



# New'n'Old

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New Collegians starring in the NCSA's production of the classic play *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

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#### About New

Founded in 1969, the original New College is an Anglican residential college for students at the University of New South Wales. New College actively contributes to the life of the wider University and its main campus is set within University grounds. New College Village was opened in 2009 and is home for postgraduates and selected undergraduates. New welcomes people of all faiths and none. The College celebrates, and is enriched by, the diversity of backgrounds of its staff and students. The College pursues academic excellence, collegiality and service to society founded upon Christian faith and values.

New's main programs include:

- New College, the residential college for 248 undergraduate students at the University of New South Wales
- New College Village, the postgraduate residential village for 315 postgraduate students at the University of New South Wales.
- Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education, a specialist centre which carries out Christian apologetics—the activity of defending the Christian faith, engaging with other world views and attracting 'thinking' people to the message of the Christian faith.

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# From the Master

As usual, this issue of *New 'n' Old* showcases the diverse range of achievements and experiences of some of our alumni. It also offers a glimpse of what is currently happening in the New College and NCV communities.

We catch up with Emily Rumble, who was awarded the prestigious Sir Robert Menzies Scholarship (p.4), celebrate one NCV and six New College alumni being awarded a 2015 University Medal, and recognise the many New Collegians who received special Vaedictory Honours at the end of 2015 (p. 22).

In *New 'n' Old* we like to highlight some of the interesting career paths and experiences of our alumni. This time we meet with Hayden Smith (p.9) who is currently the Project Manager of UNSW's *Sunswift Racing*, a solar car racing team. New College alumnus and *Choice* CEO, Alan Kirkland (p. 10), speaks with *New 'n' Old* about current consumer issues with reflection on his time at New.

Quite a number of young collegians have used their passion and creativity to dive into the entrepreneurial world and develop their own businesses. Abraham Damen's Dubbo-based venture, *Kitchen and Renovation Concepts* (p. 14), is now the largest manufacturing joinery in Dubbo. Caitlyn Elliot's bridal company, *Studio C Bridal* is another fabulous example of a great New College innovator (p. 11).

An entirely different pathway after New College is that of our alumni who trained to work as Christian missionaries. In this issue, we question the Box and Sholl families about why they decided to leave a comfortable life in Australia to live and share their faith in a foreign context (p. 12 and 13).

And, as usual, we also announce and congratulate many alumni on their recent marriages and new families (p. 16). With all these



incredible alumni stories, let's not forget to share what's currently happening at NC and NCV!

New College Village is home to 315 postgraduate and upper year undergraduate students. Many of these students are completing fascinating Ph.D. projects. Pesila (p.7) is a great example of a student who has engaged in research and simultaneously enriched the community at NCV through his musical endeavours.

At the beginning of 2016, NCV warmly welcomed a new Assistant Dean – Twanda Masango, and his wife Shupio from Zimbabwe. You can meet Twanda and hear more about the NCV Community on p. 18 and 19. Across Anzac Parade at New College the New College Play, *The Man who Came to Dinner*, was a fantastic production (p. 24).

On a personal note, and with mixed feelings, I recently announced that I would be stepping down from being the Master of New College and

NCV. The role has been the most challenging and rewarding one of my career and it was a difficult decision to make, as I truly love serving within the two communities we sustain at UNSW. However, for several reasons it is the right time for me to move on. Earlier in the year I began a two-year role as President and Chairman of the NSW Business Chamber. This is a demanding role and would have been difficult to sustain alongside work at New College on top of the commitments of family and my other academic work.

More is said on my upcoming departure on page 6. Of course the College Board is currently engaged in searching for the next Master of New College, a role I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to undertake. Hopefully, in our next issue we might be able to introduce you to the new Master who will take over next year.

Trevor Cairney

# EMILY RUMBLE

## awarded the Sir Robert Menzies Scholarship



New College congratulates Emily Rumble (NC 2007–10) on being awarded the 2016 Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law. *New 'n' Old* caught up with Emily to find out what this exciting news means for Emily.

### *What has life held for you since leaving New College?*

Having left New College at the end of 2010, I spent the next two years finishing my Arts/Law degree while living close to campus with a terrific bunch of New College alumni! After finishing my studies, I had the privilege to work as an associate to Her Honour Justice Annabelle Bennett in the Federal Court of Australia, where I primarily assisted her Honour on the *Apple v Samsung* litigation.

I now work as a solicitor in the litigation group of the Sydney office of international law firm Herbert Smith Freehills, where I specialise in financial services regulation. I've also had several journal articles published in legal journals since graduating, and was the runner up for the 2014 NSW Rhodes Scholarship.

I still live in Sydney for the time being, but am looking forward to heading to Oxford later this year to study a Bachelor of Civil Laws (the equivalent of a Master's degree), focusing on securities and financial regulation. I'm tremendously grateful to the Menzies Foundation for supporting this study

through the award of the 2016 Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law.

### *What are you hoping to achieve in the future (at Oxford and beyond)?*

I plan to return to legal practice after Oxford, although it's likely that I won't return to Australia straight away. The area of law I work in is influenced by international regulatory developments, so it's really important to have both academic and practical exposure to those developments. I hope to spend some time working in a global financial centre like Hong Kong or London before my return to Australia. Eventually, I plan to move into a position with a regulator like the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, which I hope will allow me to play a role in preventing a recurrence of a financial crisis like the GFC.

### *What are your memories and/or reflections from your time at New College?*

I have tremendously fond memories of my time at New, and the great friends I made there, many of whom I continue to see regularly. One of the things that I continue to value about my time at New was how wonderful it was to live in a community devoted to learning and knowledge—I remember some great lunch time debates with my fellow Collegians (and not just about whether sandwich construction was, depending on your view, the best lunch of the week, or the worst!) One of the other things I miss about New was the sense of community and family that I felt while I was there—I was lucky enough to live in some amazing groups that really were my family away from home. It is really a wonderful and very rare place that I feel very fortunate to have lived in for four years. ■

Read more at the Menzies Foundation website: <http://menziesfoundation.org.au/media-news/329-2016-law-scholar-keen-to-protect-australian-investors>



# THE GOVERNOR

## of New South Wales visits New College



Almost ten years since gracing the New College stage, Marcus revived the role of Freddie for the Canberra Philharmonic Society last year.

Younger sister, Amelia Hurley lived at New College (2010–11) while studying Media Communications and Journalism at UNSW. Not to be outdone by her older brother, Amelia is a talented actor and was in the cast for the 2010 New College Play, *Noises Off*. Since Valedicting from New College, Amelia has worked as a Fashion and Beauty reporter for a *International Traveller Magazine*, as a Project Executive with *MaxMediaLab* and now as an Events and Exhibitions Co-ordinator based out of Sydney.

Caitlin Hurley, older sister to Marcus and Caitlin, previously served as Director of the UNSW Union, as Chair of the Board of Arc and later Director of Arc. While never a resident of New College, Caitlin contributed significantly to the quality of campus life for all students of UNSW. She is now an Assistant Minister across the one1seven church network, working with the youth, young adults and professionals living in Redfern and Green Square. ■

**H**is Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and Mrs Hurley were the guests of honour at a New College Formal

Dinner on Wednesday, 16th September 2015. Prior to his appointment as Governor, His Excellency served for 42 years in the Australian Army, concluding his service as the Chief of the Defence Force. He was appointed a Companion within the Order of Australia in 2010 for eminent service to the Australian Defence Force, and had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his leadership during Operation SOLACE in Somalia in 1993.

During his address to the New College community, His Excellency talked about the transient nature of the modern Australian workforce. He highlighted the contrast between his own experience, of a stable career in the Defence Force, with the anticipated nature of the future Australian labour market.

'If you were born between 1977 and 1997 most of you will stay in a job for less than three years, which means if you are fully employed in your lifetime you may have fifteen to twenty jobs over the course of your working lives'.

The Governor spoke about the need for Australian businesses to work with an increasingly competitive and innovative global market place. 'As an Island continent on the rim of Asia we are competing with growing regional economies and the digital economies

in Japan, Korea, China and Singapore', His Excellency said. 'They do things quickly and smartly, they teach their kids computing coding from an early age'.

His Excellency encouraged New Collegians to seek a broad general education that enhances an ability to adapt, move quickly and problem solve as the nature of work in Australia evolves.

His Excellency was accompanied to the Dinner by Mrs Hurley. After a career in the private and public education sectors Mrs Hurley now works as a Pastoral Carer at the Canberra Hospital, among many voluntary commitments.

### The Hurley Family at New

This visit to the New College was certainly not the first for the Vice-Regal couple. His Excellency and Mrs Hurley have three children who all attended The University of New South Wales, two being alumni of New College.

Marcus Hurley (NC 2006) made his mark on the community while starring as the lead role, 'Freddie', in the New College Students' Association's first ever musical production, *The Pirates of Penzance*. Marcus studied Economics at UNSW before moving into a combination of Ancient History, Media, Arts and Production at University of Canberra. In recent years he has played lead roles in musicals such as *Grease*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Sunset Boulevard* and *Anything Goes*.

# Professor Trevor Cairney Stepping Down

For those who have been involved with New College over the last decade and a half, it is difficult to imagine what the community would be like without Professor Trevor Cairney at its helm.

The sheer enormity of the work Trevor has undertaken as the 5th Master of New College has left an indelible mark. When he finally steps down on the 4th November 2016 it will be to handover a College which he has vastly transformed to accommodate the needs of Collegians for the 21st Century.

Professor Trevor Cairney came to New College from the University of Western Sydney where he had been the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Development and Postgraduate Studies) from 1995 to 2000. Over nearly fifteen years, he has prioritized the building of community based on New College's mission to bring about collegiality, academic excellence and pastoral care, founded upon Christian faith and values. This has been borne out in the remarkable community atmosphere and many activities that continue to flourish at New College, which haven't distracted the residents from being involved in roles of Christian and civic service, or from achieving consistently high academic results.

Trevor has enjoyed working with the New College Students' Association (NCSA), the Residential Advisors, Senior Residents, Academic Tutors and the New College Christian Fellowship (NCCF) and has been an ardent supporter of the College's strong sporting and artistic traditions. As Master, Trevor has also encouraged residents to explore, share and consider the Christian gospel and to be exposed to a diverse range of prominent and inspiring guest speakers through the New College Lectures and Formal Dinners.

A significant focus of Trevor's period as Master has been the improvement and expansion of the accommodation. A succession of improvements to the original 1960's building has included the addition of a 4th floor, extensive renovations, refurbishment of all the rooms, bathrooms and common areas and notably a roof over the central courtyard, which has finally stopped water damage throughout the building and created an amazing all weather space.

Trevor's initiative to create a second community on the UNSW Kensington Campus resulted, after much work, in the opening of New College Village (NCV) in 2009. In just seven and a half years, NCV has been home to over 1400 residents who have come from all



around Australia and the world to study at UNSW.

In announcing the news of his resignation, Professor Cairney wrote the following words to the current residents.

"After 14 years at New College I recently advised the Board that it was my intention to resign as Master prior to the end of my 3rd term. I am required to give notice 6 months in advance and I have indicated that my last day at College will be the 4th November. There are a variety of reasons for my departure. First, I am ready for a new phase in my professional and personal life. My recent appointment as President of the NSW Business Chamber offers a new part-time opportunity to contribute to the business community and will continue for at least four years. Second, I want to spend more time writing and being with Carmen (my wife of 44 years) and my extended family. Third, I believe that I can now leave New College in a very healthy state, with all the major goals that I set with the Board back in 2002 now achieved, and with many fine staff serving our two communities."

The College Board has embarked on a search process for the appointment of the 6th Master of New College. ▀

## ALUMNI REUNION AND FAREWELL TO TREVOR CAIRNEY

**Saturday, 22nd October 2016**

This is an open invitation for any alumni and friends of New College and NCV to meet for a relaxed afternoon together. BBQ, Drinks and Canapes will all be provided. Partners and families are also welcome.

**Time:** 2-5pm (come and go as you please with formalities at 3pm)

**Date:** Saturday, 22 October 2016

**Location:** Main Common Room and Courtyard Lawn at New College Village (NCV)

**RSVP:** Wednesday, 12th October

**Register Now:** [www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/events](http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/events)

# PESILA RATNAYAKE

## A story of turbulence suppression and noise complaint



If any noise complaints were made at New College Village (NCV) in the last few years, Pesila Ratnayake could be to blame. Pesila, who has been a vibrant presence at both NC and NCV since 2009, will farewell UNSW and NCV in July having recently completed his Ph.D.

Engineer by day and musician-come-DJ by night, Pesila (known as 'Pes' at NCV) is a young man out to improve the world around him. As a student, who started university living off-campus, Pes felt he was missing out on the college experience. In 2009, while in his third year studying a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering and Masters of Biomedical

Engineering, Pes left the suburbs, having been accepted to live at New College.

Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, and acceptance into a Chemical Engineering Ph.D. program, Pes decided that while college life was still for him, he wanted a bit more independence. So, he made the very convenient move across Anzac Parade to live in the NCV community, which caters for the needs of both postgraduate and undergraduate students.

"I stayed at NCV for four and a half years because I found it to provide a great balance of academic and recreational opportunities. I enjoyed discussing research with other postgrads," said Pesila, whose Ph.D. explores ways to improve fluid mixing and decrease the build-up of dissolved species near membranes in processes such as desalination.

Pesila's research questions the use of reverse osmosis in the process of desalination of seawater and brackish water in terms of its high operating costs. His investigations were carried

out primarily by the analysis and optimisation of fluids. When applied, the research may help result in a reduction of pumping energy in pipes and channels through turbulence suppression and drag reduction.

Pes, who identifies as being quite a shy person is also a musician. At NCV he was given the opportunity to venture, socially and musically, out of his comfort zone. In 2012, some fellow residents were looking for a guitarist to play for an "Indian Night". Having little experience playing in bands, Pesila boldly volunteered without knowing what he was getting himself into. Soon after, the musical legends of NCV "Noise Complaint" formed.

Noise Complaint has been a colourful addition to the life of NCV ever since. The band has performed at Talent Nights, 'NCV Factor', and 'So You Think You Can...' on a regular basis. Lobbied by Pes, and seeing the valuable impact music was having on the community, NCV invested in new instruments and sound gear.

Pes moved to NCV as a convenient place to study but leaving several years later, he realises how much he will miss the NCV family. "I will miss the people and the band. While I will still keep in touch with other residents, we will see each other less frequently as we scatter around the world."

Pes is hoping to eventually enter into an academic or research career but, for now, is looking to enter the industrial world of chemical engineering. ▀



# 2015 UNIVERSITY MEDALLISTS

## University Medallists | New College

The university medal is the highest accolade that undergraduates can achieve and is only awarded once, annually, to the highest performing student in a discipline and even then, only if they have maintained an extraordinary academic record throughout their entire university degree. The College is delighted for the five alumni of New Collegians who were announced in January 2016 by UNSW as having won a University Medal for 2015. Congratulations Alistair, Oscar, Jack, Guy and Daniel.

New Collegian	In residency	Discipline
Alistair Smith	2012–14	Naval Architecture
Oscar Wilkie	2011–12	Photovoltaics and Solar Energy
Jack Blackwell	2012–13	Renewable Energy Engineering
Guy Baldwin	2008–09	Renewable Energy Engineering
Daniel Keith	2012–14	Law



## University Medallists | NCV

New Collegian	In residency	Discipline
Riana Tatana	NCV 2015	Theatre and Performance Studies



NCV Alumna Riana Tatana was delighted to receive the UNSW University Medal in 2015 for Theatre and Performance Studies. Riana is a Maori and Bundjalung woman from the Northern Rivers region of NSW. She left her home town of Lismore and travelled to Sydney to complete a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Theatre and

Performance Studies and minoring in English.

Upon the completion of this degree in 2014, she grasped the opportunity to delve deeper into a specific passion in Performance Studies through her Honours project. Creating a performance called *Monday's Child*, her project aims to scrutinise the political constructions of Aboriginality in theatre. She subsequently wrote her Honours thesis, which

explored the theatrical, creative, theoretical and personal process of *Monday's Child*. She loved the freedom of researching an aspect of performance that was personal to her—Indigenous Australian theatre. It was this performance, coupled with her Honours thesis that secured her the esteemed University Medal.

Riana says she was in 'complete shock' when she read the email indicating that she had won the University Medal, and googled the award to check it wasn't an accident. The 2015 University Medal is an amazing addition to an impressive array of achievements for Riana. In 2015, she was the Indigenous Student Ambassador for UNSW as well as the recipient of the Nura Gili Excellence Award for Arts and Social Science.

In 2016, Riana relocated to regional Victoria to work with *Teach for Australia*, a program which aims to close the gap of achievement between students from low-income and high-income families.

On behalf of the NCV Community, we would love to take this opportunity to congratulate Riana on this outstanding achievement. ▀



# SUNSWIFT RACING

## HAYDEN SMITH

### What is your funniest memory from college?

Quite honestly, just having conversations with the Catering Manager, Daniel Higgins, and Maintenance Officer, Mick Dawson (now deceased). They had decades of stories to share about college, about history, about their experiences. It was impossible to have a dull conversation with them. Their seasoned humour and wit was always enough to make any day a little more enjoyable.

### What do you miss about college life?

The people and the energy, above all else. There are very few places you can get exposed to in a university setting where you're surrounded by people who are simply committed to putting in effort, getting things done, doing their best, and tackling new challenges.

### What was your biggest learning curve at university?

Coming to terms with the fact that the marks weren't really important and that what was really important was how much I was learning. If I had my way again I would have ignored my academic transcript and just asked myself every day, "Am I learning as much as I can?"

### What is Sunswift Racing?

Sunswift, UNSW's Solar Racing Team, is a group of about 60 undergraduate Engineering, Arts, and Built Environment students that design, build, and race solar cars. In 2014 we broke a world record to become the world's most energy efficient electric passenger vehicle. In 2015, we put ourselves on the path to become Australia's first road-legal, solar car.



### What makes you passionate about solar?

It's a bit of a joke in the modern era not to utilise the power of the sun. To quote Elon Musk "We have this handy fusion reactor in the sky called the sun, you don't have to do anything [to generate the power]". Our team is about promoting a positive image around solar technology, all in the hope that we all get a little more excited and invest more in renewable resources.

### What's been your standout experience in your involvement with Sunswift?

As Project Manager for the past two years (doubling as Technical Manager for one), I have had an incredible experience in leadership, working with people, and engineering system design. I've been lucky to meet incredible people, find countless job opportunities through the project, and simply learn more about other engineering disciplines. Down to a single individual experience, it would definitely have to be competing in the World Solar Challenge 2015. Traveling across the Australian desert was an amazing experience!

### You're life experience has already been quite diverse. Where do you see yourself headed in the next few years?

I am not quite sure yet. Thankfully being in software I'm in an industry that is booming incredibly. I'm taking each year as it comes, right now. I'll focus my energy on finding work that has the greatest impact. If you're going to engineer, you might as well do it for the best cause you can find. ▀



Alan Kirkland has progressed from using a sandwich toaster to make late night pancakes in the college kitchenettes, to determining the most reputable pancake mix on the market for consumers. A *New Collegian* in 1990–91, Alan is now the CEO of CHOICE, Australia's leading consumer advocacy group.

In his role, Alan connects with a range of topical issues relevant to Australians and aims to deliver unbiased consumer information. He rallies passionately for significant reforms where problems are identified. In recent months, we owe credit to Alan and the CHOICE team for their investigative work surrounding a range of matters from the legalities of *Uber* to the safety hazards of *Thermomix*.

Alan didn't become CEO of CHOICE overnight. As a country kid enrolling in an Arts Degree, Alan transferred into Arts-Law at the end of first year. He found himself dabbling in a variety of majors, including Russian, French and International Law, which lead him to spend time studying abroad in

## ALAN KIRKLAND CHOICE CEO

Moscow and France. He counts these experiences as "life-changing".

A career in law reform soon became the clear choice for Alan's future.

It was on the Kensington Campus at UNSW that Alan began engaging with policy work in a significant way. Initially joining the Student Guild, he soon became the State President of The National Union of Students (NUS).

"NUS was where I had my first experiences of lobbying politicians and debating issues through the media. I remember the excitement of first appearing in the Sun Herald, as part of our fight to stop the uni administration bringing McDonalds onto campus."

From this initial success (McDonalds only managed to gain a position across the road from campus, thanks to Alan's work) Alan continued to follow the path of lobbying politicians during his time at UNSW.

The opportunity to work with CHOICE was a logical next step in his career path.

"It brings together everything I love—working for a cause I believe in, campaigning for law reform, and being able to be part of the national economic debate. I have no idea what job I could do after this that could

possibly be better than CHOICE!"

Alan's time at New College in the early 90's was an important time of setting foundations for his current work. If he was to conduct a CHOICE style investigation into any aspect of college he says it would probably be the meal times.

"I found the combination of early dinners and late nights somewhat challenging!"

Most importantly though, Alan grew from the relationships formed with his fellow collegians. The experience of being surrounded by people with different values and ideas greatly enriched his university life and beyond.

"As a non-religious person at New, I sometimes found it challenging to live in a community where religion was a really important part of most people's identity—but I'm also sure that other people found some of my views a bit confronting! Ultimately, I think it's good for anybody to spend time living with people who have different values because that's a common experience as you move through life, so I am glad to have spent two years at New College."

To stay in the loop with current consumer issues, visit [www.choice.com.au](http://www.choice.com.au).

# CAITLYN ELLIOT'S STUDIO C BRIDAL

Getting work in a performing arts company as a costumer is not easy in a context where every sector of the economy is crying out for more money and successive Federal Budgets have cut funding for the Arts. Theatre, Ballet and Opera companies heavily rely on government support. Come what may, Caitlyn Elliot (nee Newbury) is determined to cut her own way in this industry as she pursues what she is most passionate about.

**C**aitlyn lived at New College in 2008/09 and studied Costume at NIDA. It is no surprise that one of her favourite college memories is the Masquerade themed College Ball of 2008. Studying a highly demanding, deadline driven degree helped her develop the stamina to overcome the many obstacles that have tried to interfere with her dream of being a Costume Designer.

Since graduating, Caitlyn has been weaving her way successfully through the industry working for companies such as Opera Australia and Bell Shakespeare. Most recently, she made the decision to branch out on her own. Caitlyn now creates custom wedding dress designs under the banner of her freelance company, Studio C Bridal. While she never intended on entering the bridal industry, Studio C was born out of Caitlyn's love for design and allows her to use her creative flair.

"To be able to be part of someone's wedding day is a wonderful feeling, whatever the contribution is. I'm still



using my highly specialised skill set, but instead of designing for actors I'm designing for anyone who knows what kind of wedding dress they want."

Studio C Bridal is a time consuming project. She often works on multiple wedding dress designs by day and at night she works a second business, Studio C Textile Workspace, which keeps her linked in with the world of costume design. Caitlyn's work has recently featured on stage for several major theatre productions.

"As a costumer my highlights have included *Strictly Ballroom*, Opera Australia's *Turandot*, *My Fair Lady*, *Barber of Seville*, and Bell Shakespeare's

*The Winter's Tale*", says Caitlyn.

Caitlyn has a lot on her plate but she loves what she does and prides herself on the fact that she has not once missed a deadline, and that her customers are always happy.

"Over the next few years, I will hopefully still be working. With arts funding being cut it's very scary for those in costume work. I'm not in bridal for world domination, but I do love my work, and would love it to grow and become a bit more self-sufficient!"

View Caitlyn's incredible design work at: [www.studiocbridal.com](http://www.studiocbridal.com)



# MISSIONARIES FROM NEW

## The Sholls in South America

When Peter and Sarah Sholl crossed paths at New College in 1990, they never imagined that they would be married and living in Mexico in 2016.

**P**eter Sholl was a resident at New College from 1988 to 1990. One of his highlights was when he directed the 1990 New College Revue, which he described as “a huge amount of work but great fun.”

While Peter was downstairs playing Director, Sarah Sholl (nee Swainston, NC 1989-91) spent much of her spare time at college playing late night Bridge and 500 with her Collegians.

It was the summer after their third year of university when Peter played his cards right and began a relationship with Sarah.

They married in 1993. The decision to leave their lives in Sydney and relocate to Mexico wasn't immediate. After graduating from UNSW, Peter worked as an engineer for Telstra and Sarah worked as a school teacher in Western Sydney.

Leaving his career as an engineer, Peter completed a two year ministry apprenticeship on the UNSW campus, followed by four years of study at Moore Theological College. During this time, the couple decided to plant a church in Marrickville, which eventually became the congregation of St Matthew's Ashbury.

It was here that the idea of overseas mission was planted in Peter's mind.

“I got involved in a short term theological training program in Kenya and South Africa, and after four trips over four years people wondered if one day I might not come back!”

Receiving regular missionary updates from the Church Missionary Society (CMS), Peter and Sarah were struck by the great need for the Christian gospel around the world.

Peter and Sarah had in-depth conversation with friends and family about whether they should consider becoming missionaries in Mexico. Upon seeing a position advertised by CMS that suited Peter's qualifications, they decided to take the plunge.

The religious nature of Mexico has made it an interesting place to nurture disciples of Jesus.

“Mexico is a very religious society, which means it is very easy to talk about Jesus with people. When Sarah invites women to join her Bible study group, there is a general response of positiveness, rather than suspicion or rejection. My 45 minute taxi ride to the airport is quite often filled with conversation about “spiritual” things.”

Peter and Sarah are blessed with three girls to raise. Peter's work involves training Pastors and Sarah leads Bible study groups for women.

“Growing disciples of Jesus is a long process, especially when a new culture is thrown into the mix. It takes a long time for people to build up confidence in us and for us to understand the culture so that we can minister effectively in a way that is appropriate, rather than just import the way things are done in Australia.

Though it can take time, experiencing the fruit of seeing people understand and be transformed by Jesus is completely worthwhile for the Sholl's.

“We are able to speak the gospel into the personal areas of life in a way that a short-term visitor cannot.”

To receive updates from the Sholl family, visit the Church Missionary Society (CMS) website: [www.cms.org.au](http://www.cms.org.au)

# MISSIONARIES FROM NEW

## Veronica Box in Slovenia

Veronica Box (nee Nicholls) lived at New College from 1993 to 1997. Eleven years ago, Veronica and her husband Kingsley made the decision to farewell Australia to live in Slovenia as missionaries.

**S**lovenia is a nation state in Southern Central Europe with a population of approximately two million people.

The Box's decided to move to Slovenia to do missionary work after hearing it is a "tough place" for Christianity to thrive. They held to their convictions that living a Christian life did not always mean taking the "easy path". Seeing a need for Slovenians to hear about Jesus, they decided the sacrifice of their cultural comforts would be worthwhile.

"There are certainly sacrifices - we miss our relatives and it isn't always easy operating in a foreign culture. Our children also have to make sacrifices to live and go to school in Slovenia," said Veronica.

Veronica completed a Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering at UNSW, and thrived living at college for the duration of her degree. She loved the possibilities of socialising at college, and hanging around in the common room chatting with friends.

Growing up, Veronica was raised in a Christian family and always perceived herself to be a "good girl". But during college she had the opportunity to delve deeper into the things she was taught as a child. She assessed that she wasn't as "good" as she thought, and that her life was revolving around her ambitions of success and personal achievement.

Convicted that there was a better way to live, Veronica learnt to trust Jesus with her whole life and to be willing to give up things for him. These thoughts were the foundations of her decision to devote her life to mission work. Veronica met her husband Kingsley whilst at New College. They went on to Bible College together and were challenged to take the gospel to the world.

Now having lived in Slovenia with four children for over a decade, Veronica reflects on what life is like as a missionary:

"It takes a long time to learn a language and culture - we have been here 11 years and we are still learning. So we are thankful that CMS is committed to sending missionaries long term. We are convinced that Slovenes need to hear the gospel of grace and so we are committed to staying here as long as the Lord allows us to preach the gospel. We know that God is



faithful and he will always provide for our family."

Along with the challenges, Veronica loves many aspects of living in Slovenia, particularly time spent outdoors trekking the hilly countryside.

"Slovenes love going for hikes in the hills and the mountains. Slovenia is a beautiful country and I love being able to spend time in nature with my family and friends here," says Veronica.

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# ABRAHAM DAMEN

## Kitchen and Renovation Concepts



**A**braham Damen (NC 2005–07) has been recognized for his achievements in starting and operating an innovative and customer focused business called Kitchen and Renovation Concepts in Dubbo.

Known as Abe to Collegians, the successful businessman arrived at New College as a young man from Coonabarabran to study a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at UNSW.

“I found New College to be a great introduction to life away from home and family. New College provided a very supportive environment at a time of lots of changes in my life. There

were always people on hand to help and encourage you in your academic pursuits. I made many like minded friends, played squash, took up running and was involved in musicals as well as being a willing participant in lots of the college pranks. My three years at New College were a very happy and productive part of my life.”

After uni, Abraham worked as an electrical engineer in Sydney for a large consulting firm on projects including the Kurnell Desalination Plant. But after getting a taste for corporate life, Abe wanted to try his hand at something new and work somewhere away from Sydney traffic.

Moving to Dubbo, in Central New South Wales, Abraham channeled his practical and theoretical engineering skills into setting up his own business. Growing up, his family had been involved in importing kitchens from overseas. He saw that kitchen design and manufacturing was now a rapidly-evolving field with many technological advances taking place.

So Abe started ‘Kitchen and Renovation Concepts’. The business supplies custom and flat pack residential and commercial joinery and renovation products and is now the largest manufacturing joinery in Dubbo. From working alone in a massive shed a few years ago, Abraham now employs and leads a team of over 30 staff in Dubbo. He has also established distributorships in Orange and Coonabarabran. His team uses advanced technology to help customers visualize their renovation concepts and the business has invested heavily in innovative machinery.

“We’ve implemented Australia’s first virtual reality kitchen. Our customers can stand in our showroom with goggles and see and customize their vision,” he says.

Abe also says that “constant improvement” is one of his philosophies. He is continually trying to find better ways to enhance service and products. “We manufacture everything here in Dubbo from Australian materials so it’s an unusual manufacturing story, the reverse of the Australian trend,” he said.

In 2015, Abraham’s business was the Gold Rhino Winner at the Orana Mutual Rhino Awards, which are presented by the Dubbo Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Abraham additionally won awards in the ‘Excellence in Innovation’ and ‘Excellence in Customer Service’ categories. Abraham also won the NSW Young Entrepreneur Award in the NSW Business Chamber’s 2015 Awards, however Abraham doesn’t take all the credit saying he describes his staff as “family” and was thrilled to share these wins with them.

“Starting your own business as a young entrepreneur is exciting, challenging and rewarding but it can be a roller coaster ride and you have to be able to see the ‘downs’ as part of the evolution of your vision without being overwhelmed by the challenges that these create”, says Abraham.

“Be prepared for lots of hard work! Entrepreneurs usually enjoy a challenge but starting your own business can be challenging on many levels, both personally and financially. You must have strong personal resilience, be naturally optimistic and be prepared for the wins and losses that you will encounter as your business grows.”



# BEAUTIFUL VIOLINIST & BEAUTIFUL MAN

The Life of New College Alumnus  
Richard Pulley Celebrated in Concert



The life of Richard Pulley (NC1989–91) was celebrated in a concert at St Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday, 1st May 2016 with all proceeds flowing to the Myeloma Foundation of Australia.

Richard had sadly passed away in the December of 2014 following a lengthy battle with multiple myeloma (Cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow). Friends and family from many parts of Richard's life wished to remember Richard's unique musical gifts, generosity, work ethic, modesty, sense of humour, calmness, humility and Christian faith. They came up with a concert to feature some musical works that Richard loved listen to and perform.

The fundraising concert titled 'Beautiful Violinist & Beautiful Man' was a wonderful success and played to an audience that filled St Andrew's Cathedral. Several New Collegians played in the concert including violinist, Emily Blanch (NC 2016–Present), one of Richard's brothers, Warwick Pulley (NC 1989–95) and violinist Jan Fallding (nee. Howe, NC 1986–87) who was also one of the concert organisers.

The orchestra, made up of Richard's friends and family performed a program that included *The Lark Ascending* by Vaughan Williams, Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto in E minor* and Sibelius' *Violin Concerto in D minor*. The program also included performances of two of Richard's favourite songs, *Morgen* by Richard Strauss and *Bring Him Home* from the musical *Les Misérables*.

The orchestra was honoured to perform in the presence of Richard's wife, Li Ann, his three children, Kieran, Lauren and Christian, his parents, Christine and Laurie, and two brothers, Warwick (NC) and Mark (NC 1991–93).

Richard was raised in Armidale where music was a huge part of family life. He came to UNSW to study Electrical Engineering but continued to excel musically as a violinist, playing with the both the Sydney and Australian Youth Orchestras, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and The Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra.

While living at New College, Richard formed a string quartet along with fellow Collegians, Peter Sholl (NC 1988–90), Drew Mumford (NC 1988–89) and his brother Warwick. They performed at the New College Ball and the 1989 New College Revue, "What's Gnu".



Sketch of  
Richard Pulley  
by Artist  
Heidi Hereth.

Around this time Richard and a group of New Collegians attempted to form a New College Orchestra. However, in the end they partnered with other students on campus to found the UNSW Orchestra, of which Richard became Concert Master. He later received an the UNSW Alumni Award in 1992 for his work founding the UNSW Orchestra.

As well as being a talented musician, Richard was also an exceptional student. He served the New College community as a Tutor in 1991 and graduated from Engineering at UNSW with Honours.

Richard was a dedicated and loving husband and father as well as a committed Christian. While he could have had an even more extraordinary career as a professional violinist, his humility, quiet disposition and determination to put family first led him, instead, to enrich community musical life and culture in Sydney and beyond. ▀

Visit [www.myeloma.org.au](http://www.myeloma.org.au) to support the Myeloma Foundation Australia.

# Marriages

## Paulette Lo & Arwin Soetanto

Arwin Soetanto and Paulette Lo (NC 2009–11) were married at All Saints Anglican Church, Hunters Hill on 27 June 2015 at 2pm. This was followed by a reception at Curzon Hall. Since leaving New College, Paulette has been working at Goldman Sachs in their investment banking division. Paulette and Arwin have founded "Streams Capital", which invests in social enterprises globally to provide an essential service or product to help disadvantaged communities.



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## Katherine Butterworth & Peter Theodor

Peter Theodor married Katherine Butterworth (NC 2006–10) at St Johns Darlinghurst at 12.12pm on 12 December 2015. The ceremony was followed by a reception held at the Museum of Contemporary Art. New Collegians involved in the bridal party included Maid of Honour, Laura Butterworth (NC 2011–13) and bridesmaid Christine Lang (NC 2004–09). Since leaving college, Katherine has been working full time at NSW Service for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS) with refugees and asylum seekers as a trauma therapist. Pete is the Head of Operational Excellence at Westpac. Peter and Katherine have a love for travel and culture, and hope to use their vocational skills in mission work, trauma training and community development sometime in the future.



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## Louise Killen & Peter Gaffney

Louise Killen (NC 2007–09) and Peter Gaffney were married at St Marks, Darling Point at 11am on 8 August 2015. They celebrated after the ceremony at The Royal Sydney Golf Club. Louise's sister Charlotte Killen (NC 2009–10) was the Maid of Honour. Since leaving New College, Louise moved to Albury to finish her final two years of Medicine School. She is now working full time at St Vincent's Hospital.



## Johanna Elms & Aaron Pym

Johanna Elms (NC 2005–07) and Aaron Pym were married on 3 October 2015 at Observatory Hill in Sydney. The day continued with a cocktail reception in the Rocks. Many of Jo's fellow 2005 Freshers attended the wedding, and her sister Alex Elms (NC 2008–09) was her "best woman". Johanna and Aaron met while studying post-graduate degrees in Brisbane. Johanna now works for the ABC in strategy for the News division, while Aaron works as an Anaesthetics trainee at St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst. They live in Surry Hills with two dogs Jensen and Lewis.



## Michael Latten & Erin Charters

Michael Latten married Erin Charters (NC 2011–13) at EV Church, Erina at 1pm on 18 April 2015. Erin's bridesmaids were all New Collegians: Jessica Dunn (NC 2011–13), Rochelle Oei (NC 2011–12) and Laura Wright (nee Harvey, NC 2012–14). Erin completed a Food Science and Technology degree, and now works as a Quality Officer at Newly Weds Foods (a food coatings company with no relation to weddings). Michael graduated from Commerce and Economics at UNSW and now works as an accountant at KPMG.



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## Callan Pritchard & Katrina Marrett

On April 11 2015, Callan Pritchard (NC 2008–10) and Katrina Marrett (NC 2008–11) were married at Glenbrook Anglican Church. Their bridal party was full of New Collegians featuring bridesmaids Dhanu Eliezer (NC 2009–12), Rachael Harland (nee McLaren, NC 2009–11), and groomsmen Jono Barnett (NC 2005–08), Matt McDonald (NC 2011–12), and Andrew Palmer (NC 2010–13). They also had many lovely college friends help out on the day with music, decorations, and afternoon tea. Callan and Kat met at New College. They were on the NCCF committee in 2009 and attended UniChurch together for eight years. They are now training for Christian Ministry at Moore Theological College. Callan and Kat currently live in Kensington and attend St Luke's Anglican Church in Clovelly.

## NEW FAMILIES



Andrew Boyton (NC 2004–07) and his wife Chloe welcomed baby Hannah into the world on 19 November, 2015.



Angela Barrett (NC 2000–05) and her husband Tim Richardson are delighted to announce the birth of their "very happy little lad", George James Richardson. George was born one month early on 7 October, 2015.



Lachlan and Kim-Hoa Rogers (both NC 2004–07) are excited to introduce George Edwin Rogers (3.38kg) and Albert Ronald Rogers (2.69kg). The twin boys entered the world on 2 June 2016 at two minutes apart. They are brand new brothers for their older sister Adelaide (2 years old).

## Families



Daniel & Steph Cummings celebrated the arrival of their daughter Lucy Rose Cummings on 19 August 2015. They are so thankful to God for the opportunity to love a little girl.



Andrew Edwyn Lockart brought a smile to the faces of David (NC 2003–05) and Rebekah Lockart (NC 2006–08) on 11 September 2015. Andrew is a lovely little brother for his older sister Hannah.



Tim and Laura Amos (nee Sharpe, NCV 2009–13) welcomed a very big boy into their family on 6 May 2015. Caleb Luke Amos weighed 4.395kg at birth and has brought a whole lot of joy into their lives.

# NCV COMMUNITY

## TWANDA MASANGO, NCV'S ASSISTANT DEAN



Twanda and Shupio Masango have come to Australia all the way from Zimbabwe and now work with the NCV community. The married couple arrived at NCV at the beginning of 2016 as Twanda commenced his duties as Assistant Dean.

**O**n arriving at NCV Twanda was asked what he would like to share with the residents. He quoted a wise old saying. "A wise person once said that the capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill and the willingness to learn is a choice" said Twanda. "I am so much looking forward to sharing lives with the wider NCV and I have no doubt the year will present us with countless opportunities to learn from and serve one other."

Twanda has enjoyed getting to know the residents better as he works to make NCV a wonderful environment for residents to live, study, serve and have fun together. He is excited by the opportunities he's had to learn more about other faiths as well as to lead Bible studies and talk to people about his Lord, Jesus.

"It's such a great privilege for Shupi and me to be part of the NCV community this year. Before coming to NCV, I was involved in Christian ministry work among university students in Zimbabwe.", said Twanda. "Living at NCV gives us a rare opportunity to meet with students from diverse backgrounds. This is a great place for me to learn more about different cultures as well gaining more experience in pastoral work in a university ministry context."

On top of his ministry at NCV, Twanda is in 2nd Year at Moore Theological College and is involved in the community at St John's Anglican Church, Maroubra together with Shupio. ■

# NCV COMMUNITY

## EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY AT NCV

**C**hristian Activities at New College Village (NCV) in Semester 1 has seen residents from many faith backgrounds engage with and scrutinise Christian beliefs in a number of ways. Bible studies, topical talks with Dave Doran and monthly trips to serve at Newtown Mission are among the challenging and inclusive expressions of Christian faith being worked out by those in the NCV community.

NCV Bible studies have provided an opportunity for people of varying Christian experience to regularly discuss the Gospel of Luke and the Psalms. These studies were led by Assistant Dean Tawanda Masango and Dean of Residents Susan Bazzana. On a sweet note, The NCV Bible study

group has been blessed by a woman from St John's Maroubra who wanted to support the college ministry by baking them a homemade cake each week. She said "I can't do much to help you with the Bible study but I'll pray for the students and maybe my cakes will encourage some people."

Local Pastor, David Doran, was invited to give some topical talks at NCV. The first, "God and Science", was followed with three "God Conversations", which addressed issues that students were keen to discuss further. The topics covered included "With advances in science and technology, is God still relevant?", "Can the morality described in the Bible survive 21st social change?" and "So many religions...so many gods...

is there only one that is right?" The participating students have asked for a fourth talk which will address issues of sexuality.

NCV Residents have continued to serve the poor and homeless through monthly trips to Jordan's Café run by Newtown Mission on Thursday evenings. This activity which has been coordinated by the Dean enabled some of our international students to experience church for the first time at the simple worship service which happens before the café starts serving its patrons. On the return bus trip between Newtown and UNSW residents have discussed who Jesus is and why Christians seek to serve the poor and the marginalised. ■

## NCV COMMUNITY – MASTER'S CHALLENGE

**T**here are few better ways to fuel a rivalry than with a fierce game of table tennis or pool. On Sunday the 17th of April, teams of sporting stallions from New College and NCV battled intensely through three games of table tennis and two games of pool.

The table tennis games saw NCV top-spin and smash their way towards three consecutive victories, leaving the New College squad with substantial ping-pong practice to prioritize before the next Masters Challenge.

The pool games were more hotly contested, with both teams winning one game each.

Overall, the unanimous table tennis defeat lead to the NCV Team proudly carrying the Masters Cup across Anzac Parade...again. A huge congratulations to NCV on this impressive win!

The sister colleges will lock horns again in Semester 2, competing in badminton and futsal. ■



# NCV COMMUNITY

## MONIQUE HOLLICK - ATHLETE AND SCHOLAR

Monique Hollick is an incredible young woman living at NCV. As a postgraduate student, studying a Masters in Satellite Systems Engineering at UNSW, she will be the first person to graduate with this degree from UNSW. Monique is also an accomplished sportswoman who has been named in the top 5 players considered for the proposed National Women's League, a new venture of the Australian Football League (AFL).



**B**eing so busy, it is no wonder, that during uni breaks Monique heads home to the relaxed lifestyle of Barossa Valley, just outside of Adelaide, to be with her fiancé, two parrots and two chooks.

Monique previously worked in the mining industry, doing a mix of fly-in/fly-out and head-office work in the Pilbara and Perth. "Whilst I learned a lot during this time, I was unfulfilled by the work and lifestyle. I had a lot of time to think about what my values are and my ideal career", says Monique. On reflection she figured that a career in satellite engineering would suit her passions, technical skills and fascination for space.

Now studying at UNSW, Monique says, "I love the Masters coursework and the extra-curricular

academic activities—including involvement with the student satellite club, BlueSat. I was also lucky enough to receive a summer internship with the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG)."

Monique, moved into NCV in July last year. Since then she has become the NCV Academic Tutor for Engineering. She says, "Living at NCV has been so fun and convenient! The lifestyle suits me really well—there are always people around for support and company, but there is always plenty of time to study and chill-out by myself. Living on-campus and having access to the Meal Plan at New College across the road is so convenient and takes the stress out of commuting and cooking when you're busy."

Monique has been an elite middle distance runner since she was a teenager. At UNSW, she has continued to train and compete in State Athletics and, in February, won a silver medal in the 800m at the South Australian State Championships.

But it is Monique's involvement in Women's AFL that has brought her to serious national attention, as the sport grows in popularity and support. Monique's father played AFL for Richmond in the 1970s so she has always known the game really well. "She can kick a good drop-punt", says her father.

Through the women's AFL Talent Search, Monique was named in the top 5 players and managed to break the national 'Beep Test' record, allowing her to be selected for the State Development Academy. She was fortunate enough to be selected for the NSW/ACT State Women's AFL team to play in the State Game against (ironically) SA at Adelaide Oval on 5 June. She also plays for the UNSW Stingrays but is most excitedly looking to selection for the national league next year. Monique says, "I'm looking forward to sharing an exciting year with my NCV family!" ▀

# UNSW Awards and Prizes

The College endeavours to be a supportive environment that is conducive to our residents achieving academic excellence. It was wonderful to see so many current and former residents of New College Village awarded for their exceptional academic results from 2015.

NCV Resident	In Residency	UNSW Awards and Prizes
Zisheng Chen	Current	The Prize for the Best Thesis in Organisational Change or Development
Florencia Irena	Current	The Google Third Year Prize The Quantum COMP3311 Prize, 3rd Place The Microsoft Performance Prize for Year 3, 1st Place The Department of Defence, Graduate Office COMP3331 Prize, 1st Place The CSE Undergraduate Performance Prize Year 3, 1st Place The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Erik Burkhalter	Current	AGSM Director's Scholarship
Faiza Kazmi	Current	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Gisella Velasco	2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Undergraduate Dean's List
Sze Chai Shalom Ho	2014-2015	The UNSW Built Environment Industrial Design Caroma Prize in Bathroom Design
Adam Chyb	2013	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Steven Falconieri	2013	The CSE Undergraduate Performance Prize Year 3, 7th Place
Savannah Minihan	2013-2014	The Undergraduate Behavioural Neuroscience Prize
Jeffrey Wong	2013-2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Undergraduate Dean's List
Samuel Stewart	2012	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Riana Tatana	2015	University Medal - Theatre and Performance Studies <b>(see page 8)</b>

## WHY DO TALENTED STUDENTS LIKE FLORENCIA CHOOSE NCV?



An accomplished student and member of the NCV community, Florencia Irena is in her 4th year studying computer engineering at UNSW. She has plans to go on to work for Google Australia in 2017. Her studies allow her to continue a passion for maths and science that she has had since being at school in Indonesia. Her outstanding academic successes have seen her awarded many prizes in 2015 (see the Awards table above).

When asked about NCV Florencia had this to say:

“Living in NCV has been really great. The people that live in NCV are nice and I feel very welcome. The staff are helpful and whenever I need support. I live in a studio room and I’ve found the accommodation to be very comfortable. The community life is wonderful at NCV. There are lots of social events (weekly supper, BBQ nights, etc.), and also support for students from Academic Tutors and the Senior Residents. When I’m not busy with assignments, I participate in these events and it’s great to meet people from all over the world who also live at NCV.”

# Valedictory Honours



The 2015 Valedictory Dinner was held on October 30th at New College. This dinner was an opportunity for the College community to gather to farewell Collegians who are departing and to acknowledge the contributions they have made to the New College community. At the dinner, major awards were presented by the College and the New College Student Association (NCSA).

The New College Award is an annual award presented to a resident who has exemplified the ideals of the College during their time in residence. Since 2007, there have been two awards; one for Academic Excellence and one for Service.

The 2015 **New College Award for Academic Excellence** was awarded to Bill Walton.

Academically, Bill maintained an outstanding academic record for the duration of his time in New College. He was described by one of his nominees as always “helping people even despite extensive other commitments”. Bill contributed to all aspects of College life being an active member of the New College Christian Fellowship, working behind the scenes at College productions and as an invaluable sportsman and coach. He has served the community in formal roles as an Academic Tutor and Residential Advisor.

The 2015 **New College Award for Collegiality and Service to Society** was awarded to Bronte Richardson.

Throughout her time at College, Bronte was an exemplary New Collegian. She had lead roles in college productions, participated on the Netball team, was Secretary of the NCSA and was the Senior Residential Advisor in 2015. Bronte is described as having an enthusiasm that is ever present but with sincere empathy for those around her.

The **NCSA Collegian of the Year** for 2015 was awarded to John Raineri in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the College overall and his commitment to multiple areas of college life. Other NCSA awards presented on the night included:

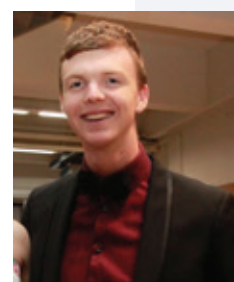
- **Sportsman of the Year:** Oscar Broecker
- **Sportswoman of the Year:** Erin Prince
- **Most Inspirational Sportsman:** Mitchell Hutchison
- **Most Inspirational Sportswoman:** Martjie Venter
- **The Mick Braund Award:** Cobie Moore
- **The Matt Giblin Award:** Michael Tran
- **Service Awards:** Johnny Wong, Nick Stacey, Dominic Cooper, Emily Hull and Bill Walton



# Academic Awards and Prizes

The University of New South Wales conferred a multitude of awards on New Collegians at the beginning of 2016 for academic work undertaken in 2015. Congratulations to those current residents and alumni.

New Collegian	In Residency	UNSW Awards and Prizes
Nicholas Goundar	Current	The Faculty of Built Environment Undergraduate Dean's List
Rosemary Kirk	Current	The First Year Prize
Michelle Royters	Current	The Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand Prize - 1st Year
Jack Smith	2015	The Roxborough Prize
Digby Allen	2014	The Maurice (Toby) Arnold Anatomy Prize
Liam Hayes	2014-2015	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award The Physics Staff Prize for Physics 2
Nicholas Laver	2014-2015	The CSE Undergraduate Performance Prize Year 2, 8th Place
Matthew Palmer	2014-2015	The Atlassian COMP2911, 1st Prize The CSE Undergraduate Performance Prize Year 2, 10th Place
Jethro Dickens	2013-2015	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Nicola Laing	2013-2014	The Bachelor of Arts and Business Prize
Georgia Lee	2013-2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Undergraduate Dean's List
Bronte Richardson	2013-2015	The German-Australian Chamber's Goethe Prize
Belinda Serafin	2013-2014	The R S Mather Memorial Prize The Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute Prize
Declan Walsh	2013	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award The John Morris Scientific Prize The Faculty of Science Dean's List
Bill Walton	2013-2015	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Jack Blackwell	2012-2013	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Hamish Durkin	2012-2014	The DataCracker SENG4911 Prize, 1st Place
Steven Falconieri	2012-2013	The CSE Undergraduate Performance Prize Year 3, 7th Place
Daniel Keith	2012-2014	The Gordon and Mabel Godfrey Award in Theoretical Physics 4 The Physics Staff Prize for Honours The Head of School's Prize in Physics The Faculty of Science Prize for Honours Year Advanced Science
Nanak Narulla	2012-2013	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Alistair Smith	2012-2014	The Royal Institution of Naval Architects (Australian Division) Prize
Cameron Stewart	2012	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Madeline Burrell	2011-2012	The Graham Turner Bursaries Prize
Nicholas Gouvernet	2011-2013	The Era Polymers Prize in Industrial Chemistry
Tahlia Nolan	2011-2012	The Renewable Energy Thesis Prize
Samantha Bobba	2010-2012	The John Coleman Prize in Surgery
Jamie Cham	2010-2012	The Peter Reed Prize for Surgery The James Curran Prize for Medicine
Hannah Degotardi	2010-2012	The Faculty of Built Environment Postgraduate Dean's List
Sarah Giles	2010-2011	The Prospectors/Suunto Prize
Vikas Sewani	2010-2012	The NICTA Fourth Year Thesis Poster Competition (Second Place)
Oscar Wilkie	2010	The SAS Institute Australia Pty Ltd Prize The Weatherzone Prize in Introduction to Atmosphere and Ocean Dynamics The Photovoltaics Thesis Prize
Kei Woldendorp	2010-2011	The Combined Teaching Hospitals Senior Staff Prize for Performance in the Phase 3 Integrated Clinical Examination The Frank Rundle Prize for Surgery in Phase 3 The David de Carle Prize The Ken Cox Prize for Surgery
Shani Lauf	2009	The Paxinos and Watson Neuroscience Honours Prize
Guy Baldwin	2008-2009	The Minter Ellison Prize



# THE PLAY THAT CAME TO NEW



**N**ew College's annual production has concluded its run in a final fit of laughter that left audiences, cast and crew entertained and with fond memories. George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner" took to the New College stage for the third and last time on Saturday 7 May in a hysterical evening that was attended by more than 250 family, friends, residents and alumni.

The three-act classic satire, set in 1930s Ohio, combined an amusing mix of oddball characters and cracking one-liners in a hilarious tale of romance, family drama and escalating mayhem. Complete with an axe murderer, an Egyptian mummy, and seemingly random penguins the play followed the insufferable yet hilarious difficulties of famous radio personality Sheridan Whiteside and his escapades with the quaint Stanley family.

With 13 subcommittees working to construct and design the set, organise costumes, props, hair and makeup, technical equipment, backstage, front of house, promotion, fundraising and live band performances, the college community was on hand to ensure the production lived up to the high quality expected of New College plays. The talented cast of 20 included:



- Ben Spratt – Sheridan Whiteside
- Nicola Illiadis – Maggie Cutler
- Thomas Capell-Hattam – Bert Jefferson
- James Nicol – Mr. Ernest Stanley
- Lauren Sullivan – Mrs Daisy Stanley
- Hayley Morris – Lorraine Sheldon
- Ryan Milham – Richard Stanley
- Emily Blanch – June Stanley
- Nivetha Ramkumar – Miss Preen
- Jacqueline Willing – Harriet Stanley
- Dan Unger – John (the Butler)
- Bri Watts – Sarah (the cook)
- James Hughes – Dr. Bradley
- Benjamin Phelps – Professor Metz

- Tom Von Stieglitz – Sandy
- Daniel Larratt – Beverly Carlton
- Michael Tran – Banjo
- Alexis O'Connor – Mrs Dexter
- Emily Trigge – Mrs McCutcheon
- John Ryan – Convict

The production could not have been possible without the dedication and passion of the hardworking directors, Mirren "Sugar" McGuire and Josh "Pensive" Green and producers Annabelle "Nigel" Thorne and Henry "Noddy" O'Callaghan. ▀



# KASPAR COMPETES AT WORLD SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS



When he's not down at Coogee practising Slalom Canoeing in the surf, you'll find Kaspar Fiebig coordinating activities at College as this year's President of the New College Christian Fellowship.

**B**orn in Germany and raised in Forster on NSW's mid north coast, Kaspar possesses strong charisma and a willingness to engage with new opportunities and experiences.

Kasper's Slalom Canoeing career began in Year Seven when one of his teacher's asked for any student interest in being trained in the sport. It soon became a passion for Kaspar and his younger brother Kristian. Growing up, they spent many years training in the surf at Forster, which simulates the choppy conditions required for Slalom.

2015 saw Kaspar and his brother travel to Brazil to compete for Australia at the Junior Slalom World Championships. Competing alongside 2012 Olympic Silver Medallist Jessica Fox, the team progressed through the semi-finals, placing a commendable ninth place in the finals. Congratulations to the team on a fantastic result!

Kasper says, "I had no expectations going into it but the team was so

supportive and it was an awesome thing to be a part of."

Whilst not competing again this year, Kaspar is involved with plenty of other pursuits to keep himself busy. As President of the NCCF, Kaspar enjoys being on a team committed to serving their fellow Collegians. He is currently working hard to organise a weekend away for students in Semester 2.

Kasper has also been selected for the Bible Society's Young Scholar program, which is a new initiative in 2016. Bible Society Young Scholars have the opportunity to explore the process of Christian scholarship by researching and writing on a topic with the support of a mentor.

Kasper has chosen to study the relationship between the Qu'ran, the Bible and other historical sources.

As if these pursuits don't provide Kaspar with enough ways to spend his time, Kaspar tops off a well-balanced schedule by studying Medicine! ▀

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### Jesus & the Ten Gospels

Some of the most widely published challenges to the Christian faith today have come in the publicity surrounding the "apocryphal" gospels not included in the Christian Bible. The idea that there is nothing particularly special about the four New Testament gospels has appeared in both the popular media and in biblical scholarship, from references to the Gospel of Philip in *The Da Vinci Code*, to the publication by the Harvard Theological Review of the so-called "Gospel of Jesus's Wife" fragment. These lectures will discuss the relevance of these gospels outside of the Bible, comparing them with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**Tuesday 20 September, 7:30pm**  
**Lecture 1 ~ What Ten Gospels say about Jesus' Death and Resurrection**

**Thursday 22 September, 7:30pm**  
**Lecture 2 ~ What Ten Gospels say about Jesus the Jewish Messiah**

**ADMISSION FREE**

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Vale Bishop John R. Reid, 15 July 1928 to 2 January 2016



Bishop John Reid, a distinguished church leader and a former Bishop of South Sydney passed away in January. Well before becoming the local Bishop, John was already involved at UNSW taking part in regular prayer meetings for the Christian ministry of New College and the campus. The first Master of New College, Rev Noel Pollard,

asked John to be part of a small committee to oversee the practical operations of the newly built College, to which he gave much of his time and energy. Having served until 1973 on this first incarnation of a New College Board (reporting to NUCC), John returned to be the Acting Master from June 1994 until Easter 1995.

Bishop Reid is survived by his wife, Mrs Alison Reid, whose own contributions to the ministry and development of New College were substantial through its formative years. This included her service on the New College Board. Bishop John and Mrs Alison Reid are among only fifteen people to have been conferred as Life Fellows of New College.

## Vale Diana Organ

Diana Organ was a well-loved and respected woman, teacher, football coach and friend who lived at New College from 2002 to 2003. It is with sadness that we acknowledge her sudden death after a major cerebral haemorrhage. Her memorial service was held at the Newington College Chapel on the 6th of July, 2016.

A key part of the community at Newington College and the UNSW Football Club, Diana's vibrant presence will be greatly missed. Diana was a loved Science teacher and caring Pastoral Mentor at Newington, and also well appreciated for sharing her passion for Football with the boys.

The UNSW Football Club also benefited from Diana's football finesse as both a player for the All Age Women's teams and coach of the WSL U13's. Her commitment to UNSW FC and the game of football was steadfast, and her zest for the game was contagious.

## Vale Geoffrey Rasmussen



After a 16-month battle with cancer, Geoff Rasmussen (NC 1990–93) sadly died in April, 2016, aged 45.

Approximately 1,000 people, including Perth's business elite, joined with his family to farewell Geoff at a funeral

service at Christchurch Grammar, Perth.

Geoff was a respected and talented man. As a Collegian, he excelled academically and contributed to the social life of the College. He was a College Tutor who led by example, achieving the highest academic honour, a University Medal, for Business and Information Technology. Geoff met his wife Bronwyn at New College and together they have three children (Sophie, Sami and Josh).

Geoff became a leading figure in Australia's corporate advisory scene. He started his career as a management consultant with McKinsey before co-founding several advisory firms with Mr John Poynton, including Azure Capital. While established as a top corporate adviser, Geoff maintained an active role in philanthropic and sporting circles, including as a Director of the West Coast Eagles Football Club. He has been remembered by his peers as for his intellect, quick wit and strong values. ▀

## 1969 ALUMNI REUNION

A group of alumni who were residents at New College 1969 met in Chatswood on Friday 22 April 2016 for a delicious dinner. Some of the inaugural residents had not seen each other since the day they left college. They had a great time catching up and sharing stories. With the help of the College, this group would like to contact other foundation residents, including Dr Ling Hua Ong and Dr Jerry Lau. If you would like more information please make contact with New College as we are interested in making partnering with alumni on small and large scale reunions. ▀

Seated (L–R): Stanley Chen (Tutor); Keith Mar (Tutor); David Lim; Patrick Foong; standing (L–R): Jon Foo; Allan Low; Daniel Kwok.



## Thank you Christine Alexander



The College wishes to Emeritus Professor Christine Alexander for her twenty-four years of faithful service to the New College community. Since being appointed as a member of the New College Board in October 1991, Christine has generously supported the College along with her late husband, Prof

Peter Alexander. She has devoted much time and used her academic expertise to help ensure New College remains a place that is committed to pastoral care and the academic welfare of its residents. For many years, Christine has served as a New College Lectures Trustee. She has been a strong advocate for New College to maintain its Christian witness to UNSW's scholarly community of teachers and researchers.

Christine began her distinguished academic career from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand before undertaking Post-Doctoral Research at Cambridge, where she met her husband, Peter. They moved to Australia in 1978 and both became prominent academics in the English at The University of New South Wales. A world authority on the Juvenilia writings of the Bronte sisters and Jane Austen, Christine is also the Founding Director of Juvenilia Press. Having been made a UNSW Scientia

Professor in 2007, Christine retired from her post last year, following the passing of her husband, Peter.

So much has changed at New College in the time since she began as a Board Member in 1991. In the many hours Christine has spent in Sub-Committee and Full Board Meetings she has helped oversee the new governance arrangements when the New University College's Council devolved its authority to a standalone New College Board, successive renovation projects at New College, the creation of the NCV and countless decisions that quietly support communities in both buildings.

## Local Bishop visits New College



The new Bishop for South Sydney visited on Wednesday, 27th April for a morning tea with College residents and staff and to tour both the New College and NCV buildings. Dr Michael Stead is also a graduate of UNSW. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of New South

Wales and is an Honours graduate of Moore College with a Bachelor of Divinity and a Diploma of Ministry. He was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Gloucestershire in 2007. He has also been a part-time lecturer in Old Testament at Moore Theological College. ■

## FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

After the very successful 2012 Alumni Ball we said that the College would hold another alumni event in the next Summer Olympics year. Four years have rolled by. The alumni event for 2016 will be a Reunion and an opportunity for alumni and friends of New College and NCV to catch up with Prof Trevor Cairney as he steps down after almost 15 years as Master. While many enjoyed the Ball in 2012 we have also received repeated requests for a low-cost, low-key function this time around. We hope you can come and would love you to encourage other alumni from your era of College to attend as well.

### ALUMNI REUNION AND FAREWELL TO TREVOR CAIRNEY

**Saturday, 22nd October 2016**

This is an open invitation for any **alumni and friends of New College and NCV** to meet for a relaxed afternoon together. BBQ, Drinks and Canapes will all be provided. Partners and families are also welcome.

**Time:** 2-5pm (come and go as you please with formalities at 3pm)

**Date:** Saturday, 22 October 2016

Location: Main Common Room and Courtyard Lawn at New College Village (NCV)

RSVP: Wednesday, 12th October

Cost: FREE

**Register Now:** [www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/events](http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/events)



## Summer Conferences Venue Hire

**Looking for a place to run your next conference, meeting or seminar?**

During the UNSW Summer Vacation, New College Venues are available to hire.

- **From small meetings to conferences of up to 500 people.**
- **A wide range of catering packages available**
- **AV facilities and WIFI packages**
- **Online Event Booking System**

## Short Stay and Conference Accommodation

- **Studying or working at UNSW or its teaching hospitals?**
- **Attending a conference or seminar at UNSW?**
- **Working in Sydney over Summer?**

New College and NCV offer a range of guest and student room accommodation options, including air-conditioned, ensuite accommodation.

Student rooms at New College and New College Village are available for short stays during UNSW vacation breaks. This period is an ideal time for conferences and group bookings.

During the UNSW study session, a small number of guest room studios are open for casual accommodation bookings.

