from?

“I’m from the Pilbara Desert, which is in the North West of WA. I’m from a community called Warralong which is 100km South-East of Port Headland.”

What degree are you currently studying?

“I’m doing a double degree in the Bachelor of Medical Science and Medicine, I’m currently finishing my second year of my undergrad.”

When do you hope to graduate?

“Depending on if I specialise or not, I’ll be finished in 2021.”

What would you like to specialise in?

“I’m pretty unsure at the moment,

I’ll probably change my mind ten or fifteen times as I go along, but I’m definitely keen on working in indigenous health and rural remote work. So, wherever I can make my biggest impact in that area is probably where I’ll specialise in.”

Can you tell us about your scholarship, and what it means to you?

“The scholarship helps with financial support staying at Wesley. It means a lot for me because it takes a lot of pressure off in terms of having to pay to come all the way over here to stay here and get my food cooked for me. It takes a lot of strain off my family too, with mum and dad having to pay for the bills, so I’m grateful for it.”

What attracted you to Wesley over all the other colleges?

“When I first came over here for my interviews, it was the only college I stayed at. So, I guess it

was the only place on campus that I was familiar with. That’s why I just ended up applying for Wesley, and luckily I got it in the end!”

What are your plans beyond graduation?

“Hopefully after graduation I will be offered an internship here in Sydney and do my residency as well. So, that’s three years working in the hospital and getting fully qualified. After that’s done, I’m hoping to take back all my skills I learn from that experience back into rural health, and work back in WA and do fly-in-fly-out clinics in terms of rural outreach.”

What do you like best about Wesley?

“Having food cooked for you! No, not just that [laughs]. I guess it’s just the sense of community you have here, in terms of living away from home, it tends to help with homesickness, because you know it’s pretty much a family away from home for me. I’ve met all my best mates here, and yeah it’s just comforting to have these people around when study can get a bit intense. When it gets too much, you’ve always got supportive people here, who are always open to talk to about certain things. Yeah, it’s definitely that sense of community that we have here.”

MIHINDU (SANJAY) YAPABANDARA (fr 2017)

What scholarship do you currently hold?

I currently hold the Chartwell scholarship, valued at up to \$11,000 per annum.

Where are you from?

I was born in Brisbane and lived in the city’s suburbs until my move to Wesley at the start of this year.



Yalarlu Thomas



Sanjay awarded his scholarship by Chartwells

What degree are you currently studying and when do you hope to graduate?

I'm currently studying a Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine as part of the double degree medicine program at the University of Sydney and I hope to graduate by 2023.

Can you give a brief explanation on what this scholarship is, and why is it important to you?

The Chartwell scholarship, sponsored by Wesley's catering company, Chartwell's, is awarded to a student who has demonstrated all-rounder excellence in cultural, sporting and academic pursuits and who, without this scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College. This scholarship is important to me as recognition of my hard work and contribution to the communities I am a part of. It also enables me to experience the benefits of a collaborative collegiate community without much of the burden of significant tuition and accommodation costs.

How has this scholarship and

Wesley College supported you?

When I first received my offer to study at the University of Sydney, my family and I were overwhelmed. It was, of course, an opportunity of a lifetime to not only study medicine, but to expand my horizons by moving interstate. Yet this seismic shift would prove to be difficult to organise without sufficient financial support, and it seemed unlikely that my family would be unable to fund this expensive transition to Sydney. However, with Wesley and Chartwell's generous financial support, I have been given a chance to pursue my dream career in an incredibly supportive environment. The opportunity to receive this scholarship has been a humbling and invaluable experience, and I plan to make the most of any future opportunities that are presented before me.

Why did you choose Wesley out of all the residential colleges here at the University of Sydney?

From the outset, Wesley College impressed me. It boasted a variety of unique clubs, extracurricular

activities and a strong academic reputation anchored by its peer writing assistants and university subject mentors. Yet it was Wesley's emphasis on community, represented by an all-inclusive, diverse group of residents, that eventually influenced my decision to live there.

How have you contributed to the Wesley community in your time here?

While at Wesley, I have been selected to play for the Rawson cricket and tennis teams. In addition, I represented Wesley in the Palladian Cup, singing in both the college's big and small choirs. Having participated in both sporting and cultural domains, I contributed to college life through my support at almost all Rawson, Roseball and Palladian events. Furthermore, I contributed to ANZAC commemorations, the Parent's Weekend and Valeté by being part of the respective choirs at each occasion. Many hours were spent in preparation for each event and it was an incredibly rewarding experience to collaborate with other like-minded collegians.

What are your plans beyond Wesley, graduation, and what do you see yourself doing with your degree and career?

At this present point, it is very difficult to even imagine living outside of Wesley, but given the length of my combined degree, it is inevitable that I must someday say goodbye to what I now consider my home. After graduation from my Bachelor's degree, I plan to move out with some friends and live in shared accommodation, at which point I will begin my four-year medical degree. In terms of my career, I plan to specialise as an ophthalmologist, because in my belief, vision is priceless and must be protected at all costs. Regardless of what may change over the coming years, I can say with certainty that I will be pursuing an equally gratifying and challenging career that helps those in need.

OLIVIA NORLEY (fr 2017)

What scholarship are you currently on?

The Reverend Bertram Wyllie Scholarship.

Where are you from?

Broken Hill in NSW.

What degree do you study?

Pharmacy.

When do you graduate?

In 2020.

Can you give a brief explanation on what this scholarship is and why it is important to you?

The scholarship is really important to me because I value a university education and without it I wouldn't be able to stay in Sydney. I moved to Sydney in Year 11 and 12 as a boarder on my school campus where I loved living and studying. Being a part of a culture and community while studying is something I value. The resources that we're given at Wesley as well

as the sense of community is also something I really appreciate.

How has this scholarship and Wesley College helped you?

It has mainly helped me financially, but I still work and help pay for my fees. The scholarship has helped my family and I so much, without it I honestly wouldn't be able at university.

Why did you choose Wesley over the other colleges?

My Uncle attended Wesley about ten years ago and loved it because of the down to earth culture, especially because there are a lot of people from the country. I got a really good feel for Wesley's culture on open day because everyone was so welcoming. I didn't really give much of the other colleges a chance because I really liked Wesley and didn't give them a second thought after applying. Ever since I moved to Sydney I knew that I wanted to follow in my Uncle's footsteps.

How have you contributed to Wesley College in your time here?

I have tried out for some of the sporting teams in Rosebowl, but haven't been successful in making a team yet. But I have contributed on Open Day and supported the college in Palladian and sporting events.

What are your plans beyond graduation and what career do you see yourself doing with your degree?

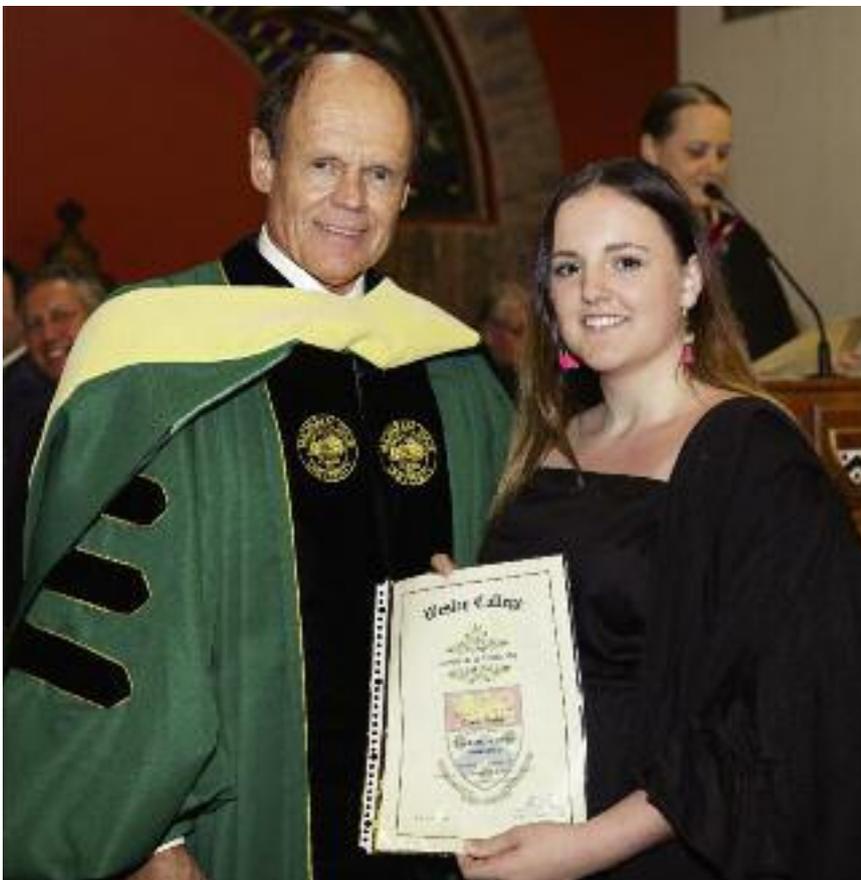
I really love Pharmacy and think I will stick with it for my career. There is a year before I am a registered Pharmacist where I have to complete an internship and I plan to do that back at home. Originally, I thought about doing post-graduate Medicine but I think I will move back to Sydney and specialise in Hospital Pharmacy instead.

What do you hope to achieve in your next two years at college?

I definitely think I'll stay for the next two years. I would love to have a leadership position in the college such as RA. I also think it would be nice to become closer with the other year groups in college.

What does it mean for you to be able to have the opportunity to come to Wesley?

Having the opportunity to come to Wesley means that I am able to live here, excel in what I do and have a community to come home to. Wesley is a home away from home and I feel comfortable living in Sydney, it's just like having a big family I guess.



Larry Cornell presenting Olivia with her scholarship

To support the Wesley College Foundation Scholarship program, please return the accompanying form to the College or download a form from the website at wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au. Each year the scholarship program receives applications for financial assistance from more students than the program can support - please help us give more students a Wesley College experience.

THE REIGN OF THE GENTLEMEN FRESHERS

HARRY BELL (GENTLEMAN FRESHER 1947) SENIOR STUDENT 1949

Harry Bell in Part Four of his autobiography, *Bachelor, Barrister, Benedict*, covering the years 1946 to 1959, gives an intriguing picture of life at Wesley College, particularly in the period when there were two classes of freshers: the “Gentlemen Freshers” who were returned servicemen in their first year at College, and ordinary freshers. The Gentlemen Freshers were some years older than their fellow freshers and vastly more experienced. It was very difficult for a fresher straight out of school to contend with a man who a couple of years before might have been fighting the Japanese in New Guinea, or the Germans over the North Atlantic.

Gentlemen Freshers were not obliged to perform any of the duties of ordinary freshers, and there were moves by other students to have this privilege abolished.

These were resisted, and did not get through. And of course the World War 11 veterans soon moved on, so the problem ceased to exist. But what an extraordinary period it must have been! Especially when the Purser Wing had not long before been occupied by RAAF airmen and Australian troops had been bivouacked on the university grounds.

Hubert Henry “Harry” Bell was born at Wee Waa in the north-west of New South Wales on 29th August 1925, one of two children of a stock and station agent, Hubert Sydney Bell and Frances (nee McDougall). He went to primary school in Wee Waa and in 1938, at the age of 12, he was sent to Newington College in Sydney as a boarder. He participated in all school activities, including playing the part of the leading lady, “Poppy Faire”, in a play, *Ambrose*

Applejohn’s Adventure, directed by one of the masters, Sam Brown, who was to be this writer’s father. Harry played in the Newington First XV, completed the Leaving Certificate in 1942, coming third in the state in English, but did not get an Exhibition which would have helped considerably with fees had he gone to university.

Too young to join the Army, Harry did his final year again. Before the results of his second final year were known, Harry, anxious to join the Army, asked the vice-chancellor of Sydney University whether, if he got an Exhibition, he could defer taking it up till the end of hostilities. The vice-chancellor said he could. When the 1943 Leaving Certificate results came out, Harry repeated his success in English but again did not get an Exhibition. In 1944 he enlisted for military service. There were pressures on him to withdraw. His mother had lost a brother in the Great War and was anxious about his welfare. Harry’s former headmaster, P.R. Le Couteur, told him he would be able to serve his country better as a lawyer rather than a soldier. But another Newington Master, Colonel Arthur, was all for Harry staying on. “I seized the baton and ran with it!” said Harry. “How could I leave my mates and cut and run? How could I, who had been a keen cadet and cadet-lieutenant, have lived with myself?” The university told him there was a place for him in Law but he decided he would continue soldiering.

In November 1944, having attained the minimum age for overseas service - 19 years - Harry



The Sydney University Boxing Team, 1949. Harry Bell is second from the left. Of this tough-looking group, two became barristers, two became judges and one a New Guinea patrol officer.

was despatched to New Guinea where he served with the 2/9 Australian Commando Squadron, 2/6 Cavalry (Commando) Regiment for 12 months, throughout the Aitape-Wewak Campaign. Harry started studying Legal History, part of the Sydney University Law course, while on active service. On 11th May 1945, his squadron was landed at Dove Bay, New Guinea, following a heavy bombardment, in a move designed to stop the Japanese withdrawing to the Sepik River. As it turned out, resistance was only light but there was still hostile fire. And through it all, Harry was carrying his Legal History textbook in his pack, wrapped in a water-proof gas-cape.

After the Japanese surrender, Harry, now a sergeant, was assigned to guarding Japanese prisoners-of-war in New Britain. He did not get back to Australia till June 1946 and even then had to continue serving till his discharge the following December. In 1947, Harry began Law at Sydney University and entered Wesley. He quickly met up with other ex-servicemen, some who, like Harry, were entering Wesley for the first time. Others, like Frank Walker (fr 1939) had abandoned their studies to go off and fight. The Wesley ex-servicemen included Ted MacMillan, who had been in Harry's section in 2/9 Commando Squadron, and Darrel Killen and Ted Punch, both of whom had served with the 2/7 Commando Squadron. Also at Wesley were Gordon Archer, Jim Gwyther and Dave McLaren who had been in the AIF, and Michael Gleeson-White, Collins Greaves, Ian Francis, and Gordon Grace, who had served in the RAN.

The list went on. Phil Hartley-Smith had been in the RAN Volunteer Reserve. Keith Harris had been a sergeant in the Field Ambulance and Sep Owen had been in air crew flying Sunderlands over the North Atlantic. Bill Belson had won a DFC in the Mediterranean Theatre of War. Russ Baxter had been in



Harry Bell (Gentleman Fresher 1947), Bert Wyllie and Sep Owen (Senior Student 1948) at a reunion in April 1982.

the services and John McLeod had been an artillery sergeant serving on an American cruiser at Borneo and the Philippines. Stretching his memory, Harry recalls others, such as Kevin Tyndall, Jim Taylor and John Polain, who had been in the RAAF. There were of course some who had left Wesley to fight who would not be returning at all. They included Bob Page, who had participated in a seaborne commando attack on Singapore Harbour. He had been captured and beheaded. Harold Pussep (Fr 1939) had been killed fighting as a pilot in the Battle of Britain.

Inevitably, the views of the Gentlemen Freshers clashed with the ideas of the other students. "Darrel and Michael both became members of the House Committee in 1948 - I remember Darrel drafting some contentious and very detailed by-laws to permit the wearing of shorts to lunch - provided, of course, that they were set off by long socks!" Harry said. "These came into effect to much acclaim from the ex-servicemen but some rumblings amongst the students of longer standing OR more conservative disposition. The Master [Bertram, "The Ram", Wyllie] pondered over his power of veto, but, dubitante, he let this one stand."

In April 1947, still wearing his Army jungle greens as his only items of clothing, Harry began his articles with Keith W. Gunn and Co, solicitors, in Hunter Street,

Sydney, on a wage of 30 shillings a week. He remained in college. Because the Sydney University Law School lectures were in the Central Business District, centred round Phillip Street, the Wesley law students had to get away from college quickly in the mornings, to catch a tram for their first lectures. They included Ian Francis, Allan Mylchreest and Stan Cory.

Harry was a good sportsman, starring in Rugby and boxing. In Rugby, his Law lectures in town prevented him training with the Wesley team so he took a bus to Concord Oval in the evenings and trained with Western Suburbs Rugby Union, for whom he appeared in Reserve Grade in 1947. He was selected for Wesley for the Intercoll matches, for which he skipped lectures, and in his final year played for Sydney University Fourth Grade.

In 1948, Sep Owen became Senior Student. A fourth-year Medical student, war veteran and the first professing Jew to be elected Senior Student in this Methodist stronghold, Sep made a great success of his job. He was witty and wise, never spiteful, Harry said, and filled the role at a time of change, when students were questioning their role in society.

There was the same student "mucking-up" that we see to this day, including raids on the other colleges "hoping to steal a fresher or some other booty". The other

colleges wanted Wesley's "Ram" - A Golden Fleece petrol symbol proudly adopted by Wesley. St John's was anxious to keep its stuffed crocodile. Another object of desire was the 1919 "Deed of Surrender" that St Andrews had extracted in 1919 from the few original Wesley students. "Within our own walls strange things happened too," Harry writes. "Wally Fisher, a Med student, sealed the spaces round the door of Bob Jones' room with Plaster of Paris, pushed a hose through the window and turned on the tap! Bob's room filled to the window-sills - and the room underneath copped a drenching. Strangely, Wally was merely fined, not rusticated. And somebody (W.G.Fisher again?) removed the screws from Frank Haddan's door hinges, then locked the door. Frank, returning home from some nocturnal outing, and finding the door locked, predictably shoulder-charged it - with the predictable result!"

There was also cerebral activity. Harry, who liked to write, including poetry, took part in the Wesley Debating Club which was re-formed in 1948 at the instigation of Bert Wyllie, though in a debate against the Women's Union, moving the motion that "American influence has been beneficial to Australia", Wesley was defeated. In 1950 it would debate the Intercol final against St John's, contending successfully "that the bell tolls for thee". The debate was held in the Wesley Common Room and Wesley was led by John McLeod, one of Harry's closest friends. Harry was also a good friend of the second Wesley speaker, David Ross, Senior Student in 1951, who was to die prematurely through a kick to the head in a drunken brawl.

At the end of 1948, Harry, though only in his third year of Law, was put up for the job of Senior Student. He was walking back to college with Sep Owen and Michael Gleeson-White one night when the talk got around to the Senior Student position. Two of Harry's friends, Bruce Storey and



Acting Supreme Court Justice Harry Bell with associate Lesley Ford, December 1996.

Philip Hartley-Smith, whom some perceived as "anti-Ram", considered Phil running for the position, the only other candidate being a rather conservative 5th Year Medical Student, Bruce "Tich" Gibson. Michael Gleeson-White was an obvious alternative and considered unbeatable but surprised everybody by not returning to college in 1949. Michael and Sep Owen then turned to Harry and told him they were nominating him for the job. Harry was reluctant because he was anxious to graduate with honours. At the last formal dinner for 1948, one Jim Taylor came roaring into the dining hall, dressed like Santa and riding a motor bike, then distributed presents, to the accompaniment of a rhyming script devised by John McLeod and Harry.

Harry was elected Senior Student at the beginning of 1949. He kept up his military associations and started editing a publication, *Commando News*, a job he was to do for 10 years. There was, naturally enough, some difficulty having returned servicemen live the disciplined lives of students but they managed somehow. The college had had strict rules on drinking - none was allowed - and on dancing. The other colleges had "at home" functions, to which students from other colleges were invited, but Wesley had been unable to reciprocate. When it held its formals, they had to be in rented premises elsewhere. In 1949, this

was relaxed, largely through the efforts of Philip Hartley-Smith, who had been appointed dance secretary. On drinking, Harry and Bertram Wyllie had a difference. "The dear old Ram and I, despite our mutual and lasting regard, fell out over certain drinking habits of some of the men which I did not condemn as ardently as he wished," Harry writes. "I can still hear the disbelieving tones as he asked, rhetorically, 'Where are we, if the Senior Student tolerates this behaviour?'"

"This, I hasten to add, was unrelated to an occasion when he called on me in my room before dinner one evening," Harry said. "John McLeod, Ian Francis and I had developed the practice of meeting there (it was a commodious room, right above the main entrance to college and boasting a little balcony, one of the Senior Student's perks of office) for a pre-prandial sherry. Seppelt's Extra Dry Solero, in fact. The Master knocked and entered, as we three stood round the open bottle on the table. "On, Mr Bell," he said. "I just wanted your views on something Perhaps you could call round to my study after chapel?" "Certainly, Master." And that was all. The sherry was never mentioned, though he could hardly have failed to see it. All four of us had been in the services, and Ian's father was Secretary of the College council; these may have been helpful factors?"

Perhaps Wyllie, who had been a machine-gunner on the Western Front in the Great War, before offering himself for the Methodist ministry, was inclined to tolerate those who, like himself, had been in the front line. Decades later, another Master, seeing another Senior Student on the same balcony, with friends, drinking alcohol openly at a time when the college was still dry, informed the Senior Student that he was not invited back for the following year. But that was for the future.

One of the problems Harry had in 1949 was when he was suddenly confronted with flooding of the Students' Common Room, the result of a heavy downpour and a blocked drain. Once the drain was unblocked, Harry decided the only thing to do was to bail out with a bucket brigade, when another student, presumably from engineering, suggested siphoning. A garden hose and a couple of fire hoses were engaged, and it was done, leaving Harry to the conclusion that men or the Law might know many things but they cannot know everything. And of course, the Senior Student had to put up with a lot of rot, such as at Students' Club meetings, including endless debate about nothing at all, such as a motion that the college janitor be instructed to rake

the gravel drive "across and back, not up and down", and a motion that the college council be approached with a view to improving the quality of the college's "rectal stationary".

In 1950, Allan Shepherd, who had served under Harry as secretary of the Students' Club, and was a gifted athlete, became the Senior Student and Harry became editor of the *Wesley College Journal*. Harry recalls a match against St Johns in 1950 when St John's had two internationals, Keith Gudsell, a New Zealander, and Jack Blomley, a Wallaby, and incurred Wesley's lasting ire by missing a critical tackle against Blomley. Harry was in the Wesley shooting team and represented Sydney University in Intervarsity boxing. He was Intervarsity light-heavyweight champion for two years.

In 1951, Harry joined the legal firm, Sly & Russell. For his admission as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, he had references from his Newington headmaster, P.R. Le Couteur, Bertram Wyllie and Wesley Old Coll Bruce Holcombe. Harry was admitted on 13th July 1951. As a solicitor, he briefed on one occasion Nigel (later Sir Nigel) Bowen, who had been adjutant of the 2/43rd Water Transport Company that had landed 2/9 and

2/10 Commando Squadrons, including Harry, at Dove Bay in 1945. A corporal serving in the water transport company was one Ninian Stephen. Harry's supervising solicitor at the firm was John Jarvie Watling, who had been a great schoolboy athlete and scholar and had been to Wesley College. Harry was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1952 and received his first brief in January 1953. As a young barrister, he read with Wesley Old Coll, Bob Taylor, whom he described as "a very busy junior, a Tocumwal boy ... burly, rough-hewn of countenance, with a common touch." Taylor later became NSW Chief Judge in Common Law.

Harry practised successfully. He kept in touch with his Wesley mates, in particular Gentlemen Freshers, such as Ted Punch who went onto the land and then had a number of occupations. Ted McMillan did much the same, and Michael Gleeson-White, who became an economist, broker, banker and art connoisseur. In 1959, Harry became engaged to Caroline Downes, whose father was serving as a medical officer in Rome, doing medical examinations of prospective migrants. Harry married Caroline in Rome in 1960 and brought her back to Australia. A daughter, Fiona, was born in 1961, followed by Lucinda in 1964. In 1974, Harry was appointed to the bench of the District Court. In 1983, he sent Lucinda to Wesley College, and she went on to get a PhD. She was to present Harry with a grandson and granddaughter. Caroline died in 1991 and in 1996 Harry married Kathie Atkinson, author and wildlife photographer. Following retirement in 1997, Harry served as an acting District Court judge for another three years and did two six-month stints as acting justice of the NSW Supreme Court. He now lives with Kathie in retirement in Bowral in the Southern Highlands, still mentally active, and still writes a column for *Commando News*.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)



Ted Punch (Gentleman Fresher 1947), Harry Bell (Gentleman Fresher 1947) and Ted McMillan (Gentleman Fresher 1948) at a reunion after Anzac Day 2007.

HE PERFORMED A GREAT HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ALAN SHEPHERD (FR 1946, SENIOR STUDENT 1950)

RAAF airman Alan Shepherd did not fly with the RAAF during World War II because the war ended before he had his chance. But he took advantage of the repatriation scheme to study Medicine at Sydney University and then went to a former theatre of war - Papua New Guinea - to extend the hand of humanity to the people who had helped our soldiers, and to give the people of that country the advantage of 20th century medicine. He was very successful, staying 16 years and

dealing with a host of medical and surgical problems that had always been there but given scant attention by the rest of the world. Among his feats, he was the surgical hand in pioneering work by Nobel Prize winner Daniel Gadjusek, who dealt with a devastating neurological disease, Kuru, at that time common among the Fore people of Papua New Guinea.

Alan Richard "Shep" Shepherd was born on 25th August 1925 on a dairy farm next to the Shoalhaven River at Bomaderry, on the NSW

South Coast, son of John Rainsford Shepherd and Irene (nee Knapp). He grew up on the farm and attributed his later success as an athlete to chasing in the cows for milking and walking a mile to school and back. Many of his peers came to school without shoes and Shep felt privileged and slightly embarrassed to have any at all. He thought the reason he avoided much of the cruel corporal punishment dished out by a handful of primary school teachers was that his father was a keen Rotarian and Methodist rather than a Catholic.

War broke out when Shep was still at school. An older brother, Cecil, and an uncle of the same age, Harold, joined the RAAF and an older sister, Gladys, joined the WAAF. Shep attended Nowra High School and finished his senior school years at North Sydney Boys High and then joined the Commonwealth Bank, working at Nowra. He was keen to sign up and counted down the months till he was old enough. When he did, he trained for 18 months on de Havilland Tiger Moths in Edmonton and in Toronto, Canada, and attained his wings in 1945. Cecil and Harold were both killed in action - a tragedy that was to hang over the family forever. But Shep was still keen to go. He would have, except the war ended.

Shep accepted an offer of government-funded education available to ex-servicemen and enrolled in Medicine at Sydney University in 1946. He also entered Wesley College. Shep was grateful for the chance he got, because he had failed Latin at school and believed he might have



Shep and Jill at their Wedding in the Wesley Chapel, 7 January 1955

missed out on Medicine as a result. But he took advantage both of that and of Wesley, where he excelled at athletics and made some life-long friends. He represented Wesley and Sydney University in running, specialising in the 440 yards, where he broke the State record at 49.0 seconds and became the NSW State Champion in 1950-51. His time over 440 yards was a half-second slower than that of the Australian champion.

In 1950, in his fifth year in Medicine, Shep was elected Senior Student of Wesley College, which threw him into the company of Jill Jefferson, the Senior Student at the Women's College. Jill, from Coalcliff on the NSW South Coast, was studying Science and Education. Shep was smitten and the couple struck up a relationship. Graduating in 1952, Shep went to work as a resident medical officer at Royal Prince Alfred and Concord Hospitals. Despite Jill's protestations that she would not marry Shep if he were the last man on earth, the two married in the Wesley Chapel in 1955. Officiating was the Master, the Rev Bert Wyllie, a man for whom Shep had great affection and respect. The Ram would go on to baptise two of Shep's daughters in the chapel.

Shep wanted to become a specialist surgeon, but in Australia at that time it was not possible to specialise in surgery, so in 1957 he and Jill moved to London where he was a surgical registrar at various hospitals. Jill taught Science at Bromyard Ave Secondary School in Herefordshire. Shep attended lectures at the Royal College of Surgeons, then sat for his Primary exam in Surgery in Edinburgh. Successful there, he became a Fellow of Surgery from the Edinburgh Royal College of Surgeons. At the end of 1958 Jill and Shep returned to Australia, where Shep took up general practice at Toowoomba in Queensland, alongside an old friend and fellow Wesleyan, Frank Haddon. They worked together for five years and would remain firm friends until Frank's death in

2015. Shep and Jill's first child Katie was born in 1959 and second, Marion in 1960.

In 1964, it might be said, Shep's real adventure in life began. Early in 1964, he answered a plea published in the *Australian Medical Journal* for specialist trained surgeons to work in what was then the Territory of Papua & New Guinea. The family left for New Guinea, preparing for a two-year contract. That would turn out to be a stay of 16 years. Shep was initially based in the tropical coastal town of Lae, where the couple's third daughter, Lulu, was born. Shep was the obstetrician at the hospital and Lulu was, as it were, "caught in slips". Then the family went to Goroka, in the Eastern Highlands District, where the climate was temperate year-round. In 1968 Shep and his family left for London where Shep took nine months to holiday and to study, setting out to enhance his paediatric skills in London and Edinburgh. He learnt about the repair of hare lips and cleft palates, skills greatly needed in Papua New Guinea where the family returned.

Shep found the years of work in PNG the most fulfilling and fascinating of his life. His surgical load was extremely heavy spending many weekends and nights at the hospital. The book *Stitches in Time: Two Centuries of Surgery in Papua New Guinea*, provides a comprehensive reminder of how much was achieved medically in PNG by surgeons from across the world, and by locally trained medicos and nurses, in a relatively short period of time. Many of the clinical photographs in the book are supplied by Shep who amassed an extensive collection of slides while working in Lae and Goroka but also during locums he worked in Madang, Rabaul, and Port Moresby and in remote villages throughout the country. His surgical skills were stretched not only by the breadth of patient injuries and illnesses but also because of regular equipment failure and supply shortages.



Shep circa 1956

The surgical problems in Papua New Guinea were challenging and interesting. Conditions familiar to the world at large were often left untreated until well advanced. There was also a variety of previously unknown pathologies, including Kuru, a disease transmitted by the consumption of human brain tissue. The majority of the paediatric surgical burden arose from the high incidence of clostridium perfringens necrotising fasciitis, known as Pigbel, contracted from eating undercooked pork - a dietary staple. Surgical intervention was the only hope for this at that time, and Shep was also involved in the research which eventually led to a vaccine being developed which has transformed the lives of Highlands children.

Tribal fighting was a frequent and serious problem, particularly in the Highlands, and injuries sustained from machetes, spears, knives and arrows required complex and extensive surgical repair. Domestically, hut living in the Highlands resulted in numerous serious burn injuries, particularly in children. And women often incurred life-threatening injuries when 'falling off their gardens' and impaling themselves on fences of sharpened stakes! Mountain



Jill, Lulu, Marion, Kate and Shep, circa 1994

gardens were necessarily very steep (terracing never having been developed as a farming technique) and had to be fenced off from the depredations of the village pig population.

Surprisingly, surgical repair and treatment of duodenal ulcers formed a large proportion of surgical cases. At that stage, gastrointestinal ulceration in the developed world was thought to be caused by 'stress'. Shep realised, long before the discovery of H.Pylori in Australia, that another factor had to be responsible because of the extraordinarily high number of cases he treated, who were all from specific Highland tribes - decades later it was finally demonstrated that these groups had some of the highest rates of H.Pylori infection in the world, which accounted for this interesting anomaly.

In hospitals, he was known for his humility and courtesy towards staff and patients. He would attribute successes to good luck and the skills of the team. He was fortunate to have superb health throughout his years in PNG apart from 2 bouts of Hepatitis A. He participated in numerous sporting activities - squash, badminton,

tennis, golf, gumiing (floating on rubber tyres down rivers) and mountain climbing. He climbed Mt Michael, Mt Otto and then the highest in PNG 4,509m and Mt Wilhelm (twice). He and Jill were also enthusiastic Bridge players."

Shep and Jill returned to Australia in 1980 to care for elderly parents. Lulu was at boarding school and pleading to be released. Shep found part time work in the medical insurance arm of AMP which was a difficult adjustment after the acute, life-saving work of so many



Shep circa 1999

years. The family moved to Wollstonecraft on the lower north shore. Lulu went to school as a day girl and Katie, doing a Medical degree, and Marion, studying Physiotherapy, were at Women's College. Both were to graduate and Lulu went on to graduate in Science from Sydney University. Shep and Jill spent much of their time in Blackheath where Jill's parents had lived in their retirement and which they inherited after their deaths. The Blackheath home in the Blue Mountains remains at the centre of family life today, much loved by four generations. In retirement Shep and Jill travelled extensively indulging their interests in history and opera making many friends along the way.

Shep, who now has seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, has supported Wesley College throughout his life. He felt extremely honoured in 2013 to be presented with the Wesley Medal.

Kate Clark, Marion Tierney, Lulu Mitchell and Jill Shepherd, ed Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

Editors Note:

Sadly, Alan Shepherd passed away on Friday 8th December 2017.

A HEAD FOR BUSINESS AND LAW AND A DAB HAND WITH THE TENNIS RACQUET

JOHN H.C. COLVIN (FR 1969, SENIOR STUDENT 1972)

John Colvin is another Wesleyan who well remembers looking up at Wesley façade on his first day in 1969. He was not the first Colvin to have done it. His father, Clifford (Fr 1924) had gone to Wesley, where he studied Medicine and excelled in tennis, to such an extent that Clifford played at Wimbledon five years later and also the Australian Open shortly after. For John, it was a great thrill treading “the famous paved entrance path leading up to the imposing front main doors”. It was “a beautiful day”, he said, “and I felt a massive sense of excitement,

freedom, anticipation of a new life, and a slight nervousness.” Clifford, who was naturally proud to see his son follow in his footsteps, “smiled and chatted to all those who looked like they might be receptive to a chat and was quite bemused to see so many women unpacking in the college rooms as we travelled to my new home in Lower Callaghan”.

It was the first year of co-education at Wesley, an agreeable and enticing project for a teenager emerging from six strict years of boarding at Shore. “I enjoyed virtually everything at Wesley,” John told The Wesleyan. “I swam,

played cricket, Rugby and tennis in the Rawson Cup teams for the four years I was there. I also joined in the chapel choir, house committee and wrote and acted in the college review. I remember playing table tennis, snooker and billiards in the evenings with Greg Holcombe, Peter Hearle, Lloyd Blewitt, Rod Tiernan and others in the games room under the chapel. Playing badge tennis for the university and Intervarsity tennis for two years added to the ‘fitness regime’ and getting to know team mate Greg Holcombe better. More generally, the chance to meet and enjoy the company of so many talented and wonderful students at Wesley and university was a gift and privilege.”

All this culminated in John becoming Senior Student in 1973, to be followed by further study at London School of Economics, Oxford and a brilliant career in law, corporate management charities and academia.

John grew up in Orange. His childhood was in his words “a bitter sweet experience”, the sweetness being the beautiful area he lived in, good friends and “two wonderful older sisters”, Tina and Deeta, and a loving and caring father. The bitterness came when his mother, Jean, was diagnosed with breast cancer. “During her illness, she saw how difficult it was to travel for treatment and then go through the horrendous cancer treatment and drugs at that time,” John said. “It was necessary to travel to Sydney each time for treatment as there was no treatment facilities in Orange.”

Though Jean was terminally ill, she was not inclined to indulge in



John's father took this photo of a 21 year old John Colvin, at Port Macquarie in 1972

self-pity. She helped set up the Orange branch of the Cancer Patient Assistance Society of NSW (CanAssist). Mona Ham the founder of CanAssist and some of her family and friends, were also looking at this issue and funds were raised to set up a hospital to look after cancer patients from the country. Jean died in January 1957 leaving behind Clifford, and John who had just turned six, together with Tina, twelve and Deeta, nine. But four years later a building in Loftus Street, Darling Point, was purchased and named "The Jean Colvin Hospital" in Jean's honour, which was operated by CanAssist to look after country cancer patients for some 40 years.

In the meantime, John did his time at boarding school and did well in the Higher School Certificate, particularly in Economics where he was at the top of the state. Inspired by the stories Tina and Deeta had told him about life in university colleges at Sydney and Armidale, he enrolled at Sydney University to study Economics and applied for Wesley. At Wesley, he worked hard and enjoyed it but had time for rapport with the other students. "Nick names were certainly in vogue at that time and included Half Can, Buckerooza, Sloppy, Chuckie, Mez, Chele, Pooh, Laaah and many others," he said. "There were also the intellectual and not so intellectual discussions. During my time, the Vietnam War marches and protests were occurring. Listening to hear whether your birthday was called out on the radio to be conscripted into the army was nerve racking. New emotions and experiences mixed in with 'brew' and study all rush back to remind me of a very special time."

John graduated in Economics with Honours in 1973 and became a tutor in the university's Faculty of Economics. During his first term in that job, he was accepted to study for a Masters in Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He took it up, travelled to London and specialised in Labour Economics and Employee Relations. He studied Labour Law

as an elective subject under the famous Keith Wedderburn (later Lord Wedderburn). John found the subject interesting and after contemplating various career options he decided to study Law, hoping to specialise in Industrial and Employment Law. "The idea of going back to undergraduate law in Australia was not as appealing as studying law in the UK, particularly if I could go to Oxford or Cambridge," John said. Keble College Oxford accepted him as a Law student and he began there in 1974. "Oxford had many attractions, one being a top three international law school, many 'senior students' like myself and Rhodes Scholars," he said. "There were also many overseas students studying post-graduate degrees in Law, Medicine, Philosophy, Economics and so on, of my own age."

John represented Keble College and Oxford in tennis. The whole Oxford experience was "incredible". "I managed to play tennis for the Oxford Blues team against Cambridge, learnt how to punt down the Cherwell and Isis rivers and researched the architecture of historical public houses with friends," he said. It was by far the most vigorous academic environment he had encountered. "The College tutorial systems meant that my classes often consisted of two students with a tutor who was usually one of the world experts in the subject." Because of this system John was close to his Keble Law tutors, Jim Harris and Peter North. He kept in touch with Jim until his death and still keeps in touch with Sir Peter and Lady North. John said, "At Oxford I often worked late into the night, weekends and through the holidays just to keep up. However, the challenge of such gifted fellow students and faculty was inspiring."

John graduated in Law and returned to Australia in late 1976 to begin looking for work in the area of Employment and Industrial Law. It turned out to be more difficult than he thought it would be. Positions in that area of the law were

hard to get. John went for interviews with several firms of solicitors including Freehill, Hollingdale & Page. "The interview was with Kim Santow, later to become a judge in the NSW Court of Appeal and Chancellor of the University of Sydney," John said. "This interview was extraordinary. Kim was lively, enthusiastic and generally interested in me and the interview was quite unlike any other interview I had been to at that time." John started with the firm as a law clerk on 4th January 1977, completed his admission exams and College of Law requirements and was admitted as a solicitor of the NSW Supreme Court in 1979. He became a partner of Freehills in 1981.

"Despite being told that Freehill, Hollingdale & Page did not provide employment or industrial law services, I looked for any matters which had any such flavour and started the Sydney employee relations practice," he said. "This practice grew strongly in the 1980's and 90's providing opportunities for partners, solicitors and support staff. One of his earliest cases was a dispute between the Australian Journalists Association and the Printing and Kindred Industries Union over who controlled the computer input to the printing. Other areas of industrial dispute work included the construction and building Industry, waterfront and transport.

In 1998, John started to go out with his future second wife, Robyn Smiles, who was a medical student at Wesley College in 1984. Her brother John was also at Wesley, and father David had been Senior Student two years in a row. John and Robyn married in 2000.

In the meantime, teaching continued to be a great passion in John's life. He taught Employment and Industrial Law at Sydney University Law School. In 1995, he took a sabbatical year to become an Adjunct Professor at the Australian Graduate School of management in UNSW. "I taught Employee Relations subjects and Negotiation Theory and Practice



and enjoyed working with the Dean, Fred Hilmer and some of the Professors like Mark Hirst, Roger Collins and Dexter Dunphy,” he said. “The cross over between law, business and economics continued as my main interest.’ More recently John has been an Adjunct Professor at the Sydney University Business School, teaching in the International EMBA [Executive MBA] program. “I have enjoyed teaching very experienced students in an international program,” he said. “This also included teaching in the EMBA program with professors at the Judge Business School in Cambridge University. Teaching this group of students has been very worthwhile in many ways and hopefully has helped the mature students in their chosen careers.” John has a very long list of publications including texts in these areas.

During his time with Freehills, John was approached by the then Master of Wesley, the Rev David Russell, to become chair of the Wesley College Foundation. John took on the job with gusto, setting targets for fund-raising and invigorated the entire organisation, holding foundation committee meetings in his Freehills offices. The target of one million dollars (from very little) had been achieved at the end of his

three years as Chairman. Because of his family history and the importance of CanAssist, John became a director for about 20 years and Chairman for about four years, he said “to help with the marvellous work of all the volunteers and staff in the country branches and Sydney head office”.

Later in his career with Freehills as a partner, John returned to some of his corporate law background mixed with Employment Law. “This area I termed the ‘executive appointments and disappointments’ practice working with boards and executives in advising on and drafting senior executive contracts, particularly CEO contracts,” he said. “I was also in management at Freehills including International Partner and Head of Sydney office.”

In the early 1990s John was asked to become a member of the Sydney Water Board. This Board was chaired by John McMurtrie. Another Board member who joined at the same time was Belinda Hutchinson, the current Chancellor of Sydney University. In 2008, John was approached to become the managing director of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He took it up, leaving a practice which had grown to occupy nearly a floor at the MLC Centre, where Freehills was then based. He had also been

rated as one of Australian’s leading employment lawyers. “At the time, many friends said this was a strange choice and a difficult time to take on this role, particularly at the beginning of the Global Financial Crisis,” he said. “However, I was keen for a new challenge and the idea of managing and developing an organisation with a growing ‘faculty’ teaching Corporate Governance to directors, running a business and engaged in policy in the economics/legal area looked like it might play to my strengths.” The Institute prospered through the financial crisis and was involved in some very important policy work. John spent a lot of time appearing before the Productivity Commission and both the Australian Senate and Lower House Economic Committees and working with State and Federal Governments, particularly with ministers and departmental heads on the Institute’s policy issues with some positive outcomes. The Women on the Boards program, he said, was “particularly successful” and was the first of its type in the world.

John retired from the Institute in January, 2015 and went on to work as a consultant with his old firm, now known as Herbert Smith Freehills. He has continued Colvin Wines with Robyn at DeBeyers Vineyard, Pokolbin in the Hunter Valley. He is also providing Corporate Governance consultancy services through his “Boardwalk” business. He has become an Adjunct Professor at the Sydney University Business School and, in a concession to family life, is “one of our two family transport officers”. John and Robyn have two children, Emily and Alistair, both at high school. “I often think that despite all the efforts needed to raise a family it is simply the best,” John said. “Is it possible to have a third generation at Wesley?”

Indeed, John, it is. It has happened and will continue to happen.

John Colvin (Fr 1969), with Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965, editor)

A LIFE SPENT DOING WHAT HE LOVED

GREG HOLCOMBE (FR 1968, SENIOR STUDENT 1973)

Born in 1951 in modest circumstances in Gosford with three elder siblings Rod, Ian, Bruce (aka Charlie) and a benevolent Uncle Bruce, all of whom had passed through Wesley with a high degree of academic success, it seemed natural that my teacher father Alan and journalist mother Jean Holcombe should somehow have managed to send me there as well in 1970.

Gregarious, a good sportsman blessed with a non-hunking athletic build, a ready wit and an invasive sense of fun, I readily fitted in with College life, becoming acquainted on first-name terms with the turtles in the now defunct turtle pond in the courtyard where anyone with an outspoken tongue often met a generally good-natured ducking. Early tennis tuition in Gosford under the phenomenal coach Charlie Hollis equipped me as a favourite for Rawson Cup events.

My academic undertakings were in Arts/Law. Achieving on average one post every two years (but no outright failures in six years of study), I was a fair student not fired with ambition but truly in awe of the Wesleyan genii with whom I regularly rubbed shoulders. Had I applied myself with half the fanatical, tenacious, enthusiasm dedicated to far more frivolous enterprises I have subsequently tackled, I suspect a far more conventional but definitely less exciting and less colourful a career and life would have ensued.

That I should have become Senior Student in 1973 is I feel purely an attestation that "you can fool all of the people some of the time" echoed by the behaviour of one or



two of our recent politicians.

A fellow Wesleyan and budding teacher of Japanese, Helen Kayser, conned in 1976 to become Helen Holcombe, I regard rightly or wrongly as my PhD achievement. A sportswoman, choosing to forgo her gap year of international tennis circuit play with a Wimbledon appearance for Wesley's academic life, she unfailingly and in the most taxing of personal circumstances has proven to be an outstanding life partner many times over.

However, life is peppered with unexpected turns, six straight years of passes with one or two credits sprinkled in for luck and two years of street-pounding articles of clerkship convinced me of my tenacity but that as an academic I was simply not engaged. The 100-metre walk up

Phillip Street to register in the court as a solicitor was too far. Life was too short to be a mediocre lawyer.

Sitting for three SAB exams proved to be a swansong to a legal career. In early 1976, we decided to spend six months on a tennis playing circuit-cum-honeymoon in Europe. Forty-two years later, this is proved to have been a life-changing decision. Pre-planning a three-month tournament schedule in England, Scandinavia and Switzerland, we set off with open minds, four tennis racquets and a racquet stringing machine in my hand luggage. The astounded look on the air hostess's face when she fruitlessly attempted to lift up my hand luggage, stacked with the weights for the machine inside, was unforgettable.

When not provided tournament

accommodation, "Nurkey", (our Ford Transit camping van), embodied luxury in miniature to us and adequate consolation for losing in the finals of qualifications for the 1976 Wimbledon Mixed Doubles. By the end of our Swiss tournaments, thoughts of returning home immediately had long gone. We waded into the thick of 2000 French tournaments for that marvellous summer, testing out our schoolboy French and their Gallic linguistic pride to the limits. Helen's guaranteed \$200 plus each week, by starting in the semi-finals in the unique French tennis system, combined with my stringing machine and string technique being learnt on the trot, seduced two people used only to an article clerks \$32 per week salary and a modest teacher's salary.

Interspersing occasional major tournaments with numerous minor *louis dor* country tournaments, we experienced a unique, privileged introduction to French life, winning prizes ranging from money, gold, extravagant trophies like snow skis, cases of Champagne, suitcases to *au de poire* liqueur. We felt grandly superior to the younger players eking a living out of a suitcase, though we were actually training hard to improve our standard.

Instead of returning the next European summer, we wintered over in France in Nurkey, playing the few indoor tournaments available. The coldest night was minus 11 in the countryside near Lyon where we had to start the diesel van engine to use the car heater to warm up the gas cylinder heater sufficiently to ignite it to thaw both us and the breath-induced icicles on the inside of the roof, which then dripped down and drenched everything in sight. BRRR! Forty one years later I still shiver.

The summer of 1977 had us playing both tournaments for a minor league team in Chabeuil in the vicinity of Lyon to repay the country kindness of Marc Ledru



Greg Holcombe with visiting pupils Alistair and Emily Colvin Wesley 1972, Greg is 2nd from left

and Christian Loline, lawyers in that area. This was followed up with a three-month, career-commencing stint of two-four day coaching clinics, travelling from town to town in Jutland Denmark. Impressed by our performances, Danish officials invited us to a three-months program, in which we had free accommodation and we followed a schedule providing a coaching program for about 10 clubs on the main island Sjælland ie Copenhagen. This was delayed only by eight weeks' play in three tournaments in Kenya, hosted by extremely colourful local identities of mixed race and resulting in Helen becoming the Kenyan National Doubles Champion for that year.

Our eventual year in and around Copenhagen left us with a hard won proficiency in Danish, a love of coaching tennis and a hospitality debt to repay to all international visitors, especially Danes. A tough decision was returning to Australia to see

whether we could do as well there, because our career in Denmark was blooming.

After six tedious years of frustrating negotiation in Canberra, we purchased a 14,000 square-metre block of pine forest in Tuggeranong and tackled construction of a private 12-court tennis centre and home, scrounging heavy machinery and expertise from the road building plant at one corner of our property.

This ushered in 26 years of entrancing dedicated coaching work in Canberra, a thriving business highlighted by three gifted children born in the early 80's and a lifetime packed initially with little money but a lifetime of fascinating pupils ranging from Prime Ministers' wives, cabinet ministers and ambassadors to bricklayers, policemen and above all and most importantly schoolchildren. It also introduced Helen and me to the entirely new subjects of civil engineering and

project management as we've since been informed constructing 12 courts is no mean feat. This we sold in 2004 in favour of a single backyard home court on a mountainside in Pearce, ACT, where I now coach part-time.

To answer the inevitable question: Yes we've coached two national junior champions (one being our son, Sven, in the under-12 division), one junior Davis Cup player, Damian Hall, and innumerable ACT champions. One dinner party boast is that we coached both of Nick Krygios' first two coaches who brought him to prominence: Andrew Bulley and Todd Larkham. My claim to career satisfaction is equipping tens of thousands of people with a social weapon designed to help them navigate their way through an increasingly complex, computer-driven life made more difficult by lack of actual face to face communication. Beside a debt to my family, my debt is to pupils such as the present Simmos, Sophies and Ingriids . The simple satisfaction I get in helping them is inestimable

To say this all has been easy would be a monstrous understatement. My completely unexpected and almost overnight two bipolar episodes, suffered as a young father in 1981-2. This irrevocably altered my views on life and society and induced a certain toughness of spirit in having to perform in a public teaching position every day. In a way, this proved to be a godsend in that one of our three marvellous children was tragically struck by schizophrenia since the age of 15 simply due to genetic bad luck, devoid of either drugs or alcohol. My history and insight into mental health and Helen's genius of motherhood and organisation have been invaluable in helping to try to explain the irrationalities and unfairness of life to a teenager and now young adult.

Now in his thirties, surviving well and in regular employment but having been visited by an episode



three Holcombe brothers, Ian, Greg and Rod, all former Wesleyans

on average every five years, I simply regard him as heroic. Our other two gifted children are Rose, a piano teaching and concert performing daughter, and Sven an automotive collision medical researcher who now lives in the States but will shift next year to Xiian China with his Chinese wife and their child.

Regarding mental illness, in the 80's it was one in five, but currently I believe now one in four will be visited by some form of mental ill health. My advice to sufferers reading this is try to seek help as early as possible and be accepting of yourself. Perhaps the hardest of my life's lessons has been to have to accept over two nine-month intervals that my best friend, my brain, who hangs out with me 24 hours a day, could not be relied on and that I had to live by someone else's perceptions. Survival is the belief that this is only a temporary condition and reality will return. It does! Even confidence eventually returns.

It is well outside my quirky, boasting humorous nature not to mention a hobby, (passion) which has dominated my last 15 years almost outdoing golf and tennis. Wood-turning! I guess a happy man is one who can get enjoyment beauty and solace from a simple

piece of wood. All pupils are subjected to a compulsory showing when they arrive at our home court for a lesson. But you've no idea how much marital discord can be generated by a wee speck of sawdust on the carpet

My Wesley family I always hold dear in my memory but with regard to a legal career I think my good friend, Ric Lucas (Senior Student 1974), best stated it recently with, "Gregory, you would just have been a square peg in a round hole!"

Greg Holcombe (Fr 1968)

For the record, Rod Holcombe became an associate professor of Geology at the University of Queensland and then ventured into private consultancy involving globetrotting to esoteric and remote areas. Ian did Engineering and Science and spent a few years as an aeronautical engineer before joining IBM as a systems engineer. He now he lives outside Hall, near Canberra. Charlie studied Indonesian, Japanese and Linguistics. He now lives in Seijo Tokyo, Japan, where he has been for the last 35 years working as an interpreter. His second wife is Japanese and they have two children.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

A BLUE-RIBBON WESLEYAN, A BLUE-RIBBON LAWYER

ERIC (RIC) LUCAS (FR 1971, SENIOR STUDENT 1974)

Ric Lucas is what might be called a Wesleyan with a blue-ribbon pedigree. His father, Tony Lucas, and uncle, Arthur, had both been to Wesley before him, Tony to study dentistry and Arthur engineering. Tony had three children, the first being Eric, born on 26th June 1952. Ric, together with sisters Diana and Elizabeth, went to Wesley. Ric met his wife-to-be, Colette Scales (Fr 1972) at the College and two of Ric's children - Olivia (Fr 2002) and Matt (Fr 2004 and later Senior Student) - became Wesleyans. Elizabeth, who became Mrs Timmins, sent two sons - Max (Fr 2007) and Charlie (Fr 2009) - there as well.

There was yet another family link. In the early 1970s, Nola Meldrum went to Wesley. Her son, Sean O'Leary (Fr 2001) met Olivia Lucas (Fr 2002) at Wesley and they married. Matt met Clementine Walker at Wesley and they also married. The college, it might be said, having pioneered co-education in the Sydney University colleges, has become a social and cultural seed-pod from which many flowers have grown, and that certainly includes the Lucas family.

As for Ric, he went to Sydney Grammar, where he won many scholastic prizes including the literary prize called Captain of the School, as well as playing cricket and Rugby. He enrolled at Sydney University in 1971 on an academic scholarship to do an Arts/Law degree and applied for Wesley. "I remember being interviewed by Norman Webb," he said. "Norman Webb asked me about religion and I told him I was open to conversion, but I think he decided I was too hard a nut to crack," he said. Ric was nevertheless accepted and fitted in

well. He played cricket and swam, played breakaway for the College Rugby team, and even threw the javelin. "I had no coach but I did well enough for the University athletics club to recruit me, but after two carnivals I decided there was too much sitting around," he said.

Ric took to rowing, probably the most physically demanding of all sports, but it had its social side. "I remember us all diving for Paul Bailey's pewter mug after it fell off the wharf at Shark Island," he said. "And I had my first quasi-legal instructions when John Gleeson was told by a copper to dispose of his beer at Circular Quay and he proceeded to drink every last drop. From memory I was successful, as they only locked him up overnight, when justice demanded they throw away the key."

Ric played Rugby Union and Rugby League for University, but then became passionate about ski racing. "I hadn't raced before so that was a new pleasure," he said. "Best of all was the jump, and I remember standing on the in-run at Australia's ski jump at Falls Creek, wondering why I had volunteered. But it turned out to be a big thrill. I competed at three inter-varsities that I remember and my strongest event was the beer slalom."

Ric was no slacker at his studies, winning University prizes at the end of his first year for Legal History and Government. He eased the throttle back a little in his second



Ric competing for Sydney University as a skier 1973

year but found that keeping up with Government was easy because, he said, all he had to do was pick up the paper and read about the antics of the Whitlam Government. And a subject that would preoccupy him professionally in the future was also bubbling away next door. "The University's computer was using the entire basement of the building next to Wesley," he said. "Programming was done by punch cards. I thought I knew what I was doing but my first effort was rewarded by 40 pages of error messages. It turned out to be human error. The operator had put my cards in upside down! Looking back, I think the computing and micro-economics were the most valuable subjects I studied at university!"

Having met and become enamoured of Colette, Ric received his BA in 1974, his Senior Student year at

Wesley, and his LLB in 1976, upon which he was appointed an associate to a High Court judge. "As far as I know, I'm the only person who has worked as an associate for three justices, albeit briefly, namely McTiernan, Murphy and Jacobs," he said. "I spent a lot of time in court, and saw many of the leading counsel of the day in action. My first judge had been appointed by Labor in 1930 and I tried to persuade him to have me help with a memoir, but he said it would never sell! Instead, he wanted to write a Constitutional Law textbook!"

Ric was admitted as a solicitor of the NSW Supreme Court. Colette went to France to teach at the Lycee Vaugelas, a secondary school in Chambéry. Ric joined her at Christmas and they booked a meal at a restaurant. "I proposed to her at La Pyramide, a temple of gastronomy, in the ancient Roman town of Vienne on the Rhone," he said. The couple spent six happy months together, taking time to cycle throughout France.

In 1977, Ric returned to Australia to become a research assistant at the Australian National University. He went into print in various publications on Commercial Law and wrote a thesis on defences to defamation. He married Colette in December and in 1978, became a lecturer in Law at the University of Canberra with his research focus on Communications Law and Intellectual Property. He taught several times in a unit called "The Process of Justice", dealing among other things with professional ethics. Children arrived, Olivia in 1982, Matt in 1985 and Chris in 1986. "I decided then that promotion as an academic would require me to move away from Canberra and that it was difficult to be a good teacher and at the same time publish," he said. "Instead, I took a job as a solicitor with Colquhoun Murphy in Canberra, specialising in defamation and in 1987, I became a partner. "

Ric acted for the ABC in many cases, but always preferred acting for plaintiffs. "Over the years, I

have seen hundreds of examples of the different ways in which journalists get their stories wrong, often with condign consequences for their victim," he said. "And I have drafted hundreds of belated apologies which have given some satisfaction for my clients, but there is no substitute for a little more care and checking before rushing into print. I had some part in cases involving Comalco, Kerry Packer, Costello & Abbott vs Random House, and more politicians than I can remember. The highlight of my career was successfully vindicating the reputation of a close friend who had been director of the Defence Intelligence Organisation, falsely accused throughout the media, and especially by the Bulletin, of putting our soldiers' lives at risk in East Timor."

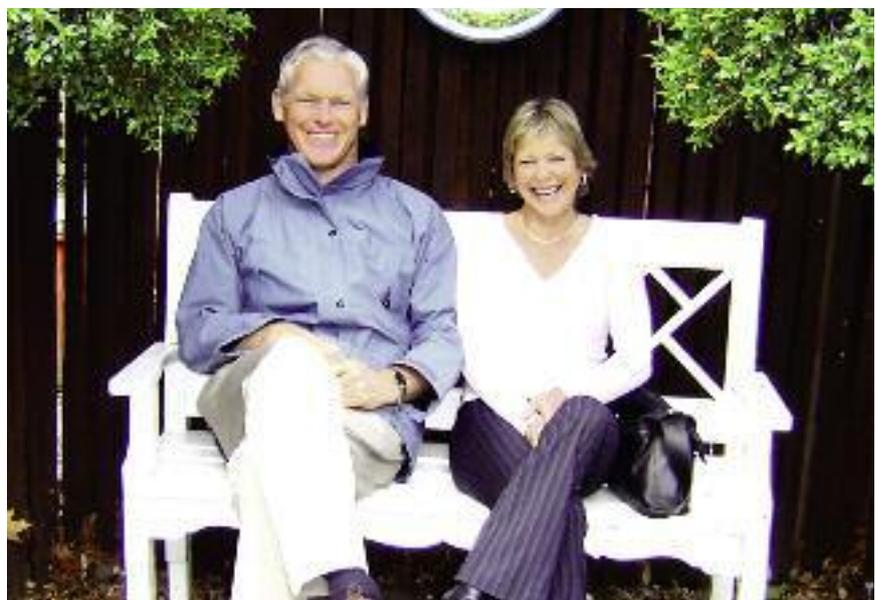
Ric also took cases involving professional negligence and copyright and computer law. He became a member of the ACT Law Society's Law Reform and Defamation Committees. "It has been very interesting to examine in depth incidents merely skated over by the press, and to see public figures in the flesh, as they cope with great stress," he said. "Some of the most traumatic cases have involved ordinary people dragged unwillingly into public controversy, particularly by infotainment programs like Today Tonight. One poor devil found himself publicly accused on

national TV by his ex-wife of only marrying her for her money!"

Since 2013, he has been a consultant to Colquhoun Murphy, and he has acted for many national bodies, such as the Australian Automobile Association, Early Childhood Australia, the P&C Association, Touch Association, Alliance Francaise, Markets for Change, the Australian Industry Development Corporation and the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation. His most satisfying engagement was the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation, for which he was asked to write the Trust Deed, and to which he made the first gift. "It has a most extraordinary chairman, Peter Cursley, and I have helped him raise millions, especially for the Canberra Hospital, using the promise that we have no administrative costs and every cent goes to the charitable purpose," he said.

Ric describes himself as "uxorious", which means having great fondness for his wife and married life, (though cynical modern dictionaries say "excessive" fondness). He delights in his three children, two of whom went to Wesley, and his grandchildren. He and Colette like to cycle, especially in France, and to ski and travel with their friends, many of whom are from their days at Wesley.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)



Ric and his wife Colette (Fr 1972)

UNDERSTANDING THE BRAIN

SETH GRANT (FR 1977, SENIOR STUDENT 1980)

“Understanding how the brain works, how we think and feel, and how the devastating diseases of the brain arise, are some of the greatest scientific challenges of the 21st Century,” said Seth Grant (Fr 1977). And if anyone could attest to that, it would be Seth, an internationally renowned scientist who has been at the forefront of research into these important problems for more than 25 years.

Born in Newcastle in 1959, son of a radiologist, Alan Grant, and a violinist, Gwynneth, Seth went to Maitland High School and to Knox Grammar School. In the HSC, he was first in the state in Physics, Chemistry and Economics. Seth enrolled at Sydney University in 1977 to study Medicine and entered Wesley. He remembers his first years in college, as “a wonderful liberating experience amongst so many bright and entertaining people”. “I resided in Lower Purser during my first two years, where I, like many other Wesleyans in the era before the now ubiquitous earphones, had a powerful stereo system,” Seth told *The Wesleyan*. “This allowed me

and my neighbours to enjoy my taste in jazz music. My mother was in the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and my musical upbringing gave me a lifelong love of jazz and playing piano.” During his Wesley years, Seth was a regular at Sydney’s jazz clubs and concert halls. He interviewed visiting stars and wrote reviews for *Honi Soit*. Seth was also a keen sailor, racing at weekends.

At the conclusion of his first two years - the preclinical training phase of the medical course - Seth won the Herbert Wilkinson Prize and was offered the opportunity to spend a year doing a Bachelor of Science (Medicine) degree, pursuing research full-time in a laboratory. Working with Professor David Read, Seth was tasked with trying to work out how the brain controls breathing during sleep and why children die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The year spent on research was a turning point in Seth’s life. “It gave me first-hand experience in the challenges of unravelling the complexities of biology and understanding how diseases occur,” Seth said. “From

this experience, I became hooked on the excitement of scientific discovery and research.” Seth also served that year on the Wesley House Committee, where he was treasurer of the Student Club.

Seth graduated in Medical Science in 1980 with a Distinction and Wesley awarded him the John Irvine Hunter Prize for Academic Excellence. That year, as he began his clinical training in Medicine, he was elected Senior Student of Wesley. In this role, he was ably supported by Jenny Nixon (Treasurer), Fiona Cowley (Secretary), Omnia Marzouk, Ann Balcomb, Vanessa Kingsford, Tim Driscoll, Richard Redmayne, John Mullan, Chris Rew and Trevor Dixon. One of the issues he had to deal with was that of chalking. The Master, the Rev Dr James Udy, wrote him a letter saying that “the crude chalking inside the College is beginning to make the front foyer look like a rough public toilet in a cheap part of Sydney”. Udy asked: “Could you please arrange for those responsible to remove the chalk?” This, and many similar challenges which confront Senior Students, was successfully resolved, along with permission from the College Council to once again advertise the Formal (following a previous debacle of an oversubscribed event), organising the “Mod” Informal, and helping return the Student Club toward profitability by the introduction of the Space Invaders machine. That year, Seth also celebrated an “unforgettable” 21st birthday party at his family home in Killcare beach attended by many Wesleyans.

Seth’s interest in medical research continued in the latter years of his medical course. In fact, he took time out to pursue further laboratory studies in London. He was invited



Seth Grant in 1980

to present his student research in the United States and during the trip was offered a post-doctoral fellowship at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York, under the auspices of James D. Watson, the Nobel Laureate who along with Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA. Seth graduated in Medicine from Sydney University in 1984 with First-Class Honours, completed an internship at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and in 1985 took up the fellowship in New York. "This laboratory was the world-leading institute for the exciting new field of molecular biology and a training ground for a generation of future leaders in science," Seth said. Seth worked on the pioneering new field of oncogenes - the genes that cause cancer - and learned how to decode and manipulate DNA.

After five years of working on cancer, Seth realised that DNA technology could be used to study the fundamental basis of thought and processes such as learning and memory. James Watson introduced him to Professor Eric Kandel from Columbia University, who invited Seth to join his team. Seth moved to Manhattan. During his five years at Columbia, Seth discovered the first genes to control learning and memory. His publications generated great excitement and opened up a new field of research that has led to a revolution in our understanding of how genes control behaviour. Seth's work contributed to Kandel's award of the Nobel Prize in 2000.

In 1994, Seth moved to the United Kingdom where he joined the staff of Edinburgh University. There, he established a research laboratory and became Professor of Molecular Neuroscience and Director of the Centre for Neuroscience. His research group made the seminal discoveries that synapses - the junctions between nerve cells - contain specialised molecular machines that process and encode information in the brain. He isolated these molecular machines and found that the genes that were responsible for making the proteins could be damaged by mutations in many different brain diseases



Seth Grant

including autism, intellectual disability and schizophrenia.

In 2003, Seth was recruited to Cambridge, where he established a large research program, called the "Genes to Cognition" program at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute - the institute which had become famous for cracking the code for the human genome. At the institute, Seth expanded his work into the molecular machinery of synapses and through systematic studies of the synapse molecules, discovered they were involved in over 130 brain diseases. These fundamental discoveries have enabled many other research groups and clinics to study the DNA of patients with mental disorders.

Seth's studies of the molecular machinery of synapses has also made a major contribution to unravelling the mysteries of intelligence and the origins and evolution of the brain. Seth's team

found that many of the genes that were responsible for building the molecular machines in synapses were important for the differences in IQ in the normal population. Seth tracked the evolution of these molecules and found they first arose in bacteria billions of years ago and represent the origins of the human brain. Seth encapsulates the story of the molecules of the brain, the evolution and mental illness in his public lectures: *Genius, Madness and the Origin of the Brain*.

Seth returned to Edinburgh University in 2012. His most recent work, announced in September of this year, is the discovery of a "Genetic Lifespan Calendar". "This research reveals that there is a genetic 'program' that controls the way brain genes work throughout life," Seth said. "Aging is not simply a case of the brain wearing out. This new discovery can explain the onset in young adults of one of the most important medical disorders - schizophrenia." Seth was particularly focused on schizophrenia, because it was a disease that had affected members of his family.

Forty years after entering Wesley as a fresher, Seth has held Professorships in Edinburgh, Cambridge and Melbourne Universities. He has served on numerous international advisory panels, led international research consortiums and been awarded prizes and fellowships in prestigious academies including the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Academy of Medical Science. He has trained new generations of scientists and doctors, some of whom have gone on to hold professorships at universities across the world. He is actively involved in public engagement with lectures and an educational website. Seth, who was awarded this year with the Wesley College Foundation Medal, is married to Marguerite, whom he married in New York, and has two daughters, who study at Oxford University and London School of Economics.

Seth Grant (Fr 1977), ed
(Malcolm Brown, Fr 1965)

SENIOR STUDENT TO STEEL INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN

ANOTHER WESLEY SUCCESS STORY AND ANOTHER WESLEY DYNASTY

NEIL GIBSON (FR 1982, SENIOR STUDENT 1984)

Neil Gibson who entered Wesley in 1982 is one of the fortunate individuals who made the most of Wesley College, fitting in easily and finding his wife-to-be, Suzie Carlon, who arrived simultaneously in 1982 to study Economics. His recollections of Wesley are, in his words, “sprinklings of study in and amongst a world of sport, socialising and hedonism.” “By way of example, I played Intercollege cricket for Wesley, but at the time saw it a greater honour to be the first fresher ever to receive the infamous PCC (Purser Cricket Club) Cap,” Neil told *The Wesleyan*. It was at that time he had Wesley before him - his elder brother Bruce having entered Wesley in 1978 to do an Arts/Law degree - and there were to be Wesleyans after him, sons Jack (Fr 2015) and

Harry (Fr 2017), probably to be followed by his third child, Lily, now aged 16. Throw in Neil's stint as Senior Student in 1984 and Suzie's present membership of the Wesley College Foundation, plus her chairmanship of Wesley's Old Collegians Association - and we might see the ultimate Wesley product.

Neil was born in Taree on the NSW mid-north coast in September 1963, with parents Gwen and Jack involved in running cattle properties. He spent his first 18 years in Wingham, a small mid-north coast town of some 3,000 people, and attended the local schools, ultimately Wingham High School. Having grown up in a rural environment, he took to that and in 1982

enrolled at Sydney University to study Agriculture. He also entered Wesley. His brother Bruce (Fr 1979) left college as Neil arrived, but had brought countless friends and stories home over the years, so Neil had an inkling of the good times ahead. “Although a fresher way back in 1982, I can vividly remember those first days in O Week, the new twist on a ‘boat race’, discovering the correct use for a spoon, or living life without a door, or a room for that matter,” he said. “The excitement of meeting a great bunch of like-minded people, many of who have become lifelong friends. Incidentally, the taste of wine cask or silverside and white sauce (aka White Dog) also give me instant recall, though not so positive.”





Underpinning Neil's Wesley experience was "a culture of support, mateship, respect for all, and a desire to learn life lessons as much as academia, taking on new ideas, perspectives, opinions as we all struggled with the concept of a life involving responsibility". They were, without doubt, his formative years. Neil was elected Senior Student in 1984 and set about running a functional House Committee and "breaking in" a new Master, the Rev Dr John Whitehead. "It was a tremendous honour and life experience for us as an executive, with 'wife to be' Suzie as Secretary, Stuart Williams as Treasurer and lifelong friends such as Scott Taylor, Neil Sutherland ensuring the 'voice of the students' was always to the fore at Wesley," he said. "It is pleasing to see this is still the case today."

Neil graduated in 1985 as a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, and worked in rural businesses such as Elders, chemical companies such as SmithKline in rural Sales and Marketing roles. He married Suzie at the Hunter Baillie Presbyterian Church in Annandale in 1993. The reception was filled with Wesley folk, including Jennifer Wurf (nee Lucock, Fr 1982) as bridesmaid, and Sandy Bailey (nee Roberts, Fr 1982), mother of Maddie (Fr 2015), Nicola Darling (nee

Kingsford, Fr 1982), aunt of Alex (Fr 2015) and Seya Grant (Fr 2016). Their presence helped Suzie get through the day

Neil and Suzie then went about their respective careers. Soon after the marriage, Neil joined BHP in the Steel Division. Suzie worked in the banking industry and later in commercial roles with Goodman Fielder and CSR. Neil worked in both Sydney and Newcastle. Jack was born in Sydney in 1996 and started school in Newcastle. Harry was born in Newcastle in 1998 and Lily there in 2000. Neil continued with BHP for 22 years

and added a post-graduate marketing diploma to his resume. He relocated to Sydney and all his children were brought up on Sydney's lower north shore. Neil became a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and is now chairman of the Australian Steel Institute.

"Being based in Sydney, close to the campus, for work for the majority of those years, and having had so many mutual friends at Wesley, we stayed close to them in post-Wesley years," Neil said. "This legacy has been the greatest gift to us over time, with so many happy memories but also friendships that have endured the test of time." The family have been regular visitors to the family farm near Wingham, where Grandma Gwen and Uncle Bruce keep a close eye on farm affairs. "Jack and Harry, having heard so many good accounts of life at Wesley, had no hesitation in going there themselves," Neil said. Jack started in 2015 to do a degree in Commerce/Liberal Studies and Harry entered Wesley this year to study Commerce. Neil said: "It is both confronting and a real buzz at the same time to see the next generations of Wesleyans coming through, pleasingly many being children of parents from our era."

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)



THE POCKET DYNAMO WHO MADE THINGS LOOK EASY

KIMBERLEY HOLDEN (FR 1984), WESLEY'S SECOND FEMALE SENIOR STUDENT

Kimberley Holden has always found it easy. Energetic, petite, and highly intelligent, she has moved through life like a very fit Rugby half-back, slipping in and out of the rucks, handling complex, difficult situations with dazzling speed leaving the rest of us plodding in her wake. The second female Senior Student of Wesley, Kimberley was able to handle the boorishness of the St Paul's roughnecks. Shadows have come across her life, in particular the onset of epilepsy and a brain tumour later in life. But she has taken that challenge on board, as she has done with everything else, and handled it. She went on to enjoy a career in business, which included long stints overseas. She married and had three children. She has added chairmanship of the Wesley College Foundation, helped oversee the Raising the Roof Appeal, and become a Wesley Parent.

Kimberley was born in the first year of the Rev Norman Webb's incumbency as Master. What a terrible thing it would have been had Norman not sent Wesley down the co-educational track and Kimberly never come to the college!

Kimberley was born on New Year's Day, 1965, at Wentworthville hospital, second child of a seaman, Robert Needham and Maggie (nee Marsh). Kimberley grew up in Carlingford in Sydney's north-west, then later Glenorie in the outer north-west. She did her schooling at Tara at Parramatta where she quickly shone, involved in drama, diving, hockey, cricket and life-saving and she became school captain. She was a school-



Kimberley making Salvete welcome in 1986

mate of Deborah Kingsford, who would "regale us with the stories of her older sisters who lived at a place called Wesley College and had a lot of fun". The five Kingsford girls all went to Wesley, including Vanessa, and Kimberley had heard enough to prompt her to apply for a place there when she enrolled at Sydney University to do an Economics degree. She was interviewed by the Master, Dr Jim Udy, who had a holiday house near Glenorie and sympathised with anyone having to travel every day to Sydney University. He gave her a place.

Kimberley was put in a double room with Margie Parsons from Tasmania, who was, Kimberley said, a "great person and very funny". "We were in the double room at the end of upper purser and were lucky enough to have wonderful college elders, Tim Driscoll and Paddy Marshall, as

direct neighbours and a whole stack of sophomores in our corridor, including Suzie Carlon, Neil Gibson and Andrew Smith, all of whom I count as good friends to this day!" Kimberley told the Wesleyan. "At the end of term one our happy double room was broken up and it was off to E-Wing. I had the indignity of being the room next to the toilets, but was lucky to have another great corridor with Ian Andersen, Rob Rankin, Dennis MacDonald and Sally Morgan. The fun continued."

Kimberley was helped enormously in her undergraduate years by "the enormously clever" Jo Gray and George Argyrous. George's personal tutorials helped her get a credit in Classics, which she described as "notorious", presented by Professor Peter Groenewegen. "Late night visits to members of the Senior Common Room, especially Keith Suter and (now) Professor David Johnstone, also helped me to scrape through the early years," she said. In sport, she was part of the Wesley swimming team that won the Rawson event, helped along by brilliant swimmers like Sally Morgan and the diver Tracey Kerr. She was cox of the Sydney Uni Women's Eight and the Wesley Women's Four which proved "invincible" and participated in the college play, a production helped along by the Master's son, actor Peter Whitehead, and Marion Potts who would go on to become a highly successful theatre director. Kimberley was in the Wesley House Committee and the Intercoll Committee and in her fourth year, 1986, became Senior Student.



Kimberley's graduation photo at Wesley with her grandfather

Dr John Whitehead was “a wonderful Master, who appeared very hands-off, but with the help of his wife always knew exactly what was going on” Kimberley said. John Whitehead ran the college well and was “highly empathetic, well known for his generous nature, happy Sunday evening suppers in his residence”. Kimberley was very busy during her Senior Student year. She observed “some ructions” over being a female in the position, though a female had gone before her. That discomfort quickly settled down at Wesley, though St Paul's, St Andrews and St Johns, which were all-male, had trouble with it. “St Pauls didn't know how to cope inviting a woman to their Rawson Cup celebrations,” Kimberley said. “The St Paul's House Committee had a meeting to consider the conundrum of a female head of Wesley requiring an invitation to their Celebration dinner. With a narrow margin (3-2, I believe) I was invited. The [St Paul's] House Committee had to surround me as I walked in. Paul's boys were booing, throwing things and many turned their backs.

Their mission was to get me smashed.” But Kimberly got through it, drinking toasts to the Queen, the visitors, the Senior Students, the winners of the swimming, the winners of the basketball...”

Graduating with honours in 1987 Kimberley lived in a share house with Deb Paton and Scotty Taylor, and worked for the management consultancy, LEK Partnership. “Ten new graduates were put to work,” Kimberley said. “We worked excruciatingly long hours. We were thrown in the deep end. But the work was rewarding and with ten in the group of recruits, always fun.” Kimberley spent three months in Boston, doing a study on the North American sugar market, three months in Perth working on a banking project, and the rest of the time in Sydney mostly working on telecommunications projects. She then gained a place at INSEAD, one of the world's largest graduate business schools, in Fontainebleau, France. There, she undertook a course to get a Master of Business Administration (MBA). “There were 250 students from all over the world lived and studied together for a year,” she said. “I shared a farmhouse on the Seine River with fellow students. The year was intense but we also had a lot of fun. Except for exam time; parties, nights out at local pubs, or up to Paris for dinner, the INSEAD ball at Versailles ...”.



Her boyfriend, Angus Holden (a former Pauline and Science/Law graduate) visited Fontainebleau for the Christmas holidays and they skied at Val d'Isere. On New Year's Eve, she accepted his proposal for marriage and she abandoned her plans for Europe and returned to Sydney. They were married on 14th September 1991 at the Garrison Church at the Rocks and walked up to the reception on Observatory Hill.

Kimberley worked for a few years for what was then SBC Dominquez Barry (later UBS) as an investment analyst in the private equity division. Angus then announced he was being transferred to the Singapore office by his chemical engineering company Jord International. Kimberley used her INSEAD connections to get a job in the international division of SingTel, analysing new investment opportunities, working on acquisitions and helping to manage investee companies in the region. The couple had many happy years in Singapore, working hard and doing a lot of travel. With SingTel, Kimberley went to Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Malaysia, UK, Norway and Sweden. The highlight was a year at Globe Telecom in the Philippines. “We had loads of friends among locals and expats,” she said. “I loved working with the Filipino people there, all so genuinely gracious, happy and talented.”



MBA graduation at the Chateau de Fontainebleau with her flatmate and parents

Daughters Georgie and Lucy were born in Singapore in 1994 and 1996. The family returned to Sydney for a short time in 1998 and had third baby, Annabel in September 1999. Then it was off again, when Angus was posted to Germany for two years to work in a joint venture between Jord and the German engineering company Balcke-Duerr. They lived an idyllic life in a small village, tending to a vegetable garden and travelling around Europe. Kimberley and Angus rode bikes and the children went to local German schools. The family returned to Sydney once more in 2001 but work commitments meant that Angus was a way a lot of the time. Kimberley went for an interview as head of strategy at a large telecoms company. During the interview, she suffered what she later recognised as the first of a run of seizures. “At the time, I thought I was suffering from the stress of being a mother with three small children and a husband who travelled a lot,” she said. “It was a clear message that I was no longer cut out for corporate life and decided to pursue an acquisition of my own.”

Kimberley went hunting for a business to buy and turned down many options, including business involving manufacture/marketing of foam surfboards, running mango plantations, and

manufacturing downturns. She settled on a business specialising in manufacture of metal expansion joints. “So there I was, a north shore housewife with a heavy industrial operation in Liverpool,” she said. “The Jord Bellows team were experienced and great to work with.”

In 2007, Kimberley suffered a major seizure and was rushed to hospital. By the time she got there, she was screaming in agony, was speaking gobbledygook and in a bad way. “It was strangely like my brain was in two parts,” she said. “One part experiencing the episode and the other part observing and commenting, ‘This doesn’t look too good.’” It turned out to be a benign brain tumour but it was the size of a mandarin. “The operation was long,” Kimberley said. “Recovery was slow. After six months, I had regained my speech and my balance and was able to walk around the block by myself.” Six months after the operation, she went for a check-up and things appeared much better. “I had an MRI scan and headed up the doctor’s office where he was standing with a white coat and a pointer,” she said. “The news was not great. They had left some tumour in a vein and I would need another operation. But for the next few years, Kimberley dedicated to trying to avoid surgery. “I tried all

sorts of alternative treatments, which turned out to be good at helping with my ongoing epilepsy but a second operation seemed unavoidable,” she said. “I had the second surgery in 2011.”

Kimberley’s eldest daughter, Georgie, finished school in 2012 and wanted to go to Sydney University to study economics, Kimberley was keen to take her to Wesley to have a look. “She loved it of course,” Kimberley said. “It was a very happy day for me, dropping her off to Wesley for O Week in 2013”

A few days after that, Peter Beaumont telephoned Kimberley. The College was raising money for the Raise the Roof Project and Peter wanted her to be on the committee to handle it. “I couldn’t say no, and although I was very hesitant as I was still recovering from the effects of the second operation and still had some epilepsy, I agreed,” Kimberley said. “Peter was a great leader and we had a really fulfilling time raising the money. It was great to get to know him and other Old Cols like Jim and Peter FitzSimons, and to have the chance to work with Suzie Carlon and others. I now have a second daughter at Wesley, and possibly one more to come. When Lisa suggested that I take over the Foundation after Jim’s retirement, I quickly said yes. We have a lovely team of people who it is a pleasure to work with. We are yet to see whether we can be as successful as our predecessors but here’s hoping so.”

In November last year, Kimberley sold Bellows, which she had owned and managed for 14 years. Now in her early fifties, with so much achievement behind her, she has essentially returned to her roots at Wesley, where she had so much inspiration, contributing to its ongoing health. Kimberley now has a second daughter, Lucy, at Wesley studying Commerce. Like a true Wesleyan, she sees the benefits of Wesley blossom again in her own children.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

SHE GRABBED WESLEY WITH BOTH HANDS, THEN MOVED ON

SALLY KAY (FR 1985, SENIOR STUDENT 1988)

Sally Kay, Orange-born to schoolteacher parents, might not have anticipated as she walked up to the Wesley College façade with her parents in 1985 to begin her fresher year that it would be a gateway, as it is, potentially, for anyone who does well in his or her studies. For any student walking up that sloping pathway for the first time, the façade is the same, staring down and implicitly inviting the student to come in to do his or her best. Do well, and it becomes a gateway to anywhere. In Sally's case, that was to the legal profession, then Europe, where she lived and worked in London, and to Prague, where she taught English, elsewhere on the Continent and Asia, then back to Australia where she helped the legal profession handle the explosion in communications technology.

On that day in 1985, the façade was impressive enough. "I can remember on my first day walking up the front steps to the College with mum and dad and they were agog at splendour of the place," Sally told *The Wesleyan*. "Dad, who'd studied for his Arts degree by distance while married with children and working full time said something to the effect of, 'Wow, what I would have given to have come here.' They really couldn't believe it." Then they went to Sally's allocated room, number 120 in Purser Wing, with three leadlight windows looking out onto trees. It really wowed the oldies, as a youngster might say. "Probably at the time, as a callow-18-year old, I didn't quite appreciate how

privileged I was," she said. "I remember complaining to a friend about the noise of people playing tennis on the Pauls' tennis courts."

Sally grew up in Orange, where her father, Brian, became principal of Kelso High School. "As Brian was from Adelaide and [mother] Helen from New Zealand there were no extended family close by but the family had lots of friends and a very active social life," she said. "To be brought up Australian in the 70s and 80s in a country town in a loving and financially secure family really is the perfect childhood." Sally went to Orange High School where she excelled at her studies, becoming Dux, played sport and made friends. "Orange High School had the distinction of enabling many of its large year 12 cohort to be the first in their families to attend University," she said. "The school has also provided Wesley with a number of its students over the last 100 years." Sally was urged by family friends who were Wesleyans, Ken (Fr 1973 and Jenny Hazelton (nee Tunley Fr 1974) and Hugh Morgan (Fr 1984) to apply for Wesley. Enrolling at Sydney University in 1985 to do Arts/Law, that is what she did.

Sally quickly linked up with people who became life-long friends. "I was absolutely awed by the calibre of the people I met in those first few weeks at Wesley," she said. "I felt very much like the small fish who had landed in the big pond, actually not a pond, more of an ocean. Many of them had talents across a range of areas, academic,

sporting and musical, and were incredibly modest at the same time. Many if not most have gone on to stellar careers. Our fresher year had an intake of 90 and among these were people like Anna Broinowski (NIDA graduate and documentary film maker), James O'Loughlin (comedian and broadcaster), Bronwen Morgan (Professor of Law at UNSW), Anna Donald (public health expert, now sadly deceased) Sarah Roberts Thomson (Professor of Pharmacy at University of Queensland), Lisa McIntyre (independent non-executive director), Roxanne Stockwell (Principal of Pearson College London) to name just a few."

Sally threw herself into the life of the College. "I played hockey and softball and was a very enthusiastic Rosebowl campaigner," she said. "We had the excitement of winning the hockey in extra time in my last year but then very sadly losing the Rosebowl to Women's in literally the last second of the basketball. I was lucky enough to have two fantastic coaches and my skills improved markedly: Sundar Ramamurthy (Fr 1984) for softball and John Truman (Fr 1988) for hockey. Many of my friends now are the friends I made on those sporting fields."

In 1988, Sally was elected Senior Student. She was the third woman to reach that position. "Being senior student was one of the best experiences of my life and many of the skills I learnt in that year I've taken with me," she said. "I was in



Sally at the 2016 1980s Reunion with Ineke Williams (fr 88) in the middle, and Fiona Nash (fr 88) on the left

fourth year when I was Senior Student and there were about 20 other fourth years all of whom were friends, so the college had a very stable feel to it. I was very fortunate to have a great House Committee and was friends with lots of people from the years below.”

Sally had “a great working relationship” with the Master, Dr John Whitehead, and his wife, Ervyn, whom she admired for their care of the college and of herself. “It was an absolutely wonderful year and really topped off a fantastic four years. I think I was fortunate to be Senior Student during a relatively uneventful year. However, even in a year that didn’t have any big problems or scandals there were always issues that came up and some things were quite challenging. There always will be when there are a group of young people living in close quarters.

“There are always the big-ticket items like formals, winning sporting matches, Victory Dinners, Valetes and so on. But most of the

really valuable parts of college life come from having coffee in people’s rooms, or getting into a conversation with someone at dinner that you hadn’t had a chance to talk to, or wandering up to Newtown for a pizza. Of course, there were so many funny things that happened that it’s hard to pick out just a few, particularly in a family publication. Anna Broinowski’s entire room being put on the roof of Bosch perfectly arranged down to the glass of water on her desk was one.

“Another was in second or third year sitting with a group on the front lawn enjoying lunch. James O’Loughlin at that time had a room in upper Purser overlooking the front lawn. He was notoriously messy. A gust of wind dislodged some of the papers on his desk which floated out the window to the people lunching below. It turned out that they were law lecture notes Bronwen Morgan had lent James (Bronwen went on to get the University Medals in both Law and English). Bronwen was, naturally, not happy about this,

and refused to let James use her notes from then on. As a decidedly second option, he then had to use my notes. I think his results took a turn for the worse after that. Maybe if it hadn’t been for that gust of wind and he’d continued using Bron’s notes he may have had a stellar career in the law?”

Sally graduated in Arts and Law and became a solicitor with Dunhill Madden Butler, specialising in insurance and commercial law. She spent five years there, then travelled to London where she took up a position with a start-up property development firm engaged in the redevelopment of the historic wharf districts. “This was a fantastic experience developing my skills in commercial property development and financing,” she said. “More importantly, it gave me the opportunity to start thinking about how we preserve historic buildings by giving them a new purpose that is sustainable”.

Sally spent several years in London, then travelled to Asia,

Middle East and Europe, where she did a stint teaching English at a local university in Prague, then returned to Australia where she took up a senior position with legal software company, at a time when the internet was starting to “disrupt the legal industry”. She then moved to the Law Society of NSW to lead their practice supporting law firms and the society to engage with new technology. During this time, she worked on a range of access to justice projects including public key authentication, electronic hearings, and the development of the state-wide legal assistance service LawAccess NSW. She was part of a team that won a Premier’s Award for her work on electronic hearings.

While working with the Law Society, Sally met Mark Burdack, who was working in the NSW Attorney General’s Department. They were married by Dr Whitehead and in 2003, following the birth of their first child, Kate, and with a second child, William, on the way, they relocated to Orange. There, Sally applied her knowledge of the property, legal and financing sectors to set up a residential financing business. Over several years, she and Mark renovated a 1920s home in Orange and restored a number of heritage homes.

Sally was a financial and commercial adviser over a number of years to the owner of Green Homes Australia, an Orange-based sustainability start-up company established to increase consumer access to “affordable and high performing off-the-plan Eco-friendly homes,” as she expressed it. When the company decided on a rapid expansion from a single office in Orange to a network of 30 locations across Australia and New Zealand, Sally was invited to become a board member. She began that role in April this year. “It’s been an unusual journey since my time at Wesley,” Sally said. “I could not have imagined running my own residential and commercial finance business, or

that I would be sitting next to eminent Australians on the Advisory Board of an important new start-up in the sustainable building sector.”

Sally has maintained contact with many Wesleyans. Her family goes on regular camping trips with Rowan (Fr 1979) and Lisa Darke (nee Connor, Fr 1986) and their children. There are also regular catch ups with Lisa McIntyre (Fr 1985), Suzie McClung (Fr 1985), Sarah Roberts Thomson, (Fr 1985), Cath Brunskill (Fr 1985), Hugh (Fr 1984), Jane (Fr 1986) and Elizabeth Morgan, Ineke Williams (Fr 1988), Fiona Nash (Fr 1988) and Roxanne Stockwell (Fr 1985). “My children are in their early years of high school but I would absolutely love it if they could have the same college experience as I had,” she said.

In Sally’s view, one of the valuable things that Wesley gives you is a social competence through close living with people from diverse backgrounds. As well as the students, there is regular contact

with other adults; the former Master, the chaplain, the students and principals of other colleges, tutors, “and Old Colls you would meet at various functions”. “I remember some great advice Mrs Whitehead gave me when I was in my last year of College,” she said. “I’d been invited to dinner at the Master’s residence with a handful of other law students to meet Sir Ronald Wilson who was a High Court judge. I must have expressed nervousness to Mrs Whitehead about meeting such an eminent person (maybe I was nervous because I hadn’t read his judgments closely enough). She said to me, ‘He’s just a man who puts his trousers on one leg at a time’. That really stayed with me. Wesley made me equal to the best we have in Australia but at the same time I think an appreciation of people from all walks of life.”

Sally Kay (Fr 1985), ed Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)



Sally and Rev Whitehead at the recent Centenary Ball celebrations

SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND SPORTING STAR - AN EASY FIT FOR WESLEY

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GEORGIE HUBBARD
(FR 2006, SENIOR STUDENT 2008)



Wesley friends at Julia Mannix (nee Graham's) wedding, Dec 2016. From left to right - Kelly Dawn, Ash Deans, Winston West, Jenna West, Tim Alison, Georgie and Camilla Sinclair

In 2005, Georgina (Georgie) Hubbard took advice from her two older sisters, Kate and Angie, who were at the Women's College, and decided not to follow them to Women's but to apply for Wesley (a "better fit" for her, Kate and Angie said). Accepting that, Georgie took a step towards Wesley, and that was to be her gain and Wesley's gain. When Georgie telephoned the Master, David "Papa Russ" Russell from London, David "definitely had a place for me at Wesley", Georgie told the *Wesleyan*. "He was thrilled I had seen the light and was not attending Women's." Georgie was to spend three years at Wesley. It shaped her

and it would remain part of her life "forever". Being a sporting girl and very outgoing, Georgie had already enjoyed the school environment, which had seen her become a school captain. Following her Wesley experience, Georgie would commit herself to the education environment for life. And, it might be added, she came out of Wesley with a husband-to-be - happily not an unprecedented experience.

Georgie was born in Moree in 1986, the third of three daughters of a farmer, Ross Hubbard, and Helen. She was to have a younger brother, Scott. Kate and Angie, very capable and competitive,

eased things along for their younger siblings. The family moved to Narrabri when Georgie was very young and she gained the advantages of being "bush-born" and sports-orientated. "Both of my parents enjoyed their sport, so much so I remember being blasted by mum about not putting in 120 percent into my netball game and her telling me she would prefer to take home another child," Georgie said. "I had made some very low-grade rep team and definitely thought I'd make it to the big time and was far too cool for club games. This snap back into reality was something mum and dad have perfected and I hope that I am a

more grounded person because of this”.

From Narrabri, where she went to primary school, Georgina followed in the footsteps of Kate and Angie and went to a boarding school, Calrossy, in Tamworth. Georgie enjoyed boarding school life, and two of her closest friends there, Jenny Butler (Fr 2005, now Jenny West) and Rosie Lockhart (Fr 2005) were to go to Wesley. “In my final year at Calrossy, I was elected head girl and this widened my opportunities as Calrossy was very generous and sent me to different leadership camps,” she said. “I was very fortunate to be hunted out in the playground by one of the most caring and genuinely thoughtful teachers I have come across and asked if I'd like to go abroad for a Gap year. I jumped at the opportunity and flew to London at the start of 2005.”

Georgie spent a year travelling and working, “eating cheese and bread, being well-underpaid, and of course not realising just how fat cider makes you”. She was employed at the Wrekin College in Wellington, Shropshire, Midland UK. It was great experience for her. “I got a taste for teaching and I knew that I wanted to return to travel and teach,” she said. “Towards the end of the year, I had to face reality and reapply for university and college. I knew I wanted to be a teacher and primary seemed to be a better suit, as I didn't have to choose a subject, I could do them all.” That is where the two wise sisters and Papa Russ came in, and Georgie entered Wesley in 2006 to do a Bachelor of Education (Primary). “From my first day at Wesley when I was 'baited' by a very suave Third Year Senior, Winston West (Fr 2004) I loved it”, Georgie said and the suave senior went on to marry her best friend, who was also at Wesley. “College is an incredibly unique experience and adds another dimension to university life,” she said. “The basement became my home with seven other freshers whom are still my great friends

today. College was contagious and I tried to involve myself into every facet. So much so I volunteered myself for a solo drama performance in the 2006 Palladian Cup, sadly to be outshone. I then continued my theatrical career in the Wesley play, where I played a prostitute from *Three Pennies Opera*.”

Georgie's mother come to the Parents' Weekend to support her, not realising that Wesley was rather different from Women's.

“2006 was not a strong sporting year for the college,” Georgie said. “Our mighty soccer team were the only ones to bring us a Victory Dinner (VD for short). But this allowed the college to shine in other areas and Wesleyans created social gatherings wherever they could. Classics events were coon and goon (wine and cheese) nights, Christmas in July, The Wesley pub-crawl and Garden

Party. All events ended at HQ and/or that Gross and these will always be establishments that when I pass on my way to work I still have a warm affection for. These become college institutions were Wesleyans finally socialised with other colleges and celebrated.” Georgie herself shined on the sporting field and was proclaimed the 2006 Wesley Sportswoman of the Year.

Over her three years at Wesley, Georgie was to represent the college in six of the eight sports on offer. Her sports were swimming, netball, hockey, tennis, softball and athletics. “Sport was and I hope still is a huge element of college life,” she said. “Watching different sporting teams compete was a time that the college came together and supported and celebrated success. I really treasure those times. Being in a team and



Tim and Georgie at a Wedding in Byron Oct 2016

training together for a month or so and really wanting to win and having the college really wanting you to win is something you don't often get to experience in your adult life. My sisters would often tell me about the times they played Wesley and the huge crowds Wesley could pull in and how intimidating this was. So much so my poor dad sat next to a Wesleyan one time during a Rosebowl netball match to listen to the crowd make reversing sounds whenever my sister stepped backwards, as if she was a semitrailer. Charming!

"The sledge was not always pleasant and I assure you we got it as good as we gave it," Georgie said. "However, playing for Wesley you knew someone had your back. The college was wonderful at coming together and supporting any collegian in any area. Whether that be trekking out to Five Dock to watch the girls' hockey, catching the rowing bus to Penrith or simply wondering across the oval to Drews to watch Palladian, no matter what the occasion you knew that you had supporters in the crowd. What a lovely thing to have." In Georgie's second and third year, 2007-08, Wesley was very successful in sport. The girls won the Rosebowl both years, and the boys came so close to winning the Rawson cup. "We were so successful that we had to charge students \$5 to attend VD's," Georgie said. "My brother Scott (Fr 2010) who came to Wesley a few years later to do a Bachelor of Commerce Engineering, couldn't believe our greediness and only ever experienced one VD in his three years. I now realise that I was fortunate to be around in those years."

Georgie continued: "These VD's are one of my favourite parts of college that I enjoy telling people about. Having a giant dress up party where the winning team comes in a secret, opposite costume is brilliant. One of the greatest was Rawson athletics VD when the boys hid around the dining hall as Ninja's and patiently

waited until the hall was full to jump out and announce themselves. This commitment to detail and sheer patience is what made events so wonderful. Another one that springs to mind is 'Assassins', a cleverly crafted game played by those willing. Some dedicated collegian would spend hours, most probably many missed tutes preparing a script and an extremely detailed description of a murder weapon that those who registered had to memorise the script and make the weapon. The head of assassins would, at midnight slip under your door a note telling you who you had been assigned to 'kill'. You had to be alone in the room with your victim, with the specific weapon and recite the script. So brilliant and the college for a few days became paranoid and very antisocial. The hours and time Wesleyans poured in making the college fun is so ridiculously wonderful and something I still laugh at today".

In 2007, Georgie went to Vietnam on the Overseas Study Experience, a volunteering program run by the college in which six selected students travel to Vietnam and Cambodia. Back in Wesley, she enjoyed the "greatest-ever VD" when Wesley won the netball. She also had another interest. She had her eye on an "innocent fresher" named Tim Alison (Fr 2007) who had enrolled at Sydney University to do a course in Agricultural Economics. "Thankfully he didn't seem to mind and we have been together ever since and are currently planning our wedding which is later this year," she said. In 2008, Georgie was elected Senior Student and at the end of the year she was given the Hamilton Mott Award, given to a graduating student from the college who has made a significant contribution to college life.

When she left college, Georgie handed the reins to Tim, who was elected the Senior Student for 2009. She finished her teaching qualifications and started work at Waverley Public School. She got a

permanent position at Petersham Public School. She took to teaching readily and after more than three years in the inner city moved to Orange to be with Tim. She spent three months there and then left to spend time with her sister, who was expecting a baby, and for Tim to finish his Rugby season with the Orange Emus. She and Tim then travelled to London on a two-year mobility visa, which allowed her to work there and also travel internationally.

Georgie and Tim enjoyed their two years in London, an experience made more enjoyable because they were able to connect with Wesleyans, including Justin McTaggart, Clare Dawson (now Gowing), Georgie Gowing, Henry Gowing, Rosie Sparks, Steph Morrison, Sharon Kelly, Jen Bradely, James Kirkpatrick, Jack Graham, Nolan Matthews, Jonno Sharky, Amy Quigley and James Pennington. Tim worked for a Japanese bank and Georgie again worked at St Barnabas Church of England school in Pimlico, central London.

The couple then returned to Sydney and in October last year Georgie resumed work at Petersham Public School and enjoyed contacts with her four nieces and one nephew. She still has the travel bug but for the moment they are happy to settle down. "Luckily, for us we still have a strong Wesley crowd in Sydney, not everyone has been pushed out by outrageous house prices," she said. "We catch up all the time and are still playing sport together; with much more appropriate team names. On closing, I wanted whomever that reads this to know that although my life has not been overly extraordinary but I think I have had some fairly spectacular times and have made some beautiful friends and Wesley is a huge part of who I am and will always be remembered with the greatest fondness."

Georgie Hubbard (Fr 2006, Senior Student 2008), ed Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

THE SCHOLARSHIP GAVE HIM HIS CHANCE, HE REWARDED WESLEY HANDSOMELY

JACKSON ROBERTS (FR 2012, SENIOR STUDENT 2014)

When anyone has ever asked me about my decision to attend the University of Sydney, I always come back to my Mum, Tania, and her account of it. I was an infant wandering hand-in-hand through the university whilst my brother, Callan (Fr 2009), was playing at a cricket carnival on campus. Mum walked me up through the Quad, at which point I let go of her hand and cinematically twirled about taking in the beautiful sandstone surroundings. From this moment on, I am told, the choice to study at Sydney University was never in question.

I was born in Tamworth, regional New South Wales, and for the first 19 years of my life, this was home. My brother and I were raised by my mother, a primary school teacher at St Nicholas school, but never far away from the love and care of my grandparents, Del and Les, and a litany of friends. I attended high school at McCarthy Catholic College where my passions for the social sciences, writing, reading and community service developed. I participated in all manner of extracurricular pursuits, from student leadership to charity groups to rugby team excursions. Of significance was my participation in the Tamworth Toastmasters Youth Leadership course where my love of public speaking flourished and I was named overall champion. This one achievement set a course in my life for a desire to communicate thoughts, beliefs and ideas and

facilitate wider conversation and understanding about the issues and affairs we face today.

Despite this, my focus was always on Sydney University and so I studied hard to achieve an ATAR necessary to study a Bachelor of Arts, intending to complete a Law degree afterward. The HSC came and went with success and in December, 2010, the dream came true. But along with the acceptance came the very real financial and logistic concerns; how to move to Sydney; how to afford it; where to live? Enter, Wesley College.

I had become very familiar with Wesley through Cal's residence there. I came to love from afar the vibrant cultural and academic

opportunities that were all too welcoming for a starry-eyed boy from the country. Not to mention, tales of a broad diversity of people and an animated social life were particular pulling factors. I thrust myself into a gap year a lot closer to home than the European adventures of many of my peers, instead working full-time in the local newsagency. I did this to save as much money as possible to finance my move into the halls of College. At the first opportunity, I applied for Wesley and was given an interview with the Master, Lisa Sutherland, in October, 2011, and immediately she made me feel welcome. I remember her jovially saying how different I was from Cal, that I was "tall, handsome and



Jackson with housemate Erin Ford (fr 2012), 2017



Jackson during O-Week, 2014, with Freshers Imran Joseph (left) and Stu Nelson (right)

well-spoken.” To be given such a compliment was one thing, but at the expense of my over-achieving, intellectual, musician, kind-hearted brother was another. In November when I took a much-needed escape to Thailand, I received my acceptance into Wesley, along with a Norman-Webb Scholarship. Without this generous support, I would not be in the position I am today. That email made that day, which I received while sitting on a beach in Phuket, among the happiest and most relieving to date.

And so began my College career as a Freshman in 2012. I was fortunate enough to be thrust into Lower-Purser with the bulk of my year group and countless days and nights were spent on the lounges getting to know them. I was taken aback in amazement by the calibre of my peers. All 84 Freshers were similarly accomplished and talented but unique in their personality and outlook. From the polite meaningless words to the anger-inducing, politically charged debates, meeting these people would become the most enriching element of College for me. I tried out for

various sports, participated in the Soiree and any other events I could to try and fulfil a growing sense of duty to give back to the community that I had come to call home.

In 2013, I was elected as the Second-Year Representative and got a taste for the College House Committee. It became apparent after several failed attempts to don a Rawson jersey that my contribution would be behind the scenes, making sure that everyone was happy and the taps of the Courtyard ran smoothly as I tended the bar. I took great pride in these roles, but three achievements stand above the rest. First, I was chosen alongside Sam Roberts to represent Wesley in the Palladian Orator Competition, where I gave a speech on fair play by comparing international affairs to the immature, vindictive actions of children in a playground. I had always loved Palladian events, seeing not only Wesleyans but students from all colleges come together to show their dedication to the arts. To be given the chance to throw my hat in this ring of talent was humbling.

Second, I was selected as one of six

students for the OSE program and over the summer break of 2013/14, I traversed Cambodia and Vietnam, visiting various communities and aid organisations. This excursion itself has helped set the tone for my focus on a career in the public interest: in provision over profit. The amazing opportunity that this experience gives students at our College cannot be overstated. As well as fostering some level of international comity and aid, we are given a chance to truly reflect on the luck and grace that we have in our lives and how we can give back to those subject to abject adversity. Third, and perhaps most significantly, at the conclusion of my second year I was elected Senior Student.

My final year was by far my most involved, accomplished and cherished. I finally made it into a Rawson squad, however a minor detail may be that it was a last-minute call up to the B-Team relay in which I swam the Olympic length in budgies, an academic gown and a pair of boxing gloves. My belly flop, I am told, was both admirable and cringe-inducing. I participated in the large Choir

where I found my strength with fellow basses singing simple sounds on repeat. But beyond this, my greatest achievement was my role as Senior Student. I loved working closely with the Council and Master to ensure the year ran smoothly from all angles. Though I would be remiss if I didn't say that my role was made infinitely easier by our commanding House Committee and perhaps the most engaged, enthusiastic and enlivened cohort the College has seen in recent years. A hundred and seventy freshers was a daunting adjustment in O-Week, but with new people came new perspectives, new ideas and a new direction. I didn't take the position as a role of leadership, instead seeing it as one of service; a way I could give back to the College by ensuring that we had a secure and fun-loving environment in which each and every student could flourish in any way they wished. At times, the job was stressful and navigating it alongside my academic life was certainly a challenge, but never have I been a part of something so rewarding. At the dusk of my College career, I was ecstatic to be

awarded the Hamilton-Mott Prize by the Master.

It may seem apparent at this point that my academic record has lacked a mention. Truth be told a quote by Stephen Fry was never far from my mind as I walked a fine tightrope between the Lansdowne and the library: "A real education takes place not in the lecture hall or library, but in the rooms of friends, with earnest frolic and happy disputation. Wine can be a wiser teacher than ink, and banter often better than books." Nevertheless, despite this often-idealistic justification of last-minute essays, I aspired in my studies. I completed my Bachelor of Arts with majors in Government and International Relations and Political Economy. I achieved a Distinction average in every semester and, in 2015, commenced the next chapter of my studies undertaking a Juris Doctor at the University of Sydney. The change in faculty often feels more substantial than my change in residence, but I am pleased to say my academic success continues, having been recently awarded the Erin Cunstance Shaw Scholarship

by the Sydney Law School.

Nowadays I live less than a kilometre away with my fellow 2012 freshers and lifelong friends Erin Ford and Jake Reddie in a share house in Newtown. I have been a member of the Sydney University Law Society's Social Justice and Equity Subcommittee and at present, volunteer one day a week with the Redfern Aboriginal Legal Service. Otherwise my eyes are squarely on the road ahead, applying for public service and public interest graduate roles, with a burgeoning interest in media and communications, as my final semester of study is currently underway.

I still maintain a close connection with the College. In June, 2017, I was offered a role on the Wesley staff as Student Admissions Advisor, which I have readily accepted. I am thrilled at the prospect of once again contributing to the life of the College and helping shape the direction of Wesley's future with the brilliant talent and dedication of our prospective 2018 students. Though there is the exciting future ahead, I look back on my time living in Wesley with a fond nostalgia. It is not our achievements, numerous though they may be, nor was it personally my capacity to grow and succeed in various forms of leadership or participation, that make the College great. It is the people; the students, the vibrant Old-Col community and the continuing connection we all share that binds us and makes us truly unique and special. The support and camaraderie felt across the generations of students past and present is, without any doubt, the enduring quality of Wesley College. Whilst I am unbelievably grateful for having been thrust into the Wesleyan way of life that has developed over the past century, I am far more eager and optimistic to be a part of the hundred years to come.

Jackson Roberts (Fr 2012), ed
Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



The 2014 Wesley Heavies.

FOREVER FIRST

JULIE WARD (FR 1977) CHIEF JUDGE IN EQUITY, SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Julie Ward (Fr 1977) has many “firsts” to her name. She was first in her school in the HSC, got First Class Honours at Sydney University and at Oxford. At 28 years of age she became the youngest woman to become a partner in Stephen Jaques Stone James (now King & Wood Mallesons). In 2008, she became the first woman to be appointed directly from the ranks of solicitors to the NSW Supreme Court and in 2009 she joined Reg Barrett (Fr 1961) in going to the Supreme Court bench. In March this year, she became the Chief Judge in Equity in the NSW Supreme Court. And now, she has become the first person to be profiled twice in *The Wesleyan*!

Julie Kathryn Ward was born in Newcastle on 14th May, 1959, daughter of a mechanical engineer, David Ward, and his teacher wife, Elaine. With good “intelligence” genes (her grandfather was as professor of Chemistry), Julie went to the top selective school, Newcastle Girls’ High, where in 1976 she became Dux. From there went to Sydney University to do a combined Arts/Law degree and to enter Wesley, where it was later noted she studied hard but was “determined to embrace every moment and activity”. She sat on the board of the University Law Review, participated in sport, especially tennis and reached Eighth Grade on the piano.

Adept at languages, especially French, Julie graduated in Arts in 1980, majoring in History. On her graduation in Law, in 1983, she got First Class Honours and won the University Medal. She had already caught the eye of the legal profession. As summer clerk at

Mallesons, she had worked with Graham Bates (Fr 1961) whom she described as “an outstanding lawyer and a true gentleman”. The firm thought sufficiently highly of her to keep a job open for her while she went off to spend 12 months as an associate to the Chief Judge of the Federal Court, Sir Nigel Bowen. Bowen not-so-subtly suggested she go to the Bar and said that eventually she should aspire to the bench. Julie was in the meantime useful as a bodyguard, being in front of a litigant wearing a coat containing 12 hunting knives. A crisis was averted, and when he surrendered the knives to Julie and asked for a receipt, she replied that the Federal Court “doesn’t give those things”.

Julie became engaged to a solicitor, Bruce Monteith, and in 1983 she joined Mallesons as an employed solicitor and married Bruce. In 1984, Julie’s restless intellect compelled her to move on professionally. With a Sydney University scholarship, she went to Oxford to study for a Bachelor of Civil Laws, did the two-year course in one year and graduated with First Class Honours.

Resisting calls to go into academia, Julie returned to Mallesons and focused on Corporate and Commercial Law. One of the earliest cases in which she was involved concerned a claim for damages by a doctor for injuries sustained when he fell off a surgical stool while operating in Newcastle Hospital. Her supervising partner briefed a barrister who had prepared fifty pages of interrogatories designed to prove the stool was defective. The supervising partner was to go on leave and handed the

interrogatories to her. Julie looked at the case, formed a view and promptly settled it, to the delight on her client and supervising partner but the absolute chagrin of the barrister. She would have a lasting commitment to mediation.

In 1988, Julie became a partner in the Mallesons. Her first child, David, was born in 1989, followed by a daughter, Hilary, in 1991. She was obliged then to combine motherhood with her busy practice. She worked with Reg Barrett who became a partner with Mallesons in 2000 after a stint as general counsel for Westpac. In March 2001, Reg was sworn in as a Supreme Court judge, sitting in the Equity Division. Reg and Julie had a lot in common. Reg had been to Newcastle Boys’ High School and in his appointment to the bench was by-passing the normal route through the practise at the bar. It was a big move for Reg and he felt some trepidation, something Julie would also feel some years later. In 20 years with Mallesons, Julie became in the words of Tom Bathurst, now Chief Justice of New South Wales, “one of the outstanding litigators in this city if not in the whole country”.

Addressing her, he said: “Any brief delivered by you was always meticulously prepared, precisely identified the issues and contained a clear summary of the arguments both for and, equally importantly, against your client’s position.”

Noted for her clarity of judgement, Julie mentored young lawyers and set high standards. She handled cases such as litigation arising out of Estate Mortgage and the Emanuel property trusts, challenges arising out of the NSW Government’s HomeFund scheme, Transfield oppression proceedings,

and disputes in relation to the metropolitan thoroughbred horse racing broadcast and transmission rights. She acted for Price Waterhouse Coopers over a multi-million-dollar software contract with Sydney Water. According to Hugh Macken, president of the Law Society of New South Wales, her sharp legal mind “has helped make New South Wales the centre of commercial litigation in the Asia Pacific region.”

On her appointment as Chief Judge in Equity on 15th March this year, the NSW Attorney-General, Mark Speakman said: “Justice Ward’s ascension to the head of the Equity division is richly deserved, following a trail blazing legal career spanning more than three decades.” Tom Bathurst said: “Your Honour’s ability, capacity for hard work, incisiveness and sense of humour ideally suit you for the task which lies ahead of you. The people of New South Wales are very fortunate you have accepted the appointment.”

Julie replied: “I have been humbled by the faith and the confidence placed in me by this appointment. On the occasion of Justice Barrett’s swearing in he confessed that he had questioned whether his experience as a solicitor qualified him for his new role. No one would now doubt that that, indeed, it had done so. I have asked myself the same question and in that regard, I have drawn considerable comfort from the encouragement I have received from members of the judiciary over the years to take such a step.”

Julie has maintained contact with Wesley and has been awarded a Wesley Medal. For the record, to update from our 2009 profile, David is now working as a solicitor in Sydney and Hilary is an associate to Justice Phillip Hallen in the Equity Division.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)



VALE ADRIAN LANE

1939 - 2017 (FR 1962)

A gentle man and a rock - these were the phrases friends and family have turned to again and again in remembering Adrian Lane. Gifted with a trifecta of intelligence, good judgement and a steady temperament, Adrian was a natural leader in the law, business and public service. His most enduring contribution may have been the guiding hand he provided at critical stages in the development of two institutions he loved for their commitment to forming character and building opportunity: Shore school and The Smith Family.

Adrian John Lane was born on Sydney's North Shore on 21st October 1939, the third child of George and Maude Lane. George was the senior partner in Lane & Lane solicitors, and with his eldest son, David, helped float OPSM on the stock exchange - Optical Prescription Spectacle Makers, as it was then known. The family of five, including sister Margaret, was close knit and widely loved for their combination of warmth and considerate reserve.

After attending Gordon Public, Adrian followed his father and brother into Shore school, North Sydney. He did well in his studies and sport, earning multiple colours in rowing, Rugby and athletics, and was senior prefect in 1957. It was during high school that Adrian earned his nickname 'Herc' (for Hercules). He studied Arts/Law at the University of Sydney while working as an articled clerk at Lane & Lane, managing to find time also to row in the University VIII.

Adrian attended Wesley college from 1960, and in his second year served as Secretary of the Students' Club. At the end of the year he contributed to the college paper a

very honest assessment of a not-so-successful year for the College's XIII in the Rawson Cup. The seven rowers who would be returning would have learnt from the experience, he wrote.

The following year's college annual report provides a fitting summary of Adrian's time at Wesley, and the firm friendships he formed during that time:

The commencement of 1962 brought with it the certainty of a year of internal upheaval for Wesley College and, as if in response to this, the Students' Club immediately ensured itself of a rock-firm foundation by calling Adrian Lane to the office of Senior Student.

The best that Shore could offer, Adrian spent a year "outside" before taking the plunge into residence. He immediately found his place in College activities of all types. His deserved repute as an oarsman brought him a College Blue in this sport. On the athletic field, "Hercules and his globe" consistently gained a place in field events. As a footballer, he blithely disregarded the start of the season, being the "never-seen" kind of forward who is always at the bottom of a ruck. Not only a keen participant, he was equally enthusiastic from the sidelines of any and every other College activity, earning the rarely-deserved appellation "good College man!". His interest and personal keenness in all College sports were fittingly rewarded by Wesley's spectacular victory in taking out the Rawson Cup for 1962.

As befits a man who wears the letters "B.A." and then guilds them with the sage crafty subtleties characteristic of those designated "LL.B", Adrian steered a middle course in College politics, a course which enabled the divergent factions in the Students' Club to present a united front when necessary. We can hope nothing more

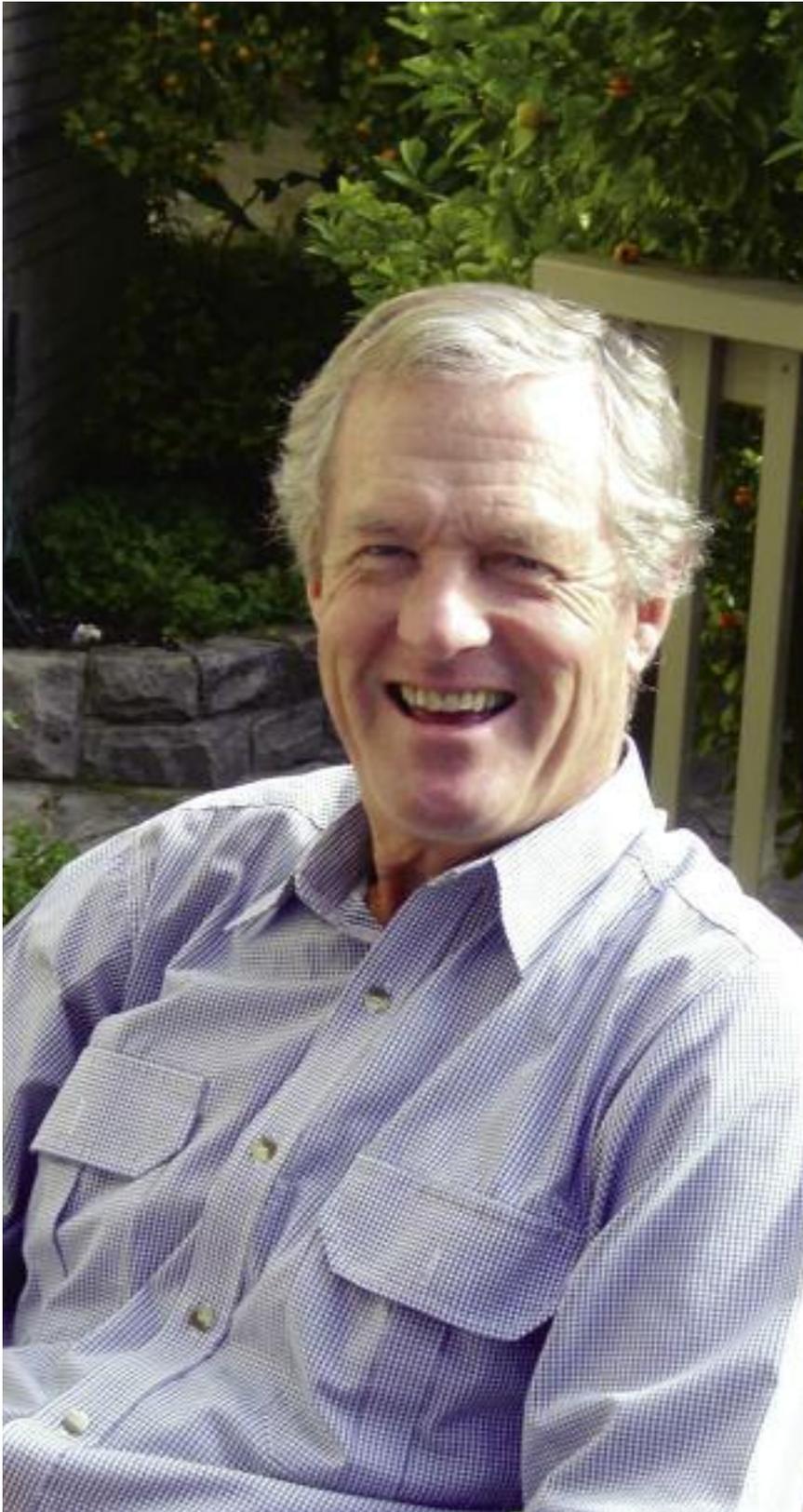
sincerely than that he derived as much benefit from the experience of leadership, as we undeniably gained from his leadership.

Ever the hardest of men to persuade to leave the books and attend a party during Third Term, Adrian found it equally hard to refuse an invitation in the earlier part of the year, and acquired many friends both inside and outside the College in the process. His regular appearances in the press at the end of each year testify to the good sense of such versatility. Having successfully foiled the examiners in Law III, however, Adrian chose to return to the ranks of the non-resident for the remainder of his course. Those who knew him well have no doubt that the years ahead will see him rising impressively with Lane and Lane.

Sure enough, Adrian became a partner with Lane and Lane in 1966, and remained with the firm for another 34 years. He counted the many individuals and families he acted for in those years amongst his most significant influences - providing an education in life.

In 1969, Adrian became a Director of OPSM and was Chairman from 1980 to 2002. OPSM operated some 400 stores in Australia and New Zealand. Including OPSM Protector, it expanded into eight other overseas markets during that time. OPSM was one of the top 50 companies on the Australian Stock Exchange, and the role of Chairman opened further opportunities for Adrian, both in the business world and for public service. Adrian was Chairman of Mirvac from 1996 to 2003, and served on the boards of Amalgamated Holdings and DEM.

In 1986, Adrian joined the Shore School Council and was chairman from 1989 to 1998. He guided the



creation of the school's first strategic plan, and supported the strengthening of the school's pastoral and co-curricular cultural facets to match its excellence in sport. At a time of transition in secondary studies, Adrian intervened strongly to retain a productive balance between

continuity and change. He safeguarded a culture of executive-led consultation and reform, at a time when appetites were sharp for reaction and more radical reorganisation. He served on the committee of the Association of Independent Schools and was a Ministerial Representative on the

Board of Secondary Education.

In 2001, Adrian became Chairman of The Smith Family, a position he felt privileged to hold for nine years. He helped consolidate the charity's "Learning for Life" program, which supports disadvantaged children through school and university. As the anonymous writer for the Wesley College yearbook appreciated in 1962, Adrian had the capacity to weather times of division and stress. It is no coincidence that the institutions in which he held leadership roles all proceeded, during and after his time, along outwardly steady courses. All had their challenges through the decades of profound change in Australia's society and economy; all benefitted from Adrian's guiding hand - "strong but never pushy", in the words of one beneficiary.

In his private life, too, Adrian was a quiet source of strength for friends in need - and great company. He loved his golf, sailing his 100-year-old gaff rig, "Barnacle", around Sydney Harbour, and summers and weekends at MacMasters beach on the central coast of New South Wales. True to his Wesleyan forebears, he put great store in honest hard work, good habits and self-help: he was often sighted picking up rubbish as he enjoyed a beach walk and relaxed at home by toiling in the garden or on one of his many domestic projects. He took up painting in his retirement, and his canvases preserve something of his calm and steady nature.

Adrian was a kind, gentle, wise and much-loved husband and father. His immediate and extended family meant everything to him. Adrian died on 31st May this year. A celebration of his life was held at Shore School Chapel on 17th June. He is survived by his wife, Meri, children Sally, Pip, David and Jon, and nine adored grandchildren.

Pip Fell and Jon Lane

VALE BRUCE PRYOR (FR 1956)

A SOFT SPOT FOR WESLEY AND A WONDERFUL, CREATIVE LIFE

Bruce Pryor not only had a soft spot for Wesley which he entered in 1956, but he came back later to contribute in a major way as the architect of the New Wing and the consequent enhancement of the college's capacity. It was, one might say, a solid return on investment and Bruce, who graduated with a Master's Degree in Architecture from Sydney University in 1963, was never going to be easily forgotten. Not when an entire hockey field at the university was to be named after him - in commemoration of his University Blue-winning performance as a hockey player - and Wesley was to name a wing after him. It was a solid, successful life in which he became partner in one of the largest architectural practices in Australia. And sadly, his life came to an end in July this year.

Bruce Ferris Pryor was born in Bathurst on 23rd April 1938, son of a schoolmaster, Sid Pryor and Edna, brother to Donald (Fr 1953) and to twins Gwenneth and Rosemary. When Bruce was five the family moved to Sydney when his father took up a position at

Fort Street Boys High School. When he was eight, the family moved to Canberra when his father became Science Master at Canberra High School. Young Bruce learned the violin and took up hockey, a major sport at Canberra High. He excelled at hockey, playing half-back for the school with Don playing full-back.

Rosemary recalls: "Bruce loved fishing and when we were kids in Canberra some friends of our parents let us stay in their very primitive house at a little beach on the south coast. (It had no electricity, running water or sewerage!) One day, Bruce met two young men fishing and they had all the rods, reels, the whole works and Bruce was very impressed. The next time we were to go 'to the Coast'. Dad helped Bruce make a so-called rod out of a garden stake and the proverbial string and bent pin. Bruce was thrilled, all the more so when fishing beside these two lovely young men who were there again, that he caught some fish and they didn't!!" Fishing remained one of his major activities. His self-made trout flies



Bruce, aged 8

were a pride. He also had a serious interest in stamp collecting, specialising in particular stamps which were carefully cleaned and stored with attention to watermarks and different print runs.

The family moved once more and Bruce finished his high schooling at Newcastle Boys High School. After school, he decided to take a gap year because he was so young. He went to work at the Tickle Metal Foundry in Newcastle. What he actually did there, Rosemary said she did not know exactly, but he came home "pretty dirty". It also helped Bruce build up funds for his university course, which he began the following year by following Don to Sydney University. Don was studying Medicine and Bruce opted for Architecture and entered Wesley.

One evening he went out with a friend, also called Bruce, in the other Bruce's car to meet the other Bruce's girlfriend and her flat mate. When they arrived at the



Bruce and Jenny Pryor at the opening of Pryor Wing

address, he saw two girls walking up the driveway. Bruce Pryor asked his friend: "Which is yours?" The other Bruce replied: "The pretty one." The supposed "pretty one" naturally got into the front seat with Bruce and the other, whom Bruce Pryor thought even prettier, hopped into the back seat with him. Bruce was absolutely delighted. The girl's name was Jenny Graham and it began a long relationship culminating in marriage and great happiness.

Bruce did very well at his studies, gaining High Distinctions, while continuing his hockey career with Sydney University. He played first grade for the university club from 1956 till 1964, including the winning intervarsity hockey team in 1959 - when he became vice-captain and was awarded a University Blue - and in 1961. At a representative level, Bruce was selected for the Combined Universities Team in 1959, the Combined Sydney 1sts in the NSW State Championships in 1961 and 1962, and played against Pakistan, New Zealand, and Japan.

Bruce played sport for Wesley, including participating in the shooting team. He graduated as a Bachelor of Architecture in 1961 with Honours and got his Master's degree in 1963. He was offered further courses to realise his full academic potential but decided it was time to put the theory to practice, and joined the architectural firm, Stephenson and Turner. Bruce and Jenny married in 1964 and they went to London to work. In 1965 they went to Toronto, Canada, where Bruce worked on high-rise office buildings.

They returned to Sydney in 1967 and Bruce re-joined the Sydney University Hockey Club and played in the second-grade team which made him captain in 1968. He was also nominated as architect of a project at Wesley College to build a new wing at the southern end of the College. The New Wing, or Tutors Wing as it was originally known, was to be a



The Pryor Family (Bruce and Donald in back row)

four-level wing, to house residential staff and their families and provide further student accommodation. Bruce was dedicated to ensuring the new design and structure was sympathetic to the existing Callaghan Wing, by replicating materials and features on external walls, the roof and windows.

In 1969 Bruce joined with three friends who had started their own practice, Devine, Erby and Mazlin, which went on to become one of the largest architectural practices in Australia, with staff totalling 270 in Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Auckland and Kuala Lumpur. His range included city office buildings, hotels, shopping centres, universities, technical colleges, schools, low and high-rise residential buildings and renovation projects.

Bruce became a board member of the Sydney University Hockey Club. For many years he was a club selector and club secretary. He became club president and club patron. Bruce's involvement with Wesley continued over the years, particularly his interest in the College's design and buildings. He retired in 1993 but remained a director of the public company till 1997.

He continued to provide ideas and planning for Wesley College to the

present. The Master, Lisa Sutherland proposed that the latest addition to the college be called the Bruce Pryor Wing and was delighted when he accepted. The wing was officially opened on 26th September 2016.

On 22nd April this year, the Sydney University Hockey Club played its first competitive game on the brand-new Bruce Pryor Hockey Field. It was named in honour of his work over the years to advance the club - and to establish the field.

Sadly, by the time he received these richly-deserved honours Bruce was a sick man. He had been afflicted by a virulent form of Motor Neurone Disease. The speed with which the disease took hold of him shocked all who knew him. Jenny was also very ill. Bruce died on 19th July this year. Jenny did not survive him. They did not have any children.

Ms Sutherland said Bruce would be remembered as "a true Wesleyan - a fine man with a warmth of character and a generosity of spirit ... He and Jenny made a significant and very special difference to the College, for generations of students now and in the future."

Kiri Dumont and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

VALE RICHARD WISE (FR 1990)

Richard Wise was a gifted professional, born in provincial New South Wales, who never left the country areas and never stopped contributing. He threw himself into the life of the community where he eventually settled, Tamworth. If his main professional focus was on dental health, his “Happy Smiles” dental practice itself became a focus in Tamworth. He moved to community welfare and rode bicycles with great enthusiasm to raise large sums of money for charity. Sadly, in a cycling accident in June this year, he was killed doing the thing he loved. At 45, at his prime of life, his death had the most tragic overtones and a devastating effect on the local community.

Born in Hay, NSW, on 6th January 1972, Richard was the eldest of three sons of a veterinary surgeon, St Andrews Old Collegian Geoff Wise, and Anne. Because Geoff worked with the NSW Department of Agriculture, the family had a number of moves. Richard lived in Hay and Lismore, went to primary school in Narrandera and high school in Dubbo. While very young, he was obsessed with football. On one account, he sat down with a piece of fairy bread and pulled off the hundreds and thousands individually, declaring “football” before eating each of them. In backyard cricket games, he tried to emulate the feats of cricketers Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson. He gravitated towards Canterbury-Bankstown in the Rugby League and would take up golf.

Richard went to South Dubbo High, and quickly demonstrated intellectual ability. His brother, Stuart, said: “Richard set the bar high in terms of scholastic achievement. He always found learning easy, much to his parents’ frustration due to the lack of perceived effort at times.” Richard did not display an aptitude for reading when very young but, Stuart said, when it came to a “readathon” to support a campaign for research

into Multiple Sclerosis, “he would set about fleecing friends and relatives with an unprecedented reading frenzy.” Richard had a desire to play the theme music to the movie, *Chariots of Fire*. In 1985, the family gave him use of his great-grandmother’s piano. He did the usual lessons and scales but his ambition was perfecting this one piece. Following his eisteddfod performance, he closed the piano and moved on to the next challenge.

Richard also discovered a love of bike-riding when at 14 years of age he got a job as a paperboy delivering papers round the streets of Dubbo. He developed a great rapport with the people he delivered to, and it turned out years later that those same people would become his patients. In order to encourage Richard to study for the HSC, his parents set up a penalty-and-reward payments system where money would exchange hands on the difference to a set target. Stuart said: “This ended up costing mum and dad dearly as Richard cleared

the target with ease. He profited twice, with his early gains and then his acceptance into Dentistry.”

Richard enrolled at Sydney University in 1990 and entered Wesley College. During his three years at Wesley, Richard thrived on college life, throwing himself into everything, taking on college and student responsibilities, broadening his world, thriving on companionship and blossoming in his personality and values. He was, in the words of a fellow student, “a friend to everyone ... it didn’t matter whether you were in the party group, the sporting team or the Chess Club, Richard was your mate.” In 1992, Richard was treasurer of the Wesley Students’ Club. His father, Geoffrey, told *The Wesleyan*: “In that year he also held the Liquor Licence for the College Students. The legality for legal minimum age limit for this must have been questioned, as Richard was only 20 years old. Maybe the excuse was that he was a complete teetotaler, due to allergies to



alcohol and their preservatives. It was this quality that led him to become a paid drinks waiter at all Rawson Cup and other College dinners, whilst his colleagues imbibed." Richard's brother, Andrew, said: "Who would have thought years later he would be using his Chemistry skills in distilling a fine whisky?" Richard was multi-skilled. One skill was plaiting leather belts. "His college door always had a partially completed belt hanging from the back of it," Stuart said. "He would add new styles and patterns in his search for perfection. His belts are holding up hundreds of pairs of trousers and there is still a half-finished one at home today."

In 1993, Richard went to Westmead Hospital where he was to do his final two years. In 1994, he met a final year Dental Therapy student, Sheryl Jarrett at Westmead. Richard, having now formed a strong friendship with her, graduated with Honours in December 1994. Early in 1995, he settled in Tamworth and went into practice with Nick Broadbent, Dick Lever, Alec Noble and Graham Bradney. After nearly two years, he decided to broaden his horizons and took a number of locum jobs over 12 months, from as far afield as Rockhampton and Hobart and including Wagga Wagga, Dubbo and Inverell. He returned to Tamworth in 1998 to resume practice with the partnership. Terry Melville, a colleague of Richard, said that when Sheryl appeared equivocal about the idea of getting married, Richard left his proposal on a scrabble board and, in stating his love for her, ran out of "I"s. Richard proposed at a Tamworth lookout during a locust plague and she accepted. They married that year.

Richard joined the Tamworth Apex Club, where he joined a cycling team that rode from Tamworth to Westmead Children's Hospital to raise funds for the hospital. Colleague Paul Hagley said: "This was the start of a serious commitment to cycling and one where Richard was able to

combine his passion for cycling with opportunities to raise money from such worthy causes as the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, the Peel and Peel Fundraiser and the Snowy Mountains Ride, raising money to support country people travelling to capital cities for specialised medical care."

The Wise family all did well. Brother Stuart became a civil engineer and Andrew, graduating as an agricultural economist, later qualified as a valuer. In 2006, Richard decided to set up his own dental practice. He moved into temporary rooms in Fitzroy Street, Tamworth, while developing another site in Marius Street. He began at Marius Street in 2012, his practice named "Happy Smiles". It started to thrive. "He possessed the much sought-after combination of a capable dentist with genuine care and compassion, qualities that meant staff and patients enjoyed his company," said Paul Hagley. A Tamworth retired magistrate said: "Richard always made us feel we were the only patients he had for the day. He was always calm and never rude, although we knew he would have a long list of patients to see." Geoff Wise said: "Richard's values and personality transfused throughout Happy Smiles, a happy smiling workplace which employed four other dentists and over 20 total staff."

Richard and Sheryl had four children: Libby, born in 2000, Matthew in 2003, Benjamin in 2005 and James in 2008. With three boys to bring up, Richard had to learn to be a soccer coach. Another colleague, Terry Melville, said that at the end of each game he rewarded the children with a red jelly "frog". Richard was a member of the Tamworth Sunrise Rotary Club, where a sergeant-at-arms, imposing "fines" for made-up offences, accused Richard for giving little children lollies, supposedly to promote tooth decay. The following week the sergeant-at-arms' son came home complaining that after a soccer match, coach Richard had given everyone in the team a frog except

him. All the son had got was celery sticks. It was not Richard's fault, said the boy, it was the father's.

Richard was a foundation member of the Tamworth Sunrise Rotary Club, where he served on the board for several years. He was club president in 2015-16. Richard was a parishioner of St Peter's Anglican Church, Tamworth. He was also an enthusiastic member of the Australian Dental Association (ADA) and enjoyed participating in study groups in Tamworth, attending local ADA divisional meetings and going to state and national conventions. He was also a member of a philanthropic dental organisation known as the Pierre Fauchard Academy, named after a Frenchman who has been proclaimed as the "Father of Modern Dentistry", and which was dedicated to helping the profession free itself from commercial interests.

Richard retained his passion for cycling and was a generous supporter of the Tamworth Cycle Club. In September last year, he participated in the 16th annual charity ride from Tamworth to Sydney. In April this year, he did a 760 kilometre "Ride for Fuel" through the Snowy Mountains. But on Saturday, 3rd June, this year, Richard set off for a recreational mountain ride near Scott's Head on the NSW north coast. Coming down a hill he lost control of his bike, crashed and was fatally injured. His body was found by family members who went looking for him. Richard's tragic passing attracted widespread sympathy and grief, expressed at the memorial service held for him on 16th June. Terry Melville said in his eulogy: "Cyclist, supercoach, Rotarian, distiller of spirits, dentist, husband and father. Everything you did was with passion and integrity. Everything you did was always for others. You have shared with us and we are all better people for it. Thank you so much my beautiful friend. Your spirit will live with us always."

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)



The highlight of the Centenary year at Wesley College was the wonderful celebration at the Centenary Ball and Cocktail Party. The beautiful evening began on the front lawns at Wesley where over 250 guests enjoyed drinks, canapes and entertainment by current and former residents. Those attending the Centenary Ball were then treated to a magical night at Maclaurin Hall, with entertainment by our talented students and Old Cols including Rob Carlton and Margot Saville. A true celebration! All photos from the night can be seen on the website at wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au





RAWSON REPORT

Ambition, determination and vision. Three words that capture the essence of Rawson sport at Wesley in 2017. Sadly, one word missing from that list of admirable qualities is execution, and despite the best efforts of our College men this year can ultimately be defined by what might have been.

The sporting year began with encouraging signs at the pre-semester Cricket Camp as a talented and enthusiastic Fresher cohort created some selection headaches for captain Vince Umbers. In between regular net and fielding sessions the boys made use of local establishments for some crucial team bonding and the week concluded with firm friendships established between the incoming students and established members of the team from previous years. Regrettably this off-field potential did not correlate to on-field performance and the team went down to strong Drews and Pauls outfits while the final match against St John's college was abandoned due to rain. Despite this unfortunate run of results confidence amongst the boys remained high throughout and returning members of the team will be hungry for success in 2018.

Swimming was up next on the



sporting schedule and despite the able leadership of Rob O'Hara the College men created more ripples than waves in the Homebush pool. While resigned to 4th place overall, the night was not without highlights and Hamish Fuller breaststroked his way to a 4th place finish over 50 meters. Over in the diving pool James Peck and Tan Vichitrananda also demonstrated remarkable grace both through the air and in the water, collecting 4th and 5th place respectively. Rawson Rowing followed soon after and the boys overcame weeks of uncertainty surrounding training facilities to put in a great effort on the day

with skipper Matt Hinds leading the men's VIII to a 3rd place finish behind Drews and Pauls. Rugby was the final Rawson sport for Semester One and Will Ridley linked up with Tom Wilson to form a dynamic leadership duo. Unfortunately, despite a large squad entering the campaign, a run of injuries and strong opposition line ups meant that momentum was lost and results once again went against the Black.

A much-needed winter break allowed the Wesley men to regroup and reflect upon mistakes made with the dawn of Semester Two heralded as a new beginning for Rawson sport at the College. This





year saw Anil Rajanathan step up to inherit arguably the most demanding role at Wesley, that of Rawson Soccer captain. With the rush of last years success barely faded and the weighty legacy of 3 VDs in the past 4 years, Anil had the boys training from the start of Semester One with early morning fitness sessions and a College team entered into the University men's competition all part of the preparation. A clinical start to the

campaign saw the boys outclass St John's College with goals to Jerry Yu and Josh Kazzi sealing a 2-0 win. Heading into the second game against Drews, nerves and anticipation were high with Anil and Coach Miles Downie drawing upon years of experience and tactical genius to formulate a plan that would neutralise Wayne's latest scholarship recruits. On game day the boys once again rose to the challenge in a fiery

encounter that saw Drews return late in the game to equalise the score at 3-3 by the final whistle. Moving into a period of Golden Goal, one of the largest Wesley crowds on record watched Rowan Bray latch onto a through ball and slot a shot into the top corner to secure a stunning victory. While it is not worth dwelling on the details of the subsequent final against St Paul's College, it can be safely concluded that football was the real winner on the day.

Fortunately, redemption lay around the corner in the form of Rawson Basketball.

Following last year's forgettable campaign, 2017 saw a noticeable shift in the team's mentality under the leadership of Alex McDonald and Rowan Bray who ensured that a naturally talented squad spent the necessary hours pounding the practice court. This dedication paid dividends and the boys breezed through the competition with 24, 25 and 15 point wins against Drews, Johns and Pauls respectively to secure the first (and only) Rawson Victory Dinner for the year. Following this dominant team performance Rowan Bray was recognised for his outstanding individual contribution, receiving the Most Valuable Player award for the tournament. Other individual highlights included JK Kazzi making opposition players look consistently ridiculous, Harry Groves generating extreme hype for the competition with an engaging proposal video and Angus Airth almost slotting a three-point screamer to beat the buzzer in the final match.

On the tennis court, Wesley's run of success met an unfortunate and abrupt end with the boys going down in all three fixtures. Captain Will Lawless displayed great off-field leadership to equip the squad with athletic and aesthetic uniforms that effectively compensated for any deficits in team performance. However,



question marks do remain over senior player Vince Umber's decision to prioritise a Sri Lankan beach holiday over participation in the first two matches and the internal inquiry is ongoing. Athletics marked the final Rawson sporting event for the year and the boys put in a top all-round effort to secure a 3rd place finish. Performances particularly worthy of note included Patrick Moore cruising to 2nd place in the 5000m, George Fell running a close 2nd in the 800m, Jack Ridley taking out the Triple Jump and Jack Caldwell finishing inside the top 4 in the 100m, 200m and Long Jump.

While success has been limited, 2017 has been another enjoyable year of sport at Wesley and I would like to thank all who were a part of it. I would also like to congratulate Rowan Bray, the incoming Rawson Captain, and wish him and the College the best of luck in 2018.

Ben Rowse (fr 2015)



RAWSON TEAMS

Athletics

Jerry Yu
 Angus Lattimore
 Jack Caldwell
 Rowan Bray
 Jack Ridley
 George Bundock
 Hunter Murray
 George Fell
 Angus Pryde
 Patrick Moore
 Michael Zawal
 James Ryder
 Raf de Oliveira
 Robbie Liddle
 Harry Skacel
 Ben Devine
 Tom Orton
 Rob Irwin
 Luke Vandenberg
 Andrew Sue
 Tom Ryan
 Anil Rajanathan
 Rob O'Hara
 Sam Posel
 Nathan Snaidero
 Jack Hide
 JK Kazzi
 Tom Willson
 Chris Ball

Vince Umbers
 Ben Rowse (c)

Basketball

Alex McDonald
 (co Captain)
 Rowan Bray
 (co Captain)
 Hunter Murray
 (vice captain)
 Al Northam
 Harry Groves
 Jk Kazzi
 Josh Kazzi
 Sulaiman Hussain
 Rob Irwin
 William Haskel
 Lawrence Chan
 Angus Airth
 Ojas Jyoti
 Reserve: Jack Yao

Cricket
 Jack Ridley
 Harry Skacel
 Harry Gibson
 Joshua Joseph
 Vince Umbers (c)
 Hamish Sinclair
 Jack Hide
 Connor Farnell

Abhishek Chawla
 Jack Caldwell
 Ben Rowse
 Jay Deshpande
 Sanjay Yapa

Diving

Seb Parsons (c)
 James Peck
 Tan Vichitrananda

Rowing

Matt Hinds (c)
 Al Northam
 George Bundock
 Andrew Cameron
 Angus Pryde
 Jordan Lee
 James Kilby
 Matt Swain
 Nick Starr
 Sean Lowrie
 Tom Smith
 Oli Hall

Rugby

Connor Grindal
 Cameron Fazarri
 Haruto Ima
 Will Ridley (c)
 Jock Capel
 Rob Irwin

Robbie Liddle
 Tom Willson (c)
 George Bundock
 Evan Jenkins
 Hamish Sinclair
 Angus Lattimore
 Joshua Joseph
 Archie Weston
 Connor Farnell
 Harry Gibson
 Harry Skacel
 Hamish Fuller
 Jack Ridley
 Tom Orton
 Andrew Sue
 Chris Ball
 Alex Macdonald
 Finn McCullagh
 Ethan Miller
 Andrew Barron
 James Kilby

Soccer

Anil Rajanathan (c)
 Luke Vandenberg
 Karl Harbers
 JK Kazzi
 Tom Ryan
 Chris Ball
 Rowan Bray
 Hunter Murray

Josh Kazzi
 Nathan Snaidero
 James Ryder
 Andrew Cameron
 Jack Hide
 Jerry Yu

Swimming

Archie Weston
 Rob O'Hara (c)
 George Bundock
 Hamish Fuller
 Hunter Murray
 James Ryder
 Louis Cummings
 Oli Hall
 Sam Posel
 Simon Nortje
 Tom Orton
 Will Ridley

Tennis

Will Lawless (c)
 Rob O'Hara
 Joshua Joseph
 Ryan Mulcahy
 Noah Steward
 Vince Umbers
 Harry Gibson
 Alec Patfield

ROSEBOWL REPORT

The Rosebowl Campaign for 2017 has been the most successful display Wesley College has had in recent times, coming 2nd overall to St Andrew's College. Our ability to consistently perform well in all sports assisted us in demonstrating an excellent exhibition of talent and sportswomanship that all Wesley residents are proud of.

Rosebowl sport began the year strongly with Netball which was captained by third year Mimi McIntosh and consisted of a mix of girls from all year groups. Wesley put on a fabulous show, dominating in their first three games before narrowly losing to Drews 39-29. We then ventured to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre to witness the Swimming and Diving Carnival lead by Aimee MacDonald and Maddison Pearce respectively. We had some honourable performances by Freya Appleford who came 3rd in the diving and Molly Roberts, 1st in the 50m backstroke. The Rosebowl girls also performed strongly in the relays, coming 3rd in both the 4x50m medley and freestyle relays.

Meanwhile, the Rosebowl Rowing campaign had been training hard and consisted of a particularly strong team this year. The girls VIII went out strong in the 2km race, pulling away over the last 500m to win and set a new record in the



process of 7:17:71. The rowing girls and their captains Florence Potter and Saskia Hartog, gave Wesley their first VD for 2017 and were rewarded accordingly, going on tour to China and racing at the Great Australian Boat Race in Melbourne later on in the year. This was a particularly proud moment for Wesley sport and we congratulate the female VIII on their great success this year. To finish off semester one sport, hockey performed strongly coming 3rd overall, coached by our very own Academic Dean James Ward. The girls warmed up by playing three matches against an interesting Wesley Men's Hockey side who assisted us in preparation and later played their own friendly match against Drews. The consistency of semester one sport had put the Wesley Rosebowl Campaign in a great position, 10 points behind St Andrew's College and strides ahead of all other colleges.

Semester two kicked off with Soccer, this team was captained by Meg Haynes and came into the campaign with strong backing. Winning the first three matches put us in a final game against Drews, the girls putting on a show and going into golden goal extra time where some may say we were robbed, going down 2-1. Basketball closely followed and was lead by second year Alysha Skerritt with similar results. Wesley played particularly well for their first three matches, we were undefeated going into our final game against Drews which we lost 80-59. Both the soccer and basketball campaigns were excellent and both captains should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Tennis captains Shiv Shaw and Emma Crossing led Wesley to their third 2nd place for semester two, going down narrowly 4-1 to St Andrew's College. The final sport for 2017 was Athletics where Wesley was going into the



Carnival, held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, confident of a second place in Rosebowl Sport overall. Rosie Burt-Morris lead a large athletics team with some excellent results which included; 2nd in the 100m for Mikaela Tilse, 2nd in Shot Put and Javelin for captain Rosie Burt-Morris, 2nd in Triple Jump and 1st in Long Jump for Madison Hompot and the 4x100m Relay missing out on first place by less than a second with the time 55.41 (Eliza Bucknell, Mikaela Tilse, Georgia Campbell and Emily Rogers).

Rosebowl Sport this year has demonstrated consistency and passion, we have performed strongly in all sports which has contributed to our 2nd place in Rosebowl. Special mention must be made to the Women's VIII who were without a doubt the most successful Rosebowl team in 2017.

I would like to make mention of the social sport which Wesley has also been involved in during 2017. We have had excellent participation in social sport with one mixed netball team and two mixed touch football teams playing during lunch times throughout the week. The Wesley Mixed Netball team came third overall during their Tuesday fixtures. Both the Wesley Touch Football teams made it into the semis with Wesley 2 going down in their semi final before Wesley 1 backed up with an exceptional performance and won the grand final 2-1.

It has been a pleasure being Rosebowl Captain for 2017, I am incredibly proud of our 2nd place in Rosebowl and am confident we have laid a strong basis for female sport into the future. This is the first time in recent years that female sport has looked so strong at Wesley and I commend all who were involved. I would also like to applaud those involved in social sport this year, it has been lovely to see many people getting involved

in sport throughout the college in both a competitive and social context. Sport is incredibly special at Wesley and we are particularly proud of the culture we take with us in whatever sporting endeavour we are involved in. Best of luck for both social and Rosebowl Sport next year, 2018 is in very capable hands with the lovely Georgia Mann.

Emily Rogers (fr 2015)



ROSEBOWL TEAMS

Athletics

Saskia Hartog
 Meg Haynes
 Emma Fessey
 Hannah Ross-Smith
 Bonnie Moore
 Sayano Muryama
 Rosie Burt-Morris (c)
 Siobhan Shaw
 Georgia Campbell
 Emily Rogers
 Mimi McIntosh
 Eliza Bucknell
 Mikaela Tilse
 Sophia Amerena
 Georgia Mann
 Artemis Wilson
 Lily Baker
 Alice Hibbard
 Jessica Negus
 Pia Boileau
 Alli Whalley
 Katie Williams
 Brittany Wilcock
 Maddie Hompot
 Zali Rochow
 Ella Connor
 Ella Hide

Adelaide Bailey
 Alysha Skerrit

Basketball

Alysha Skerritt (c)
 Rosie Burt-Morris
 Lauren White (c)
 Ali Whalley
 Eliza Bucknell
 Billi FitzSimons
 Harriet Weir
 Mia Thrum
 Georgia Mann
 Pia Boileau
 Alice McMillan
 Cynthia Tian

Diving

Alli Whalley
 Freya Appleford
 Bridget Scott
 Giorgi Jardine
 Maddison Pearce (c)

Hockey

Abbey Stewart
 Celia Stewart
 Emma Crossing
 Emma Parsons
 Emily Rogers (c)

Emma Weal
 Genevieve Bowes
 Georgia Campbell
 Georgina Cook
 Giorji Jardine
 Lauren Sutherland
 Lucy Hogg
 Saskia Hartog
 Seiya Grant
 Siobhan Shaw
 Coach: James Ward

Netball

Mimi McIntosh (c)
 Rosie Burt-Morris
 Saskia Hartog
 Lauren White
 Alysha Skerritt
 Lydia Cadell
 Liss Haley
 Harriet Weir
 Claire Sharp
 Katie Williams
 Lucy Gray
 Alli Whalley

Soccer

Ella Hide
 Georgia Campbell

Shiv Shaw
 Ella Connor
 Meg Haynes (c)
 Saskia Hartog
 Lucy Lomax
 Michaela Finlay
 Mikaela Tilse
 Celia Stewart
 Lisa Stevens
 Giorgi Jardine
 Brittany Wilcock
 Georgia Mann
 Molly Roberts
 Alex Courtney

Swimming

Aimee Macdonald (c)
 Lilly Scarborough
 Katie Williams
 Lily Baker
 Lauren Chapman
 Lauren White
 Bella Bouckley
 Matilda Walker
 Emma Parsons
 Eliza Bucknell
 Alice Fox
 Molly Roberts
 Georgia Mann

B-team: Lucy Cottier
 Lucy Holden
 Mia Evans
 Anna Holt

Tennis

Shiv Shaw (c)
 Emma Crossing (c)
 Seiya Grant
 Maddy Walker
 Alice Mac
 Sayano Muryama
 Meg Haynes
 Lydia Cadell
 Artemis Wilson
 Giorgi Jardin

Rowing

Eliza Fessey
 Emma Fessey
 Georgia Campbell
 Saskia Hartog (c)
 Amelia Helicar-Foster
 Florence Potter (c)
 Molly Roberts
 Lauren Sutherland
 Emma parsons
 Zali Rochow and
 Meg Haynes

PALLADIAN REPORT

2017 proved to be another successful year for Wesley Palladian. Whilst we didn't come home with the cup, I'm proud to say that Wesley continued its tradition of enthusiastic participation and cultural prowess in the face of the ever-subjective Palladian judging criteria.

First semester saw Wesley place in both Oration and Solo Instrumental. Ross McKinlay placed third with his oratory speech on the topic "Good People are Too Boring to Write About", with the judges noting in the adjudication results that his rapport with the audience in playing with their pre-concieved expectations of his speech was astute. Jol Choct also placed third in Solo Instrumental with a beautiful performance of Toccata from Debussy's *Pour Le Piano*. Wesley is very lucky to have Jol's talent, who happens to hold his Associate in Music and Licentate in Music diplomas from the Australian Music Examinations Board.

First semester also saw the Wesley Drama Society bring to life *The Play That Goes Wrong*, an Olivier award winning comedy by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields. Directed by myself (Jessica Negus) alongside Drama captain Sammie Shannon, the cast brought together the murder-whodunit with the help of improvisation, slapstick humour and a self-destructing set, resulting

in rave reviews from all who witnessed it.

Second semester saw Wesley find some much needed improvement in the Palladian Cup standings. A second place in Ensemble Vocal for Wesley's big choir with their performance of *Ubi Caritas* by Ola Gjeilo was a fantastic achievement for captains Georgia Campbell and Vince Umbers, who worked tirelessly to bring the sacred hymn to life with a very limited rehearsal schedule.

Finally, Wesley capped the year off with a stunning win AND highly commended for both pieces that contended Ensemble Drama. The winning piece, titled *Father Knows Best*, was self-composed by the entire cast and was a truly outstanding moment on the Palladian calendar. Featuring the incredible Drama captain Sammie Shannon and cast Ned Hillsborough, Artemis Wilson, Ojas Jyoti and Grace Moscou, a not-so-perfect family sitting around the dinner table was brought to (perfectly rehearsed) life, resulting in plenty of fake blood and a deathly silent audience. I'm proud to have been a part of this performance, working closely alongside Sammie and my fellow collegians to have written such an outstanding piece of drama that will be showcased in the inaugural Intercollegiate Literary Journal.



I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who was a part of Wesley's cultural life this year, whether it be attending Palladian events or soirees, helping backstage at the Parent's weekend play or an onstage performer. Wesley has a proud artistic culture that will only continue to thrive as we continue to see collegians put their talent and dedication forward. I would also like to give my thanks to Old Col and Palladian Mentor Richard Daley for his time and expertise over the past year - many of us have learnt lots from his continued dedication to Wesley's cultural life. I'm thrilled to pass the baton onto Michael Zawal for 2018 and I wish him the best of luck!

Jess Negus (Fr 2016)



PALLADIAN

Oration

Ross McKinlay
Alasdair McLachlan

Solo Vocal

Sammi Carr
Holly Heron

Solo Instrumental

Jol Choct
Vince Umbers

Solo Drama

Ojas Jyoti
Benjamin Holmes

Big Dance

Sophie Clark (c)
Audrey Burns (c)
Michael Zawal
Brittany Wilcock
Jack Tizzard

Mia Evans
Artemis Wilson
Katie Fuller
Vince Umbers
Matt Jolly
Jerry Yu
Celeste Luisi
Zali Rochow
Sammi Carr
Verenna Brown
Anil Rajanathan
Tom Damjanovic
Lauren Chapman
Maddy James
Lauren White
Jess Nutt
Billi Fitzsimons
Sarah Moore
Pascale Mann
Liss Haley
Maddy Frerer
Alex Thomson
Yashika Upadhyaya
Sarah Fitzgerald
Freya Appleford
Lilly Scarborough

Small Dance

Audrey Burns (c)
Sophie Clark (c)
Brittany Wilcock
Yashika Upadhyaya
Artemis Wilson
Verenna Brown
Alex Thomson

Debating

Matt Jolly (c)
Patrick Hendy

Courtney Withers
Ben Devine

Ensemble Vocal - Big Choir

Georgia Campbell (c)
Vince Umbers (c)
Jessica Negus
Sanjay Yapa
Edie Warne
Charlotte Robanathan
Patrick Hendy
Alex McDonald
Amy Dench
Sammi Carr
Courtney Withers
Abbey Stewart
Charlotte Hulme
Hana Lavers
Amelia Vidler
Holly Heron
Jerry Yu

Michael Zawal
Angus Pryde
Ojas Jyoti
Nicholas Sprott
Haruto Ima
Benjamin Holmes

Ensemble Vocal - Small Choir

Georgia Campbell
Jessica Negus
Sanjay Yapa
Michael Zawal
Edie Warne
Charlotte Robanathan
Patrick Hendy
Alex McDonald

Art

Mia Evans (c)
Jessica Negus
Jack Tizzard
Sophie Hill
Chris Ball
Matt Swain
Nathan Snaidero
Olivia Norley
Sean Lowrie
Artemis Wilson

Ensemble Instrumental

Vince Umbers (c)
Michael Zawal (c)
Nicholas Sprott
Jonty Brunner
Hugh Wheaton
Lawrence Chan
Alex Wilton

Charlotte Power
Christopher Cole
Hana Lavers
James Blaxill
Jol Choct
Patrick Hendy
Peter Xu
Tom Damjanovic

Ensemble Drama

Sammie Shannon (c)
Jessica Negus
Jonty Brunner
Ross McKinlay
Xooey O'Keefe
Artemis Wilson
Grace Moscou
Ned Hillsborough
Ojas Jyoti

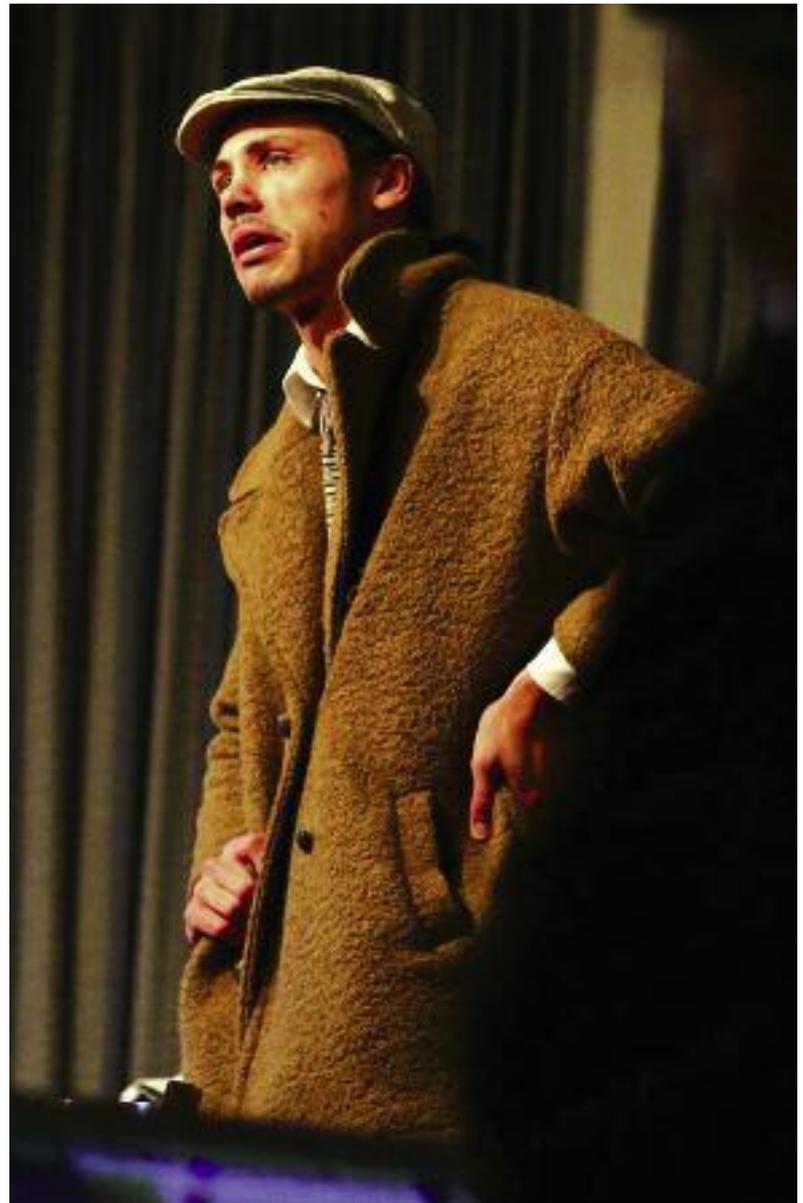
Parents Weekend Play

Sammie Shannon (c)
Jessica Negus (c)
Courtney Withers
- backstage
Sophie Hill
- backstage manager
Abhishek Chawla
- backstage
Annabel Remain
- backstage
Luther Canute
Sammi Carr
Grace Moscou
Jonty Brunner
Ross McKinlay
Xooey O'Keefe
Edie Warne
Vince Umbers

Katie Fuller
Andrew Cameron
Matt Jolly

Soirees

JK Kazzi
Alex Wilton
Lawrence Chan
Jerry Yu
Jol Choct
Holly Heron
Matt Swain
Charlotte Power
Courtney Withers
John Hughes
Grace Moses
Alli Whalley
Patrick Hendy
Ben Devine
Vince Umbers



SENIOR STUDENT'S REPORT

2017 was a great year for Wesley, with many successes in all areas of college life in the Centenary Year. We welcomed 121 Freshers at O-Week, all of who have contributed hugely to Wesley. The Wesley event at O-Week this year involved a charity focus, raising money for AIME - an educational organisation which Wesley students have a long history with.

We have celebrated success in Rosebowl, Rawson and Palladian, with each winning a Victory Dinner. In Palladian we placed first in the group drama event with a cleverly written piece starring a core group of performers who we also part of a brilliant Parent's Weekend play. The choir also placed second. Our Freshers have been a huge part of our Palladian events this year, with Jol Choct and Ross McKinlay coming third in solo instrumental and oration respectively. A huge thank you to Jessica Negus for her leadership in Palladian this year, and to Richard Daley for all his assistance throughout the year.

In Rawson we came third overall, with a victory in basketball and a second place in soccer. Both of these teams had great campaigns, with training starting early and all team members showing commitment and dedication. Basketball captains Alex McDonald and Rowan Bray, as well as soccer captain Anil Rajanathan must be commended for their hard work throughout their respective seasons. Congratulations to Rawson Captain Ben Rowse for a great year in Rawson sport.

In Rosebowl sport we placed second, the best result in 10 years. Wesley came second in netball, soccer, basketball and tennis, and first in rowing. This was the first time a Wesley Rosebowl crew has won the event, and it was done in a record breaking time of 7:17. The



crew was then invited to compete in the International University Rowing Regatta in Chengdu, China against other universities such as Harvard, Yale, Cambridge and London. In October, the crew also represented the Sydney University Colleges at the Great Australian Boat Race in Melbourne. A huge congratulations to all members of the Rosebowl rowing crews, and to Emily Rogers (Rosebowl captain) for such a successful year.

Students Club events have been continuously improved over the course of the year, with special mention to our Licensees Wessley Armstrong and Will Flockhart for all their hard work. Carnivale and Wes-Stock were very successful, and at Parents Weekend the OSE team raised over \$17 000. Events are now managed and run to an almost professional standard, with this largely due to the hard work of the various event committees.

The Wesley College Students Club has continued to promote a positive and inclusive community, and there have been many discussions around how to constantly progress forwards in the attitudes and culture of our student community. I am proud to say that

students from all areas of the College, not just those in leadership roles, have stepped up in their own ways to contribute positively to the overall college environment.

A huge thank you must be given to all members of House Committee, the Resident Advisor team, the O-Week leadership team and all sport and Palladian captains. In particular the Executive team of Emma Fessey, Matthew Jolly and Will Lawless must be commended for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to Wesley College this year.

The Valete group of 2017 enjoyed an incredible Valete evening, with all of the third year leavers being recognised for their contributions to College over their three years. Collegian of the Year was deservedly awarded to Anil Rajanathan, a third year RA and the 2017 soccer captain. Congratulations to all those receiving awards and colours on the night. To all of Wesley College, congratulations on such a successful Centenary year. Good luck to the 2018 Senior Student James Kilby and the rest of the 2018 student cohort in bringing in Wesley's next century.

Georgia Campbell (fr 2015)

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2017 social year has left a permanent mark on students and staff alike, fostering a positive culture that makes Wesley such a fantastic place to live. O-Week kicked things off with its usual high intensity that left everyone involved absolutely buzzing. Introducing 120 new freshers into the building seemed like a daunting task, however the star-studded leadership team comprised of O-Week Leaders, RAs, and second year helpers made the week an incredibly successful introductory process. This success would have not been possible without the constant support network and communication provided by Wesley's staff.

After O-Week, the social events just kept on coming. Our annual cruise was a roaring success and the usual stock of courtyard parties kept spirits high and assessment marks low. The night of Carnivale slowly crept up on the college, with stress levels rising for the Students Club as the most logistically complicated night of the year approached. The event sold out in record time and ended up turning a significant profit for the Students Club (ignoring the fact that the majority of this had to be dedicated to repairing the



massacred front lawns). This didn't stop the crowd from enjoying itself, perhaps a little too much, as the event was shut down by the police an hour before the pre-determined closing time.

The two licensees of 2017, Wesley Armstrong and Will Flockhart have been fantastic - from negotiating emergency piñata runs to facilitating security arrangements these two men have delivered time and time again for their fellow collegians. The continued existence of the Students Club and our events is incredibly dependant on these two dedicated and hard-working individuals. I, and every resident

of Wesley College, owe you both an enormous thank you.

The activities of Semester 2 peaked with our annual charity music festival, Wes-Stock, which sponsored the Little Windmills: The Country Kids' Charity. Little Windmills assists financially disadvantaged rural families with the basic necessities of life when they fall on especially tough times, such as food, shelter, and medical assistance. The night was an enormous success, with incredible music being played and over \$6000 being raised for our chosen charity. The entire college was incredibly supportive of the night and took great joy in helping out wherever and whenever possible.

The social year at Wesley has left the students feeling worn out, yet with exceedingly high spirits. The friendships formed throughout the year are solidified at the social events organised by the Students Club and their continued success is a testament to the incredibly positive culture of Wesley College. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the continued efforts of the tireless Georgia Campbell, Emma Fessey, and Matt Jolly, who were vital in helping me make the events of 2017 ones to remember.

Will Lawless (fr 2015)



OSE REPORT

The Overseas Study Experience (OSE) is a unique opportunity for students from a variety of different disciplines to broaden their worldview and gain practical experience in their respective fields of study. This summer program challenges students in a multitude of ways, providing them with valuable skills that can benefit both their personal and professional development.

The program involves a critical selection process to form a small team of residents, who work collectively to raise money through a variety of events and initiatives throughout the course of the year. These funds are then distributed amongst a variety of NGOs across Southeast Asia, as selected by the OSE team at the time. This process of developing a depth of knowledge about the NGOs, conducting research and allocating funds teaches students valuable skills about critical thinking and rational decision-making, as well as a level of responsibility that most students have never encountered before.

Students are then provided with a scholarship to fly over to Southeast Asia, to work with and observe the NGOs they have selected to sponsor. In the past, these NGOs have included the Street Children's Assistance Program (SCADP) in



Phnom Penh, Blue Dragon foundation in Hanoi, Starfish Education in Hoi An and several others. These NGOs have attempted to tackle a range of socio-economic issues within their respective communities and vary greatly in size and scope. For example, SCADP is a grassroots NGO with a primary focus on providing street children across Cambodia with supervision and education in order to prepare them for local schooling. The association also provides local school children with after-school English classes to support their learning and improve their English skills. Blue Dragon is a much larger organisation based in Vietnam, which handles a wide range of social issues ranging from human trafficking, to homelessness, poverty, education and youth counselling support. Starfish Education is another small NGO, for which Wesley College is currently the primary donor. This organisation provides bright, rural-based students who do not have the means to attend university with university scholarships, counselling support and family support in order to ensure they are able to achieve their educational goals. Observing these organisations, working with their staff and participating in their work provides OSE students with a very unique opportunity to understand the workings of NGOs, gain significant cultural awareness, and exchange knowledge in order to collectively aid in growing and improving these organisations.

The second part of the program requires students to undertake internships within Southeast Asia, which are relevant to their respective disciplines of study. In this phase of the trip, students split up to work in organisations they have contacted throughout the year to gain practical experience in



their industry, and apply their university education to real-world circumstances. Past students have worked across various countries in Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Singapore. Students are afforded the responsibility to find their own internship during the year, and therefore are able to choose any form of placement they believe to be beneficial to their learning. This element of the program provides them with professional skills in their area of study, crucial work experience and a unique understanding about working overseas and within foreign cultures.

The OSE program provides an extremely unique opportunity to grow and work in an interdisciplinary team. Though challenging, the program encourages students to develop their cooperative teamwork by placing them in a diverse interdisciplinary team and affording significant autonomy and responsibility to the team, resulting in significant personal and professional growth. The program is a fun and valuable way for residents to spend their summer holidays, whilst also providing team members with an opportunity to act as mentors for successive OSE teams.

Nishtha Chadha (Fr 2016)

