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2015 Freshers on the O’week Public Transport Rally around Sydney’s CBD

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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

Welcome to this 2015 edition of *New 'n' Old*. It has been a long time since you received your last edition in 2014 and so much has happened since. This is a 'catch up' issue and highlights some of the inspiring alumni and significant endeavours that have taken place in the life of the New College and New College Village (NCV) communities.

Residents and former residents know about the key role that academic tutors play in the life of New, and since 2009, New College Village. We thought it would be good to highlight some of the New College and NCV alumni who have fulfilled the role of Senior Academic Tutor since the year, 2000 (p. 4-6), which coincides 'roughly' with my term as Master. These special people have helped foster and support academic excellence within our communities and one indicator of this is the success of our residents. In the last year two years University Medals were awarded to NCV residents Han Su and Yu Elaine Jiang in 2014 (p.14) and a large number of academic award and prizes were won by New College residents (p.19).

You will also hear about the wonderful achievements of New College alumnus Brent O'Carriagan who was awarded the prestigious Sir Jon Monash Scholarship (p.8). With his scholarship Brent is studying a Ph.D. at Cambridge University within the field of cancer research. NCV alumnus Dr Naadir Junaid has also been recognised for his contribution to Film and Media and been awarded the "Australian Alumni Excellence Award 2015 for Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships" (p.9). As well, I heard just this week that Emily Rumble has been awarded the prestigious Sir Robert Menzies Scholarship for Law (more on this next issue).

We also celebrate the cultural richness of our residents. NCV is



The Master with some of the 2015 Co-Op Scholarship students (L-R): Kirsten Hendriks, Elizabeth Duggan, Trevor Cairney, Benjamin Xing, Madeline Bullock, Xinyi Shen, Julian Harris

a community that is particularly enriched by the diverse cultural backgrounds of its many residents which is highlighted in this issue. Riana Tatana, is a Bundjalung woman who has completed her honours in Theatre and Performance at UNSW this year (p.7). Riana is also an Indigenous Student Ambassador for UNSW and recipient of the 2015 Nura Gili Excellence Award for Arts and Social Science. Two of our postgrads, Nabeel Qazi from Pakistan and Debbie Chua Bun Pho from the Philippines share their experience of living at NCV.

As always this issue includes updates from our alumni who have recently married or have welcomed a child into their family (p. 12). We also reflect on the old tradition of the annual New College Revue and the newer tradition of a student produced bi-annual New College Musical (p.20-21).

At the end of 2014, the New College community farewelled Dean of Residents, Ben Gooley and his family. We also welcome Bill Peirson who has filled this role. Sadly, our longest

serving staff member, Mick Dawson died after a short illness, and we also lost some dear friends of New College.

We apologise to those who have been expecting to see another *New 'n' Old* before now. Publication was put on hold due to some significant changes to staff responsibilities and other agendas. The delay in the publication has allowed the College to focus on some critical projects, such as improving the online Admissions process for prospective residents that is imperative in the more competitive environment for university accommodation.

I hope you will share this issue with prospective students. As you know, our communities offer unique and life-changing opportunities, which is demonstrated in these pages. And of course, we are always keen to extend our reach when selecting residents each year. Please enjoy!

Trevor Cairney

15 YEARS OF SENIOR ACADEMIC TUTORS AT NE

New College's mission is to bring about collegiality, academic excellence and service to society, founded upon Christian faith and values. Academic excellence is a label that is often touted by schools, colleges and universities. New College's record speaks for itself with around 45% of students achieving a Distinction average or higher each year. Each year the university and international organizations award New Collegians a swag of awards and prizes. Over time some of the more prestigious accolades have included four Rhodes Scholarships, two Sir John Monash Scholarships and over seventy University Medals.

Sitting behind such a strong and consistent academic record is a team of New College Academic Tutors led by the Master, Dean of Residents and a Senior Academic Tutor. Many outstanding upper-year New Collegians have served as academic tutors during the life of the college. *New 'n' Old* caught up with previous Senior Academic Tutors to find out how they are contributing to the wider community years after valedicting from New College.



2000-2001 Rob Taggart – Engadine, NSW

"After leaving New College I married Karina (nee Gaetjens) and we now have two beautiful daughters Alexandra (5) and Hannah (3). We currently live in Engadine where I am involved in a

Refugee Support Group, Sutherland Shire Bushcare, the Sydney Alliance, church and a local network for homeless people. Along the way I completed a Ph.D. in Mathematics, worked at UNSW and the ANU before joining the Bureau of Meteorology where I now work as a meteorologist." You can occasionally hear Rob being interviewed by the media during crazy weather events.



2003-2004 Dr Rebecca Barnes – Adelaide, SA

I'm living in Adelaide and not, as I once expected, in a developing country (although some would dispute that). I'm enjoying prayer-walks on the beach, Barossa produce, and the fact that peak hour traffic actually lasts an hour. I work with an incredible team at KPMG as a 'Research and Development Consultant'.

After leaving New, I held back on getting a job,

purely because I was convinced that God wanted me to. I used some of the time for a bunch of voluntary activities like teaching Scripture to primary school kids, playing music at a nursing home and leading the music teams at the Salvation Army Church and at St Pauls in Tamworth and speaking at a Scripture Union HSC Study Camp. However, most of the time was for spending with God. In some ways, those years were tough, because they flew in the face of what most people expected of me. But in other ways, they were indescribably glorious. He was my reward.



2005 Jane Fenwick (nee Freak) – Winchester, UK

From when I left uni until 2005, I worked for BHP Billiton's Boodarie Iron plant in Port Hedland, WA. This is where I met my husband, Andy. We moved to the UK and started at an ExxonMobil

refinery near Southampton. This work has enabled lots of travel through the UK and Europe. Currently I am working part time as a project engineer, executing capital projects. We're involved with St Mark's church in Southampton and we have two children Euan (5) and Verity (2).



2006 Belinda (Billy) Mclean (nee Thorne) – Seven Hills, NSW

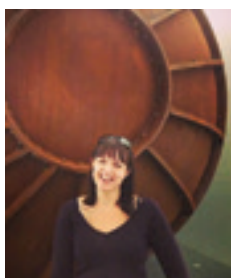
Since leaving college, I was a training manager for 5 years at GSES; developing training materials and running courses for people to learn how to design and install photovoltaic

systems. I then ran my own consulting business in a similar area till our first daughter was born. Becky (Rebekah) has just turned 2, and we have another one due in June. Becky is already exhibiting many 'engineer-like' traits (i.e. pulling things apart, just to put them back together and asking *how* everything works...) which keep us both on our toes!

I am now a Group Leader for Thermomix in our area, and doing event administration for the NSW Rogaining Association; we have a long standing relationship with the NSWRA which started at New College I remember driving New Collegians in the poor college van to some fairly remote locations for our rogaing adventures! It was on a 24 hour rogaing that Mike and I first started to get to know each other!

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Mike and I have just celebrated our 6th wedding anniversary and are living in Seven Hills, Sydney. We are part of the Toongabbie Anglican Church and Mike is leading the music team there. We have been very blessed by the relationships we built up at New College – and we still catch up with a number of people on a regular basis.



2010 Emily Rumble – Sydney, NSW

Since leaving New College, I have been admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW (and currently work as a solicitor in the Sydney office of Herbert Smith Freehills). 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. In 2014, I finished as runner up for the 2014 NSW Rhodes Scholarship.

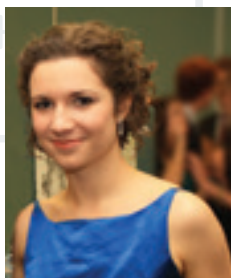


2012 Ross Willing – Canberra, ACT

I'm now working at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). I'm in the graduate program doing policy work in Canberra for at least two years before I get sent out on post. Graduated with

honours degrees in Arts (Politics) and Law in 2014.

In 2013, I had the honour to be the UNSW Student Representative Council President. Last year I was at Goldstein College where I was Deputy Dean. I was also working in the electorate office of Tanya Plibersek, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Foreign Affairs Spokesperson during my final year. Until last year, I maintained involvement in academic tutoring through the ITAS program at UNSW.



2013 Claire-Elise Green – Maroubra, NSW

I am currently completing a Ph.D. at UNSW in astrophysics and am co-supervised by the CSIRO. I have just started my second year of the Ph.D. My Ph.D. project is called: "Studying the structure of

stellar nurseries". I am a radio astronomer and use molecular line emission to study molecular clouds,

clouds of gas and dust in space. These molecular clouds are stellar nurseries where baby stars are born and nurtured. These clouds contain a number of different structures that are related to the process of star formation and I study these structures at radio wavelengths so we can determine the initial conditions required for star formation and ultimately answer the question of "how are stars born".

In addition to the Ph.D. I work at UNSW as a teaching assistant in the physics department for their online astronomy course and online science fiction general education course, both of which I highly recommend.

I recently won the CSIRO Alumni 2015 Scholarship in Physics, which will fund my extended trip to the Max-Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy in Bonn, Germany so I can work with my collaborators there later this year. This is a new scholarship and I am the first winner. I encourage any New College physics students to apply in the future, the scholarship provides funds for postgraduate physics research students to visit and work at an international research center.



2014 Alistair Smith – Sydney, NSW

Alistair is currently completing his final semester of Bachelor of Engineering (Naval Architecture) while he lives in Brighton-le-Sands. Alistair has been working part-time with Sydney-based design

consultancy, One2three Naval Architects in Kogarah since June 2015 (designing passenger ferries and superyachts). He will be relocating to Canberra to start work with the Department of Defence in Feb 2016 on a graduate program with the Capability, Acquisition and Sustainment Group. Last December, Alistair proposed to Natalie Shadwell on a ferris wheel in Chicago. She said yes! They're planning their wedding for June/July 2016.



2015 Jethro Dickens

Jethro is studying a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at UNSW. He has been actively involved in college life since arriving in 2013. He has been a recipient of The Founders Bursary, was President of the New College Christian

Fellowship in 2014 and of course has been on the Academic Tutor team since 2014. ▀

SENIOR ACADEMIC TUTORS AT NCV



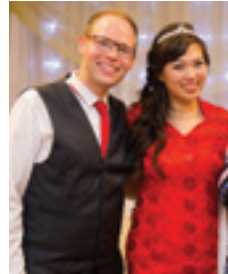
SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO'VE HELPED BUILD FOUNDATIONS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

NCV has a much shorter academic history than its sister community, New College. However, in less than seven years NCV has been home to so many remarkable and enquiring minds. With NCV's greater focus on being a community for postgraduate researchers and upper-year undergraduates, the shape of the academic program is not limited to faculty based tutorials. NCV Research Seminars and Thesis Presentation practice events provide relevant support to a community that is so academically diverse. Four Senior Academic Tutors have been part of the tutoring program at NCV so far. Each have been wonderful contributors to the life of the NCV community. Prof Trevor Cairney also played a key role in establishing the program when he served as Dean at NCV in 2009, as well as continuing as Master.



Dr Sheau-Fang Ng – NCV Snr Academic Tutor 2009

Sheau-Fang is currently a postdoctoral fellow (at Mount Sinai School of Medicine) in New York, examining the role of imprinting genes during development. Her doctoral work was in the prevention of diabetes and the outcomes have been acclaimed being published in *Nature*. She attends Redeemer Presbyterian Church and is planning to get involved in various ministries and community services. She likes the energy and enjoys the diverse culture of New York city!



Mark Dixon – NCV Snr Academic Tutor 2010-12

Mark is currently the Assistant Dean of NCV. He came to us in unusual circumstances, having been admitted to the graduate medicine program at Notre Dame after completing two degrees at the University of Queensland (BSc and BA). Read more about his story on page 13.



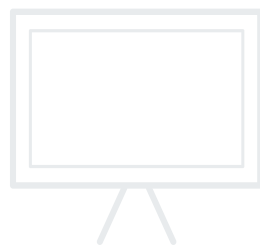
Samira Abbasalipour – NCV Snr Academic Tutor 2013-14

Samira came to live at NCV from Shiraz in Iran, this was her first journey outside Iran. After contributing in many ways to the academic and cultural life of NCV, she was appointed Senior Academic Tutor at NCV for 2013-14. Samira's own Ph.D. thesis in the faculty of Built Environment was titled 'Making Sense of Interface Space – The changing relationship between shopping centre and the public realm'. Samira's research investigated the proposition of the changing relationship between shopping centres and the surrounding public urban space.



Muhammad Aqib Chishty – Current NCV Snr Academic Tutor

Aqib is from Pakistan. He is undertaking a Ph.D. in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. Aqib's thesis is modelling the health hazards of particulates such as soot from the diesel engines from ships. His study will provide better insight into soot and the affect of its combustion process on the community. Aqib's thesis is titled 'Transported PDF Modelling of Soot-Radiation Turbulence Chemistry Interactions'.



MEET RIANA TATANA



Riana is in her Honours year for Theatre and Performance Studies and moved into NCV at the start of 2015. She is also the Indigenous Student Ambassador for UNSW and the recipient of the 2015 Nura Gili Excellence Award for Arts and Social Science. Next year she will begin teaching at Stalwell Secondary School in Victoria as part of the Teach for Australia program. *New 'n' Old* interviewed this remarkable young woman.

What do you enjoy about studying Theatre and Performance at the Honours level?

I finally have the freedom to explore and research a specific aspect of Theatre and Performance that I am passionate about, which is Indigenous Australian theatre. I am exploring the politics of identity and colour in Contemporary Indigenous Australian theatre practices. I'm interested in looking at performative explorations of identity or self in Indigenous Australian Theatre and how these explorations can avoid creating fixed representations that risk defining what Aboriginality is.

How have you found the experience of being the Indigenous Student ambassador for UNSW?

This will be my third year as a Student Ambassador for Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous programs. As a Student Ambassador I reach out to students at careers markets, high schools, community events and events on the UNSW campus, and encourage them to excel at school and aim for higher education. It's an empowering role for me to then watch our next generation progress into university and realise their potential.

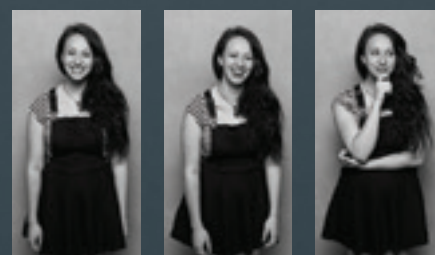
You've been involved with VOICE Youth Project including volunteering in Vanuatu. What was that like?

In 2014, I was selected to participate in the Indigenous Youth Leadership program run by VOICE Australia. The program is an opportunity to participate in a seven week community identified development project in Vanuatu, alongside other Indigenous Australian youth participants. We travelled to the small and extremely remote community of Butmas, on the Island of Espiritu

Santo, Vanuatu. For five weeks, we were involved in renovating and constructing the Butmas's First Aid Post with members of the community. As a Bundjalung woman, one of the main reasons I wanted to get involved in the program was to reach out to an entirely different cultural community that face similar circumstances as the Indigenous communities in Australia.

How have you found living at NCV?

This is my first year at NCV! It is a beautiful college with a very understanding and enthusiastic community. I feel relieved at having found this college to reside in for my Honours year. NCV has provided me with my own personal space, where I can focus on my studies but still immerse myself within the social aspect of college life. I also love that there is a large number of post-grad students who the college shows great support for. It's comforting to know that I have such a large support network who willingly offer assistance and guidance for my Honours studies. I really look forward to the time that's still ahead at NCV. ▀



BRENT O'CARRIGAN

awarded the prestigious Sir John Monash Scholarship



Brent O'Carrigan was a resident of New College in 2001-2002. He has been awarded the prestigious Sir John Monash Scholarship. The first time the Sir John Monash Scholarship was awarded to a New Collegian was when Sam Wills (NC 2003-05) was a recipient in 2009.

One of Australia's most prestigious scholarships, the Sir John Monash Scholarship recognises leadership capability, academic excellence, and potential contribution to Australia. The Scholarships, which have been awarded annually for the past 12 years, provide recipients with financial assistance of \$60,000 a year, as well as an international return trip via Singapore Airlines, to undertake post graduate studies at any of the world's leading universities.

The Scholarships honour Sir John Monash, regarded as Australia's finest military and civic leader. A civil engineer and lawyer, Sir John Monash was the most successful and admired generals on the Western Front in World War One. In public life his achievements included leading the electrification of Victoria in the 1920's. He was also Vice Chancellor of the University of Melbourne; and helped found

both the CSIRO and the Shrine of Remembrance.

In 2007, Brent graduated with BSc, MBBS (1st class Hons) at UNSW. After leaving New College, he was awarded the Bryan Hudson AO Medal for the Royal Australian College of Physicians specialty examinations in 2012, and trained in medical oncology at Royal Prince Alfred and Concord Hospitals and the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. He concurrently completed a Masters in Medicine at University of Sydney.

Brent's wife, Dr Aditi VEDI, is a paediatric oncology specialty registrar. At the beginning of 2015 they moved to the United Kingdom where they both work in early phase cancer drug development at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London for 12 months.

From March 2016, both Brent and Aditi will start Ph.D.s in cancer

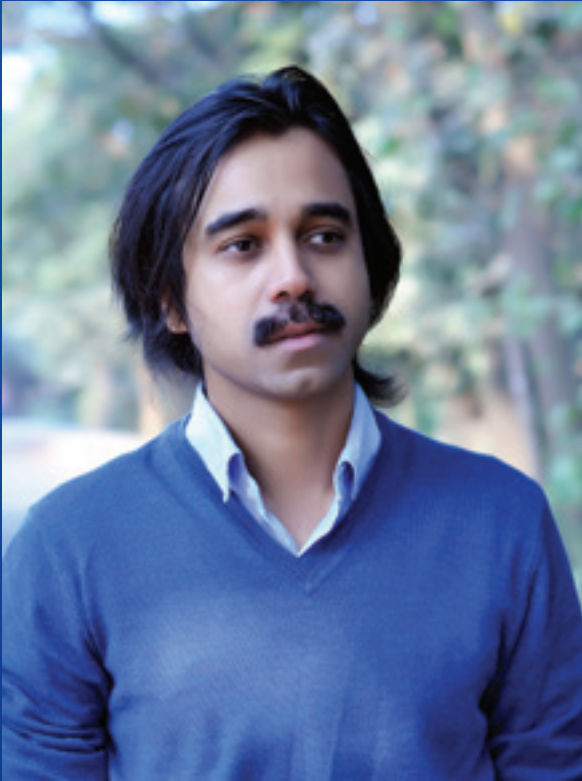
research at Cambridge University. Aditi's research will focus on children's leukaemia. Brent will join a research group in Cambridge focusing on breast cancer. In particular, it will focus on how to measure microscopic 'circulating' tumour DNA in blood as distinct from normal DNA, and use it as a measure or 'residual disease' to guide treatment for breast and other solid cancers.

Brent says, "I warmly remember when we shared time at New College – many friends from varied fields and robust, inspiring round table dinner conversations, not to mention fish and chip Fridays! My brother (Simon O'Carrigan, New College, 2003) and sister (Phoebe O'Carrigan, NCV, 2012) also enjoyed their time at New College.

New College wishes to congratulate Brent on this significant achievement and wishes he and Aditi all the very best as they undertake such valuable research. ■

DR NAADIR JUNAID

a gifted alumni in the Arts



Dr Naadir Junaid (NCV 2009-13) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at University of Dhaka and an alumnus of New College Village.



Naadir has been awarded the “Australian Alumni Excellence Award 2015 for Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships.” The Australian Government confers this award on gifted alumni of Australian universities with a view to recognizing their accomplishments in their chosen fields upon completion of their studies in Australia. Naadir received the Award in a programme organized in Dhaka by the Australian High Commission in Bangladesh. He earned his Ph.D. in Media, Film and Theatre from UNSW.

“New College Village was my home during my Ph.D. years. I started living in NCV from February 2009, and I left this place in May 2013 after the submission of my Ph.D. thesis.”

Naadir says, “I spent some important years of my life in NCV and I often cherish the fond memories of my days there. I remember the warm and friendly atmosphere of the place, the area of scenic beauty that I used to see from my balcony, the thoroughly enjoyable moments we spent during cultural nights, formal dinners, and harbour cruises, and the charming company of my friends. My four-year stay in NCV enabled me to meet many lovely people from different parts of the world, and I feel so glad that I made some beautiful and lifelong friendships during that period of my life. The environment of NCV was very congenial to private study, and I also had the important opportunity to discuss my work with other Ph.D. students and to receive their feedback on my thesis. I found my NCV days most delightful and the pleasant memories of those days cannot be forgotten.”

Before coming to Australia, Naadir studied Mass Communication and Journalism at University of Dhaka and he secured first position in both BA (Honours) and MA. He was awarded three gold medals from University of Dhaka for his outstanding academic achievements. Upon completion of his studies in Dhaka University, he earned a master’s degree in Film Studies from King’s College, University of London as a Commonwealth Scholar. Dr. Junaid is the author of two books on socially-purposive world cinema. ▀

NABEEL QAZI

and the benefits of Solar thermochemical energy systems



Nabeel was born and brought up in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan. He studied at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in Pakistan before being awarded a Scholarship to pursue Ph.D. studies in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering.

Nabeel says, "I was excited by the prospect of visiting and residing in a well-developed country, to experience the positive things in Australian culture and to try to bring that positivity back home. At the same time, it provides me a chance to promote a positive image of Pakistan." The Ph.D. research project is part of a jointly funded project awarded by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) under the US-Australia Solar Energy Collaboration scheme. Nabeel explains, "This project seeks to provide basic knowledge required to design solar thermochemical reactors able to perform the required energy conversions. In several proposed and demonstrated reactors, concentrated sunlight directly irradiates small solid particles suspended in fluid, enabling very high heat transfer rates to the particles which are the sites of chemical reaction. The reactors therefore involve the complex and

coupled dynamics of turbulent, chemically reacting, particle laden flows and their interaction with concentrating solar radiation. A strong understanding of these coupled interactions is crucially important in predicting and optimising the performance of prototype reactors, understanding that does not yet exist."

"Solar thermochemical energy systems have great potential for development in Australia. They can be used to produce fuels or provide the heat required for thermal or chemical

processing of materials. When used to produce fuels, this approach enables long term storage, transportation over long distances, co-utilisation with conventional fuels in highly efficient large scale power plants, or exports as lower net emissions fuel products"

Nabeel has been invited by The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, Colorado to go to the United States to participate in collaborative discussions and meetings regarding research of mutual interest as well as to carry his own independent research with the support of UNSW.

"INCV helped me breeze through this initial phase of settling down and allowed me to focus on my studies very quickly", Nabeel says.

During his stay in Australia, Nabeel has enjoyed bushwalking, playing table tennis in the NCV games room and travelling. But he says, "The best thing about living in NCV is the cultural diversity, the knowledge about different cultures, cuisines, religions and countries from all around the world." Musing on the friendships he has made at NCV and the value of living in the community Nabeel quotes *Fool's Fate* by Robin Hobb, "Home is people. Not a place. If you go back there after the people are gone, then all you can see is what is not there anymore." ▀



JAY QUINCE

reflects on life post New College and his recent visit to discover how things have changed

What an opportunity it was to visit New College early in March. I only had a small opportunity to do so, being on a school excursion, but none the less, I took the chance to see what New had become after reading so much about renovations, lifts and extra floors.

I was in New from 1988 until 1991, studying Electrical Engineering, then moving into Mathematics and Physics, finally finishing up at UNSW in 1993, then did a Diploma in Education at Sydney University.

I taught mathematics and computing studies at Matraville High School during 1995, moving to Boggabilla Central School for a three year stint teaching mathematics, computing, music and design and technology.

In 1999 I moved back to Parkes and have been teaching at the local high school since, becoming Head Teacher of Mathematics in 2002. Some of my ex-students have since been residents at New College, notably Leonard Rowe and present student Daniel Unger.

I married Natalie in February 2007, who is a lawyer who has given up practicing to study Theology and to increase her involvement in Parkes Anglicare Sustainable Living Hub. We have two boys, Samuel (7) and Finlay (5) who are now both at school and share my sense of humour.

During the last four years I have been working with online learning—particularly with gifted and talented students in the former Western Region of NSW—teaching mathematics in what was a regional Virtual Selective High School called xSel. Last year I was seconded into the position of Teaching and Learning Officer for xSel. This involved travelling to different schools and ensuring that the



curriculum was delivered effectively across the 30 schools participating in the program from Broken Hill to Lithgow and from Grenfell to Coonabarabran.

This year I am Head Teacher Mathematics both in my home school, and with Aurora College, which is the state wide Virtual Selective School which has expanded upon xSel and is providing more opportunities for students throughout the state.

To walk into New recently took me back to what we had and how we managed to make it such a fun place for 216 residents.

Life to some extent was ritualistic—the obligatory sleep in on Monday morning and the rush to lectures, late nights after the intercollege sports on Tuesday and Thursday, Uni (insert

bar or church here) on Friday, it was a pleasant blurr of activity – and the unpleasant blurr of being stocked.

The biggest change that I saw wasn't the new courtyard (very impressive), the additional floor, the remodelled ground floor, the missing college shop or the fact that they built a skyscraper across the road to accommodate more people.

No the biggest change was that 1E1 was missing, my first room in college (replaced by a student kitchen and balcony looking over the Village Green). It reminds me how life is ever changing. I regret not keeping in touch with all my friends from my days at New. ■

Marriages

Nicholas Webb and Rebekah Russell

Nicholas James Webb (NC 2006-08) and Rebekah Marie-Claire Russell were married at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney on 9 January 2015, 3:30 pm. Travis King (New College 2008-11) was Nick's best man. Nick studied a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering, graduating from the University of New South Wales in 2009. Since leaving New College he has done a ministry apprenticeship with Campus Bible Study and now he is in his first year of study at Moore Theological College.



Jonathan Billingham and Linda Cosier

Jonathan Leigh Billingham (NC 2006-09) married Linda Louise Cosier at Epping Baptist Church on Saturday 28th June 2014. The wedding party included Matthew Cooper (NC 2006-09) and Peter Billingham (NC 2007-2010). Jonathan composed a bridal processional as a gift for Linda. The wedding service was followed by an afternoon tea and later a beautiful reception at Cropley House. Since marrying Jonathan and Linda have enjoyed eating lots of cheese, finding new places to kayak and starting at a new church together. Linda, teaches years 7-12 classroom music at Turamurra High School while Jonathan continues to work at New College. Outside their day jobs, Linda and Jonathan run Tallowdale Tea, blending high quality loose-leaf teas and Tallowdale Music, composing orchestral, choral and contemporary music.



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Rachael McLaren and Lachlan Harland

Rachael Laurel McLaren (NC 2009-11) married Lachlan Gordon Harland on Sunday 13th April 2014 at Christchurch Anglican, Kiama. Nicola Hicks (NC 2009-2011) prayed for the couple during the ceremony and Callan Pritchard (NC 2008-2010) and Katrina Marrett (NC 2008-2011) were Masters of Ceremonies at the reception. Rachael and Lachlan live in Sydney where Lachlan teaches Science at St Joseph's College and Rachael is completing a Graduate Certificate in Public Health part-time at UNSW. Recently, Rachael has started casual work at New College as Public Relations Assistant.



DAVID PALLIAS PHOTOGRAPHY

Andrew Marrett and Lucy Tierney

Andrew David Marrett (NC 2010-2013) and Lucy Julie Tierney were married at Glenmore Park Anglican Church on September 27th 2014. Andrew White (NC 2010-2014) was one of Andrew's groomsmen. Since leaving New College Andrew has been teaching in a casual capacity and works as an education video editor at ClickView. Other notable things have included sitting on chairs, moving to the west and teaching the locals the wonders of frisbee, leading at a youthgroup and learning how to play soccer in a legit competition.



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Mark Dixon and Katie Chen

Mark Ronald Dixon and Katie Qiao Chen were married at Newtown Mission Church on 4th October 2014. The wedding venue was special to Mark and Kate who used to do homeless outreach at Newtown Mission with a group of NCV residents. James Lam (NCV 2009-11) was Mark's best man and Phoebe Holdenson-Kimura (NCV 2011-12) was one of Katie's bridesmaids. Wangari Muchiri (NCV 2009-13) helped Mark and Katie with the wedding planning.

Mark originally lived at NCV from 2009-13. During this period Mark served the community in many ways, notably as Senior Academic Tutor from 2010-12. Mark left NCV briefly to do his Medical internship and residency years, based mostly in western Sydney (Bankstown and Campbelltown), but also in Bowral and NE Arnhem Land. In 2015, Mark returned to live at NCV with Katie to take up the role of Assistant Dean where they have been serving and participating in the life of the community in many ways.



NEW FAMILIES

Families

Dan and Amy Atkins

Dan and Amy Atkins (both NC 2006-07) were excited to welcome their first child Ziggy (Zygmunt) James Atkins into the world on 19th November 2014.



Nathan and Katherine Milham

Nathan Milham (NC 2009-11) and his wife Katherine are delighted to introduce their first child, Sophia Milham born 13 December 2014.



Daniel and Sharron Wilkes (nee McGowan)

Sharon Wilkes (nee McGowan – NCV 2010) and her husband Daniel are living in their home country of New Zealand. They welcomed a beautiful little girl on the 25th September 2014 and named her Kari Elizabeth Wilkes. They say, 'She's a cute wee button, and we just adore her!'

NCV COMMUNITY

FAIZA KAZMI – VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Faiza Kazmi has been a resident of NCV since the beginning of 2015. Faiza says, "I previously lived in other accommodation and find NCV to be considerably better. I have met a great range of people studying all kinds of degrees and at all levels. The atmosphere, facilities and general community and inclusive feeling are incredible and I am so glad I made the decision to move here." Faiza is studying a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Bachelor of

Environmental Engineering and is now in her 2nd year of the five-year double-degree.

Faiza has been given the opportunity to work with the Faculty of Engineering at UNSW as a Student Ambassador. Her role involves interacting with prospective undergraduate students and helping to raise the profile of engineering among High School students. Faiza is also involved in Save the Children (STC), UNSW and helps to organise events that are focused on fundraising and awareness campaigns. Faiza says, "I joined Save the Children UNSW because of the charity's involvement around the world. There are so many issues that face us today but to see children in harmful situations is heartbreaking. I hope that my involvement will lead to betterment of some child's life." ■

FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO A Ph.D AT UNSW



Debbie Chua Bun Pho finds a new community in NCV

I'm from Manila, the capital city of the Philippines. Due to my teaching profession, I am required to take a Ph.D. Having enjoyed travelling around Australia in 2004, I decided to try my luck

with the Australian School of Business at UNSW.

I was having a difficult time looking for a decent and affordable place to live and a friend suggested that I should look up NCV. My friend, Hien, introduced me to NCV. Susan, the Dean of NCV, has been instrumental in helping me adjust to life in Sydney. I was assigned an apartment with good people and at my request she introduced me to Bible studies at NCV and to a church where I met a group of Filipino Christians. Filipinos are well-known for their hospitality and they readily welcomed me in their midst. I am no longer homesick. I've found a "home away from home" at NCV and St. John's Church, Maroubra. Doing a Ph.D. can be quite a heavy load so it's great to have housemates in the College who are friendly people.

I'm taking a Ph.D. in Accounting, and am planning to study the financial reporting quality of Asian banks from 1994 to the present day. I'll be investigating whether financial reporting quality improved after the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis that gravely hit many of the Asian countries such as Thailand, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines. I plan to compare the high enforcement group countries such as Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore with the adversely affected Asian countries. ■

Medals

UNIVERSITY MEDALS IN 2014

Several NCV residents past and present received major academic awards in 2014. These included Han Su (NCV 2011) who received a UNSW Medal in Civil Engineering. Yu Elaine Jiang (NCV 2012-2013) also received University Medal in Photovoltaic Engineering. NCV's first University Medal was awarded to Edward Law in 2012. A university medal is the highest undergraduate honour that can be achieved. ■

NCV COMMUNITY

NCV RESIDENT DAWN EE WINS GREEN & GOLD MEDAL

Dawn Ee, a 1st Year Medicine student at NCV, won the *Green & Gold Medal* at the recent Australian University Games. Dawn, a table tennis player was part of the UNSW Team that won a bronze medal at the Games. The *Green & Gold Medal* was awarded for exceptional sportsmanship and demonstrating the spirit of the Games and contributed to her selection to the Australian University Sport Green and Gold Team in recognition of outstanding performances at national events. A committed Christian, Dawn said in playing sport she attempts to “live my life to be pleasing to God and a testimony to his faithfulness”. ▀



THE NCV AWARD

The NCV Award is presented to a resident who has made the greatest contribution to fostering the community life of NCV during a calendar year. Shamila Vijayamanohar and Pesila Ratnayake were the dual NCV Award winners for 2014.

Both candidates made an outstanding contribution to many aspects of our College life in 2014, as well as having a long history of contributions to our community. The awards were announced at the end of year celebration “Drinks and Canapes night” on Thursday 27th November 2014. The Award includes a significant cash prize and having one’s name added to the NCV honour boards in the foyer.

Pesila Ratnayake was recognised for taking a clear leadership role and demonstrating dedication, enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of the community, particularly in music. He has taught residents to play instruments and has improved the capability of the NCV Band, opening up new opportunities for residents of NCV to perform and enjoy the gift of music. Pesila also served as an outstanding Senior Resident of NCV.

Shamila Vijayamanohar was also commended for her excellent work as a member of the Senior Resident Team at NCV. She displayed great commitment to NCV planning events and encouraging residents to participate. While this is part of her role as Senior Residents, she was seen by residents to have gone “above and beyond” her duties on numerous occasions.

Both Shamlia and Pesila are excellent models of the kind of people we love having live at NCV. They have each made an absolutely outstanding contribution to our community life throughout 2014 and in previous years. ▀





Do you know someone thinking of studying at UNSW?

New College is a Christian residential community on-campus at the University of New South Wales, open to people of all faiths or none. It operates sister communities: New College, fully-catered for 250 students and New College Village, a mostly self-catered residence for 315 students.

Both communities provide pastoral care and Christian ministry through a strong team of supportive residential staff led by the Master and a live-in Dean in each residence.



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A NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR UNSW



New College Welcomes Professor Ian Jacobs

Professor Ian Jacobs commenced being the President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of New South Wales in February 2015. He succeeded Professor Fred Hilmer, who stepped down after eight years in the role. Professor Jacobs was warmly welcomed to New College as the guest speaker for the 2015 Commencement Dinner on Wednesday 4th March 2015. He spoke to the community about plans for the future of The University of New South Wales and took questions from New Collegians about role of the modern university and how it might contribute to solving significant challenges that the world is facing. ▶

His Excellency José Ramos-Horta visits New College



New College was privileged to have His Excellency Professor José Ramos-Horta GCL AC as the guest speaker at a Formal Dinner on Monday, 8th September 2014.

Ramos-Horta is a Former President and Prime Minister of Timor Leste, a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and most recently the United Nations' special Representative and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau.

Professor Ramos-Horta's visit to New College was a special event organised in partnership with UNSW, Law and the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP). The DTP was an initiative of Professor Garth Nettheim and José Ramos-Horta. Together they founded the organisation at UNSW in 1989 while Ramos-Horta was still in exile and working as a diplomat advocating for Timor Leste's independence from its then occupier, Indonesia.

Over 70 guests from the Diplomacy Training Program and UNSW, Law joined together with members of the New College community to hear from the special guest speaker. This was the first time New Collegians

have had the opportunity to listen to a former President of a foreign nation speaking at a Formal Dinner. Professor Ramos-Horta's address was titled Recalibration of the relationship between Timor-Leste and Australia. In this he discussed the current context in which Timor-Leste is seeking membership of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) before going on to consider historical and ongoing relations between Timor-Leste and Australia.

The Former President offered his own views on why it makes moral, economic and construction feasibility sense to process oil and gas reserves from the Timor Sea in Timor-Leste rather than on offshore processing facilities and in Australia. Ramos-Horta, who has spent his life advocating for the people of Timor-Leste, shared that countries like Australia and Timor-Leste must be led by a vision that is full of mercy, compassion and hope.

New Collegians had an opportunity to ask Professor Ramos-Horta questions following his address, which was being filmed by several television crews. As always, New Collegians asked intelligent and probing questions demonstrating their interest and understanding of life outside the College walls. ▀



Awards and Prizes

New College Award (Academic Excellence) for 2014 awarded to Daniel Keith



Academically, Daniel has achieved an amazing number of (very high) High Distinctions, and never less than at the distinction level. He was awarded the Faculty of Science Prize for second year Advanced Science.

The New College Award (Academic Excellence) is for excellence and contribution

to the wider life of the college. One dimension of the New College Award is a demonstration of intellectual inquisitiveness and willingness to assist others. Daniel spent significant hours assisting fellow collegians, being consistently generous with his time. As a nominator wrote: "Daniel has always been willing to help out anyone who asks, even before being appointed a tutor ... Never once have I seen him turn down someone because he was too busy or too stressed."

Daniel also contributed in a variety of positive ways within the College community. He played piano for College Services, and attained a second place finish in the 110 metre hurdles at the Australian Unigames.

Other New College Award winners for 2014

NCSA Collegian of the Year:

Heather Rodgers was named as Collegian of the year in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the College overall and her all-round college spirit

Service Awards: Rowan Thambar, Kenan Milham and Bronte Richardson

received awards in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the New College community

Mick Braund Award: Nicola Tan for her exemplary service to the wider community

Matt Giblin Award: Joe Carey for continually bringing the most wit and humour to the College

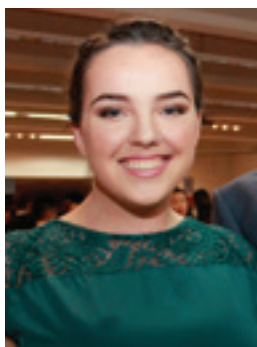
Subcommittee of the Year: CommServe

Sportsman of the Year: Jonathon Craig-Dobson

Sportswoman of the Year: Georgia Redmayne

Most inspirational sportsman: Matthew Pisto

Most inspirational sportswoman: Jodie Cooper



New College Award for 2014 (Collegiality & Service) awarded to James Heydon



James was described (in the words of one of his many nominators) as having "a willingness to get involved in any and all aspects of College life, as a fantastic example of how to treat College and take the opportunity that is presented to everybody who lives here".

James came to UNSW to study Mechanical Engineering. In his first year as a New Collegian, he balanced study with a busy College schedule, attending social events, playing sport and helping out wherever he could in the day-to-day life of the community. In his second year, James was elected to both the O'Week Team and also to the New College Student Association Executive, as Social Director. He relished the opportunity to organise events that were inclusive and fun, pouring endless energy into the roles.

James was consistently and heavily involved in each College Production – whether on stage or off stage – and served as both a cast member and a Director for College Revue (2013). In 2014, James was also highly valued in his capacity as a Residential Advisor, ensuring residents were well supported, safe, happy and involved in College. Whether in rugby or water polo, as Big Air Rep or even through Bobsoc (Subcomm of the Year 2013), he was a model of positive contribution with his boundless enthusiasm and servant-hearted leadership.

As another of James' many nominators wrote: "He has epitomized the ideal Collegian in his four years at College." James was a very worthy recipient of this important award.

Academic Excellence at New College



Academic Awards and Prizes

New College Academic Awards were given to five residents who performed exceptionally in their academic discipline during 2014. The New College Academic Award recipients for 2014 were:

Liam Hayes – Advanced Science/Engineering

Matthew Francis – Science (International)

Kurt Walkom – Engineering/Commerce

Siobhan Butler – Psychology

Adela Davis – Arts

| New Collegian | In Residency | UNSW Awards and Prizes |
|-------------------|--------------|---|
| Matthew Francis | Current | UNSW Science Dean's List Recognition The 2014 Staff Prize for Second Year Psychology |
| Liam Hayes | Current | UNSW Science Dean's List 2nd Place in the ResMed COMP1917 Prize Computer Science and Engineering Undergraduate Performance Prize Year 1 |
| Matthew Palmer | Current | Computer Science and Engineering Undergraduate Performance Prize Year 1 |
| Bill Walton | Current | The UNSW Engineering Dean's Award |
| Thomas Welsh | Current | The Eliathamby Ambikairajah Engineering Leadership Prize |
| Samuel Whitton | Current | The QuantumLinx COMP2111 Prize |
| Laura Jeffress | 2012-2014 | The UNSW Engineering Dean's Award The RACI Analytical and Environmental Chemistry Group Prize |
| James Heydon | 2011-2014 | The Royal Institution of Naval Architects (Australian Division) Prize |
| Amanda Cobb-Clark | 2012-2014 | The UNSW Science Prize for 3rd Year Science |
| Daniel Keith | 2012-2014 | The Gordon and Mabel Godfrey Prize in Theoretical Physics 3 |
| Thomas Boak | 2011-2012 | The NSW Vietnamese-Australian Community Prize |
| Daniel Howe | 2005-2006 | The Civil and Environmental Engineering Water Engineering Prize |
| Jack Blackwell | 2012-2013 | The UNSW Engineering Dean's Award |
| Declan Walsh | 2013-2013 | The UNSW Engineering Dean's Award UNSW Science Dean's List |
| Jimmy Lam | 2012-2013 | The Jacob N Frenkel Prize |
| Jarrahs Duckhs | 2010-2012 | The UNSW Engineering Dean's Award The Civil and Environmental Engineering Transport Discipline Prize |
| Adam Teusner | 2012-2012 | The UNSW Engineering Dean's Award |
| Stephen Butler | 2012-2014 | The UNSW Science Dean's List The Cavill Honours Prize in Medicinal Chemistry |
| Sarah Hayes | 2011-2012 | The UNSW Engineering Dean's Award |
| Tom Hile | 2011-2013 | The Warwick Slade Royal Aeronautical Society Prize |
| Amanda Tillman | 2011-2013 | The German-Australian Chamber's Goethe Prize |



LUCKY STIFF

In 2015, the New College Students' Association (NCSA) staged its 5th musical production since the inaugural production of *The Pirates of Penzance* in 2006. It is a testimony to the success of these productions that the NCSA has now been putting on a musical every second year since 2009. This year, the directors, Sam Kellahan and Lauren Sullivan, and producers, Madeline Hopkins and Scarlett Stemler, worked with a dedicated cast and crew to entertain audiences with the comedic murder mystery, *Lucky Stiff*, across three performances from May 7th-9th.

Lucky Stiff was written by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty and based on the novel 'The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo' by Michael Butterworth. The story revolves around an unassuming English shoe salesman, Harry Witherspoon, who is forced to take the embalmed body of his recently murdered uncle, on an all-expenses-paid vacation to Monte Carlo. Should he succeed in passing his uncle off as alive, Harry Witherspoon stands to inherit six million dollars. Watching his every move is Annabel Glick, representative of the Universal Dog Home of Brooklyn, and his uncle's gun-toting ex, Rita Laporta, who both stand to inherit his uncle's fortune should Harry fail.

The offbeat, yet hilarious story was brought to life by the talented cast of collegians starring Ryan Milham as Harry Witherspoon, and Hayley Mallinder as Annabel Glick in the lead male and female roles. The cast worked with vocal managers, Simon Grace and Tash Atkins, and were accompanied by a 12 piece band ensemble, lead by John Raineri and Dom Bower. ▀



COLLEGE PRODUCTIONS

NEW COLLEGE REVUES



While the tradition of a New College Musical is in its infancy, the annual New College Revue is well into middle age! But there's no sign of a mid-life crisis on the horizon for this beloved tradition, each year the material stays as fresh and humorous as ever.

The 2014 revue was titled 'Dave' – The premise of the revue was essentially the idea of six old school friends being brought together by the death of an old mate, 'Dave'. The arrival of an unusual lawyer to an already bizarre funeral poses a most peculiar challenge set out in a will. Dave has left them a challenge. Over the next two days, the group must travel to 'Mount Anti-Climax', climb it and claim a bequeathment that is rightfully theirs, but only if they reach the top together. Anything can happen on this trip! Audiences enjoyed a riveting and hysterical evening! The all-student run production featured many talented dancers, a band and the New College Choir, directed by Rowan Thambar and Min Roebuck and produced by Amelia Bates and Alexander McKenzie.

The 2014 New College Revue Film was also screened during each performance and had the theme of Zombies. The film was a clever and funny social commentary on the way people today are so possessed by the power of their phones that it as if the world is filled with zombies.

The 2015 revue 'Meanwhile Backstage', followed the backstage interactions between a crazy Frenchman, star-crossed lovers, an intimidating macho man, a disillusioned COFA student and a classic dropkick within the hour preceding a performance. Directors, Ryan Milham and Hayley Morris, and producers, Taylah Reynolds and Michael King, assembled a talented cast and sub-committees to ensure the audience was left in stitches. As usual the performances combined dramatic theatre, film, dance, musical performances and skits.

The three performances from September 3rd-5th were well attended by New College family, friends and alumni.

"Revue was really good. In fact, it was exactly what I remember a revue being back in my college days. Except now the in-jokes go over my head and I realise how old I have become. One thing doesn't change though; the sneaky spotlight on Trevor's portrait...it never gets old."
David Hicks (NC 2009-11)

"NC Revue 2015 did not disappoint. The directors and writers did a great job of setting up creative and witty sketches. Each scene had just the right balance of dry humour, cheesy puns, and digs at pretty much every faculty at UNSW. The music and dances were super and I loved it all!" Dhanurja Eliezer (NC 2009-2012) ▀

NEWS IN BRIEF

In Memoriam Di Godden (nee Evans)

Di Godden was a New Collegian in 1986-87. Sadly, she passed away on Sunday 26 July 2015. Di met her husband, Simon (NC 1984-86), at College. Di was diagnosed with MS in 1989, the year she completed her Honours degree in Science, majoring in Botany. This was the year Simon and Di became engaged. They lived in Gerringong for the past 15 years. Over 300 people gathered in Gerringong Town Hall to say farewell to a much loved friend on Friday 31 July, including many alumni of their era. Simon takes great joy in the knowledge that Di is now rejoicing in heaven with her great God. She is survived by Simon and their two children, Hannah (17) and Caleb (15).

In Memoriam Emeritus Professor Peter Alexander

(b.1949 died 13th January 2015)



A faithful friend of New College, Emeritus Professor Peter Alexander, passed away in January. As an eminent academic in the English

department of UNSW and as a distinguished biographer of contemporary figures like Les Murray and Alan Paton, Peter generously supported the Master's of New College to garner high quality speakers for New College Lectures and Formal Dinners. Peter is survived by his wife, Emeritus Professor Christine Alexander, who is the longest serving Board Member of New College. Peter and Christine were both offered positions in the English department at UNSW in 1978. Together

they rose to prominence in the academic and literary world enjoying a mutually-sustaining and equal partnership. Peter was farewelled at St Jude's Anglican Church Randwick, a church that had helped him find immense spiritual nourishment through the study of the Bible and shared community and a church where he was well loved as a servant, teacher and friend.

In Memoriam Mick Dawson



Mick was an employee of New College who worked with the maintenance team for just over 20 years. He was diagnosed with terminal

cancer in June 2014 and sadly his condition deteriorated quickly. Mick died on Saturday, 15th November 2014. Mick loved New College and was deeply committed to serving the community in practical ways. He famously had a love-hate relationship with the College bus. The Collegians also exasperated him at times and while Mick truly loved serving the community he would not tolerate anything that posed a fire risk, which occasionally lead to heat of another kind. Mick's handyman skills enabled him to repair just about anything and his encyclopedic knowledge of the building made him invaluable during the many renovations to the College over the last twelve years. In Trevor Cairney's last conversation with Mick just hours before he died, Mick was still giving the Master advice about things that needed to be fixed upstairs. Mick was the longest serving employee in the life of the College.

In Memoriam Robert Stening

(b.1940 died 5th January 2015)

Associate Professor Robert Stening was a Senior Visiting Fellow in the School of Physics at UNSW. As a friend of New College he contributed articles for *Case* quarterly magazine, served on the CASE Editorial Committee and supported the New College Lectures over many years. He passed away on 5th January 2015. A/Prof Stening was well known to UNSW students of all disciplines for his General Education courses, which taught the history and relationship between Science and Religion. His primary research as a physicist centred on understanding the electric currents which flow in the ionosphere at altitudes around 110km. A/Prof Stening was a man with a deeply enquiring mind who sought to understand our world and God, its creator.

In Memoriam Richard Pulley



Richard Pulley was a resident of New College from 1989-1991. During his time at College,

Richard formed a string quartet with his brother Warwick, Peter Sholl and Drew Mumford. They performed at the New College Ball and the 1989 New College Revue, "What's Gnu". A gifted and dedicated violinist, Richard was one of the earliest members of the UNSW Orchestra and kept up his involvement with the Orchestra right up until the late 2000's. 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. He was awarded an UNSW Alumni Award in 1992. After a battle with cancer, Richard passed away peacefully on 30th December 2014, aged 45 years. He is survived by his wife, Li Ann and their children Kieran, Lauren and Christian. ▀

Welcome Bill Peirson



Associate Professor William (Bill) Peirson commenced as the New College Dean of Residents in January 2015. He holds a number of degrees: BSc (Computer Science), B Eng (Hons) in Civil Engineering, Master of Engineering Science (Water Engineering) and Ph.D. (Ocean Engineering

Science). He has been associated with UNSW in varied roles as student and staff member for over 30 years. He is a long-standing member of Engineers Australia and the Society for Sustainability and Environmental Engineering, and has a strong track record of securing research funding and publication. Before commencing as Dean he was Director, Water Research Laboratory in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, co-Director of the UNSW Water Research Centre and co-Convenor of Node 4 Infrastructure within the Australian Climate Change Adaptation Network for Settlements and Infrastructure.

Bill is also a committed Christian having been actively involved in Anglican Churches for over 40 years as well as more recently at Macquarie Baptist Church that has a strong ministry to university students. He is married to Ruth and they have three daughters, one of whom is a student at UNSW.

Farewell Ben Gooley



Ben's first term of residence at New College was from 1994 to 1996. During this time he met his wife Sue, who was also a resident from 1995 to 1998. Little did they know that twelve years on they would return to live in the community with Ben as the New College Dean of Residents. After serving

as New College's Dean for five years (2010-2014), Ben and Sue have moved to the northern New South Wales city of Armidale with their children Peter, Anna and Rachel. Ben has taken up a position at the University of New England where he is the Academic Manager of the School of Arts. Ben poured much time and energy into the life of New College. The College thanked Ben and Sue for their service to the community at the 2014 Valedictory Dinner and wished the Gooley family the very best for their next phase of life in Armidale. ■

FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE



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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