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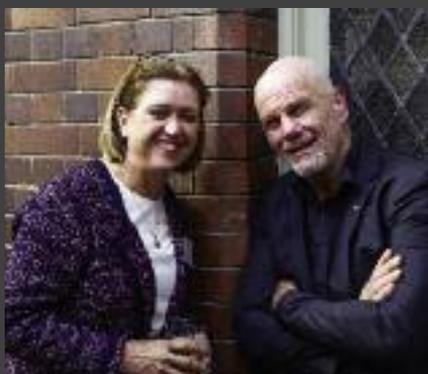
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# CELEBRATING OUR OLD COLLEGIANS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED AN AUSTRALIAN OR INTERNATIONAL HONOUR



On 15th of October, the current students and invited guests gathered to celebrate those who have been awarded an Australian or International Honour, including the unveiling of our newest Honour Board for the dining hall. Our thanks to Bill Ford, fresher 54, for his initial instigation of this commemoration.

If there is any Old Col who has been omitted from the Board, please contact us on [foundation@wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au](mailto:foundation@wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au).

# FROM THE EDITOR

## MALCOLM BROWN (fr 1965)

The crop of graduates profiled for this edition just about blows the mind. They have done extraordinary things, in a lot of cases globally! Leaving aside the two valetes, the 14 graduates profiled are split male and female right down the middle. Of the seven females, two - **Emily Antonio (fr 1976)** and **Jane Norman (fr 1986)** - became chemical engineers and another, **Tracey Kerr (fr 1983)**, went into mining engineering. There were some remnants of an era when women were restricted. Tracey Kerr found no facilities for females at an outback mining camp. **Jenny Morison (fr 1976)**, who went into accounting, started with a firm which had a rule: "All female staff be home by dark". The wife of **Robert Tsenin (fr 1973)** told him she had gone to a bank for a mortgage and the manager's response had been that he did not discuss mortgages with women. The Wesley women tended to brush those inhibitions away, and my feeling is that the years of intermingling with young men in the college environment have greatly suited them for such challenges.

And just to look at these women Wesley has produced! What a dreadful thing it would be if Wesley had not gone co-ed 49 years ago and all that vibrancy, life and talent would have passed by! I wonder whether in the lead-up to the 50 years of co-education someone could do an analysis as to how many marriages have resulted from the intermingling at Wesley and how many products of those unions have been to Wesley.

But the issues Wesleyans have espoused have gone beyond the eternal issue of male/female relationships. It might be said that some of the serious discussions in Wesley, on such subjects as population, resources and the environment, have borne fruit.

Emily Antonio became acutely aware of the environment and the need to sustain the world we live in while using its resources. **Susan Gray (fr 1981)** went into Industrial Relations, became an adviser to a Federal Minister and worked in Indonesia and the Americas. Her sister **Jo Gray (fr 1983)** worked in banking in South Africa and then pushed her way into journalism to become managing editor, as she is now, of the *Australian Financial Review*, and **Kim Taylor (fr 1979)**, taking pharmacy as her career, moved up the chain of command to become head of a corporate Asian division.

Of the men, we profile one gentleman fresher, **Michael Gleeson-White (fr 1947)**, who served in World War 11 and entered Wesley to finish an Economics degree, before embarking on a career in stockbroking and finance. **Matt Hinds (fr 2015)**, at the other end of the age scale, has taken on the environment. He started on those issues while still at school, furthered his interests by making maximum use of an exchange student visit to Sweden, and started an on-line business while still at Wesley. **Clifford Kwan-Gett (fr 1953)** first studied engineering, then Medicine, and then combined the two disciplines in exploring the manufacture of a totally artificial heart.

The other remarkable thing in profiling these graduates is that the wider world in some ways is their backyard. In my parents' day, there might have been an overseas trip once, perhaps twice, in a lifetime, once perhaps to fight a war, the second a post-retirement treat. Now with air travel so plentiful and relatively cheap, everyone is off overseas. **Ty van der Linden (fr 2008)**, graduated in Economics and took off overseas



and like Matt ended up in Sweden, before going on to forge a career in private equity and finance. **Jo Gray** went to work in South Africa, initially in banking, then saw the wretchedness of apartheid and opted to become a journalist. Tracey Kerr's mining adventures took her to remote areas of Russia where she saw abject poverty, noting in passing that a group in a remote town who gave the engineers a lavish reception had given them "everything they had". **Andrew Stead (fr 1990)** went right over the top, symbolically and literally. After leaving college he joined the British Army and went to Sandhurst. When he finished his military service, he went into innovative corporate management. **Marc Burbridge (fr 1957)**, a Wesley one-termer, travelled the world, went back to the United States, fought in Vietnam and ended up in Brazil.

We must put in two valetes this year, one for **Graham Crouch (fr 1947)**, who graduated in Law but went to help his father in business and ended having a distinguished career in the public sector, dealing with primary produce. The other is the being Desmond Tutu-type character, **Dharmasoka Laksiri (Laki) Jayasuriya (fr 1951)**, who grew up in Sri Lanka still under the thumb of racist British rule and moved to Australia to become a shining light in multiculturalism.

**Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)**



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# MASTER'S REPORT

Wesley is well placed as we end our 101st year. We have a strong culture of inclusion. This is reflected in the desire for people to attend Wesley. In 2018, we interviewed just on 500 students who wanted to come and join our community. We were able to accept just over 115 new students, based on limited place availability. Our students are achieving their academic best, with our average mark this year being 69%, including 5 students with a High Distinction average and 58 students with a Distinction average in their chosen courses. Our student community was led well by Mr James Kilby (fr 16) as Senior Student. James' style provided the College community with strong guidance and positive role modelling and he successfully led a strong group of senior leaders who provided an interesting and varied calendar of events throughout the year. We are well placed and well represented, but we must always look to how we can achieve more.

Therefore I find myself asking the questions, what are our future challenges? What do we wrestle with in our thought processes to help make us the best we can be

for our students?

Firstly, Wesley has drawn on our Old Col network over the years to provide various mentoring and assistance to our current students. This is now sought by more students than ever and we recognise that as University curricula change and there is more focus on co-curricular and work placement opportunities and the value they provide in the "whole education" of a student, Colleges are in a unique position to contribute significantly to this process. Wesley already provides an opportunity through our OSE program that is well recognised. We plan now on developing further opportunities for our students to engage meaningfully and network widely and to assist them to achieve their goals.

Secondly, in times when there is a strong focus on the behaviour and influences on behaviour of young men in particular, I confirm that our wider education programs at Wesley, provide all our students with the support and guidance they need to make good decisions and be positive contributors to our community and the wider community. As Old Collegians, we



know that the transition from Home to University can be a time marked with uncertainty and stress, as well as new opportunities.

In our Strategy 2022, we outline our purpose, as being that "The College engenders in its students a warmth of character, self confidence, strong values and respect for others that will guide them to make a difference and contribute meaningfully to society in the future". In order to achieve this, we now have an education and training program in place that underpins our conversations with our students, including mental health first aid (MHFA) training, Harassment and Discrimination



training, Bystander training, Consent Matters education and 'Responding with Compassion' training. We continue to offer our Monday Evening Formal Dinner speaker program, which attracts interesting speakers from all areas of life to challenge our students thinking. Wesley also employs a Counsellor who works with our pastoral care team to support our students and provide one on one support where needed. This comprehensive program provides strong leadership and growth opportunities for our students and prepares them well to negotiate the workplace and wider world.

Our facilities are also an important part of any students comfort and at the start of this year, following on from a generous donation from Bruce and Jenny Pryor of \$1 million dollars, we were able to completely refurbish the interior of Sutherland Wing (built 1969) adding small common spaces on each floor with kitchenettes, redoing all bathrooms and adding a ceiling fan to each room, along with all new furniture and fixtures. It has completely transformed the building into a much lighter and welcoming space, much to the current students delight. Over these summer holidays, at the end of 2018, we have now replaced all the old windows with louvre style windows to improve the air flow and the Sutherland Wing boasts a new slate and copper roof, with the slate coming all the way from the Penrhyn Quarry in Wales.

The JCR (Junior Common Room), in the Wyllie Wing, off the courtyard, has also undergone a transformation this year, with a major renovation (\$800,000), allowing the space to have different zones and to be utilised by students in a much more productive way as a study space during the day. It is now again a very lively space, which has been pleasing to see (read the article in this edition of the Wesleyan).

Our College Council has seen much change this year, with our Chair, Deborah Page AM,



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**50 YEARS**  
 OF CO-EDUCATION  
 1969-2019

completing her maximum time on Council (8 years). Debbie was an inspirational Chair, who exercised her role thoughtfully and drove a very clear and strong agenda to achieve financial stability and cultural change. Mr Patrick (Maurie) Cunningham, a well known Wesley face and a committed Old Col, also completed 8 years of service. He was awarded the Foundation Medal in September this year for his loyalty and service to the College over many years. We have welcomed our newly elected Council members, Mrs Kimberley Holden (Needham, fr 82) and Ms Sally Kay (fr 85), to the Council table. We have also farewelled Rev Haloti Kailahi, a Church appointed member and welcomed Ms Sharon Flynn to replace him. In April, the Council appointed our new Chair, Ms Jenny Morison, who is an Old Collegian from the late 70's era. Jenny's back ground in Accounting and extensive work



with federal government committees over many years, places her well to lead our Council.

This year, we have welcomed a new Chaplain to Wesley, Rev. David Gore, who is also the Uniting Church Minister for Mustard Seed congregation at Ultimo, just around the corner. David has a background working in the tertiary space, having also worked with students at University of Technology. David will be overseeing our Chapel services throughout the year and attending Community Dinners and working with our student community to establish the best way to interact with our community.

As we look to 2019, we recognise another significant milestone year in the College's history, 50 Years of Co- education. In 1969, the first women joined Wesley College, coinciding with the opening of 'Tutor Wing', also known as 'New Wing' for many years and now Sutherland Wing. At the time, this was a major decision in the community life of the College. It was a time of significant change in societal values and Wesley was at the forefront of leading the change on this campus.

I look forward to hearing the recollections of our Old Cols and celebrating 50 Years of co- education, over the coming year.

Lisa Sutherland  
 Master  
 2018

# WESLEY IN 2018



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# CHAIR OF COUNCIL'S REPORT

Having been appointed as Chair of Wesley College Council in April 2018, it is a pleasure to provide my first report to you. Currently located in Canberra, it is indeed an honour to be the first regionally based Chair to be of service to the Wesley College community. I was a student at Wesley College from 1977-1980.

In taking on this role it is very apparent that the College is in a strong position in terms of student outcomes, college culture, financial stability to support operational, scholarship and building demands, connections to Old Collegians and Foundation activities. This of course has been achieved through the outstanding direction and efforts of the Master, Lisa Sutherland, her Executive team and staff with the support of Council and Old Collegians.

## UPDATES TO COUNCIL

Following on from 2017 which saw the College celebrate 100 years, 2018 has been a year of significant change for Council with the retirement of two long standing members of the Council, Chair, Debbie Page and member, Patrick Cunningham. I wish to acknowledge them for their hard work and dedication over eight years on Council.

Debbie (Fresher 1977) joined Council in 2010, and was elected Chair since 2012. During this time Debbie made a significant contribution in supporting the turnaround of the College's financial position and sustainability; improved governance and Council processes; development of major student related policies; oversight of significant extension and refurbishment program of more than \$10 million. Debbie was also instrumental in supporting the Master and her team to drive a sustainable change in culture and practices at the College, and she assisted in the development of

strong stakeholder relationships within the University and Uniting Church.

Patrick Cunningham (Fresher 1986) was a Council member from 2010 to 2018 during which time he served on the Business Committee and provided invaluable policy and legal support to the Master and Council. Whilst Patrick entered Wesley in 1986 as a tutor in History and Governance he quickly turned his attention to the development of Wesley College Rugby. Now a practicing solicitor, Patrick retains extensive sporting links with the university and Wesley.

Other changes included the retirement of the Rev Haloti Kailahi. New Council members appointed during the year included Sharon Flynn- (appointed by the Uniting Church Synod) and the election of Old Collegian Councillors and former senior students, Kimberley Holden (Fresher 1983) and Sally Kay (Fresher 1985).

## COLLEGE CULTURE

Wesley College was a participating College in the Broderick Review "Cultural Renewal at the University of Sydney Residential Colleges" (the Review) which was issued to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sydney, and released to the public on 29 November 2017.

Reflective of the cultural renewal program which had been occurring, under the direction of the Master, over the previous eight years, the Review's conclusion of Wesley College acknowledged that a strong cultural renewal program was in place and the Review had no doubt that the College would continue on a strong path. The Review further stated that Wesley "will also be a role model for best practice solutions for other university residential colleges across the nation". Whilst our progress has been good, we remain committed to continue our efforts to ensure that the student community at



Jenny Morison

Wesley is inclusive, respectful of all diversity, and provides a safe environment. As part of this an appropriate understanding and the use of alcohol by students has been a focus in 2018. A detailed Action plan has been developed to address recommendations from the Review with implementation (for actions able to be implemented by the College) expected by the end of 2018. The Council monitors progress of cultural renewal through a Cultural Oversight Dashboard.

## CAPITAL WORKS

2018 saw a continuation of the substantial capital works initiatives aimed at restoring and improving the amenity of the College. These works have been largely funded by the Foundation, and in particular through the very generous donations of the late Bruce Pryor family who have provided \$5 million in donations in recent years. From these donations, \$1 million was specifically provided for the renovations of New Wing with a condition that in recognition of the significant building program which has occurred under the Master, the wing would be renamed The Lisa Sutherland Wing. The renovations were completed in time for First Semester 2018. An additional \$1 million was also donated for renovation of the slate roofing on Callaghan Wing and Sutherland Wing. A further \$3 million was

received in 2018 to be used on building works, including improvements and maintenance of heritage buildings. Bruce was a Fresher from 1956, architect of New Wing, a strong advocate of Wesley, and a friend to many of the College Community - on behalf of the Wesley College community I wish to thank the Pryor family for their generosity.

In addition, the Junior Common Room or “the shop” in my era, has been completely renovated into a modern space including kitchen.

## THANK YOU

As 2018 draws to a close and we look towards the 50 years of Wesley Women Celebration in 2019, I wish to thank the Master and her team,

my fellow College Council, our Foundation board including Chair, Kimberley Holden, students plus our community of Old-Cols’ and Association President, Suzie Carlon, for their support and hard work in 2018.

Best wishes  
Jenny Morison (Nixon - Fr 1977)

# WESLEYAN FOUNDATION REPORT

In 2018 the Foundation got to work on its implementation our Strategic Plan. We had a busy year working on Old Col engagement via several wonderful events and undertaking the Centenary Scholarship Appeal. Our major achievements include:

- Launch of the Centenary Scholarship Campaign. The Campaign has resulted in over \$900,000 of pledges received;
- The awarding of 29 regular scholarships and 13 sporting scholarships in 2018, including an extra 7 scholarships resulting from the Centenary Scholarship Appeal;
- Several wonderful events including the Foundation Medal dinner, dinner to honour the recipients of Australian and International Honours, and the Senior Old Cols Celebration Lunch.

We were also very grateful to receive a third scholarship from the Greg and Beverley Alt Foundation and a very large donation and bequest from Jenny and Bruce Pryor.

## 2017 DRAFT FINANCIALS

We began the 2017 year with \$3.54 m in net assets. We reported significantly higher revenue of \$2,778,342 (up from \$766,858 in 2016) which included a \$2m donation from Bruce and Jenny

Pryor. Scholarship and other donations increased 34% to \$460,678 (\$343,361 in 2016). Our investment returns (net of fees) were also higher at \$302,532. We awarded \$271,990 in scholarships (\$219,650 in 2016). This increase was largely due to the new Centenary Scholarships. We transferred \$323,265 to the College (including \$273,265 from the Raise the Roof donations) and finished the year with \$5.7m in net assets.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

A reminder of our strategic vision:

*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.*

The Foundation’s core strategic imperatives are being actively pursued with:

- a wider engagement of the Old Collegians via the reinstatement of the Old Cols Association and the appointment of Suzie Carlon as its head;
- several events providing opportunities to reunite with Old Collegians and have



Kimberley Holden

meaningful interactions with College (helped by the Centenary celebrations); and

- execution of the Foundation’s fundraising plan including the Centenary Scholarship Campaign.

## EVENTS AND THE OLD COL’S ASSOCIATION

Under Suzie’s stewardship and with much help from Kiri and the Master we held several functions during 2018 that were a fabulous



Kimberley Holden (3rd from left), with scholarship recipients Teegan Wattam, Caitlin Brown and Old Cols Assn Chair, Suzie Carlon

success. The major new initiative was a dinner celebrating Wesley Old Collegians who have received Australian and International Honours. The evening was held on 15 October. We honoured 47 recipients who were freshers from 1944 to 1980. We have erected an honour board in the dining room in recognition of their achievements. Sadly Bill Ford (fr 54) who was a major source of inspiration for the dinner was unable to join us on the night. We wish him the very best.

Other events were the Foundation Medal Dinner which showcases our remarkable Alumni. They set a wonderful example for the students with their wit, charm and humility. This year we honoured Rawdon Dalrymple, Patrick Cunningham (that is Maurie to those who don't know his proper name!), John Tierney and a posthumous award to the architect Peter Hall. As always, the dinner was intriguing, moving and full of insights from our awardees. A highlight was a speech made by Peter Hall's son who had never been to Wesley. He said that the evening helped him make sense of why his Father had loved Wesley so much. He saw first-hand how both the traditions and warmth of Wesley created such an emotional bond for his Father.

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising this year focused on the Centenary Campaign. The Committee comprised Larry, Louise, David, Kiri and Kimberley. Working closely with Old Collegians and several large individual donors we have 7 new scholarships in 2018 including the Kim Taylor Scholarship, (gift of Kim Taylor, fr 79) The Penny Pether Scholarship, (gift of Peter Pether (fr 79) and his mother Betty); The Martin Fitzsimons Scholarship, (gift of Peter Fitzsimons (fr 80), Chair of the Foundation Scholarship, The Centenary Scholarship and the Parents Scholarship. In 2019 we will have another 3 scholarships including the Robin Henry Scholarship (gift of Graeme Henry, fr 51), the Viking Grant (gift of Eric Landquist) and the Fresher '68 Scholarship. We are also very grateful to the Greg and Beverly Alt Foundation which has donated a third annual scholarship.

Other major donors include Richard Roe who has donated a as yet unnamed scholarship, Max Rangott (fr 64), parents Alex and Kiki Hill, Jock McCormack (fr 74) and Peter Beaumont (fr 80). In addition, donations and pledges of \$5,000 and over have been made

by Douglas Craig, Richard Button, Larry Cornell, Peter Schutz, Ray Ferguson, Debbie Page, Bruce Wilson, David Jenkins, Peter Honey, Suzie Carlon and Neil Gibson, Alison McCutcheon, Christopher Jenkins, Merilee Robb, Weal family, Robert Batey, Greg Nash, Bruce Bastian, Ross Perdrana and Geoff Hui.

We also acknowledge the kindness of the late Jenny and Bruce Pryor, our largest Foundation donors. To date their donations and bequests have totalled over \$5.5 million, all earmarked for important building projects. We are exceedingly grateful to them.

## PEOPLE

At our AGM Garry Scarborough was elected for another four year term. We also welcomed Huw Grenfell (fr 06) who was also elected for a four year term.

## THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Kiri for all her hard work on the Fundraising Committee, Scholarship Committee and on the Foundation. She is greatly admired by all our Old Collegians and key to the success of the Foundation. I would also like to thank all the Foundation Committee (Larry, Suzie, Louise, David, Garry and Huw) for their work. Also Deb, the Master, Andrew Hudson and the Finance team for their diligence on the investment Committee; and Jane Glover who retired as a capable and committed Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Welcome to Bob Lorschky who took over Chairmanship of the Scholarship committee in the 2018 academic year. Also thank you to the remarkable Malcolm Brown for another fine edition of the *Wesleyan*. All our team shows great dedication and it is much appreciated. Finally our biggest thanks to our donors for their generous support of this wonderful College.

**Kimberley Holden**  
Chair - Wesley College  
Foundation

# WESLEY OLD COLS' ASSOCIATION

2018 has been a quiet year on the Old Col front after such a busy Centenary year in 2017. The annual Foundation Medal Dinner was held in August and 4 of our esteemed Old Cols were honoured for their amazing careers and community contributions. In early November the Old Col celebration lunch was held for our Old Cols who were Freshers up to 1973. Every year we pick up a new year of Old Cols so please join us next year if you were a Fresher in 1974 or earlier.

This year we have also been considering different ways to engage with our younger Old Cols. We have

recognised that one size doesn't fit all and we have been consulting with some of our newest Old Cols to determine what type of interactions would suit them best. A couple of the ideas being proposed include casual get-togethers in the city and better utilising social media especially LinkedIn as a means of connecting the new with the old in the business world. Many Old Cols have an enormous amount of experience and knowledge in their specialty areas which they are be happy to share with those whose careers are just beginning, we just need to provide a way to connect the two.

2019 is the 50th Anniversary of women in Wesley and there are a number of celebrations being organised to mark the occasion, further information to follow. The 23rd of March is also the 70's Reunion for all Freshers from 1969 to 1979, if this is you please save the date.

Thank you to The Master and the staff of Wesley, most particularly Kiri Dumont, for your continuing support of the Old Cols Association.

Suzie Carlon  
Chair, Old Cols Association

## OLD COLS CELEBRATION LUNCH, NOVEMBER 2018





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# WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MEDAL

## 2018 RECIPIENTS

### RAWDON DALRYMPLE AO (FR 1951)

Rawdon Dalrymple already had a promising academic career when he came to Wesley in 1951. He took up rowing, in Sydney Rowing Club's Junior Eight and in the Sydney University Junior Eight, and the Wesley Eight. Rowing was enough to give him his "participation in sport" credentials when won his Rhodes Scholarship, and Wesley can claim some credit for that. In 1952, Rawdon went to Oxford where he gained First Class Honours in Philosophy, Economics and Politics. After a period in academia, he joined the Commonwealth Department of External Affairs, now known as

the Department of Foreign Affairs. In 1972, after a series of diplomatic assignments, including postings to Germany, London, the Philippines and Indonesia, and assisting in the founding of the Asian Development Bank, he became Ambassador to Israel, followed by Ambassadorships to Indonesia, the United States and Japan.

### PETER HALL (FR 1950)

When Joern Utzon resigned from the Sydney Opera House in 1966, leaving a partially completed project, no detailed plans and a political quagmire, the NSW Government needed someone to



"fix it". Peter Hall became the man for the moment, handling not just the demands of the building but the turmoil. When the Opera House was opened in 1973, Utzon was praised but the quieter, more knowledgeable kudos went to Peter. Peter entered Wesley in 1950 and got degrees in Arts and Architecture. He joined the Office of the Government Architect, then took a scholarship and worked in Britain, before returning to New South Wales. He was responsible for many fine buildings in Sydney and elsewhere and in 1977 took a three-year contract with the Commonwealth as an architectural director. His design of the Opera House forecourt won him the Lloyd Rees Civic Design Award in 1988.

### DR JOHN TIERNEY OAM (FR 1965)

As a fresher at Wesley College in 1965, a remarkable thing about John Tierney was his enthusiasm for things political. It seemed obvious he was going to go places in politics. John gained his B.Ec. and M.Ed. degrees at Sydney University and gained his PhD at Newcastle University where he



Top row from left: Henry Hall, Willy Hall, Antigone Hall, Lucy Nias  
Bottom row from left: Rawdon Dalrymple, The Master, John Tierney, Patrick Cunningham

became a Senior Lecturer in Education. He developed a parallel political career and served on the NSW State Executive and Federal Council of the Liberal Party. He met his wife-to-be, Pam, while handing out how-to-vote cards for the 1966 Federal election. In 1991 at the age of 45, he became a Federal Senator for NSW. He chaired numerous Senate and Parliamentary Party Committees and joined the Opposition Front Bench. John led parliamentary delegations overseas including to the European Union and the United Nations in New York. He was member of the councils of the ANU and the NLA, National Patron of Lifeline Australia and president of Polio Australia, and in recognition of his community

service was awarded an OAM in 2012. During a busy life only slowed down a bit by contracting Polio as an infant, John has celebrated 50 years of marriage. He and Pam have produced six children and to date seven grandchildren. John is now retired and has turned his hand to writing his memoirs, most of which, he says, will have to stay locked in the NLA vaults for at least 30 years, "to protect the guilty".

### **PATRICK CUNNINGHAM (FR 1986)**

Patrick Cunningham came to Sydney University in 1975 to do Arts and has in a sense never left. Over his career he has brought untold benefits to students in their studies

and in sport. First acquainted with Wesleyans during four years as sports editor of *Honi Soit*, he entered Wesley in 1986 as a tutor in History and Government, achieving excellent results and also turning his attention to Wesley Rugby, which had become so depleted that in 1985 it could not field a team for the second round of the Intercol competition. Over the following years he achieved not only memorable wins as a Rugby coach and manager but brought a stack of Wesley student into the Rugby fold and propelled some of them, such as John Langford and Al Kannar, on to international representation. Patrick, now a practising solicitor, retains extensive sporting links with the university and with Wesley.



# FINANCIALS

## WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

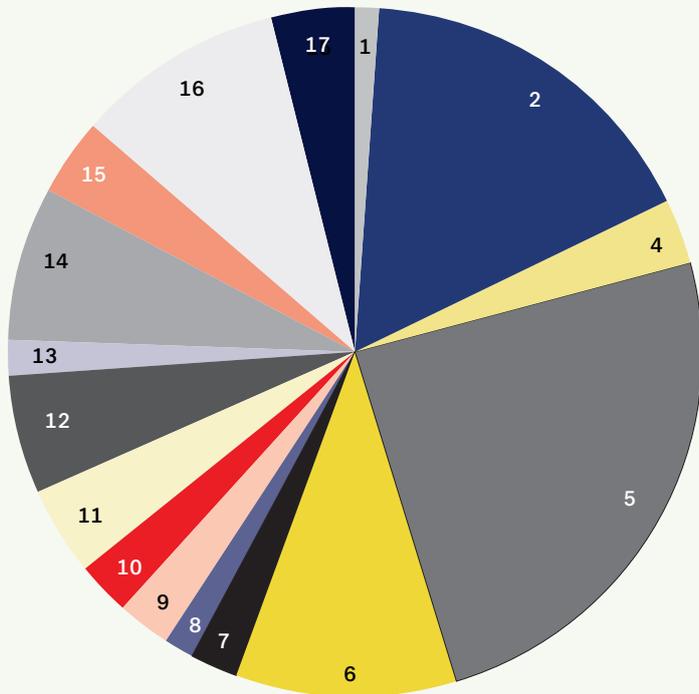
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations for scholarships and general building fund	316,678	343,361
Donations to Raising the Roof appeal	0	259,157
Donations – Special Purpose (Buildings)	2,000,000	
Donations – Centenary Scholarships	144,001	0
Bequests		
Other revenue from investment	298,546	140,859
Interest revenue	19,117	23,511
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,778,342</b>	<b>766,858</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Building contributions to Wesley College	323,265	520,000
Scholarships	271,990	219,560
Investment management fees	23,322	22,144
Fundraising & other expenses	-	8,894
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>618,577</b>	<b>752,900</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>2,159,765</b>	<b>13,958</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	8,190	30,426
<b>Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>2,167,955</b>	<b>44,384</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	12,696	26,001
Other receivables	141,057	259,665
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>153,753</b>	<b>585,666</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Other non-current assets	5,565,767	3,264,957
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>5,565,767</b>	<b>3,264,957</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5,719,520</b>	<b>3,550,623</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Other payables	6,885	5,943
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>5,943</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>5,943</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>5,712,635</b>	<b>3,544,680</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Revaluation reserve	326,753	318,563
Accumulated surplus	5,385,882	3,226,117
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>5,712,635</b>	<b>3,544,680</b>

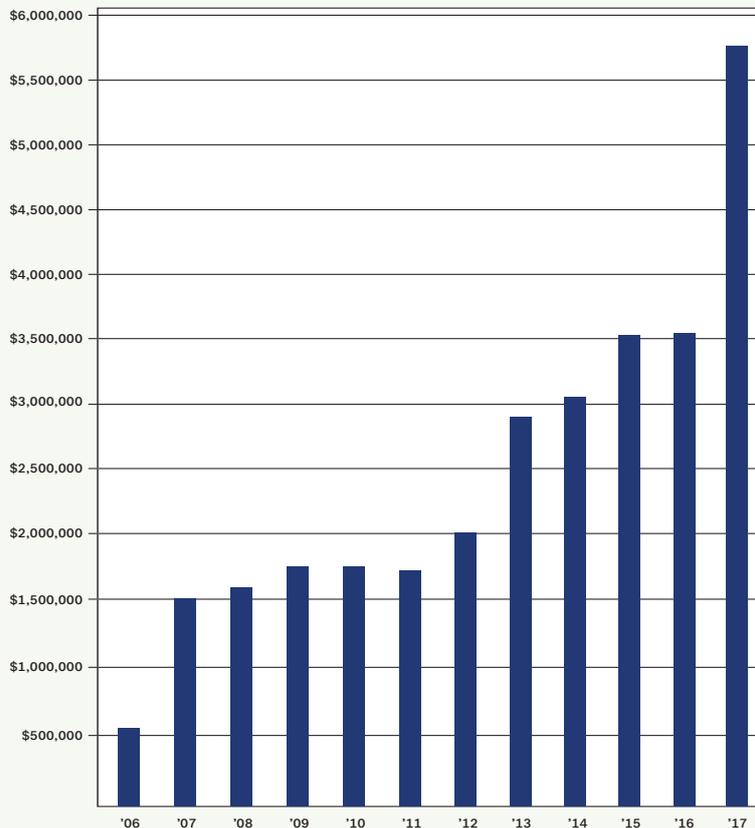
# WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

## WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2017 (\$'000S)



	\$'000s	
1	Cultural Scholarships	3.0
2	David Greatorex Scholarships	40.0
3	Dr A Bromley Scholarship	-
4	Indigenous Scholarship Endowment Fund	7.7
5	Indigenous Scholarship Fund	59.20
6	Greg & Beverley Alt Foundation Scholarship	24.64
7	Chair of Foundation Scholarship	5.0
8	John Lindsay Allen Scholarship	4.0
9	Joint Sporting Schols (with USyd Sport)	6.0
10	Linden Edwards Scholarship	6.0
11	Jessie Hope Paterson Scholarship	10.0
12	Master's Discretionary Scholarship	13.0
13	Prof. DA Ahlberg Scholarship	4.0
14	Rev B Wyllie Scholarships	17.8
15	Rev N Webb Scholarships	8.9
16	Scholarest Scholarships	23.32
17	Awards and Prizes	9.05

## FOUNDATION TOTAL EQUITY (\$'000s)

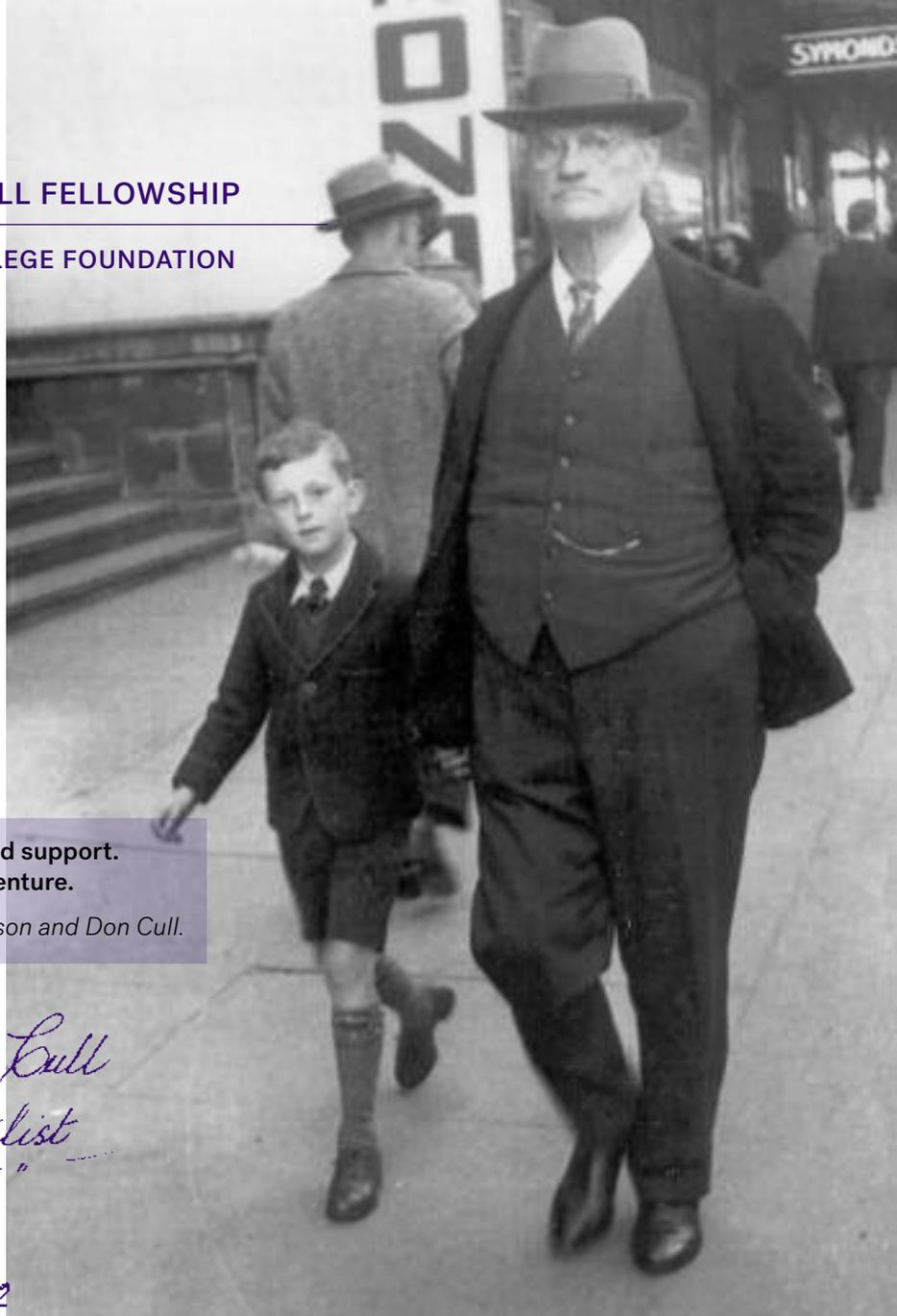


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## THE CULL FELLOWSHIP

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*

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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, Eric Landquist, Arthur McGeoch, Colin Mort, Bruce Pryor, Robert Rankin, Margot Saville, Frank Simpson, Kim Taylor, Lee Ming Tee, Jennifer Turnbull, Amanda Wilkins

\* As at 31 October 2018

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\*AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

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*(Total donations over \$100,000)*

Mr Ming Lee • David Greatorex AO • Bruce & Jenny Pryor • Mr Russell Baxter  
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- 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 2015, 2016, 2017.*

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## 1940s

Harry Bell  
James Pendlebury  
William Pryor  
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Smith  
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## 1950s

Francis Beckett  
Rawdon Dalrymple  
John Graham  
David Greatorex  
Geoffrey Hiatt  
Carey James  
P Laksiri Jayasuriya  
Roy Mason  
Prof Robert Nicol  
Dr. Milton Osbourne  
Bruce and Jenny Pryor  
Angus Richards  
Bruce Wilson

## 1960s

Dennis Ahlburg  
Gregory Alt  
Reginald Barrett  
John Colvin  
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Ray Ferguson  
John Foug  
David Gibb  
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James Jelbart  
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James Fitzsimons  
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Bruce Gibson  
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Deborah Page  
Kimberley Taylor  
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## 1980s

Peter Beaumont  
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Jennifer Whalley

## 1990s

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Finn McCullagh	Jack Ridley	Sophie Verheul	
Alexander McDonald	Charlotte Robathan	Pon Vichitrananda	

# 2018 WESLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

College Awards	Terms	Recipient
Bennett	(\$400 for best result in Medical Science & Pharmacy)	Sanjay Yapabandara
Robson Bryant	(\$750 for the best ATAR of student entering first year of undergraduate study)	Airlie Kinross
Chapman	(\$400 for best result in Health Sciences, Allied Health& Nursing)	Joshua Joseph
Dawson	("Captain Edward Dawson Scholarship") (\$400 for most outstanding overall result for 2017)	Ben Devine
Dwyer	(\$400 for best result in Commerce, Economics, Agricultural Economics)	Ben Devine
Eisenklam	(\$400 for best result in Engineering & Architecture)	James Blaxill
Grainger	(\$400 for best result in Science (including Psychology)	Juliet Cunningham
Harrington	(\$400 for best result in Veterinary Science & Agricultural Science)	Rafael Cuginotti De Oliveira
John Irvine Hunter	(\$1,500 for best pass of student entering final year of undergraduate study)	Jerry Yu
Kippax	(\$400 for best result in Law)	Ben Devine
Robson ("Reginald Robson")	(\$400 for best result in Languages, Humanities, Music & Visual Arts)	James Blaxill
Dux of the College	New in 2018	Juliet Cunningham
<b>COLLEGE AWARDS</b>		
Soup Bowl	Awarded at Valete 2017 for contribution to social services	Zali Rochow
Collegian of the Year	Awarded at Valete 2017 for contribution to College through participation in all aspects of College life	Anil Rajanathan
Hamilton Mott	Awarded at Valete 2017 for character and corporate contribution to College	Georgia Campbell

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**New Scholarship in 2018 - Wesley College Centenary Scholarship** - *Through the generosity of our Old Collegians and friends of Wesley College, the Centenary Scholarship Appeal, launched in 2017, has enabled 5 exceptional young people to attend Wesley College in 2018. The scholarships support public high school students from regional and remote areas of Australia, who can demonstrate financial need. Thanks to additional financial contributions of Old Collegians, we look forward to welcoming more students who will benefit from this support in 2019.*

Wesley College Foundation Centenary Scholarship - in memory of Martin FitzSimons: **Raquel Cuevas**

Wesley College Foundation Centenary Scholarship - in memory of Penny Pether: **Hannah Wales**

Wesley College Foundation Centenary Scholarship - general: **Tessa Kane**

Wesley College Foundation Centenary Scholarship - supported by Kim Taylor: **Ashlynn Davies**

Wesley College Foundation Centenary Scholarship - supported by Kimberley Holden: **Caitlin Brown**

Wesley College Foundation Centenary Scholarship - supported by current and past parents: **Josephine Springsteen**



**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).

**Assoc. Prof. Allan Bromley Scholarship** In memory of the late associate Professor Allan Bromley, Old Collegian fr 1964. The Bromley Scholarship is for a student of high academic potential who (like Allan Bromley) is the first person in their family to attend university. The scholarship is to the value of \$5,000, and will be taken as a discount against college fees – Thomas Alchin (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 – Charles Umbers (fr 2018); Ben Devine and Emma Fessey (fr 2017)

**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 (fr 2017)

**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 of \$8,900 ongoing each year for up to three years and is received as a rebate on College fees. Jerry Yu (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 – Michael Bartimote (fr 2018) and Olivia Norley (fr 2017).

**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 – Grace Kalinin, Allynta Sutherland and Teegan Wattam (fr 2018); Verenna Brown and Yarlalu Thomas (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 – Ryan Mulcahy (fr 2017).

**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 – Ziggy Harris.

**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 – Samuel Ridley, Haezan Vroland, Josef Schuler (fr 2018); Mihindu Sanjay Yapabandara (fr 2017).

**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 Australia 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 Jack Hartin (fr 2018) and Annabel Tremain (fr 2017) to the value of \$11500.

**Joint Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness & Wesley College Scholarships** – Cooper Lee (Aussie Rules), James Robertson (Cricket), Nicolas Howard (Hockey), Jaime Ford (Rowing), Raquel Cuevas (Rowing), Charlie Hancock (Rugby), Connor Grindal (Rugby), Samuel Ridley (Rugby), Strath Yeo (Rugby), Christopher Ball (Soccer), Fergus Warrall (Soccer), Josef Schuler (Water Polo), Nicholas Marchione (Water Polo).

# ACADEMIC REPORT



2018 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 69, with 23% of students achieving a Distinction or High Distinction average.

To recognise academic high achievers within our community, in 2017 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 Anna Knes, Mihindu Yapabandara and Michael Bartimote for being on the list with a High Distinction average, and to Airlie Kinross as Dux of Wesley College for Semester 1 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.

Our Peer Writing Assistant program continues to be very popular.

Three students were appointed as PWAs in 2018. 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 2018.

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

**James Ward**  
Academic Dean





# Academic Dean's List of High Achievers at Wesley College\*

## DUX OF COLLEGE

AIRLIE KINROSS

## HIGH DISTINCTION AVERAGE

AIRLIE KINROSS

ANNA KNES

MIHINDU (SANJAY) YAPABANDARA

MICHAEL BARTIMOTE

## DISTINCTION AVERAGE

ARSLAN AHMED	HANNAH EDGELL	ELLIE MORRIS
THOMAS ALCHIN	CALVIN ENGELEN	LUCY O'BRIEN
INDIA ALLEN	ZIYI FAN	ISABELLE OXLEY
JACK ANDRIGHETTO	ELIZA FESSEY	CHARLOTTE POWER
FREYA APPLEFORD	BILLI FITZSIMONS	JAMES ROWSE
AIMEE BALL	JULIETTE FLEMING	MATTHEW SELLWOOD
VICTORIA BENNET	MADELINE FRERER	SAMANTHA SHANNON
NATASHA BERNARD	KATIE FULLER	ELISE SHERRINGTON
HUGH BLANCHFIELD	AMELIA HELLICAR-FOSTER	MIKAELA TILSE
JAMES BLAXILL	NICOLAS HOWARD	JACK TIZZARD
JAMES BORIC	CHARLOTTE HULME	AMY VANDERHOR
GEORGIA BOXLEY	GIORGI JARDINE	AMELIA VIDLER
JEFFREY BROWN	JOSHUA JOSEPH	HAEZAN VROLAND
JONATHAN BRUNNER	TESSA KANE	DAISY WAGGETT
EMMA CARTER	JAMES KILBY	MADELEINE WAITES
JULIA COLE	ANGELINA LOCKLEY	MATILDA WALKER
ALEXANDRA COURTNEY	PASCALE MANN	ADELAIDE WALLACE
JULIET CUNNINGHAM	ALEXANDER MCDONALD	ARTEMIS WILSON
ALISTAIR DE VROET	ROSS MCKINLAY	COURTNEY WITHERS
BENJAMIN DEVINE	KATIE MILLER	JERRY YU

\*for Semester 1 2018

# PROFILE OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Grace Kalinin

## GRACE KALININ (fr 2018)

by Sammi Carr (fr. 2017)

Grace Kalinin is the 2018 recipient of the WCF Indigenous Scholarship for Wesley College. She lives in Austinmer, a northern village of Wollongong, on the South Coast of New South Wales. Currently studying a double Bachelor Degree of Science and Advanced Studies (Food and Agribusiness), Grace hopes to graduate in 2021. The WCF Indigenous Scholarship provides for an Indigenous student to attend Wesley College, without the added financial strain. Grace says that receiving this scholarship, “not only enabled her to come to college, but it also allowed me to minimise my travels as it can take up to 4 hours each day.” College is highly beneficial for those who would otherwise have to commute from home to University every day. She also says that without the scholarship, she could not have attended Wesley College.

A particular core value of Wesley is certainly diversity. We welcome students from all parts of Australia and the world, from Wollongong or Perth to all the way from the US.

Grace says she was immediately attracted to Wesley due to its warm

and welcoming atmosphere, and the, “diversity and family like community along with feeling welcome as soon as I walked through the doors.”

When asking Grace what she most enjoys at Wesley, and what she has gained over her first year, she acknowledges the friendship she has made with the first, second and third year student cohorts of 2018. Wesley is an incredibly inclusive college community that encourages and fosters relationships between all years because we believe it is important to extend friendships beyond just your own year. Grace has met a lot of people in her current year and older years that study her degree, who have helped her tremendously on providing information of future career prospects. The connections you make at college last a lifetime; you can always count on Wesleyan no matter where you are in the world.

Grace is currently excelling in her studies, and in the workforce. She has a cadetship with CSIRO Food and Sensory, an innovation industry which improves the efficiency in food, ingredient and equipment manufacturing to create high value produce for new markets. This is an amazing opportunity and career prospect for Grace, who hopes to continue working with CSIRO after her studies finish.

The impact that the WCF Scholarship has made on Grace’s University career and life extends beyond just enjoying what the College has to offer. Grace has become deeply engaged in the Cadigal program with the University of Sydney, a support scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who want to study at Sydney Uni. In 2019, Grace will undertake a mentor position for the program, allowing her to help other members of the Indigenous community to receive an excellent tertiary education.

Grace is a dedicated, intelligent, and thoughtful young woman that is an inspiration for all WCF Scholarship recipients. Wesley College is very proud to host a candidate that is as driven and already so successful such as Grace.

## BEN DEVINE (fr 2017)

by Chris Ball (fr. 2017)

**What scholarship are you currently on?**

“I was lucky enough to be the 2018 recipient David Greatorex Scholarship”

**Where are you from?**

“I’m from The Gold Coast”

**What are you studying?**

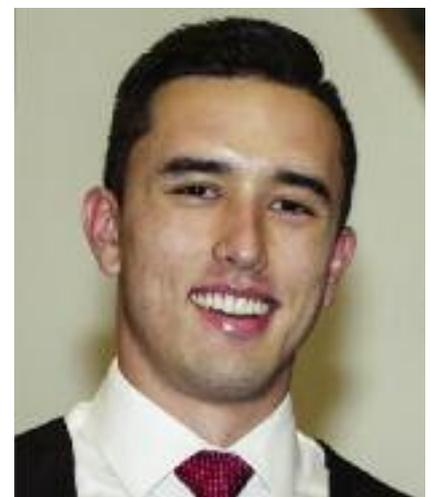
“I’m studying a double Bachelor’s degree of Law and Commerce”

**When do you hope to graduate?**

“2019 for Commerce and 2021 for Law”

**What did receiving a Wesley College scholarship mean to you and your family?**

“The David Greatorex Scholarship has given me the opportunity to continue attending Wesley College and undertake my studies at the



Ben Devine

University of Sydney. As an interstate student, it is clear how much I value an education at the University of Sydney, and this has only been possible as a result of the generosity of David Greatorex and the David Greatorex Scholarship. Being a student that is driven towards success both inside and outside the classroom environment, I attempt to make the most of my time at Wesley College and at the University of Sydney, getting involved in all aspects of College and University life.”

**What attracted you to Wesley over all the Colleges?**

“As an outsider, Wesley appeared to have a rich culture, and range of opportunities for me to succeed both in academics and extra-curricular activities. From the moment I stepped inside the halls of Wesley, it felt as though I was welcomed as a part of a unique and supportive culture of like-minded individuals.”

**What did you most enjoy/gain from your time at Wesley?**

“Having had the opportunity to live on campus has been a huge convenience for my time at university. But Wesley College has offered me more than that. From being able to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities, to being a part of the Student Club leadership team as Treasurer, I have found that life at Wesley College truly enriched my university experience. Life at Wesley has made university enjoyable and couldn’t imagine living anywhere but Wesley.”

**If you hadn’t received a scholarship at Wesley, what would you have had to do eg. stayed elsewhere, worked more etc**

“I simply wouldn’t have been able to afford to come to USyd and I would have had to study locally at Bond University, so it gave me a great opportunity to move to Sydney.”

**What are you doing now/where is your career taking you?**

“I’m most interested in a career in investment banking but may also pursue a career in corporate law.

What I have found most potent about my university experience is that internship opportunities have given me a rare insight into industries and helped me shape my career path. I’m about to undertake a placement at a Private Equity firm over Semester 1 in 2019 and am excited about potential investment banking / private equity experience I can gain after that, which will help me accelerate a career in the industry.”

**Any other comment you would like to make about the impact that receiving a scholarship has had for you.**

“But for the David Greatorex Scholarship, I would not have been able to attend Wesley. It goes without saying that all of the amazing experiences I have had at university and at Wesley College have all been possible because of David Greatorex’s generosity. I can’t thank David Greatorex and Wesley College enough for the contribution they have made to my life at University and at Wesley College.”

## **SAM RIDLEY (fr 2018)**

*by Ethan Russell (fr. 2018)*

Sam Ridley is a fresher at Wesley and a first-year university student. Ridley spent his high school years as a boarder at Scots college and took a gap year before commencing his University studies and college life. Ridley is a member of the Sydney University Rugby club having just completed his first season with the team and is part of the University’s Elite Athlete Program for his rugby achievements. He has played Rawson Rugby for the college, while also taking part in the Athletics competition.

**What scholarship are you currently on?**

“I am currently on a Chartwell’s Scholarship.”

**What are you studying?**

“A Bachelor of Science and Advanced Studies.”



Sam Ridley

**When do you hope to graduate?**

“In 2022... a further three years.”

**What did receiving a Wesley College scholarship mean to you and your family?**

“Being offered this scholarship was very important to me and my family as it has allowed me the opportunity to attend the University of Sydney, vital to my future education. It also helps me develop my rugby skills further which is one of my passions going forward in life.”

**What attracted you to Wesley over all the Colleges?**

“Being the fifth member of the Ridley family to have attended Wesley, I had a fairly good idea of what to expect coming in. However, what attracted me most of all to Wesley was the diverse range of people and sense of community. From what my older siblings told me it seemed like Wesley was a place that accepted many different types of people with a strong focus on inclusiveness which I wanted to be a part of.”

**What did you most enjoy/gain from your time at Wesley?**

“Throughout my first year at Wesley I have gained many things and have had many positive experiences here. As well as providing me with a place to study and within close proximity to the rugby club, the most valuable thing I will take away from my time here will be the lasting friendships and sense of comradery within the college.”

If you hadn't received a scholarship, what would you have had to do e.g. Stayed elsewhere, worked more, etc?

"Without this scholarship I would not have been able to attend college and would have had to live elsewhere so that I could attend university. I would have had to take on more work to have paid for my rent. It may have also interrupted my strong ambition to play rugby and compete at a high level."

What are you doing now/ where is your career taking you?

"I hope to further my studies within the sciences and hopefully work doing research in agriculture."

Any other comment you would like to make about the impact that receiving a scholarship has had for you?

"I would like to express my gratitude towards Wesley College and Chartwells for providing me with this opportunity. It means a great deal to both my family and I."

## HANNAH WALES (fr 2018)

by Chris Ball (fr. 2017)

What scholarship are you currently on?

"I am on the Wesley Centenary Scholarship which is in memory of Penny Pether"

Where are you from?

"I am from Inverell in regional northern New South Wales"

What are you studying?

"I am studying a Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise & Sport Science), hoping to complete a Masters in Physiotherapy in my postgraduate studies"

When do you hope to graduate?

"2022 after completing my Masters"

What did receiving a Wesley College scholarship mean to you and your family?

"Receiving a scholarship meant that I could move from a small country town to University, it gave



Hannah Wales

me a place to live and call home, and it immersed me into a culture and a family that I otherwise would not have had the privilege of experiencing. It allowed my family to recover from the loss that the draught caused us and support my siblings that still reside at home."

What attracted you to Wesley over all the Colleges?

"After receiving offers from both Wesley and St Andrew's, I was faced with the task of choosing the right college for me. After looking further into both colleges, I was drawn to the welcoming, wholesome, and community orientated nature of Wesley. The thing about Wesley that made it stand out in my decision, was their interest in the individual, I felt appreciate for my personality rather than my academic or sporting ability; a characteristic that embodied my ideal place to live."

What did you most enjoy/gain from your time at Wesley?

"The friendships I have formed are some of the strongest I have ever had, and I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to meet such incredible individuals. The events at Wesley never ceased to amaze me, and introduced me to the crazy, but wonderful, side of college. The community of Wesley feels more like a family to me now, than a cohort, and these halls feel like a home. I have gained an unforgettable first year with a fantastic crowd."

If you hadn't received a scholarship at Wesley, what would you have had to do eg. stayed elsewhere, worked more etc

"If I hadn't received the scholarship, it would not have been possible for me to move to Sydney, as neither myself nor my family were in the position to support living in Sydney."

If I had moved here without a scholarship, I would probably have had to work a full-time load to afford rent, and therefore missed out on experiencing the social, sporting, and likely, academic part of University."

What are you doing now/where is your career taking you?

"I am about to go into my second year of my degree and am currently working as a part-time receptionist at an allied health practice (with physiotherapists, chiropractors, dieticians, etc) which is an invaluable advantage for my future career."

Any other comment you would like to make about the impact that receiving a scholarship has had for you.

"There aren't enough words to express my gratitude for being offered a Wesley scholarship - this first year has been an incredible time, however, like any change, has also been extremely challenging. Given the endless support that Wesley offers, and having now found my feet, I look forward to being more involved and increasing my contribution to all aspects of college life next year."

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](http://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.

# BUILDING UPDATES:

## JUNIOR COMMON ROOM UPGRADE

The Junior Common Room (known colloquially as the JCR), located in the Wyllie Wing, is the largest central common area in Wesley. Despite this, over the past couple of years, it became a severely underutilised and deteriorating space. The dated interior, lack of utilities and furniture made it unappealing to students, who were largely familiar with the space as a drinking environment. As a result, students were resorting to socialising in corridors or in bedrooms. Master Lisa Sutherland had identified for some years prior that the JCR was in desperate need for a ‘face-lift’. Working in conjunction with the 2017 third year group, especially Meg Haynes who helped collate her cohorts and the wider colleges’ wishes for the space.

The main concern in the initial stages of the project was the costs associated with achieving such a large-scale operation, alongside the Student Club’s future challenge of keeping the new space respected and clean. Furthermore, the Master and contributing students agreed that the JCR needed to also function as a ‘party’ space but be predominantly available and appealing on an everyday basis. With all this in mind, the JCR renovations commenced at the end of Semester One, 2018, with the space re-opening at the culmination of mid-Semester Two break (much to the happiness of the leaving 2018 cohort).

The successful end result has seen the JCR become an immensely popular multi-purpose space, enjoyed by all students. Structurally, there are two distinct areas within the JCR - to the left, a large auditorium space with scattered

tables and chairs for study and reading, as suggested by the 2017 Valete group. There are also two tutorial rooms, situated in the centre of the two main spaces, which were also revamped with new furniture and glass doors; making the occupants feel less isolated in a much brighter environment.

“The JCR has become my new favourite study space,” remarked third year Sarah Moore, with all her peers in agreement. “We’ve all seen the JCR become a primary space for study and group work, particularly when the tutorial rooms are full. In STUVAC this semester, it’s been a lot easier to find somewhere to study now that the library and Academic Area Centre aren’t so packed.”

Partitioned from this via sliding glass door is an open-plan area, flowing from a fully functioning kitchen, to a large multi-media space, and concluding with the



The updated entertainment area

fresher favourite gaming area (with pool and ping pong tables). This effect of this 'flow' results in the potential for interaction between the three areas. One could be cooking in the kitchen, whilst simultaneously watching The Bachelor finale and chatting to someone playing pool.

"The design is like a QANTAS lounge concept - coming from my own vision, along with interior architect Thom Silvius, who designed the Atrium space," noted the Master. "We knew that a really functional kitchen and eating space were essential for those students who want to 'cook up a storm' or bake a cake, alongside improved facilities such as an ice machine, dishwasher, and commercial grade fridges." Students find the JCR an easy place to unwind, taking regular study breaks for ping-pong matches. The soothing, cool toned colour palette, alongside quality Scandinavian-inspired furniture, draws in a constant stream of people throughout the day and night.

The most noteworthy aspect to the

new JCR is that it appeals to everyone at some level, whether it's a friendly pool competition or a flair for cooking Nutella pancakes at midnight. Heightening a sense of community in such a concentrated area has also increased student responsibility with regards to self-sufficiency and cleanliness. Students are expected to treat the space and its facilities as if it were their own, cleaning up after themselves and respecting the necessity for quiet around those studying. Whilst this is inevitably a natural part of such a co-existent space, it is an important skill that Wesley fosters in its students and is increasingly doing so through the new JCR. The JCR has become an embodiment of Wesley's social culture, inclusive and respectful, and breaks down the limitations of befriending people solely from your wing.

"A lot of my friends from other colleges have walked past and commented on how enjoyable the new space looks," observed second year Jack Winterbottom. Indeed, Wesleyans feel lucky to call the JCR

our own - and we are so happy that this space will be enjoyed by many collegians to come.

Pascale Mann (fr. 2016) and Jessica Negus (fr. 2016)

## A NEW WING RENOVATION

Over the Summer of 2017 and early 2018, Wesley College underwent a large-scale renovation of one of its wings, New Wing. This new part of the college was to be ready for the arrival of 270 students at Wesley in 2018. The renovation of New Wing was only possible because of the generous donation of our donors. At the request of the donor, the wing's name was changed to Sutherland Wing in honour of the current Master of Wesley College, Lisa Sutherland, and her extensive contributions to the College.

Before the refurbishment, this wing of Wesley was very different. The rooms within it were much more similar to those that existed when the College was first built.



Tutorial room in action



Increased study space in the refurbished Junior Common Room

They contained brick lining, grille windows, and Wesley's signature blue carpet; features that still exist in many of the older rooms in the college. The rooms were Edwardian Gothic and very similar to those in the Callaghan Wing of the College today. While these rooms were beautiful and reminiscent of Wesley's history and tradition, they had numerous issues which rendered the renovation necessary. After just over one hundred years of use in the busy College environment, the rooms were inevitably beginning to show signs of wear. This meant that the incredibly generous donation came at a fitting time, allowing these old rooms to be properly renovated.

Sutherland Wing has been renovated into a more modern style, following the similar renovation of Purser Wing in 2015 and Pryor Wing in 2016. The refurbishment of New Wing was extensive, with all of the furniture being replaced, the walls repainted, and the floors re-carpeted. The first students to live here were very lucky as they were able to experience brand new amenities in their living quarters. One of the more popular amendments to these rooms amongst students was

the addition of the ceiling fans, with each room in the wing having one installed. These proved very useful in the hot Summer days that Sydney is known for.

The bathrooms were also refurbished, with new and improved communal shower blocks and toilets. Further, the renovation introduced communal areas to Sutherland Wing of Wesley College, featuring kitchenettes with sinks, microwaves, cupboards and fridges, as well as couches. These communal areas have been very successful as they allow groups of students to congregate in a relaxed and comfortable environment. There were three of these areas, one on each of the three floors of the wing.

The majority of the occupants of the refurbished Sutherland Wing in 2018 were freshers, however second and third years were also residents of the rooms. The top floor of this wing featured larger rooms, with extensive storage and floor space for the occupants. This floor was largely taken up by second years who had chosen the rooms the year before for their superior renovated amenities.

These physical changes have been very well received by the student

body of Wesley. The 2018 inhabitants of the rooms have given them glowing reviews and asserted their satisfaction with the renovation.

This refurbishment of facilities has also contributed to the development of a perfect balance between old and new within Wesley, giving the college a feeling of both modernity and tradition. Students can experience the contemporary facilities of the college while also being able to gain an understanding of the feel of the original college through the older rooms. The students residing in Wesley College tend to have friends spread throughout the building, so the new refurbishment has allowed all students to experience a wider diversity of architecture and facilities.

Overall, the refurbishment of Sutherland Wing has proven to be very successful through the high praise it has received from the current students of Wesley College. Through continued generosity of donors, Wesley will continue to be able to develop and grow as a college and community.

Tess Kane (fr 2018) and Madeleine Stephen (fr 2018)

# WAR SERVICE, WESLEY, HIGH FINANCE AND A TOUCH OF ARTISTRY

## THE STELLAR LIFE OF MICHAEL GLEESON-WHITE AO (FR 1947)

Michael Gleeson-White, returning to Sydney from naval war service in late 1946 to complete his Economics degree, found it hard to get suitable accommodation. He approached the Master of Wesley, the Rev Bertram Wyllie. Wyllie, a war veteran himself and delighted to have another ex-serviceman, said: "I'll find a place for you even if you have to sleep in my office!" Entering Wesley in 1947, Michael became another of the "Gentleman Freshers" (those entering college after war service). After a fulfilling time at Wesley, he went into the world of high finance, which included stockbroking, merchant banking, investing and governance. As well, being a fully-rounded individual, he presided for years over the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Michael Gleeson-White was born

in London on 24th October 1925, son of a banker, Eric Gleeson-White, and Betty (nee Bloom). Because he had four sisters, Michael's parents decided that he should go to boarding school, to prevent him being swamped by the "female ethos". In 1938, as Europe moved inexorably towards war, Eric retired from the Bank of England and took his family to the furthest part of the globe still "coloured red". That turned out to be Australia.

"We arrived in Sydney on 14th January 1939, the hottest day ever recorded here - 113° Fahrenheit," Michael told *The Wesleyan*. "That morning the whole of Mosman seemed on fire, covered in smoke and with flames shooting to the skies." Michael was enrolled at Sydney Grammar School, where the GPS sporting environment



Michael Gleeson-White

sued him. He represented the school in Rugby and rowing. Having to wait a year before he turned 18, he repeated his final year, gaining almost a maximum Leaving Certificate pass and then, in December 1943, joined the Navy.

Instead of going straight into action, Michael was given leave to represent the Navy in a series of Rugby matches, activities which, according to the boffins, encouraged the war effort. Courtesy of an Army forward, Michael suffered a dislocated shoulder and, going around Sydney in a Naval uniform with his arm in a sling, received expressions of sympathy and offers of seats from tram travellers. He did a course at the Officers' Training School at Flinders Naval Depot, Melbourne and in May 1945 was posted to *HMAS Parkes*, a corvette operating from Darwin, escorting Liberty ships and evacuating Australian soldiers from Timor.



1947 Wesley Rugby team. Michael is on the right hand end, back row.

“When the war in the Pacific ended, we were given the task of leading a small flotilla to take the Japanese surrenders in Dutch Kupang and Portuguese Dili,” Michael said. “Amazingly, the most up-to-date charts we used were inscribed ‘Matthew Flinders.’” After that, *HMAS Parkes* returned Dutch administrators to their outposts in the Indonesian archipelago. Back in Australia, Michael served at depots in Jervis Bay and Sydney. He spent 1946 studying part-time by correspondence for his Economics degree. The Navy attempted to induce him to stay but Michael opted for discharge, which he took in December 1946, turning then to Sydney University and Wesley.

Michael, starting in the second year of his degree, settled well into the college and had plenty of mates, dismissing references to him as “a bloody pommie” as terms of affection. “There were many friends from College I have seen now and again over the years, always with a sense of undiminished camaraderie,” Michael said. “Darrel Killen was a great friend from my school days who introduced me to the Australian bush at his father’s property in Nyngan; and whose delight in prolix dissertations and nightclubs necessarily absorbed a lot of my time. Others like Bill Belsen, an almost fanatical academic always buried in books, unexpectedly turned up in London in 1956 as a budding program director at the BBC.”

Michael was a certainty for the Wesley Rugby team. But his college football career came to a sudden end when he broke two ribs in a match, and he had to endure the pain during a freezing winter, with a coal strike restricting fuel to warm the college. “The following year, 1948, I joined the College crew and enjoyed the enormous luxury bestowed by the Master of T-bone steaks for the rowers every night of the training season,” Michael said. “The acuity of the Master was proven when Wesley won the College boat race by a record margin.”



Michael (No 6) in the victorious 1948 Wesley Eight, stroked by Dennis Rourke.

Michael left college in 1949 to return home, due to a family illness, but completed his degree and in 1950 graduated and returned to college as an Economics tutor. “During this time, I sat at High Table with the staff, and came to admire the virtues of the Master even more than I had as an undergraduate,” he said. “His great generosity of spirit was coupled with an abiding sense of humour that I found constantly endearing.” One story recounted to Michael was that the Senior Student, Alan Shepherd, went to Wyllie asking that the college be allowed to hold a dance on the premises. Wyllie replied: “Well Alan, we can’t have students on the premises doing what they do with their girlfriends outside.” Shepherd told him that was “an insult to the student body” and added: “When I call on my girlfriend, she sits one side of the room and I on the other while we listen to the radio or music and then I go home.” Wyllie, telling Michael about this over dinner, said with a grin: “You know, I almost said to him, ‘Alan, you’re wasting your time!’”

Leaving Wesley, Michael became a researcher with the stockbroking firm, Ord & Minnett. In 1955, he travelled to the United Kingdom to join a merchant bank, Lazard Brothers, and worked with them in London and New York. He

returned to Australia in 1957 and became a member of the Stock Exchange and a Partner in Ord & Minnett. “This was an era of great change in financial markets and Ords was at the forefront of new developments,” Michael said. “There was a huge gap to be filled to establish a comprehensive system of security analysis and economic research in order to meet the requirements of investment institutions in London and Edinburgh that had suddenly become interested in Australia for the first time since the Great Depression.”

On the strength of its capacity in these areas, Ords was chosen by two leading London broking houses to form investment companies to channel UK funds to Australia; and in 1959 also formed a new unit trust to be operated by the Bank of New South Wales (as it then was). This was the first venture of an Australian bank into the investment business. Other initiatives were to establish an authorised money market dealer, Trans City Discount; and Darling and Company, a specialist in investment management and a key agent in Australia for its main overseas shareholder, Schroders Limited of London. Michael served as Ords representative on both these boards. No less important was Ords’ growing

presence in the business of underwriting new equity and debt issues, a market previously dominated by two Melbourne broking houses. One of the most significant of new flotations was that of Lend Lease in 1958 headed by Dick Dusseldorp.

An old collegian, Harry Bell, due to be married in Rome in January 1960, invited Michael to be his best man. Michael accepted and went to Rome, an event that “changed the course of my life”. “The wedding was held in an ancient church out on the Appian Way, and the reception was at an elegant restaurant in the gardens overlooking the Spanish steps,” Michael said. “The principal bridesmaid was a very attractive Italian girl who, when I said I knew nothing about renaissance art, surprised me by offering to tour with me around Rome for the next three days. She drove in her tiny Fiat 500 and we spent all our time visiting galleries, the Vatican, churches and even the Tivoli Gardens. I was overwhelmed by the sheer magnificence of the Renaissance, and the experience triggered an enduring fascination (some would say obsession) with the visual arts.”

In July 1960, Michael married Judith Lee Street, who had come to Australia with her family from Rabaul after the Japanese invasion and had spent most of her teenage years at Frensham. The couple would have three daughters. Over the next decade, Michael worked closely with Dusseldorp as Lend Lease completed landmark projects like Sydney’s Australia Square and the Bankstown Shopping Centre, both the largest of their kind in Australia at the time. In 1961, assisted by Ords as underwriters, Lend Lease introduced the first Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) listed on the stock exchange, which was to become the model for a myriad number of REITs around the world, which today represents billions of dollars in real estate investment.



Michael Gleeson-White

At the end of 1972, Michael left stockbroking and accepted an offer to join the board of Schrodgers, merchant bankers of London, as an executive director. His particular responsibilities were Australia and the ASEAN countries. Over the next few years, Schrodgers joined in the formation of a new investment bank in Jakarta, majority owned by the Bank of Indonesia. Schrodgers also purchased a shareholding in an investment bank in Singapore in which Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation was the major owner. Michael played an active role in both organizations, and to better handle his responsibilities made Singapore his base for two years, 1977 and 1978. In 1981, Michael retired from Schrodgers and was appointed an adviser to the board of the newly-formed Government of Singapore Investment Corporation, chaired by the Prime Minister, Lee Kwan Yew. He also became an associate commissioner of the Australian Trade Practices Commission, which after a lengthy enquiry decided to deregulate the stock exchanges so as to create competition on fees and enable corporate membership.

During this period, Michael started looking further afield. The artistic inspiration he had gained during his visit to Rome decades earlier manifested itself and he was appointed president of the Art Gallery of New South Wales. “I had many exciting years working in conjunction with the director, Edmund Capon.” In 1981 Michael, also interested in education, was appointed to the board of Winifred West Schools, which he would chair for three years. In 1983, Michael and Capon launched the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation to provide funds for major acquisitions. In 1984, Michael was created an Officer in the Order of Australia in recognition of his services to the arts and finance. From the mid-eighties he served on a number of boards in the field of investment management, including MLC Ltd and Equitlink Ltd; and the First Australia Funds which were designed to attract investment from North America into Australian bond markets.

Michael finished his term on the Board of Trustees of the Art Gallery of New South Wales in 1988 but continued to chair the gallery Foundation until 1998. After retiring from First Australia Funds in 2002, he continued his associations with art and music and travelled extensively with his wife, particularly to hear opera. Sadly, Judith died in 2015. But he had a huge compensation in following the lives of his offspring. Daughter Jane became a writer and published two very successful books on accounting, Angela developed “a proclivity for art” and devoted much of her time to print-making and Sarah became an academic and writer. Collectively, they had produced seven “wonderful grandchildren”, Michael said: “I must pay tribute to my three daughters who with their very creative lives have kept me constantly engaged with the contemporary world despite the encroachments of age.”

**Michael Gleeson-White (Fr 1947) and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)**

# INVENTIVENESS THAT STARTED IN THE BACKBLOCKS OF EMMAVILLE - WENT ON TO INVENT THE ARTIFICIAL HEART

CLIFFORD KWAN-GETT (FR 1953)

Emmaville, a tiny village in far northern New South Wales, known for tin-mining and producing a triple Olympian, Debbie Wells, “the Emmaville Flash”, has several improbable claims, but one of the most astonishing is that it produced Clifford Kwan-Gett, who went on to become an engineer, cardio-thoracic surgeon, professor and inventor of the artificial heart. From the United States, where he is now in retirement in San Diego, Clifford agreed to a request from *The Wesleyan* to give an account of himself.

The Clifford Kwan-Gett story began when his father, Kwan Kuong Gett and mother, Amy, migrated to Australia from Canton. Cliff’s father became known as Walter Gett, managed a department store in Glen Innes before moving to Emmaville to set up his own store, selling groceries, clothing, petrol, tents, mining gear and livestock feed. Cliff was born in 1934 into a large family. He had three older brothers, three older sisters and would have two younger brothers. Emmaville, principally known for its tin-mining, had attracted many Chinese settlers. But it was very primitive in terms of facilities, so the children had to improvise, giving an early introduction to practical problem-solving.

“Retrieving a ball from the gutter could be dangerous,” Cliff said.

“So, one solution was to twist a piece of wire into two loops that were attached to the top of a long pole. By dragging the loops in the gutter, one could feel the resistance offered by a tennis ball. It was then a simple matter to lift the loops, then bring the loops down again, one on each side of the unseen ball, trapping it for retrieval. One other simple device made catching a designated chicken easy. A piece of wire attached to the end of a long pole was shaped to form a U. A handful of corn or wheat placed on the ground instantly attracted the chickens. It was then easy to approach the feeding chicken from behind and snag one leg with the U-shaped wire.” When Cliff’s brother made a portable radio, Cliff became fascinated by technology. When he was seven, his mother decided that perhaps he should become a doctor or a professor.

Cliff spent a year at Glen Innes High School, then moved to Tamworth High, where he became school captain, captain of the football team, and dux. The family moved to Sydney, settling in Westmead, and Cliff enrolled at Sydney University in 1952 to study Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. But he found that commuting from home was too demanding, so he applied for a room at Wesley. “The Master,

Bertram Wyllie said there were no vacancies, and future years were already booked. Cliff said: “I placed my resume in front of the Master, just in case an opening occurred, then took my time buckling my briefcase and readjusting my chair. I got up to leave, but before I had reached the door, the Master said I could have a room, starting in 1953.”

Cliff enjoyed college. “I enjoyed the atmosphere, the camaraderie, the mixture of students from differing backgrounds, country of origin and studies,” he said. “I liked the tradition of a formal evening dinner followed by coffee in the downstairs common room, and also liked the manner in which a student on duty would holler someone’s name for a telephone call, or to announce that the evening brew was ready. They all used two prolonged calls, one for the first name and one for the last name; and for the brew, ‘come and get it’ also in two drawn out calls.” Cliff was a member of the college rifle shooting team.

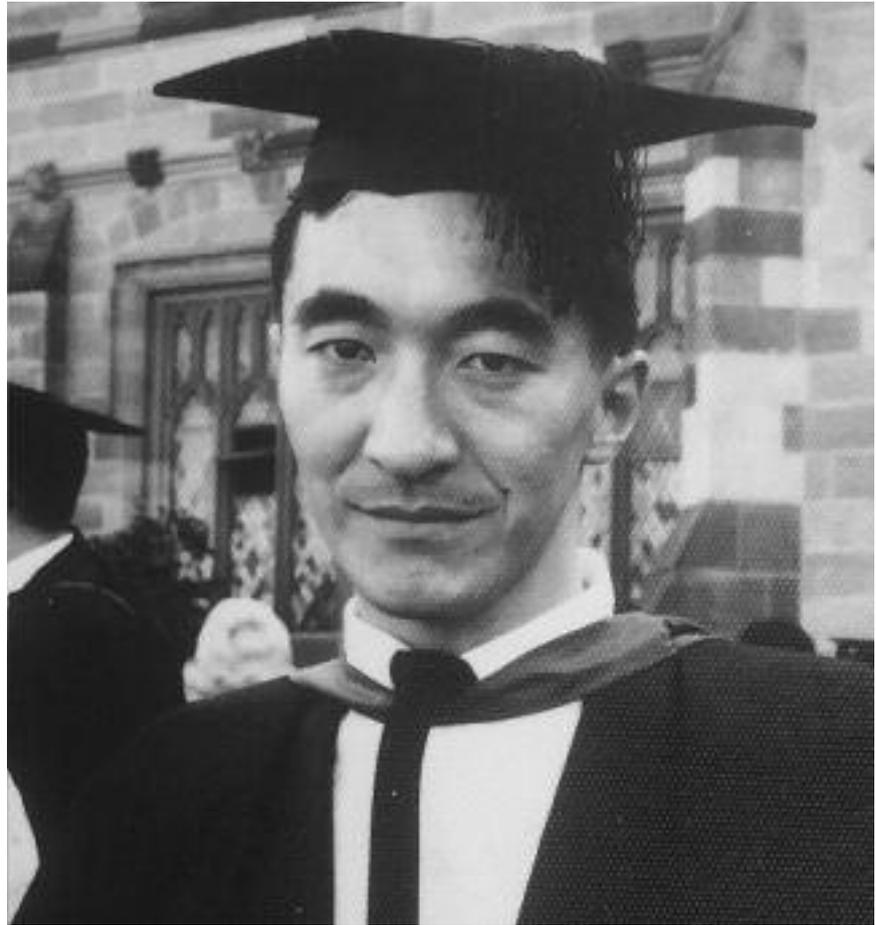
And then there was the mucking around. “At that time there existed a continual friction between the local police and university students, that led to the creation of many pranks,” Cliff said. “One involved two telephone calls, one to the City Public Works Department to inform them that a

group of students dressed as policemen were about to detain workers doing repairs on Parramatta Rd, near the entrance to the Men's Union. The other call was to the Sydney Police Department to inform them that students dressed as workers were tearing up the road. Students gathered to watch as police arrived and battled with the workers."

It was all too much for a prominent English visitor, who described the pranks as "childish, transparent and poorly executed, fooling nobody". That Englishman received a phone call from someone claiming to be the Governor, apologising for the informal nature of the call, but saying there was to be a reception in his honour. At the appointed time, a chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce arrived to transport the Englishman west of the city through a park-like setting to an imposing house at the edge of the park. He was instructed to go through the gated fence, through the front door to inform the receptionist that he had arrived for the reception and dinner the Governor was hosting in his honour. The chauffeur waited until he walked through the doors of the Cumberland psychiatric hospital, opposite Parramatta Park, and drove off.

Clifford did two years of Engineering, then enrolled in Science, which was a prerequisite for Engineering Honours. He met Tan Joo Een, a particularly attractive student, and began a friendship. Cliff finished his Engineering examinations, withdrew from Engineering Honours and found a vacation job with PMG telephones. He started Medical School but was no longer at Wesley and resumed daily commuting. He did four years of the medical course, then took a year off, working as an engineer to finance his further studies.

Cliff got what he described as "a wonderful solo job" when he was assigned to work out how to test the operational limits of the



Clifford Kwan-Gett fr 1953

Australian telephone system. He ended up building an automatic telephone dialing machine where one could preset the numbers to be dialed and also preset micro adjustments to the impulse rate and impulse width. He proposed to Tan Joo Een, by long-distance as she was then working in the Harvard Medical School. The two flew to Singapore and married. Joo Een, then sporting a Master's degree in Library Science, then worked as a librarian at Sydney University to put Cliff through his last two years of Medicine.

Cliff worked for two years as an intern at Launceston General Hospital. He changed his surname from Gett to Kwan-Gett before his son, Tao Sheng, was born. Cliff decided that his engineering skills might be useful, and what better way could be found for it than consideration of how a total artificial heart could be constructed? He obtained a position as a Fellow in the Department of Artificial Organs at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland,

Ohio, but found that his application for permanent residency in the United States was rejected on the grounds that he was "Chinese" and the quota for Chinese immigrants was full. Then it was suggested that Joo Een, who was classified as Malaysian, not Chinese, could apply instead, and he could go as her spouse. That worked, and Cliff started work in Cleveland in July, 1966. Daughter Mei Lin was born there the following year.

In 1967, Clifford joined the University of Utah where he was soon appointed as Associate Research Professor of Surgery, and Assistant Research Professor of Electrical Engineering. In the engineering building, Cliff chose two offices that looked over the Great Salt Lake, and he was allocated a large laboratory. While waiting for construction of a new surgical operating suite in the Artificial Organs headquarters, he made an artificial kidney haemodialysis system which was sufficiently safe for patients to

wind and sterilize their own dialysis coils, and for a member of the family to connect the patient for hemodialysis at home or even at an occasional picnic in the park for dialysis patients.

An engineering consultant from the National Aeronautical and Space administration (NASA) demonstrated to Cliff how to program the computer on the NASA-built artificial heart driver. Cliff created another program that seemed to be ideal for powering the artificial left ventricle. Both programs worked well in bench tests. After those programs failed while driving the heart in sheep, Cliff designed a completely new polyurethane diaphragm-type artificial heart and a companion external driver. The new system worked well.

But after disagreements on research strategy, Cliff decided to leave. He was offered a position as a resident in the two-year Thoracic Surgery training program starting July the following year. But he agreed to continue supporting the artificial organs laboratory full-time for two six-month periods. He later upgraded his design to make the artificial heart that was used in 1982 when Dr William DeVries did the first implant of a totally artificial heart into a human.

The kudos went to DeVries and a colleague, Dr Robert Jarvik, but it was strongly argued that Cliff should have been named as the inventor and after much controversy and a most unsatisfactory inquiry, Cliff decided to leave well enough alone and to move on. Having completed four years training as a resident in general surgery, he established a practice as a cardiac, thoracic and vascular surgeon, also doing heart catheterizations and angiograms of the vascular system. As he grew busier and busier, he concentrated more on heart, lung and blood vessel surgery, then started using "keyhole" lung surgery.

In 1990, two Sydney University former classmates and Cliff formed SUGUNA, the Sydney



Clifford Kwan-Gett and wife, Joo Een

University Graduates Union of North America, to promote the interests of the University of Sydney. The union honoured Cliff for his outstanding achievements. "It was pleasing to have Wesley alumni as well as the Chancellor and/or Vice Chancellor of Sydney University attend the SUGUNA meetings," he said.

Cliff thought he might continue in medical practice forever, but seeing colleagues of his era getting sick and dying, he thought he might retire as well, and did so in 1997. Salt Lake City was an excellent place to raise a family, but to avoid the cold and the snow, they retired to the San Diego area.

He and Joo Een went exploring in a motor home towing a jeep. They welcomed three grandchildren into the world. Several years ago, Cliff suffered two cerebral strokes that left him with very limited blurred single vision, rendering him legally blind. But such adversity set Cliff's mind off in another direction. While at the Centre for the Blind, he got to thinking about how he could make life easier for his fellow-afflicted. The upshot is that he is now designing a dining fork which has multiple functions, and this could be a direct replacement for the common dining fork.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# THE YANK IN WESLEY, WESLEY IN THE YANK

## THE STORY OF AN AMERICAN WESLEY ONE-TERMER WITH ITCHY FEET (FR 1957)

Richard Marc (Marc) Burbridge, who graduated from high school in Sonora, California, in 1956, was never going to get away easily with being an American in Wesley College. He became acutely conscious of that one evening while studying one night when his door opened, a hand slid through and turned off the light, and suddenly the room was full of upper classmen (senior students, as they are known today, but we will call them upper classmen.) A voice called out: "Up on the table, yank! Sing us a song!" As Marc recounts it, he quietly stepped up on the chair, then the table, cleared his throat, and sang: "Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, you'll come a-Waltzing Matilda ..." He was on the third verse when one of the listeners called out: "Bloody yank you can come off the table now."

Presumably, Marc passed a citizenship test. He also learned how to make a pot of tea according to strict procedure. But when it came to Rugby, there was a real culture clash. "In the first game where the freshers played the upper classmen, the other American in college and I took the field and did the only thing we knew to do well from American football," Marc told *The Wesleyan*. "Upon kick-off, they blitzed down the field both hitting the receiving upperclassman hard, hard enough for the ball to flip free a few yards from the goal line. We looked at each other asking, 'What do we do now?' Well, suffice it to say, our team did not win."

Marc arrived in Australia in later 1956 via Pan-American Airways,

which took three days to get him here. He joined his family in Happy Jack, then a small village in Australia's high country, where his father was working as an engineer on the Snowy Mountain Scheme. In 1957, Marc enrolled at Sydney University in 1957 to study Science, majoring in Physics, and was accepted by Wesley. "From the start, I was enthused with the opportunity to understand the Australian culture and the many friends I met," he said. "For me it was quite different, a bit strange sometimes."

On one occasion, students from the Women's College were invited to Wesley for tea, all above-board and respectable, supervised by the Rev Bertram Wyllie. But in the time-honoured Wesley tradition, at least one of the students, Marc's friend, Bernard, wanted to take it a little further, and invited some of the girls to his room for "a special tea and sweets". Bernard invited Marc who, who was a bit dubious. Bernard said: "It's OK, I got approval from the Master." Marc went, and on his account, it was "very pleasant" till there was a knock on the door. "When I opened it, the hall way was full of upperclassman demanding, 'Have you got women in there?' I replied, 'Why, yes, but Bernard got permission from ....' I saw Bernard wagging his finger despairingly, so I said, 'Give us a moment', and forcefully tried to shut the door. Someone called out to 'let him get his foot out', which I did, and then slammed and locked the door". Bernard's room happened to be on the ground floor so the immediate solution was to get the girls out through the window. Stepping out

the window and turning to assist the ladies, Bernard was struck with a bucket of water from above. "At which point he stepped back and serenely said to the upperclassman above him, 'I say, would you mind holding it off a bit? We have some ladies leaving here!'," Marc said. "There was a pause and then, 'What?' Quickly the ladies were extracted and escorted back to the Women's College."

Marc's family returned to America after Marc had spent only one term at Sydney University and Marc was obliged to leave Sydney University and Wesley. But instead of going back with his family, he decided to exchange his ticket to San Francisco for one to London. He made his way back home, through Asia, the Middle East and Europe. He managed to set foot in 15 countries before catching a ship from London to New York and hitchhiking the last stretch to his home in western USA.

When *The Wesleyan* asked for an account of his journey, he said there were "too many stories to tell", but he did relate one, when he wandered into the troubled Middle East and questions arose about whether he really was just an innocent traveller. "When I reached Jerusalem, the city was divided by a cease-fire between the Israelis and Jordanians," he said. "Most of what I wanted to see was in the old city on the Jordanian side. When I arrived in Cairo on an early morning flight, I was held back as all the other passengers were processed. I found myself in the centre of a room surrounded by men in uniform. After close to an hour of repetitious questioning the

officer-in-charge explained to me that I should have obtained a visa for Egypt while in Beirut and that that my wait-listed flight to Ankara had not been confirmed. After a phone call, I was told that the Pan Am evening flight for the next day was now confirmed. The nice military officer then gave me a ride to the hotel, helped me check in and then contacted the local tour agency telling them to make sure I was on the flight. I had a fantastic two days, visiting the Sphinx and things like that. Looking back, I assume that they concluded that no Israeli spy could possibly be as naïve as this young American, but the story could have ended quite differently.”

Marc’s international experience, which began at Wesley with his solo trip around the world left him, at the age of 19, with a thirst for more. “I was hooked on international affairs,” he said. Marc enrolled at the School of American Service at the American University in Washington DC. He completed a Bachelor’s degree, then undertook a Master’s degree in Economics. He also did a program on Negotiations offered by Harvard University. He was a volunteer in the US Army and got a view of the raw side of international affairs during his time in Vietnam. Surviving that, he returned to a more genteel form of international relations and was sent to Okinawa in Japan and Korea. He was then sent on a three-months assignment in Brazil, where his destiny awaited. “I married the first Brazilian I met,” he said. He remained in Brazil. The couple had two children. The marriage ended in divorce after 20 years but he married another Brazilian. “Their women are the Brazilian secret weapon,” he said.

Marc is now a consultant for mergers and acquisitions and new business development in Brazil. He is a specialist in corporate negotiations, mediations and conflict resolution. He works with Centres for Mediation and Arbitration at both the American



Marc Burbridge

and the Canadian Chambers of Commerce in São Paulo. He is also a lecturer in these areas and in Doing Business in Brazil at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil’s oldest and most renowned business school. His publications include a series of articles and books including US Army Country Handbook for Ghana (1962) and Venezuela (1963). He has co-authored of books in Portuguese on *Negotiation Management 2nd*

*Edition* (2007), *Conflict Management* (2012), *Strategic Purchasing* (2015) and *Mediation in-Company* (2016). But of all of these, he said, the one that came closest to his heart was what he had written under the pen-name, Mark Storyteller. Called *Nine Meaningful Lives* (2016) it is a “book of true fiction” where “the Wesley in the Yank finds its place.”

Marc Burbridge (Fr 1957) and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# THE HERCULEAN CHALLENGES OF A CORPORATE MR FIX-IT

## THE CAREER OF ROBERT TSENIN (FR 1973)

Robert Tsenin, graduating in Economics from Sydney University in 1973 with the University Medal, and would have dearly loved to have been an academic. Indeed, he started in academia, but seeing his opportunities there were limited, he entered the corporate world, where he went on to enjoy a brilliant career, holding executive positions and directorships in companies based in Australia, Europe, Russia and South Africa. It might be stated, without fear of contradiction, that academia's loss was the corporate world's gain.

There always was an international side to Robert. His parents had escaped to North China as very young children from Russia then engulfed in revolution. Only Robert's grandmothers were with them, his grandfathers having been killed in the revolutionary violence. Robert's grandmothers and their children, Eugene and Marina, were penniless and without much hope, and technically "illegal". Eugene grew up in China and before World War 11 he joined the British Army in Hong Kong as an engineer. When the Japanese invaded, Eugene was taken prisoner. He entered POW camp in Hong Kong weighing 85 kg and four years later, when Japan surrendered, he was released weighing less than 40 kg. Eugene met Marina in a Russian club in Shanghai and they married in Kong Kong in 1947.

Robert was born in June 1949 and started his schooling in Hong Kong. When Eugene retired in

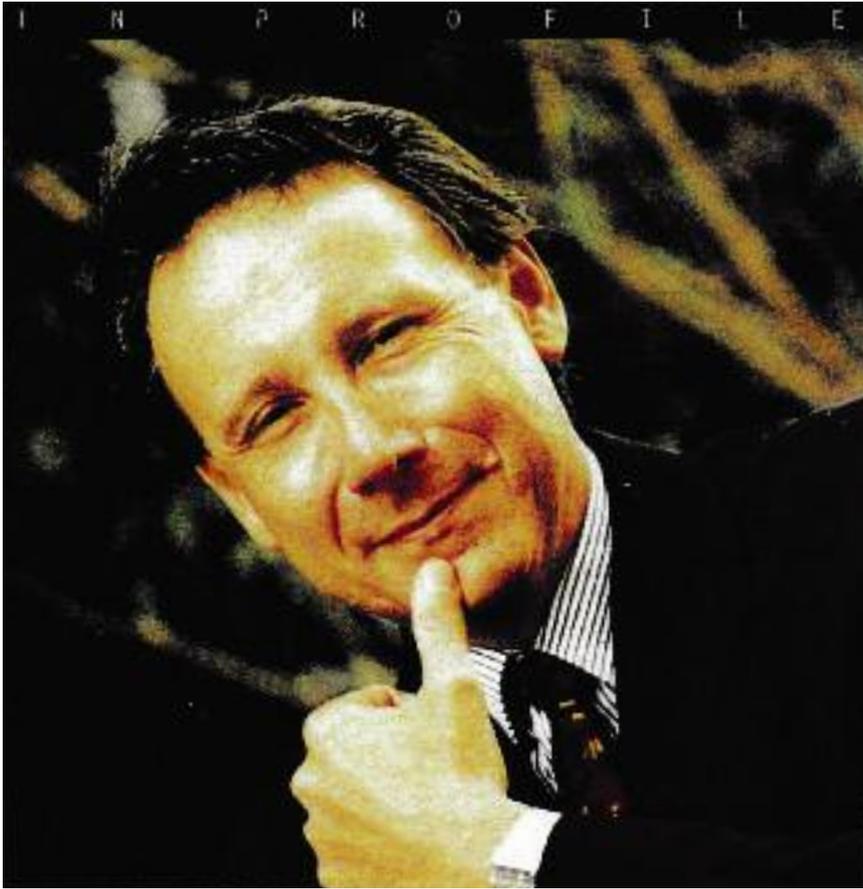
1965, moved with his family to Sydney, where Robert was enrolled at Christian Brothers Burwood and then Trinity College. He then went to Sydney University to do an Economics degree and in 1969 he did the not-unprecedented thing of falling in love with a girl from Women's College, in this case a fellow Economics student, Estelle Pavey. Both Robert and Estelle completed their degrees in 1972. Robert had to wait 18 months before he started postgraduate studies overseas and to fill that gap, he took a position as tutor in the Economics Faculty. Seeing there was a place available at Wesley, he applied for it and entered the college in 1973.

Robert took up residence in the Upper Wyllie Wing. He respected the Master, the Rev Norman Webb, and others at the High Table. "There was a lot of life and energy in Wesley," Robert told *The Wesleyan*. "The Wesley I knew was refreshingly tolerant of diversity, and I think relative to the other colleges was much better. The tolerance of people with very diverse lifestyles and backgrounds was one of the great strengths of the college and it has had a great influence on me. For this, I believe the Rev Norman Webb must take a lot of credit. I found the Wesley experience richly rewarding and mind-broadening. I made life-long friends there and only wish I had had the opportunity to go to Wesley earlier. I was able to contribute by playing in the Wesley soccer team that won the Rawson Cup competition. I might have been the captain but given

the rabble of a team, all 11 probably thought they were the captain!"

Leaving Wesley in 1974, Robert continued his studies at the London School of Economics and then the London Business School. Then, in what he considers an extraordinary stroke of good fortune, he received an offer from Royal Dutch Shell Plc and started there as a business analyst in the Group Planning Division. "The 1970s were exciting times in the oil industry because of the so-called Oil Crises," he said. "But I was privileged to work for some exceptionally visionary leaders, including Pierre Wack. People like Wack drummed into me that the future is inherently unforecastable and it is delusional to think you could. One of Pierre's favourite sayings was to quote an old Arab proverb: 'He who predicts the future lies, even if he tells the truth'. I took this as a fundamental principle in my approach to the challenges of the business world."

In 1978, Robert and Estelle married in London. Robert left Shell and the couple returned to Sydney where they were going to buy a house. Estelle took a senior position with a management consultancy company, then asked at her parents' bank about getting a mortgage but the manager told her he did not discuss mortgages with women (!). Robert decided that if he were to get a mortgage, he had better go into investment banking. He started with County Natwest, where he became the Asian head of the derivative's



Robert Tsenin (Fr 1973)

business. In 1987, he joined Goldman Sachs in New York. In early 1990s Goldman Sachs decided to set up an office in Australia and asked Robert to become one of the founding executives. He became CEO of Goldman Sachs (Australia) Ltd a few years later.

In 1997, Robert joined the Lend Lease Corporation as finance director. Lend Lease, an Australian company, had just started its overseas expansion, spearheaded by the CEO, David (now Sir David) Higgins and the chairman, Stuart Hornery. "They were critical, formative years for Lend Lease as David and Stuart repositioned the company from being an Australian property development and construction company with a large Australia financial business to a truly global real estate company in construction, development and asset management," Robert said. "This transition involved the sale of MLC to NAB, in hindsight a brilliant strategic move by David and Stuart." While with Goldman

Sachs and Lend Lease, Robert was on the boards of several Australian and overseas companies, including Telstra Corporation, AXA National Mutual, Sagasco and GLL.

In 2003, Robert decided to retire from full-time work, though retaining some directorships. "I had a lot of other interests I was keen to pursue, including love of music and travel," he said. "But I wasn't quite ready for full retirement." Robert's professional commitments included being appointed senior adviser to Lazard Plc in London, board positions with WACO International (a South African company), Australian Infrastructure Fund, Matrix Real Estate Investment Trust (Jersey) and two Russian companies: Sistema JSC and the PIK Group.

Then, it might be said, came the biggest challenge of all, a task that would test Robert to the limit, and in which he had to draw all the expertise he had acquired during his journey through the corporate world. As a consequence of the

Global Financial Crisis in 2008/09, the Centro Group of companies found itself in deep financial trouble. It was one of the largest real estate companies in Australia, with about 100 shopping centres in Australia and New Zealand and more than 600 in the United States, and with its collapse, shareholders and all classes of creditors lost billions of dollars. Robert accepted the invitation to oversee the restructuring of the group as Group CEO and Managing Director.

The Group had more than \$2 billion of negative equity (where the value of the property falls below the level of the liabilities) but it had high-quality assets, which were performing well. "The problem was that there was too much debt," Robert said. "There was also a need to redress certain opaque structural features of the Group and some related governance issues." In February 2011, Centro struck what Robert described as a "game-changing deal" to sell Centro's US shopping centres to the US private equity giant, Blackstone Group, for \$US9.4 billion. Interviewed by *The Australian*, Robert said the critical next step was to simplify the Group, "It's simply not a sustainable structure with co-ownership of the assets, some of the very-hard-to-understand entities, and the multiple puts and calls," he said. The sale to Blackstone released \$1.4 billion in equity that was to become the foundation of an eventual restructure of the Group's Australian assets.

The two-year restructuring period was draining for the directors of more than 40 entities and their management. At any time, the creditors could have thrown the Group companies into liquidation. "Sensibly, the shareholders and creditors realised that a restructured company would recover more value than through a liquidation process," Robert said. Interviewed on television prior to the vote to create the new



Robert, with the Master, at the Wesley College Centenary Ball in 2017.

company, he said there were not enough liquidators and receivers in Australia to manage a liquidation or receivership of Centro, given the complexity of the Group. Had there been a liquidation, it would have been “chaotic and value destructive”. In December 2011, all relevant classes of creditors and shareholders of the listed companies voted, in a complex set of resolutions, to approve Robert’s plan to restructure the Australian assets. The upshot was the creation of a new, simplified listed company. “It was always the way the company should have been,” Robert said. “The realised losses were very painful for shareholders and creditors but out of the restructuring emerged a strong property company which has since merged with Vicinity Centres and has performed very well. Now, there is a \$10 billion-plus company with excellent shopping centre assets.”

When asked in an interview what he had learned from the

experience, Robert said: “Nothing that you wouldn’t expect. One has a chance of fixing things if you have quality assets, which Centro did. Centro was fortunate because it had excellent management and despite the stress of potential liquidation, they remained loyal and continued to manage the assets professionally.” His final observation was: “Beware of and try to avoid super complex tax and accounting structures created by very clever lawyers and accounts, because such structures are often not value-creating at all but address other objectives.” The restructure of Centro was Robert’s crowning achievement. But after that experience he decided he was done with the corporate world. “I’m going to ride off into the sunset,” he was quoted as saying. “I am not looking for a job. I’m too old.” Robert stayed on with Centro till the end of February, 20012, when a replacement CEO was found. Robert then retired for good, giving up all directorships.

Since his final retirement, Robert

and Estelle have been “free and unrestrained”, as Robert puts it. They live in a home unit beside Darling Harbour in Pyrmont and spend about half the year overseas, particularly in Italy. Robert keeps in regular touch with Wesley friends, including Garry Scarborough, Paul Bailey and Ric Lucas. He has what he described as an obsession with Richard Wagner’s operas, especially the Ring Cycle. This year [2018] he has attended Ring performances in Dresden, Leipzig and Sofia. Robert stressed in his interview with *The Wesleyan* that 80 percent of his success in the corporate world had been due to luck, “being in the right place at the right time with the right background to take advantage of the opportunity”. But with respect this writer would disagree. A good man only needs a chance and when a series of chances fell into Robert’s lap, he never looked back.

**Robert Tsenin (Fr 1973) and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)**

# EMILY TOOK ON THE BIG, BIG ISSUES (AND A MOMENT OR TWO FOR WESLEY)

## THE LIFE OF EMILY ANTONIO (FR 1996)

Emily Antonio (nee de Jonge, Fr 1996) has tackled one of the great issues facing the modern world – continuing to produce to sustain Mankind while at the same time not despoiling the environment so as to make the world unlivable. Who could ever forget the Borphal disaster in India in 1984, when toxic methyl isocyanite gas leaking into the environment from a Union Carbide pesticide plant in India, injuring more than half a million people and killing an estimated 16,000? Or at a less dramatic level, the Soviet Union’s disregard for the environment in its headlong rush to industrialisation? Or the gold mining in Papua New Guinea only a few years ago that caused cyanide pollution in rivers in Morobe Province. Life, and industry, must go on, but a compromise must be found. As a chemical engineer, that is what she has dedicated herself to doing. And when she was not being paid to do it, she went and did it anyway.

Emily was born in Wollongong and attended The Illawarra Grammar School. Her parents were a pharmacist, John de Jonge, whose roots were in the Dutch East Indies, and a small business owner, Hilary, nee Anderson, whose origins were in South Africa. The families settled in the Illawarra in the 1950s and 1960s. Both Emily’s grandparents had worked at the BHP steelworks, one as a metallurgist, another as a clerk, and growing up in that environment was attracted to the Chemical Engineering course she undertook at Sydney University in 1996. She chose Wesley College



Front row left to right: Emily Antonio, Wendy Barry (nee Bowden), Dimity Taylor (middle row), Anna Wilcox (nee Heslop)  
Back row left to right: Beth Eggleston, Kimberley Masters, Cecelia O'Brien, Lucy Atkins, Alison Procter, Michelle Mallam

because family members had gone before her: her uncle, Don Anderson, who had studied Medicine and was to become a very successful paediatrician in Newcastle, and her older brother, Andrew de Jonge, who studied Electrical Engineering. She was to be followed by her younger brother, John de Jonge (Fr 2001), who studied Chemical Engineering and then Law. “For me, university and Wesley College was like waking up in a magical land, where academia was universally cherished and ambition admired, while Wesley was still stayed down-to-earth though a shared knowledge that our future depended on our own hard work and drive,” Emily told *The Wesleyan*. “After taking over E-

Wing in second year, I bonded with friends who have continued to be my closest confidants to this day.” Emily listed her closest Wesleyan friends as Beth Eggleston, Michelle Mallam, Lucy Atkins, Cecilia O’Brien, Wendy Bowden and Anna Heslop. Emily thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Rosebowl Basketball team and on her recollection enjoyed being in a winning team.

Emily met her husband-to-be, Adam Antonio, also a student at Sydney University. She graduated in 1999 with First Class Honours and went to work as a project engineer with Purac Anglian Water. For eighteen years, Emily has worked as an engineer, consultant and manager across the

manufacturing sector, specialising in environmental management and sustainability. She worked in a consultancy role for Energetics, and for Boral, Veolia, Woolworths and Brickworks Building Products. It has been a tough and challenging environment and Emily believes her undergraduate years at Wesley helped her enormously in her preparations for it. "I feel blessed that these areas have always interested me, even leading me to enjoy further study in a Master of Business Administration," Emily said. "My jobs have brought interest and novelty, taken me across the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, visiting sites from Edinburgh to Anglesey, allowed me to see many parts of Australia from southern Western Australia to Cairns, and from geothermal energy plants to enormous milk factories in New Zealand. I have designed policies for the European Union, piloted cutting-edge technologies, commissioned new plants, and set strategies for leading ASX companies."

A quick search of the internet shows Emily is still hard at it. An entry for Brickworks Building Products says: "As Group Manager Environment, Emily will be driving the environment and sustainability strategy across Brickworks Building Products. Emily has delivered environmental and sustainability strategies across Boral, Veolia and Woolworths. She has improved environmental performance through Environmental Management Systems and improvement projects. Her experience ranges from site based environmental issues to corporate wide sustainability strategies. Emily delivers value through setting a clear course through complex issues, networking across the business to build consensus and motivating people to deliver successful improvement projects. Emily has 18 years of experience in environmental and sustainability management. She is a chartered chemical engineer and



energy manager, with significant environmental experience. She has Board level management experience and a MBA, allowing Emily to deliver focused management reporting and recommendations."

But Emily has always wanted to extend her expertise elsewhere, into the voluntary sector, which in her words brings people "the most growth and challenges ... out of your comfort zone and self-identity to new worlds and paradigms".

And that has broken new ground for others. The idea of a highly-qualified and highly-paid expert doing things gratis sat uncomfortably with some people. "In 2003 I found myself standing on the top of a 16th century building in Riga, Latvia, being interviewed as a curiosity as part of the 2003 Eurovision tourism coverage of the capital," Emily said. "So you worked... for free?" the interviewer asked me. I said, 'Yes, it's been a great experience

working with the farmer community for 3 months, and the farmers gained a grant from the Ashoka Foundation'. They giggled. I have never fully understood their amusement, but it became clear that some interesting commentary was going to be added in the editing of the segment. The interview was included during the Eurovision festivities, featuring footage of me walking through the old town of Riga filmed from above sped up clip to 6 x speed."

Despite such snickers, volunteer work has been for Emily "a constant source of fascinating experiences, allowing a gateway into worlds otherwise inaccessible, and a welcome variation from my day jobs". "In 2007, I had the honour of being invited to the Torres Straight island community on Saibai, the home of Christine Anu and the inspiration for her song, *My Island Home*. Saibai is a mud island arrived at by a small plane flying from Thursday Island, stopping at many islands on the way. The island is also a short dingy boat ride from Papua New Guinea, and home to 465 Torres Straight Islanders. In this far north part of Australia, weekly food barges supply a supermarket, and the island's medical centre is staffed by a solitary nurse. These crucial benefits draw many Papua New Guinea locals across the water daily. The island is scattered with raised houses for the regular floods, an airport strip, school, and lively church. Signs nailed to the main street in language suggest rising sea levels are due to poor church attendance. I had been asked to help the Council with developing a recycling program for the island, but quickly spotted a more pressing assignment. Health concerns over the uncovered landfill and sewage treatment sludge took president, and we soon arranged training sessions with the Council and local operators to avoid health impacts." Emily hoped her visit was of help to the island. She herself had personally grown a lot from the experience. "This island was so different to my



Emily with husband Adam Antonio.

normal life, and the work gave me an opportunity to be a part of this world, attending a 21st birthday barbecue, complete with roasted dugong (which I politely declined), attending a lively island church service, been taken by speed boat to the neighbouring granite island Dauan and swimming in crocodile infested waters with the brave children.

Since then, Emily has married and brought two children into the world. "So, my next voluntary adventure has been Sydney based, in the hallowed Crypt and Reg Walker Reading Rooms at Wesley," she said. Emily was appointed to the Wesley Council in 2015. "It has been the start of a valuable and enriching experience, where I trust that I have contributed as much as I have benefitted," she said. "To some, spending my free time pouring over balance sheets and meeting agendas may not sound that fun, so let me share more of my background to illustrate my love of volunteer work. I have been honoured to be part of the Wesley Council and Business Committee, leading to regular visits to familiar

blue carpet and brown furniture, with the background noise in the hallways of students' serious debate and boisterous camaraderie. Through these committees, I have had the chance to benefit from working with experienced professionals such as Council Chairs Debbie Page and Jenny Morison, Master Lisa Sutherland as well as the wide range of experience across the Council. On the Wesley College Council, I have found inspirational people, committing significant amounts of time to address issues from the trivial (weed control) to the intellectual (cultural change). Our impressive student leaders volunteer their time to contribute and understand the range of issues involved in the college business. Meeting sometimes stretching into the eve, and passion and interest continues until the agenda items close and the last cup of coffee is drunk. I look forward to my upcoming next year on the Council to continue my volunteer adventure."

Emily Antonio (Fr 1996) and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# THE FARM GIRL WHO BECAME CHAIR OF WESLEY COLLEGE COUNCIL

## THE SPARKLING CAREER OF JENNY MORISON (NEE NIXON, FR 1976) WHO SPARKED A WESLEY DYNASTY

Jenny Nixon, as she then was, one of four children of a farming family at Boorowa, near Yass in south New South Wales, and it was to the rural life she could have returned after completing her schooling. But her mother, Enid, had not always been in the rural world. It was just that she had fallen in love with a farmer, Clif. Enid had been the first woman to become an accountant at the ANZ Bank. The “rules” at the time were that Enid had to give up her job when she married. But Enid saw in Jenny the potential to go places in that same world she had left - the world open to those with higher educational qualifications - so she became adamant that Jenny would be the first in the family to go to university. Jenny had a chance meeting with a Wesley Old Collegian, Sue Howard (nee Young, Fr 1974) in Oberon, and Sue told her about Wesley. Jenny decided that was the way to go. And Wesley, as with so many others, became a portal for the rest of her life.

Jenny, born in Young on 1st December 1958, grew up on the mixed cattle/sheep/crop property outside Boorowa. She went to the Central School. Only 14 students went on to do Years 11 and 12. For two of her subjects she was the only one in her class. She did well, was accepted at Sydney University to do a degree in Science, and in February 1976, with a single suitcase, boarded a train at Yass to travel to Sydney.

Jenny recalls in her first week at



Jenny Morison

Wesley. “I was standing on the front steps as an older Wesley student attempted to drive a tractor into College dining room!” Jenny told *The Wesleyan*. “The marks on the steps are still there!” She also recalls going to a Paul’s informal where “a promising new band called Midnight Oil” were playing. She occupied a room in Upper Purser. The college had a new Master, the Rev James Udy, a conventional churchman appointed to bring the college back on course after the radical moves made under his predecessor, the Rev Norman Webb.

Jenny was to spend her entire four years at Wesley, living in Upper Purser. She completed her first year in Science but in her second year she changed courses and

started studying Economics, which she felt better suited her outgoing nature. “I studied Business and Economic Theory, and threw in some Accounting as other Wesley students had told me that this might help later employment prospects,” Jenny said. “Little did I know then that this would become the basis for my career.” Jenny took thoroughly to college life and became active on the House Committee. It was “a far cry”, as she described it, from life on the farm. “I never imagined a place like it existed,” she said. “With College largely comprised of country students, I found many who shared my background and the challenges of adapting to city life. I found it a transforming experience. I was surrounded by people who were full-of-life, intelligent, energetic and caring, even if at late hours they might cause some trouble on campus.” During her fresher year, Jenny met Ian Morison, a long-haired sophomore at Wesley, who had come from Canberra to study Economics and Law.

Ian and Jenny were part of a group of about 15 Collegians who spent time together in College and during vacations, but as time went on Ian and Jenny became very close. Jenny left Wesley. She graduated in 1980 and in 1981 she and Ian moved into a home unit in Kirribilli. Jenny started her professional career at Peat Marwick Mitchell (now KPMG) and soon after completed her qualification as a Chartered

Accountant. “There were very few professional women at the time and we were treated as somewhat unique,” she said. “One of the firm’s policies was, ‘All female staff be home by dark.’” Ian did another year of study and in 1982 started work as a solicitor. The couple married at Boorowa, with many Wesleyans present, in December 1982. The realities of the rural life she had left behind became quite blatant to all around them. “It was the middle of a severe drought and the family at the farm were struggling to pay their stock feeding costs,” she said.

In November, 1983, Jenny and Ian moved to Canberra. Their first child, Sarah, was born in 1985, followed by Stephanie in 1988. In 1990, Ian, who had gained his Master of Law degree, became a partner at the top-tier law firm Mallesons. A third daughter, Kate, was born in 1991. Jenny and Ian went on to build successful careers in Canberra. “I was working in the more traditional areas of audit and tax but realised that as Canberra

was a ‘government town’, greater opportunities and challenges lay in transforming the way government finance, risk management, and reporting operated,” she said. In 1995, Jenny started her own firm, Morison Consulting, originally specialised in consulting with the Commonwealth on key financial and budget reforms, including introducing a more commercial approach to accounting, and then major financial and systems implementations. In 2000, she was awarded a Centenary Medal for Services to Accountancy and Women. Ian moved on to start his own business with his skills in corporate advisory and management, having major roles in the corporatisation or sale of many large Commonwealth agencies and businesses during the Keating and Howard years.

Today, Jenny, is one of Australia’s most sought-after independent member or chair of Commonwealth audit and risk committees. Her committees cover more than 50 percent of the budget spend by the

Commonwealth, including large departments such as Human Services, Health, Social Services and Education. Jenny often speaks at conferences and seminars throughout Australia on her specialities. In the meantime, Ian has set up, and invested in, many property trusts to acquire larger commercial and industrial properties. He has recently retired as a corporate adviser and company director and after 10 busy years as chair of Radford College, an Anglican co-education school in Canberra and one of Australia’s top private schools, has stepped down from that position as well.

The couple’s eldest daughter, Sarah, did not become a Wesley person. She gained Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts degrees at ANU in 2007 and is a Senior Manager at Deloitte, married and living in Canberra. She and her husband are relocating to Sydney this year (2018) to further their careers. The next two girls went the Wesley way. Steph started at Wesley in 2007,



Jenny Morison (fr 1976) Sarah Dunbar (née Morison), Kate Morison (fr 2010) and Stephanie Morison (fr 2007).



Jenny and Ian Morison (Fr 1976) at the Wesley Centenary Dinner.

studying Asian Studies and later Law. An introvert and bookworm, she found the energetic pace of College life a challenge at times. “I loved my time at Wesley and I am very grateful for the wonderful network of friends from all over Australia I made,” Steph said. “College also gave me the confidence to sit down at any table - these skills have laid the foundation for my career which is externally facing.” Steph graduated as a Bachelor of Arts Advanced (Hons) in 2009 and Juris Doctor in 2009. After three years in London as a HR Consultant for the international university and not-for-profit sector, Steph returned to Sydney earlier this year to work as the North American development officer (including philanthropy) at the University of NSW. Kate entered Wesley in 2010 whilst studying her Bachelor of Commerce. She spent the next three years at Wesley, graduating

as a Bachelor of Commerce in 2012 and Master of Management the following year. Later, she obtained a Masters of Management at Sydney University before joining Deloitte as a Human Capital Consultant in 2014. She currently lives in London where she has been for two years and is working as an Organisational Design Consultant at Concentra Analytics with clients throughout the world. Many Wesley old Collegians live there and they have wonderful get-togethers.

As they move towards retirement, rather than downsizing into the traditional home unit, Jenny and Ian at the time of writing were soon to leave Canberra and 'upsize' to a small cattle-property at Sutton Forest in the NSW Southern Highlands. “We hope that former Wesleyans travelling south from Sydney will call in to our Sutton Forest home, just like many have

to their Canberra homes over the past 35 years,” Jenny said. Ian and Jenny will also be spending time at their beach-side cottage at Tuross Head, near Moruya on the NSW South Coast. They are avid world travellers and walkers and undertake an annual bike riding trip in parts of France each year with Old Collegians Ric and Collette Lucas. “Wesley has had an enormous impact on my life,” Jenny said. “I am passionate about ensuring the opportunity of a Wesley experience remains within the reach of regional students like me, particularly first in family.” In April 2018, Jenny was appointed chair of the Wesley College Council, the first person from regional Australia to have been appointed to the position, and the first in her family to have gone to university. “It’s been quite a journey,” she said.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# PONDED AS A STUDENT BUT DID NOT STAY PONDED FOR LONG

## THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF PHARMACIST KIM TAYLOR (FR 1979)

Kim Taylor (Fr 1979) found herself, as a student at Wesley College, in the invidious situation of being tied to a chair with Glad-wrap and dunked in the college pond. Her offence? Not knocking loudly enough at the doors of other students' rooms when, working casually at the college as linen lady, she was delivering freshly-cleaned streets. It was an inauspicious start for Kim, who took advantage of the Whitlam Government's abolition of university fees, and working casually through her undergraduate years to cover living costs. At one point, she became a little uncertain as to where she was going, but three months working full-time as a waitress propelled her to the decision that finishing her degree in Pharmacy and embarking on a career in that field was the way to go. And did she go! As a pharmacist in Australia and Saudi Arabia, and in research & development (R&D) and corporate executive positions in Australia, Belgium, Asia Pacific and the United States, she finished her career as head of Johnson & Johnson (J&J) in South-East Asia and was on the management board responsible for J&J's \$30 billion global pharmaceutical operations.

Kim Taylor was born in Brisbane in April 1959, the second of five children of a sales manager, Ross Taylor, and a teacher-librarian, Barbara. When she was five, the family moved to Sydney and she grew up in Sydney's north-west,

with a two-year stint living in New Zealand. She had what she describes as a pretty ordinary childhood, though tragedy visited when she was a teenager when her mother was killed in a car accident and she had to assume a lot of responsibility for her younger siblings. She went to Baulkham Hills High School, and in 1978 enrolled at Sydney University to start her Pharmacy course. Kim shared a flat for a year, which she described as a disaster, and was receptive to a suggestion from fellow pharmacy students to enter Wesley. Her application for the college was accepted and she started in 1979.

Kim supplemented her income by juggling numerous casual jobs, including jobs at Wesley, one of which involved the delivery of a clean sheet each week to every room. "As you can imagine, it was a highly sensitive job, and linen ladies were prime targets," Kim told *The Wesleyan*. She went from the then E-wing to Lower Callaghan and finally to the "dizzying heights" of 4th Floor Wyllie. "What a floor, what a gang, what a marvellous time it was!" she said. "Somewhere in there we studied (to a greater or lesser extent), played numerous intercollegiate sports, and collectively ensured the financial stability of the Grandstand Bar & Cordobes Pizza."

Kim left Wesley and enjoyed "the very happy succession of shared terrace houses in the Glebe-Newtown-Camperdown zone with

great friends made, as each embarked on entering the real world of gainful employment". She decided to take 1982 off from her studies and work. "My younger sister, Jen, was living with me and there was a need for us to consolidate finances," she said. "And I wasn't sure whether pharmacy was the life for me." But after her experience as a waitress, she decided that for her it really was a case of "back to the books". She completed her final year in Pharmacy and graduated in 1983. She was accepted for a hospital internship and started with the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children at Camperdown, where she became a staff pharmacist and later a senior pharmacist.

By early 1986, Kim had become restless. Others among her university classmates had travelled overseas, she had not. She saw a newspaper advertisement for pharmacists to work to Saudi Arabia. "It seemed like a good idea at the time!" she said. She applied and three months later flew to the Middle East, where she worked for almost two years as the Senior Pharmacist at the King Faisal Military Hospital, her first "big adventure". "My immediate boss and his wife had been working there for a decade and were great explorers," Kim said. "They let me tag along on many a trip camping in the desert in the Empty Quarter or diving in the Red Sea, meeting the local Bedouins along the way. On one occasion, he was almost successful in trading me to a rather



Kim Taylor

toothless but sturdy fellow for three camels and a handful of goats. Performance management took on a whole new meaning!”

Kim returned to Australia in 1988 and joined a Belgian pharmaceutical company, Janssen Cilag, as a clinical research associate, with the job of coordinating clinical trials of new medicines. She did not realise when she first started that Janssen Cilag was part of the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, and that it would open a door to an extraordinary expansion of her career. She had been there 18 months when the head of one of J&J’s Belgian research groups, on a speaking tour in Australia, asked whether she would consider working in Belgium. Kim took it

up. “I landed in Antwerp in early 1990 to one of the coldest winters on record, learning to drive on the wrong side of the road in ice and snow,” she said. As a clinical research manager, Kim was responsible for developing & coordinating clinical trials across Europe. “I loved living in Belgium, in spite of the almost perpetual grey weather,” Kim said. “Being in such a central location to the rest of Europe made it easy to explore different places, and the bonus was that it was a great stopping-off point for a decent feed for friends visiting from Australia. Importantly, my role allowed me to extend my skills in managing cultural, economic and business practice diversity, and to establish the framework for a rapidly changing compliance environment.”

After four years in Belgium, Kim returned to Australia to manage Janssen Cilag’s Clinical Research group. She completely re-engineered the group’s operations and established a high-functioning team. In 1996, she became the Director Clinical Research and was also appointed to the management board. That year she was sent to the United States on an Executive Development Program at the Haas Business School, Berkeley University. She was inspired to do more study and in 1997 was awarded an MBA by Macquarie University. Soon after, she was asked to create a Business Information Group from “the scraps of a number of departments and functions”. In 1998, she was appointed her to head Janssen’s Sales & Marketing division for hospital and specialty prescription products. “The move from research to marketing was significant, particularly with limited direct commercial experience, but the experience of building a new team managing core information and data for the company proved to be an invaluable bridge,” she said. “I have been incredibly fortunate to have had the support of senior leaders who took a risk on my core skills and leadership capabilities, giving me some really challenging opportunities at key points throughout my career.”

In 2000, Kim was appointed Vice-President, Marketing & Medical Affairs, Pharmaceuticals Asia Pacific, based in Hong Kong. She became responsible for implementing marketing and medical affairs programs, and coordinating the strategic and business planning processes across 13 countries. “My boss at the time, a very astute and high-energy Korean businessman, gave me a budget of zero and the advice that if I figured out what was of value to the businesses in the region, they would contribute funds to a general pool for managing programs,” she said. “With a mix of established and emerging markets, a background

of recurring natural disasters, financial and political instability and a major outbreak of SARS [Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome], pressure took on a whole new meaning. But seeing the extraordinary compassion of colleagues within their communities and determination to push through adversity was an unbelievably humbling experience. It was also a time when I felt the real depth of commitment J&J had to its employees and their communities. You see all the words and principles of a company's Credo, but to see those principles come alive and dominating is something else altogether. J&J is a most remarkable company."

Kim returned to Australia early in 2004 and was appointed as managing director for Janssen Cilag in Australia and New Zealand. "After four years away, it was great to be home, the first Aussie to be managing the business in many years, and the first female managing director," she said. "It was an amazing welcome back, and very satisfying personally. Kind of like, 'Local gal makes good!'" The honeymoon, as it turned out, was short. There had been an economic slump in Australia and there had been a significant contraction in Federal budgets. But all Kim's training and experience had not been for nothing. She applied herself, built new capabilities and teams and Janssen Cilag soon became one of the fastest-growing multinationals in the industry in Australia. In 2007, she relocated to the United States and joined J&J's biologics company, Ortho Biotech Inc, as Vice-President, Sales and Marketing. In January 2008, she became Ortho Biotech's president and given the task of leading the integration of Ortho Biotech with another of J&J's multibillion-dollar biologics businesses, Centocor Inc. In April 2008 she was appointed president of the merged company, Centocor Ortho Biotech Inc.

In 2010, Kim was appointed to the position of Company Group Chairman, Asia Pacific, where she



Kim Taylor

was responsible for J&J's pharmaceutical business throughout the Asia Pacific region, which took in Japan, China and India and everything down to and including Australia and New Zealand, an enormous area highly diverse culturally and commercially. "I was based in Singapore this time, and constant travel became the norm," she said. "Developing future leaders within the region became a passion. There was an incredible array of talented people. Identifying opportunities for them to grow and flourish as leaders, as had been done for me, was immensely rewarding." In late 2013, Kim was asked to develop and implement a novel business model for emerging markets by bringing together all Johnson & Johnson businesses in Southeast Asia under one roof. She did that and became head of One Johnson & Johnson Southeast Asia. From 2010, as part of her international responsibilities, Kim served on the Pharmaceuticals Group Operating Committee. In 2015, after 27 years with J&J, Kim decided to retire, expressing the greatest gratitude for the chances she had been given. "I am

incredibly fortunate to have worked with people so dedicated to making a difference in people's lives," she said. "There have been many, many times when it has been beyond humbling."

Kim returned to Australia to be close to her sister, Jen, and family, and revels in playing the part of "eccentric aunt", as she put it, to her nieces. Kim now lives on a small farm outside Armidale where she was supposed to lead an unhurried life, but was soon in re-engineering mode to rehabilitate and repurpose the property. Kim has been an active volunteer at the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) in Armidale, and is the treasurer for the Friends of NERAM. In December 2017, she was appointed to NERAM's board. "Same skills, different location" Kim told *The Wesleyan*.

"Occasionally life can deal you a really crummy hand, but life is more than a single hand. You have a whole deck to play with, and sometimes it helps to shuffle it!"

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# FOUR GRAY YEARS AT WESLEY AND SOME BRILLIANT CAREERS

## THE STORY OF SUSAN GRAY (FR 1981) AND JO GRAY (FR 1983)

Susan Gray (Fr 1981) and her sister Joanne (Fr 1983) can be said to be very bright girls, having each stayed two years at Wesley, each graduating in Economics-Law and both going on a global or national scale to contribute to the smooth running of industry. Susan is now the Global Head of Corporate and Infrastructure Ratings at the financial information and analysis company, S&P Global, which followed a twenty-year career in investment banking in Asia and the Americas. She was four years as policy advisor to the Australian Federal Government on trade, industry and labour policy. She undertook roles in the Labor movement and performed service on a number of government and not-for-profit boards. Jo, presently the managing editor of the *Australian Financial Review*, has had an extraordinary career in business and financial journalism.

At the time the girls came into the world, the girls' father, Robert Gray, was an Economics teacher at Knox Grammar School and their mother, Elaine (nee Comben), was a nurse. Susan was born first-born. She and Jo were followed by a brother, Michael. In 1973, the family moved to Albury, "just in time for Gough Whitlam's Decentralisation initiative," Jo told *The Wesleyan*. The three children went to Albury High School.

Susan enrolled at Sydney University to study Economics/Law and entered Wesley in 1981. When *The Wesleyan* asked her for her recollections of college, she said: "It was a great place to meet a wide range of people studying



Susan at her Economics graduation in 1984.

diverse disciplines." Susan graduated in Economics, with Honours, in 1984 and in Law in 1988, developing an early focus on public policy and economics issues. In 1985, she joined AMP Society as an economist, rapidly becoming involved in the implementation of the new national superannuation scheme for employees at Australia's largest insurer. "It was a time of

significant change as the concept of a job for life was disappearing and workforce mobility increasingly important," she said.

Susan was elected as the NSW secretary of the AMP Staff Association and focused on repositioning the staff association to meet the changing mobility and career needs of the workforce. She was intending to go to the bar.

Instead, she joined the Clothing and Allied Trades Union, whose national secretary, Anna Booth, was destined to become vice-president of the ACTU. “I was looking to gain experience in Industrial Law and I had a strong interest in public policy,” Susan said. “The Clothing Union was at the forefront of change at the time. It was a leading player in the reforms and modernisation agenda which were later to play a part in the [Prices and Incomes] Accord supported by government, business and the trade unions. Most would agree that the structural changes Australia implemented at the time positioned it to be a more open, competitive and successful economy and society today.”

Susan used her legal skills as National Industrial Officer at the Clothing union to implement a campaign against exploitation of pieceworkers and led efforts to build fair and modern pay and conditions for women workers, which recognised skills and experience in deciding on rates of pay and conditions. As the Hawke government started to negotiate the detail of the Prices and Incomes Accord, Susan took on the job of adviser to Senator Peter Cook, Minister for Industrial Relations. She spent four years in Canberra, advising Senator Cook and Federal Cabinet in the portfolios of Industrial Relations, Trade, and then Industry and Regional Development. Over this time, she focused on the Accord, Industry Best practice, a major study with McKinsey & Co on the importance of small and medium exporters, budget policy measures, industry restructuring and training, a major Trade Policy Statement and priority attention to Asia.

In 1994, Susan moved to Jakarta where Michael Maher, her partner was the ABC’s Indonesia correspondent. She joined Macquarie Bank to set up their project and structured finance business in Indonesia, their first Infrastructure advisory business in Asia. In this role, Susan became

Macquarie’s Indonesia country head, and worked on energy, transport and telecommunications transactions, as well as developing a joint venture for the project finance business. She then returned to Sydney with Macquarie’s Infrastructure business and, at the invitation of the NSW Premier, Bob Carr, joined the board of the Powerhouse Museum. At the invitation of the NSW Minister for Transport, Carl Scully, she joined the board of the State Transit Authority. Susan and Michael married in 2002 and had a son, Harry, born in 2003. In 2006, the family moved to New York, where Susan continued to play a leading role in the development of Macquarie’s infrastructure advisory business in the Americas, as Head of Infrastructure Sponsor Coverage and Head of Airports. Michael worked with the ABC and other media organizations such as the BBC as a documentary filmmaker and journalist.

Susan also became a trustee of the Tenement Museum in Manhattan, which tells the story of immigration in New York through recreating the lives of families who lived in a crowded apartment building on the Lower East Side. The museum has been noted as one of the top 10 non-art museums in the world. She was recruited by S&P Global in 2015 to establish a global infrastructure practice in its ratings division. In this role she also developed and launched S&P Global’s Green Evaluation, which assess the “greenness” of an investment on a global scale. In 2017, Susan’s role was expanded to Global Head of Corporate and Infrastructure Ratings and Sustainable Finance. Today, based with her family in Manhattan, she leads a team of 600 analysts across 20 countries, rating \$US14 trillion of debt. Her breadth of experience in infrastructure globally and S&P Global’s active engagement in the sector across all of its businesses has seen Susan work with the World Bank and The Bipartisan Policy Centre, a Washington think-



Joanne Gray, from Australian Financial review publicity shot.

-tank supported by congress. She is regularly sought out to speak at industry events in the US and elsewhere in the world, and represented S&P at the G20 and B20 summits, World Economic Forum and the Milken Institute Global Conferences.

Jo for her own part was drawn to journalism early. She had grown up with the ABC and newspapers and was inspired by the ABC’s Caroline Jones doing tough political interviews. Current affairs, politics and economics had often been discussed over dinner. “I remember understanding what inflation and wage indexation were when I was 9 years old. How boring!” she said. After completing the HSC, Jo also enrolled in Economics/Law degree at Sydney University, entering Wesley in 1983, on the heels of Susan who had left in 1982. “Kimberley Needham was the first person I met as I walked in the Wesley front doors, and she became one of my greatest friends,” Jo said. “I am grateful that I met a diverse bunch of amazing people. Wesley gave me a sense of belonging in the big city and in a university full of incredibly bright, sometimes

intimidating people.” Jo was unimpressed by some of the blatant sexist behaviour, but he had plenty of diversion. She rowed in the Women’s Eight and competed in water polo and rowing at Intervarsity level as well.

Leaving Wesley at the end of 1984. After completing Economics in 1985, Jo took two years off, travelling to South Africa on an AIESEC exchange program for business and commerce students, arriving just after the SA government declared a state of emergency. In mid-1986 she was working for human resources division in Barclays Bank, in Johannesburg with the task of making life easier for the non-white staff, who were being systematically discriminated against by South Africa’s apartheid system. “There were an increasing number of [international] sanctions,” Jo said. “International banks were not allowed to lend money to South Africa. There were sporting sanctions and the US Congress was forcing US companies to pull out of South Africa.” Barclays was under a huge amount of pressure from students in the UK who were boycotting its branches, arguing for divestment. “But Barclays was actively resisting the apartheid regime. The managing director, Chris Ball, bought homes for black managers in so-called “white” areas, and was later investigated for meeting with leaders of the African National Congress which was outlawed at that time. He was also accused of lending \$40,000 to the ANC to advertise in South African newspapers calling for legalisation to improve their lot.

Jo felt a strong inclination to become a journalist and after six months with Barclays she joined the *Financial Mail*, a Johannesburg-based weekly business magazine. One of her first assignments was covering the national budget in Pretoria. She saw at first-hand how, as well as its system of gross human rights abuse, apartheid was economically unsustainable, with four separate budgets and

bureaucracies for each of the apartheid created population groups. This became increasingly apparent as international capital sanctions tightened. She decided to return to Australia as a journalist and applied to several media outlets, eventually getting a positive response from Valerie Lawson, who worked for a Fairfax publication, *Times on Sunday*. Jo returned in 1987 and joined the *Times on Sunday* at a dramatic time. “I started October 19, and the US stock market crashed that night,” she said. “On the day it hit Australia, October 20, I was in Melbourne interviewing the CEO of Mayne Nickless. His finance director kept interrupting the meeting with news of how far the company’s stock price had fallen.”

*The Times of Sunday* was closed 12 months after Jo joined, but she transferred to another Fairfax publication, the *Australian Financial Review* under the editorship of Alan Kohler. In 1990 she was posted to Canberra as a member of the press gallery. The last two years of the Hawke-Keating Government was “fascinating”, she said. During her time in Canberra, Jo finished her Law degree part time at the Australian National University. In 1993 Jo and her then boyfriend, Swiss-born Matt Bekier, a McKinsey & Co consultant, whom she had met in South Africa, moved to Zurich. Jo landed a job with Bloomberg as its Swiss bureau chief, at a time when the US media company was establishing itself in Europe. “One of the most interesting times was at the World Economic Forum in Davos [an Alpine town] where I simultaneously interviewed Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black, documenting the first exchange they had since Rupert had declared an end to the newspaper price wars.”

After two years in Zurich, Jo returned with Matt to Sydney. After three years as banking editor, she was posted to Washington DC in 1998, as Washington Correspondent for the *Financial*

*Review*. Now a McKinsey partner, Matt joined the firm’s DC office. It was the end of the Asian Financial Crisis, and its inevitable post mortem, but the Clinton-Lewinsky saga was dominating US politics. Jo also reported on the US pressure on Australia to take charge of the East Timor crisis, the build-up and bursting of the do.com bubble, and the “never-ending” George W. Bush/Al Gore election. Jo and Matt returned to Australia in 2001, where Jo resumed with the *Financial Review*. A daughter Alexandra was born that year followed by twins Charlotte and Harriet in 2003. When the twins were eight months old, the family was off again, this time to Hong Kong where Jo took a role as managing editor of *AsiaMoney*, a monthly finance magazine.

Returning to Australia after two years, Jo rejoined the *Financial Review* and completed an MBA with Melbourne Business School. In 2012, she moved back to Sydney to become Opinion Editor of the *Financial Review*, under editor-in-chief Michael Stutchbury. She took over BOSS magazine as editor until 2018 when she became managing editor of the *Financial Review* with a focus on business growth and people management. In that role, Jo has seen the *Financial Review*’s journalists highlight a series of online businesses with dodgy business models. And with the advent of the Banking Royal Commission, new light is being cast on the unconscionable practices of the financial sector. Meanwhile, having survived and eventually thrived during massive digital disruption, the *Financial Review* is entering a new growth stage, she says, powered by the inherent worth of its reporting and the realisation that trusted brands are the best filters for quality news. “The last five years were tough but we are now growing in circulation, digital subscription and revenue,” she says. “Quality journalism has a strong future.”

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# A WILEY WESLEYAN IN A NON-WOMANLY WORLD

## TRACEY KERR (FR 1983)

Tracey Kerr might have been forgiven for being a little self-conscious when, as a BHP geophysicist in an overwhelmingly male-dominated profession, she found herself at a field camp in outback Queensland, with nine male companions and a single shower and toilet block with no partitions or screens. Being gentlemen, the men had to wait till she had made use of the facilities. Then Tracey's Wesley experience kicked in. "One day we sat down and talked about it [her bathroom problem]," Tracey told *The Wesleyan*. "I said I'd been to Wesley and we had co-ed bathrooms so I wasn't uncomfortable with men in there at the same time if we had partitions. They were all happy to have partitions. One of the guys was a carpenter and so in no time at all we had the problem solved. Having a sense of humour and being not being too shy to talk about practical issues always stood me in good stead."

Tracey Louise Kerr was born in Murwillumbah in northern New South Wales on 15th January 1965, the eldest of three children of a potato-processing plant manager, Ken Kerr, and accounts manager, Carol (nee Shields). Ken had had an impoverished family background and had not been able to finish his schooling, but he was keen to see his children do well. Tracey went to Murwillumbah High School, became School Captain and excelled at sport, competing at state level in numerous sports, including hockey, diving and athletics. She wanted to study physical education or become a teacher, because of the scholarships available. But an insightful teacher suggested she do Science, in particular Physics, and

said that it was possible to support herself through the university course through part-time and holiday work. Tracey was attracted to Sydney University and heard glowing comments about Wesley. "At that time, it was the only co-ed college, with a great reputation for a balance of academic and sporting life, and a more open and diverse college community," she said. "I was lucky that it was in the days of free university fees as I would not have been able to afford it otherwise and would certainly have been put off by the prospect of accumulating large student debts."

Tracey, though having to work part-time, including kitchen and cleaning duties at Wesley, and working through vacations, went on to enjoy what she described as "four wonderful years and a highlight in my life". She took up numerous sports, including rowing, and helped Wesley win the Rosebowl. She represented Sydney University in Hockey, for which she would receive a University Blue. Tracey, majoring in Geophysics, wrote to the Chief Geophysicist of BHP's Mineral Exploration Group asking for vacation work. "He wrote back saying that since I was the only one that asked I could have a job, if I got myself to Melbourne and found my own housing," she said. "I worked for them in the summer vacations for two years and this experience really confirmed that this was the career for me. Mineral exploration is like a treasure hunt, and the excitement of the team waiting as the drill rig reached the final target was thrilling for me. The opportunity to work in the office and in the field, and to have a highly applied scientific role was ideal for me."



Tracey Kerr (Fr 1983)

During the course of her field work, Tracey met a geologist, Frank Bunting, who was to become her husband. At the end of her fourth year at BHP she asked BHP whether she could work full-time and was approved. Tracey graduated in Science 1987 with First Class Honours, joined BHP and in 1988 married Frank. She received encouragement and support from fellow team members and managers but there was sometimes awkwardness. "It did mean that I was often the only woman in a remote field camp, or even the first woman at a site, and it did lead to some interesting challenges," she said. Tracey would go on to work for BHP for almost 18 years and had some memorable experiences. "I had the chance to work in many beautiful and remote parts of the world that tourists would not ordinarily get the chance to experience and to meet some amazing people - hiking, driving four-wheel drives, fly camping, flying in helicopters in many beautiful and remote parts of Australia, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Canada, Guinea

just to name a few,” she said. “It gave me the chance to follow my passions for travel, working with people from different cultures and learning languages. I learnt my first foreign language as an adult – Spanish – and continued from there, learning Russian (very difficult), French and Portuguese.”

During her career with BHP, Tracey completed her Masters in Economic Geology (Distinction) with the University of Tasmania. In 1997, BHP sent Tracey and Frank to its London office and Tracey became BHP’s Principal Geophysicist in Russia. “This was a life changing experience. I worked in remote regions of Russia such as the Russian Far East (Magadan, Kamchatka, Khabarovsk) and the Kola Peninsula as well as Moscow and St Petersburg,” she said. She saw abject poverty and heard people describe how they grew up in fear of the West dropping nuclear bombs. I was often the first westerner that people had ever met, the first time they had ever actually spoken the English they learned at university to a native English speaker,” she said. “I particularly remember a trip on the Trans-Siberian railway, where there was a stop in a small town in the middle of the night for a couple of hours. My colleague and I were met with a small delegation of the town’s scientific community. They took us to a reception and shared with us a generous buffet meal in the middle of the night. It was even more sobering because we knew they had given us everything they had!”

Tracey’s daughter, Michaela, was born in London in 1999. While on maternity leave, Tracey was offered a job in Vancouver as Chief Geophysicist for BHP Minerals, which she took. “Back then not many women worked in mineral exploration, and even fewer managed to remain in technical roles once they had children,” she said. “I am happy that to this day I have been able to be a real example to young women that it is possible to combine having a family with working in the mining and exploration industry. Workwise,

this was a very exciting time. Part of my role was to enable the transition of the Falcon airborne gravity gradiometer system from a research project to an applied exploration tool.”

In 2001, Tracey returned to Australia and took on a broader exploration role in the Global Iron Ore and Coal exploration team, a division of BHP. Her son, Will, was born in Brisbane in 2003 but Tracey was not staying still. She found herself managing a concept study at Mt Nimba in Guinea, West Africa. “I learnt important French phrases like, ‘Stop – it’s dangerous’, and, ‘I’ve lost my hammer’,” she said. In 2005, Tracey and Frank left BHP, and Tracey joined CVRD, now known as Vale SA, a Brazilian mining company, which had set up an office in Brisbane and was seeking to expand in Australia and South East Asia. In her six years with Vale, the company was to expand and become active in 25 countries across the world. “It was a wild and exciting time to be in mineral exploration,” she said. Vale acquired a Canadian company, Inco Ltd, a leading nickel producer and Tracey, as part of the team handling the integration of the two company, went to Toronto where she became Director of Exploration for the Americas, becoming in one of the first foreign directors of Vale.

From Toronto, Tracey and Frank moved to the headquarters of the exploration department, Belo Horizonte, Brazil. “We loved our time living in Brazil but an offer in 2011 to take on the role of Group Head of Exploration for Anglo American Plc, based in London, was too great a chance to turn down, so with a heavy heart I left Vale and we moved.” After four years in the job, Tracey became Anglo American’s Group Head of Safety and Sustainable Development. “Exploration people care deeply about sustainability,” she said. “We are often the first



Tracey in Gabon, 2007

people into an area and we see the impacts, both positive and negative, that a mining project can bring. For me this a chance to give back, to try to make positive difference both in the safety of our workforce and in the lives of the communities and societies where we operate.”

Tracey has now qualified in board management with the Institute of Directors in London. She is now a non-executive director of the London Stock Exchange-listed company, Polymetal International, which has mines in Russia, Kazakhstan and Armenia. She has also been recognised as one of the “Top 100 Women in Mining”. “As I look back I don’t think I would change anything,” she said. I have been incredibly fortunate to have so many opportunities, to travel and live and work in so many countries with so many great people, to experience so many different cultures and last, but definitely not least, to have wonderful family.” And Wesley does get a mention. Tracey took part in a London Wesley reunion two years ago where the Master, Lisa Sutherland, met about five Wesleyans living in the United Kingdom. “We did not know about each other,” Tracey said. “But now we are a small group meeting regularly.” For the record, the UK-based Wesleyans are Lynne Baird (now Bell), Derek Silby, Jason and Catie Williams, Ross and Megan MacFarlane.

**Tracey Kerr (Fr 1983) and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)**

# A GLOBE-TROTTING OIL AND GAS PROFESSIONAL

## THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF JANE NORMAN (NEE JOHNSON, FR 1986)

Jane Norman (Fr 1986 as Jane Johnson) could hardly be said to have been destined for a sheltered life, being the daughter of an Australian diplomat and living during her childhood in Indonesia, South Africa and the former Yugoslavia. She started school at the Auckland Park Preparatory School in Johannesburg and continued her primary schooling at the International School in Belgrade. When she reached high school age, her parents, Michael and Anne Johnson, were posted to Bahrain and Jane was dispatched to boarding school in Canberra, the fate of many children of the diplomatic and defence services. Jane's brothers, Benjamin and Christopher, went to Canberra Grammar School and Jane to Canberra Girls' Grammar School. Jane went home for holidays to visit her parents in Bahrain, and it was there that she gained some life-changing inspiration. She found herself surrounded by oil fields and "nodding donkey" pumps and developed a fascination for geopolitics. This, she believes, was to influence her career in the oil and gas industry.

In her final year at Canberra Girls' Grammar School, Jane was Head Boarder and deputy head of the school's Student Representative Council (SRC). Perhaps her extra duties detracted from her study, and in her final exams she just missed getting a place in Medicine. Instead of repeating her final year to get a better mark, she opted to take on a Science degree at Sydney University and to go to a college. "I was offered places at both Women's College and Wesley," she told *The Wesleyan*.

"But after being at an all-girls' school I, opted for Wesley". After an interview with the Master, the Rev Dr John Whitehead, Jane was accepted and in 1986 became a fresher. "During that year, Kimberly Holden (nee Needham) was Senior Student," she said. "It was an era when she, known as 'Kimbles' and Deb Payton, aka Miss Passion, ruled supreme."

Jane took to rowing and was to row in the Wesley women's four in the inter-col Rosebowl Cup competition for four years, serving as captain of the crew. In 1987, in her second year, she received the Wesley "Contribution to College" award. During that year, she ran for election to the university SRC alongside Joe Hockey, then a student at St John's College. "I remember giving an election speech with Joe at formal dinner at St John's, in a room full of heckling male student throwing

bread rolls," Jane said. "Both Joe and I were elected. Joe was a charming, good fun, ambitious and very big and strong as he was playing university Rugby. I haven't seen him face-to-face since that time but of course have followed his very successful career."

In 1989, Jane was elected the Wesley Senior Student. "I regarded it as a privilege to be elected, to serve the student body and to maintain the spirit of inclusiveness and unbridled enthusiasm which still exists at Wesley today," she said. "One of my clearest memories of that year is attending the Rawson Cup victory dinner at St Paul's College as the only female. As you can imagine, it was a pretty raucous night with lots of drinking and the St Paul's students kept making toasts to me and there was a lot of spoon banging on the tables. But I recall my years at Wesley College with real affection. I have memories of college



Jane Chamberlain, Jo Seppelt, Jane Norman and possibly Cath Boydell

rowing, formal and 'informal' balls, 'pondings', sculling races at the Grand Stand bar, formal college dinners, cramming for exams and wonderful friendships.

Jane became interested in Chemical Engineering subjects in her first and second years in Science, encouraged by friends she made in the faculty. "At the time the Chemical Engineering students were around 30 percent female," she said. In 1990, Jane graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and left college to live with her parents, who had resettled in Sydney. She then started the first of two years remaining at Sydney University to become a chemical engineer. In 1991, she went to France as an exchange student and spent four months working for ICI in a paint factory outside Paris in order to learn French. In September that year, the beginning of the new academic year, she enrolled in the l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure D'Ingenieurs de Genie Chimique, Toulouse, to do her fourth and final year in Chemical engineering. In 1992, Jane graduated from Sydney University as a Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) with Honours.

Following that, she joined Shell International Exploration & Production in The Hague, working as a process engineer in Shell's graduate engineering program, which represented a departure from what her fellow female graduates were doing. "Nearly all the girls I studied with went to work for management consulting firms or went into banking at the end of their degrees," she said. In 1993, Shell transferred Jane to Aberdeen in Scotland, where she worked offshore in the Brent Charlie Platform Redevelopment Project, then in operations at the St Fergus Gas Processing Plant in north-east Scotland. "It was very tough as there were so few women in oil & gas at the time," she said. "When I worked at the Brent Charlie platform, which had about 330 beds, I had to sleep on the Brant Alpha platform several miles

away, which had some female cabins, and shuttle via helicopter at the start and finish of each day. This meant long days with a 5 am check-in for the helicopter." After that, Jane worked on engineering design in Shell's Aberdeen office. Her work was obviously very good, because she gained Chartered Engineer Status with the UK's Institution of Chemical Engineers.

In 1996, Jane transferred to Shell UK's Commercial division in London. During her three years there, she had responsibility for Southern North Sea gas sales contracts and infrastructure access agreements. She also studied for a Post-Graduate Diploma in the Management and Economics of Natural Gas at the University of Oxford's College of Petroleum and Energy. In 1998, Jane moved to the City of London, joining Cazenove & Co (now owned by JPMorgan) to help set up an oil & gas sector team in their Corporate Finance division. Cazenove was the corporate broker to over half the FTSE100 companies and had just led the privatisation of British Gas into BG Group, Centrica and pipeline company TransCo. During her time at 'Caz', Jane gained experience in initial public offerings, acquisitions, equity raises and investor communications for Cazenove's oil & gas corporate clients. Jane studied the Corporate Finance program at the London Business School and subsequently joined Goldman Sachs' London office to help establish a corporate broking business within their Equity Capital Markets team.

In 2002, Jane married a London barrister, Mark Norman, whom she had met 10 years earlier. They set up home in London and had daughters Isabelle, born in 2003, and Sophie, born the following year. Jane and her family were in the process of relocating from central London to Cambridge, which would have been in the middle of Mark's circuit as a barrister. Then a family friend, Bruce Debelle QC, at the time a South Australian Supreme Court



Jane Norman

judge, suggested to Mark that he relocate to Adelaide. Justice Debelle, Jane suspects, might well have been acting at the behest of Jane's mother, who wanted the family back in Australia. Whatever that was, Mark took up the suggestion and in 2005, the family relocated to Sydney temporarily, where Mark had to do a nine-month part-time course at the College of Law to be admitted as a legal practitioner in Australia. The family then moved to Adelaide where Mark joined the South Australian Department of Public Prosecutions and Jane accepted a business development job with the natural gas company, Santos Ltd. A third daughter, Charlotte, was born in 2006. The girls all attend St Peter's Girls School in Adelaide.

Jane has remained with Santos to this day and now leads the company's corporate strategy and developments team. "I am passionate about supporting women in industry and encouraging girls to consider technical careers," Jane said. "But to date our three daughters seem to prefer singing, dancing and musical theatre!" She hopes that one day her daughters, now in years 6, 8 and 10, will also go to Wesley and relive what was to Jane "a privileged and wonderful time of freedom, inspiration and achievement."

**Jane Norman (Fr 1986) and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)**

# A TOUCH OF SOLDIERING AND TECHNOLOGY

## THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF ANDREW STEAD (FR 1990)

Andrew Stead (Fr 1990) was never one to read about world events in the daily newspaper, raise his eyebrows perhaps, then settle back into a tame sedentary existence that so many others enjoy. He was born in Melbourne and moved several times before the family settled in Canberra and he attended AME School and Narrabundah College. Before entering Wesley in 1990, he was off, spending his gap year travelling in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Andrew was hardly inclined to sit still when he got to college. In his four years there, he plunged into all aspects of College life, involved in several sports, student club activities (including running the cellar) and in his third year became Senior Student. He played Rugby for Sydney University and rowed for University in the intervarsity championships. And to cap it off, he joined Taani Taufua, Wesley's much-loved chef, for a summer trip to Tonga. Andrew met Alyssa Anstey (Fr 1990) who was at Wesley doing a Science degree. Andrew graduated in 1993 with Honours in Science, then decided to take off with his then girlfriend to Britain, where he intended to work and travel. But there was also something else niggling at him. He wanted to participate in world events, not through commerce or diplomacy but through soldiering. If in this writer's era of the 1960s, with the Vietnam War raging, students were busy thinking of how they could get out of a military commitment, Andrew went after it. When he arrived in Britain, that predisposition to military service became a commitment. He decided to join the British Army.

"It was an institution with a deep

history, long-held traditions and the promise of something different," Andrew told *The Wesleyan*. "It was luring enough to balance out the more obvious downsides. After a series of multi-day selection tests, I was invited to attend the Royal Military College Sandhurst as an officer cadet. Sandhurst was considered one of the top military schools in the world, alongside West Point in the United States. It was an exciting prospect." Andrew undertook basic training as an infantry soldier with the Royal Green Jackets, a regiment whose origins went back to 1800, which had gained its name by becoming the regiment to swap red jackets for the less conspicuous green. But there were going to be a few hurdles along the way. "Honing my fitness and field craft, I arrived at Sandhurst thinking I had some idea of what was ahead but was sadly wrong," Andrew said. "Having had a relatively free-range childhood with limited discipline, I found the nature of the military training process was by nature the very opposite. The British Army officer training process has been perfected over many years and from day one, a sustained and significant pressure is applied with the aim to teach, to test and ultimately to find those who will endure it."

Andrew spent a year of one test after another, with the aim of providing a well-rounded army officers' education. "This covered academic, military skills, leadership, fitness and worst of all drill," he said. "The bane of my time was spending inordinate amounts of time marching about whilst being shouted at by various sergeant-majors. Admittedly the final passing off parade was a grand affair and required the

practice." Andrew was forward-thinking enough to know that he could use his military experience to acquire skills that would be useful in the civilian world. So, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, he opted to join the Royal Corps of Signals, the technology arm of the army, providing infrastructure and communications in the field.

"The 1990s were a particular time in global military affairs," Andrew said. "The Cold War had just ended, there had been an invasion of Iraq and the United Nations and NATO were involved in a number of peacekeeping operations with mixed results. And in the UK, the internal terrorist threat in Northern Ireland significantly impacted personal and military installation security." In 1999, promoted to Captain, Andrew was deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina on NATO peace enforcement operations, to deter hostilities, stabilize the country and capture war criminals. Had he had time to take it in, he would have seen an "amazingly picturesque" country, from the coast to the mountains, but it was deeply divided after a long history of conflict. With teams spread across the country, Andrew ran the communications network linking the British and foreign battle groups to the British headquarters in Banja Luka.

At the end of his tour of duty, Andrew decided to retire and return to Australia. He had seen a lot of the world and mixed with "great people". He had trekked Nepal, snow-caved in Norway, scrambled in Scotland and walked in the Canadian Rockies. Now it was a time to invest what technical knowledge he had picked up to the commercial world. Australia at the

time was at the height of the dot com bubble. Of course, the bubble burst, but Andrew avoided ill-effects. He married Alyssa in Tasmania in 2001 and completed an MBA at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management in 2002. He became a management consultant, the beginning of a journey that took him into research, innovation, corporate start-up and corporate management.

“Today, start-ups make front page news and every large organisation has its take on an innovation unit,” Andrew said. “Entrepreneurs are the new rock stars with the big tech CEOs as well-known as any big-name musician. This was not always the case. In the early 2000s being an entrepreneur had negative associations with the likes of Alan Bond and Christopher Skase. Even the much-publicised failures of Steve Jobs and Elon Musk do not discount their legend today.” Andrew spent several years of helping clients understand, buy and integrate technology, but by 2005 had started thinking about going to “the other side”, which was helping to identify and create new technologies. He moved to the University of New South Wales and took on the role of selling inventions that emerged from the research laboratories, such inventions including new types of plastic, improving steel recycling, stock trading algorithms, location triggered audio tour guides and a new search engine for Google. “The search engine had been created by a PhD student and introduced to a senior Google engineer at a postgraduate presentation day,” Andrew said. “Impressed by what they saw, they flew me and the student to California. Google persuaded the university to sell the intellectual property and the inventor to join the Google search team. The acquisition became one of only two Australian technologies Google have incorporated into their product offerings.”

After helping raise investment capital for a start-up, a high-growth technology-based business built on university research, Andrew was invited to move across to a deep



Andrew Stead (Fr 1990)

technology incubator, ATP Innovations, which was owned by several universities. Housing over 50 start-ups in the life science, software and hardware spaces, it represented the largest concentration of start-up activity in Australia and was the centre of a wide-reaching start-up eco-system. Andrew helped create the Sydney Angels, which was to become Australia’s most active angel investment group, that has provided capital to more than 50 local start-up companies, starting long before Dragon’s Den hit television screens. While the majority of start-ups in the incubator were private, Andrew worked with universities to help support researchers’ commercial efforts and extract technologies. It was a very difficult task, and Andrew was interested in finding out how others world-wide tackled the problems. This was considered a worthy enough project for him to be granted a Churchill Fellowship in 2009. The aim of Andrew’s research was to delve into a variety of different programs that, supported scientists to validate their technologies in the market, and extract the lessons that could be applied in Australia. “In the USA the focus was on philanthropy funded programs in the University of California system, in the UK listed investment vehicles, and in

Israel a long-lived government funded incubator network,” he said. Andrew finished his research and shared his findings widely. He then set about creating a number of innovation programs: Ignition Labs, Australia’s first clean technology focused accelerator; the CSIRO ON Accelerator, now a nation-wide researcher commercialisation training program; and Firemark Labs, an inhouse corporate innovation program focused on collaboration between start-ups and the insurer IAG, to explore the future of the industry.

In 2005 Andrew joined the Wesley College Council as an Old Collegian member. Almost immediately, he was elected secretary. In his role, he created the governance committee and set about amending the Act of the NSW Parliament under which the College was incorporated. He simplified the rules, halved the size of the council and, most significantly, opening the way for a secular Master. In 2007, he became chairman of council and oversaw the appointment of Lisa Sutherland. His three years in the chair also saw council considering the proposal for the extension of the Purser Wing. Andrew went on to serve on 16 other boards, across not-for-profits, investment funds and start-ups. “In five of these, I was founding director and they have been the most exciting, working with the team to create something from nothing,” he said. “They have ranged from hydrogen production, terrorist threat analytics to optimising the in-store retail experience.” He added: “A common theme throughout College, the army and the start-up eco-system has been interacting and working with diverse and inspiring groups of people. The aim for the future is to continue on that path in new and interesting settings.”

Presently living in Sydney, Andrew is keen to move out. His favourite holiday is skiing in Canada with his wife and his two children, Zoe, born 2006, and Finaly (2009). What on earth could keep Andrew still?

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# THE WORLD'S YOUR OYSTER!

## A GREAT START TO LIFE BY A TALENTED TY VAN DER LINDEN (FR 2008)

For Ty van der Linden, everything to this date has just gone right. He grew up in a normal family environment, with two elder siblings, at Wauchope on the mid-north coast of New South Wales, excelled in sport through his schooldays, had a dream run through university and Wesley College, helped along by his sporting ability. He graduated in Commerce and then went on to the world, having plenty of time for travel and work and his career, still in its early stages, appears to have an unlimited future.

Ty's grandparents on his mother's side came from England and Denmark. His parents on his father's side migrated from the Netherlands in the aftermath of World War II. Ty's mother, Liz, and father, Bill, who trained as a fitter-machinist, grew up in Sydney's west. Ty was born in Penrith in January 1989 but was only five weeks old when his parents packed up and moved to Wauchope, on the NSW north coast. He grew up there, playing with siblings Brant and Alana and the family dogs, and perplexing his parents by reciting advertising jingles as they selected competitors' products from the shelves of the local grocery store. He went to the Wauchope Public School where his sporting prowess soon showed, in athletics, soccer and cricket. Ty won numerous state medals in athletics and cross country, and in 2000 went on to represent NSW in the 800 metres at the National Athletics Carnival and at the Pacific School Games.

Ty continued to exhibit his sporting ability when he went to St Joseph's Regional High School, Port Macquarie, which went up to Year 10. He was a state representative

in athletics, cross country, soccer and touch football and followed in brother Brant's footsteps in his final year when he was named school captain and Sportsperson of the Year. Otherwise, Ty was travelling, playing representative soccer and cricket in community competition and going to the beach. In Years 11 and 12, Ty went on to attend MacKillop Senior College. He finished those two years in 2006 as a prefect, runner-up to Dux and, again, Sportsperson of the Year. Due to his strong all-round academic performance, Ty was awarded a NSW Premier's Award and a Business School Scholarship from the University of Sydney. Ty decided, rather than go straight back to the books, to take a year off to work and travel abroad. He moved to London with £300 and a desire to meet new people and travel Europe. He worked in a purchasing role at a management services firm during the day and as a cocktail barman during the night to fund his travels. Ty decided on a return to Australia and go to Sydney University but needed accommodation. He was

impressed by Wesley's website and a friend from Port Macquarie, Toby Miles was going, so he applied, did his interview by phone from London and entered Wesley in 2008, site unseen.

The college was, for Ty, a "Harry Potter-esque castle". Not an original thought, it might be noted. The dining hall was at the time referred to as "Hogwarts". But there were no demons or witches, just "Fresher Alley", and hi-jinx.

That included watching the Master, the Rev David Russell, getting doused in water and flour multiple times during O-Week. Ty was at Wesley for three years and predictably enough represented both Sydney University and Wesley in soccer and in athletics. He was the soccer captain in 2010, however he suffered an injury representing University and was obliged to have a knee reconstruction he could not represent Wesley in soccer in his final year. "But I embraced the role as soccer captain-coach and I was thrilled to watch the team come away as joint-winners with



Ty's Harvard graduation

Johnnies [St John's College]," Ty told The Wesleyan. Despite missing out on playing in his final year of Rawson Soccer, Ty was able to fast track his recovery from surgery to compete, albeit a little underprepared, in Rawson Athletics in the 800 metres and as part of the formidable 4x400 metres relay team. "Being the last Rawson/Rosebowl sport gave the evening extra meaning as it bookended three years of passionate intercol sporting rivalry," he said.

Ty loved his time at Wesley and remembers his time there with great fondness and a wry smile. In particular, Rawson and Rosebowl sport provided Ty with so many special memories - from supporting on the sidelines to playing in front of a highly vocal crowd of Wesleyans. Particular highlights include winning all three years of Rawson soccer and the 4x400m athletics relay, and celebrating the many VDs and VLs, including a Rosebowl win in 2008. "However, with these great sporting memories also came a fair share of heart breaks, including never winning the Rawson Cup, especially after coming so close in 2008 and of course not being fit to play as the soccer captain in 2010," Ty said. Beyond the sporting arena, Ty was also one of six students to participate in OSE for 2009/10. He travelled to Vietnam and Cambodia to complete a degree-related internship and various volunteering initiatives, including with the Street Children Assistance and Development Program in Cambodia. Ty also worked part-time with the university's Procurement Services team and at various professional services firms during his summer holidays. "This professional experience proved to be very helpful in my role as the Student's Club Treasurer in my final year," Ty said. "that was when balancing the budget was often directly opposed to funding more student events."

Ty graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies) majoring in Finance and Accounting. He secured a position

at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), but delayed his start date to spend seven months travelling around Europe and the Americas. He returned to Sydney in 2013 and started working with BCG, becoming involved in a range of industries including private equity, healthcare, consumer goods and industrials. Based in Sydney, he worked across Australia, New Zealand and Asia. In 2015 he moved to Stockholm with his girlfriend, Kate Milson whom he met when she was at Women's College while she was studying for a Bachelor of Social Science and a Masters in Management. He integrated well with Swedish life - sailing the Stockholm archipelago and foraging for berries during the summer ice-skating to work and running on frozen lakes during the winter. He and Kate took the opportunity to travel Europe. "The 20-22 hours of darkness in the Swedish winter was a little brutal at times," he said. "But I had a lot of Nordic experiences. I ran the Polar Night Half Marathon above the Arctic Circle in Norway and experienced the Northern Lights, ran the Geneva and Stockholm marathons, skied in the Swiss alps, sailed the Mediterranean, did dog-sledding and snowmobiling. I also watched a fellow Wesleyan, Nick Phipps, in the UK playing for the Wallabies at the 2015 Rugby World Cup."

In August 2016, Ty and Kate moved to Boston for Ty's MBA at the Harvard Business School. He again went travelling throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. At Harvard, he was elected co-president of the Australia New Zealand Club, a group dedicated to fostering a strong community of Australians and New Zealanders at Harvard and promoting the Antipodes as a place to live, travel and do business. Ty completed a summer internship in New York City with the 3i Group Private Equity team. And he was never far from sport, either competing or commentating. His voice was often heard booming over the sound system at the ice hockey



Ty van der Linden

arena or the rugby field, where he provided plenty of "good, clean Australian fun" and some figurative explanations of the game to the largely confused American-heavy audience. With each event, Ty developed a reputation for broadcasting. He formed an esteemed partnership with fellow joker and southern classmate, Will Booth. "We thoroughly enjoyed our time with mike in hand and our appearances spilled over into MC roles for numerous HBS functions," he said.

Ty graduated with an MBA in May 2018 year and took off travelling again, with Kate and friends. That included a month mountain-biking 2,500 km from Jackson Hole in the US to Banff, Canada. Ty at the time of writing was due to start back at BCG in their New York office in September 2018 where he would be working with their Private Equity and Principal Investor clients. "Although you can never predict where life will take you, Kate and I have tentative plans to move back to Sydney in a couple of years to finally 'grow up' and to be closer to family and friends," he said. And those friends will most likely include Wesley College. Since leaving college, Ty has remained connected through coaching and speaking with sporting teams, joining formal dinners and participating in the Wesley College Mentor Program.

**Ty van der Linden (Fr 2008) and Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)**

# A CAREER START AS A SCHOOLBOY FUELLED UP AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

## THE VERY FULL LIFE OF MATT HINDS (FR 2015)

There is nothing like starting early, for future business tycoons, creative artists and those who would change the world. So, when Matt Hinds (Fr 2015) was facing his two final exams in his second year as an Economics student at Sydney University and a sophomore at Wesley College, he started his first on-line business, from his room, with the help of two fellow Wesleyans from nearby rooms. "It began as an e-commerce store which sold funky legionnaire hats," Matt told *The Wesleyan*. "We said it was 'like budgie-smugglers but better'. The queue outside our doors on the top floor proved it was a horrible decision to launch the day before two final exams. But somehow, and with only an hour of sleep later that night, those two exams ended up being my two best exams in my time at university. I should launch a business the night before every exam".

Matt was nothing if not innovative. If he was quick to take up the commercial potential of the internet, he was also perceptive about some of the great challenges facing the whole of mankind, specifically in his case population growth and sustainability. How can the world, with finite resources hope to cope forever with the demands of that population for food and power? Matt started thinking about that seriously during six months of his third year at Wesley, as an exchange student in Sweden. Today, he operates his own company, AgCrowd, focusing on technological innovation to solve this problem. He started the project while still at Wesley, and involved Wesleyans.

Matt was born in Sydney on the 23rd October 1996, son of Gary Hinds and Christine Byrne. His parents themselves were no slouches, showing a willingness to move, try new things and adapt to technological change. Gary Hinds grew in Plettenburg Bay, a small town in South Africa, did military service, went to Israel, then skippered a boat in Greece and Turkey. Christine became a physiotherapist, then travelled to London where she met Gary. They migrated to London where Gary began an IT company. Matt went to Scots College and did well. He led the Scots College National Pipes and Drums band for three years and the Scots national ski team for four. He raced in the Scots national sailing team for two years and represented Scots in GPS cross-country running. He rowed in Scots' First Eight and was vice-captain of the school day-boy house. He performed with the

Pipes and Drums Band in the Edinburgh and Rotterdam Military Tattoos, the Pipe Band World Championships, and represented Australia in the International Children's Winter Games in Kelowna, Canada, winning a Bronze medal. During each of these occasions, the school travelled the students over to the country and they undertook classes from overseas, a few teachers joining them.

If that was not enough, in 2013, while still a student at Scots, Matt travelled to Papua New Guinea to teach children in local schools in Tabubil in the Western Province, and consult the Ok Tedi Mining Company which had caused severe pollution to the local river. The pollution had had a ruinous effect on villages, agriculture and fisheries. I had the opportunity to bring new perspective and collaborate on how we could improve the quality of life for the



From left: Jack Gibson, Matthew Hinds, Andrew Barron, Vince Umbers and Will Lawless at Wesley College Salvete, a start to their 2nd year of college

locals. This impacted Matt's mindset in realising that change was needed, providing a first exposure to his commitment to energy and sustainable thinking. The principal of Scots signed an agreement for the school to provide an annual scholarship to educate two indigenous Papua New Guinea children in Australia.

When Matt entered Wesley in 2015 studying a Bachelor of Commerce (finance and economics), he knew only one other person. But in one day, he became acquainted with "over 300 new faces from all over the globe on day one". College, he said, did "an amazing job at bonding people together from different backgrounds". Matt quickly threw himself into college life, trying the Rawson Cup sport and decided on rowing and athletics. "I always had an interest in modern music and the dream of becoming a DJ," he said. "The first college party came around and I convinced the executive team that I was an experienced DJ, which landed me the position as the college DJ for the next three years. I instantly loved the camaraderie and spirit that only continued to grow throughout my college experience." From the room in his first year, in what he called "The Dungeon", Matt moved to the top floor of the new building in his second year, with "a big group of new friends". "This would be the year of floor parties, 'window debriefs', lecture proposals and absolute ruckus," he said. "My next-door neighbour had even converted his room into a games room, re-locating his belongings to his girlfriend's room. It was safe to say that I got no sleep or work done that year, overhearing the boys abuse each other through the walls about Mario Kart score charts. The day before my two final exams I decided to launch my first online business.

In his third year at Wesley, Matt was Captain of Rowing. "My first semester was crazy," he said. "I was juggling a leadership position, working part-time in a new job,



Matthew Hinds on top of Gullfoss Waterfall in Iceland

running an online e-commerce business, starting a financial services company directed towards agriculture and energy, passing university, maintaining a social life at college and a relationship. I decided I needed a new perspective.

I had been toying with the idea of undertaking an exchange to Sweden for the second half of the year. But I really struggled to make the decision given my commitments. I finally managed to pull the trigger and get myself on the plane. I'd never been up to Sweden. To me it had always been a foreign winter wonderland, a distant culture which had very few common traits with a typical Aussie. But there was something always about Scandinavia that intrigued me - their peaceful way of living and way of thinking as one. Little did I know how big of an impact that experience would have on my career path and approach to life."

Matt landed in Copenhagen at 5 am and took an express train across the bridge to Sweden. He embarked there with no money, knowing nobody and knowing not a word of the language. "The first thing I noticed was a large offshore wind farm positioned a few kilometres from the coast," he said. "There were 48 of them. Their blades spun freely in the wind and

their towers were like palm trees forming the base of a white island. There's no way you'd see anything like this in Australia yet, I thought to myself. As we entered the Swedish coast, in every direction I looked there was another fleet of wind turbines. This marked the thoughts of a country who are very much forward looking. Sustainability is a way of life for Sweden." Matt had a difficult time with boarder security, having to answer "a million questions" before being allowed into the country. A week later he succeeded in shredding his passport in a washing machine, which meant he was "stuck in Sweden for a couple of months" before moving out to explore further afield. Getting a new passport, he spent the next five months travelling to 15 countries. He started a music and events company, ran a local Swedish bar, designed a new payments system for their student organisations, interviewed Norway's leading renewable energy company, spent Christmas in a remote log cabin in rural Finland, backpacked through the Baltics, spent New Year's Eve in Lithuania and "sneaked" over the Russian boarder to spend a night with a local tribe called the "Seto People".

"I gained perspective," Matt said. "I was extremely curious about Scandinavia's sustainable



The AgCrowd team are building a new investment platform to solve global food and energy problems. From left: James Kilby, Matthew Hinds, Jill Storey and Nick Thyne

approach to all aspects of life. One of my most memorable days was a trip I made up to Norway to meet a lead project manager from Statoil and Scatec Solar - two European companies which are revolutionising global renewable energy. I managed to land the meeting by cold-calling him from Sweden on my friend's international phone. I was interested in understanding why the group of countries are so much further ahead than Australia and how they are doing it. It was the middle of winter so it was only daylight for 2-3 hours per day. I took a nine-hour overnight bus to Oslo, spent five hours in the city which included our two-hour meeting, then took a nine-hour bus back to Lund in Sweden.

There were almost no petrol cars in Norway. Each was an electric car plugged into a charging box on the side of every street. There were enormous hydro and wind power projects which brought Norway's renewable energy to 99 percent of total electricity production. Very impressive. Exposure to this sustainable way of living and being surrounded by these mindsets made me think more about the impact we had on our own generation and how that would

affect future generations. Yes, we all hear about climate change, drought, and resource shortages in Australia. But not often do you get the opportunity to understand how we can go about solving these problems and act on these solutions, resulting in an improved quality of life for generations to come. When his six months as an exchange student came to an end and he returned to Australia, he was full of ideas on what he might do.

Matt finished his year at Wesley, then embarked on building a financial services company focusing on agriculture and energy. He has grown an international e-commerce business, finished a bachelor's degree in finance and economics, and travelled up to "the most Northern point of the world in Lappland, Finland" where he lived for six months. In 2017, he started AgCrowd, with two other Wesley students, James Kilby and Nick Thyne. The company is dedicated to "uncovering a problem of the world's resource use". The world, he said, did not have enough food and energy to sustain its population, which would be 9.5 billion by 2050. "We realised that a large portion of the world points towards innovation and sustainable

technologies to solve these problems, by improving efficiency of food and energy production so that our resources will become more sustainable," he said. "But the world doesn't realise that there is a significant lack of funding, resources and knowledge directed towards these innovations and sustainable technology companies, meaning that they cannot actually launch, develop and grow. I found a solution to this, and recruited two of my best Wesley friends. We built an online investment platform which improves funding, resources and knowledge for the agricultural and energy sectors, focusing on innovation and sustainable technologies which are solving these important food and energy problems."

Matt Hinds, it might be concluded, is the ultimate example of what value can come from a stint as an exchange student. His experiences there, he said, have him "perspective, drive, gratitude and self-awareness". He said: "Only time will tell, but I am convinced that the principles that you learn and subsequently apply after an experiences such as this are the key to success, happiness and being able to give back."

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)

# VALE GRAHAM CROUCH OAM (FR 1947)

Graham Crouch attended Sydney University between 1947-1952 obtaining a Bachelor of Laws. For most of that time he was at Wesley. Graham was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1953 but became a non-practising member. At the start of that year he joined his father to learn the ropes at H W Crouch Pty Ltd - importers and distributors of heavy duty commercial trucks - which his father, Harry Wolseley Crouch, had established in 1919. And something needs to be said about Graham's father, who enlisted in December 1914 and served with the 6th Light Horse during 1915 in Egypt and at Gallipoli. Early in 1916 the 4th Australian Division was formed in Egypt and an opportunity given to members of the Light Horse to apply for commissions. Harry was commissioned into the 12th Brigade Machine Gun Company which transferred to France in June 1916 and were in action at Pozieres 2 months later.

Harry married a music teacher, Marie Jenkins, in 1923. Their son, Graham John Crouch, was born at Rose Bay on 22nd January 1929. Graham was brought up in a very happy family with an older sister and two younger brothers. Harry, never quite losing the influence of his military years, set high expectations on the virtues of service, application ... and shoes polished daily. Graham's mother, Marie, was charming but quite formal, with great musical talent. Graham's maternal grandfather was also a great influence, teaching him to play golf and taking him to the Sydney Cricket Ground to see his first Ashes test in 1936. Golf and cricket were to become lifelong passions. Graham attended Sydney Grammar School, then Sydney University to study Law. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at Wesley, making lifelong

friends. In 1947-48, while pursuing his studies, he undertook articles of clerkship at J Stuart Thom & Company. In 1950-51, he served as an associate to Sir Dudley Williams on the High Court.

Whatever ambitions his mother had for his legal career, Graham was always destined to join his father at H.W. Crouch Pty Ltd. His father had instilled in him that success in business required an entrepreneurial spirit, great powers of persuasion and indefatigable energy to close the deal. Graham was in his element. "If you want something done, give it to someone who's busy," was his motto. He would have no difficulty selling a Diamond Reo chassis with Cummins Diesel engine & Rockwell axle as the complete answer for cement mixers, coal haulage and Australian army transport vehicles.

H.W. Crouch Pty Ltd sold its business in 1987. Graham then forged a distinguished career in the public sector. From 1988 to 1995, he was chairman of Milk Marketing (NSW) Pty Ltd. From 1990 to 1992 he was General Manager of the Homebush Abattoir Corporation, having been appointed on a part-time basis with responsibility to relocate the wholesale meat market so as to prepare the site for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. From 1991 to 1994 he was general manager of the Fish Marketing Authority, steering it through the privatization process. From 1994 till his retirement in 1999, he was CEO of Sydney Fish Markets Pty Ltd, inspiring great loyalty, respect and admiration from all who worked with him.

Graham believed in serving the community on a voluntary basis. From 1959 to 1968, he served on Woollahra Council. He was deputy

mayor in 1964, mayor in 1965, deputy again in 1967 and mayor for a second time in 1968. Graham was always chuffed that he stepped off council at a time of his choosing before remuneration for councillors took effect, noting that his paternal grandfather had been a member of the NSW Legislative Council but retired at the introduction of parliamentary stipends. Graham also served as a member of the Vaucluse House Historic Trust from 1959 to 1968 and for the last two years of that he was president. In 1964, he was appointed a trustee of Sydney Grammar School and in 1975 became chairman. In 1990, he stepped down, completing more than 26 years of service with the school, more than half that time enjoying an effective partnership with headmaster, Alastair Mackerras. Graham's public sector and community contribution were recognized with an award of the OAM.

Graham readily acknowledged that he would not have been able to do anything in industry or by way of community service were it not for his wife, Barbara, and the love, stability and support she provided in their almost 65 years of marriage. Graham married Barbara Jane Showers on 22nd August 1953. They produced Ewen (born 1956), Catherine (1957), Roderick (1959) and Caroline (1964). None of the children went to Wesley, though Ewen, who followed his father to Sydney Grammar and to study law at Sydney University did apply for a place at Wesley, found it was "full" and went to St Andrews. However, of Graham's 10 grandchildren, five have gone to Wesley, being Sarah Crawford, Georgina Crouch, Fiona Crawford, Emily Crouch and Amelia Laumberg.



Graham and Barbara Crough, 2015, at their granddaughter's wedding.

Graham loved sport. He was pretty handy (and very competitive) at golf, cricket, tennis and rugby. He played and followed sport all over the world. He was a member of Royal Sydney Golf Club for over 70 years serving twice on its committee (1958-1960 & 1971-1972) and as its President during 1983-1989. Graham had been quite worried about retiring

but settled quickly into the swing of things. He got back to bridge, travelled widely with Barbara, frequently by ship, and played lots of golf. He had time to laugh and chat and enjoy his family. Graham was serious when he needed to be, clear in his expectations, with a great sense of humor and provided most generously for his family. He was very excited as the family

numbers at dinner on Christmas Eve progressively increased to 4 generations. Graham, who died on 3rd July 2018, was widely known for his warmth and friendships, taking a great interest in those he met and never happier than when in the company of his family.

Ewen Crouch AM

# VALE LAKI JAYASURIYA (FR 1951) 1931 - 2018

## HE BROKE DOWN THE BARRIERS WHEREVER HE WENT

When Dharmasoka Laksiri Jayasuriya, otherwise known as “Jay” or “Laki”, was on his way to Australia in 1951, he found himself and a fellow Sri Lankan in ship’s first class. This was not comfortable. They were from colonial Ceylon where the haughty British colonial masters had always put them down. It was certainly not comfortable for the waiter they approached for coffee, who was dismissive of them. Laki could then have made a vocal and perhaps physical protest. But that was not Laki’s way. Instead, he and his companion went to the waiter the next night and asked for “two whites for two blacks please.” The waiter saw the humour, melted a little, and became cordial.

That might sum up the whole career of Laki, a brilliant student in Sri Lanka (Ceylon as it was then known), who was invited to Australia to become a student at Sydney University and entered Wesley in 1951. A bright, laughing natural diplomat, he might have been mistaken in his style, even in his appearance, for that other great diplomat and conciliator, Desmond Tutu. As it was, Laki paved the way for Australia’s embrace of multiculturalism. He became an academic and member of a number of pioneering bodies such as the Whitlam Government’s Immigration Advisory Council. Arriving in Australia locked in the White Australia Policy, which was not abandoned till 20 years after he arrived, he became a leading voice in the movement towards toleration and inclusiveness.

Laki was born in Sri Lanka on 31st October 1931, the eldest of three children of a prison doctor, and



Laki’s contact with prisoners gave him his first sociological insights. Laki was sent to the Royal College in Ceylon, an upper class Colonial establishment modelled on Harrow and Eton. But it was there that he was exposed to left-wing ideology. From there, he in 1948 enrolled at the University of Ceylon, studying English, Economics and French. He became interested in criminology and aspired to get to Oxford or Cambridge. Instead, he met a distinguished anthropologist, Professor A.P.Elkin, who suggested he should come to Australia and persuaded Laki’s parent that it was a good idea. Elkin returned to Australia and two weeks later sent Laki a telegram saying: “I’ve enrolled you as a student of Sydney University and also found accommodation for

you at Wesley College. Please come in time for the first session.”

Laki finished his Ceylon University course, passed his entrance exams for Sydney University, then in the six months he had to wait to go to Australia, he worked as a tourist guide in Sri Lanka, met Australians and liked them. He was privately-funded in his trip to Australia, although the Sri Lankan travelling with him was, like so many other Sri Lankan students going to Australia, on the Colombo Plan. Laki enrolled at Sydney University to study History, Psychology and Anthropology and entered Wesley. He got on very well with the Master, The Rev Bert Wyllie, and it became apparent that Elkin had directed him to Wesley because Mabel Wyllie was herself an anthropologist and had studied under Elkin.

Laki threw himself into Wesley life, and immediately took up issues. He saw in the “fresher” system elements of colonial subjugation. He was influenced by the Senior Student, David Ross, son of Lloyd Ross, a Community trade unionist. Seeing Laki had left-wing ideas, Ross took him under his wing. Laki saw Wesley students as more politically conscious and radical than students at the other colleges. He took note of Rev Alan Walker’s criticism of White Australia Policy. When in his first year the issue of the fresher system came up for fierce debate in the Wesley College Students’ Club, he heard racist overtones, including one student calling out to him: “You yellow bastard.” He led a walk-out. But Laki was no militant. His view was, as he expressed it later: “Look, the Australians have got to learn more about your neighbours, come to understand them.”

Laki said there should be changes in Australia’s immigration policy, but they should not be rushed. Australia had shown in its support to anti-colonialist stands in the region, such as with Indonesia, and had embraced the Colombo Plan. Laki joined the International Club at Sydney University and became its president. He joined the university’s Anthropological Society and became its president in 1952. In 1953 he became president of the university’s Psychological Society. He also sat as the Arts representative on the Sydney University Union Council. Known as the “Diarising Asian Student”, he was invited to participate, along with other Filipinos, on a Radio Australia program.

Laki became a co-director of the Sydney Film Festival, and he was involved in the establishment of the Buddhist society of New South Wales, to the extent of drafting its first constitution and editing its journal. He graduated with First Class Honours and won the University Medal, then joined the university’s Department of Psychology as a teaching fellow.

He married Rohini, with whom he was to have two children, Kanishka and Pradeep. Becoming aware of a position available in the Department of Sociology at the University of Colombo, he was in two minds. He had a brilliant academic career in front of him in Australia but his parents wanted him to go back. He took the position and returned in 1956, for what was to be a stint of 13 years, during which he became the Foundation Chair of Sociology and Social Welfare. He also did further studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science and at London University, the latter awarding him a PhD in Psychology in 1962.

In 1968, Laki did a postdoctoral thesis as a Fulbright Scholar at Berkeley University in the United States and then returned to Sydney and to take up a temporary lecturer’s position at the University of New South Wales, where he lectured in the Departments of Psychology and Social Work. As a result of that particular short visit he was awarded a Leeverhulme Fellowship at the university in 1969/70 and took the opportunity to conduct a course in the psychology of communication on Radio University.

Laki remained active in his campaign to break down racial stereotypes and had a letter published in *The Australian* arguing that a study of Asian languages should not be confused with a study of Asia. Australians had to become more “Asia-literate”. In 1971, the year Australia formally abrogated the White Australia Policy, Laki accepted the position of Foundation Chair of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at the University of Western Australia. The election of the Whitlam Government saw Australia race ahead in breaking down boundaries. The incoming government invited him to join the Federal Governments Immigration Advisory Council (AIC) and became the first Asian to belong to a national advisory body. “It

became very different very fast because the man I worked with on the IAC was Walter Lippmann, whom you might know from Melbourne connections. A fantastic guy. I became almost his, you know, aide de camp. We were on a committee of the IAC - the Committee of Community Relations.” Laki helped produce what became known as the Lippman Report, on the Philosophy of Community Relations, which was the first philosophical statement of community relations in Australia.

In 1975, Laki was appointed to the Australian Council of Social Service. In 1984, he was appointed by Senator Susan Ryan, Federal Minister for Education, to the National Advisory Committee on Multicultural Education, which was to have a major impact in changing official policy from assimilation to multiculturalism. In 1985, Laki became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to multiculturalism. In 1997, Laki became a member of the Western Australia Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission and the National Multicultural Advisory Council. He became a vice-president at the Western Australian Council of Social Services and joined the Board of Governors of the Australian Council for Social Services.

Laki’s publications include *Social Policy in the 1980s* (1983), *Issues of Cross-Cultural Practice* (1990), *The Changing Face of Sri Lankan Politics* (1994), *The Asianisation of Australia? Some facts about the myths* (1999) and *Welfarism and Politics in Sri Lanka* (2000). He received an Honorary Doctorate of Literature from the university of Colombo, the Australian Centenary Medal in 2001 and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from the University of Western Australia in 2006. Laki died on 20th April this year. His life was celebrated at the University of Western Australia Club on 23rd May.

Malcolm Brown (Fr 1965)





# RAWSON REPORT

This year Wesley performed valiantly in the Rawson Cup.

The cricketers kicked off the campaign strongly. Unfortunately, the result did not reflect the hard work the boys put in. A notable performance was that of Todd Levine who seemed to bat, bowl and field with gusto.

Next up was the swimming and diving team. Lead by Simon Nortje and Samuel Posel the campaign went swimmingly. Josef Schuler represented Wesley proudly and gave a strong performance on the day. Wesley placed 4th in the swimming with St. Johns taking the win.

Next was rowing, led by George Bundock. the boys put in a lot of effort with early starts on the water and in the gym. On the regatta, a strong Wesley crowd cheered on the rowing team and earned us a solid 3rd place.

The rugby boys gave a solid effort in their campaign. After two big losses they showed great resilience to snatch a win from Johns. Both Jack Ridley and Harry Gibson gave stellar performances throughout the campaign; with Gibson, and fresher Toby Dickinson scoring 2 tries in the last game to snatch the win.

As per usual the soccer boys started training from week 1 semester 1 and well equipped to start their campaign. The boys



started strongly with a win over St. Andrews in a penalty shoot-out, after a last-minute equaliser forced the game into golden goal extra-time. Next, the boys had a convincing 5-1 win over St. Johns. Finally, the boys went down in a bitter defeat to St Pauls; Losing to a free kick at the whistle to place 3rd in the Competition, despite 3 teams winning 2 games each. All the boys played to a high standard, but standout players were Fergus Worrall and JK Kazzi.

The Basketballers gave an outstanding performance to being home the Rawson Basketball Cup. Clutch baskets from Josh Kazzi and Nick Marchione allowed a narrow win against a highly stacked St Andrews team. From there onwards the basketball team had little challenge on their road to secure the

cup. Alex Macdonald captained the basketball team and won inter-collegian Basketballer of the year; a very well-deserved award for the commitment and skill he showed.

Under the guidance of Noah Steward and Ryan Mulcahy, the tennis players gave the Competition a red-hot crack. However, not reflective of their efforts each match saw the boys falls short and resulted in 4th place. Christian Neoh was given the most valuable tennis player for his skills on the court.

Athletics was the final event to finish off Wesley's Rawson Campaign. Lead by Jack Caldwell the boys went into athletics head first and gave each and every event 110%. Facing tough competitions from each sport notable athletes were Jack Ridley placing 2nd in Triple Jump and Todd Levine placing 2nd in Javelin. However, once again our performance fell short and found us placing 4th overall.

Although in many cases the effort put in did not reflect the result given; I am still very proud of each and every Wesleyan who competed. In a lot of cases it takes great courage and determination to take the field against strong opposition and never once drop your head; It's for this reason that I'm proud of Wesley's Rawson Team this year.

Rowan Bray (fr. 2016)





# RAWSON TEAMS

## Athletics

Chris Ball  
 Guy Bouchier  
 Rowan Bray  
 Jonty Brunner  
 George Bundock  
 Jack Caldwell (c)  
 Alistair De Vroet  
 Cam Fazzari  
 Charlie Hancock  
 Jack Hide  
 Rob Irwin  
 Jk Kazzi  
 Angus Knott  
 Todd Levine  
 Patrick Moore  
 Angus Pryde  
 Jack Ridley  
 Sam Ridley  
 Al Russel  
 James Ryder  
 Tom Sanders  
 Cam Smith  
 Luke Vandenburg  
 Fergus Worrall  
 Jerry Yu  
 Michael Zawal

## Basketball

Rowan Bray (c)  
 Andrew Cootzee  
 Toby Dickinson  
 Will Haskell

Sullaiman Hussain  
 Robert Irwin  
 Andrew Jamieson-Grigg  
 Ojas Jyoti  
 Josh Kazzi  
 JK Kazzi  
 Alex MacDonald (c)  
 Nick Marchione  
 Hunter Murray  
 Jo Schuller

## Cricket

Will Avery  
 Chris Ball  
 Jack Caldwell  
 Abhishek Chawla  
 Louis Cummings  
 Harry Edmondson  
 Harry Gibson  
 Jack Hide  
 Joshua Joseph (c)  
 Todd Levine  
 Jack Ridley  
 James Robertson  
 James Rowse  
 Hamish Sinclair  
 Sanjay Yapabandara

## Rowing

Jonty Brunner  
 George Bundock (c)  
 Jordan Lee  
 Sean Lowrie

Angus Macintyre  
 Al Northam  
 Ned Stewart  
 Giles Widdicombe  
 Isabella Best (cox)  
*Reserves*  
 Cam Fazzari  
 James Kilby  
 Angus Pryde

## Rugby

Michael Bartimote  
 Rowan Bray  
 Matthew Buckland  
 Jock Capel  
 Toby Dickinson  
 Cameron Fazzari  
 Hamish Fuller (c)  
 Harry Gibson  
 Connor Grindal  
 Charlie Hancock  
 Haruto Ima  
 Robert Irwin  
 Evan Jenkins  
 Josh Joseph  
 James Kilby (c)  
 Angus Macintyre  
 Finn McCullagh  
 Tom Moran  
 Thomas Orton  
 James Peck  
 Jack Ridley  
 Sam Ridley

Tom Sanders  
 Ned Stewart  
 Giles Widdicombe  
 Strath Yeo

## Soccer

Jerry Yu  
 Chris Ball  
 Thomas Binns  
 Guy Bouchier  
 Rowan Bray  
 Jack Caldwell  
 Harry Edmonson  
 Karl Harbers (c)  
 Jack Hide  
 JK Kazzi  
 Josh Kazzi  
 Hunter Murray  
 Simon Nortje  
 Al Russell  
 Thomas Ryan  
 James Ryder  
 Nathan Snadeiro  
 Luke Vandenberg  
 Fergus Worrall

## Swimming

Jack Caldwell  
 Louis Cummings  
 Timothy Dos  
 Santos D'cruz  
 Calvin Engelen  
 Hamish Fuller

Andrew Jamieson-Grigg  
 Nick Marchione  
 Patrick Moore  
 Simon Notrije  
 Tom Orton  
 James Peck  
 Samuel Posel (c)  
 James Ryder  
 Josef Schuler  
 Hamish Sinclair  
 Bundock  
 Ojas Jyoti  
 Jack Hide,  
 Simon Noritje

## Tennis

Alistair de Vroet  
 Gus Knott  
 Todd Levine  
 Ryan Mulcahy (c)  
 Christian Neoh  
 Alec Patfield  
 Isaac Salas  
 Noah Stewart (c)  
 Elliot Sylvester  
*Reserves*  
 Harry Gibson  
 Joshua Joseph  
 Charles Kensit  
 Jordan Lee  
 Charlie Umbers  
 Jerry Yu

# ROSEBOWL REPORT

Wesley put in a huge effort in this year's Rosebowl campaign. We started off the year with netball. Captain Alli Whalley put together a highly capable team who showed athleticism and skill on the court. They began their campaign strong coming away with 3 wins after the first 3 games. The last game saw Wesley face up against St. Andrew's who put up a strong fight. The final score of 41-31 unfortunately left Wesley narrowly missing out on 1st place despite their strong performance.

Next up we headed off to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre for the swimming and diving. Diving captain, Freya Appleford, put in a

standout performance, coming away with 3rd place. In the swimming we had some outstanding performances with Hannah Wales coming away with 4th place in the highly competitive 50m freestyle and Molly Roberts placing 4th in the 50m backstroke. The 4x50m freestyle relay team (Hannah Wales, India Allen, Eliza Bucknell and Georgia Mann) also put in a strong performance, placing 3rd overall.

Then it was off to Penrith for the Rosebowl Rowing. Following on from the strong Rowing campaign in 2017, the girls were eager to put in another stellar performance. Captain Amelia Hellicar-Foster

put the girls through their paces in the trials in order to muster together a very strong and capable crew. The girls were extremely dedicated, training in the early hours of the morning in the weeks leading up to the race. On the day the girls VIII put in a tremendous effort in their 2km race and came away with a close second to the highly stacked St. Andrews crew.

Rosebowl sport for Semester 1 finished with Hockey. Captain Celia Stewart put together a committed group of girls who put in tremendous effort throughout the

campaign. They performed particularly well in their game against Sancta, only going down by 1 goal. While all of the girls performed well throughout their campaign, a special mention goes to Fresher Bridget Klemp who scored Wesley's only goal against Womens.

Semester 2 kicked off with soccer, captained by Mikaela Tilse. This team faced some hardships throughout the season, with their amazing coaches, Amy and Em, sadly having to leave the team. Thankfully Miles and Anil stepped in and took over as coaches. The girls showed enthusiasm and perseverance across all 4 games. They put in a particularly commendable performance against the overall winning side St. Andrews, with Wesley giving away the least amount of goals.

Basketball closely followed and was captained by Alysha Skerritt. The girls trained hard leading up to the games and it showed on the court. They started off their campaign strong with a huge win against Womens, 77-30. They dominated the next 3 games which put them in good stead for the final against St. Andrews. The game started off close however Wesley pulled away and finished strong, winning 66-33. This gave Wesley the first Rosebowl VD for 2018.

The next sport in the Rosebowl campaign was tennis which was captained by Sayano Murayama and Alice McMillan. The girls put together a strong team and displayed excellent performances in both the singles and doubles. Wesley placed 2nd overall with their only loss against St. Andrews (4-1). We finished off the year at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre for the athletics competition. Captained by Eliza Bucknell and myself we worked hard to put together a team of highly capable athletes. We had a few stand out performers on the





night with Maddie Hompot placing 3rd overall in triple jump, Mikaela Tilse coming 3rd overall in long jump and Bella Hood placing 4th in the 800m.

In the overall 2018 Rosebowl campaign we came away with 3rd place, only missing out on 2nd place by 1 point. I was extremely

impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of the girls across all sports during the year. I want to thank all of the captains who dedicated their time and effort into organising all of the teams and trainings and for making my job a whole lot easier.

It has been a pleasure captaining

the Rosebowl campaign in 2018 and I am excited to come back again next year to captain the 2019 campaign. I was extremely impressed with the participation and eagerness of all the girls this year so I am excited to see what 2019 brings.

Georgia Mann (fr. 2017)

## ROSEBOWL TEAMS

### Athletics

Sophia Amerena  
Georgia Boxley  
Eliza Bucknell (c)  
Jacqui Connor  
Hannah Edgell  
Lucy Hickman  
Maddie Hompot  
Bella Hood  
Evie Hood  
Denali Hutt  
Tess Kane  
Liv King  
Bridget Klemp  
Georgia Mann (c)  
Ella Pechan  
Tilly Penton  
Claire Sharp  
Alysha Skerritt  
Georgie Smith  
Lauren Sutherland  
Mikaela Tilse  
Alli Whalley

### Basketball

Billy FitzSimons  
Maddy Hompot

### Bridget Klemp

Alice Macmillan  
Georgia Mann  
Alysha Skerritt (c)  
Mia Thrum  
Cynthia Tian  
Rachel Toohey  
Prue Tysoe  
Harriet Weir  
Ally Whaley

### Hockey

Alice Hubbard  
Airlie Kinross  
Bridget Klemp  
Claire Mackinnon  
Celia Stewart (c)  
Daisy Waggett  
Elise Sherrington  
Genevieve Bowes  
Giorgi Jardine  
Lucy Hickman  
Lillian Higgins  
Lauren Sutherland  
Olivia King  
Rebecca Hockey  
Rosie Pether  
Tess Kane

### Netball

Eleanor Brown  
Eliza Bucknell  
Raquel Cuevas  
Lucy Gray  
Maddy Hompot  
Isabelle Hood  
Isabelle Oxley  
Claire Sharp  
Alysha Skerritt  
Rachel Toohey  
Ali Whalley (c)  
Harriet Wier

### Rowing

Raquel Cuevas  
Eliza Fessey (cox)  
Jaime Ford  
Amelia Hellicar-Foster (c)  
Evangaline Hood  
Emily Mitchell  
Georgia Smith  
Lauren Sutherland  
Amy Vanderhor

### Soccer

Natasha Bernard  
Gen Bowes  
Emma Carter  
Alexandra Courtney  
Hannah Edgell  
Lucy Hickman  
Georgie Jardine  
Georgia Mann  
Tracy Milden  
Emily Mitchell  
Lucy Obrian  
Charlotte Power  
Lisa Stevens  
Celia Stewart  
Mikaela Tilse (c)  
Prue Tysoe  
Lucy Vanderhor  
Brittany Wilcock

### Swimming

India Allen  
Sophia Amerena  
Freya Appleford  
Eliza Bucknell  
Lauren Chapman (c)  
Katie Gordon

### Alice Hibbard

Maddy James  
Olivia Keogh  
Angela Lockley  
Alice Macmillan  
Georgia Mann  
Eliza Miller  
Molly Roberts  
Georgia Smith  
Lauren Sutherland  
Hannah Wales  
Teegan Wattam  
Alexandra Webster

### Tennis

Hannah Edgell  
Olivia King  
Alice Macmillan (c)  
Sayano Murayama (c)  
Ella Pechan  
Celia Stewart  
Georgia Waites  
Maddie Waites  
Artemis Wilson

# PALLADIAN REPORT

Wesley achieved some great performances this year in and outside of the intercollegiate Palladian competition, and whilst we certainly didn't place first in every event, there were some fantastic standout moments, both from a competitive aspect, and from an enjoyment aspect. I think it's safe to say that Palladian this year has been gratifying for all those involved.

The beginning of the Palladian campaign was marked by the oration competition. Under the skilled guidance of captain Ross McKinlay, Wesley served up two outstanding and entertaining performances. Jeff Brown's performance was quite frankly a stand-out, with the audience in dead silence throughout its entirety. Conversely, Abhishek Chawla performed quite possibly one of the most humorous, half-impromptu performances seen for years at intercollegiate oration, taking out second place.

The Wesley dance teams were led strongly by captains Brittney Wilcock and Artemis Wilson, who self-choreographed two highly engaging dances. The teams worked around the clock, performing at Parents' Weekend and the intercollegiate competition, and received a much deserved highly commended for one performance, yet perhaps only partially reflecting the exceptional standard that was displayed. They should be congratulated.

Vocal captains Edie Warne and Alex McDonald did an excellent job at coordinating all things vocal at Wesley this year. During semester 1, their guidance saw Ziggy Harris perform a robust and theatrical performance of *The Vagabond*, and Sammi Carr sing a very intimate rendition of *Songbird* by Fleetwood Mac; two very different yet standout pieces at the solo vocal competition. A fantastic arrangement of *Fragile* by Sting



was showcased during the Parents' Weekend soiree, prior to its performance at the intercollegiate group vocal competition. Edie should be particularly congratulated for taking on the challenging and highly demanding role of conductor for Wesley's small (and large) choir, whilst singing in the soprano section at the same time. Small choir performed *A boy and a Girl* by Eric Whitacre - a very technically difficult piece, and scored a well justified second place, a true testament to Edie's efforts and the hard work of the team. A special thanks to the Valette Choir, led by Ziggy Harris and Alice Kotowicz, for what was a beautiful performance during the Valette Service to farewell the third years.

Instrumental was a success in 2018 with Nick Sprott and Jol Choct managing a multitude of instruments. Not even a severed tendon of the hand just under two days before the solo instrumental competition would stop Wesley from surprising. Jol Choct performed a truly moving piece by Tchaikovsky, and thanks to the last-minute addition of Charlotte Power, Wesley scored a highly commended for her captivating minimalist saxophone performance. Second semester saw the formation of two very entertaining pieces. The careful assembly of a brass band by Nick and Jol saw the performance of a fun and engaging

arrangement of *Mambo* from *West Side Story*, all completely arranged by Nick. The second group entered uncharted territory with their own arrangement of *Ocean* by John Butler - a real standout performance that won over the audience and received a highly commended. The members should be congratulated for what were two difficult yet highly rewarding and killer pieces.

Once again stepping in, Charlotte Power took the reins for Palladian Art. With the topic for 2018 being *Colour directly influences the Soul*, Charlotte and the team generated two eye-catching artworks; the first, a series of portraits tinted with colour that alluded to the emotion expressed by subjects Ziggy Harris and Cecilie Okkels, and the second an experimental time-lapse of subject James Robertson, that paid homage to the recent drought crisis faced by Australian farmers, placing 3rd in the intercollegiate competition.

During semester 2, Courtney Withers led a strong debating team into battle against the other colleges. Beginning their debating debut at Wesley, Tom Alchin, Jeff Brown and Abhishek Chawla turned heads as they threw down some near-indisputable rebuttals against the experienced Women's College side, although narrowly missing the victory. The team later found success against Sancta with

Ben Devine, Jeff and Tom securing a landslide victory for Wesley, on a topic of international relations. Ben had a standout performance, tipping the scales in their favour by exposing the absurd reliance on random anecdotes that the Sancta team had taken fancy to. Despite several close losses, and a few questionable calls by some judges, the team did Wesley proud, with all members showing some serious wit against the opposing colleges.

It's fair to say that Sammie Shannon and Jessica Negus left their mark this year as Drama captains, and now for the second year running. Their success began with solo drama, where they guided Haezan Vroland into 3rd place as he embodied a frustrated adolescent boy, and Rosie Pether into 2nd place with what was a very raw and confronting monologue that had the audience dead silent. They continued to impress at Parents' Weekend, with the performance of a literally killer play, which had the audience at laughter and I'm sorry if you missed it because it was a crack-up.

Full credit to the cast for such a high standard of performance - it will be hard to match it in the years to come. Jess and Sammie truly knocked it out of the ball park during the intercollegiate group drama competition, once again self-composing two acts.

*Pemberton Manor 2: Reloaded* was sure to impress with its humour from start to finish, but it was the second piece, *Blind*, that truly caught the eye of the judges, claiming 1st place in the competition. Sammie Shannon, JK Kazzi, Jess Negus and Rosie Pether should all be congratulated for their captivating performance that got what it deserved and served as a real testament to the sheer hard work and dedication that Sammie and Jess brought to Palladian Drama in 2018.

The year's efforts placed us in a respectable 3rd place for the Palladian cup of 2018. And whilst we didn't place in every event, we sure enjoyed the process, and the small successes along the way. Thank you to all the Palladian Captains for making the year so



effortless. Good luck to the incoming Palladian captain for next year, Eliza Miller, and all the best for 2019. It's been a pleasure overseeing all the arts events this year, and great to see all those who became involved reap reward.

Michael Zawal (Fr. 2016)

# PALLADIAN

## Oration

Jeff Brown  
Abhishek Chawla  
Ross McKinlay

## Solo

### Drama

Rosalie Pether  
Haezen Vroeland

## Solo

### Voice

Samantha Carr  
Ziggy Harris

## Solo

### Instrumental

Jol Choct (c)  
Charlotte Power

## Dance

Gracie Adam  
Freya Appleford  
Cady Brown  
Sammi Carr  
Juliet Cunningham  
Tom Damjanovic  
Timothy D'Cruz  
Billi FitzSimons

Katie Fuller

Lucy Gray  
Ziggy Harris  
Giorgi Jardine

Ojas Jyoti

JK Kazzi  
Olivia Keough  
Jordan Lee

Alice McMillan

Katie Miller

Simon Nortje  
Hannah Ross-Smith  
Nathan Snaidero  
Maddie Stephen

Jack Tizzard

Rachel Toohey

Prue Tysoe

Yashika Upadhyaya

Brittany Wilcock (c)

Artemis Wilson (c)

Courtney Withers

## Instrumental

### Ensemble

James Boric  
Matthew Buckland  
Jol Choct (c)

Tim D'Cruz

Ziggy Harris

Izzy Hooton

John Hughes

Nick Sprott (c)

Hugh Wheaton

Michael Zawal

## Drama

### Ensemble

Angus Barton  
Jonty Brunner  
Sammi Carr  
JK Kazzi  
Ross McKinlay  
Eliza Millar  
Grace Moscou  
Jessica Negus (c)  
Rosie Pether  
Sammie Shannon  
Prue Tysoe  
Haezan Vroland  
Artemis Wilson

## Art

James Blaxill  
Genevieve Bowes

Andrew Coetzee

Julia Cole

Alex Courtney

Hugh Duffield

Cailin Feldman

Ziggy Harris

Airlie Kinross

Emily Mitchell

Olivia Norley

Cecilie Okkels

Same Parks

Charlotte Power (c)

James Robertson

Lisa Stevens

Mikaela Tilse

Dani Turnbull

Courtney Withers

## Vocal

### Ensemble

James Blaxill  
Matt Buckland  
Sammi Carr  
Amy Dench  
Maddy Frerer  
Katie Fuller  
Ben Holmes

John Hughes

Alice Kotowicz

Pascale Mann

Alex McDonald (c)

Eliza Miller

Katie Miller

Jessica Negus

Charlotte Power

Angus Pryde

Nick Sprott

Maddie Stephen

Charlie Umbers

Amelia Vidler

Edie Warne (c)

Alli Whalley

Courtney Withers

Sanjay Yapabandara

Michael Zawal

## Small Choir

Maddy Frerer  
Alice Kotowicz  
Nick Sprott  
Charlie Umbers  
Courtney Withers  
Edie Warne  
Michael Zawal

# SENIOR STUDENT'S REPORT

2018 has marked another successful year for Wesley. Having undergone the Broderick review in 2017 there were some changes to implement, however the leaders of the college really stood up and lead from the front. Our Fresher Week was a huge success as we welcomed 111 new students into the college. The week was largely re-modelled compared to previous iterations which took extra time and effort, but hopefully a solid platform has been laid for future generations.

There were strong performances across the arts and sport both within intercollegiate competitions and outside of them. We were fortunate enough to win a Victory Dinner in each of the Palladian, Rosebowl and Rawson competitions. The Palladian campaign was led by Michael Zawal and he did an excellent job, especially in identifying and including the vast range of talent within our fresher cohort. Sammie Shannon and Jessica Negus were outstanding in their leadership within drama, cumulating to a first placing for group drama at the end of semester 2 as well as Rosie Pether and Haezan Vroland who placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in solo drama. Special mention also to Abhishek Chawla who placed 2nd in oration, small choir lead by Edie Warne and Alex McDonald who came 2nd as well as Charlotte Power who lead our art team to a third placing. Overall, we finished 3rd in what was a tightly contested competition.

In Rosebowl the girls competed in all areas and came away with mixed results. The basketball team lead by Alysha Skerritt won all four of their games convincingly. Netball, Rowing and Tennis were our other strong sports with second placings in all three. Another worthy mention in the sporting arena is Jamie Ford who was awarded University Blues in Rowing. It was an outstanding achievement for Jamie at such a young age. The girls finished another strong year



in 3rd place, well done to Georgia Mann on her leadership of the group and we are fortunate that she will return for her second year Rosebowl Captain in 2019.

Basketball was also the highlight of the 2018 Rawson season. Alex McDonald and Rawson Captain Rowan Bray lead the side to consecutive Victory Dinners after they also won the 2017 season. In other sports it was tough going, the football team came agonisingly close to a victory but in bizarre fashion finished 3rd. There is a strong rivalry forming between Wesley and St. John's College across many of the competitions. We were fortunate enough to come out above them in the overall standings and finish 3rd.

The social side of college life has been colourful and vibrant as usual. There were events held internally by the student's club as well as our annual Carnival and Black Ball events. There were several changes in the leading of these events, but our ever-reliable Will Flockhart was a mainstay at the core of each event. He served meticulously as the licensee for the first semester before taking up the role of Social Secretary for the remainder of the year. Rachel Ford assumed the role of licensee in the second half of the year and has flourished so far. There was an increased focus on non-

alcoholic events and Will was at the forefront of this organising an open-air cinema on the front lawns during the first week of semester 2. There was also a Sunday afternoon front lawns party involving water slides and jumping castles named Lion Day to mark the end of the academic year and relieve some stress prior to exams. There was no lack of social interaction for our 2018 cohort and I know 2019 will be as lively as ever.

The inclusion of two new house committee roles in place of intercollegiate representatives has been one of the most positive structural changes for 2018. The new positions include a Charity representative formalising the existing role as the head of the Wesley Charity Group. We hope this change will see further Student's Club support for an already strong philanthropic flavour to college life. The second new role is an Alumni representative who will be responsible for improving the connection between Wesley's current student's and our Alumni.

It is well worth taking the time to thank all those who served our college community throughout the year. To all house committee members, residential advisors, the fresher week team, sports and cultural captains as well as those who simply lend a hand, thank you

for your hard work and efforts in what was a fantastic year for Wesley. I have felt well supported in my role as Senior Student by all students as well as the college staff, the Master and College Council. Special thanks to my executive team of Luke Vandenberg who served as our Secretary, Ben Devine as Treasurer and Will Flockhart as both Licensee and Social Secretary. You were strong and disciplined leaders and put in countless hours of your time.

The final celebrations and farewell ceremony for our departing Valete group of 2018 was a special

evening. We were 47 of a fresher cohort of 156, and we paid tribute to their years of commitment and service to the college. Congratulations to all prize winners, especially Will Flockhart who deservedly took home the collegian of the year prize. As you may have noticed Will is involved in everything and will be sorely missed by the college. Thank you to everyone involved in our community for a fantastic year and good luck to Jordan Lee and his team as they led the next Wesley cohort into 2019.

James Kilby (fr. 2016)



## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well third times a charm and after the removal of two social secretaries before me (one before the year began and one a couple of weeks after getting voted in), I was finally fortunate enough to take over the reins/reign and guide this beast of a job into the right direction. 2018 was a motivating year coming off the publication of the Broderick and Red Zone Reports. A lot had to be changed and modified to fit with the new expectations on college in general and this presented a healthy challenge.

Fresher week (no longer O-Week) started off with us welcoming over 100 new Freshers into the hallowed halls of Wesley. It was a fantastic and jam-packed week filled with Inter-col events and Wesley-only events. It was truly amazing to be part of Fresher week and the Leaders, Helpers and RA's should be proud of themselves in how they conducted and planned such a wonderful and fulfilling week that assimilated the freshers in the college way of life.

Coming off Fresher week, we found ourselves frantically getting ready for Salvete, welcoming all the returners back to college with Sippers at the Royal, and the first Sals of the semester.



Our segue into the first proper external event in the social calendar was Bait Cruise or as the renamed version is called, Friendship Cruise. We graced the high seas of Sydney Harbour with our Baits/Friends and enjoyed a amazing scenic journey under the Bridge and past the Opera House all while getting to know our friends even better. We ended the cruise with a quick bus ride to our old stomping ground, Side Bar.

Next on the list for the social calendar was Carnivale. Carnivale in some senses is a logistical nightmare and the reason why the

organizing committee doesn't attend any classes for weeks beforehand. However, it was a highly successful and sold out event with Dom Dolla, Amastro and Nina Las Vegas gracing the stage. It left us all in high spirits and thankful to the social gods for not gracing us with torrential rain like last year that decimated the front lawns.

Continuing on from Carnivale, we had a busy schedule fitting in the TKC soccer games and after party at the grandstand, with some people scoring more goals there than in the actual game. We also



had the highly anticipated Parents' Weekend, which saw some amazing performance both on and off the stage. By the end of these two massive events, we found ourselves in wedding season. It was down to the wire with votes on who should win, but a last minute entry by an annoyed singular individual ended up winning. So for the first time in Wesley history, a girl married herself in front of the whole college. The wedding also marked a milestone as well at Wesley as after ten weeks of no Courtyard parties, we finally had one that was a success and was able to run until closing time. So that ended the last of Semester 1's events for 2018.

Semester 2 kicked off with Silly Season with our annual Royal night, Christmas in July party, and pub-crawl all being great successes. All that can be said is by the end of the week our heads were sore and nobody had really been to any classes, but as the saying goes you don't learn anything until week 6 of University anyway.

Blackball was the most anticipated event of the semester, with the organizing committee outdoing themselves putting together a marvelous event at the Park Hyatt in Darling Harbour. But it seems they were not prepared for our

partying and drinking ways and it got shut down an hour early. The Cargo Bar welcomed us with open arms and we well and truly danced the night away.

Unfortunately, Westock this year had to be cancelled due to the prevailing weather. The Committee worked really hard organizing this event and it is always a disappointment having to cancel all the hard work. It was planned that the charity wouldn't go undonated to so we organized another first in Wesley history: a Beyond Blue Mental Health Awareness Community Dinner. Through shirts sales and donations made at the dinner, we managed to raise a substantial amount to be donated to this courageous cause.

We also had a very full Courtyard season this semester with two VD's as well to fit in with thanks to the Basketball Girls and Boys. This then brought us to Valete and that last Courtyard of the Semester. After a long dinner that was filled with mixed emotions, we graced the courtyard for one last time. It was truly amazing time with Courtyard firsts such as pyrotechnics and bangers from the good old days of the fresher year of 2016. We then had the very first kick ons in the JCR much to the

displeasure of the Master. The final event for the year was Lion Day that included pools, inflatable slides and jumping castles on the front lawns with a good old fashion BBQ and tunes pumping. It was a great way to finish of the year and soak in some UV rays before Stuvac.

This year can only be described as highly successful and sociable. Everyone is slightly worn out but in excellent spirits and for the returners, it has left them with a hunger for what more will come their way in 2019. The friendships formed through the year are a testament to the positive culture that exists within Wesley. It is always astonishing to be part of such a strong and remarkable community of like minded people who are most down to earth at times but also know how to have a great time as well. Thanks have to go out to James Kilby and Luke Vandenberg in their continuous support for me within this role. Their efforts and tirelessness to the college community is admirable. To the new social Secretary, Nathan Snaidero, all the best for 2019. It's been a pleasure serving as social secretary for 2018 and I hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

Will Flockhart (Fr 2016)

# OSE REPORT

The Overseas Study Experience (OSE) is a unique humanitarian program which allows up to six students to work collaboratively with organisations across Cambodia and Vietnam. In addition to this, students undertake a four-week placement with an organisation of their choice. OSE not only broadens student's travelling experience, but uniquely positions students to work and communicate with those outside their own cultural context.

The 2017-18 team comprised of Alex McDonald, Lawrence Chan, James Blaxill, Harry Groves and myself. Along with our group leader Amelia Laumberg and the Director of Students Jonathan Row. OSE involves students' fundraising across the year, through a variety of initiatives, in particular, Parent's Weekend.



These funds are then distributed to the chosen NGOs across Southeast Asia. Thank you to all those who donated this year and in 2017.

Students are then provided with scholarships to travel to Cambodia

and Vietnam, with a strong focus on fostering relationships with each organisation and experiencing the work they are doing. We visited four NGOs: Cambodian Children's Trust in Battambang, Street Children's Assistance and Development Program in Phnom Penh, Blue Dragon Foundation in Hanoi and the Starfish Education Project in Hoi An. This year we were particularly excited to partner with a new organisation, Cambodian Children's Trust (CCT), which empowers vulnerable families to overcome poverty, with a focus on preventing children from orphanage care. Founded by Australian woman, Tara Winkler, the organisation raises awareness about the value of family-based care, by working with communities throughout Cambodia. Similarly, the Blue Dragon Foundation tackles a range of issues, such as human trafficking, homelessness, poverty and education. The other organisations we support are currently in the grassroots stage. Notably, the Starfish Education Project enables rural-based students to attend university by providing them with scholarships and support for their families.

In the second half of the OSE





program, we each carried out internships with organisations across South-East Asia. James worked with Engineers Without Borders in Cambodia, Harry with the Sae Lao Project in Laos, Alex with Whessoe in Laos, Lawrence with TLC Modular Construction in Vietnam, and myself with Thomson Reuters in Vietnam. Both personal and professional growth is a significant outcome of the internship component, as participants gain an authentic experience of working in a foreign country.

OSE has undergone significant changes in the past year, as our understanding of what it means to volunteer and travel overseas continues to evolve. The trip is unique to Wesley College. In the coming year, students will travel as a group to the organisations we choose to support. In the second half of the trip, student's will undertake a research project in South-East Asia in their chosen area of study.

OSE is a learning experience which incites a new cultural understanding for those who are fortunate enough to go on the trip. While it is an enjoyable and unique way to spend the university break,

it also ensures that students mentor successive OSE teams. We wish the 2018 team all the best in their travels and are excited to see what lies ahead for the future of OSE.

**Katie Fuller (fr 2016)**



