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CELEBRATING  
**100**  
YEARS  
1917-2017



The first 9 residents of Wesley College, pictured with the Master, Reverend Fletcher in 1917.

Please join us as we celebrate the Centenary of Wesley College in 2017.

A full list of events can be found on the inside back cover of this *Wesleyan*.

# FROM THE EDITOR

## MALCOLM BROWN (fr 1965)

Professor Sir Philip Baxter, vice-chancellor of the University of New South Wales from 1953 to 1969, was an enthusiast for scientific and technical education. On one occasion he had a dig at young women attending university, suggesting that many were there mainly to find a husband. He said a lot of young people going to university to do Arts and similar courses would be better off going to work. He added, as a backhander, that society probably benefited from getting the best genes together, and he conceded that brilliant and dedicated students, who would go on to do honours and such like, were of value, but less so for the rest. I was upset by what he said, being a dedicated but far from brilliant student. My father told me not to worry about Sir Philip. "He's a bit of a stirrer, you know," he said.

But leaving aside Sir Philip's cynicism, Wesley College has brought the best of the best together, in a convivial and unforced way. In our 2013 edition, we carried the story of Wesley couple Ian and Amanda Mylchreest (both fr 1975), who met in the Lower Purser. Jim FitzSimons (fr 1976) whom we cover in this edition, was in college for less than an hour when he met Deborah Edwards (fr 1976), and they are together to this day. Eric Gibbings (fr 1973) met Judith Werner (fr 1974) at Wesley and they were married while still undergraduates on the steps of Lower Purser by the Master, the Rev Norman Webb. Their son, Taimus Werner-Gibbings (fr 2000) was present in 2002 when his parents dropped his brother off on his first day at Wesley and a friend pointed to another fresher, "a very beautiful girl running round the front lawn in white shorts and a pink top". He and that girl, Libby



Malcolm Brown with latest grandchild, Benjamin.

Nash, were married in 2006 by the Master, the Rev David Russell, and later moved back to Wesley where Taimus was on staff. When their first child, Cesc, was born, Taimus said he could not think of a more "Wesley" child than this.

The personal connections are obviously not restricted to matrimonial outcomes. Apart from lifelong friendships formed at Wesley, siblings tend to come to the college, and children and grandchildren, including the offspring of those who met at Wesley. We have a profile of the Hiatt family, which started when Lester Hiatt (fr 1952) entered Wesley, followed by younger brother Geoff (fr 1955). Geoff's son James came to Wesley in 1985 and his granddaughter, Alexandra Thompson, came this year. Peter Beaumont (fr 1980) and his sister Jenny (fr 1983) have sent their children to Wesley. Jane Glover (nee Bryson, fr 1984) sent her daughter, Charlotte, this year. Alex Grant (fr 2015) and Seiya Grant (fr 2016) are the children of the late Vanessa Grant (nee Kingsford, fr 1979). The FitzSimons family's connection started with David FitzSimons who trod the hallowed ground for the first time in 1966. He was the first of, at last count, 13 FitzSimons who have been to

Wesley, including his daughter, Kate (fr 1998) who was at Wesley with the man she was to marry, Chris Effney (fr 2000).

One might say that Wesley never leaves a family. Georgina Campbell (fr 2015), daughter of Gillian Cull (fr 1979) of Olympic rowing fame, is the great, great granddaughter of Fred Cull, the visionary and founder of Wesley. The college is 100 years old next year, younger than other colleges at Sydney University, and obviously well behind the Oxford and Cambridge establishments, but it is creating its own history. We have tried to add a few things that are not so nostalgia and family-orientated, including an entertaining piece by Hugh Whalan (fr 2003), who attended one of those ancient college, Magdalen College, Oxford, if only in his gap year to teach children sport. Forever after, on his robust account of himself, he has lived in the fast lane.

Sadly, we record the passing of three Wesleyans, dentist Tony Lucas (fr 1943), Fiona Cowley (fr 77) and the world-renowned businessman, David Johnson (fr 1952).

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



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# MASTER'S REPORT

As I write this reflection on the year, we have just begun our centenary celebrations, with a chapel service last Friday, commemorating the laying of the Wesley Foundation Stone, 100 years ago. It was a special service, with guests, Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney, Immediate Past President of Uniting Church in Australia and Past Chaplain of Wesley, providing the address and Old Collegian Rev. Ian Diamond providing the prayers for the College. It was a gorgeous hot Sydney afternoon to then mark the occasion, under the fig trees, on the front lawn with afternoon tea and a glass of champagne, a fitting start to our centenary year.

As we have begun our preparations for 2017, it has reminded me just how important stories are in our Wesley lives and how similar the stories are from one generation to another. In 1917, the Rev M Scott Fletcher, the first Master, was joined by the first nine students here at Wesley. As we approach our centenary, many have begun sharing memories and information with us, including a wonderful document that came to light via the Principal of St Andrew's College, entitled "*Military Forces of St Paul's and St Andrew's Official Report of Operations carried out by the Combined Forces against Wesley College*". The report details the

hijinks of a late night raid on Wesley in late November of 1917, as part of an initiation of the new College on campus. Sixty men from '*the combined forces*' were effective in gaining entry '*through an upstairs fanlight*'. All men captured, signed a pledge to '*uphold the traditions of the colleges*', which is printed here as part of this report. To that end, the friendly rivalry that commenced with that raid continues amongst the College community with strongly held stories and legends around similar events.

The media focus on colleges this year has been difficult for all collegians, naturally causing questions to be asked and concern to be expressed. Our current collegians are all solid and respectful young people who have been selected from a large number of applicants for their outstanding personal achievements in their academic or co curricular pursuits and their ability to understand our values of respect, inclusiveness and integrity. In fact, the media reports were most shocking to our new freshers, who felt welcomed and embraced by Wesley and characterised their experience as safe and inclusive, having the time of their lives, which was at odds with what was being portrayed in the media. Our policies put in place mechanisms to address any concerns raised and these will always be enacted upon in a timely manner, should any behaviour occur that does not reflect our values. Living in an active adult community always has its challenges, with so many young people from a diverse set of backgrounds joining us to live cohesively under one roof.

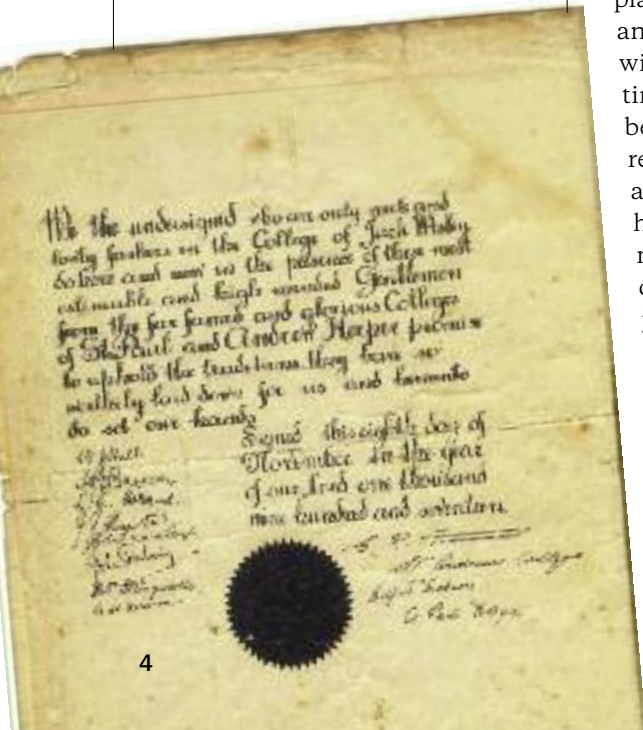
You may be interested to know the work done behind the scenes in developing our leadership model for students. Over the past two years, the Council has



invested significantly in staff, to include a Director of Students, a Director of Programs and Director of Operations, as well as a dedicated Academic Dean (P/T) to support the work of the Chaplain and Master in delivering a high quality offering of leadership, mentoring and pastoral care. Our training and leadership development has begun to draw more on our Old Col community and the depth of our connections here to further enhance the opportunities and experiences that can be gained for our current collegians. We also work with a number of external providers to provide workshops to our students in the areas of harassment and discrimination, bullying, sexual harassment, workplace, health and safety (WH&S) training and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and First Aid accreditation. I strongly believe that we have the opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of the young people who spend time with us, enabling them to seek out answers and explore their independence in a safe environment, while gaining leadership skills and witnessing positive role modelling.

Our centenary year will be well marked by our Old Col community with celebration and remembrance moments of lives well lived within the walls of this very special place. I look forward to sharing these times with you.

Lisa J Sutherland  
Master  
2016



# WESLEY IN 2016



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Mrs Deborah Page AM (*Chair*)

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Bruce Wilson (Senior Student)

## FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms Susie Carlon

Mr Larry Cornell

Ms Kiri Dumont - *Secretary*

Mr Jim FitzSimons - until Sept 16

Mrs Kimberley Holden - *Chair*

Ms Louise Mitchell

Mr Garry Scarborough

Mrs Lisa Sutherland - *Master*

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Mr Ty Van der Linden

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# CHAIR OF COUNCIL'S REPORT

## STRATEGY

Over the last five years we have been strategically focussed on the renewal of the College - in terms of the physical fabric of the College; financial sustainability; the student community culture and behaviours; and improved connection with our Old Collegians. We have been successful in each of these endeavours, and this places the College in a sound position as we look forward.

Council has recently approved the strategic framework for the development and growth of the College over the next five years. Our 2021 Strategic Plan builds on the firm foundations of our heritage, but resets our vision and strategic imperatives to ensure we not only continue to provide a privileged group of University of Sydney students the opportunity to live in a safe, diverse and inclusive community; but that we do so having regard to the rapidly changing nature of the academic environment; society's expectations of behaviour and diversity; and a strong desire to substantially increase the level of scholarship support to worthy but disadvantaged students.

Our purpose is to give a diverse group of students the opportunity to live in a supported, vibrant community that fosters learning and personal growth in an environment that allows its students to flourish, excel and fulfill their potential. We seek to engender in our 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.

Our aim is to achieve pre-eminence as a leading and most respected university college in Australia; and to ensure Old Cols are proud of Wesley, remain connected and supportive

throughout their lifetime.

The 2021 Strategic Plan acknowledges the significant role the Uniting Church plays as a major stakeholder; is consistent with the values and ethos of the Church; and values the important role the Church plays in our history and our governance.

## TRANSPARENCY

Our latest voluntary Transparency Report in respect of the 2015 Academic year was published during the year and I commend it to you as a comprehensive report of Wesley College in 2015. The Report is available on our website (or request a copy).

During 2016, together with other Australian university colleges, we were the subject of adverse media. Much of what was reported in respect to Wesley was taken out of context and sensationalised, as various interest groups seek to use the residential colleges as a means to put pressure on the University sector to address wider campus issues.

Our community of young men and women is largely self-governing, and founded on clear expectations around respect, integrity and inclusiveness. We commit to providing a safe environment where our adult students can discover life, within clear boundaries established by the Council. We have an extensive range of policies, which Council monitors and reviews regularly with input from the student body. Over recent years we have enhanced the calibre and size of the management resources, and their role is to support, nurture and discipline when boundaries are breached.

The regular, and increasing, attacks on the residential colleges impacts not only our own, but also the University's reputation. It is important that there is an avenue for the public to understand more



Deborah Page AM

objectively the nature of life at the colleges, and to this end the University is providing a significant funding contribution to a comprehensive independent review to be conducted by Elizabeth Broderick, the former Sex Discrimination Commissioner. Council has approved Wesley's participation in this review, which commenced recently and is expected to be completed around October 2017.

## PROPERTY

Our second major building project in three years, the redevelopment of E Wing was completed on schedule in early 2016 ready for the first Semester. This project addressed fire safety risks and delivered additional capacity and amenity; better linkage between Purser, E Wing and Callaghan Wings; and a new light and airy atrium providing a new casual lounge area for students.

Council was delighted to hold a ceremony in October where the redeveloped wing was officially named the *Bruce Pryor Wing*, in honour of one of the College's strongest supporters. Bruce has a great passion for our beautiful buildings, having also been the architect of New Wing many years ago.



Going forward our property focus will be the refurbishment of further bathrooms throughout the College, and the renewal of New Wing.

## COUNCIL

In April Council welcomed Rev Haloti Kailahi, who was appointed by the Uniting Church Synod. Peter Andrews retired from Council in August after many years of distinguished and diligent service, including as Chair of

Council. Among his many significant contributions, Peter was instrumental in modernising the governance structure of the College; overseeing the development and implementation of the Property Strategy; and bringing rigour to the College's management and compliance practices. His wise counsel and commitment to the College and the College staff will be sorely missed. I thank everyone who has

served on Council over the last year for their effort and contribution.

We look forward to celebrating the College's Centenary in 2017. We have many events planned in what will be a very special year for the College, and we look forward to sharing these celebrations with as many Old Collegians as possible.

With kind regards  
Deborah Page AM  
(Bullock fr 1977)

# WESLEYAN FOUNDATION REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

We have had a big year at the Wesley College Foundation. We wished a fond farewell to our former Chair Jim FitzSimons (fr 1976) and welcomed new Foundation members Suzie Carlon (fr 1982), Larry Cornell (fr 1968), Louise Mitchell (fr 1979) and Ty Van der Linden (fr 2008). Our donations increased 80% thanks in large part to a generous bequest from Old Col Russell Baxter and a new scholarship, The Greg and Beverley Alt Foundation Scholarship. We had some wonderful events including a fabulous 80's and 60's reunions which were superbly organised by Suzie Carlon with help from Kiri and Larry. We are finalising a strategic plan for the Foundation and have begun work planning the Centenary Scholarship Drive. Most importantly, we have reinvigorated the Old Cols Association under the leadership of Suzie Carlon, its' new President.

## 2016 FINANCIALS

The Foundation's financial results were strong despite weak markets and lower investment returns. We began the year with \$3.146m in net assets. We received donations

of \$527,027 (up from \$294,443 last year); earned \$160,594 from our investments (down from \$219,327 last year); and awarded \$227,965 in scholarships (up from \$220,488 last year). We finished the year with \$3.5m in net assets.

## EVENTS AND THE OLD COL'S ASSOCIATION

One of the most important outcomes of our planning has been the realisation that we have to breathe life into the Old Cols Association - to re-engage and reconnect with all our Old Cols, separately from the work of the Foundation. With her work with the College and the Foundation over the past few years, Suzie Carlon has proven to be inspiring, organised, efficient and hard working. She is a perfect person to head up the reformed Old Col Association.

We held several functions during the year that were a fabulous success. The Eighties reunion saw a 50% increase in attendance and was a wonderful night on the front lawn followed by a band in the courtyard. The Sixties reunion (which had had to be cancelled last



Kimberley Holden

year due to low numbers) saw a staggering 60 people have a terrific night in the new college atrium.

## FUNDRAISING PLANNING AND EXECUTION

One question that we have been considering this year, is how much in net assets does the Foundation require to make a meaningful contribution to supporting students in financial need and helping with the upkeep of Wesley's historic buildings. The original goal of the Foundation under its first Chair

John Colvin, was \$10m. We believe that a target of \$8m is possibly more achievable. With our current net assets of \$3m, this means raising \$1m per year in new donations for the next five years. We need a plan to reach this high target and the fundraising sub-committee is already hard at work on achieving this.

Our aim is to actively promote fundraising in a well-organised, respectful and grateful manner. We will split our activities into the promotion of general giving (one off donations, regular/annual giving, bequests) and the establishment of

a Centenary Scholarship Drive. It is hoped that the Fundraising sub-committee can make a real difference in helping the Foundation meet its 5 year goal.

## PEOPLE

We are lucky to have recently recruited the enthusiastic and talented David Lyons (fr 1999). He joins other new recruits Suzie, Larry, Louise and Ty; and foundation veteran Garry Scarborough (fr 1974). We have a hard-working team who are looking forward to the challenges ahead.

I would like to thank the

Foundation committee as well as the Master and Kiri for their ongoing support. A huge thank you also to our retiring Chair who has worked tirelessly for over 8 years. He was a much loved and admired chairman and we are very grateful to him for his commitment and contribution.

Finally a very big thank you to all our generous donors. You make such a difference in the lives of our students. It is gratefully acknowledged and hugely appreciated!

**Kimberley Holden (fr 1983)**  
Chair, Wesley College Foundation

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# WESLEY OLD COLS' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the newly reformed and revitalised Wesley Old Col's Association.

As Old Col's we all have a little shared history, we have enjoyed the opportunities that come with belonging to a community such as Wesley and we have made life-long friends during our time there. Wesley has a strong history of enriching the lives of the students it brings together from all walks of life. The Old Col's Association aims to celebrate that history.

We want to reconnect and reunite Old Col's with each other and with the college. We want to keep you informed of what is happening in the college community and provide you with opportunities to engage with the college and the students in a meaningful way. We will be continuing and improving our Old Col Reunion program, we

will be hosting and supporting other dinners and events relevant to different interest and age groups. We also want to celebrate the achievements of our many talented Old Cols.

2017 is the 100 year anniversary of Wesley College. In order to relaunch the Old Col's Association and to celebrate the history and people of Wesley, we will be inviting all Old Cols and families back to College on Sunday February 12 2017 for an Open House and Garden Party. Come and see how great the college looks today, reminisce in the dining hall, see your old room, enjoy refreshments on the lawn and reconnect with some old college friends.

We'd love to hear from you, we'd love to know what you want from the association and we'd love your help reconnecting with Old Cols. You can link to our Old Col

Facebook page and college website for more information on events and happenings at the college. Update contact details by contacting Kiri at Wesley.

If you are interested in being involved with the association, maybe as a champion for your year group, please contact me.

We are grateful to Wesley College and the Foundation for their support of the Old Col's Association and in particular to Kiri Dumont who provides organisational and administrative support. If you have any questions please contact Kiri or myself.

I look forward to seeing you at Wesley in February (invitation enclosed).

Yours Sincerely,

**Suzie Carlon**  
Chair, Wesley Old Col's Association

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Photos from the 80s reunion and the Celebration lunch in November – for photos from all our events, please refer to the website at [wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au/events](http://wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au/events)

# WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MEDAL

## 2016 RECIPIENTS

### GILL CAMPBELL (NEE CULL) fr 79

Gillian “Gill” Campbell, great-granddaughter of Wesley College’s founder, Fred Cull, entered Wesley in 1979 to do a Bachelor of Education degree. Coming from inland New South Wales, Gill had not rowed before but she took it up anyway and the rest is history. Her Wesley rowing coach, Mark Campbell, who rowed for the state, was to become her husband. Mark and Gill joined the Leichhardt Rowing Club. Graduating with Honours, Gill became a teacher at the Pymble Ladies’ College (PLC) and kept rowing, competing in national and in world championships, and found a place in double sculls in the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. The principal of PLC took advantage of an Olympian in her midst and asked her to start a rowing program at the school.

Gill took up schoolgirl rowing with a vengeance. With the enthusiastic support of husband Mark, she coached PLC to 12 straight wins at the NSW Schoolgirls Head of the River, and medals at 13 consecutive National Championships. The school produced a number of girls who rowed for Australia. One of her prodigies, Tess Gerrand, rowed in the London Olympics. Another, Genevieve Horton, became Junior World Champion in the pairs in 2013, won a bronze medal in the World Rowing Under 23 Championships and competed in the Rio Olympics. The five children Mark and Gill brought into the world had little chance of getting away from the influence of rowing. The eldest, Georgia, came to Wesley last year to study Agricultural Science and joined the Sydney University Rowing Club.

### RAYMOND ISON fr 71 AND VICE MASTER 87-89

Raymond Ison came to Wesley College from Bathurst in 1971 to do Agricultural Science and was confronted immediately by a challenge to his world view. There were, he said later, “conservative, entrenched, patriarchal structures of undergraduate college life” which, over time, struck him as wrong. He did not begin college life with an activist, radical model in the form of the Master, Norman Webb, and his wife June, and it was “touch-and-go” whether the transformation Webb sought to induce would really take hold. Since that time, Norman Webb has gone but Raymond, now into his sixties, has continued on his critical analyses of entrenched world views. “Situations like obesity, river management and human-induced climate change are characterised by the mainstream propensity to think in simple, linear cause and effect ways and to imagine that such complex issues are ‘solvable’ like a maths problem,” Raymond told us last year. Through his academic pursuits he has sought to make such situations improvable by thinking and acting systemically.

Raymond graduated in Agricultural Science but his professional journey has taken him to many parts of the world where “systemic organisational failure” is rife, such as in Indonesia, Tanzania, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines. But entrenched ideas hold sway even in countries such as Australia and the UK even when these ideas have gone way beyond their used-by date. His research was to take him into new



dimensions, in which he evolved “systems” thinking that tended towards the “holistic” rather than the “linear” approach to problem-solving. He applied his ideas in his academic appointments, including Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Sydney University - during which time he spent two years as vice-master of Wesley College - the Open University in the United Kingdom, which engaged him in 1994 and has had his services for more than 22 years, and Monash University. He has been President of the International Society for the Systems Science and is a scholar with widespread international recognition in his field.

*The Wesley College Foundation thanks Cathy Humphreys who accepted the medal on behalf of Ray Ison.*

### TAANI TAUFA DEDICATED COLLEGE CHEF 1978-2004

Taani Taufu came from Tonga, which has had a special place in the hearts of Australian Methodists, and in particular to Newington College, where for a century and a half their brawny Rugby players have lifted the school out of the doldrums. Wesley



Cathy Humphries, Taani Taufu, Gill Campbell and Penny Urwin

is the alma mater of the great king, Taufu’ahau Tupou 1V, who graced our halls from 1937 to 1940. So now it has come to Tanni, a big, good-natured bear of a man, maybe a Rugby player in his youth, though no pretensions to royalty. As a chef, looking after the students at Wesley for more than a quarter-century from 1978, he has found a place in the hearts of all Wesleyans. But Taani’s influence went beyond the meals. He brought something of Tonga with him.

The Tongan connection spilled over in other ways, as when students went, at Taani’s invitation, to Tongan events, such as a Tongan harbour cruise, a Tongan Thanksgiving where the Tongan singers excelled themselves, or even a visit to Tonga itself. One Wesleyan, Tim Dawson, said in the *Wesleyan* in 2005: “He is an enthusiastic, light-hearted and good-humoured man, who laughs like a child though he could crush you like an ant. He has always been a positive influence on Wesley and has such a good rapport with people because he loves the students and is not afraid to let them know. Over the years, Tanni has become the essence of

what the college is truly about. It’s people like him who make the college feel like a home away from home.”

### GREG URWIN fr 64

Gregory Lawrence Urwin was a diplomat from his student days. When one student made a radical speech to the Wesley College Student Club, advocating abandonment of fresher-bashing and total equality throughout the college, and was slapped down, Greg reached out to the disgruntled student next morning and congratulated him on a wonderful speech. Greg joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and went on to distinguish himself in the Pacific region for almost 30 years. He became, in the words of Professor Ted Wolfers, “a truly trailblazing pioneer among Australian diplomats in focusing on the Pacific Islands”. In 1977 Greg went to establish Australia’s first Diplomatic Mission in Samoa and was the first Acting High Commissioner. At the end of that assignment the Samoan Government asked if Greg might stay as their first Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Greg went on to

become Head of Mission in Vanuatu and Fiji and deputy Head of Mission in New Zealand.

Greg was engaged on Australia’s behalf at meetings of the Pacific Islands Forum, then in 2004, with the backing of Prime Minister John Howard, became Secretary-General of the Forum itself and took several initiatives. When stable government in the Solomon Islands was teetering, Greg garnered sufficient support within the region to establish a Regional Mission to the Solomon Islands, which paved the way for a return to stability and public order. There had been some consternation about a non-Pacific Islander taking on the role, but none when Greg was reappointed in 2007. Sadly, the second term was cut short by Greg’s premature death in 2008. The turnout at memorial services for him in Canberra, Suva and Apia was a measure of his respect, as were his posthumous awards, including the Cross of the Solomon Islands and Membership of the Order of Australia.

*The Wesley College Foundation thanks Penny Urwin, wife of Greg, for accepting this posthumous award.*

# WESLEY COLLEGE FORMAL DINNERS 2016

## SEMESTER ONE

7 March	Graeme Kelleher AO - Ocean Elder and Old Col
14 March	Tyrone Carlin - Deputy VC, Registrar, University of Sydney
21 March	Academic and Scholarships Dinner
4 April	OSE Dinner and Exhibition
11 April	Nat Heath - AIME
2 May	Michelle Bullock - Reserve Bank of Australia, Assistant Governor
23 May	Costa Georgiadis - TV personality and gardening guru
30 May	Reconciliation Dinner - Leah Anderson, Uni of Sydney Senate & Prof Shane Houston Deputy VC, Indigenous Education

## SEMESTER TWO

1 August	The Master, Lisa Sutherland
3 August	Van Huynh, Vietnam OSE
8 August	Introducing the new Director of Students - Jonathan Row
15 August	The 'Sleep Doctor' - Dr Carmel Harrington
5 September	Foundation Medal Dinner
12 September	How to be an Author - Catriona Menzies-Pike
19 September	Energy, Economics & Engineering - Dr Gordon Weiss
10 October	Wesley Women in Leadership - Belinda Gibson and Justice Julie Ward
17 October	The Business of Big Business - Karen Moses
24 October	Wesley Career Networking & Mentors
26 October	Valete - Farewell to our departing 3rd year students

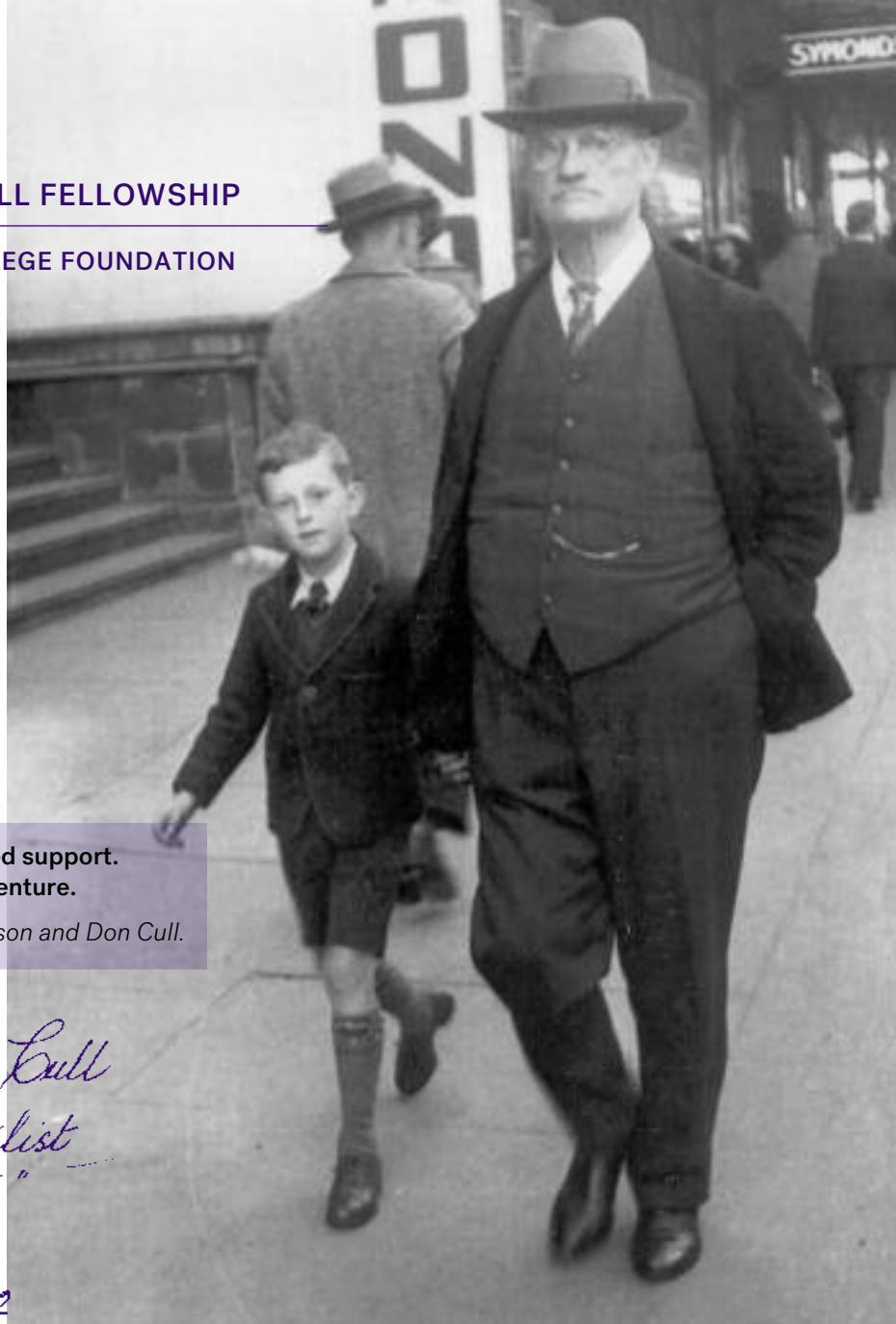


Current college students enjoying hearing Old Col stories at the Foundation Medal Dinner 2016



## THE CULL FELLOWSHIP

WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



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

*– With kind regards, Alison and Don Cull.*

*Donald B. Cull*  
*Philatelist*  
*From Granddad*  
*April 1932*

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

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

### THE CULL FELLOWS\*

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

\* As at 31 October 2016

PLEASE LET US THANK YOU NOW FOR GIVING BACK TO WESLEY

# FINANCIALS

## WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

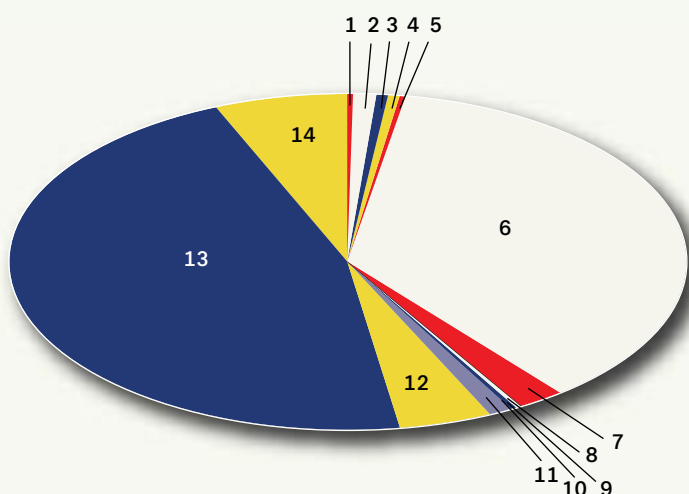
### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations for scholarships and general building fund	527,027	294,443
Donations to Raising the Roof appeal	444,856	493,402
Interest revenue	12,997	14,453
Other investment revenue	164,595	204,874
Other revenue	11,577	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,161,052</b>	<b>1,007,172</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Awards and prizes		8,350
Building contributions to Wesley College	520,000	460,000
Scholarships	236,859	213,138
Investment management fees	28,575	24,563
Fundraising & other expenses	21,738	17,540
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>807,172</b>	<b>723,591</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>353,880</b>	<b>283,581</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	(42,050)	34,581
<b>Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>311,830</b>	<b>317,839</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	17,246	12,356
Other receivables	625,947	425,154
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>643,193</b>	<b>437,510</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Other non-current assets	2,868,131	2,714,968
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>2,868,131</b>	<b>2,714,968</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,511,324</b>	<b>3,152,478</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Other payables	11,028	6,062
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>11,028</b>	<b>6,062</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11,028</b>	<b>6,062</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>3,500,296</b>	<b>3,146,416</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Revaluation reserve	300,236	342,286
Accumulated surplus	3,200,060	2,804,130
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>3,500,296</b>	<b>3,146,416</b>

### FOUNDATION DONATIONS 2015 '\$000s

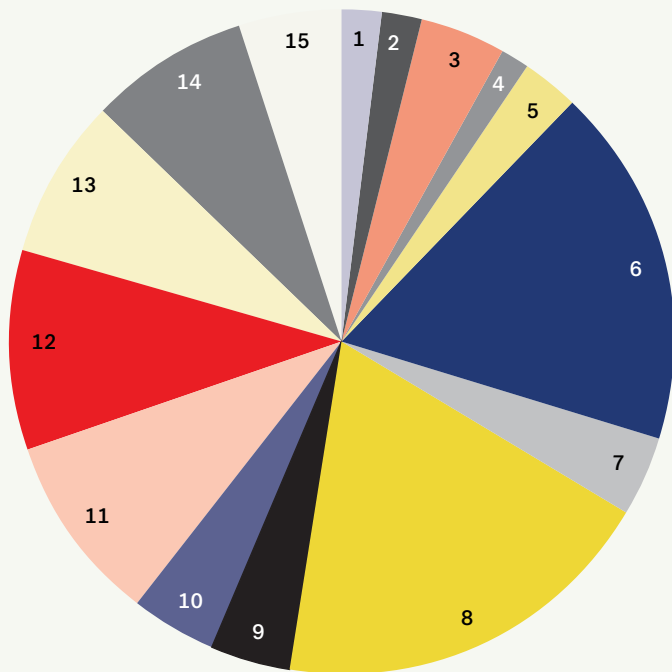


1	John Lindsay Allen Scholarship	5.0
2	Dennis Ahlberg Scholarship	10.1
3	Colvin Family Scholarship	5.0
4	Linden Edwards Scholarship	6.1
5	Indigenous Scholarships	2.3
6	Indigenous Scholarships Endowment Fund	354.3
7	Scolarest Scholarships	21.3
8	Sporting Scholarships	0.1
9	Student Bond Donations	2.7
10	Rev N Webb Scholarship	1.0
11	Rev B Wyllie Scholarship	13.2
12	Other Scholarship Donations	40.0
13	Donations Raising the Roof appeal	448.9
14	Building Fund	61.6



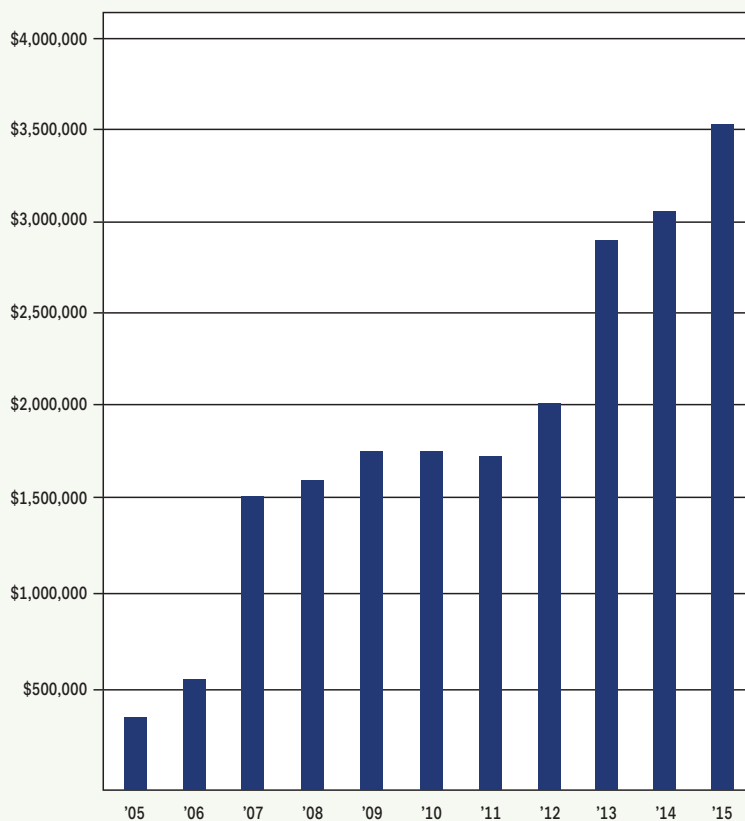
# WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

## WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2015 (\$'000S)



1	Prof. D A Ahlberg Scholarship	5.0
2	John Lindsay Allen Scholarship	4.0
3	Dr A Bromley Scholarship	10.0
4	Cultural Scholarships	3.0
5	Linden Edwards Scholarship	6.0
6	David Greatorex Scholarships	40.0
7	Indigenous Scholarship Endowment Fund	9.0
8	Indigenous Scholarship Fund	43.4
9	Jessie Hope Paterson Scholarship	8.9
10	Master's Discretionary Scholarship	9.0
11	Scolarest Scholarships	21.3
12	Joint Sporting Schols (with USyd Sport)	22.1
13	Rev N Webb Scholarships	17.8
14	Rev B Wyllie Scholarships	17.8
15	Awards and Prizes	10.8

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



The Foundation was established by the College Council in 1989 to raise funds to support the College.

# WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MEMBERS

\*AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

## Platinum

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

Mr LEE Ming Tee • David Greatorex AO • Russell Baxter • Gregory Alt • Dr Graham Henry  
Kimberley Holden • Robert Rankin • Anonymous

## Gold

*(Total donations between \$50,000 and \$99,999)*

Anne Bromley • Estate of Dr Tony Shannon • John Colvin • Cathy Bray • Doug Wilkins  
Don and Alison Cull • Deborah Edwards • James FitzSimons

## Silver

*(Total donations between \$10,000 and \$49,999)*

Peter Beaumont • Chartwells • John Dauth AO LVO • Keith Taylor • Dennis Ahlburg  
Laurie Allen • John Walmsley • David FitzSimons • Robert Batterham • David O'Halloran  
Peter Purcell • Michael Tsui • Dr Phillip Smith • Peter FitzSimons AM • Simon Ford  
Rosemary Mezrani • Carlisle Procter • Helen Dunstan • Harold Lai • Belinda Gibson  
Deborah Page AM • Howard Spark • Alanna Horan • Marilyn Alt • Ian Warner RFD  
Derek Silby • Tony & Gretta Lucas • Reginald Barrett • Neil Gibson & Suzie Carlon  
John Holden

## Bronze

*(Total donations over \$5000 or one donation per year for the past three years)*

Cary James • Graham Spoor • Merrilee Robb • Mathew Hocking • Peter Barnard OAM  
Harry Bell • Jennifer Turnbull • Michele Windsor Cherry • Jock McCormack • Timothy Hewitt  
Geoffrey Hiatt • Amanda Hempel • Lisa J Sutherland • Milton Osborne • Bill Ford AM  
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John Peate • Gordon Clowes • Richard Barnard • Jock McIlwain • Rowan Darke  
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Alexander Clayton • Ian Edwards • Anne Hatton • John Heffernan • Ian Huntley  
Ian & Nina Lansdown • Jock McCormack • Alison McCutcheon • Adrienne Morey  
Karen Moses • Tess Russo • Jennifer Whalley • Eriks Velins • James Pendlebury  
Roy Mason • Peter Hales • Malcolm Gerrard • John Francis • Tim Driscoll • Andrew Craig

### *Foundation Members:*

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

- 1. Donated a total of at least \$5000 since the establishment of the Foundation or*
- 2. Made regular contributions in the last 3 consecutive accounting periods. Accounting periods run Jan - Dec.  
The current past three periods are 2013, 2014, 2015.*

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS

DONATIONS RECEIVED JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015

OLD COLLEGIANS BY DECADE AND SUPPORTERS

## 1940s

Russell Baxter  
Harry Bell  
Ian Dunlop  
Alan Kellett  
James Mackie  
Eric Marshman  
James Pendlebury  
Geoff Peterson  
William Pryor AO  
John Walmsley

## 1950s

David Greatorex AO  
John Francis  
Malcolm Gerrard  
Geoffrey Hiatt  
Charles Kerr AM  
Harold Lai  
Roy Mason  
William Moulton  
Robert Nicol  
Milton Osborne  
Carlisle Procter  
Bruce and Jenny Pryor  
Angus Richards  
Eriks Velins

## 1960s

Dennis Ahlburg  
Neil Alexander  
Gregory Alt  
Reginald Barrett  
John Colvin  
Andrew Craig  
Andrew Currie  
Ray Ferguson  
Peter Floyd  
David Gibb  
Peter Hales  
Peter Honey  
Alanna Horan  
Peter Lawrence  
Ming Lee  
Talbot Lovering

Jill Matthews  
William Morgan  
Merrilee Robb  
Howard Spark  
Michael Sweeten  
Forest Waddell  
George Zdenkowski

## 1970s

Laurie Allen  
Meryl Alt  
Paul Bailey  
Gill Campbell  
Timothy Driscoll  
Lyn Edwards  
Deborah Edwards  
Ian Edwards  
James FitzSimons  
Belinda Gibson  
Bruce Gibson  
John Heffernan  
Brian Hemmings  
Louise Hughes  
Anthony Korner  
Eric & Colette Lucas  
Jill Matthews  
Gerry Markezinis  
Jock McCormack  
Deborah Page AM  
Robert Quickenden  
Michael Tsui  
Jennifer Turnbull

## 1980s

Peter Beaumont  
Janet Dutton  
Peter FitzSimons AM  
Anne Hatton  
Kimberley Holden  
Lani Houston  
Bronwyn Opferkuch  
Robert Rankin  
Derek Silby  
Lisa Sutherland  
Jennifer Whalley  
Michele Windsor Cherry

## 2010s

Sarah Allworth  
David Barclay  
Andrew Barron  
Rosie Burt-Morris  
Charlie Calver  
Andrew Cameron  
Georgia Campbell  
Zoe Carter  
Sam Coates  
Ella Connor  
Sally Cottam  
Lucy Cottier  
Rafael Cuginotti de Oliveira  
Sarah Dixon  
Alexander Eden  
Daniel Ergas  
Francesca Farrell  
Emma Fessey  
Kate Fischer  
Sarah Fitzgerald  
Louis FitzSimons  
Kirsten Ford  
Jack Gibson  
William Graham  
Alexander Grant  
Saskia Hartog  
Meg Haynes  
Isabella Hazelton  
Ella Hide  
Matthew Hinds  
Lucy Holden  
Anna Holt  
Alex Honner  
Sophie Jobson  
Dylan Johnston  
Michael Jones  
Liam Key  
Charles King  
William Lawless  
Jock Mac Smith  
Aimee Macdonald  
David Macintyre  
Sionna Maple

Rory McDougall  
Amelia McIntosh  
Charlie Meller  
Anna Murrie  
Jessica Nutt  
Thomas Pavitt  
Dominique Purdue  
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Anil Rajanathan  
Jules Rankin  
William Ridley  
Alexander Robertson  
Kiel Rochow  
Emily Rogers  
Benjamin Rowse  
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Lillian Scarborough  
Austin Sorenson  
Joseph Stageman  
Dana Stewart  
Joshua Stewart  
Katie Stewart  
Alexander Sullivan  
Jesse Taunton  
Imogen Thomson  
Nicholas Thyne  
Vincent Umbers  
Hugh Westmacott  
Jack Weston  
Oliver Wetzlar  
Sarah White  
Thomas Willson  
Bryce Winchester  
Matilda Witherdin  
Helen Zhang

## SUPPORTERS

June Lignieres  
Patricia Oliver  
Lorraine Pountney  
Chartwells

# 2016 WESLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

College Awards	Terms	Recipient
Bennett	(\$400 for best result in Medical Science & Pharmacy)	Michael Chau
Robson Bryant	(\$750 for the best UAI of student entering first year of undergraduate study)	Michael Gribble
Chapman	(\$400 for best result in Health Sciences, Allied Health& Nursing)	Sarah Allworth
Dawson	("Captain Edward Dawson Scholarship") (\$750 for most outstanding overall result for 2014)	Ben Rowse
Dwyer	(\$400 for best result in Commerce, Economics, Agricultural Economics)	Philip Zhu
Eisenklam	(\$400 for best result in Engineering & Architecture)	Mia Evans Liauw
Grainger	(\$400 for best result in Science (including Psychology)	Ben Rowse
Harrington	(\$400 for best result in Veterinary Science & Agricultural Science)	Sam Coggins
John Irvine Hunter	(\$1,500 for best pass of student entering final year of undergraduate study)	Ben Rowse
Kippax	(\$400 for best result in Law)	Sophie Leitch
Robson ("Reginald Robson")	(\$400 for best result in Languages, Humanities, Music & Visual Arts)	Katherine Bull

## COLLEGE AWARDS

Soup Bowl	Awarded at Valete 2015 for contribution to social services	James Honner
Collegian of the Year	Awarded at Valete 2015 for contribution to College through participation in all aspects of College life	Cameron Gundy
Hamilton Mott	Awarded at Valete 2015 for character and corporate contribution to College	Jake FitzSimons

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### MASTERS DISCRETIONARY SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2016

*Through the support of the College Council, the Scholarship Committee identified four additional students who would be worthy recipients of some form of financial need. Susanna Cottam, Melanie Ridley, Jessica Buchanan, Alexandra Thompson, Gabrielle Fleming, William Ridley and Siobhan Deacon each received a \$3000 Masters Discretionary scholarship in 2016.*

**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 - Katie Williams (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 - Lucy Lomax and Hugh Finlay (fr 2016); Emma Fessey (fr 2015); Ella Beer (fr 2014).*

**Rev Norman Webb Scholarship** - *Established by the College Council to honour the memory of the Rev Norman Webb, a former Master of the College 1965-1978. The Webb scholarship is to assist a student with a fine academic potential who would find it difficult to attend Wesley College or the University without financial assistance. The Scholarship is to the value \$8,930 first year and \$8,900 ongoing each year for up to three years and is received as a rebate on College fees. - Angus Airth (fr 2016); Kate Hewett (fr 2014).*

**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 - Alexander Eden (fr 2015).

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

**Wesley College Indigenous Endowment Scholarship** - Jola Cumming (fr 2014) and Michaela Finlay (fr 2016).

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

**Linden Edwards Scholarship** - a scholarship established by Ms Deborah Edwards fr 1976 and the Edwards family in memory of her sister Linden Edwards (fr 1974) who was an Old Collegian and College Councillor. The scholarship of a minimum \$5000 a year is awarded preferably to a country student. This year this scholarship is \$6,600 - Fenella Milling (fr 2016).

**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 - Gyan Ainkaran and Emily Rogers (\$5500 each) and Alex Honner (\$11000).

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

**Sydney University Sport and Wesley College Joint Sporting Scholarships** - Male and Female sporting scholarships are offered for students of outstanding sporting ability:

Sport	Name	SU Sports	College
Cricket	Joseph Kershaw	2,500	2,500
Rugby	William Ridley	2,000	2,000



# PROFILE OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## NICHOLAS STARR (fr 2016)

What scholarship are you currently on?

The Greg and Beverly Alt Foundation Scholarship

Where are you from?

Taree, NSW

What degree do you study?

I was originally studying a Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Education, however transferred to a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) in Semester 2.

When do you hope to graduate?

2020

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

This scholarship pays for half of my fees to Wesley College for four years. This incredible generosity

has allowed me to attend Sydney University, whilst living on campus at Wesley College, which was otherwise outside of my financial capabilities.

How has this scholarship and Wesley College helped you?

As mentioned above, without this scholarship I could not have attended Sydney University or Wesley College. Accommodation in Sydney was simply not affordable for me. Even with the financial assistance of this scholarship, for which I am incredibly grateful, I have had to work two jobs to maintain living expenses. Being a member of a longstanding college like Wesley has been an incredible experience. It has given me security, a sense of belonging and a chance to make lifelong friends. I have been fortunate to have access to the support of the chaplain, RA's and the Master while at Wesley, which have all been of great help.

Why did you choose Wesley College over the other colleges?

I chose Wesley College for its culture and inclusive atmosphere. During Open Day of 2015 my family and I visited a number of colleges. From the minute I walked through the door of Wesley I immediately felt that this was the college for me. I felt welcome and valued and it felt like home to me. I am glad to say that feeling was correct, and Wesley has indeed become my home away from home.

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

I have attended all college events I was able to attend, although not as many as I would have liked as many events clashed with my two jobs. I have made a lot of friendships and have always looked out for fellow collegians. I have always offered a helping hand and contributed as much as I could behind the scenes with clean-ups, working the bar for college parties and giving back in whatever way I can.

I am pleased to say that as of next year I am able to give more back to Wesley in the position of RA and that is something I am very much looking forward to.

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

At this stage I am unsure where my degree will take me. I am currently majoring in Transport Engineering and will continue that into next year which I am hoping will add some insight into the transport industry as to where I could see myself in a career. I have many interests and plans but since I am only 18 am happy to see where these take me. For the moment I am happy to be living my dream of attending Sydney Uni and living at Wesley College and I am looking forward to achieving big things in 2017.



Nick receiving his scholarship from Greg Alt.



Ella and fellow Greatorex scholarship recipients receiving their scholarships from Wesley College Foundation Chair, Kimberley Holden

## ELLA BEER (fr 2014)

**What scholarship are you currently on?**

I currently hold the David Greatorex Scholarship.

**Where are you from?**

I am from Kurrajong, a tiny town about 40 minutes northwest of Penrith.

**What degree do you study?**

I study a Bachelor of Arts in Media and Communications.

**When do you hope to graduate?**

I hope to graduate at the end of 2018.

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

The Greatorex scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates abilities in a wide range of areas from academics, sports, arts and community service. This scholarship has been extremely important to me, as without it I would definitely not have been able to live at Wesley and become a part of this wonderful community. Receiving this scholarship has given me the confidence and support I need to further pursue my interests and skills within the college environment.

**How has this scholarship and Wesley College helped you?**

Within the walls of Wesley I have met some of the strongest, most courageous and most selfless people I will ever meet. They have taught me that it is ok to be unapologetic about who you are, and that you must always stay true to yourself. Wesley (and the Greatorex scholarship) has given me the perfect environment to explore every element of who I am and who I want to be.

**Why did you choose Wesley College over the other colleges?**

I chose Wesley College as I felt that it was the college that celebrated the individual the most out of all of the colleges. When I first walked in to Wesley I instantly felt relaxed, as I saw that it was home to a very diverse group of people from all different backgrounds with all different skillsets. I chose Wesley as I saw that there was no expectation to excel at any particular thing, but rather an emphasis on becoming the best version of yourself that you can possibly be.

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

I have been involved in dance at Wesley since my fresher year, and

was the dance captain for 2016. I was also a part of the OSE team for 2015-2016. In previous years I have also been involved with choir and the college play.

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

I am still deliberating over which path I wish to take; however I am currently really interested in working in radio. I enjoy working with music and sound and I hope to potentially one day become a radio producer. I may also pursue further study opportunities after I complete my undergraduate degree.

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.

# OFFICIAL OPENING - THE BRUCE PRYOR WING

On 26 September 2016, the College officially opened the Bruce Pryor Wing, representing the new student accommodation between the main building and the Purser Wing. The area was previously known as E-Wing, however, thanks to the magnificent redevelopment, the new area is unrecognisable. In 2016, xx students were the first students to enjoy this modern and spacious accommodation.

At the official opening, the College was pleased to welcome Bruce Pryor (fr 56) and his wife Jenny, back to Wesley to celebrate the naming of the floor in Bruce's honour. Also in attendance were architects from PMDL who designed the space, builders Midson Construction, plus representatives of Uniting Financial Services, Council members, staff and many Old Collegians.

Bruce Pryor thanked the College for this recognition and provided a history of the wonderful built environment that encompasses Wesley College. A transcript of his speech is below for those unable to attend the official opening.

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Bruce and Jenny Pryor with the Master

*\* Today I would like to share with you my appreciation of the building of Wesley College over the years and those Architects who have been responsible for successive stages from the initial 18 rooms in 1917, to the 120 in my first year, and now to a total of some 280.*

*\* In 1915 the Architect Byera Hadley won a limited competition between six Architects to design our original building, and subsequent additional stages, in the so called Edwardian*

*Gothic Revival Style, fashionable at that time.*

*\* In 1941, during the 2nd World War, Alan H. Dwyer - Hadley's Associate - designed the Cecil Purser Wing - initially to house Air Force trainees.*

*\* In 1961 the Sydney Architects, Brewster Murray and Partners, were responsible for the design of the Bertram Wyllie Wing.*

*\* Then in the mid 1960s the firm Fowell, Mansfield and Maclurcan designed the extension to the College Chapel, and then in 1968, was commissioned to design a New Wing at the Womens' College end of the Central wing. I had previously joined that firm on my return from working overseas and, on it becoming known that I was an old Collegian, I was immediately appointed to be the Project Architect.*

*This New Wing contained 40 rooms including suites for Tutors on the ground floor, and was completed in time for the start of Lent Term in 1969, which coincidentally, was the date for the first intake of some 43 women students to the College.*

*Many years later, and after I had retired, I recommended the College,*







*not to my old firm, but to the partners of the architectural practice PMDL Architecture and Design, all of whom had worked with me many years earlier.*

*After the appointment of Lisa Sutherland as the Master at Wesley in 2009, the College Council approved the commissioning of PMDL to design the total renovation of the old Fountain Court, to open out from the Dining Hall and to become an outdoor centre for College activities, as well as a more appropriate link between the Old Wing and Wyllie Wing.*

*In 2012, after a successful fundraising appeal by the College Foundation, the next major commission for PMDL was the highly innovative design and construction of the Lee Floor which added some 42 student rooms, and has proved to be a*

*great success for both the College and the students.*

*\* Today we are here to celebrate the third major project by this very same successful team of Architects and Builders. The site of this New Wing, above the Kitchen and constrained by the high bank at the St. Pauls College boundary, could hardly have been more restricted and difficult. The kitchen had to be kept operational, and the limited builder's access, sheds and parking, had to be carefully coordinated with the essential kitchen supplies. The success of this project has been due, not only to its clever design and planning, once again by the PMDL Architects - Warren Marsh and Thom Silvius, but to the organisational input and co-operation from the Builders, Midson Constructions, under their Project Manager, Michael Danieluk, and Site managers Adam Keys and John*

*Price, and I am pleased that all these important contributors to this New Wing are here with us today.*

*An integral part of this project is the Atrium where we are now, which was once the Palm Court where hungry students queued for breakfast and for lunch, and the successful enclosure, and the multi-purpose uses of this space are self evident.*

*\* May I now express my thanks and congratulations to all those who have contributed to the success of this latest addition to Wesley College, not only on behalf of us all here today, but also on behalf of the potential 2,800 future students who may well occupy this Wing over the next 100 years or more,.....and, finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the College for this recognition and honour which has been bestowed on me in the naming of this new wing.*

**Bruce Pryor (fr 1956)**



The Master with PMDL architects and Midson Construction

# THE BRILLIANT HIATTS

## DENTISTRY, MEDICINE, ANTHROPOLOGY, ACCOUNTING, RURAL SCIENCE... THEY DID THE LOT

Lester "Les" Hiatt, (fr 1952), forerunner of another brilliant family now has a third generation at Wesley College, had so much intelligence that, in common with others falling into that category, it took him some time to decide on his direction in life. Les started his secondary schooling at the selective Hurlstone Agricultural High School in 1946, where he did just about everything it is possible to do. He was captain of the 1st Grade cricket and Rugby teams, school captain and dux, and for good measure a good boxer. He then enrolled in Dentistry at Sydney University and entered Wesley.

Les and his younger brother Geoffrey (fr 1955) grew up on a semi-rural block at Gilgandra, western New South Wales, where

their father, Jim, was a flour mill manager. They had a brother, Ron, who enrolled at Sydney University in 1956 to do Pharmacy but left mid-year to become a patrol officer in Papua New Guinea. Ron was to spend the rest of his working life there, accepting Prime Minister Michael Somare's invitation in 1975 to remain as an adviser after the country achieved independence.

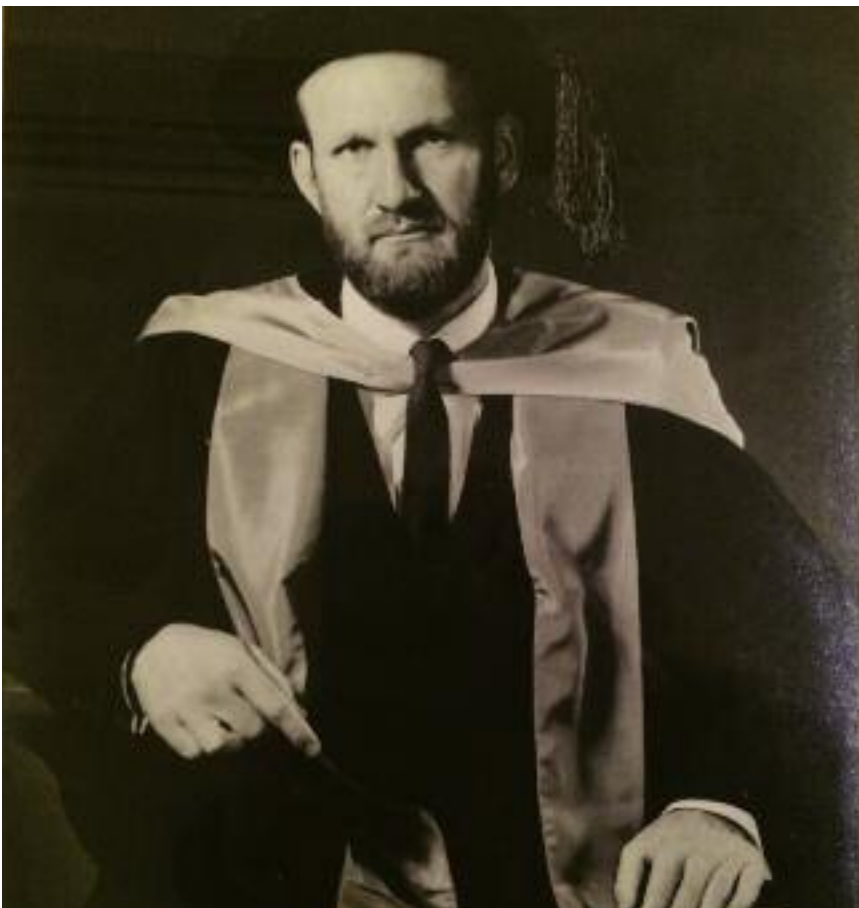
But Les's direction changed. In his first year at Wesley, he met Laksiri "Laki" Jayasuriya (fr 1951) from Ceylon, who had enrolled to study Psychology and Anthropology and was to win the University Medal. Laki, also destined for a professorship, inspired Les to such an extent that he started study for an Arts degree, majoring in Anthropology. He graduated in

Dentistry in 1956 and the following year went to Bourke, in far western New South Wales, to practise dentistry. According to his son, Dr Alfred Hiatt, his aim in starting practise was to save enough money to finish his Arts degree. There, he met Betty Meehan, who had gone to Bathurst Teachers' College and then returned to Bourke, which was her hometown, to teach in primary school.

Les graduated in Arts 1958 and received a research scholarship at the Australian National University. For his PhD research, he and Betty set off for Maningrida, in central Arnhem Land, to study the Anbarra Gidjingarli society. Les gained a teaching position at the University of Sydney and moved up to become a reader and then a professor. His obituarist, Harry Allen, said: "Les Hiatt was at his best in philosophical and moral explorations of Australian anthropology, exemplified in *Arguments about Aborigines: Australia and Evolution of Social Anthropology*. These explorations continued one of Les's central interests, the fluidity and flexibility of Aboriginal social and territorial arrangements."

Les and Betty's marriage ended in the early 1960s but they remained close friends. Les married Judith Barbour in the Wesley College chapel some years later but that marriage did not last and he then married Margaret Clunies-Ross. From that marriage, Les had two children, Alfred and Christina.

Geoff Hiatt, who had done his schooling at Fort Street High School, followed Les in 1954 into Dentistry at Sydney University and completed his first year. But Les, who thought Dentistry was too narrow a field, advised Geoff to switch to Medicine because it had a much wider professional scope.



Lester Hiatt



Geoffrey Hiatt

Geoff followed that advice and his second year at university in 1955, switched to Medicine. Les used his influence to get Geoff into Wesley.

Geoff, speaking to *The Wesleyan*, said: "Life at Wesley was really good, chiefly because of the company there. Unlike my brothers, I was no sportsman, so the best I could do was to represent the college in rifle shooting." Following his stint as head fresher in his first year, where he supervised tea and coffee making and telephone rosters, Geoff spent his time at Wesley amicably, graduated and went to the Royal North Shore Hospital as a resident medical officer. In 1961, he went to London to do a postgraduate course in Medicine at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith. After finishing the course, he took up residence in London House and worked as a Medical Registrar at Edgware General Hospital in central London.

"As the winter of 1962 approached, I wrote to my old Wesleyan friend, Rod Scotton, and asked if there was a place in Grafton practice for me," Geoff said. Rod, who was one of four brothers who had been to Wesley, offered him a place. "On my way to Grafton I married Frances Sandilands, a nurse from my

North Shore days. I joined the Grafton Private Clinic a week after the marriage." The clinic was a group practice of seven men, comprising a surgeon, and specialist anaesthetist, James Rae (fr 1946) who had been to Wesley. There were five GPs and Geoff replaced one of them. The practice grew to 13 over the years, with the addition of a physician and an obstetrician and four more GPs.

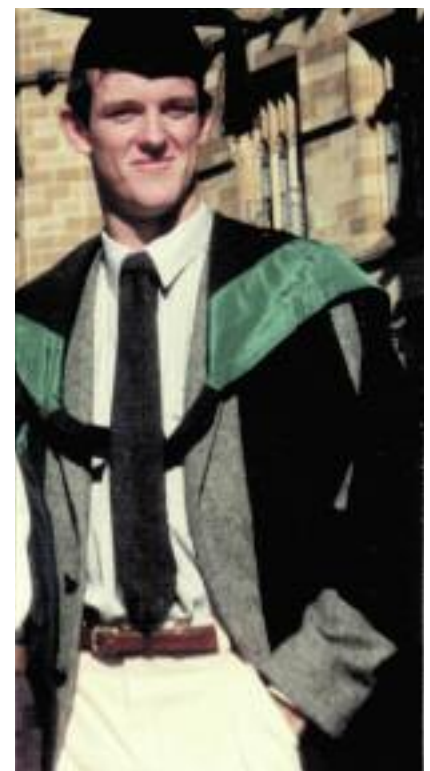
Geoff and Fran had four children: Kathryn born in 1965, James (1966), Robert (1968) and Alicia (1972). James enrolled in Agricultural Science at Sydney University and entered Wesley in 1985, after which he represented the college in athletics and Rugby. He graduated in 1989, but like other restless Hiatts changed direction and undertook a business course at the University of New England, from which he graduated in 1966 as a Bachelor of Financial Administration. After stints working as a chartered accountant in Canberra and Sydney, James returned to Grafton, where he took up employment with Big River Timbers, a national company with headquarters in Grafton. He married Bree Adams and they have four children, one of whom, Joshua, aged 15, is attending McCauley Catholic College in Grafton. According to Geoff, Joshua is showing strong interest in becoming a Wesleyan".

Les Hiatt, after resettling in England, died there in early 2008. His son, Alfred Hiatt, who had grown up in inner Sydney, not far from Wesley, obtained a BA degree at the University of Sydney in 1991-94, graduating with First Class Honours, and did a PhD at Cambridge. His doctoral work, somewhat more esoteric than that of his father, was on forged documents and their reception in fifteenth-century England. His work gave rise to a book, *The Making of Medieval Forgeries* (British Library and University of Toronto Press), published in 2004. Alfred started as a Junior Research Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge, then

became a lecturer at the University of Leeds, and in 2009 joined the Department of English at Queen Mary University of London as a Reader in English Literature.

Geoff's son Robert graduated as a Bachelor of Financial Administration from the University of New England and then decided to do a course through the Solicitors' Admission Board to become a lawyer. He now has a legal practice in Port Macquarie. Geoff's granddaughter, Alexandra Thomson (fr 2016), daughter of Kathryn, also had a brilliant school record. She was vice-captain of McCauley Catholic College at Grafton and received awards for Christian Leadership, Academic Excellence and the McCauley Medal, recognising her contribution to the College for six years. Doing well in the HSC last year, she enrolled at Sydney University this year to do Arts Commerce and entered Wesley. Her interests include dance and the Sydney Swans. And there are likely to be more Hiatts to follow. Robert's son, Harry, 16, has shown an interest in Medicine and becoming a Wesleyan.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



James Hiatt

# A PERFECT MATCH

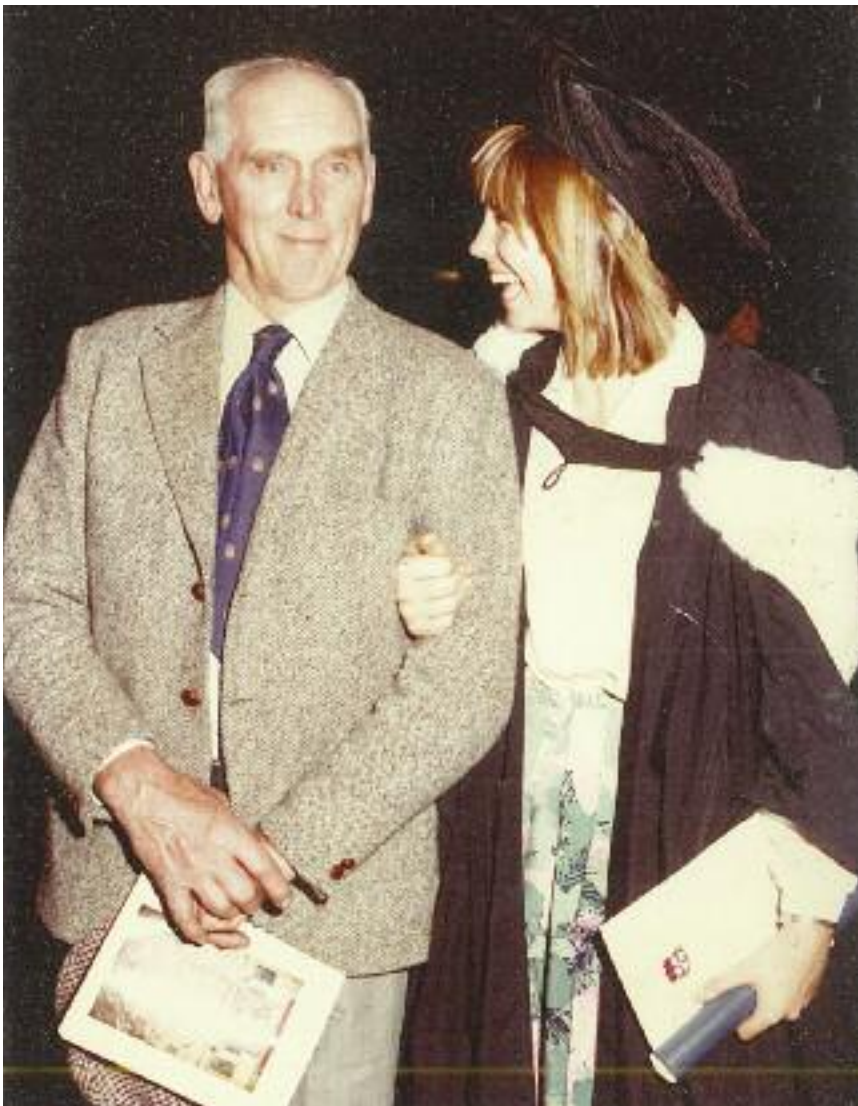
## THE FITZSIMONS FAMILY AND WESLEY COLLEGE. THIRTEEN AT WESLEY AND STILL GOING

The FitzSimons family, starting with David FitzSimons who arrived at Wesley in 1966, were destined to have rather an impact on Wesley, in just about every field of endeavour. To date, 13 members of the family across two generations have been there and the number is likely to grow. They came from English Irish heritage. A grandfather had fought in the Boer War. The family patriarch, Peter FitzSimons, had served at El Alamein, New Guinea and in Pacific Islands, and the matriarch, Helen FitzSimons (nee Booth) had

served as a physiotherapist in Alice Springs, Darwin and Lae (all this giving a leg-up for their son, Peter, who turned out some books on World War II among his many writings). After the war the couple, who were both graduates from Sydney University, went into the orchard industry near Gosford and bought land at Peats Ridge where their six children were to grow up in a healthy environment, preparing them physically among other things for life at boarding school in Sydney and for the university life that was to follow.

David FitzSimons (fr 1966) was at the vanguard of the FitzSimons push into Wesley when it was still an all-male college, and he really was a good model: one of those “designer freshers” so welcomed by a university college, good at sport, with plenty of intellect and an outgoing, engaging personality. Wesley and the FitzSimons, it might be said, were made for each other. Several of them were to meet their life’s love at Wesley, whether it be a marriage partner, a sport or a career.

David went to Knox Grammar School (as did the other boys), then entered Wesley in 1966 to study Engineering. He took readily to college life, participated in student antics and participated very successfully in sport, at one point winning the Intercol 110 metres hurdles in record time. David took an AFS student exchange scholarship to the United States and returned with outstanding gridiron skills which hardly detracted from his contribution to Wesley Rugby. He met Merrie Garland who also went on AFS scholarship from the Women’s College, and was to spend a lot of time with her. In 1970, he became Senior Student, graduated in Engineering, married Merrie in 1971 and started his career with the Commonwealth Department of Works. His career flourished. Daughter Kate was born in 1980 and son Eliot in 1981. David went on to a flourishing career in big-time construction and consulting and, remaining in contact with Wesley, was to serve on its foundation. He was followed at Wesley by his brothers Andrew (fr 1971), James “Jim” (fr 1976), sister Patricia “Trish” (fr 1978) and brother Peter (fr 1980). The one FitzSimons sibling who did not go to Wesley,



Trish and Peter FitzSimons Senior, May 1983



Andrew FitzSimons

Catherine “Cathy”, opted to go to Newcastle University and became a teacher.

**Andrew FitzSimons** (fr 1971) visited Wesley for the first time in 1961 when his cousin, Fred Murray-Walker was there. The college and the university appeared to a boy of tender years to be, in his words, “beautiful and mysterious”. When David enrolled, it was fairly clear that Andrew would also become part of this beautiful, mysterious world. Finishing at Knox in 1969, Andrew went jackarooing and tuna fishing for more than a year and in 1971 appeared on campus to “grow my brain”, as he expressed it. He entered Wesley, enrolled in Arts, majoring in the Philosophy of Education, and took readily to college life. He was mightily impressed by the calibre of the students around him and by “the strength and beauty” of the women. He told *The Wesleyan*: “The next three years sit in my memory as a golden period of personal growth; inter-col competitions [particularly rowing], fierce political debates [anti-Vietnam moratorium protests, anti-Springbok protests], bushwalking trips, the Safari café on King Street when we could not stand the food any more. A Wesley ‘tribe’ attended the first Nimbin Festival, a focus on ‘alternative’ almost everything has continued ever since.”

Andrew moved out of college in 1974, to share a house in Glebe and finished his degree. The strong friendships he made at Wesley

remained a “cornerstone” of his personal and professional life. In 1977 he caught up with the then former Master, the Rev Norman Webb, and shared accommodation with him in London. Andrew’s brother, Jim, introduced him to Liz Cunninghame, whom Jim had got to know because Liz’s mother was godmother to a fresher in Jim’s year. Andrew and Liz hit it off very well and were to become husband and wife. Andrew became a teacher and for the last 12 years has been principal of Dapto High School “Forty odd years [after I left Wesley] my son Ruben, followed by my daughter Veda enrolled,” Andrew said. “I was engulfed with fond memories and an intense and yet unexpected pleasure; they were strolling Purser or sitting on the front lawn, thrashing Andrews and thumping the table in applause. Things were different, things were the same. Things like Parent Weekends have all provided opportunities to re-engage with spaces, people, issues.” Andrew does think that there should be more attention at college to the global issue of ecological sustainability and he thinks college should make more of an effort to embrace cultural diversity.

**Jim FitzSimons** (fr 1976) arrived at Wesley and was directed to his room in Upper Purser. “I was unpacking, talking to my brother Andrew and his girlfriend who had come to visit,” he said. “A vision appeared through the door of the room opposite, which turned out to be Deborah Edwards.” Jim’s appreciation of Deborah grew and she was to become his wife. “Wesley was a fantastic time for me,” he said. “I enjoyed the camaraderie and the chance to participate in many new things”. Jim participated in the seven Rawson Cup sports. He was team captain in swimming, athletics and rugby and even learnt to row. He took part in a Wesley play and participated in the dunking of not one, but two, Wesley Masters into the turtle pool. The Webb ducking was out of affection and respect, after Webb’s final address to the

students - at a time when his contract had been terminated by the College Council and the students made a stand to try to have him retained.

The other Master dunked was the Rev Jim Udy, Webb’s successor, who had been appointed by council to try to bring some more moderate behaviour into the college. “Our fight with him started on the first day when he tried to stop the kegs coming into college for the fresher orientation,” Jim said. Jim FitzSimons graduated BA in 1978 and LLB in 1980 and went on to pursue a career which would see him become a top-ranking international lawyer. Deborah Edwards graduated in 1981 with First Class Honours in Fine Arts, and has recently retired as Senior Curator of Australian Art at the NSW Art Gallery where she is currently a consulting curator, working on a major show on John Olsen whilst completing her PhD. Deborah and Jim, who married in 1988, had a son, Niall, born in 1990, and a daughter, Freya, 1994. Jim was to re-engage with the college in a major way, proud as he is of his children and nieces and nephews, chairing the Wesley College Foundation, helping to oversee the Raising the Roof Appeal and restructuring the Foundation.

**Trish FitzSimons** (fr 1978) might have followed sister, Cathy, to Newcastle University but she had her heart set on Sydney University



Jim FitzSimons and Deborah Edwards



Trish FitzSimons

and Wesley College and her parents agreed to support her till she got a Teachers' College Scholarship to enable her to complete her Honours degree in Arts. In common with many young women of her era, Trish had feminist ideas. They were to be reinforced at Wesley, but in a richer and more comprehensive way. "There were a lot of highly intelligent and academically focused women established in the Wesley that I came to," Trish told *The Wesleyan*. "Julie Ward, Belinda Gibson, Penny Pether and Linden Edwards leap to my mind in this regard. I describe those two years at Wesley as the time of my life where I had more time for conversation and forming friendships and wide reading, as well as for being a serious student, than at any other time in my life. I made friends in those first glorious days of Wesley when everyone was open to find 'their people' amongst the new cohort that have sustained me ever since."

Trish participated fully in college life and took up rowing. She moved out after two years and shared a house in Chippendale. After completing her Honours year, Trish travelled Europe for a year to decide what she might do with the rest of her life. "Like others in my clan, I realised talking was somehow what I most loved and came back with a vague impulse towards journalism, documentary, film, television or

radio. "It was Sydney University that helped focus this into a career that has engaged me ever since. The year 1985 was the centenary of the first women graduates and Jim Dale of the Sydney Uni Television Service was determined that it would be marked in some way," she said. "I first volunteered as a researcher on this project, and ended up producing and directing (with Mitzi Goldman) my first documentary: *Snakes and Ladders: A Film about Women, Education and History* (ABC TV and Channel 4) 1987 as a result."

*Snakes and Ladders* led Trish to the Australian Film and Television School where she did a degree in film-making, from which she went to a job at Griffith University. In 1988, she became a partner of a high school teacher, Gary Reilly, and together they brought Andrew and Isabelle into the world. The couple married in 2005 and Trish thereby became stepmother of Gary's son, Jack. Trish, who has acquired a DCA (doctorate of creative arts), is now an associate professor and deputy director of the Griffith Film School. There was a thread, Trish said, that started in Wesley with her in-depth conversations contact with such highly talented women, the development of her feminism, the defining film and the career that followed. It all, it might be said, started at Wesley.

**Peter FitzSimons** had no real idea in 1980 when he entered Wesley to do an Arts degree that he would become an international Rugby player, a best-selling author, a member of the Sydney University Senate, pro-vice chancellor of the university and chair of the Australian Republican Movement. There might have been some suggestion from the mere size of the man that he might be good in the physical arena. In fact his nickname when he started was "Fresher Mountain". The university Rugby boffins recognised that, even if Peter did not. As he recounts in an article he wrote for *The Wesleyan* 2008 edition, he was dragged to training

at the University No 2 oval to train with the Sydney University Colts.

Peter was a natural for the Wesley College XV, which with the likes of a sometime Australian Universities Rugby representative Peter Beaumont in the side, made a good fist of the Rawson Cup. He was asked to write a report on the Rugby triumphs for the 1981 *Wesley College Journal* and as he stated in the article, it became "my first bit of published work". It planted the seed, which was to bloom when he became a journalist with Fairfax Media and he took to book writing. And of course the Rugby took off, as he embarked on a career with the NSW Waratahs and the Australian Wallabies, for whom he appeared in eight tests. Peter went into the media and became a best-selling author and professional raconteur of some note. He married and had three children, Jake, Louis and Billi.

There was little doubt the next generation of FitzSimons would attend Wesley. David sent his daughter Kate to Wesley. Andrew sent Ruben and Veda, Jim sent Niall and Freya, and Peter sent Jake, Louis and Billi.

**Kate FitzSimons** (fr 1998), went to Abbotsleigh and entered Wesley in 1998 to do a degree in Science. Her comment to her mother after her first few weeks in Wesley was: "Mum, it's like I have come home!" Kate excelled in sport. Kate had known Chris Effenev (fr 2000) before he entered Wesley and further enjoyed his company when they were in college. Kate went travelling with Chris in Europe. In 2002, she enrolled at Newcastle University to do Medicine and graduated in 2007 with a distinction. She practised Medicine from that time, and in February this year completed her training to become an anaesthetist. She married Chris in 2008 and gave birth to Matilda in 2011 and Oliver (2014), with a third child due next year. Chris is a principal in a physiotherapy practice.

**Ruben FitzSimons** (fr 2012) finished at Bomaderry High as school captain and dux, enrolled at Sydney University to do a combined degree in engineering and commerce and entered Wesley and eventually became logistics secretary on the house committee. During the last long vacation he took an internship and worked at various robotics factories in South-East Asia. His sister **Veda FitzSimons** (fr 2013) was like Ruben school captain and dux of Bomaderry High. In the summer of 2014/15 she and Jim's daughter Freya each received one of Wesley's OSE scholarships and took internships in non-government organisations in Cambodia. During their trip they visited some of Wesley's sponsored organisations and taught some English classes. She was involved in soccer, choir and dance and last year served as secretary of the House Committee.

**Niall Edwards-FitzSimons** (fr 2009), went to North Sydney Boys' High School and after a gap year working and backpacking in Europe, he entered Wesley to do a BA in Media and Communications and study Music. He played basketball, sang in a Palladian Cup winning choir and became a residential assistant. He gained his BA in 2013 and in 2014 graduated with First Class Honours in Music. He is planning



Ruben and Veda FitzSimons

to enrol at Sydney University next year to do a PhD and in the meantime has learnt Indonesian, been backpacking and is working as a teacher's aide in autism support. He told *The Wesleyan*: "I love my 4th floor Wiley family". **Freya Edwards-FitzSimons** (fr 2013) went to Queenwood School for Girls in Mosman. Like Niall, she had a gap year working and backpacking in Europe and entered Wesley to do International Studies. She became a Wesley chorister and went on to train one of the choirs last year. She played basketball, danced and became a

residential assistant. This year, she took up a Geneva Short Exchange Study scholarship to study French in Geneva. She expects to do an Honours year in 2017. Her comment to *The Wesleyan*? "Living at Wesley made me realise why adults said uni was the best years of their lives."

**Jake FitzSimons** (fr 2013) enrolled at Sydney University to do an Arts degree and entered Wesley. In 2015, his final year, he won Wesley's Socrates Cup for being the best orator, and the Hamilton Mott Scholarship for his engagement in college life. Peter's younger son **Louis FitzSimons** (fr 2015) started at Wesley last year to do an Arts degree and took readily to acting, appearing in the college play for two years. **Billi FitzSimons** (2016) entered Wesley this year to do an Arts degree and at the time of writing had made the Wesley basketball team. There will be more FitzSimons graduations, and Pro Vice-Chancellor Peter will probably be there for those occasions. Peter said: "When I graduate students in the Great Hall, I am usually careful to mention that I only ever got passes for my courses, and that much of what I learnt at Uni was outside the lecture halls. And most of that was at Wesley."

**Malcolm Brown** (fr 1965)



Niall and Freya Edwards-FitzSimons

# “THE BEST TIME OF OUR LIVES”

## HOW THE WERNER-GIBBINGS TRADITION FLOURISHED AT WESLEY

When Eric Gibbings (fr 1973) walked through the sandstone gates of Wesley in December 1972, with feelings of “trepidation and hope”, there might have been a descending comet, a portent of significant events. Gough Whitlam swept into power, inaugurating one of the most dramatic and action-packed government regimes in Australia’s history and it was the beginning of a Wesley network of love and marriage, which would go into generations and produce a college councillor and vice-master.

Eric grew up on a farm at Blighty in the Riverina, and attended Yanco Agricultural High School, before deciding to study Science and applying for Wesley. He was interviewed by the Master, the Rev Norman Webb, who accepted him. In 1973 Eric found himself “amongst the most diverse, intelligent, amusing, athletic, supportive, sparkling young adults (term used advisedly) that I have ever known or imagined”. Another fresher was Eric’s cousin, Richard Moore (fr 1973) from Deniliquin, who was to go on to graduate in Law. In 1974, Richard introduced him to Judith Werner (fr 1974) who had come from Canberra.

Judith came to Sydney to study Dentistry because there was no such course available at the Australian National University. She was intent on Wesley because she would “never would have considered” going to a single-sex college. Initially disorientated in a big city, she adjusted and in July went to a formal dinner at St John’s College with “the most interesting, eclectic, long-haired and yet I will say it again, gorgeous second-year engineering student from the country”, Eric Gibbings.



Eric and Judith

Richard Moore wrote about the meeting in the Wesley College Journal in 1974: “In between the motion and the act fell the Jude”.

Eric said: “The thing about Wesley is that relationships are on fast-forward. Living under the one roof day-in and day-out means that they prosper or fizzle out but slow-moving or drawn-out affairs they are not”. In this instance, Eric at the age of 19 and Judith 18, married on the steps of the Purser Wing on 7 December 1974. Norman Webb, officiating, was “no doubt secretly congratulating himself on another successful outcome of the social experiment”, Eric said. According to Judith, everyone else, taking into account the age of bride and groom and the years they still had to study, regarded the event with “bewilderment and concern”.

Eric and Judith set up in a tiny terraced house in Camperdown, taking advantage of the Federal Labor Government’s Tertiary Education Allowance. Eric needed another two years to complete his degree and Judith another four. Eric graduated and did his DipEd, and Judith graduated with Honours. They went to Britain for

a 12-month working holiday and returned to settle in Deniliquin, where they had two sons, Taimus (fr 2000) and Keagan (fr 2002). The family moved to Wagga Wagga where Judith practised dentistry. There was another move, to Canberra, where Judith established a dental practice and Eric taught Physics in the school system. Eric and Judith never forgot Wesley, and encouraged their sons to go there. They themselves returned to Sydney, where Judith became a lecturer in the Faculty of Dentistry at Sydney University and Eric continued as a teacher. Judith was invited to join the Wesley College Council and spent several years there, under the regime of the Rev David Russell.

Eric’s sister, Beth (fr 1976) followed him to Wesley. So did Eric’s brother, Alan (fr 1981). Beth, coming from Deniliquin High School, enrolled in Medicine but found that it did not “feed my soul”. She diverted her attention to screen printing, philosophy classes on feminism, and helping to produce magazines and theatre shows. Of Wesley, she said: “I loved the diversity of the people the Master, Norman Webb, attracted to the place. I enjoyed the



conversations he set up on a Sunday night in his residence.” She moved out of Wesley, sharing houses with other old collegians, gave up Medicine, went to art school, got a job with NSW Health and did a lot of work with refugees and migrants. In the early 1990s she moved with her partner, Tim Cadman, to Tasmania.

In Tasmania Beth and Tim built a house and worked with international campaigners to save Tasmania’s forest and have the Great Western Tiers declared a World Heritage Area. Beth ran education courses for rural nurses in Tasmania. She and Tim had a son, Tristan. After a return to New South Wales, Beth taught doctors how to use the media. She also conducted health education campaigns through the ethnic media and coordinated the SIEV X memorial project, a memorial in the ACT to victims of the catastrophic sinking of a refugee boat. Tim and Beth then moved to Bellingen on the far north coast where Tim joined the staff of Griffith University and Beth, completing a degree in criminology, exhibited art.

Growing up in Deniliquin, Wagga Wagga and Canberra Taimus Werner-Gibbins would look through the Wesley College yearbooks for 1973 and ‘74. To him they were “collages of disconnected, stream-of-consciousness articles, the topics and descriptions of same generally on the rapid side of ‘racy’, leavened with lewd photos and jokes so ‘in’



Libby and Taimus

you had to be in a black hole to comprehend.” But he had seen some intelligible humour. “I remember laughing for minutes on end at the nicknaming genius of whoever decided to call Al Vertigan in Dad’s only Rawson-sport winning soccer team ‘La Nagitrev,’” he said. When the family occasionally visited Glebe, Eric and Judith showed their sons Wesley and said “That is it, boys, that’s where we met ... the best time of our lives”.

Taimus was diagnosed in Year 12 with type-1 diabetes, but he got reasonable results in the Higher School Certificate and applied for special consideration, in view of that handicap, when he applied for Arts-Law at the university. The handicap got him over the line, he said, because the results in his HSC alone would not have done so. When interviewed for Wesley by the Master, Dr John Evans, in November 1999, although Taimus had “made him absolutely aware of the extraordinary family connection - mum, dad, aunty, uncle - with the college, I was not convinced that I had totally lit him up ... That said, Evo was harder to ignite than damp broccoli.”

Taimus had to wait till January 2000 before a letter arrived from Wesley. “The sun was shining through the windows. It was the afternoon. Dad and Keagan were there and Dad was very nervous - and very relieved when I told him with studied nonchalance that I was in. That told me how much Dad wanted me to go to the college, because he knew how much I’d love it.” Taimus entered Wesley in 2000, stating later: “My desire to attend Sydney University was entirely secondary to my desire to attend Wesley College.”

Initially, Taimus felt “overmatched” at Wesley, and with “the stinging awareness that whatever-size fish I’d been swimming with previously, I was now in an insular, glorious pond swimming amongst monsters”. He nevertheless rose to the occasion, played cricket, though regularly getting the



Eric and Judith today

guernsey as 12th man, acted in Wesley plays and was elected student representative to the College Council. “It was a bit of a disappointment, to be sure, that all the gorgeous fresher girls seemed to think that all the Senior blokes were much more interesting than us fresher guys - or maybe just me - but such was life, and life was good,” he said. “I had never lived in that sort of environment before - it was totally alien to me - but it gave me so much.”

At the end of 2000, Taimus showed his 16-year-old cousin, New Zealander Kate Evans (fr 2002), the college journal. Kate, who was the daughter of Eric’s sister, Sue, said later: “I thought - that sounds ridiculous, and amazing, I want to be part of it.” In 2002, Taimus was present when his Eric and Judith dropped his brother Keagan off to begin his first year at Wesley. “A friend pointed out to me a very beautiful girl running round the front lawn in white shorts and a pink top,” Taimus said. “I decided she was out of my league and turned my attention to paying out Keagan for turning up in purple sunglasses, heel-less leather sandals, a white pleather jacket and tight, blue jeans.”

For six months Taimus did not talk to Libby Nash (fr 2002), who had been in the white shorts and pink top. “When I did, it was because she talked to me,” he said. “Libby walked past my room on senior balconies randomly one June afternoon and asked if I wanted anything from Kmart. I didn’t



Emma Morgan (right)

want anything from Kmart, as it happened, but was happy to share some sushi with her a week later when she offered me some for no reason. By the end of the year, we had won the Rawson and Rosebowl again, and Libby and I were together properly.”

Libby had grown up on a property near Coonabarabran in the state’s north-west. She attended an all-girl boarding school, Wenona College, in Sydney and when it came to going to Sydney University to study Radiotherapy, she decided on Wesley because she wanted co-education. “Wesley was a melting pot of people from all different backgrounds whose friendships challenged and shaped my mindset and opened my eyes to new opportunity,” she said. She rowed for the college, played softball and competed in the Intercol high-jump, shot put and softball. And she met Taimus.

Keagan Werner-Gibbings entered Wesley to study Engineering and Commerce. As with Taimus, he knew a lot about the place. “Many of my childhood memories were punctuated by a perpetual enthusiasm and nostalgia that greeted the reminiscences at family reunions when Wesley became the topic,” he said. Keagan was at Wesley for more than two years and “loved every moment” of it. He was to represent the college in athletics and social Rugby and to act in a play, *A Clockwork Orange* directed by his older brother. Leaving Wesley in 2004, Keagan completed his degrees and made “a brief foray into the

corporate world”, spending a year on the bond trading floor at Citigroup global markets.

Kate Evans, the cousin Taimus had shown round Wesley, enrolled there in 2003 to do an Arts/Communications degree. “College was already getting expensive for my parents’ means,” she said. “But I begged them to send me and tried to make it as cheap as possible by sharing a room my first two years and getting an RA position in my third. I had a wonderful and intense three years, and as wild a time as I’d hoped for when I daydreamed about university in a small-town. I was known as ‘Kiwi’ and represented Wesley in hockey, soccer, diving and athletics, sang in the college cappella choir, performed in soirees, played late-night table tennis and climbed university roofs, orchestrated nude runs, enjoyed Walkabout and crazy college parties, largely ignored the occasional misogynistic incidents, edited the 2005 college journal, became an Australian citizen and won a scholarship to do my media internship in Cambodia at the Phnom Penh Post.”

In 2005, Judith Werner-Gibbings’ niece, Emma Morgan, entered Wesley to do a Liberal Studies degree. “I took the opportunity to utilise my musical skills in the Palladian Cup,” Emma said. “We were the only college in the University of Sydney fortunate enough to have enough talented trombonists to perform a trombone quarter for the concert. The capacity of Wesley College to enable all students to participate in their areas of speciality is a unique one.” Emma’s musical diversion started “a niggling in the back of my mind”, suggesting to her that somehow she should take music further. With the support of fellow freshers, she completed her 8 Grade AMEB examination, successfully auditioned for the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, completed a Bachelor of Music degree with Honours and became a music teacher. At the time of writing she was at Loreto

Normanhurst. It was only for Wesley, she said, that she would be where she was today, “enriching the musical lives of our future generations”.

Both Taimus and his beloved, Libby Nash, finished their degrees in 2004 and Taimus asked Libby to marry him at the end of that year on top of the Eiffel Tower. Libby began working in the Prince of Wales’ radiation therapy department in 2005 and Taimus took a graduate role with the Department of Transport and Regional Services in Canberra. Some months later, Taimus returned to Sydney to become a compliance investigator with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and a Wesley College Councillor.

In November, 2006, David Russell officiated at Taimus and Libby’s wedding on her parents’ property outside Coonabarabran. “It was the best night - a lot of love in the marquee - and the primary reason for a lot of the vibe was our friends from Wesley College,” Taimus said. Libby added: “We entered the marquee not to clapping but, in true Wesley tradition, to the sound of hundreds of spoons banging on the table.” In 2007, the couple went on an 18-month working holiday to Britain. Shortly before they were due to return Taimus was asked about the possibility of his becoming a vice-master at Wesley. Duan March (fr 2000) and Cate Bailey (fr 2002) had spent three years at Wesley with Cate in the role of Deputy Vice-master (Dean of Student Services), and were moving on. Taimus was to take Cate’s job.



Taimus’ graduation



Cesc with Ed, Jeff and Ethan, 2011

Kate Evans, graduated in 2007 with a triple major in Arts (Media and Communications) and a distinction average. She went to work for a newspaper in Argentina, then did a Masters of International Affairs at the Australian National University, where she got a High Distinction. She got a news cadetship with the ABC, worked for news and current affairs in Canberra for three years, then moved to Indonesia to work as a video-journalist in science communications travelling the world's tropical forests and covering UN climate conferences

In 2007, Keagan returned to Sydney University to do a four-year course in Medicine. There, he met Liesl Ischia, who had already distinguished herself as an Australian springboard champion representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. Having completed a science degree, Liesl had opted, like Keagan, to study Medicine. The two got on well and entered Wesley together as post-graduate students. They left for a while to find a place to live in the inner west. They were to marry in 2012. Having worked in numerous places as doctors, they were at the time of writing living in Melbourne, with a baby son, Frederick, who it might be said already has the mark of Wesley on him.

In December, 2008, Taimus became Deputy Vice-Master, (Dean of Student Services) at

Wesley and moved into the college with Libby, who found work as a radiation therapist at St George and Prince of Wales Hospitals. In 2009 Keagan and Liesl, not happy with the digs they had found in the inner west, moved into Wesley and occupied a unit in the New Wing, just above where Taimus and Libby were living.

Taimus was promoted to Vice-Master (Dean of Student Services and Dean Academic Services, Director of the Overseas Student Program). Not surprisingly he saw the college in an entirely different perspective. He was watching them "have the same fun, make the same mistakes", as he had, but now he had to intervene where necessary and remonstrate if necessary. He had a chance to better himself in cricket. Because he was doing a graduate diploma in Legal Practice, he was classified as a student and could play in the Intercol competition. He played for Wesley in 2009, and this time he was not the 12th man, and this time Wesley won.

In October 2009, Taimus and Libby's first child, Cesc, was born. "I don't know whether in history there was a more Wesley child than he was," Taimus said. "His grandparents

met at Wesley, his parents met at Wesley and he spent the first two years of his life at Wesley." In 2011, a second child, Henson, was born, also coming home in a crib to Wesley. In 2012, with their sons in tow, Taimus and Libby moved to Canberra. Libby got a job at Canberra Hospital and Taimus went into the public service, serving in numerous capacities, including as a policy advisor for the Federal Environment Minister and media advisor to the Shadow Assistant Treasurer. At the time of writing he was a Labor candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Taimus said: "I'm conscious that my 00', 01', 02' yearbooks might not make sense to Cesc and Henson. The jokes I think are funnier, the writing is cruder and more self-satisfied, quality has been overtaken by quantity perhaps. Of course, I could be wrong, and the significance of Wesley in the Werner-Gibbings narrative - the fact that it is the heart upon which all else depends - might dawn earlier on one of them, probably the older one, that it did upon me. If for no other reason than it is the first home they ever had. But come what may, if we walk or drive down Western Avenue on a sentimental tour, past University Oval No 1, I'll tell them, 'That's Wesley College, boys, that's where we met'. And if one of them asks, 'What was it like?' I'll say the same thing my parents said to me, and mean it completely, like them, 'It was the best time of our lives'."

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



Libby, Jill Kilby and Alice Williams

# HOW THE CULL TRADITION CONTINUES THROUGH THE AGES

## INTERVIEWS WITH GILL CAMPBELL NEE CULL (fr 1979) AND GEORGIA CAMPBELL (fr 2015)

The Cull family's connection with Wesley College began in effect on 2 December 1916 when the college's great benefactor, Frederick Cull, an English-born businessman with deep Christian conviction, laid the foundation stone of the college chapel. There might be a commemoration this year. And after a century, the Cull connection is still strong. The latest to pass through being Fred's great great-granddaughter, Georgia Campbell (fr 2015). Everywhere, there is evidence of Fred Cull's contribution over decades, from the chapel, where Fred put in the initial money, to a racing eight and the Cecil Pursar Wing, which he paid for and for which he laid the foundation stone shortly before his death in 1942. And his descendants have done him proud.

There was no direct Cull involvement with the college for nearly four decades after Fred's death, but then it all came with rather a rush.

Fred's great granddaughter, Gillian "Gill" Cull (fr 1979), grew up in Gunnedah in the state's north-west and went to Ascham as a boarder. She enrolled at Sydney University in 1979 to do a Bachelor of Education degree and entered Wesley. Going to a residential college seemed "the natural thing to do", she told *The Wesleyan*. But it was only when she got talking to the Master, the Rev James Udy, that she realised the significance of the Cull connection.

Another member of the Cull family realised the significance of the connection straight away. Gill said



The Wesley crew in 1979: Penny Zwar (coxswain), Vanessa Kingsford, Anne Tunley, Gill Cull and Robyn Sutherland (Vanessa and Penny are now sadly both deceased).

her great-aunt, Isobel Cull, had left Australia, on the first Qantas flight to the UK, in a converted Lancaster bomber. She never returned, that is, until she learned that Gill was a student at Wesley whereupon she did return and took up residence at Wesley for some months. During this time she took great interest in the college and even donated a boat for the women's crew, named the "Ada Cull". "She very much liked the idea of the Fred Cull and the Ada Cull sharing the same river," Gill said.

For Gill, the Wesley experience determined her future. "My first impression of Wesley has been a lasting one - the great diversity of the students and their backgrounds was immediately obvious," she said. "I think this is

as true today as it was then and I firmly believe it is one of the great strengths of the Wesley community." Then she discovered rowing - for her a momentous event. She had not done it before, but neither had the 30 or so girls who signed up with her. But there was one advantage. The senior rowers had recruited a veterinary student, Mark Campbell, to coach. Mark had rowed for Sydney University and for New South Wales. He was given honorary membership of the Wesley House Committee. For Gill, meeting him was also momentous.

Mark displayed "optimism and enthusiasm" from the outset and, to put it mildly, did rather a good job. "I can happily report that in our time of college rowing the Wesley girls remained

undefeated!” Gill said. “Rowing became a passion. Something about the sport appealed to me from the very start. The challenge of learning and mastering a completely new skill in a new environment was one which I readily embraced.”

Gill rowed throughout her undergraduate years, in the Intercollegiate Regattas and for Sydney University in the Intervarsity Games. When she graduated, with Honours, in 1983, she joined the staff of Pymble Ladies’ College (PLC) as a teacher and also joined the Leichhardt Rowing Club, which opened the way for rowing in interclub races. In 1986, she married Mark in the Wesley College Chapel. She also competed in the National Rowing Championships, where she was placed third in the women’s single and double sculls. She moved from there to international competition, and sculled with a former world champion, Adair Ferguson, in world championships. Unsuccessful in finding a place in the 1988 Seoul Olympics team, she tried for a place, along with sculling partner Jenny Luff, in the Barcelona Olympic team in 1992 and was successful.

After the Barcelona Olympics, the principal of PLC, Gillian Moore, asked Gill to start a rowing program at the school. “My initial passion had really now become a career and one which has been incredibly fulfilling,” Gill said. “Not only have I been able to continue to work in teaching, I had the greatest classroom of all! From the beginnings of 10 students the program has expanded to an enrolment of over 120 on a regular basis. We established a long-term relationship with Leichhardt Rowing Club where the College still rows today.

“Schoolgirl rowing in NSW soon became firmly established and continued to grow with PLC at the forefront. Throughout this time Mark was the greatest supporter and ultimately became the coach of many successful eights and

National Champions.” The PLC record included 12 straight wins at the NSW Schoolgirls’ Head of the river, and medals at 13 consecutive National Championships. The school produced a number of girls who rowed for Australia and some girls were recruited by colleges in the United States to row. The most notable of Gill’s prodigies, Tess Gerrand, who rowed in the Women’s eight at the London Olympics. Another, Genevieve Horton, was selected for the double sculls in this year’s Olympics.

“We have also had many opportunities to travel both domestically and internationally with rowing,” Gill said. “We have taken students to Nationals in every state of Australia and also to Women’s Henley in the UK, regattas in New Zealand and to Canada and the US for competition. For ourselves we have travelled to Europe and the UK and most recently to Turkey where we rowed in the 100th year celebrations at Gallipoli. That was certainly a once in a lifetime experience and definitely a highlight for us!”

Gill and Mark had five children, all of whom have taken up rowing. Georgia, the eldest, enrolled at Sydney University in 2014 to do Agricultural Science and joined the Sydney University Rowing Club. She lived at home during the first year but missed the boarding school atmosphere and to Gill’s delight applied for a position at Wesley. An excited Gill believed it would be a great environment for her to study and work. “I felt confident that she would become immersed in college life and continue to expand her horizons in study, sport and work,” Gill said.

“The added benefit for Mark and I has been the reconnection with many former students from our era who also have children at college. These include Vanessa’s children, Alex and Seiya, Neil Gibson and Suzie Carlon’s son, Jack Gibson, Peter FitzSimons’ son Louis and Margie Thompson’s son, Andrew Barron. We are now able to enjoy college for the second time with many of our uni friends. It is fantastic to be back at Wesley and to hear of the dreams, endeavours and successes of the current student body. There is no doubt that Wesley has remained unique



Gill Campbell

in its ability to embrace diversity and bring out the best in people.” This year Mark coached the Wesley crew, which included the daughters of two members of the original fresher crew, Seiya Grant, who is the daughter of the late Vanessa Grant (nee Kingsford, fr 1979), and Georgia.

Georgia, who went to PLC, did not regret for one minute entering Wesley. “The people I met were such amazing, genuine people,” she said. “I was also aware of the rural influence throughout the college, and as I am studying for an Agricultural Science degree I felt it would be a great place to expose myself to new opportunities and networks. Wesley has allowed me to compete in rowing, hockey, soccer and athletics at both a competitive and enjoyable level and has enabled me to continue with my music as well, through involvement in the college choir that competes in the Palladian [an intercoll cultural competition]. My involvement in these areas at school made me feel I could contribute to Wesley, and give back to the community that had supported me so much.”

Georgia said Wesley had had an enormous impact on her studies. “It has exposed me to new ideas, opinions and people who are helping me shape the way I approach my university degree,” she said. “The support from the college is amazing, and the networking opportunities provided have led me to meet some truly inspiring people. I have been able to talk to people involved in different areas of the agricultural industry, as well as students from different backgrounds that are also pursuing an agricultural based degree. This has provided many contacts and networks that I know will help me later on in life as I develop my own career.” Through her agricultural networks, Georgia was selected to speak at the Australia Women in Agriculture in Alice Springs. She also took part in the New Colombo Plan, where she found herself placed in the Solomon Islands.

“I have also been extremely fortunate to be placed in leadership roles within Wesley,” she said. “I was elected Second Year Representative for my year, as well as co-captain of both rowing and soccer. This increasing involvement throughout the college has helped me get to know people in different year groups, as well as challenge myself in new ways. I have really enjoyed the competitiveness of the Rosebowl sports, and plan on staying involved in as many sports as possible throughout my final year at Wesley. Being involved in House Committee has also made me realize how much of the college is controlled and influenced by the students, which I think is a really important part of the college system. It challenges the students to really step up and make changes for themselves and not based on what they are told to do.”

Georgia works in the Faculty of Agriculture as a Student Ambassador, involving participation in Open Days and workshops for high school students. She has also followed her mother into coaching rowing at PLC. “Like my mum, one of my passions lies in schoolgirl rowing coaching and living at Wesley has allowed me to do this more and more, as I am now living much closer to the school’s boatshed I am involved in their Junior and Intermediate program, as well as the adaptive program that the school provides for girls with special needs. It has been an incredible experience to be involved in their rowing program, which is a very special one. Rowing coaching is something I would like to pursue beyond a casual level and I am very glad that coming to Wesley has allowed me to continue this and commit more time to my coaching. “

Upon graduation, Georgia hopes to embark on a career in the agriculture industry, working in export and in consumer-producer relations. “This desire has been developed throughout my time at Wesley, as prior to coming to

college I really did not have a clear idea of what I wanted to do at all,” she said. “The people I have met and opportunities I have been given have helped motivate me and build my interest in various areas of the industry.” She also wishes to continue as a rowing coach. “Now that I am older I am beginning to realise the impact my mother had on so many people’s lives, and it was simply through being their sports coach,” she said. “I am starting to understand the influence that being a good role model can have on people throughout their entire lives, and I would love to be that role model for someone. My goal is to one day see someone, in the Olympics, whose rowing career started with me. My inspiration and role model is my mum, who has never given up on anyone she has coached, and who has created a legacy that I can only hope to live up to.”

In the meantime, Gill is involved in the rowing program at The Scots College, where she is looking after the Junior Development area of the program. “Having worked there one season I am looking forward to a greater involvement and the opportunity to coach again as well as mentor some younger coaches,” she said. “However it is true that the greatest rewards are more than simply medals and results of races. The life skills which are learned through involvement in any activity at a high level far outweigh the reward of success in competition. Naturally I am biased and believe that rowing provides the very best platform for this learning – time management, team cohesion, cooperation, resilience, mental toughness, self reliance.”

It seems, we might confidently state, that Fred Cull’s investment in Wesley College paid dividends. He had not only “given something back” to the country which had allowed him to flourish, but he established a haven where his own distant offspring might find their feet and prosper.

**Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)**

# WESLEYAN FALLS, WESLEYAN SIBLINGS TAKE THE BATON

## THE STORY OF WESLEY'S KINGSFORD CLAN

In this, yet another Wesley family story, we return to Vanessa Grant (nee Kingsford fr 1979), who died tragically from birth complications in July, 1997, and who was subject of an article in *The Wesleyan* in 2007. As we said then, she enrolled at Sydney University in 1979 to do an Arts degree and entered Wesley. Taking up rowing, she found herself in a crew behind future Olympian Gill Cull. Vanessa also played hockey, tennis and softball. Graduating, she went on to teach English in France, but yielded to a craving to return to the home of her childhood, in Kenya, where she married a farmer, Hamish Grant, and settled with him in the Rift Valley. Vanessa had two children, Alexander, born in 1994, and a daughter, Seiya (1997). But her interests went way beyond family. She was concerned

about education in Kenya, particularly for children with intellectual handicap, and for girls. She understood the link between poverty and education and knew that many African girls in regional areas left school at an early age to help at home and were often forced into an early marriage.

The Kingsford family had a long Kenyan connection. Vanessa's father, David Kingsford, was born in Kenya and went to boarding school in England. He took a degree in Agriculture at Britain's Wye College, returned to Kenya, served for a time with the Kenya Regiment, then became a farm manager. Vanessa's mother, Margaret did a degree in French and English at Trinity College, Dublin, then took up a position at Limuru girls' school in Kenya. She

married David and the couple, running one of the top sheep farms in Kenya, brought six children into the world: Richard, (born 1958), Vanessa (1960), Nicola (1962), Deborah (1965), Felicity (1968) and Jessica (1969). David and Margaret visited Australia to attend a sheep-breeders' conference, were highly impressed by the country and thought it might be appropriate to settle here. Life in Kenya had been full and rewarding, but independence for Kenya had brought in many changes. Arriving in Australia in 1971, they settled at Taralga, near Goulburn in the southern tablelands. They resumed a life of farming and started a business buying run-down settler stone cottages and restoring them. Margaret also returned to teaching.

The Kingsfords sent Richard to The King's School, Parramatta. He then enrolled in a Science degree at Sydney University and entered St Paul's College in 1977. Richard graduated, did a DipEd, followed by a PhD in Zoology, on the ecology of the Australian Wood Duck. He married, had three children and became Professor of Environmental Science in the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of New South Wales.

The five Kingsford girls, not to be outdone, went to Tara Anglican School in Sydney and all went on to outstanding careers of their own. Nicola "Nicky" Kingsford (fr 1981), enrolled at Sydney University to do a Bachelor of Science degree and entered Wesley, where she stayed two



Jess Kingsford



From left to right. Felicity, Deb, David, Nick, Jess, Rich

years. She then went to the University of New South Wales to do an Honours course and returned to Sydney University to do her PhD in microbiology, completing it in 1995. Following that was a move to Scotland, where Nicky settled in Edinburgh, went back to research and married a businessman, Alistair Darling. Nicky had three children: Tom, presently a student at Oxford, and Rory and Rachel, both still at school in Edinburgh. Rocked like everyone else was by Vanessa's death, Nicky contributed to the Vanessa Grant Trust by speaking at schools and clubs, organising and overseeing fund-raising in Australia. She set up strong links with schools throughout the United Kingdom and has continued with this work to this day.

Deborah "Deb" Kingsford (fr 1984) enrolled at the university to do Fine Arts and English and entered Wesley, where she played hockey for Wesley, played the piano and sang, and was fresher representative in college affairs. Graduating, she became an artist and a writer/producer within the

film and television industry. Attending a short-film festival where one of her films was shown, she met Canadian-born Rob Kane, a technical director and producer for a video production company. They married and Deb became stepmother to Niki and Virginia. She also had a daughter of her own, Tess. In 1997, Deb produced a number of short films for the Vanessa Grant Trust. She and Rob moved to "Tanjenong", at Taralga, the farm which Deb's parents had owned, and established a number of holiday cottages and a "bushwalking retreat". They also established a gallery for local artists, where Deborah, working in ceramic and acrylics, sold some of her works.

Felicity Kingsford (fr 1987), who like Vanessa had been head boarder at Tara, undertook an Arts degree. She thoroughly enjoyed her three years at Wesley, "participating fully in all that college life had to offer", as she put it, and represented Wesley in hockey. In 1990, with her degree, she moved into a share-house with two ex-Wesley students and started

her DipEd for primary school teaching. On a trip to Kenya to attend Vanessa's wedding, she discovered a position was open for an art teacher at Pembroke Preparatory School, two hours' drive north of Nairobi. "I jumped at the opportunity," Felicity told *The Wesleyan*. "But first I had to go back to Australia to finish Dip Ed. I went to Kenya in January 1991 and worked at Pembroke until July 1994. To this day I consider those years as some of my best in my teaching career. It was an amazing three-and-a-half years full of many wonderful experiences."

Returning to Australia, Felicity applied for a position as Art teacher at Trinity Boys Preparatory School in Strathfield, where she began work in 1995. When Vanessa died, she travelled back to Kenya to look after Vanessa's children and remained there for five months before moving to Melbourne, where she set up her own mobile art school. Travelling from school to school teaching art after-hours over a period of five years, she achieved extraordinary results in early childhood art. She



also married a much-travelled businessman, Allan Eldridge. The couple had two children, Hannah, born in 2003, and Liam, born 2005. When Liam was born, Felicity took a break from teaching. She resumed work as a relief teacher in 2013 and in 2015 took up the position of visual arts teacher at Brunswick South West Primary. School.

Jessica “Jess” Kingsford (fr 1989) also undertook an Arts degree and entered Wesley where she played hockey for three years for Wesley. She also played hockey for Sydney University. Jess became involved with the Sydney University Dramatic Society, where she discovered a love of theatre. She majored in English Literature and graduated with Honours in 1992 before doing a Graduate Diploma in Theatre Directing at the Victorian College of the Arts. Jess spent eight years working as a theatre director, mostly in Melbourne, though she had a brief stint in London where she worked with the renowned playwright and director Howard Barker. Jess was awarded the Ewa Cjazor Memorial Award for emerging female directors. She was also nominated for a Green Room Award for directing, and became an associate director of the Melbourne Theatre Company.

Jess was becoming more and more interested in what she called “the science of the mind” and started reading extensively about psychology. In 2006, she married a veterinary surgeon, Lawrence Baker, with whom she went on to have two children: Asher, now 10, and Lilah, eight. She and Lawrence settled in the Blue Mountains where he set up two veterinary clinics and Jess decided on a new career path, as a research psychologist. At the time of writing was coming to the end of her PhD in Psychology at Sydney University, focusing her attention on the relationship between identity and morality.

Following Vanessa’s death, the Vanessa Grant Trust was



Deb Kingsford

established to support a school for intellectually handicapped children in Kenya. Hamish Grant donated the land and the school, named the Vanessa Grant School, which was officially opened on 28 June 2001. Vanessa’s other dream, of a secondary school for girls, also came to fruition, in the form of the Vanessa Grant Girls’ School. The school has now helped many girls to make their way in life where previously their prospects were grim. The trust, it might be added, is still there to take donations, which can be made through the Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS).

Hamish Grant continued life in Kenya but his children became globetrotters. His son Alexander, after doing his early schooling at Pembroke House in Kenya, went to Eton in 2007 for his secondary schooling. Seiya, after also doing her early schooling at Pembroke House, started her secondary schooling at Kings College, Canterbury, in 2009. Hamish told his children if they wished to come to Australia for their university studies - which Vanesa would have liked - it was up to them. The children took that up. Alexander enrolled at Sydney

University to study Agricultural Science and entered Wesley last year. Seiya enrolled at Sydney University to study Commerce and Liberal Arts and entered Wesley this year. The College has probably not seen the last of the Kingsford clan. Nicky and Deb have daughters who hope to come to Wesley, Jessica and Felicity need a little more time to think that far ahead.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



Felicity Kingsford

# A RUGBY RUSH, A HOST OF RELLIES AND A FUNDING BOOST

## HOW PETER BEAUMONT LED THE WAY AND THE FAMILY FOLLOWED

The Beaumont-Whalley connection with Wesley started in 1980 when Peter Beaumont, coming from Kyogle on the NSW north coast, enrolled at Sydney University to do a degree in Science. A Rugby League player at high school, Peter was soon to be exposed to the world of Rugby. And what a fortuitous turn of events that was! He also entered Wesley, which turned out to be equally fortuitous. He knew about Wesley because a former student at Kyogle High School had blazed the way. Also, another Kyogle High student, Erica Morrison, had been a year ahead of him at school, was already there.

Speaking to *The Wesleyan*, Peter said his being there at all was because his parents, coughed up the \$58 a week - a sizeable sum in those days - to keep him there for

three years. His father Ray, deputy principal at Kyogle High School, and mother, Connie, a primary school teacher, obviously thought it was worth it. Peter said: "I only have warm, fond memories of my three years at Wesley. I regarded Wesley as my home-away-from-home - which explained my competitive spirit on the Rugby pitch and the occasional late night kitchen raid to make midnight cheese toasties. I recall there was a sizeable group at Wesley in the early 80s who had country high school origins and shared my passion for sport, the outdoors and the occasional party. That said, the College was quite an eclectic body. There were many cliques that I did not relate to, however this was never a problem - resident conflict rarely, if ever, arose."

Peter Beaumont starred in Rugby

for Wesley and Sydney University, gained a Rugby Blue and in 1983/84 toured Great Britain with the Australian Universities Rugby team. He graduated in 1984 with First Class Honours in Science and started his PhD but joined a chemical company, from which he was lured into the banking system. He married a trainee nurse at Westmead Hospital, Alison Kidd, in the Wesley chapel in 1987, the wedding performed by a member of the Senior Common Room, the Reverend David Gill. From there, Peter embarked on a highly successful banking career that took him to the United States and the United Kingdom, returning in 2004 when he and Alison decided their two children should be educated in Australia.

Peter was followed to Wesley in 1983 by his sister, Jenny Beaumont, who became known as "little Beauie". Not being able to fill big brother's place on the Rugby field, she found plenty of other diversions, one being participation in the college play, another singing in the choir. (At least, she said, till she and her friend Dimity Hodge (fr 1984) were "tossed out" for excessive laughing). The "Fresher Walkabout" tradition continued, where freshers were taken blindfolded to remote areas and left to find their own ways back. (It was no comfort to her to learn later that the place selected for her was in the area where serial killer Ivan Milat was operating. And we might also add that the 'Fresher Walkabout' tradition has been stopped).

Jenny participated in the college



Peter Beaumont, Stephen Porges and Erica Morrison



Jenny in Upper Cal room in 1985

work scheme, where students could earn extra money by doing chores around Wesley, including cleaning of bathrooms after Wesley formals and informals. She was elected to the House Committee, spent time working on college journals and otherwise “countless hours with friends doing nothing in particular”. “The range of people was great, and at times surprising, from small country towns to the Sydney’s north shore and of course Canberra,” she said. “Inevitably there were those that you had nothing to do with and those you got to know really well. ...you lived near them, ate late-night Cordobes pizza with them, did the same course, danced at ‘the stand’ or played games at the Master’s residence on Sunday nights. Whatever, eventually you found your place and your people and it made College a wonderful place to live. The tricky thing about living at Wesley is that it can be all too easy to forget why you are really there.”

Jenny met David Whalley, a newly-graduated dentist who had been at St Andrew’s College for two years, and they married. Graduating in Primary Education, Jenny joined the NSW Department of Education and taught in schools in Sydney, then at Minto and Karuah,

had a family and then worked for David in his dental practice at The Junction in Newcastle.

In 2010, Peter and Alison had two children, William and Rebecca (fr 2010). Both enrolled at Sydney University. William did a degree in Education and Rebecca, opting to do Veterinary Science, entered Wesley. She could easily have lived with her parents on Sydney’s north shore but Peter was keen for her to go to the college. “And I’m so glad I did!” Rebecca said. “My Veterinary Science degree had a fairly small cohort, with all of us attending the same classes, all together, at the same time. Were it not for college, my social circle and experiences would have been limited to only this one small universe. Instead, at Wesley I made hard and fast friends with a great group of people from all walks of life, studying a wide range of degrees, with a wide range of interests and equally varied personalities.

“I was never particularly sporty, or artistic, and I did not compete for Wesley during my three years there, but I was always keen to support my friends in their relative fields! In particular I remember attending the first Palladian dance competition, held at Manning bar, where college pride, and drinks, flowed readily. In first year my room was the smallest in the now non-existent “E-Wing” (and possibly the smallest in the whole

building!), and many of my closest friends shared these halls with me. As we moved up into second and third years we were split up a bit further, but this just mean more casual hang-outs camped out on the floor of Lower Cal or doing laps around the New Wing stairs. My good friend Mal Wood had the pleasure of being my next door neighbour and then flatmate for the entire duration of our time at Wesley - and even following graduation she can’t get rid of me! We had hard times also. Soon after college one of our fellow Wesleyans, Luke Ehrensperger passed away. In such a difficult time it was nice to see all the gang rally back together and support each other, with a heartfelt memorial service held at Wesley chapel a few months later.”

Jenny’s daughter, Kimberly Whalley (fr 2014) enrolled at Sydney University to do Biomedical Engineering/Medical Science. She told *The Wesleyan* she had had no knowledge of university colleges when she left school and only chose Sydney University because of the unique double degree which she wished to pursue. “Somewhere along the way, my mum suggested I go to Wesley as she had and I didn’t really think twice about it after being accepted into Sydney Uni,” she said. “I arrived a very very timid fresher, being one of the very



Kimberly Whalley, Amelia Laumberg and Kate Hewitt, 3rd years, Fesher OWeek 2016



Alli playing at Old Cols event 2016



Mallory Wood and Rebecca Beaumont, Valete 2012

few people that knew absolutely no one in our unusually large cohort. However, with time and the help of the many bonding opportunities presented through the students club, I settled in fairly quickly.

“Now, after two-and-a-half years, I can look back at my time and appreciate the wonderful opportunity that was joining the 2014 fresher year. This year I have been a resident advisor, which has been a very rewarding experience and made the Wesley family that much more special to me. The overwhelming mutual respect and support shown by all collegians is evident whatever we’re doing. Some of my happiest memories at Wesley have been watching Wes compete in intercoll sports and cultural competitions, supporting many of my close friends. This was made even more enjoyable this year, with my sister, who possesses much more sporting and musical

talent than me, participating in many of these events. I’m a bit anxious to be heading out into the ‘real world’ next year, but I’m confident that the life-long friends and experiences I’ve had at Wesley will help along the way.”

Kimberly’s sister, Allison “Alli” Whalley (fr 2016) said she had been sitting at her computer filling out application forms for colleges at the University of New South Wales when Big Sister looked over her shoulder and said: “What are you doing? Come to Wesley!”. Alli said: “I’d not thought of that. My decision to just press cancel, change all my UAC preferences and listen to her did seem rather mindless and impulsive at the time. Now, I can’t imagine not being a part of the big Wesley family that we have here. Even when I did join my big tough third year RA sister here in O-week, as a silly fresher (sic), I had no idea just

how attached I would grow to this place. What I’d heard from her, Mum, Peter and Rebecca had only painted a very basic picture of the Wesley experience.

Kimberly said that leaving Wesley would be “a very bitter sweet experience”. “Wesley has become such an integral part of my life. Her mother Jenny said she had been sitting with Kimberly in the college chapel during a Parents’ Weekend Soirée listening to Alli perform with other students. “I thought what privilege to have this place as part of our history,” she said. “How fortunate we are to have begun the association with Wesley College.”

Peter Beaumont, who started the whole family experience, is now chief executive officer of an ASX-listed company, DirectMoney Pty Ltd. Wanting to give something material back to the college, he volunteered to chair the “Raising the Roof” fundraising appeal in 2013 to add 42 news rooms to the Purser Wing. The appeal was successful, raising \$1.9 million, the new rooms were built and occupied. Peter became a college councillor in 2014, and profiled in that year’s edition of *The Wesleyan*, said: “Most of the important things about Wesley, its spirit, camaraderie and ‘safety net’, remain unchanged. A truly wonderful place.”

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



Diane Loo, Xingzhou Liulu, Megan Yap and Rebecca Beaumont, Valete 2011

# FROM SPILT LASAGNE TO COLLEGE COUNCILLOR

## THE ASSURED PROGRESS OF JANE GLOVER, NEE BRYSON (fr 1984)

Jane Bryson (fr 1984) was just a little nervous when she entered Wesley, half-way through her third year at university, so much so that when she collected her lasagne and salad at her very first lunchtime, the entire contents on the plate slid off at the doorway to the dining room and splattered spectacularly. But there were friendly eyes to meet her and in a very short time a group of better established students, including Michele Windsor, Dimity Hodge (fr 1984) and Jenny Beaumont (fr 1983), invited her into their midst. Such was consciousness of seniority and age in the college where a mere 12 months meant such a difference in status, the group was known as the “Old Chooks”. But that did not worry Jane and she quickly started to enjoy the benefits of college life and became so committed to Wesley that more than 10 years ago she became a member of the Wesley College Council.

Jane, both of whose parents, John and Edwina, had been to Sydney University, was the eldest of four girls. She did her secondary schooling at Ku-ring-gai High School and Barker College, then in 1982 enrolled at Sydney University to do an Arts degree. Initially, Jane lived at her north shore home and commuted to Sydney University. But in the Linguistics Department she met a Wesleyan, Louise Ravelli, and Elenie Poulos, who went to Sancta Sophia, who spoke to Jane inspirationally about college life. Speaking to The Wesleyan, Jane said: “They opened my eyes to the opportunities presented by living and studying in college, the friendships that could be made, the potential to learn so much

about self and others within a close community and the tantalising chance to move away from home and be more independent.”

The youngest in Jane’s family, Helen, was born when Jane was doing her first year at university. John and Edwina, naturally devoting a lot of their time to the baby, were “very taken aback”, Jane said, when in 1983 she announced that she was contemplating leaving home and attending a co-ed college. “They weren’t mentally prepared for their eldest child to leave home,” Jane said. But Jane, who had worked part-time since Year 10, at Woollies and then Dymocks Booksellers, had the money to pay the fees and she applied for a place at Wesley. During her interview by the Master, the Rev Dr John Whitehead, she mentioned that Anne Balcomb (fr 1980), formerly a medical student at Wesley and the college’s first female senior student, was her second cousin. For good measure, she told him that she had been involved in activities of the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches for many years and that she would continue her religious commitment in college. If they were selling points, then they worked, because Jane, to her great delight, received an offer of a place.

Jane had a mixed experience of college at first. Her room in Lower Callaghan was pretty, with lead-lined windows, but had disadvantages. “The neighbour was John Chong (where are you now?) who loved his music played at top volume pretty much all the time,” Jane said. “The room was also near the telephone which rang



Charlotte Glover

incessantly especially after 9 pm (cheaper rates) and was rarely picked up.” But Jane progressed to a room in Upper Purser, where her neighbours included Liz Warden, Chris Robertson, Simon Rigby, Sebastian Hempel and Sundar Ramamurthy. She enjoyed all the corridor parties, formals and informals in college and later on, some 21st parties and travels with college friends.

Jane initially majored in Psychology but became disillusioned (“All about rats and stats, she said), and switched her attention to Linguistics and under the charismatic Professor Michael Halliday. She was with an intense but friendly group of students within the course, she said, and progressed to an Honours year. But the Wesley experience was invaluable. “The experience of

living alongside so many interesting students from all faculties of the university helped me decide that a career in Human Resources Management would be the way to go after graduation,” she said. As she left the college, she was suffer some pangs of guilt. She had presented herself to Dr Whitehead as a fully-involved church member but during her undergraduate years rarely set foot inside the chapel.

After graduation, Jane did more study and work experience, then worked in graduate recruitment and generalist Human Resources roles in professional services firms. In 1988, after a year in the NSW Public service, she started with the leading Sydney law firm, Malleson Stephen Jaques in Sydney. Following that, she worked in London for the law firm, Linklaters. Then she joined another Sydney law firm, Freehills, and came across John Colvin fr 1969, who was a partner of the firm, leader of the firm’s Workplace Relations Department and was to become the Chair of the Wesley College Foundation.

In 1992, Jane married Stuart Glover, whom she had known since school days, in the Pymble Uniting Church. They became proud parents of Charlotte (born



Guests at Michele Windsor’s 21st in fancy dress

1996) and Isabelle (1998). In 2006, Jane returned to work at Sydney University, as a student adviser in the university’s Careers Centre. It was then that Wesley mailed out a request for people to nominate as college councillors. The college had a preference for someone who had been to Wesley, or a member of the Uniting Church, or an employee of the university. Jane met all these criteria and she applied, keen to make amends for her earlier broken promise to Rev Dr Whitehead. Jane took up a position on the council in 2006 and at the time of writing was still

a councillor. “I have derived particular satisfaction from seeing the evolution of the role of the Master, the introduction of a separate role of college chaplain, the upgrades and additions to the college premises,” she said. “I have also derived satisfaction from my work on the Scholarships Committee.” Jane is now currently working for CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program.

Jane’s parents, seeing the beneficial effects on Jane, were quite persuaded that college life was a good thing and supported Jane’s sisters, Rosemary and Helen, when they wanted to go to college. Both girls attended a college at the Australian National University. This year, Jane’s eldest daughter, Charlotte, has enrolled at Sydney University to study Health Science/Nursing and has entered Wesley. Charlotte had completed school at Pymble Ladies College in 2014 and then worked in 2015 as a Teacher’s Assistant at Mary Erskine school in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was, Jane said, “very happy and fortunate to be starting as a fresher in 2016 amongst a magnificent cohort of 150 students enjoying a college greatly improved in amenity and organisation - under the extremely capable leadership of the Master, Lisa Sutherland and her team.”

**Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)**



Jane and Louise Ravelli on the front lawn

# LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

(EVEN IF THE VIETNAMESE COPS WERE UNIMPRESSED)

HUGH WHALAN (fr 2003)

I'd never ridden a motorbike. I liked it. There are four of us on bikes, and after battling traffic out of Ho Chi Minh for 45 minutes, we have made it out into spacious multi-lane highways. We are traveling as fast as our 50 cc motorcycles are able to take us, which is to say, not that fast... but faster than the heavily laden trucks that are dominating the road at the moment. The high-pitched whine of the motors drowns out almost all other noise as we head towards the Cambodian border.

Although we can see the outline of the city in the distance behind us, it already feels like we are very rural. The landscape is filled with rice paddies being worked by farmers in straw woven conical hats. Each rice paddy is separated by a dirt embankment which also serves as a road, allowing bicycles laden with goods and the occasional complaining farm animal, to travel up and down them. Ducks float in the rice paddies, frequently bending their necks to nibble on floating insects or a tasty underwater morsel.

After a few hours, the initial thrill of being on an open road turns into a determination to get to our destination. We have just turned off the highway onto a dirt road. I am burning through fuel faster than the other guys and instead of heading back to the last gas station we saw, I am going to hide the bike under some brush beside the road. We will only be gone for a short time. The road seems pretty isolated so there is little chance of it being found.

A few hours later, when we return to bike's location, we find out how wrong this assumption is. Apparently a lot of people have found the bike. In fact, it looks like a large group of Vietnamese

policemen are milling around it. They wave us over as we approach.

'Yes, that is my motorcycle' I tell them, pointing at motorcycle. 'What seems to be the problem?' Trying to make it sound like it is perfectly normal to hide your bike by the side of the road.

The Vietnamese policemen huddle for a minute and then the leader walks over to us 'You give us your passport now' he demands in broken English.

On an isolated part of the Vietnamese/Cambodian border in the quickly diminishing light, this is absolutely the last thing I want to do. We are in the middle of nowhere, and giving them our passports means that we will have to do what they want. I have watched enough horror movies to know what happens to hapless tourists in situations like this.

'We don't have them. We left them in Ho Chi Minh' I tell the police officer.

'You give us your passport now' he

repeats, his voice becoming a little more threatening. He steps forward to punctuate his point.

'I told you, we don't have ....' I start to say as my friend interrupts me, diving into his backpack to produce his passport. 'Here it is' he proclaims. 'Here is my passport'. He smiles, as if this is going to make everything better. I want to throw him in front of an oncoming truck.

'You come with us now' says the leader with a wave of his hand. There are four of us, and ten of them. Running doesn't seem like a good idea, and now that they have one of our passports, they own us. I glare at my friend, gather my motorcycle from the side of the road, and ride off into the dark unknown with policemen all around us.

After 20 minutes of travel along a dusty road we end up at what looks like a border patrol station. We are escorted into a room that resembles a shed. As we all look



Hugh on OSE

around, it becomes clear this is actually where they keep the targets from shooting practice.

To make matters worse, we are struggling to communicate with our captors. We don't speak much Vietnamese, and asking to go to the toilet is not proving very useful.

Eventually, we pull out a language book and get them to work through the possible reasons we are being held.

'Speeding?' No.

'Traveling in unauthorized areas?' No.

'Leaving the motorbike behind?' No.

'Drugs?' The policeman pauses. Not a yes, but not a no.

'Wait? You can't be serious.

Drugs??' That is an automatic death sentence in Vietnam. 'You think we are trafficking drugs across the border?'

The wheels in my mind starting churning. The absolute absence of evidence or motive probably doesn't pose any problems in Vietnam.

Jesus. I am going to rot in a Vietnamese prison. Or worse. Die.

One of my friends starts to cry.

Of course, as I say this to the policemen who is helping us with the translation book, he understands none of it. He smiles, and then turns and leaves.

We have no idea how long we will be here, and only an indication of why we are being held. We do the only thing we can. Hunker down and wait. We haven't been threatened yet - unless you include being put in the room with the bullet ridden targets - so running doesn't seem to be necessary. Not yet anyway.

This happened to three college friends and myself during the Wesley funded Overseas Study Program in 2002/03. It was an experience that was both terrifying and thrilling, and obviously, we got out in one piece (they turned us loose in the middle of the night with no explanation). Yet, experiences such as this one gave me an appreciation of the life

changing nature of travel that have stayed with me to this day.

Since I left college, I've started three energy and financing companies in Africa that serve customers who earn \$1-\$6 per day. My current company employs nearly 300 people and has received over \$13 million

AUD in investment. In 2015, I was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, and that same year, delivered a keynote presentation with Jack Ma (Chairman, Alibaba Group) and Paul Polman (CEO Unilever) at the COP 21 Climate Conference in Paris. I have frequently lectured on entrepreneurship and social enterprise at universities such as Cornell and Columbia, and have received coverage from New York Times, CNN, Forbes and Fast Company, L'Express among others.

Let me take a step back for a moment to give you some context. I was born in Nowra to Jeff Whalan and Yvonne O'Neill, both of whom were in the Navy. Mum grew up in a small country town, and had received a scholarship to high school, and then another to University where she was one of the first women to do Law/Asian studies. She went on to become one of the first female lawyers in the Navy. Dad had left home at 15 to go to Naval boarding school. When they met, Dad was a supply officer.

Life in the Navy is tough on families, and soon after I was born, my parents moved to Canberra to join the public service. I



Hugh being lifted by Sumo wrestlers

went to a local primary school and then Canberra Grammar for high school. I went on exchange in year 10 to Meitoku Gijuku high school in Japan for a term, where I joined the sumo club and was exposed to the Japanese work ethic (mandatory study periods every night) which instilled a discipline in me that has been valuable to this day.

After graduating from year 12, I took a gap year and spent a year teaching sport to kids at Magdalen College School in Oxford. I moonlit during the nights and worked at a bar, and over the summer I spent 3 months in Uganda teaching English and Geography. This was my first experience in Africa, and although I was expecting kids with bloated bellies, what I saw was a verdant country with generous and warm people. While others saw a poor country, I saw opportunity. It was the start of a passionate interest in the continent, which I have



Hugh with Ugandan students



maintained to this day.

These are the experiences I brought with me to College. When I joined Wesley, the place was on a white-hot winning streak. Wesley had won the Rawson and Rosebowl, and fully expected to win both in my first year (2003). I can safely say that that first year was one of the best of my life. I knew very few people in Sydney when I arrived, and college did an amazing job of bonding people together from different backgrounds. The college parties, the comraderie, the sports and cultural events, even the random social outings that ended up at Istanbul, the Grose or Zanzibar – all were a huge amount of fun. During the fresher cruise in O-Week my room got turned into a beach, with sand, a little pool and even a live turtle. It took me weeks to get rid of all that sand.

Unfortunately for us, that year we lost both the Rawson and the Rosebowl. I was a part of the soccer team that lost for the first time in recent memory and I remember the seniors on the team crying. It mattered deeply to win. One of the seniors had the Rawson tattooed on himself.

But life went on, and by second year the usual antics were alive and well. My friends and I formed a rivalry with another wing of the college. We were above Fresher Alley and we called ourselves the Viking, and the Stack area called themselves the Knights. We, of

course, thought this was hilarious and routinely staged raids on each other. That year, we even managed to temporarily get a bar sanctioned by the College and operating in the Crypt Bar on a weekly basis. It didn't last.

In my first year I was Fresher Secretary, and in my second year I was intercollegiate Rep. In my third year I ran for Senior Student and was elected. It was a fantastic leadership experience. The most effective leaders I saw at college were those that led from the front – the ones for example, picking up the rubbish the morning after the party. When you go the extra mile for your people, others will go the extra mile for you. College worked better when this happened.

The other thing that college taught me about leadership is the importance of relationships in productive teams. People are much more collaborative when you have made an effort to get to know them, and at college this lesson was well and truly compounded by the fact you lived with everyone. Investing in relationships helped me dissolve disagreements more quickly and more effectively. These



The Loft Boys and lady

lessons have helped considerably in the business world.

I had three great years at Wesley, but was definitely ready to leave by the time that third year was up. I moved into a share house we called 'The Loft' on King St opposite the Marlborough Hotel. It was great fun. There were 4 of us, and together, we learned to look after ourselves outside of an institution.

In my final year of undergrad, I applied for exchange at Cornell University, in Ithaca, NY. I was lucky to get in. I didn't really have the grades, but the program manager had done such a good job telling no one to apply unless their marks were exemplary that only I had applied (and only because I disregarded her advice). Going on exchange was a life changing experience. I was exposed to a tolerance for business related risk-taking and entrepreneurship in a way that I never was before.

Once my semester was over I promised myself I would make it back. I did get back 7 months later to work for an environmental finance startup. The startup was based in Ithaca. So while I hated the weather (it regularly gets down to -25 celsius in winter), I was very happy to get back to the US. In Ithaca, I met my wife, who was an Australian doing Climate Research at Cornell at the time. We got married, and had a son, Archer Whalan, in 2011.

A few years ago we moved down to Brooklyn which is where we are now.

Hugh Whalan (fr 2003)



# VALE DAVID JOHNSON

## (fr 1952)

It is the saddest thing that when the Wesleyan publishes the exploits of some of its finest graduates, like David Johnson, former chairman of the Campbell Soup Company in the United States, that we have to follow with a valet. But David, who achieved so much in corporate life, and credited Wesley with some of the lessons he applied through his life, lost a long battle with heart disease. It started when he suffering his first heart attack in 2010, hardly helped by a stroke he suffered last year, and ended when he died on 19 June this year, at Doyelstown, Pennsylvania. A tribute to him was published in the Wall Street Journal, which described him as “a relentlessly upbeat CEO credited with boosting profits at both Campbell and Gerber Products Co, a maker of baby foods ...he was known for insisting on rigorous measurement of performance”. Denise Morrison, president and CEO of Campbell Soup, said: We are deeply saddened by David’s passing. He was an outstanding and charismatic leader. David’s passion for Campbell was always on display during his two tenures at the helm, and he made a lasting impression on many people.”

David Willis Johnson was born on 7 August 1932, only child of a farmer, Alfred Johnson and his wife Eileen (nee Burt). David grew up on the farm near Tumut, riding horseback to and from a one-teacher primary school. Initially sent to Canberra Grammar, he was sent to Newington College in 1947. There, he excelled as a sportsman and scholar, became senior house prefect, and enrolled at Sydney University to do a Bachelor of Economics degree and become a teacher. He entered Wesley College in 1952. Again, David starred on the sporting field,

playing Rugby and rowing for the college - the Eight winning the Intercollegiate regatta - and he rowed for Sydney University, winning a rowing blue. He was so strong, one of his closest friends, Barry Wren (fr 1950), said, that he could walk up the stairs at Wesley College doing handstands only. The Senior Student at Wesley in 1953, David graduated as a Bachelor of Economics in 1954 and received a Diploma of Education in 1955. But the world of business was beckoning - to put his intellect and skills to practical use rather than just teaching it - and he went the corporate way.

A good man, it is said, can never be kept down, and David, who started with the Ford Motor Company in Geelong, won a Rotary Foundation scholarship to the University of Chicago where he gained his MBA. In 1959, he joined Colgate-Palmolive International in Australia as a trainee executive. In March, 1966, David married English-born Sylvia Wells in the Wesley College chapel, with Barry Wren David’s best man. In 1967 David became South African divisional chairman of the company. His three sons, David, Justin and Harley, were all born in Johannesburg. In 1973, David took up an appointment as president of a pharmaceuticals company, Warner Lambert Parke-Davis Asia, operating out of Hong Kong. In 1976 David became head of Warner-Lambert Personal Products Division. In 1979, David became president and chief executive officer of the baking company, Entenmanns Inc, and continued in those roles when it was acquired by General Foods in 1982. With David at the helm, Entenmanns quadrupled its sales. In 1987, David was named chairman, president and chief executive of the Gerber Products

Company, and under his rule, Gerber Products profits grew at more than 50 percent a year.

In 1990 he became president and chief executive of the Campbell Soup Company, which was to become the crowning glory of his career. The company had been underperforming and needed someone to turn it around. David did that. In his first year, he closed plants and sold off businesses with sales totaling \$US600 million. The company shed 11,000 workers. Elected chairman of Campbell in 1993. Then he went about buying and expanding, always in the right direction. One of Campbell’s acquisitions was Arnotts, valued at between \$7 and \$8 billion. The value of Campbell Soup tripled and the yearly return on investment to shareholders averaged 23 percent. Interviewed by The Wesleyan in 2010, David said: “I used to talk to my key executives and tell them they were performing on the high trapeze. You will perform double and triple somersaults. The testing time is when they take away the nets.” David made no mistakes. Barry Wren told the *Wesleyan*: “David said that whatever you do, always have a global approach. He did not look at what you were doing locally. He looked at what you were doing globally. That is why he took Arnotts over. He said, ‘What can we do for the rest of the world? Not just Australia’.”

David retired for the first time in 1997, in doing so being named Director of the Year by the US National Association of Corporate Directors. He received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Sydney. He was always going to be hard to replace. David’s successor, like his predecessor, got into difficulties. David was recalled in 2000 to sort out some problems and stayed on



till 2001. When he finally retired, he received the title of Chairman and Director Emeritus. In retirement, while remaining on the board of Colgate-Palmolive, David visited both the North and South Poles and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He retained a home in Sydney, made return visits and came to Wesley. In 2007 David, who had been best man at the wedding of Barry Wren and his wife Loloma in 1957, made a special trip to be present for the golden wedding anniversary. David told *The Wesleyan* in 2010: "I have a band of brothers (and sisters, I am not sure, I can only speak about what I know) with whom to share my life," he said. "It went beyond academic challenge. It covered ambition and doubt, the explosion of thoughts as well as feelings, the sharing of possible secrets of success ... Wesley made me realise that 'together we are unbeatable'."

David's funeral was held at Coffs Harbour on 6 July. He is survived by Sylvia, his sons and daughters-in-law and five grandchildren. Barry Wren told the *Wesleyan*: "I shall miss him very much. He made a profound impression on all who knew him."

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

# VALE TONY LUCAS (fr 1943)

Tony Lucas was not a famous man. You will not find him on the Internet. But he was famous amongst his friends.

It is difficult to capture what made him unique, but those who knew him had no doubt about it. Many men share his enthusiasm and bonhomie, though few could match the energy with which he pursued his interests. Perhaps what set him apart was his gift for friendship. He was not a modern-day networker, for whom friendship is a convenient road to success. He loved people, and no party was too big. My diligent mother each year updated a list of his friends' birthdays, anniversaries and children, so he could make his calls each evening. If he did not call a friend on a big occasion, there was something seriously wrong. And he had more people to call, than anyone I have ever known.

Many of his friends he met through his dental practice in Old Canterbury Road at Hurlstone Park, where he practised from 1951 until he finally retired in 2001, so there was a wide cross-section from the polyglot western suburbs of Sydney. He would fill your mouth with instruments, then talk about family, friends or his latest doings, all the while



asking questions, answering them himself, and then turning to the next topic. He was ideally suited to dentistry, and he certainly distracted you from whatever was wrong with your teeth.

He made lifelong friends amongst his dental assistants and other professional colleagues, who attest to his care for his patients, his technical skill and his consequent success. As a child, I never ceased to be amazed both by his dexterity (not quite the right word, as he was left-handed but almost completely ambidextrous) and by the things he could fix with a piece of wire or duct tape.

Tony loved the beach and the bush. His father had been a bushman, a drover and then a stock inspector, and for most of his childhood the family lived in East Maitland. He had a wonderful stock of tales about his childhood, including being expelled from Sunday school for putting a gushing firehose through the church window. He even showed me the window, with great relish!

Because his father had regular employment the family did not suffer as much as others during the Great Depression of the 1930s, but Tony would not have gone to University or to Wesley in 1943 without winning a scholarship.

Times were hard, and he knew it, and I think in part that explains why he tried to make the most of life. His twin brother Arthur, who also went on to Wesley, was the academic star at Maitland Boys High. Tony had a strong practical bent to his intelligence, and although he read for pleasure, he



was an active man, not an intellectual.

Another seminal event was the death of his elder brother Ken, whose RAF Wellington was shot down over Syracuse during the invasion of Sicily in 1943.

At the end of the war, a flood of servicemen returned to Wesley to complete their degrees. Tony said the Master, Bertram Wiley, had his hands full dealing with these men, who had years of war service behind them, and different expectations of life in College. It says something of Tony that some of them, such as Bruce Holcombe and Roger Lakeman, became his closest friends. It was also typical of him that when I was in turn accepted by Wesley, he took me out to meet the "Ram" who had by then been long retired as Master, and who was very touched by the gesture.

After leaving Wesley at the end of 1946 Tony became a Master at the Sydney Grammar School boarding house and for a few years a demonstrator at the Dental Hospital. It was at this period that he met a young dental student, Gretta Erby, who he married in 1951.

A planned trip around the world had to be postponed when Gretta became pregnant, but after 3 children had arrived, in 1959 the couple left Sydney and a thriving



dental practice (and the children, who went to live with their "scotty" Auntie Pat in Lismore for 9 months). It must be said the trip was not entirely a success, as Tony contracted gout from too much high living, and the older children barely remembered them on their return, and the youngest, Elizabeth not at all.

In 1960 Tony found a wonderful Federation house on the waterfront in Drummoyne Bay, which had been divided into protected tenancies. A few months with 3 noisy children as neighbours soon drove out the tenants, and many happy years of fixing house and garden then

followed. Tony's friendship had a price, as all manner of friends were dragooned into working bees, balanced by barbecues, sailing, tennis and good cheer.

He had also in the 50s developed a liking for skiing, and country life in the Monaro. He became an enthusiastic member of the Geebung Ski club, where he made many friends. He also took up fishing, and camping in the high country, and this led him to buy a wonderful tract of bushland, with 4 kilometres frontage to the Thredbo river. At the same time he could have bought Crackenback farm for a song. He rejected it as too public. Years later I asked him why he didn't buy both. His reply was characteristic. He didn't like owing money!

In these early years dentists were scarce on the Monaro, and I remember that he thought it unremarkable that he would go off skiing with a portable drill and instruments in his bag, so he could treat some poor suffering ski instructor. He could never do too much for his friends, and they were grateful for it. Later he set up a full surgery in a shed on the farm, and would regularly do my check-ups there, after a hard day's skiing. He had immense stamina,



Tony Lucas with wife Gretta



Tony Lucas with Ric Lucas

and skied well into his 80s.

He also tried his hand at flying aircraft, windsurfing and hang-gliding, to mention but a few of his activities. Gretta was grateful that he didn't stick with them past his fifties! He worked hard on the farm, and there were often friends there helping build a shed or the highly eccentric blacksmith's workshop.

Tony had very fond memories of Wesley, and he encouraged his children, nieces and nephews, and later his grandchildren to apply for College. He always enjoyed making surprise visits to see what we were up to. He worked hard at keeping in touch with his old friends from College.

When Wesley admitted women Tony wholeheartedly supported the decision, though he did point out that there were Old Collegians who would withdraw their support. Likewise he was open in his friendship for people of every race and sexual orientation. It simply wasn't an issue for him, and it was actually a shock for us to encounter prejudice when we moved into the wider world.

Those who knew him will not forget him, and he leaves behind him a store of wonderful memories.

Ric Lucas (fr 1971)

# VALE FIONA COWLEY (fr 1978) - A TIME OF GIFTS

Fellow Wesleyans will remember the gift of Fiona's elegant and graceful presence, whether it was a chance meeting in the corridor or dining hall, lounging on the front lawn, on the netball court, or even when making her case on the House Committee. They will also remember that blend of gentle kindness and warmth, humour and determination, that was to be the hallmark of her life.

Known as "Foss" or "Fozzy" (aka Fossil), Fiona arrived as a fresher in 1978 from Katoomba High School, following her sister Amanda. Fortunately for Wesley, her aura of poise and composure dissolved on the netball court to reveal a highly talented and competitive sports star who led Wesley to victory over Women's College, and later represented the University and NSW. Tall and

athletic, she was also an excellent swimmer and rowed for Wesley.

Her natural ability to articulate ideas and present reasoned arguments made her a vibrant and effective member of the House Committee, on which she served as Secretary with the Senior Student Seth Grant, Treasurer Jenny Nixon, Omnia Marzouk, Vanessa Kingsford, Nea Harrison and others in 1980. Whether it was addressing important questions at the Sunday night House Committee meeting, such as "what did you do this weekend?", or devising ways to outwit Dr Udy, or organise the Mods Informal, Fiona was a key figure in a year of happy college life.

Raucous laughter and singing from the Purser wing stairway was a signature of the infamous Upper Purser Mothers' Club, founded by Fiona, Mary Jane St Vincent Welch, Robyn Scrivener, Sue Hibbard, Carol Conacher, Megan Bud and Merran Worsley.

Fiona pursued her lifelong passion for English at University, majoring in it and Italian for her BA, followed by the Diploma of Education. Her skills in Italian and love for European literature served her well when in 1981 she enjoyed the freedom and youthful joy of backpacking across Europe, Scandinavia, Britain and New York. That being the year of the Royal Wedding, she was often mistaken in London by people waving and shouting "Lady Di, Lady Di". She was a natural beauty.

Upon returning to Australia, Fiona began a teaching career dedicated to High School students in some of the most challenging areas in Sydney's western suburbs. Starting in Fairfield High and then nineteen years at Jamison High she finished her career as Head Teacher at Bidwill High School (Chifley College) in Mt. Drutt





where she gained the greatest rewards in her teaching career. As an active member of the Teacher's Federation she extended her contributions to service in education making many lifelong friends in the process. Fiona was respected and loved by her students and colleagues, and lived to see them dedicate a reading room called "Cowley's Cave". Her inspired commitment to teaching was a source of great pride to her friends and family.

Fiona married school friend Dale Kirkwood in 1989 and together had two sons, Edmund in 1991

and Harrison in 1994. Their home in Glenbrook was always filled with family and friends. The "fun aunty" to her nieces and nephews, their house felt like a party in progress with Fiona bringing laughter to all who knew her.

Fiona's love of travel continued throughout her life, travelling to Mexico, India and the US. In 2012 she attended a stump speech given by Barack Obama and found herself on every evening news channel after being seated directly to the left of the president - laughing and smiling of course! In 2014 she made a last trip to Turkey with her

fellow teachers and attended the Anzac ceremony at Gallipoli.

Fiona's cancer diagnosis in 2014 was a great blow to everyone who knew her and even then she conducted herself with grace and concern for those whom she loved and cared about. She never once asked 'why me' throughout that battle, rather 'why not me', the measure of a person who was capable of integrity whilst being compassionate and funny.

In her all too short life, Fiona gave everything to her family, friends and students. She easily inspired devotion and was someone that people loved to be around. She was always kind and her good opinion mattered to those who knew her. She died on October 4, 2015 and her funeral was attended by hundreds of people, many of whom had known her since her time at Katoomba High School and Wesley College. Bidwell High declared she was "a passionate and iron-willed teacher, leader and colleague" and that "the entire Bidwill community will miss her but will continue to learn, read, share ideas and laugh together in her honour."

Fiona is survived by Dale, Edmund (fresher 2010) and Harrison, her mother Dawn, her sister Amanda and brother David, nieces and nephews and her many friends who were better for having known this lovely woman.

Seth Grant (fr 1977)







# SENIOR STUDENT'S REPORT

The 2016 college year presented itself as a fresh start for a new Students Club, House Committee and college as whole. 2016 saw the highly anticipated arrival of 150 fresh new faces, a stellar Oweek, outstanding Rawson, Rosebowl and Palladian victories and a wealth of social and charitable events.

This year saw the college maintain its success in the intercollegiate competitions with victories in the Rosebowl Basketball, Rawson Soccer, Palladian solo drama and Palladian small choir. It is impossible for me to acknowledge the undying efforts of everyone involved and all those that achieved success this year, but with that being said, I will do my best in a few short paragraphs.

Sport this year was a roaring success. All the captains for both men and women's sport were outstanding in their efforts organising their teams and training, and ensuring the sportsmanship of Wesley College was of the highest quality. Rawson Soccer heightened the sporting success, securing three wins against the other colleges and ensuring an outright win for the team. Their captain, Jack Racklyeft, was a standout, conditioning the boys into a well-rounded and tight nit team that were extremely resilient in all their performances. Additionally, the Rosebowl Basketball team ensured a second victory for the college. Unparalleled performances from the team lead by their three year veteran Kate Hewett ensured a basketball white wash, with star contributions also from Georgia O'Grady and Rosie Burt-Morris. Aside from these two highlights, all sporting performances this year were worthy of celebration, and it is a credit to the tremendous sporting ability of everyone at the college.

Palladian performances in 2016



were equally as successful as sport, courtesy of the undying support and commitment of the college Palladian Captain, John Robles. Firstly, Charlie Meller was in fine form and his acting abilities saw him take out first place in the solo drama competition with the help of his captain Harriet Scriven. The talent of many of our students was evident as well when the small choir placed first in the intercollegiate group vocal competition. I must commend the tireless work of all involved but especially Maddo Lofthouse, whose efforts did not go unnoticed in preparing such an exquisite piece.

2016 was a significant year for the Students' Club as well. The House Committee have strived to continually shape the Students' Club into a more structured incorporation. Changes this year saw the restructuring of the AGM and other constitutional amendments to ensure the professionalism of the Students' Club operations. Following on from last year, financial management was also built on with the assistance of the Master and the College Council.

Although Wesley has continued to impress, this year also saw the college feature in the media,

causing a significant impact on the college. Many of the students, myself included, found the situation very difficult; being wrongly portrayed from our perspective gave many conflicting opinions about Wesley and the culture that existed within the college. Although a trying time, the students themselves were incredibly cooperative and understanding and have been outstanding in their response to actively change aspects of the college and make it an inclusive place that everyone can call home.

In conclusion, I believe the future for Wesley is extremely positive with the college and its community continuing to grow stronger as each day goes by. However, there is still a need for forward thinking, active change to occur and the efforts of everyone to continually improve the community and culture that exists at Wesley. Next year Georgia Campbell takes charge as Senior Student and I couldn't think of anyone better for the job. 2016 has been a wonderful but rollercoaster of a year and I look forward to seeing Wesley College, the Students' Club and its students flourish in the future.

Bruce Wilson (fr 2014)

# RAWSON REPORT

The 2016 Wesley Rawson Campaign has seen a number of encouraging results that have made it a year of great success.

The year kicked off for 2016 with cricket. The squad moved into college early for a one-week training camp before the competition in week 2 of semester. Captained by Joe Kershaw, the boys started their campaign in a tough match up against St Andrews, narrowly going down despite some strong efforts from the bowlers. Match 2 against St Pauls saw a similar result with the bowlers putting on a fantastic show (J. Joseph 4/20, J. Gibson 2/28). Despite this the boys went down through strong St Pauls batting. Match 3 saw Wesley settle into their groove and take it to St Johns in a match that won't be forgotten. Man of the match and Captain, Joe Kershaw, stepped up for his team, scoring a century (107) and taking Wesley through the full 50 overs (8/260). The bowlers once again stepped up when they were needed and toppled the St Johns batsman, defeating them 10/115. Highlights came from J. Kershaw (2/15) and J. Joseph (3/37). Commendations go to Joshua Joseph (fresher) for his strong bowling performance, taking 7 wickets in two matches. Cricket was a great way to kick off the Rawson campaign, congratulations to the whole squad for another great year.

Rawson Rowing was again held out at SIRC with a good turnout from the Wesley spectators. After months of training, it all came down to a 2km slog against the main rivals - St Pauls and St Andrews. The boys were fast out of the blocks with stroke Matt Hinds setting a healthy stroke rate to work off. Through the first 500m Wesley sat in front by half a boat length and were looking good going into the 1000m mark. The intensity of the first half of the race proved too difficult to maintain as Wesley gradually fell behind the scholarship fuelled St Andrews

boat. With a good fresher and 2nd year base for the coming 2017 season, the Rawson Rowing squad will be ready to compete for an elusive Rowing VD.

Captained by Toomas Mirlieb (swimming) and Sean Cross (diving), the Rawson Swimming team took to the pool in their speedos aiming to improve on previous years results. Toomas Mirlieb led the squad from the front with a 1st place in the Division 1 50m Butterfly. Strong swims from Hamish Fuller (3rd & 5th in the 50m backstroke and 50m Freestyle respectively) put Wesley in a competitive position throughout the night. Fresher Seb Parsons took to the diving board, executing highly difficult dives with great precision, securing himself 4th place narrowly behind a 3rd place St Andrews diver. The strong team cohesion and work ethic displayed by the entire squad should be commended, and we look forward to watching the team progress in coming years.

The highly anticipated Rawson Rugby campaign kicked off next under the strong leadership of Sean Cross and Ollie Maxwell. The boys put in everything they could in a tough match against St Andrews, however were unable to clinch the win in what was one of the most physical games in Rawson history. The Wesley match up against St Pauls provided fantastic rugby and could have gone to either team. Strong running from Harry Potter and strength in the forwards from Thomas Pavitt saw them both cross the line with Potter converting 2/2. Unfortunately for the Wesley boys, the final score did not reflect the determination they showed throughout the match (14-24 to Pauls). The final match against St Johns saw Wesley truly assert their superior skill and physical dominance, comfortably winning 32-5 (T. Pavitt 2, A. McDonald 1, A. Weston 1, S. Docking 1, O. Maxwell 1, S. Cross 1 conversion). The boys finished

3rd place in a campaign they should be very proud of.

The Rawson Soccer campaign provided Wesley with the first hard earned Victory Dinner of 2016. The boys showed incredible determination, beginning their training in semester one and running a training camp during the holidays. The first game was against the toughest of this years opponents, St Pauls. They were no match for the boot of SS Bruce Wilson who knocked in two incredible goals. A penalty from Captain Jack Racklyeft gave the boys the first win of their campaign (3-2). Game 2 against St Johns was surprisingly slow to start, with both sides having good chances at goal. The game was taken to golden goal and once again SS Wilson stepped up to place Wesley as the team to beat (1-0). Game 3 was the final step in securing the boys an outright VD. Screamers from Luke Vandenberg and Ollie Maxwell saw Wesley take the victory (2-1).

Rawson basketball was a difficult team to pull together this year with much of last years squad no longer at Wesley. However, through the organisation of Captain Andrew Cameron, Wesley was able to field a competitive team that tested the likes of St Pauls. Super star athlete and Wesley Sportsman of the Year- Rowan Bray showed off his immense skill and mad hops, proving himself as Wesley's MVP. The boys showed great dedication throughout their campaign and should be congratulated for their effort.

Rawson Tennis was next up and the squad showed great promise. Led by Henry Chan and coached by top seed Kacy Brennan, the boys went into the competition aiming to be highly competitive and improve on results from previous years. The boys were able to do this, putting up great performances against St Andrews and St Pauls. The final match against St Johns was a great confidence booster- every match being won in straight sets, and securing Wesley 3rd place overall.

Under the leadership of Vince Umbers in 2017, Wesley should see the tennis team continue to improve and challenge the St Pauls and St Andrews outfits.

Athletics was the final sport on the calendar for the year. An incredible fresher intake this year saw the team stacked with potential. Stand out performances from Anil Rajanathan, George Fell, Rowan Bray and Michael

Zawal put Wesley in a great position as the night unfolded. St Pauls and St Andrews were too strong, however, through sheer grit and determination, the squad was able to push past the 4th place of previous years and gain clear 3rd place ahead of St Johns.

Holding the position of Rawson Captain for 2016 has been a great honour. Giving back to the Wesley community and working with a

wide variety of sportsman has been the highlight of my final year at Wesley College. Thank you to all the sporting captains and team members for the time and effort you put into ensuring you and the rest of your team was well prepared to represent this amazing college. Thank you also to the dedicated supporters of the Wesley community who were at every sport, screaming the Wesley song and spurring on every athlete.



## RAWSON TEAMS

### Athletics

Jack Caldwell  
Alex MacDonald  
Joseph Kershaw  
Ethan Miller  
Harry Potter  
Luke Vanderberg  
Rowan Bray  
George Fell  
Ben Rowse  
Jack Racklyeft  
Thomas Pavitt  
Monty Beale  
Robert O'Hara  
Michael Zawal  
Anil Rajanathan  
Angus Lattimore  
Matthew Jolly  
Jerry Yu  
Gyan Ainkaran  
Sean Cross  
Nick Jobson  
Thomas Wilson  
Phillip Zhu  
William Ridley  
Henry Chan  
Raf De Oliveira  
Robert Palmer  
Oliver Howse

### Basketball

Austin Sorenson  
Alistair Northam  
Tom Pavitt  
William Haskell  
Alex McDonald  
Madison Crane  
Michael Zawal  
Matthew Jolly  
Rowan Bray  
Hunter Murray  
Kiel Rochow  
Andrew Cameron (c)

### Cricket

Harry Skacel  
Alex Grant  
Vincent Umbers  
Jack Gibson  
Joshua Joseph  
Luther Canute  
Connor Farnell  
Jack Racklyeft  
Josh Stewart  
Ben Rowse  
Anil Rajanathan  
Joseph Kershaw (c)

### Diving

Sean Cross  
Seb Parsons

### Rowing

Imran Joseph (c)  
Phil Zhu  
Austin Sorenson  
Oliver Howse  
Tom Willson  
Alistair Northam  
Matt Hinds  
Josh Doust  
Andrew Cameron  
Michael Chau (cox)

### Rugby

Ethan Miller  
James Kilby  
Connor Farnell  
Charlie King  
Alex MacDonald  
Sean Cross  
Archie Weston  
Thomas Pavitt  
Sam Docking  
Ollie Ridge  
Thomas Willson

Jack Rudd  
David Macintyre  
Imran Joseph  
William Ridley  
Kiel Rochow  
Oliver Maxwell  
Josh Doust  
Angus Lattimore  
Michael Gribble  
Harry Potter  
Andrew Sue  
Harry Skacel

### Soccer

Jack Racklyeft (c)  
Bruce Wilson  
Andrew Cameron  
Maddy Crane  
Gyan Ankeran  
Matt Jolly  
Hunter Murray  
Harry Bellman  
Oli Maxwell  
Anil Rajanathan  
Jack Cladwell  
Liam O'Neil  
Harrison Dormer  
Jerry Yu  
Karl Harbers

Luke VanDenburg  
Henry Chan  
Joe Kershaw  
Rowan Bray  
Nick Gee

### Swimming

Toomas Mirlieb (c)  
Hamish Fuller  
Louis Cummings  
Rob O'Hara  
Andrew Cameron  
John Robles  
Nick Jobson  
Archie Weston  
Hunter Murray  
Hugh Finlay

### Tennis

Kacy Brennan  
Henry Chan  
Gyan Ainkaran  
Rob O'Hara  
Bruce Wilson  
Vince Umbers  
William Lawless  
James Kilby  
Jack Caldwell  
Sebastian Parsons

# ROSEBOWL REPORT

As the first sport of the year, it was such a pleasure to captain the Netball team in 2016. Always one of the most atmospheric events on the Rosebowl Calendar, the Wesley crowd filled Sydney University Sports and Aquatic Centre yet again this year to see the standout shooting of Rosie Burt-Morris and the mid-court pace of Mimi McIntosh and Lucy Gray. The girls defeated Womens and Sancta and were narrowly defeated by St Johns to finish third overall.

The second sport on the Rosebowl Calendar, the Rosebowl Rowers trained tirelessly leading up to the regatta. Led by Captain Emma Fessey, who rowed stroke, their hard work was rewarded, beating three colleges to come second overall, and achieving one of our best results in Rosebowl this year!

Rosebowl Swimming was captained by Harriet Scriven, and

as usual, drew large Wesley crowds coming to see feats of athleticism in the swimming pool, courageous skill on the diving boards and the always entertaining B-relay team. A huge congratulations to Ayu Barry for winning the 50m backstroke, helping the girls to fourth place overall.

The last sport of Semester One, hockey was hotly anticipated this year, with Sophie Jobson captaining one of our strongest teams, winning the annual Wesley girls v Wesley boys practice match with ease. Special mentions must go out to fresher Georgina Cook for her outstanding play, Lexie McCullagh for her excellent work in goalie and Belle Hazelton, who scored three goals throughout the competition. The girls defeated Womens and Sancta, drew with St Andrews who ended up winning the VD, and lost to Johns by only one point. An amazing effort girls!

The first Semester Two sport, Rosebowl Soccer was one of the longest running sports this year, with the girls beginning training months before the games under the inspiring leadership of co-captains Meg Haynes and Georgia Campbell. With new coaches and weeks of hard work, the team achieved the best result in three years, beating Johns 4-0 and battling out three extremely close matches to finish fourth overall.

For the last five years, Basketball has been one of the sports Wesley girls have excelled at, winning the Rosebowl competition in 2013 and 2014 and being defeated by only one point last year. This year, they did not disappoint, winning every game by over 20 points and ultimately winning the VD. Standout players included freshers Lauren White and Alysha Skerritt, and of course captain Kate Hewett who proved herself yet again as a



Rosebowl Hero, winning the intercollegiate award for excellence in Basketball for the second year running. Congratulations Ballers!!!

Tennis was next up on the Rosebowl calendar, and the sunny return to Physics Road grass courts this year was highly enjoyed by players and Ralph's-coffee-toting spectators alike. Led by captain Kirsten Parkin, the team consisted of several seasoned seniors and lots of Fresher talent. Special mention must go to Emma Crossing and internationally ranked Shiv Shaw for their outstanding contributions, playing

in positions one and two and remaining undefeated in doubles throughout the competition. The team performed extremely well and after several nail biting days of competition, finished fourth overall.

As the last sport on the Rosebowl calendar, the Athletics Gala was a highly enjoyable evening for athletes and spectators alike. Captain Amelia Laumberg assembled an impressive team of runners, jumpers and throwers, and special congratulations must me made to Ayu Barry for winning the 200m. The girls finished fourth overall.

After a fantastic year of Rosebowl Sport, Georgia Campbell, who competed in Rowing, Athletics and Hockey, and who captained Soccer, was unanimously awarded Wesley College Sportswoman of the year, congratulations Georgia! A final congratulations must be made to every Wesley woman competing in Rosebowl Sport this year, and especially to all the spectators who supported, motivated and celebrated our athletes. It has been such an honour to be Rosebowl Captain and I wish Emily Rogers the best of luck captaining Wesley Rosebowl Sport in 2017!



## ROSEBOWL TEAMS

### Athletics

Amelia Laumberg (c)  
Emily Rogers (c)  
Jess Negus  
Georgia Campbell  
Meg Haynes  
Siobhan Shaw  
Ayu Barry  
Georgina Cook  
Adelaide Wallace  
Alanna Pearsall  
Amelia McIntosh  
Stephanie Tan  
Kim Whalley  
Rosie Burt-Morris  
Hannah Ross-Smith  
Lydia Cadell  
Sally Cottam

### Basketball

Kate Hewett (c)  
Georgia O'Grady

### Rosie Burt-Morris

Kate Fischer  
Lauren White  
Billi Fitzsimons  
Nicola Cadman  
Alli Whalley  
Alysha Skerritt  
Sophie Verheul  
Katie Williams  
Lucy Gray  
*Managers - Amelia Laumberg & Madi Cooper*  
*Coach - Eleni Zervos*  
Lauren White  
Sally Cottam  
Saskia Hartog  
Elyssa Haley  
Lucy Gray

### Rowing

Emma Fessey

### Georgia Campbell

Saskia Hartog  
Flo Potter  
Amelia Hellicar-Foster  
Ella Connor  
Zali Rochow  
Alice Hibbard  
Meg Haynes  
Seiya Grant (cox)

### Soccer

Charlotte Glover  
Ella Connor  
Ella Hide  
Georgia Campbell  
Georgia O'Grady  
Georgina Cook  
Isobel Cahill  
Jola Cumming  
Kate Fisher (Goal Keeper)

### Kirsten Parkin

Lexie McCullagh  
Lucy Lomax  
Meg Haynes  
Michaela Finlay  
Nicola Cadman  
Saskia Hartog  
Siobhan Shaw  
Sophie Petersen Tym  
Hannah Lewis

### Swimming

Harriet Scriven (c)  
Sophie Jobson  
Kirsten Parkin  
Aimee McDonald  
Emily Rogers  
Sarah Allworth  
Belle Hazleton  
Katie Williams  
Ayu Barry  
Lily Baker

### Isobel Cahill

### Diving

Georgia O'Grady  
Madi Cooper  
Maddison Pearce  
Jessica Negus

### Tennis

Kirsten Parkin  
Lizzie Baker  
Georgia O'Grady  
Lucy Gray  
Siobhan Shaw  
Georgina Cook  
Lydia Cadell  
Emma Crossing  
Seiya Grant  
Felicity Taylor

# PALLADIAN REPORT

2016 was a fantastic year for Wesley Palladian. In first semester Charlie Meller brought home a 1st place as the lovable alcoholic priest 'Father Donnally' from *The Marriage of Bette and Boo* by Christopher Durang. In the adjudication results, it was noted that his timeless impression of bacon sizzling in a pan was what really sealed the deal for the judges. In second semester Wesley also took 1st place in Ensemble Vocal with an eight person choir arranged and directed by Maddo Lofthouse and Richard Daley. Their performance of *Northern Lights* by Ola Gjeilo stunned the audience and judges to silence and was a noted favorite of the Palladian calendar from the Intercol audience.

As always the Palladian Debating Weekend was filled with drama and heated intellectual clashes. After an undefeated run over the entire weekend, Wesley lost to St Paul's College resulting in a 3 way tie between St Andrews, Wesley, and Pauls. After a review from the University of Sydney Union it was found that there was also a tie in speaker-scores, an event so statistically improbable that Wayne himself was reportedly seen shaking his head in disbelief. Thus after another hard fought round of debates, Wesley ultimately took home 3rd place, bringing a much

needed point boost to the Palladian campaign.

Wesley was also able to take 3rd in the Art competition this year under the theme of 'Champagne'. A team of collaborators captained by esteemed artist Georgia O'Grady created an immersive and interactive art piece entitled 'The Venue' in which the user experienced sensory deprivation, save for the sounds of a fancy soiree in the distant background. The piece was noted to strike a stark contrast to the fourteen drawings and paintings of champagne glasses submitted by the rest of the Palladian Intercollegiate community, and thus it compelled and moved the judges.

The Wesley Drama Society blew away Parent's Weekend audiences with performances of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield. The cast performed every single one of Shakespeare's works in some shape or form, be that *Othello* summarized in a rap battle, *Titus Andronicus* as a cooking show, or the History Plays as a footy match. Directed by Harriet Scriven and Richard Daley, the play utilized improv and audience participation to its advantage and it was ridiculous and amazing, Palladian at its best.



Wesley continued its tradition of having the most supporters at every Palladian event, with crowds swamping every audience in black, blue, and white. A massive congratulations goes out to everyone who contributed to each Palladian entry this year be it cheering from the audience, behind the scenes, or performing on stage. Having a Harry Potter themed Palladian Victory Dinner to celebrate our 1st places in Solo Drama and Ensemble Vocal was really the most magical night of the year. The performing arts thrived this year and I know they will continue to thrive with the vast talent, dedication, and drive that Wesleyans bring to the college every year.



# PALLADIAN

## Oration

Jessica Negus  
Samuel Coggins  
John Robles (c)

## Solo Vocal

Audrey Burns  
Maddo Lofthouse  
Maddo Lofthouse (c)

## Solo Instrumental

Carson Graham  
Tasman Fell  
Ben Spoor (c)

## Solo Drama

Jessica Negus  
Charlie Meller  
Harriet Scriven (c)

## Big Dance

Ella Beer (c)  
Audrey Burns  
Alishka Patel  
Emily Rogers  
Juliette Maurer  
Maddy Frerer  
Matt Jolly  
Sophie Clark  
Kiel Rochow  
Benson McClelland  
Angus Lattimore  
Austin Sorenson  
John Robles  
Ashleigh James

Harriet Scriven

Rob O'Hara  
Anil Rajanathan  
Katherine Bull  
Edie Warne

Jess Nutt

Charlotte Kinsella  
Amelia Laumberg

Maggie Mowle  
Sophie Leitch  
Georgia O'Grady

Ally Campbell  
Gavin Upton  
Verne Brown  
Jack Gibson

Brittany Wilcock  
Stuart Nelson

Mia Evans  
Will Lawless  
Sarah Fitzgerald

India Urwin  
Philip Zhu  
Charlie Donald

Oliver Howse  
Henry Chan  
Julia Bradley  
Alex Thomson  
Lucy Holden  
Naomi Young

## Small Dance

Ella Beer  
Audrey Burns  
Alishka Patel  
Juliette Maurer  
Sophie Clark

Anil Rajanathan

Katherine Bull  
Verenna Brown  
Brittany Wilcock  
India Urwin  
Alex Thomson

## Debating

Sophie Leitch (c)  
Stuart Nelson (c)  
Francesca Farrell  
Tim Berney-Gibson  
Patrick Hendy  
Matt Jolly

## Big Choir:

Maddo Lofthouse (c)  
John Robles  
Gabby Nottle  
Amelia Laumberg  
Georgia Campbell  
Edie Warne  
Luther Canute  
Jessica Negus  
Juliette Maurer  
Georgia O'Grady  
Jerry Yu  
Vince Umbers  
Katie Fuller  
Audrey Burns  
Jack Redman  
Ally Campbell  
Patrick Hendy  
Myra Opdyke  
Michael Zawal  
Gyan Ainkaran  
Henry Chan

Maggie Mowle

Alex McDonald  
Pascale Mann  
Mia Evans  
Maddy Frerer

## Small Choir

Ally Campbell  
Gabby Nottle  
Georgia Campbell  
Juliette Maurer  
Michael Zawal  
Luther Canute  
Alex McDonald  
Michael Zawal

## Art

*Happiness*

Arslan Ahmed

*The Venue*

John Robles  
Maddo Lofthouse  
Amelia Laumberg  
Georgia O'Grady (c)

## Group Instrumental

*Jazz Trio*

David Barlow (c)  
Alex Wilton  
Michael Zawal

*KazootZoot*

Jess Negus  
David Barlow  
John Robles

## Group Drama

*Special Allied Forces*

Harriet Scriven (c)  
Charlie Meller  
Sophie Leitch  
John Robles  
Angus Airth

*Good Cop, Drunk Cop*

Wessley Armstrong  
Sammie Shannon  
Louis Fitzsimmons  
Jessica Negus

## Soiree Participants

Vince Umbers  
Katie Fuller  
Gemma Hill  
Christopher Cole  
Gabby Nottle  
Gyan Ainkaran  
Louis Cummings  
Lauren Chapman  
Zali Rochow  
Alli Whalley

Tully Wallace

Jerry Yu  
Charlotte Glover  
Bella Bouckley  
Alex McDonald  
Patrick Hendy

Alli Whalley  
Maddo Lofthouse  
Cameron Gundy  
Gavin Upton



# OSE 2015 REPORT

The 2015/16 OSE team consisted of 2nd year students Ella Beer, John Robles, Amelia Laumberg, Sam Docking and Annalise Lance. The tour leader was Old Col Ellen Laughton. The Director of Programs, Bronwen Downie also attended the Vietnam leg of the tour.

The group was selected in April 2015, and throughout the remainder of the year raised an impressive \$20,000 to support sustainable aid initiatives in Cambodia and Vietnam. The 2015 OSE was Wesley's 23rd year of contributing to initiatives in South East Asia. An experience that provides students with sometimes challenging cultural exposure, an opportunity to contribute to sustainable aid programs, and perhaps of most value, the opportunity to take away personal insights that will influence their future impact on the world.

In Cambodia, the OSE team were based in Phnom Penh and worked with the Street Children Assistance Development Program (SCADP). SCADP provides opportunities for street living children to access basic education in the hope that this will assist in breaking poverty cycles. In Vietnam, OSE supported the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, who assist in the rescue and rehabilitation of trafficked child sex workers and street living kids in Hanoi and Hue. The group also supported Haven Home, a small residential facility in Hue where disadvantaged rural kids can access high quality schooling, and Starfish Education projects in DaNang and Hoi An. Starfish supports young Vietnamese students from impoverished background to access tertiary education by providing a tuition and living allowance, thereby allowing these students to be activists in breaking the poverty cycle. Starfish support these young



people to attain qualifications that will enable them to move away from difficult backgrounds and support their families and communities.

Following the month long 'Phase 1' of OSE, the students separated and carried out a month long individual placement relevant to their University degrees. Annalise completed work with the Woolcock Institute, an Australian based research organization working in Vietnam to combat and prevent the spread of Tuberculosis. Annalise was able to assist with research on the current strategies employed in Vietnam to combat MDR-TB, and examined the experimental protocols for the pilot project, assisted staff in performing ECGs for study participants, and observed testing for tuberculosis. She also observed the local health clinic, gaining an understanding of the challenges associated with Tuberculosis control in rural Vietnam.

Amelia returned to Cambodia to work with SCADP, who Wesley has supported over the past 10 years. Amelia taught English classes and provided education materials for students in Phnom Penh and Prey Veng Provinces. Amelia taught classes for 3yr olds to 18 yr olds and now feels a part of the SCADP

community. Amelia will be returning as Tour Leader for the OSE in 2017.

Sam worked with Projects Abroad, a volunteer organisation that runs a variety of charity programs throughout Cambodia. Sam assisted with conducting non-invasive testing such as checking skin integrity, temperature, blood testing and Multistix urine tests in rural communities. Another main part of Sam's project was to provide education to rural communities on how to maintain good health, and how to use medication for leprosy and skin disorders. Highlights of Sams' placement included observing a trachoma operation that restored sight to an 80yr old, helping to manage a 70-year-old man's diabetes, and improving a 4-year-old's drop foot to the point where he was able to attend school.

John worked as a Web development intern at Open Development Cambodia (ODC). ODC is an NGO that provides the public with up-to-date, accurate information about Cambodia and its economic and social development. Its open data approach guarantees materials and information are available to all users for free use and download. John assisted ODC to



transition from their old website to a new platform called Open Development Mekong that would allow the same free sharing of up-to-date data but in many other countries in the Mekong region such as Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Ella completed an internship with Y&R in Ho Chi Minh, a full service advertising agency, which prides itself on “resisting the usual”. Ella wrote briefs for campaigns and conducted in-depth marketing research for clients including Emirates, Colgate and Ansell, and contributed to the development of the company’s new social media policy. Ella learnt about the importance of locally-driven insights in ad campaigns, and learnt to remove pre-conceptions and outsider experiences of cultures to help produce relevant content.

## ELLA BEER OSE SPEECH AT ANNUAL DINNER

I’m sure you all know somebody who has travelled in South East Asia. Maybe you have yourself. Hence, I don’t feel the need to stand in front of you tonight and give you a detailed recount of everything we did and saw. I’m sure you’ve seen it all before on Instagram. I’m sure you’ve even seen people post pictures of children in orphanages, laughing and playing. I’m sure you’ve read

their captions along the lines of, “...blown away by these children’s unconditional happiness even in the face of such adversity.” While it might sound cheesy, things like this demonstrate that there is something great to be learned when travelling in South East Asia. The greatest thing I learned during OSE is that poverty isn’t always what we think it is.

Poverty is not, by definition, pictures of malnourished children sipping from the water bottles of white aid workers. Poverty is not always best solved by selling sausage sizzles at school lunch to raise money for African orphanages. This may seem bold, but it is not our responsibility to define what poverty is, and it is certainly not solely our responsibility to fix it.

Poverty is not as simple as not having enough food to eat or a roof over your head. The cause of poverty isn’t always as simple as nations simply never having enough money. Poverty is systemic. During our two weeks in Cambodia I saw the consequences of a corrupt government that keeps an extremely tight grip on the nation’s wealth. I saw gated communities with 3 story mansions, megamalls and casinos, and on the opposite side of the same un-tarred road ridden with potholes, I saw beggars missing limbs from land mine explosions.

Poverty is also culturally-bound.

During our time in Vietnam, which has developed rapidly over the last decade, I learnt that while the majority of people might have a place to live and enough food to eat, practices that we take for granted such as brushing our teeth and going to school were not as commonplace.

The ethos of OSE is about teaching us the real meaning of our privilege – privilege does not afford us the right to assume power and righteousness. Often, it is the opposite. In fact, being in a position of privilege requires us to take a step back and realise that our way of doing things and of fixing problems is deeply rooted in our own culture, and our own ideas of what is right and what is wrong. During OSE I learnt that our way of doing things here in the western world is simply not always the best way. Our responsibility as representatives of the college was not to offer our skills, as they were not always useful. Rather, it was our opportunity to observe and to learn.

OSE lead me to radically rethink the way that I viewed charity and development projects. Each of the organisations we support works hard to maintain a focus on culturally-specific problems. Street Children’s Assistance and Development Program, or SCADP, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, provides education and housing to orphans, street children or children from disadvantaged families. Blue Dragon in Ha Noi, Vietnam, is an all-encompassing organisation that tackles problems including youth homelessness and human trafficking to improve opportunities for many young Vietnamese people. Haven Home in Hue, Vietnam, provides safe housing for children from disadvantaged rural areas of Vietnam, allowing them to complete school and pursue university. And finally, Starfish Education Project finds sponsorship for disadvantaged students so that they are able to complete university.

OSE fundraising is about putting the power of change back into the



hands of the people that know best – the people of these nations and the workers at these organisations. It is not up to us to decide what is most beneficial for their country and their people, it's up to them. I cannot pretend that at 19 years old, having lived in Sydney all my life, that I know all the answers. We put our trust in people like Jack at SCADP, Kim at Blue Dragon, and Van at Starfish, to use their experience and their local knowledge to determine what is best for these children and how best to use our money. Their goal is simple- to give children the choice to carve out their own little

spot in the world in whatever fashion they may choose.

It is important to realise that our money can't fix everything. Our presence in these countries definitely cannot fix everything. But we can inspire change in small ways. Making these types of cross-cultural connections is a step towards a world of greater understanding. OSE taught me that our greatest responsibility as people of privilege is to simply walk the world with kindness, to be open to learning; to hearing other people's stories, and keeping their stories with us wherever we may go. (Ella Beer, OSE 2015).



## WES-STOCK A HIT AT WESLEY

Wesley's annual Wes-stock charity event was back in 2016. With a line-up of local artists, including Wesley's own Fresher band, the event promised to be bigger and better.

The third edition of the event focused on raising funds for Little Windmills: The Country Kids Charity, which is dedicated to the betterment of sick, injured and disadvantaged rural kids. Windmills are a non-for-profit organisation who alleviate the financial burden on rural families when their children are faced with illness. This includes covering the cost of medical expenses, travel and accommodation if a child falls sick.

Wesley holds many close ties with rural communities and by sponsoring a rural charity we were able to uphold this relationship. With many students at Wesley coming from regional or rural backgrounds this charity was supported widely by the college. While Wesley College holds strong relations with Overseas Charities through the Overseas Study

Experience, event organisers decided to choose a charity that was closer to home. Through extensive research Little Windmills proved to be a worthy cause for students to support.

The night that unfolded included some incredible tunes from talented musicians, all in the name of this good cause. The bands that performed were local Sydney artists who all jumped at the opportunity to play for a charity event. The night included exclusive performances by Sydney bands BORNEO, Plantface, Just Kidding and Small Voices.

A highlight of the night was Wesley's very own Fresher band, featuring Luther Canute, Edie Warne, Jerry Yu, Michael Zawal, Rohan Patel, Gyan Ainkaran, Lawrence Chan and Alex Wilton. Not only did the band set the tone for the night with their chilled out acoustic vibe, but they showcased the talent that Wesley has to offer.

Overall \$6000 was raised at the event and 330 tickets were sold. This tremendous effort can be

attributed to the Wes-stock Committee who brought together a wonderful evening for all involved. Special thanks go to Social Secretary Cam Gundy and Second Year Organisers; Will Lawless, Jack Gibson, Georgia Campbell, Matt Hinds, Emma Fessey and Austin Sorenson.

The hope for next year's Wes-stock is that it can raise even more money for the chosen charity. Incoming Social Secretary for 2017, Will Lawless, hopes that next year's event will continue the culture of giving and charity at Wesley College. "When you're at Wesley it's easy to become inundated by your surroundings and forget that there are some seriously disadvantaged people within the community that need our help," Lawless said.

Wesley has the financial and intellectual resources to make a real difference. Let's hope that Wes-stock 2017 raises more money and continues a culture of giving at Wesley.



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In 2017, Wesley College will celebrate 100 years!  
 Throughout the year, events will be organised to bring together  
 the Wesley community in various ways.

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES
12 February 2017	Open Day - 1-5pm	<i>All Old Collegians</i>
March 2017	Salvete	<i>Freshers</i>
3 April 2017	Academic and Scholarship Dinner	<i>By invitation</i>
25 April 2017	Anzac Day Service acknowledging all Old Cols and families who have served in the armed forces	<i>All Old Collegians and current students</i>
1 May 2017	Foundation Medal Dinner - Centenary Medallists	<i>All Old Collegians</i>
Early May 2017	Brandied Strawberries Dinner	<i>By invitation</i>
End May 2017	Council Centenary Dinner	<i>Current Councillors</i>
Last week of June 2017	London Centenary Reunion	<i>All Old Collegians</i>
Early July 2017	USA Centenary Reunion	<i>All Old Collegians</i>
3 October 2017	Senior Students dinner	<i>All previous senior students</i>
7 October 2017	Centenary Ball including the launch of the Centenary Book	<i>All Wesley Old Cols, current students, parents and friends</i>
10 November 2017	Celebration Lunch	<i>All Old Collegians in 1972 and before</i>
December 2017	Centenary Major Donor Dinner	<i>By invitation</i>

To register your interest in any of these events, please contact  
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