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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 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



This issue of *New 'n' Old* features some of the inspiring, aspiring, entrepreneurial and adventurous efforts of the alumni of New College and New College Village.

It also provides an insight into the current life of our communities. We begin with a story that will provide encouragement to anyone with a hearing disability who wants to pursue tertiary studies. David Brady came to live at New College in 1991 with profound deafness. He has overcome many obstacles on his journey and now draws on his experiences as he leads the award winning not for profit organisation, 'Hear for You', as its CEO (see p.4).

It's wonderful to follow the journeys of our former residents as they forge careers in their chosen fields and branch out on new adventures. In this issue of *New 'n' Old* you can catch up with NCV alumni Phoebe Holdenson-Kimura, Georgia McLinden, Purnima Ruanglertbutr, Shamin Kinathil, Cyril Laugeon and Matt Schiller. A glance at the occupations they have pursued – naval architect, doctor, curator/writer, photovoltaic engineer, PhD student and management consultant – encapsulates in a nutshell the vast array of skills found in the NCV community.

Going on a skiing competition in Afghanistan wouldn't be everyone's idea of fun, but for four brave New College alumni it was a breathtaking way to experience the landscapes of a war torn country and gain insights into a complex cultural heritage (see p.12). Not all ventures require you to scale mountains of the geographical variety. You will find several featured alumni have started their own companies. Perhaps you have bought a suit or graduation gown from some of our New College alumni?

Our communities are places enriched by the diverse cultural backgrounds of our residents. We continue to serve the University of New South Wales as a home for many international students and, of course, Australians who do comprise a substantial portion of our student-body. One of the reasons students from all over the world choose to live at New College and NCV is because of the importance we place on academic excellence and support. In January, the UNSW Academic Awards for 2013 were released, revealing three more New Collegians have achieved the highest undergraduate academic honour, the University Medal, and many more received other academic awards and prizes (see p.27).

But our life at New College and NCV is not all hard academic work. Because we place a high value on collegiality our communities are fun and friendly places to live. It is hard to believe it is 10 years since the Fresher Dance was introduced to our Orientation program by creative New Collegians (see p.28). I continue to enjoy each new version of this wonderful New College tradition. NCV



The 2014 O'Week leaders teach this year's Fresher Dance. (L-R) Emma Cohen, Emily Trigg, Jessica Rooke, Rowan Thambar, Damian Gill & Joseph Carey.

residents, too, have been having fun with their own varied forms of performance. The regular performance nights allow residents to celebrate and share their extensive talents. The 'So You Think You Can...' event featured NCV's home-grown musicians, dancers, actors and comedians (see p.22).

In April, we said farewell to Dr John Quinn and his family. John's association with our community has been significant in many ways over many years. He was at New College as my Acting Dean in 2002 when I arrived and I sought him out to return as the NCV Dean in 2010. I have appreciated his varied contributions and in this latest form, that of his family that grew before our eyes (see p.18). Another

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significant change this year was the retirement of Ken Barnes after nine years as the Bursar of New College and fifty years of continuous paid work. Though it is sad to say farewells it is exciting to welcome a new Bursar and a Dean for NCV (see p.30).

Finally, may I encourage you, the alumni and friends of New College, to share this issue of *New 'n' Old* with any high school students you know who may be looking to study at UNSW in the coming years. There is an enormous range of accommodation at UNSW now (almost 4,500 people live on campus! It was just 1500 when I arrived), but we believe that New College and the NCV offer unique and life-changing opportunities. Please talk up New College and the NCV, they are remarkable places as the following pages testify.

Trevor Cairney ▀

DAVID BRADY

Hear For You

David Brady is an inspirational member of the New College alumni community (1991–93). Today David is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of 'Hear For You', an organisation with a mission to mentor and inspire young people who are deaf through evidence-based programs and services that are accessible to all. He is also Chair of Deafness Forum of Australia, a national peak disability organisation that represents the view of 1 in 6 Australians who are Deaf, Hearing Impaired, or have a Chronic Ear Disorder and their families.



David Brady was born in Armidale, New South Wales, with a severe to profound hearing loss in both ears. His mother had contracted Rubella during her pregnancy. David was fitted with hearing aids in both ears to assist him to learn to hear and speak. Both his parents were determined to teach David to communicate with speech.

During his childhood years, David's family engaged with a small support group for the deaf, which used both Auslan and oral communications. This gave David's parents the support

they needed to ensure him access to education in mainstream schools in Armidale, which fortunately had part-time Deaf support teachers.

High school was not easy for David with bullying and the frustration of missing out on typical teenager experiences. He found it difficult to form solid friendships. However, it was these challenges that enabled David to share life lessons as a Mentor when he first began volunteering with the 'Hear For You' Program. Sport also provided an outlet for David to overcome his frustrations and engage in community

life. He played hockey, rugby league, cricket, soccer, swimming, athletics and basketball, becoming a hockey umpire in his later teenage years.

Year 11 was a new experience for David and for Armidale High School, when he became the first deaf student in the region. The first day of year 11 was met with a wall of shock from David's fellow students and some teachers. There was an assumption that deaf students in Armidale would leave in Year 10 to pursue trade skills. To pass the Higher School Certificate and qualify for university, David's family obtained funding to cover additional tuition so he would understand the information being given in the classroom.

By Year 12, David and his family secured permission from the NSW HSC Board to allow him extra time and access to a thesaurus during school examinations to put him on a level playing field with other students. This was met by protests from other students, claiming David had an unfair advantage. The protests were overruled by the school's Principal. This support went a long way to ensuring that David was rewarded for his hard work and he gained enough marks to secure a place at his first choice of university, the University of



New South Wales and a place at New College.

Tertiary education delivered a whole new set of challenges. Verbal lecture and tutorial based learning demanded David's resilience. Fortunately the university's Disability Support Unit was able to provide him with note-takers, other aids and a special allowance at the university library.

Living away from home came with its own challenges, not least living in a residential college with people who had never even met a deaf person. But taking the sound advice of his father, David got involved in life at New College where he thrived, participating in sport, engaging with fellow collegians through many activities, and participating in the College's theatrical Revue.

David was also a Foundation Day Organiser in 1991-92, which helped raise over \$5,000 for charities. David's strong commitment to the New College community earned him much respect and the prestigious title of New Collegian of the Year in 1993.

In 1993, David graduated from UNSW with a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in History and Policy. Post-university, David moved to the United Kingdom for six years where he gained a Master's degree in Sports Business Management and began a career in the industry. David rose through the ranks of the sports industry from working in community sports development in Sheffield and Sydney, through to being a State Sports Manager, and later National General Business Manager with Touch Football Australia. David realised his dream to play sport for Australia, representing the nation in Water Polo at the 2005 Deaflympic Games.

In 2010, David was appointed to the Board of the Deafness Forum of Australia. He is now the Chair of the organisation meeting with various



Prime Ministers and Government Ministers on issues such as the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

David commenced his role as Hear For You CEO in April 2013, having been a volunteer mentor and trainer for Hear For You since 2007. David says, "It was a privilege to join the organisation in a formal role to focus my belief and passion – it is a rare opportunity for a volunteer to move into a position of

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employee for an organisation they love and believe in, especially in the Not-For-Profit sector."

David's experiences have given him a passion and commitment to support young people with deafness, through sports and community life. He is one of a number of students with some form of disability who have benefited from living at New College while studying at UNSW. ■

AN AUTUMN DINNER

with John Brogden



It was an honour to have Mr John Brogden AM come and speak to the NCV community at the 2014 Autumn Dinner. Mr Brogden is the CEO of The Financial Services Council and the Chairman of Lifeline, in addition to a number of other board and advisory appointments. His address to NCV residents, staff, alumni and board members traced his own political career and battle with depression.

Mr Brogden was the leader of the Liberal Party and Opposition Leader in the New South Wales Parliament from 2002 to 2005. When he resigned from the leadership he suffered a severe episode of depression and attempted suicide. The long road to rebuild his life and start a new career was marked by a passion to use his experience to help other people. Mr Brogden used his address to the NCV community to challenge common perceptions of 'mental health', and highlight areas where our nation could improve. He also urged us towards the conversation and practices that show care for those

suffering from what he described as a 'physical illness of the brain'.

As well as the opportunity to hear from an eminent speaker, NCV Formal Dinners are a time to showcase the talent of our residents. The musical item for the evening was a wonderful piano duet performed by Serena Ma (NCV 2009–current) and Joni Mok (NCV 2011–current). Together they played a piano adaptation of the 1st movement of W.A. Mozart's *Symphony No.40 KV 550*.

The Master of New College and NCV, Professor Trevor Cairney, took the opportunity to thank two departing staff members for their service to New College. The Bursar, Mr Ken Barnes who retired after 9 years at New College and 50 years of paid employment (more on p.30). The other departure to acknowledge was that of the NCV Dean, Dr John Quinn and his family (more on p.18–19).

NCV Formal Dinners are a wonderful way to bring together residents in a formal setting to enjoy good food, fine company and the privilege of hearing eminent people like Mr Brogden. His talk was inspirational. ▀

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, there are many places that can help. You can call:

- Lifeline on 13 11 14
- Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800
- MensLine Australia on 1300 78 99 78



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs Alison Lyons: A Founder of New College

New College wishes to acknowledge the passing of one of its founders, long-time supporter and Life-Fellow, Mrs Alison Charlotte Lyons. This tribute has been written by the Master.

Alison Lyons was a woman of conviction. Foremost amongst her convictions was her Christian beliefs, which she sought to place at the centre of her life. Another of her convictions was that a person should act on their principles, not just pay them lip service. Alison was a 'doer, like her husband Lawrie Lyons. Together they acted to promote Christian endeavours. The fruit of these efforts includes the formation of New College and later Robert Menzies College at Macquarie University and, indirectly, the formation of the lives of those who have lived in the New College community.

New College was the outcome of 15 years of prayer, planning and hard work. The genesis of the vision that additional Christian residential colleges were needed on Australian

university campuses can be traced to seven people who began meeting in Sydney in 1954. A committee was formed referred to as 'The Halls of Residence Committee'. Alison Lyons was one of the Founding Members of this group. It began meeting formally in 1955 to discuss where colleges might be built, what form they would take, how they would be funded and so on. In time it became obvious that a more formal incorporated entity would be required. As all the initial group were Anglicans they sought the support of the Sydney Diocese of the Anglican Church but remained an independent body.

The body formed was the 'New University Colleges Council' (NUCC). NUCC was made up primarily of members of the initial visionary group. Alison was one of the most consistent and core drivers in the critical first four years after incorporation, and with the other Founders of New College, she fought to convince universities, the Diocese of Sydney and local, state and federal governments of the merits of this 'New' college that was to be built.

Having served as a Foundation NUCC Board Member from 1960 to 1963 Alison, with her husband Lawrie, remained closely associated with New

College throughout her life. Even in the days before her recent death, Alison was in regular phone contact with me as the current Master of New College, Professor Cairney. In fact, she made contact in the last week of her life to pass on some ideas and encouragement.

Alison's concern for the College and the well-being of Collegians is an inspirational example of a life lived in service and thankfulness to God. One of Alison's great joys was to see how the New College community grew in strength over the years. The establishment of the New College Village as an additional postgraduate community was a special encouragement to her. Alison's joy was not merely at the material growth into a large and substantial organisation, but joy at seeing the founding aims of promoting academic excellence and Christian faith and values being furthered.

At a personal level I will miss the ongoing involvement of Alison and the encouragement that she has given me as the current Master. Her ongoing interest and commitment to the College and her continuing passion for ministry through residential colleges was inspirational. We have lost a great friend who I will miss enormously. ▀

ALUMNI AT WORK

PHOEBE HOLDENSON-KIMURA (NCV RESIDENT 2011–12)



I grew up in Sydney but decided to move to NCV as my parents had moved overseas and I was in my last two years of Medical School at UNSW. I enjoyed the community and independence at NCV. I also enjoyed living in an apartment with both older and younger students. I cherished the time spent in Christian fellowship at NCV with weekly Village Christian Ministry (VCM), bible studies and events like “Text A Toastie”.

Since leaving NCV I have been working as a junior doctor in Hornsby. I was recently seconded

with my husband to Nhulunbuy in East Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, to work at a small hospital. We have just returned from three months there – it was an eye opening but wonderful experience and we are thinking about going back next year!

I enjoy keeping in touch with alumni of NCV through informal meet ups and recently I travelled through Katherine in the Northern Territory with some friends from NCV. ■

GEORGIA MCLINDEN (NCV RESIDENT 2011–13)



Having been raised in Perth, I started a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Western Australia. After two years I decided I wanted to do a major they didn't offer, so I transferred to UNSW to complete my degree within the Naval Architecture program.

After two years of uni

I felt I had a lot of independence, so the transition was quite easy – although it could have been a lot more stressful had it not been for immediately meeting great people during NCV O-week.

The best thing about living at NCV was definitely having friends just a door knock away, and having such a huge group of people to make friends with. The convenience of being on campus is great, but it was the people that made it really fantastic.

After finishing university and leaving NCV I moved back to Perth to complete the required industry training for completion of the degree, and planned to remain in Perth and find work there. However, I was lucky enough to score a great job in Sydney and so moved all my things back again. I am now working at One2three Naval Architects, helping to design ferries and motor yachts – exactly what I wanted when I transferred my degree!

My friends from NCV still make up about 80% of my friends in Sydney so I am in touch with them and I visit NCV often. It's nice to have a home away from home even if I am no longer an official resident of New College Village. ■



PURNIMA RUANGLERTBUTR (NCV RESIDENT 2009)

I was born and raised in Bangkok, Thailand, where I lived for eighteen years. I moved to Melbourne in 2005, where I completed a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Honours), and a Master of Teaching (Secondary) at the University of Melbourne.

In 2009, I pursued a Master of Art Administration at UNSW and I decided to stay in NCV. This was by far the best decision I could have made for my accommodation. Being on-campus in a friendly community really aided my transition to living in a new city – it was a home away from home. My strongest memories are of the cultural activities and social events organised by the College. Some of these included: The Harbour Cruise, BBQs, Music

performance nights, formal dinners, cultural events, among many more.

Being able to come back to friends after a long day of classes, studying and revising in groups, being cared for by a Senior Resident, being encouraged to contribute to the social and cultural life of the college, being able to talk to friends and College staff at any time, and making connections with people from around the world, are just some of the features that made living at the NCV so special. Living at NCV meant that University life involved much more than study – and instead extended to being part of a community.

After leaving NCV, I moved back

to Melbourne, where I worked at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education as a Research Assistant and Sessional Lecturer in Arts Education. I also became Editorial Assistant for the *Journal of Artistic and Creative Education*. I have been actively involved in the art and education arena as an independent curator, writer, educator, artist, arts manager and researcher.

I was the manager of the 2013 Art Association of Australia and New Zealand Conference. I have also held educator positions at the National Gallery of Victoria and the Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne. I have been publishing my research and arts related writing in journals and magazines, including in *Australian Art Education*, *Canadian Review of Art Education*, *Art Education Victoria*, *The Melbourne Review*, and *Indian Link*. I am currently involved in editing a book, *Inspiration Wild*, for the Wildlife Art Museum of Australia (forthcoming, September 2014).

Most recently, I was nominated for the Staff Engagement Excellence Awards at Melbourne University, and was also awarded an art prize valued at \$7,000 from the Art Melbourne Affordable Art Fair 2012.

I have kept in touch with many of the close friends I made during my time in NCV. A great thing about having friends who live all over the world is the ability to meet them when you travel! ■

SHAMIN KINATHIL (NCV 2009–11)

I was very familiar with UNSW and Kensington before moving to NCV (I did my undergraduate degrees at UNSW), so it was easy settling into the area. I was lucky enough to receive a PhD scholarship and a further top-up

scholarship for the duration of my PhD. I'm currently a PhD student at National ICT Australia (NICTA) and The Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra, Australia.

Living at NCV, I really enjoyed

meeting fellow post-graduate students from around the world. I still keep in touch with a few. I've enjoyed visiting two NCV friends in Kyoto, Japan and another in Auckland, New Zealand as well as NCV friends based in Sydney. ■

ALUMNI
AT WORK

CYRIL LAUGEON



I was born and grew up in Tahiti, French Polynesia. I spent four years flatting in New Zealand before moving to Australia to study at UNSW. Moving to NCV was a bit daunting at first, but interacting with the community and getting to know people was definitely the highlight of my integration at UNSW. It was so much easier than living on my own or flatting with people outside uni.

I enjoyed getting to know people at Monday suppers, cooking and having dinner in the main common room at crazy hours with friends after long days of lectures. NCV is a great place for people to make friends and enjoy uni life together.

After graduating, I applied for my permanent

residency, went into a 2-month internship and got employed at an engineering firm after an intensive job-hunting period. I currently live near Parramatta, and work as a tech service photovoltaic engineer in North Ryde, advising solar installers and owners about my company's solar products. Being a full-time worker still allows me to be fully committed to my local church, do volunteer work in the city and enjoy the beauty of the city of Sydney! Being employed in my field and being able to stay in this beautiful country are huge blessings!

I'm a fairly independent and self-reliant person, but being able to live with people and making close friends broke barriers I didn't realise existed. All you need is to muster courage, curiosity and be open to people and attentive to the lives that are just a couple of steps or a push of the button (of an elevator!) away from you. Now my friends from NCV still find time to organise reunion dinners around Kensington in the same restaurants and places that we used to hang out during our college years. ▀

MATT SCHILLER



Matt Schiller is a doctor turned entrepreneur, turned management consultant. Matt attended New College from 2006 to 2009 and New College Village from 2011 to 2012, while completing degrees in medicine and philosophy. During this time, Matt was New College's Tutor of Medicine in 2009 and NCV's Assistant Dean in 2012.

Matt was the only member of his class of around 250 medical students to take on a non-clinical career path after graduating in 2012. For the past 18 months, he has been working at McKinsey & Company, the world's top management consulting company. Specialising in health and telecommunications, Matt has worked across Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Hong Kong for both large companies and governments.

In his final year of university, Matt cofounded 'GownTown' with Ed Kearney (NC 2008-09), after spotting an opportunity in the otherwise monopolistic and stale graduation gown hire trade. GownTown offers students the option of purchasing quality new academic dress for a similar price to hire. After a successful pilot of their online business model, the idea caught on like wildfire and the business is going from success to success. GownTown has now expanded to six universities (including UNSW), with plans for many more within the coming year. Since 2013, Ed has been the full-time manager of GownTown. ▀

MOSES LO MAKEMYSUIT

Moses Lo lived at New College for five years from 2006 to 2010 while studying a Bachelor of Commerce. After graduating from UNSW Moses began working for The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), one of the world's leading management consulting firms. In his two and half years at BCG, Moses worked across a wide variety of industries and functions including mining, technology, media and telecom.

Moses particularly relished the challenge to work on a project with a global mining conglomerate to significantly alter their operations. Moses' role as a consultant helped put the company on a trajectory towards autonomous mining operations. Instead of workers in hard hats out in the desert, employees will now drive huge robots in an evolving industry that contributes much to Australia's capacity for technological innovation.

Moses had led Habitat for Humanity trips and was involved in a numerous community activities whilst living at New College. Besides his work at BCG, Moses needed to scratch his entrepreneurial itch. The genesis of an idea came when he bought his first tailor made suit. He quips, "Once you go tailored, you don't go back."

However, Moses soon found that tailored suits traditionally come with a tailored price tag. In response he worked to start his own business, 'Makemysuit', together with fellow New Collegians Timothy Wheeler, (NC 2006-08), Paulette Lo (NC 2009-11) and Thomas Ness (NC 2010-11). Ever since Moses says "We are on a mission to eradicate ill-fitting suits."

'Makemysuit' offers tailor made suits from \$399 perfect for professional life and weddings. This has become a profitable enterprise and now the four New College alumni work hard to make



sure Australian men look better every day and especially at their weddings. If you're ever in need of a suit, please visit them at makemysuit.com.au

Not content just to make suits, Moses, hating the price of a good tie, started skinnytie.com.au with another New Collegian (Amos Goh). They now sell great ties that look good and are reasonably priced. If you're ever in need of tie, use the code `NewCollege2014` to get 10% off.

Moses is now undertaking his MBA at the University of California, Berkeley. This base in the Silicon Valley affords Moses an amazing firsthand view into the innovation engine that keeps the USA at the top of its game. The USA has also given Moses the

love of his life. Moses married Joy in December 2011. They actually had two ceremonies, one in Penang, Malaysia Sacramento, and another in California, USA. Moses and Joy's Wedding Party included Edward Bird (NC 2006-08), Kelly Meriano (NC 2006), Jonathan Mihalcin (NC 2006) and Ivy Willyams (NC 2007-09.)

Moses' journey has been extremely exciting and satisfying to date. He traces many of his serendipitous moments to relationships built at New College and remembers his time there fondly. "The network you build is invaluable and New College has some of the best people you'll ever meet".

ALUMNI IN AFGHANISTAN



Last summer Edward Kearney (NC 2008–09), a keen photographer with a passion for the path less travelled, was yearning to break with the monotony and comforts of his first world life. Enlisting the help of fellow New College alumni Tim Le Lievre (NC 2006–08), Brenton Earl (NC 2007–09), and Benjamin Millar (NC 2008–09), he set out to explore the landscape and culture of an ancient land – Afghanistan. Here is Brenton’s account of their trip.

our main aim of being competitive in the race, and while all four of us performed above expectations to finish in the top 20, the first 4 places were taken by local skiers from Bamyan, obviously well acclimatised to the energy sapping 3000m altitudes.

In reality, however, we had set out in the pursuit of ‘Type 2 Fun’ – the kind of activity that is borderline terrible when undertaken, only becoming truly enjoyable when reminiscing at a later date. It might be said, this includes activities such as skiing uphill.

In Afghanistan, there was no shortage of the Type 2 fun; our Soviet-era Antonov twin propeller got bogged on the runway on the way out of Bamyan, we were involved in two comically avoidable motor vehicle accidents, and we were once hustled out of our money through an elaborate scheme involving stubborn mules, impassable roads and two entire villages working together. This was something of a tribute to the cunning and innovative nature of the Afghans.

There were however, some breathtakingly beautiful experiences; trekking through Afghanistan’s first national park, Band-e-mir, under a clear night sky, hiking through caverns behind the famed Giant Buddha

Ostensibly, our group set out to compete in the 3rd Annual Afghan Ski Challenge, a not-for-profit alpine touring event run by a rather entrepreneurial and generally charitable Swiss chap, Christoph Zuercher, with the assistance of the Aga Kahn foundation. The event is aimed at promoting tourism in the naturally beautiful and cultural rich yet historically war torn province of Bamyan, 250km northwest of Kabul.

For those unfamiliar with alpine touring, it is essentially skiing up a mountain slope – with the aid of adhesive skins – and skiing back down again. Skiing uphill is a somewhat arduous task, so the ascent determines most of the places, with the descent almost a formality. We achieved





niches and skiing the untouched powder snow of the Hindu Kush.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our guide, Englishman James Willcox, and his Pashtun translator, Kausar Hussain, men with a rather nonchalant approach to the dangers of the country. This was most notable when suggesting that a large explosion heard from across Kabul one morning was 'probably a suey'; an apparent abbreviation of the term 'suicide

bomber'. Unfortunately, the suggestion proved correct, as a body borne IED was detonated outside a UN compound. The attitude is reflective of that of the wider Afghan population, and more tragically, of one that is needed to survive and succeed in a landscape long suffering from the ravages of war.

For those interested in seeing some photos of Bamiyan and Kabul, check out Ed's album at <http://tahdahproductions.com.au/>

Above (L-R) Brenton Earl, Tim Le Lievre Benjamin Millar and Ed Kearney.

Top Left: New College alumni with the first female governor of Afghanistan's Bamiyan Province, Dr Habiba Sarobi.

RUMORS PAST & PRESENT



Photos by Cobie Moore and Ivy Erlinger

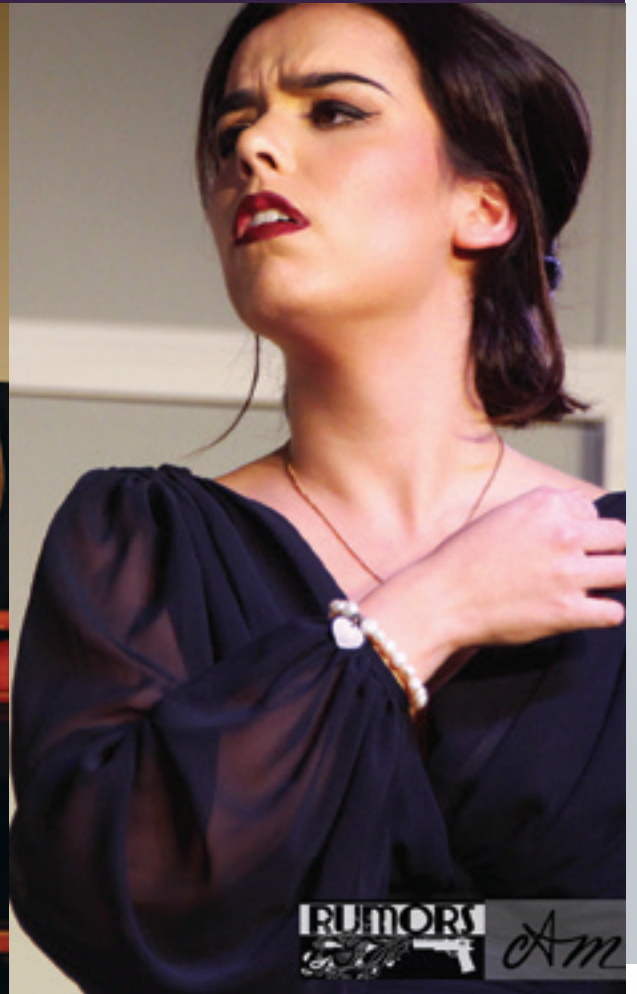
The 2014 New College play was the farce by Neil Simon, *Rumors*. This was the second time *Rumors* has appeared in New College, with an earlier performance in 1996 directed by Sarah Adeney.

The comedy begins with Chris and Ken Gorman (played by Scarlett Stemler and Alex McKenzie) arriving to a dinner party to find one of their hosts with a gunshot wound to his ear and their other host nowhere to be found. As more guests arrive, a

tangled web of lies develops as the characters try to protect reputations and discover the truth. Things heat up when the police arrive on the scene calling for an heroic Leonard Ganz (Rowan Thambar) to put the pieces together into a plausible and hilarious tale of love gone wrong.

The small cast of ten performed wonderfully, with a great energy and clearly enjoying their roles and working together. The set was brilliantly constructed (Bill Walton and Oliver Stirzaker) and artfully decorated (Rebecca Godwin and Callum Agnew), with many collegians helping out in countless ways for the three performances on 8–10 May.

Another great College production!



Role	1996 Production	2014 Production
Chris Gorman	Jessica Dempsey	Scarlett Stemler
Ken Gorman	James Vickery	Alex McKenzie
Claire Ganz	Rebecca Prince	Naomi Utber
Leonard (Lenny) Ganz	Pete Butchatsky	Rowan Thambar
Ernie Cusack	Daintree Peters	Joseph Carey
Cookie Cusack	Susie Mills	Min Roebuck
Glenn Cooper	Luke Maloney	Ned Hirst
Cassie Cooper	Jane Kelly	Alexis O'Connor
Officer Welch	James Downie	Lauren Sullivan
Officer Pudney	Michelle Stonehouse	Christopher Valencic
Director	Sarah Adeney	Divya Venkataraman and Andrew Jolly
Producers	Toby Winton-Brown and Penny Fogarty	Anna Fernon and Ramandeep Kaur

Marriages



Jonathan Barnett and Justine Bispham

Jonathan Barnett (NC 2005–08) and Justine Bispham (NC 2009–11) were married at St Andrew's Anglican Church Wahroonga on 8th February 2014. Included in the bridal party were Jessica Gough (nee Bispham NC 2007–09) as Matron of Honour, Timothy Rowe (NC 2005–07) as Best Man and Matthew McDonald (NC 2011–2012) as a Groomsman. A number of New College alumni took part in the ceremony and reception.



Since leaving New College, Jono has finished his final two years of Medicine in Port Macquarie. He went on to work (internship and residency) at both Port Macquarie Base Hospital and Royal North Shore hospitals. He moved to Sydney in 2013 (to chase Justine) and has been working in the field of paediatrics at Sydney Children's Hospital and Campbelltown hospital.

Justine did an Honours project to complete her undergraduate B Psychology. She has gone on to do a Masters of Psychology (Clinical) at

UNSW and is currently in her final year on placement at the UNSW clinic and CRUfAD (Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression) at St Vincent's Hospital. Justine's thesis is looking at the role of sex hormones in emotion regulation. She will do a placement at the Child Behaviour Research Clinic next semester (featured on ABC's documentary 'Kids on Speed' aired in Feb 2014). Next year Jonathan and Justine will move to Port Macquarie so Jonathan can complete his GP training.

Peter Orenstein and Katie Dunlop

Peter Orenstein (NC 2009–11) and Katie Dunlop were married on 6th July 2013 at St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor. The best men were Philip King (NC 2009–11), Thomas Ness (NC 2010–11), Andrew Orenstein and the bridesmaids were Gill Dunlop, Lizz Dunlop, Charlotte Dunlop.

Pete has been teaching at Northern Beaches Christian School (NBCS) in Terrey Hills, Sydney since the beginning of 2013 as a full-time secondary music teacher. Pete intends to stay there for many years to come saying, "It's my dream job! It is a great school that focuses on building learning spaces fit for 21st century education." Katie has a new job as a mental health worker in Brookvale and so they moved to Collaroy last month.



Angus Martin and Olivia Smith

Angus Martin (NC 2012–2013) married Olivia Smith (NC 2011–2012, NCV 2013) on the 21st of December 2013 in Dubbo. Olivia's father was also a New Collegian (during the 1980's), as were many of their guests. The bridal party included Olivia's sister Felicity Smith (NC 2009–2012) and her dear friend Clare Kauter (NC 2011–2012), as well as other family and friends.



Tom Pryor and Christina Cox

It all went down at 3pm on February 15, on the headland at Port Stephens, NSW. Many new collegians were part of the festivities. Tom's best men were all former new collegians: Guy Inder (NC 03–05), Mark Nunn (NC 04–05), Brendan Jones (NC 04–05), Adam Sauverain (NC 05–07) and Byron Bassett (NC 03–05). The esteemed Andrew Hoy (NC 03–05) was also the man to catch the garter, and his girlfriend caught the bouquet!

Tom and Chrissy live in San Francisco, California, where Tom has just received his MBA from UC Berkeley, and is working at the educational technology non-profit, Khan Academy – if you're studying math or science right now, check it out: www.khanacademy.org



Merryn (NC2007–09) and Lindsay Foster are thankful for their first child, Isabelle Catherine, an amazing gift of God. Isabelle was born on Monday 7th April 2014. ▼



NEW FAMILIES



◀ Tim (NC 2008–09) and Jessica Gough (NC 2007–09) welcomed their first child, Grace Felicity, to the world on 28th December 2013. They're smitten!



▲ Letizia Coletto (NCV 2010–11) and Nathan Kiely are very excited to share news of the arrival of their baby. "Their little man" Jack Leonardo Kiely was born on 28 March 2014 at the Royal Hospital for Women in Randwick.



▲ Hannah Olivia was born in Tamworth on December 26th 2013 to very happy parents David and Rebekah Lockart (NC 2003–05 and 2006–08).

NCV THANKS DR JOHN QUINN AND HIS



In April the NCV farewelled Dr John Quinn and his family. John has been a key influence on the life of New College Village over the last four years.

John took up the post of Dean of Residents in 2010 just one year after the opening of NCV.

He has helped to develop the fabric of our young and vibrant community. In April, he and his family said farewell to NCV. For John, it is time to return to research and the city of Melbourne that he has come to love, where he has taken up an academic post. John will work as a Senior Research Fellow at The Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University.

John's departure also means NCV loses the whole Quinn family. They will be missed a great deal. Dr Premilla Chinnappa-Quinn will continue her work as an anaesthetist as well as being the mother of three children. Together, John and Premilla have been passionate about the people they have served. NCV residents have benefited

in many and varied ways from their faithful stewardship of the Village. NCV residents and staff will miss John and Premilla's three daughters, Indumathi, Kanmani and Amirithini, who were all born while the family lived at NCV.

Of course, John's association with New College goes back further than his recent post as Dean of NCV. John joined New College as a resident in 1995 and became the Student Association Social Director in 1996 and then directed the New College Play in 1997. From 1997 to 1998 John was a Residential Tutor and from the beginning of 2001 until June 2002 he held the role of Senior Resident Adviser. Much to John's surprise he became the Acting Dean of New College for Session 2 2002 and for a few weeks, in between the retirement and arriving of Masters,



FAMILY

John effectively carried out the functions of an Acting Master until Professor Cairney came in August 2002 when he continued as Acting Dean for the rest of the year. John has been a great servant of the wider New College community over eleven years (in two stints).

To recognize the contribution of the Quinn family, NCV held a number of farewells. One of these was at the NCV Autumn Dinner. A drinks and canapés event was also held especially to give many residents and alumni an opportunity to say a personal farewell amid some public messages of thanks. During his farewell, Dr Quinn said, "NCV has been a wonderful community. We have met many awesome people, and we do hope that many of you might keep in touch in the years ahead." ▀



NCV COMMUNITY



WELCOME WEEK 2014

The year got off to an amazing start with a “Welcome Week” schedule of epic proportions delivering much fun and the opportunity to make new friendships at NCV.



It all began on **Sunday**, 23rd February with a tour of Sydney, including stops at the Opera House and an exploration of The Rocks. With country, interstate and international students arriving to live at NCV this was a good opportunity to familiarise them with this amazing city that we take for granted.

On **Monday** the Senior Residents took first year students on a tour of the Uni. Later the official NCV Welcome event was held in the Main Common Room for all residents before they embarked on a supper crawl. The residents got seven suppers in one with a different supper being offered by the Senior Residents on each floor.

Tuesday provided opportunities for residents to get to know each other even better. A speed-dating style event was held followed by a drinks and canapés event in the Main Common Room of NCV.

On **Wednesday**, those who attended the ‘Classy Crawl’ put on their dashing suits and cocktail dresses for a night visiting a couple of the classiest hotels in the Sydney. Those who fancied chocolate and a hot cup of coffee over



a cocktail, visited one of Sydney’s bohemian styled cafes.

A Trivia Night was held on **Thursday** evening with teams of residents battling it out against each other to claim the title of “NCV Intellectual Champion”!

On **Friday** afternoon the Dean ran an introduction to Christian Life at NCV for those who were interested. Residents learned about the churches in the local area, and the Bible Studies and other Christian activities that are held throughout the year. That evening two of the most popular events of Welcome Week took place: The Epic Aussie Barbeque and Karaoke Night.

On **Saturday** it was time to find

out how much people remembered from the city tour on the first day as residents embarked on The Amazing Race through Sydney.

NCV held a snack and wine evening for those who are enrolled in a PhD, Masters by Research, Honours, or ILP program. This was a good opportunity for NCV researchers to meet each other.

Welcome week finished on **Sunday** with a mix of sporting and relaxing activities. After a delicious breakfast of ice cream and pancakes residents had a chance to burn off some calories playing Badminton in the courtyard and Table Tennis in the games room. Finally that evening residents enjoyed watching a movie together. ■



Alice De Groot studies a Bachelor of Fine Arts at The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) majoring in Properties and Small objects at NIDA.

Why did you choose to live at NCV?

I chose to live here for the proximity to campus, the international and post-grad orientated residents and the self-contained life style.

How have you found the transition to living on-campus at UNSW?

It's been great – there's been a wonderful variety of activities and weekly suppers that really make you feel like you're part of a community. The senior residents have been friendly and welcoming from day one. I have also found being so close to NIDA to be pretty invaluable when it comes to late nights studying. I've also found it to be an extremely convenient location for buses and getting anywhere in Sydney is no problem at all.

Have your expectations of New College Village been met?

Most definitely – all the living arrangements are great – clean, comfortable and just what I need.

Most surprising thing about living at NCV?

The people I have met here have been kinder and more welcoming than I could have imagined.

Any advice for students trying to choose accommodation?

I think NCV would be a great choice – it's a perfect home away from home. If you enjoy independent living but also being part of a community and knowing that you are surrounded by friendly faces then I'd definitely recommend it.



Zisheng Chen is in his first year of a Masters of Organisational Psychology at UNSW.

Why NCV?

Being more of a postgraduate-focused college, it looked like it would give me the perfect balance between socialising and having a sense of community, as well as having the chance to take time for myself for study without being distracted. The rooms and facilities looked quite nice too, which helped in making the decision.

How have you found the transition to living on-campus at UNSW?

It's been great! I've lived at home with my family prior to moving here so I've felt like it's been the perfect intermediate step between living at home and becoming completely independent. I have the space and time I like for myself and I feel like there is support if I ever needed it.

Have your expectations of New College Village been met?

Yes, I've met some great new people in my time here and while I haven't gone to every event, I'm liking the variety of options.

Most surprising thing about living at NCV?

The cultural diversity! Growing up in Newcastle, I hadn't had the chance to meet a lot of different people from different backgrounds but I always find it fascinating learning about people's histories, even if they've spent most of their life in Australia.

Any advice for students trying to choose accommodation?

It sounds obvious, but I think it's very important to take the time to see what each place offers and whether it would suit your lifestyle.



Brent Whittaker is from Murwillumbah and is studying Medicine at UNSW.

Why NCV?

I chose to come to NCV for multiple reasons. The building, facilities and apartments looked to be of good quality. I also chose NCV because it was advertised as a Christian College and being a practising Christian I wanted to find an environment and atmosphere where I could belong.

How have you found the transition to living on-campus at UNSW?

It has been very convenient. Living right on campus means I don't have to travel, I get fed good meals at the cafeteria across the road at New and another avenue is opened up to meet new people. All of these have made living at UNSW an enjoyable experience and have also saved time and money.

Have your expectations of New College Village been met?

Yes. NCV posed an easy transition into University life for me, as I come from rural NSW. I only expected to have a nice room to sleep in and to meet a few new people. These expectations have been met and then some!

Most surprising thing about living at NCV?

Having lived in dorms prior to NCV I've found NCV quiet. It is a place where you can actually get work done!

Any advice for students trying to choose accommodation?

If you want your independence whilst being in a convenient location with friendly people surrounding you – NCV is the place to be!

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN...

NCV Residents thought they could...so on a Friday night in April, they did.

Residents rocked up to the main common Room with their dancing toes, electrifying guitars, vivacious violins and a healthy dose of self-confidence. The talent on display was dazzling (not just because the stage lights were turned on). The night was organised by the two of NCV's Senior Residents; Pesila Ratnayake and Shamila Vijayamanohar. Everyone could see how NCV has become a really fun community with residents getting alongside each other to bring each other joy through music, dance, drama and comedy. ▀



COLLEGE SPORT

NCV Wins Maiden Game of Rugby

NCV entered the UNSW Inter-College sporting competition securing victory in their maiden game of Rugby. The sporting strength of NCV has been gradually building up since the college opened its doors in 2009. For the first six months of 2014, NCV competed in partnership with Shalom College in the UNSW Inter-College sporting competition. Over time NCV will look to field more of its own teams across a range of sports in the competition.

In the first rugby game by an NCV team the boys faced off as underdogs against the well-seasoned New College squad. Despite having no uniform, the combined NCV and Shalom team led by NCV Resident Scott Parlett managed to beat New College 15 – 12 (three tries to two). The close score belied the actual dominance of the winning team who played an attacking game with solid defence. NCV contributed ten players to the combined NCV/Shalom team that beat New College. The NCV Residents were Monish Maharaj, Scott Parlett, Alex Glyde, Scott Collins, Naoise Cottergreen, Amanat Chaman, Ethan Butler, Luke Donlon, Anson Lai and Brent Whittaker (pictured with fellow team mates from Shalom College).

Following this first win NCV won enough games to make the Inter-College semi-finals facing Warrane. In spite of a nil all first half score line, and a close second half, the boys went down 10-0 after a controversial penalty try was awarded to Warrane and a final penalty goal. The performance of this team has been a great achievement with special credit due to the Captain/Coach, Scott Parlett.

NCV Vs New College

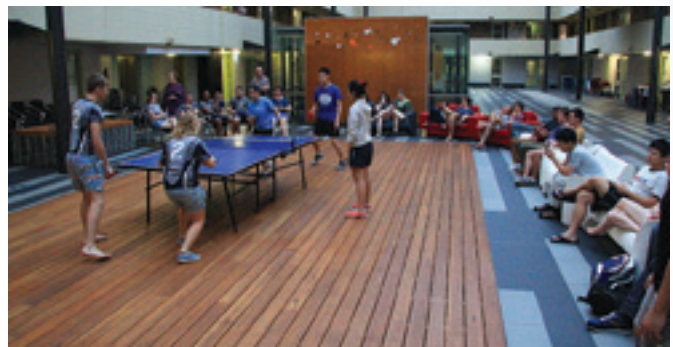
The first rounds of the 2014 Master's challenge have been played with NCV claiming victory in the Table Tennis competition while New College outperformed NCV in the Pool competition. The NCV is undefeated in three years of table tennis and so were hot favourites to win, especially with the New Zealand age champion Dawn Ee. The pool was a much closer contest going down to the wire with everything hanging on the last singles game and the closest of margins bringing victory to New College.

New College Sport

We have seen some fantastic sport played by New College throughout 2014.

It all started with the men's cricket. Despite some tough opposition from Warrane and Baxter colleges, the New College Men's team made it through to play and win the finals.

This year an amazing number of girls signed up to produce one of the best netball teams to ever live in the building. The girls cruised through their first few games and remained undefeated until the finals, which they narrowly missed out on winning in a very close game that could have gone either way. The men performed very strongly to win



their Netball competition.

The men of New College again stamped their authority on the Hockey field, winning the 2014 Inter-College Hockey competition for the 6th year in a row. Unfortunately, they missed out on winning the overall Inter-College Sporting Shield.

The Women's Inter-College Shield was in contention right up until the last game of the year. Our women's soccer team performed wonderfully to win the soccer finals. This also secured New College the Women's Inter-College Shield for the fourth year in a row. A remarkable effort! ▀

1st Year Perspectives on Life at New

KATE SINCLAIR



From: Kiama on the South Coast
High School: Kiama High School
Studies: 1st Year Arts/Law

Why New College? Honestly, I was set to move in to Goldstein in the Kensington colleges, but the week before O-week started I got an email and a call from Ben Gooley saying that

I was awarded a scholarship to New College. It was something I couldn't turn down. So I declined Goldstein, moved into New College a week later and haven't regretted my decision at all.

I found that the transition wasn't bad. I miss home and people from home sometimes, but much less than what I expected. New College and UNSW are easy places to get used to. It wasn't too long before I got into a routine and picked up some tips and tricks of living in college. I think it helps living in a nice area and always having something to do. I also like that there is always someone to hang out with in college.

I didn't know what to expect of New College before I moved in. I had vague ideas of what college would be like, mostly based on American teenage movies, not that it helped much. It was nothing like what I thought. I really like college. NC is a fantastic balance of social and academic. NC definitely exceeds what I wanted from living on campus.

Favourite meal at College? I always look forward to "Dirty-Mex", and I have not yet been disappointed. I can't turn down a Eurest Burrito!

Any surprises? I was most surprised by the community atmosphere. I pretty well know everyone and everyone is really kind. There is always someone to talk to or hang out with. The social opportunities make studying much more bearable.

College Group: I live in 3CD.

How have you got involved? It's incredibly easy! I am on the team that went to Bourke for Indig. Trip in the mid-year break. I am also on the Shop roster and a member of ComServe, which supports some charities.

Would you recommend New College to Year 12 students? Yes! Choose New College. It has a community unlike what I've seen at the other colleges and you won't regret coming here.

Kate has been elected as the New College Students' Association (NCSA) Women's Sports Director for 2015

MADELEINE JANIN



From: A little town near Nice in France
High School: International Center of Valbonne
Studies: 1st Yr Medicine

Why New College? I wanted to live on campus so I decided to go to a college. A friend of mine who lives in Sydney had heard about New College and recommended it to me. So I looked at the website and it looked very friendly and social and also good for my

studies which are quite demanding.

The transition to living on-campus at UNSW was so easy! I was a little bit nervous before moving to New College because Australia is very far from home and I didn't know anybody here but everything went very well: everybody is so nice and O'Week was a good (and intense!) way to meet new people and create strong and lasting links in a week only! And our Oldies are always taking care of us Freshers!

To be honest I didn't really know what to expect from New College as we don't have College in France. But it turns out to be even better that what I could have imagined. Everybody is so nice and New College is just one big community of friends. Living in small groups is also very nice. Being so close to class is very convenient and saves a lot of time which allows me to study for my course and also enjoy Uni and College life!

Favourite meal at College? Definitely the Australian Brunch on Sundays with bacon, sausages, eggs, tomatoes, hash browns and pancakes (yuumm).

Any surprises? How everybody gets on well with everybody else in College:

College Group: I live in 2EF (2-Enchilada Fiesta alias the Mexican Group)

How have you got involved? I am involved in the life of New College through a lot of parties, social and sporting events such as Rugby, Cricket, the Masquerade Party and the New College Play. I am on the Ski Trip subcommittee that took a group of New Collegians to the snow.

Would you recommend New College to Year 12 students? New College is a really good way of combining a high level of studies, enjoying Uni-life and meeting some incredible people outside your course.

ANNABEL PAUL



From: Armidale NSW

High School: PLC

Studies: 1st Year Bachelor of Medical Science

Why New College? I felt the college provided a great sense of community, something that was very important for me living away from home for the first time. The variety of extra-curricular activities offered at the college was also a big draw card as it meant that I would be able to get involved in things

that were not necessarily university based. I also chose New College because of its Christian background and ethos, as I wanted to live in an environment where I was supported to grow in my faith alongside fellow Christians.

I've found the transition to living on campus at UNSW quite easy, which has surprised me and my family! I think this has come down to the great family atmosphere at New College. Every time I come back to the building I feel like I am coming home, which is a wonderful feeling to have when things are a bit stressful at uni! I also think the way that 2nd, 3rd and 4th years (oldies) look after the first years has helped me to settle into uni life well. If you are unsure about anything you can approach any oldie and they are more than happy to help you out!

I never imagined feeling as at home at college as I do here. I have loved the fact that college feels like a big family, so rather than feeling as if you live away from home it is more like you are just living in a bigger home than you did before! The academic support that is provided at

the college has also been great as a first year who is still trying to get used to studying at uni.

Favourite meal at College? Favourite college meal is definitely Mexican!

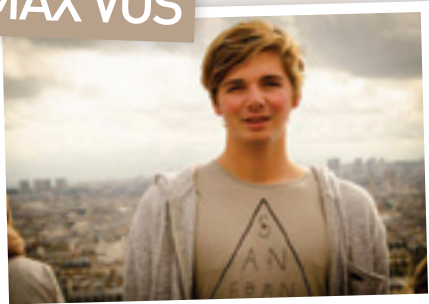
Any surprises? The amount of activities you can get involved in! Whether you are into sport, acting, singing or movie watching, there is a society for you at New College! I particularly love that no matter how good you are at a particular activity you can always get involved and have a go.

College Group: 3CD

How have you got involved? I am part of the NCCF, the frisbee society, the community service society, the swing dancing society and I also play touch football for the college.

Would you recommend New College to Year 12 students? Come to New College! It is a decision you won't regret – there is amazing personal and academic support here, and you get to live alongside a group of amazing people... what more could you want?!

MAX VOS



From: Avalon, Sydney's Northern Beaches (Having Coogee and Bondi close by to New College is almost as good as living at home).

High School: I spent primary school in the UK and USA before moving to Sydney for High School where I attended St Lukes Grammar School in Dee Why.

Studies: 1st Yr Dual Degree in Commerce/Law.

Why New College? My first impression of New College was that it was a vibrant and bustling place. New College is filled with smart and ambitious students who are open to have a bit of fun. After seeing New College I didn't look anywhere else. Living on campus is convenient, fun, and makes for an incredible university experience.

Favourite meal at College? Dirty Mex, I wish Mexican week was every week.

Any surprises? I think the variety of people that you meet is the most surprising and exciting thing about New College. There are entrepreneurs, professional sportsmen, and

excellent musicians. It makes for a really dynamic and fast paced living environment. If you want to get involved you could pursue anything you wanted.

College Group: Fourth Floor

How have you got involved? I really enjoy getting involved with the sports teams and try to get to as many social events as possible.

Would you recommend New College to Year 12 students? Choose a place that suits what you want to get out of the university experience. It's really hard to go wrong when choosing New College, there's such a wide range of people! Also, be good to your mother.

New College Formal Dinner with Scientia Professor Jane McAdam

Scientia Professor Jane McAdam was the guest of honour and speaker at New College's 2014 Commencement Dinner. Professor McAdam presented an engaging and challenging talk, reflecting on Australia's response to asylum seekers trying to reach Australia. The evening was also an opportunity to celebrate the academic achievements of many New Collegians including our latest University Medallists.



Under international law, Australia retains responsibility for what happens on Manus, and remains jointly and severally liable with PNG for any human rights violations that occur. This is known as the law of State responsibility. We can share responsibility, but we can't devolve it. And even though what happened...was not part of our agreement with PNG, from a State responsibility perspective that's immaterial – we remain responsible even if the other country goes beyond what it was asked to do. In other words, we can't have our cake and eat it too.

The treatment of asylum seekers who arrive by boat in Australia is a topic New Collegians were keen to engage with. At the conclusion of Professor McAdam's talk they were given the opportunity to ask questions. The tenor of question time demonstrated the maturity of Collegians, their concern for the humane treatment of asylum seekers, an acknowledgement of the complexity of the issues and that there are differing views about how to respond.

The dinner was an opportunity for members of the New College community to tussle with complex ideas and learn from an expert in International Law about aspects of Australia's role in the dealing with asylum seekers. The dinner was also a wonderful occasion to celebrate the academic achievements. ▀

Professor Jane McAdam is the Founding Director of the Andrew & Renata Centre for International Refugee Law. She is a Scientia Professor at UNSW Law, a non-resident Senior Fellow at The Brookings Institution in Washington DC, and a Research Associate at the University of Oxford's Refugee Studies Centre. She publishes widely in international refugee law and forced migration, with a particular focus on human rights-based forms of protection (complementary protection) and the impacts of climate change on mobility.

In a speech that traced the history of former Federal Australian governments' policies relating to asylum seekers, Professor McAdam began her talk by stating:

It is incongruous that in a country as large, wealthy and multicultural as Australia, the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees is a national preoccupation. The conversation is not about rights or responsibilities, assistance or protection, but rather about 'stopping the boats' and 'smashing the people smugglers' business model'.

Professor McAdam was critical of the current policies adopted by both major political parties in relation to asylum seekers trying to reach Australia by boat. The fatality of an asylum seeker within the Manus Island detention facility is one matter that Professor McAdam discussed in relation to international law. She explained:



Academic Excellence at New College

Three New University Medallists

Three alumni of New College have been awarded the University Medal, the highest accolade for undergraduate study at UNSW.

Claire-Elise Green was awarded the University Medal in the discipline of Physics. Claire-Elise (NC 2010–13) was the Senior Academic Tutor at New College in 2013. **Ben Hughes** (NC 2009–11), another former Academic Tutor at New College was awarded the University Medal in the discipline of Renewable Energy Engineering. **Liam Williamsz** (NC 2009) was awarded the University Medal in the discipline of Planning.

New College Academic Awards and prizes were given to five residents who performed exceptionally in their academic discipline during 2013. The New College Academic Award recipients for study in 2013 were:

Stephen Butler > Chemistry

Daniel Keith > Physics

Chloe Oastler > Arts (Psychology and Theatre Studies)

Georgia Redmayne > Medicine

Andrew White > Mechanical Engineering



Professor Jane McAdam congratulates New College Academic Award Winners

General University Awards and Prizes

There is a long list of alumni and current New Collegians who received UNSW Awards and Prizes for study in 2013. The results are a reminder of the benefits of living in a residential community such as New College, with academic support provided by great Academic Tutors.

New Collegian	In Residency	UNSW Awards and Prizes
Nicholas GuriEFF	2010	The School of Humanities and Languages Prize for Environmental Humanities
Adam Teusner	2010–2012	The Mar Prize in International Studies and The Harold Tindale Award and Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Hannah Degotardi	2010–2012	A Postgraduate Faculty of Built Environment Dean's List Award
Lucinda Wilcher	Current Resident	An Undergraduate Faculty of Built Environment Dean's List Award
Erin Charters	2011–13	The DuPont Nutrition and Health Prize
Nicholas Gouvernet	2011–13	The Era Polymers Prize in Year 3 Industrial Chemistry
Belinda Serafin	Current Resident	The Association of Public Authority Surveyors Prize, and The George Bennett Millennium Prize
Will Archinal	2012–13	The Macquarie Second Year Software Engineering Prize
Hamish Durkin	Current Resident	The Macquarie Second Year Software Engineering Prize
Daniel Atkins	2010–13	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Jarrah Duckhs	2010–12	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Brendan Fox	2009–12	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Sarah Hayes	2011–12	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Ben Hughes	2009–11	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Laura Jeffress	Current Resident	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Chris Webb	2009–12	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Oscar Wilkie	2011–12	Faculty of Engineering Dean's Awards
Guy Baldwin	2008–09	The Baker & McKenzie Prize
Sumer Dayal	2008–10	Faculty of Law Dean's List
Amanda Cobb-Clark	Current Resident	The Dami Atapattu Stage 2 Anatomy Prize
Laura Nicholls	2010–11	The School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Science Prize
Stephen Butler	Current Resident	The UNSW Chemical Society George Wright Prize
Daniel Keith	Current Resident	The Physics Staff Prize for Physics 2
Claire-Elise Green	2010–13	Head of School's Prize in Physics and The Physics Staff Prize for Physics (Honours)
Liam Williamsz	2009	Faculty of Built Environment Undergraduate Dean's Award

A NEW TRADITION'S FIRST DECADE

ORIGINS OF THE FRESHER DANCE

In the wee hours of O'Week Eve 2004, six blue-haired, fluro-shirted S.H.L.I.P week leaders brainstorm-boogied back and forth across the dining hall's parquet floor. Inspired by pre-YouTube footage of Melbourne Uni freshers engaged in synchronised dance routines, the team sought to choreograph a simple and fun activity that wouldn't require getting wet nor early morning jogs to local beaches. A key feature of the first fresher dance was the need to reflect something of university life in the movements. A favourite move was the 'sprinkler' (think Village Green).

Chosen for its upbeat lyrics and tempo, Deee-Lite's 1990 #1 hit *Groove is in the Heart* played on repeat that fateful night, as the O'Week team gradually wove together a sequence of freestylin', 'butterfly catching', skipping and Betty-Davis eyes-ing. With the track selected



and routine sorted, all that remained was the right time and place to teach the incoming fresher crowd.

Opportunity presented itself once electricity was restored following a blackout at the Kenso Bowlo (Kensington Bowls Club) mid-way through the week. The debut was well received and from that point forward, whenever Deee'Lite's tune was heard on harbour cruises, in Sam's Crack (Sam Cracknell Pavilion) and on dance floors citywide, collegians would assemble and bust out the moves.

Subsequent fresher dances have seen collegians shimmy and sychro-boogie to songs such as 'Rock this Party' and 'Parlez Vous Francais'. Many of these routines were witnessed by the ex-collegian community gathered together at Paddington Town Hall for the 2012 New College Alumni Ball as well as at various weddings and birthday festivities over the years. In 2013, Channel 7's *Sunrise* featured New Collegians dancing to Timomatic's *If Looks Could Kill*, accompanied by a catchy and utterly inspiring video.

2014 marks the tenth year of the Fresher Dance and many are to thank for continuing what has arguably become New College's most inclusive and fun tradition. A special thanks goes out to that 2004 team of blue-haired O'Week leaders who first brought the Fresher Dance to New College – Amy Nasser (nee Morrison),

Daniel Cummings, Helen McCarthy, Michael 'Fisty' Hand, Tim 'Othy' Owen and Tom 'Skeletor' Pryor – thank you for sharing the groove in your hearts.

Long live the Fresher Dance! 

Contribution by Tim Owen.



2004	<i>Groove is in the Heart</i>	Deee'Lite
2005	<i>Push Up</i>	Freestylers
2006	<i>Canned heat</i>	Jamiroquai
2007	<i>Rock this Party</i>	Bob Sinclar
2008	<i>Let me think about it</i>	Ida Corr and Fedde le Grand.
2009	<i>The Ian Carey Project</i>	Get Shaky
2010	<i>Parlez Vous Francais</i>	Art Vs. Science
2011	<i>Yeah 3X</i>	Chris Brown
2012	<i>Turn Me On</i>	David Guetta
2013	<i>If Looks Could Kill</i>	Timomatic
2014	<i>Applause</i>	Lady Gaga



THEOLOGY AND THE FUTURE: EVANGELICAL ASSERTIONS AND EXPLORATIONS

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The New College Lectures are in their 28th year and provide an opportunity each year to have someone apply Christian teaching and thinking to issues of importance to many people. In 2011 the theme was 'Theology and the Future'. It featured three 'younger' theologians and asked each to speak about the role they saw for theology in the future and as a way of understanding the future.

At the end of the series the Master, encouraged by the speakers, decided to develop a proposal for a book that would build on the theme of the lectures. It was shaped by the question what might be meant by 'the future of God', and what its implications are for Christian theology.

Theology was once 'queen of the sciences', the integrating centre of Christendom's conceptual universe.

But in recent fields like systematic theology have been frequently called into question and derided as arcane and superstitious pseudo-disciplines. The book that resulted offers a case for the continuing viability of theology, exploring how it might adapt to changing circumstances, and discussing its implications for how we are to imagine and help shape our shared human future. It has five authors who have presented New College Lectures and another ten wonderful scholars from around the world.

In the first half of the book the authors consider the place of theology in global Christianity, the church and the academy, as well as its sources and method. The second half of the book explores a wide variety of dimensions of the human future that theology

might address and illuminate. The essays bring together a mix of specialist theologians and interdisciplinary thinkers from around the world to support the assertion that there can be no more critical endeavour to the future than understanding God and all things in relationship to him.

Theology and the future: Evangelical Assertions and Explanations is edited and introduced by Trevor Cairney and David Starling and has been published by Bloomsbury T&T Clark. It was released internationally in hard cover and pdf versions in June. The specialist contributors are Kirsten Birkett, Miyon Chung, Trevor Hart, Paul Helm, Michael Allen, Stanley Hauerwas, Michael Jensen, Stephen Long, John McClean, John McDowell, Alison Searle, David Smith, Byron Smith, David Starling and K. K. Yeo. ▀

EXPLORING THE TERRITORIES OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION

The 2014 New College Lectures, titled "Exploring the Territories of Science and Religion", were given over three nights by Professor Peter Harrison. Some see science and religion as in

direct competition with one another, offering incompatible explanations for the same phenomena. Conflict is seen as inevitable. Projecting this idea back in time, the whole of Western history can be understood as a protracted battle between science and religion. Science is now winning the battle, in spite of minor religious resistance.

But historians of science have demolished this idea of a perennial conflict between science

and religion, instead demonstrating how science has been supported by Christian ideas and assumptions. In part, this reflects a different understanding of the boundaries of science and religion. The 2014 New College Lectures focused on the changing boundaries of science and religion, and considered how these positive interactions of the past, offer insights into science-religion relations in the present. ▀

Audio and notes from two of the talks can be freely downloaded online at www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/lectures



NEWS IN BRIEF



Farewell Ken

After nine years of service to New College and fifty years of professional fulltime work, Mr Ken Barnes has finished his term as College Bursar and has entered retirement. Ken has been a faithful and skilled Bursar. He has

been a key staff member serving the New College community in various ways on top of the day-to-day financial responsibilities of the Bursar's role. Ken has helped with major projects like the development of New College Village, the renovations to New College, upgrades to basic facilities like computing and communications, improvements in food quality, support of NCSA treasurers to improve reporting and record keeping, support to the Board and of course the Master. Ken has shown a deep love for the organization as well as its residents and staff. Ken and his wife Anne were acknowledged and thanked at the Mid-Session Formal Dinner in April for their faithful contributions.



Welcome Ian Sharpe

The College has welcomed a new Bursar, Mr Ian Sharpe. Mr Sharpe comes to us with significant experience as an accountant and financial services leader in major organizations such as the Commonwealth

Bank. His most recent positions have been with State Super Financial Services where he had a key role in Corporate Accounting. Prior to this he was Management Accountant appointed to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat. His qualifications include Bachelor of Economics (Accounting Major) and Certified Practising Accountant. Mr Sharpe is involved with his local Anglican church of Christ Church St Ives, where he leads church services and a men's Bible Study group.



Welcome Susan Bazzana

Susan Bazzana started work as the new Dean of Residents at NCV on Monday 21 July. Susan has come to us from Melbourne where until recently she was Head of Church Partnerships

at World Vision Australia. Her qualifications include a Masters of Management, Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies, Graduate Diploma in Communication (with Distinction), and a Bachelor of Arts. She understands community life and in her early university years at Griffith University in Brisbane lived in a community like the NCV where she was also a Senior Resident for two years. Susan is enjoying getting to know the residents of NCV.



In Memoriam Dr Martin Pearson

It is with great sadness that New College acknowledges the passing of Dr Martin Pearson. Martin was a New Collegian in 1974 while he studied a Bachelor of Science before transferring to the University of Queensland to continue with Veterinary Science.

Martin was a keen member of Audax Australia, a long distance cycling club and had ridden in the Paris-Brest-Paris and London-Edinburgh-London races twice. He was tragically killed this year following a hit-and-run accident in Queensland on Anzac Day while riding in a 1500km community ride near Inglewood, west of Warwick. Dr John Pearson (NC 1973–76) described his brother Martin as a committed, well-respected vet and a fantastic teacher who had ridden thousands and thousands of kilometres.

Dr Martin Pearson worked as a partner in South Tamworth Animal Hospital for 14 years and was a professor and doctor of veterinary anaesthesia. At the time he was killed, Martin was the Superintendent of the Veterinary Medical Centre at the Gattton campus of the University of Queensland.



In Memoriam Deaconess Margaret Rodgers

Deaconess Margaret Rodgers AM sadly passed away in May. She had a long-standing association with New College, including serving as a board member. She was a prominent figure in the Anglican Diocese of Sydney for more than 40 years.

Archbishop Glenn Davies paid tribute, describing Ms Rodgers as “a scholar of significant intellect”

and “for many years the leading laywoman of the Diocese of Sydney. The Archbishop also described the Deaconess’ belief that “the work of the gospel was best promoted at the grass roots, seeing people won to Christ and grow in their Christian faith.” The outworking of this belief saw her serve in many roles including on the New University Colleges Council which founded New College and in later years on the New College Board. ▀

FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE



Jonathan Billingham | Public Relations Officer

New College and NCV alumni now number over six thousand members. The College doesn't ask alumni to pay an annual fee and membership is quite simply by virtue of having lived at New College or New College Village as a resident for at least one semester. One way alumni can contribute to the future of our community is by supporting our Scholarship program. You can specify which community and initiatives you wish to support.

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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.

