



# New'n'Old

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Collegians Jake Parker and Caroline Leach star in the New College Student Association's production of the P.G. Wodehouse play, *Leave it to PSmith*. Photo by Laura Beverly.



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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



Alumnus David Lim attends a Formal Dinner

**2012** has been a busy year at New College. We continue to support 565 residents in our two parallel communities. Collegians continue to achieve great things, inspire one another, serve in varied ways, and enter into new roles and relationships. Some of them also tend to get married! You will read of a number of weddings and the birth of 'New' babies. We're especially delighted with the births – new New Collegians in 18 years time!

The year commenced in a stressful and chaotic way with the refurbishment of the original three residential floors of the 'Old New'. The bedrooms, common rooms and the central courtyard were stripped and completely renovated. As the photos inside show, this has been a dramatic makeover. It wasn't quite finished when residents returned after our wettest summer in 100 years. Nevertheless, with their patience, a resourceful O'Week team and the excellent work of staff, the year got off to a 'normal' start. The result is a stunning new interior and central courtyard for the building and wonderful new spaces to enjoy.

The year has been marked by many happenings and achievements. They include research of international significance, wonderful cultural events within the life of both communities, the beginnings of some interaction across Anzac parade, staff arrivals and departures, wonderful formal dinners, sporting achievements, and sadly, the death of some good friends of New College and the NCV. One of these deaths was my good friend Rev Dr Stuart Barton Babbage. Stuart was the 2nd Master of New College, a position he held from 1973 to 1983. Many of our readers will remember him fondly, I will personally miss his persistent encouragement. A tribute can be found on the back page, and a longer version on the College website.

As Master of New College and the NCV I see it as a great privilege to lead such a wonderful group of people from all around the world. It is my privilege

to try to involve myself in both communities. In 2012 a number of events stand out, including the New College Play and Revue, the first Band Night for the year in the new central courtyard, and the Master's Challenge games between New and the NCV. At the NCV the diverse O'Week activities, the NCV Talent Night and various cultural events from many nations have been wonderful. And of course, for both communities the formal dinner speakers have been inspirational.

But in many ways the most impressive thing about both communities is the demonstration of acts of kindness between residents, the care and dedication of our residential staff and academic tutors, and the community support when individuals experience loss and trauma as well as success.

Of particular encouragement in 2012 has been the growing sense that the NCV is its own community. While it is different than New College it has many



(L-R) Dr Babbage, The Hon John Howard and Prof Cairney

of the same wonderful qualities, and we receive the same glowing testimonials about life in the building and the life-changing time that people are spending here. Increasingly we hear that the NCV is seen as the 'only' place for postgraduates to live. 2012 has seen a maturing of this new community and the continuing rich life of the New College community within a much improved building. I hope that you enjoy this issue and the many varied stories it includes.

*Trevor Cairney*

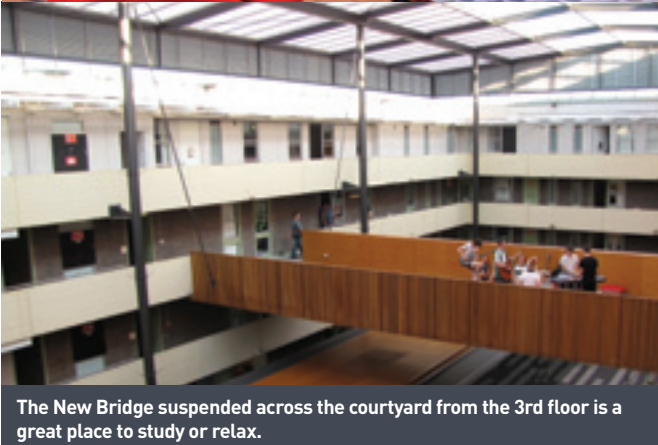


# A tour of New

A new staircase provides natural light into the dining room, a line of sight up into the courtyard, and a convenient way for collegians to move between the Ground Floor and the courtyard.

**O**ver \$7 million in capital works were undertaken during the 2011/2012 Summer to perform major renovations at New College. The renovations included refurbishments of all rooms and common rooms on floors one to three. The result is significantly improved

accommodation facilities for future generations of New Collegians. The Master, Professor Cairney, staff and the board have been working for the last ten years to improve New College as a home for students of the University of New South Wales. ▀



The New Bridge suspended across the courtyard from the 3rd floor is a great place to study or relax.



A new Games Room sits in one corner of the courtyard connected to a new lounge room.





Every room on levels 1-3 has been completely refurbished with new cupboards, shelving, desks, carpet, heating, painting and lighting.



The water damage issue has finally been resolved. A glass and polycarbonate roof has been placed over the courtyard. A system of louvres and vents has been engineered to naturally regulate the temperature inside and keep the rain out. The courtyard is now an all-weather, multi-purpose facility for collegians.



Residents can get a range of meals and snacks from the New College Cafe if they miss normal dining times.



New studios and an apartment on the ground floor are available for medium term accommodation for Visiting Fellows and parents of Collegians. The income these generate will help pay for the cost of renovating and refurbishing the rest of the College.



The New student shared kitchen.



View from the shared kitchen.





# Kelvin's Story

## From outcast to scholar

**Kelvin Brown was born in Guyra**, high in the New England Tablelands of New South Wales. He grew up in the small town of Tinga during the 1960's and 70's, an era when many Aboriginals were forced to live on reserves.

**K**elvin recalls, "We lived in a time when Aboriginal people were coming out of a number of years of white colonisation. We were basically told where we had to be and how we had to be there."

Kelvin's mum was part-white so bilaterally he was also considered to be part-white. This precluded Kelvin from living on a protected reserve, regardless of the fact that his father had no white heritage. Kelvin lived outside the reserves with his mother in a tin hut on a dirt floor with no electricity and no running water.

Despite their meagre circumstances, Kelvin received a good educational start in life. His mother taught him to read before kindergarten. The power of the Aboriginal Protection Board began to diminish and in 1965 Kelvin was among the first wave of Aboriginal students allowed to assimilate into the white school system.

In 1967, the Federal referendum Constitution Alteration (*Aboriginal People*) 1967 was overwhelmingly supported. This gave the Federal Government a clear mandate to implement policies to benefit the Indigenous population. Kelvin says, "Changes came. We finally had the opportunity to move to Inverell into a new housing commission with electricity and running water... all the time. That was a bonus for us. Hot water... shower... amazing!"

Kelvin didn't consider himself to be academically astute so he didn't realise that people were looking at him and saying, "That boy, Kelvin. He is going to go somewhere; he is going to do something!" On the last day of Year 10, Kelvin threw his bag in the air, all his note-books went everywhere and he said, "That's the last time I am going to study!"

In 1981, Kelvin joined the military. Starting as a signalman

in the Communication Corp, his main occupation was as a Storeman Technical-General. This was a specialist position requiring knowledge of every piece of equipment that came into his care. Kelvin served in the Army for seven years, became a full ranked corporal and a recipient of the Australian Defence Medal.

Contrary to previous attestations, Kelvin returned to study. After one year of excellent results in Computer Science he was offered a part time job, to teach and engage with the Aboriginal students in the Inverell TAFE community. This role led to Kelvin working as a specialist Aboriginal Liaison Officer at the NSW TAFE Commission in Sydney. Working on the TAFE Gazette Kelvin developed policy; including writing the policy that governs the flying of the Aboriginal Flag in New South Wales TAFE Colleges.

Kelvin felt the need to reconnect with his people and so returned to the New England Tablelands to live in Inverell. In the years that ensued, he managed Indigenous Career Development Strategies for Australia Post and worked as the Executive Officer who founded and managed the Inverell

**On Anzac Day this year Kelvin took part in the coloured diggers March, an event put together by the Aboriginal Community in Redfern. Kelvin's service to the Australian Defence Force was recognised in a ceremony with the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO.**

Aboriginal Health Service.

In 2011, Kelvin attended the UNSW Spring Forum. Nura Gili, which provides Indigenous Australians with pathways to learning opportunities at UNSW, arranged financial support for Kelvin to undertake studies at UNSW. Kelvin applied and gained entry to the Australian School of Business (ASB) for Post Graduate Course study for a Bachelor Certificate in Commerce, leading to a Masters degree. As a mature age student it has been a sacrifice for Kelvin to give up living in his home at Inverell but he is so thankful for the opportunity to be able to undertake further education and a season of collegial living.

*Since I have been down here, I have been able to secure a scholarship through New College Village and ASB, which is absolutely magic. I don't know how I would have survived to do the studies that I am doing at the moment without the support that New College Village has given me. I thank, very much, Trevor, John and the team at New College Village. It is absolutely marvellous. I will go back to my community and say, "If you are going to go and study at the University of New South Wales and you need collegial support, New College and NCV are the place to be."* ■



## New College Indigenous Scholarships

In 2012 New College has expanded its Indigenous Scholarship Program. The Australian School of Business (ASB) Indigenous Program is supporting the postgraduate accommodation scholarship awarded to NCV resident Kelvin Brown. Two half-fee accommodation scholarships, also funded by the ASB Indigenous Program, were awarded to two very deserving young Indigenous women, Khierah Salam, from the Gold Coast, and Makenzie Russell, from Wollongong.



The Paul and Mabs George Memorial Scholarship is currently held by medicine student and New College resident, Remaliah King. The Paul and Mabs George Memorial Scholarship is a gift to assist an Indigenous student by providing full paid accommodation at New College while studying an undergraduate degree at UNSW.

New College works closely with the organisations such as The Australian School of Business and Nura Gili to support Indigenous students. Integrated scholarship programs are one of many ways that New College seeks to serve the wider University of New South Wales community.

**If you are interested in supporting the expansion of our Indigenous Scholarship Program, please contact New College.**

**(L-R) Marlee Ramp, The Hon Linda Burney MP, Professor Trevor Cairney, Jacob Hyland, Makenzie Russell, Khierah Salam, Rebecca Harcourt [Australian School of Business Indigenous Program Coordinator]**





## Bill Barwick conferred as a Life Fellow of New College

New College recognizes and honours those people who have served the College with distinction and who exemplify the ideals for which the College stands. It does this by way of the conferral of the title “Life Fellow”.

The first Life Fellow was The Rev Dr Canon Stuart Barton Babbage in 1993. In April, the Master, Professor Trevor Cairney, recommended to the Board that Mr William (Bill) Harold Barwick should be conferred with this honour. They agreed unanimously that he should become the 15th Life Fellow of New College. The Board made its decision based on Bill’s leadership when at College, his ongoing service that has spanned 41 years, his example as a collegian and as an alumnus, as well as his continuing advocacy and support for the College and its residents.

Bill Barwick arrived at New College in 1971 as a fresh-faced and keen young man from the Riverina. He very quickly involved himself in the life of the fledgling community. He came to UNSW to study Arts and Education, living at New until 1975 and graduating in 1976 with Arts majoring in English and Australian History. He was to become a teacher,

serving in various roles before taking long-service leave this year that will transition him into retirement later in the year. His final position has been as Deputy Principal at Coleambally Central School.

His contributions while at College are legendary. The highlights include:

- Collegian 1971-75
- 1973-1975 NCSA Secretary
- 1971-1975 Editor, College Magazine
- NCSA Appeals Committee
- Director New College ‘Garden Night’ (Revue) 1975
- Foundation College Librarian
- Foundation editor, NCSA newsletter “New’s News”
- 1974 NCSA Collegian of the Year (Indeed the first person to be given this honour)

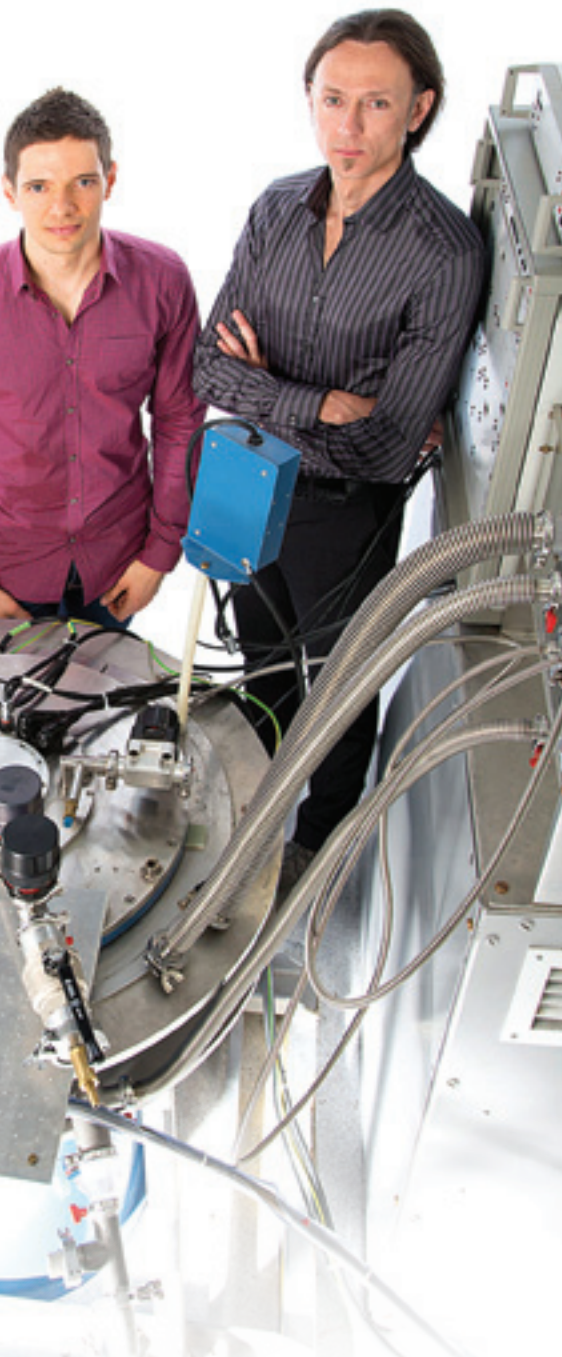
Bill Barwick’s commitment to New College did not end in 1975. Since that time he has remained in close contact with successive Masters and has kept a close eye on the College. For many years he would stay in a guest flat at New College for up to 6 weeks when he came from the Riverina to mark HSC History and English exams at the Showground. Bill would arrive somewhere between the College Revue and the Valedictory Dinner. He was a regular guest at the high table most years and has become known to many generations of Collegians who have all been keen to hear stories of the early days at New. His commitment to the College has also extended to his generous support of the College scholarship program since its inception in 2004.

There is no doubt that Bill Barwick was an inspirational and well-loved member of the College Community in his five years at New. In the years since, he has never lost his love for the place, nor a commitment to its goals. Bill is a very worthy recipient of Life Fellowship. ▀





# New Collegian part of significant Quantum Computing Research



Jarryd Pla (New Collegian 2004-06) is the lead-author on a paper that was recently published in the scientific journal *Nature*. In the paper, Jarryd describes how the team he is a part of was able to both read and write information using the spin, or magnetic orientation, of an electron bound to a single phosphorus atom embedded in a silicon chip.

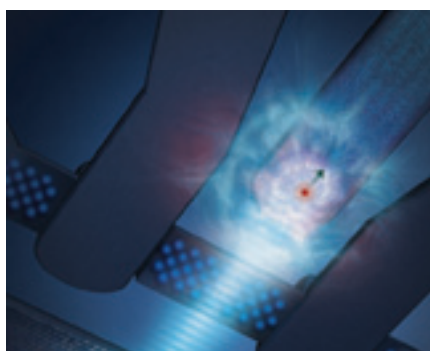
Jarryd is currently undertaking a PhD whilst working on this project with team leaders Dr Andrea Morello and Professor Dzurak from the UNSW School of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications. The team also includes researchers from the University of Melbourne and University College, London. In addition to being the lead-author on the *Nature* paper, Jarryd is also the lead experimentalist within the team. *New 'n' Old* contacted Jarryd to ask him about the research he is doing.

*Jarryd, how did you end up as the lead-author on the Nature paper and the lead experimentalist on the project?*

I think it was really just a matter of being in the right place at the right time. I started my PhD in 2009 with the Centre for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology, and by chance was given one of the Centre's key projects to work on. It was a very ambitious project, and not knowing how ambitious it actually was, I jumped at the opportunity. I worked on it for four years with various other researchers and after a while it kind of just became my experiment. There were many late nights in the lab and sacrificed weekends but eventually we attained the results we were after, which led to the publication this year in *Nature*.

*What aspect of this project does your PhD gravitate around?*

The goal of the project was to develop a quantum bit (or qubit), which is the basic unit of a quantum computer. In particular,



we were trying to create this qubit using the same techniques employed by silicon computer chip manufacturers today, as this would give us a significant advantage when it comes to building a large-scale quantum computer. The way we achieved this was to implant a single phosphorus atom inside a silicon chip adjacent to a small transistor. We used the "spin" (a quantum mechanical property) of an electron in this phosphorus atom as our qubit. The spin can either point down or up, which forms the states of the qubit, much like in a conventional computer where a bit can be 0 or 1. We could use the transistor beside the electron to sense its direction and hence read out the quantum bit. The power of our qubit is that quantum physics allows the spin to be up and down at the same time. This was the key result we demonstrated, by irradiating the spin with microwaves we were able to put it in states where it was simultaneously up and down.

There were many people involved in this project. There was the team who fabricated the device, the people who placed the single phosphorus atom and then the group who performed the experiments. My PhD gravitated around the experimental side of things, i.e. actually performing the measurements and controlling the spin.

*How did you find living at New College? Are there any memories that stand out that you would like to share with the other alumni?*

I thoroughly enjoyed my years at New College! Certainly for me the best part about my time there was the friendships that I made. Even after having been gone for 5 years, I still keep in contact with many of my fellow collegians. The memory that stands out the most actually occurred on my very first day at college. I was given the room with a fake wall! It was literally the size of a closet and I was told that I would have to store all of my clothes in the RA's room. It was such a relief when I found out that one wall was a dud, the first thing I did was go and put my foot through it. ■





# The Alumni Ball

**T**he 2012 Alumni Ball was the biggest and most diverse gathering of alumni of New College to date. Alumni who have maintained contact records with the College were invited to attend the Ball on Saturday 19th May at the Paddington Town Hall. It was wonderful that 235 alumni and their partners were able to attend what was a fun night of catching up with friends, a nice meal and lots of dancing to the music of jazz band Slide McBride and the DJ's Kinetic Fire (alumni James Tibbett and Jeremy Osborne). Recollections of life in College were given by alumni including Bill Barwick (Inaugural NCSA Collegian of the Year in 1974), Matt Graham (NCSA President 1998 and Collegian of the Year 1999), Jimmy Waterhouse (NCSA President and Collegian of the Year, 2003) and Professor Trevor Cairney who has been Master of New College since 2002. A number of picnics and reunions were held during the afternoon before the ball for each era of alumni. These were followed by a tour of the renovated New College for alumni of the 70's 80's, 90's and their families.

The College would like to thank the team of alumni who helped to plan the reunions and the Ball and also set up and decorate the Paddington Town Hall. They included Bill Barwick, Joel Lang, Matt

Graham, Tim Graham, Katherine Butterworth, Sarah Perkins, Sahn Nasser, Caitlyn Newbury, Matthew Cooper, Matthew Wright, Jake Saunders, Robert Gerrand, Zoe McMurdo, Renee McClenahan and Eddie Bird. ▀











# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## TONY LUXFORD



Tony and Hannah Bellwood (New Collegian 2007-2008) recently announced their engagement. Tony's younger sister Catriona is currently living at New College and his older sister Elizabeth was also a Collegian from 2003-2005.

In January 2011 Tony Luxford (New Collegian 2006-2008) commenced the officer training course at the Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon. When he lived at New College, Tony played Rugby for Randwick in the 1st Grade competition.

**D**uring 2011 Tony Luxford was selected in RMC's First XV rugby team. From there he was selected to represent the Australian Services Rugby Union (ASRU) and, as a member of that team, competed in the inaugural International Defence Rugby Competition (IDRC) held concomitantly with the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. The ASRU team faced stiff competition from defence teams including from New Zealand, Samoa and ultimately lost to the British Army in the final. Tony was selected in the World Defence XV as halfback at the close of the IDRC tournament and voted the ASRU Best Back.

Tony was then selected as one of two Australian servicemen to take part in the Help for Heroes rugby charity match played at Twickenham, London, UK in December 2011. Teams representing both Southern and Northern Hemisphere featured service men selected alongside current world test

players and recently retired players. Tony played for the victorious Southern Hemisphere team steered by rugby luminaries including Nick Mallet, Wayne Smith, Sean Fitzpatrick and Michael Lynagh. Tony shared the halfback duties with former All Black great, Justin Marshall.

The visit to the UK to participate in the match also featured highlights including dinner at No. 10 with the UK Prime Minister, a fundraising dinner at the Tower of London and visits to hospitals and training centres supporting wounded servicemen and women. Tony returned to RMC to continue his officer training and also train for selection in an RMC team to compete in the Sandhurst Sword competition held annually at West Point. The 11 member RMC team travelled to New York, USA in April 2012 and over 48 hours of competition defeated all comers including crack teams from Sandhurst UK to take victory. In defeating the 54 opposition teams the 2012 RMC team became the first Australian team to win the prestigious competition.

Tony graduated from RMC in June 2012 and was posted to the 17th Signal Regiment Royal Australian Signals Corps at Holsworthy. He has just returned from a defence tournament in the USA for which he captained both the Australian Army Rugby Team and also the Australian Combined Services Rugby Team. ■



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## DR JAD OTHMAN

**J**ad Othman (New Collegian 2006-08) really enjoyed living at New College. He says "It was a great way to transition from school to uni and beyond. There are lots of memories that stand out, but for me the most important aspect of New is the people you meet." At the end of 2008 Jad moved out of College with some friends to The Spot, Randwick, before spending two years in Coffs Harbour. Jad has completed his degree and his outstanding academic and practical achievements have been recognized by:

- The Combined Teaching Hospitals Senior Staff Prize for Overall Performance in Phase 3
- The James Curran Prize for Medicine
- The Peter Reed Prize for Surgery
- The Sandy Reid Prize
- Prize for Medicine in Phase 3
- Prize for Phase 3 Integrated Clinical Examination
- The Gordon Lowe Prize for Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- The Richard Johnson Memorial Prize in Paediatrics

This year Jad has moved back to Sydney to do his internship at Prince of Wales Hospital, which he's really enjoying. Jad is currently leaning towards entering physicians training after doing his residency in 2013. Jad's advice to current or aspiring Med students is to "find a way to enjoy what you're learning, otherwise it will be torture. Also, study with the aim of becoming a competent doctor,



passing exams will take care of itself."

Jad was also awarded the highest academic honour, the University Medal, for his study in Medicine. He was one of four New College alumni whose academic excellence was recognised in 2012 for study undertaken during 2011 (only one University Medal is awarded annually for each academic specialisation). The other three alumni of New College who were awarded the University Medal were Alex Rogan (Civil Engineering), Ellese Cotterill (Applied Mathematics) and Alice Lang (Photovoltaics & Solar Energy). Alice is currently studying in Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. ▀



## TOM PRYOR

**T**om Pryor (New Collegian 2003-2005) has been admitted to UC Berkeley's MBA program at Haas Business School. He will be studying an MBA/Masters of Education. Tom received a \$30,000 scholarship to attend the school and McKinsey, his previous employer, is fully sponsoring his studies. Tom will be moving to California (San Francisco or Berkeley) with his partner, Christina Cox (a CoFA graduate and jewellery designer). Tom says, "any collegians or alumni passing through are always welcome to use our spare bed when visiting San Fran!"

Tom was recently employed as a Global

Fellow at LeapFrog investments, a profit-with-purpose private equity fund that invests in companies serving low-income people in Africa and Asia. LeapFrog currently focuses on financial services. However, on Tom's completion of the MBA, and some placements at education institutions, the plan is for him to return to LeapFrog where he will help launch the world's largest investment fund dedicated to providing low-cost education to those at the bottom of the pyramid. In a similar vein, Tom spent a few months, before grad school started, developing the world's first low-cost school fund with Pearson Education. ▀

# ALUMNI AT WORK

## Professor Claire Wade

**M**y first year at New College was the most memorable. I was in a highly social group (1A) and we had the most wonderful times together. I remember the communal trips in O-week always accompanied by renditions of “Two little boys”, bucketing in the courtyard, and various pranks including one where the guys of 1H built a mini minor in somebody’s room and a wombat was taken in a “treasure hunt”. Of course there were always Thursday nights down at the Regent Hotel.

Claire studied Wool and Pastoral Sciences at UNSW and always loved genetics. Claire says, “the course was wonderful because we not only learned much about animal science, we also travelled extensively in rural NSW”. She continued her studies at UNSW with a PhD in Merino sheep selection programmes.

In 2000, the human genome was sequenced. Claire, then working as a lecturer in genetics within the School of Veterinary Science at the University of Queensland, was inspired that the future would be in genomics and information technology. Claire saw these two fields as a perfect confluence of her interests in genetics and her computer programming skills. Claire

contacted the group responsible for the public human genome project, The Whitehead Institute of Biomedical Research, to ask if she might go there on sabbatical. They eagerly accepted Claire, giving her the opportunity to work on the mouse, American opossum, neospora, ustilago (both fungi), dog and horse genome projects. Claire was very pleased to be invited to lead the horse genome project as she enjoyed working with all kinds of animals and was most interested to work with dogs and horses. Since then, these two species have formed the backbone of her research into the understanding of the genetics of inherited disorders, behaviours, and coat characteristics.

Now Claire is a Professor and Chair of Computational Biology and Animal Genetics in the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney. She says that much of her day to day work is like doing puzzles.

*I spend most of my time at the computer, working with my wonderful research team manipulating large DNA based data sets to discover where the differences between sick and healthy animals originate in the DNA. My current work is focussed on understanding the genetics of deafness,*

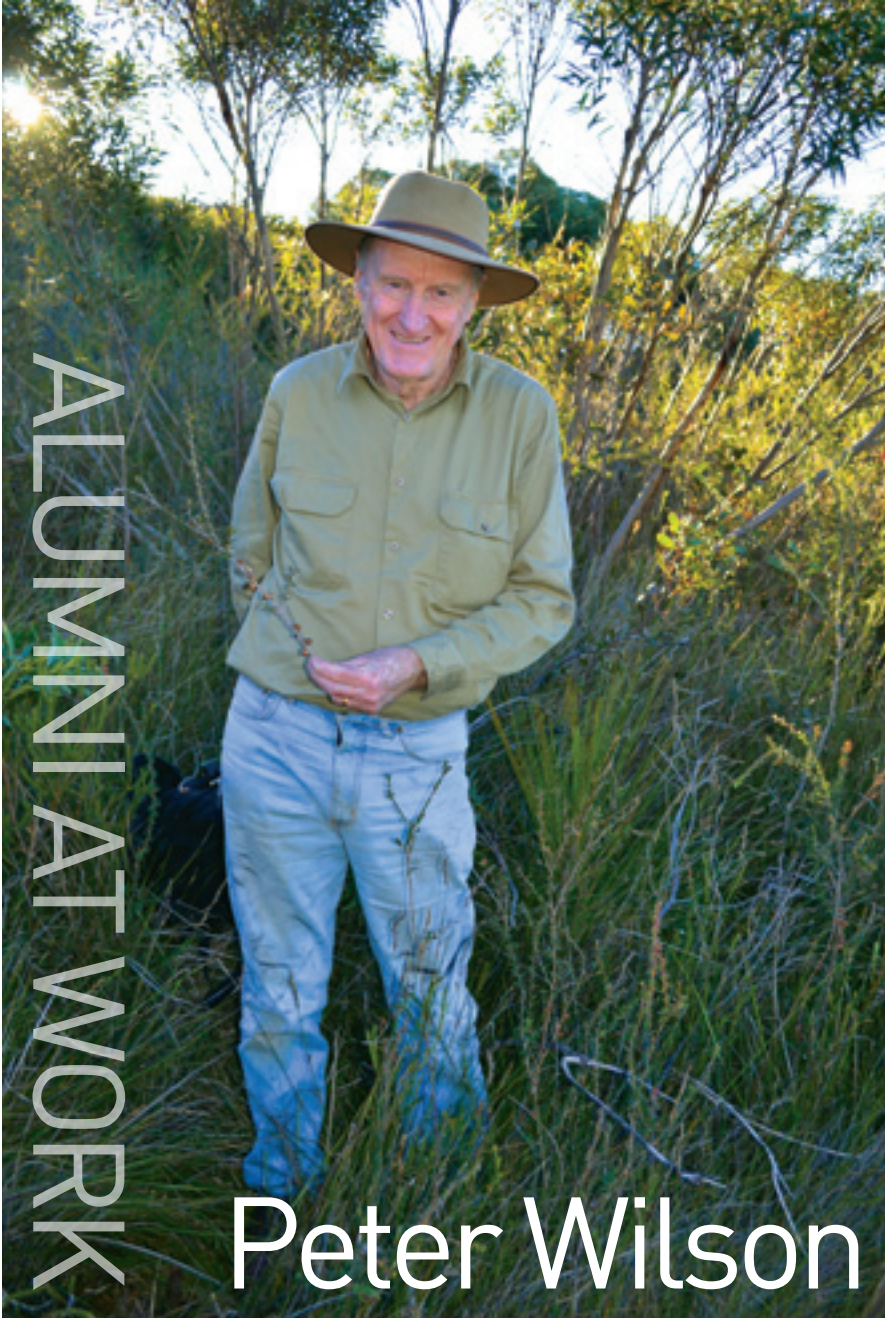
*cleft palate, cartilage defects, haemophilia, and behavioural disorders in dogs and horses (anxiety and compulsive disorders). Recent genomic research into canine behaviour has shown us that sometimes things which seem quite complex can have relatively simple genetic control. Behaviour is challenging to study because of the large amount of environmental influence on its expression. Nonetheless, by targeting dogs with behavioural extremes from the same breed, we believe that we can gain a greater understanding of how behavioural tendencies are inherited.*

Currently Claire is working with a team that aims to develop systems which more accurately select working kelpie breeding dogs to have pups that proceed to a long and successful working life. Claire is also part of a project working to help save the Tasmanian Devil. Using DNA sequencing technologies, Claire and her colleagues can better understand the differences between devils that succumb quickly to cancer, and those that have tumours that regress. They hope to discover a better way of fighting tumours so that one of Australia’s very special native mammals may have a brighter future. ▀



**Professor Claire Wade** was a New Collegian in the early 1980’s and remembers that time very fondly.





**Peter Wilson** (New Collegian 1973-74) is a Senior Research Scientist at the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust. *New 'n' Old* caught up with Peter recently and discovered a little about his work. He also shared the story of how he met his wife at New College.



#### *What does the life of a botanist look like?*

The work is really quite varied, which is good. I work in a herbarium, which is a collection of pressed and dried plants. But it is more than that; it is a vertical library of once living plants, preserved in time and space. They can tell us quite a lot about the world we live in. We have over a million plant specimens in our herbarium. Some of my colleagues have reconstructed how Sydney would have been vegetated before colonial habitation. Others are recording the flowering times and leaf sizes of living plants and comparing these to our historical records. This helps us understand how the climate has and is changing.

#### *And what about your own research?*

I specialise in the systematics of the family Myrtaceae and the genus *Indigofera* (Fabaceae). That involves figuring out the relationships of species

to each other. I try to work out what the divisions of a botanical family are; what we call the genera. Myrtaceae includes over 5650 species. You might be surprised to know that this includes a huge range of plants, from humble garden varieties through to plants that produce cloves and allspice, fruit trees such as the guava and timber trees like the towering Eucalyptus. I am currently working on *Leptospermum* (tea-trees), using DNA samples to calculate the similarity, or relatedness, of various species. I am trying to determine whether they are all one genus or two separate but similar genera. A better understanding of relationships can be useful, for example, to plant breeders or to those trying to predict susceptibility to newly recorded diseases like Myrtle Rust, which is currently threatening many species in the family.

#### *How did living at New College impact life post university studies?*

I came to New College as a post-grad during the 2nd year of my PhD and used College as a bridge for moving out of home and into the big world. I lived in 3G (1973) and 3F (1974). I was also around during the summer holidays when most Collegians went home. In late 1974, Wycliffe Bible Translators ran a linguistics school in the College during the holidays. Mark McCoy (NCSA Treasurer 1975), who was studying accounting and was around at the time, grabbed me when I returned from a one week field trip related to my PhD research. Mark said, "We can make some money out of these people... from the College Shop".

Mark roped me into using my car to drive to Campbell's Cash & Carry to buy stock for the shop and also into helping in the shop too. On the 2nd night one of the young, female tutors from the Summer school came down to buy an ice cream. We got talking and very quickly became friends. To cut a long story short, this unexpected new friendship led to us getting married. So I met my lovely wife, Sanna, because I was roped into running the New College shop! ■



# Weddings



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## Marriage of Alexandra Fletcher and Anthony Wicht

Alexandra Fletcher and Anthony Wicht married at St Stephens Uniting Church Tumut on 17th December 2011. The ceremony was at the Gilmore Agricultural Bureau Hall. Alexandra's bridesmaids were Felicity Fletcher (NC 2010-12) Melinda Bolton (nee Fletcher, NC 2003-07) Penny Yelf (nee Fletcher) and Jenny Lee (NC 2005).

After leaving New College, Alexandra worked at several different hospitals as an intern and resident then went on to complete her fellowship for General Practice. She has also spent much time travelling, including trips to Cambodia and Nepal building houses for Habitat for Humanity. She thinks she will continue to work in General Practice with a special interest in paediatrics but as Anthony's work is in Space Engineering that could take them overseas for a few years.



## Marriage of Andrew McGuire and Victoria Vaughan

Victoria Vaughan and Andrew McGuire (NC 2006-07) were married at St Luke's Anglican Church Brownsville at 1:12.21.1.12 (1.12pm on Saturday 21st January 2012). This was followed by a reception at The Fraternity Club, Wollongong. A number of New College alumni were involved including Daniel Atkins (NC 2006-07) as Best Man, both Nathan Menzies (NC 2006-07) and Rowan Humphries (NC 2006-07) as Groomsmen and Carly Hardy (NC 2003-05) as one of Victoria's bridesmaids. Andrew and Victoria went on a cruise around Fiji for their honeymoon and are now living in Engadine. Andrew is a warehouse manager and Victoria is a receptionist for the same company.



## Marriage of Merryn McKeon and Lindsay Foster

Lindsay and Merryn (NC 2007-09) were married on Saturday, 7 January 2012 at St Matthias Anglican Church Paddington. The ceremony was followed by a reception at St Michael's Golf Course, overlooking the course and ocean. Since leaving New College Merryn has completed her Bachelor of Science (Medicine) degree and is now working part time with a teleradiology company in the CBD as well as completing a ministry apprenticeship, serving the women of Unichurch and Campus Bible Study, UNSW. In the next few years both Merryn and Lindsay are looking to study at Moore Theological College with the intention of going into full-time vocational ministry. Lindsay was at the "rival" Warrane College for four years.

## Marriage of Richard Fleming and Ashley Wheaton

Richard Fleming (NC 2002-05) and Ashley Wheaton married on 29 March 2012. Ashley is Canadian so the couple decided to get married in Maui, Hawaii. This meant that it was a small wedding and they couldn't invite many of their friends. Rich and Ashley are now living in Arusha, Tanzania.





### Marriage of David Conway and Gemma Brown

Gemma Raewyn Brown (NCV 2010) and David Peter Conway (NC 2006-09) were married at St Paul's Anglican Church, Seaforth at 10am on Saturday, 10th September 2011 followed by a reception at Manly Golf Club. David and Gemma are now living in Canberra. David is working as a surveyor at Mail McDonald Barnsley in Canberra, while Gemma has finished her degree in Exercise Physiology and has gone on to study Pain Management via Correspondence through The University of Sydney.



### Marriage of Lincoln Gomes and Yuen Ming Chung

Lincoln Gomes (NC 2004-06) and Yuen Ming Chung were married at the Chinese Garden of Friendship, Darling Harbour on Sunday, 7th August 2011. The reception was held at LAqua, Cockle Bay Wharf. The bridal party included Sudipto Pal (NC 2004-06). Joint MC's were Lincoln's brothers, Edward Gomes (NC 1998-99) and Richard Gomes (NC 2000-01). A Chinese Banquet for 400 followed on 20th August in Kuantan, Malaysia, which is Yuen and her family's hometown. Lincoln and Yuen are now living in Maroubra and studying at UNSW. Both are completing PhD's in Medical Science.

### Marriage of Naeill Leigh and Carla Gajdosik

On Saturday, 14 July 2012 Naeill Leigh (NC 2003-07) married Carla Gajdosik at the Epiphany Catholic Church, Pittsburgh PA, USA followed by a reception at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel PA, USA. Naeill's brother, Dylan, was the Best Man and Carla's sister, Laura, was the Maid of Honour. Byron Bassett (NC 2003-04), was also in the bridal party as a groomsman. Family and friends travelled from across the world to attend the wedding. It was a perfect day in so many ways. Naeill and Carla went on a Royal Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon. They met while working at CISCO, North Carolina in 2008. They now live and work in sunny California.



## NEW FAMILIES



The Gomes family have more exciting news to share. Edward Gomes (NC 1998-99) and Louise Davies (New Collegian 1999) welcomed a baby daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, on 16 November 2011.



Matt (Collegian 2004-06) and Libby Frazer (Collegian 2006-07) welcomed their first daughter, Kate, on August 3, 2012.

*Families*





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### Marriage of Evan Kay and Malinda McDonell

Evan Kay (NC 2007-08) and Malinda McDonell (NC 2007-08) were married in the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, Hobart on December 3rd, 2011. Evan's brother was the Best Man and Jessica Xu (NC 2007-09) was Malinda's bridesmaid. Evan and Malinda are now both working as graduate engineers at Argyle Diamonds Underground Project (development of a block cave mine) and living in the East Kimberley, in Kununurra.

### Marriage of Sharon McGowan and Daniel Wilkes

Sharon McGowan (NCV resident July-Nov 2010) married Daniel Wilkes in their shared hometown of Wellington, New Zealand, on the 14th of April 2012. The wedding was held at Old St Pauls in Wellington, and the reception was at Silverstream Retreat in the Hutt Valley.

Theresa Crossing (Current NCV resident) was the maid-of-honour. A lovely day was had by all, and many attendees commented on how special the traditional service was. The couple now reside in Palmerston North, where Daniel works as a welder, and Sharon is (currently) a homemaker.



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# Weddings



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### Marriage of Payal Natasha Mudaliar and Yohan Sanjiv Paul

Payal (NCV 2010-11) and Yohan were married in New Zealand on 11.11.11 at the Kelliher Estate, Puketutu Island, Auckland. There was not a cloud in the sky and the sun was warm and shining bright all day. Payal entered the ceremony accompanied by a string quartet (her bichon frise/miniature poodle Bijou was the ring bearer). The ceremony was a Christian wedding. Yohan's mum delivered a bible

reading, Payal's aunt recited a poem by Rabindranath Tagore and Yohan's family sang a tamil wedding hymn while they signed the register.

Since leaving NCV, Payal and her husband Yohan have packed up in NZ, rented out their house and moved to Melbourne to start a new adventure. Payal is currently completing her Victorian Legal Bar registration and working in

the Migration Support Program at the Australian Red Cross as a Case worker. She is really enjoying working with a group of likeminded individuals who are driven by humanity and compassion.

Payal says, "I'll never forget the rewarding and enriching experience I had at NCV, meeting so many wonderful people from all over the world and making some everlasting friendships. Thank you for the memories NCV!"



# Sub-Continental Cultural Night



NCV COMMUNITY

**N**CV is home to residents from all over the world, including a good number from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. On Friday 11th May, a group of residents, led by resident Ria Dev, hosted a Cultural Night showcasing various aspects of sub-continental culture.

The evening started with a series of video presentations about India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Resident Shaupnil Khan then sang two Bengali songs, accompanied by Shamila Vijayanmohar on piano and Pesila

Ratnayake on guitar. Ria Dev then performed some Hindi songs with Gagan Singh and Adheesh Ramani, again accompanied by Shamila and Pesila.

Later in the evening, a fabulous set of dances was performed by the NCV dance troupe, which includes Ria, Geetha, Ashi, Zeynep, Vivien, Tamara, Sumi and Geetu. Geetu Vanjani taught more than a hundred NCV residents who were in attendance a simple dance routine. Afterward, residents moved out into the NCV Courtyard

to enjoy some delicious Indian food prepared by resident Uma Chellapandi and her team. The evening was a great showcase of sub-continental culture. Being able to participate in events like this is a great benefit of living in a community like NCV. ■

# Interview with Cecilia White

Cecilia White is an Australian poet and artist whose work has appeared in numerous publications and exhibitions in Europe, the UK and Australia. In the midst of her career, Cecilia has come to live at New College Village while she works towards completing her Doctorate through the College of Fine Arts, UNSW. A snapshot of an interview with Cecilia, reveals a deeply thoughtful artist.



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*Cecilia, you grew up as a Sydney girl in the suburb of Cabramatta. Did you have an affinity for the arts growing up or was this something that really developed in adulthood?*

I've always had a total fascination for symbols, colours and language. My parents don't remember me learning to read, I just could. I came from a deeply and publicly damaged suburb and quite often, within Sydney itself, felt as if I was an outsider looking in. It is fascinating to look at the notion of dislocation, what we understand to be acceptable and unacceptable. I am fascinated with how we create our identities.

*How have your earlier studies of education and psychology influenced your work as a poet and artist?*

I pursued psychology because of my passion for people and their behaviour and I love exploring behaviour through poetry. I am particularly concerned with poetry of the 'urban, unknown, un-sensed self'. The beautiful thing about some poetry is, as you write you get very close to yourself. Sometimes you might not quite want to go there. In The West, in the cities in particular, we are very good at standing back, observing rather than touching an effective communal stage that we can communicate in.

*Could you tell me about your most recent book, 'Nothing is set in stone', which is due to be launched very soon?*

The cover of the book is a picture of a hand-carved word-work. The letter 'O's are removed from the title, which is set



in a piece of Carrara marble to bring out the paradox of the whole statement. So properly, it should be called, 'N thing is Set in St ne'. It is a chapbook consisting of 19 of my poems and in these I play with dissonance, paradox and juxtaposition.

***I was intrigued to discover that you have written a poem about cricket, which has become very successful!***

Yes! In 2011, I was very fortunate to be the 3rd Winner of the International Cricket Poetry Prize. Countries that play cricket were invited to submit poems. Mine is called *Boxing Day Test*. It is a lyrical and descriptive poem about being a child, sitting in a lounge room in Sydney, watching the Boxing Day test televised and what that really means for family perspectives. I was awarded the prize at the Sydney Cricket Ground and went to the MCG for the Boxing Day Test to meet the Indian Cricket team.

***How have you found living at NCV as a post-graduate, with over three-hundred other people?***

I've been living in NCV since half way through 2011 and it's wonderful. It's a generous space, and there are all age

groups. I have lived in College in Germany before and NCV is very reminiscent of that sense of family. There is always a nice event and people knock on your door to see how you are. I wanted that sense of community to help me focus and I think other students appreciate it as well. We kind of know where we are all up to and when we have to go through confirmations someone always puts a note under the door saying, 'good luck'. For me it wasn't a case of 'not being able to find something else', I literally wanted that sense of academic space. I needed to be close to the University and I didn't want the possibility of a landlord saying, "You are half way through your thesis but you have to leave!" I wanted that sense of communal collegiality that exists at NCV. And it really does. I love it! ■



**Post**

remember stamps on envelopes? pressure points under thumb. tension right there. cornered wanting more than letters to unfold in hands. torn frames of small nations flowers, cats presidents delivered emotion slowly. growing hunger. lips could not be couriered. third party expressions of interest cold comfort on arrival. reading more or less sealed time into ink small tattoos on paper fading words i miss u for example.

Post from Cecilia White's *N thing is Set in St ne*





# Alfred Ching



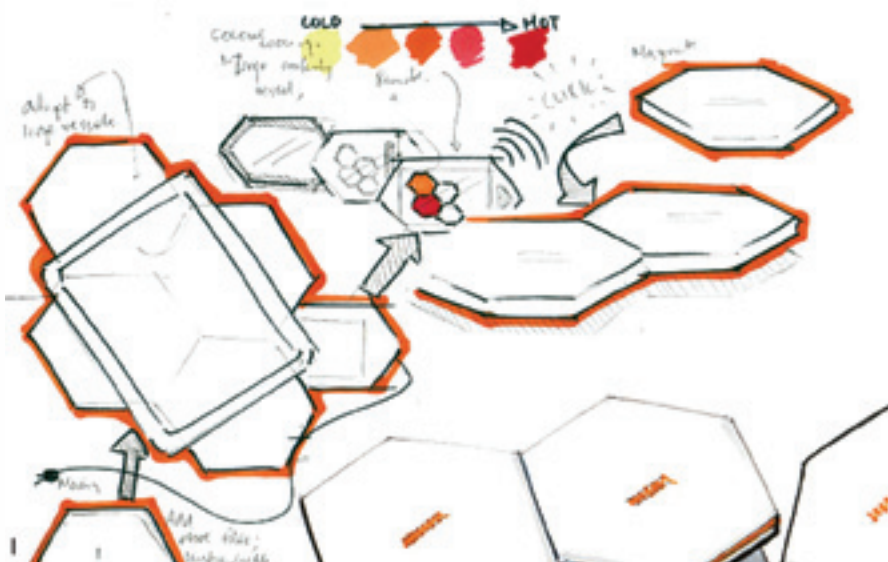
**NCV resident Alfred Ching** was one of 25 finalists in the Electrolux Design Lab 2011, a prestigious international competition for industrial design. Alfred received a \$500 Prize for placing Runners-up in the Australian division of the competition.

**B**orn in Australia, Alfred grew up in Hong Kong before returning to our shores in 2008 to study a Bachelor of Industrial Design within the Faculty of Built Environment, UNSW. Alfred came to live at New College Village at the end of 2009 and says it is a good environment to concentrate on

study, with the convenience of living on-campus in a safe building and community.

In 2011 Alfred entered the global Electrolux competition. His concept for the competition was titled 'Honeycomb Modular Induction Tiles' and needed to fit the brief, titled 'Intelligent mobility', which would explore the possibility of making home appliances portable. Alfred's concept is very cool:

*The Honeycomb is a modular induction cooker system ideal for compact homes—although it can work equally as well in a larger family house as a heating plate. The hexagonal modules can connect to each other in different variations. Click them together and create a cooking area wherever you like. A remote control wirelessly controls the heat via Bluetooth. The top of each module is finished in high gloss white to look good anywhere in the home. Their stackability makes them easy to put away when not in use.*



Alfred also submitted this concept for a university assignment as part of his studies at UNSW. The concept had to be feasible within ten years. In theory, the power consumption of the Honeycomb would allow it to work on mains power. However, if the concept was prototyped using technology available today, the portable battery operated version would only be useful as a food warmer (based on the power output).

NCV is a place filled with some of the world's sharpest, enquiring minds. A team of Academic Tutors are appointed each year from a range of disciplines to support the members of the NCV community. ▀

# NCV SERVICE TO SOCIETY



**T**he NCV's mission is to encourage collegiality, academic excellence and service to society, founded upon Christian faith and values. NCV residents all seem to accept these three areas of mission focus. Many demonstrate 'service to society' by active involvement in serving needy people in Sydney and around the world. Here are a couple of examples:

- Village Christian Ministry (VCM) is an informal group of NCV residents. As part of their activities they volunteer at the Newtown Mission Drop-in Centre once a fortnight. The Centre is not necessarily just a place to get food. Often elderly people come to the centre lonely and looking for someone to talk with. NCV residents and the other volunteers sit down with people from the community to build up relationships. Those involved in VCM include Jesse Morrison, Enoch



- Chan, Mark Dixon, Cyril Laughen, Denise Fo, Theresa Crossing, Pheobe Holdenson-Kimura and alumni James Lam and Jenny Suh.
- During the 2011/2012 summer vacation, NCV residents Enoch Chan and Mark Dixon went with alumnus James Lam to volunteer in Thailand with The Foundation for Rehabilitation & Development of Children and Family (Fordec). Fordec predominantly works in the slum districts of Bangkok. One aspect of



the organisation's work is running day-care centres. The NCV residents worked as teachers' assistants in Fordec's biggest centre, run entirely by volunteers who feed, clothe and shower the 150 children aged 2 to 6 that are placed in their care. The children are also given vaccinations and head lice and medical checkups as necessary. The NCV boys helped run dance, song and alphabet lessons as well as assisting with the general care of the children. ▀



# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



## New College Women are Champions Again

The New College women have brought home the UNSW Inter-college Sporting Shield again this year, with back-to-back victories. Laura Butterworth, the female sports director has been delighted with the consistent participation of many Collegians, as both players and supporters through the year. This is the 24th time that New College women have brought home the annual Inter-college Shield since they first won it in 1979. The sporting dominance of the New College women is highlighted by the number of sports in which they finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd.



Sport Comps <b>Won by New College Women</b> as part of the Overall Inter-College Shield in 2012	Cross Country
	Squash
	Water Polo
	Touch Football
	Hockey
	Soccer
Sport Comps in which New College Women were Runners-Up in 2012	Ultimate Frisbee
	Volleyball
	Netball
Sport Comps in which New College Women came 3rd in 2012	Basketball
	Tennis

The New College men, who won last year's Rupert Myer's Inter-College Men's Shield, came a very close second in 2012. Whilst many Collegians contributed to these sporting achievements, four Collegians were honoured in particular at the 2012 Valedictory Dinner. These were Rachel Beale for 'Most Inspirational Sportswoman'; George Davis for 'Most Inspirational Sportsman'; Katherine Grellman as Sportswoman of the year; and Damien Wang as Sportsman of the year.

## Master's Challenge

So far in 2012, New College and NCV have twice faced up against each other in The Master's Challenge. On Friday 30th March the NCV Table Tennis team ascended into the newly reopened New College courtyard to compete against an intimidating New College team equipped with sports uniforms and bandannas. A crowd of supporters from both New College and NCV surrounded the play as representatives from New College and NCV went head to head in five, three-set matches. Both teams sported very skilled players. However, as in last year's Table Tennis meet, the NCV team outplayed the New Collegians. The final outcome was 4 matches to 1, in favour of NCV.

New College Reps		NCV Reps
Dhanurja Eliezer	Vs.	Zhong Zhuang
Sam Bates	Vs.	Jae Pyo Son
Damien Wang	Vs.	Ryo Taniwaki
James Roberts-Thomson	Vs.	Ahmed Qureshi
Michael Minett	Vs.	Garry Ibrahim

The tables turned when New College faced NCV for the Soccer meet of The Master's Challenge on Saturday 21st July at Dave Philips Oval. New Collegians dominated the game winning 6 - 0. 🏆

The victorious NCV Table Tennis team





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(L-R Top Row) Jacqueline Calazis, John Bailey, Adam Smith, Jake Parker, Mark Gilmour, Edward Rose, James Heydon, Rochelle Oei.  
(L-R Bottom Row) Clare Kauter, Caroline Leach, Sheila Smith, Nathan Jamieson, Gemma Goodwin, Lucinda Mansour, (Absent) Thomas Boak and Andrew Brodie.

The 2012 New College Play was the classic 1930's English comedy *Leave it to Psmith* by P.G. Wodehouse. Wodehouse adapted the play from his comic novel with the help of Ian Hay. The play follows the charming and intrepid Ronald Eustace Psmith (the 'P' is silent). He enters the hilarious world of Blanding's Castle, a place full to bursting with dashing gentleman, stolen umbrellas, diamond necklaces, false identities, young ladies to woo, mothers-in-law to deceive, 'psuspicious psecretaries' to outwit and criminals to foil.

A cast of 16 New Collegians performed their roles brilliantly to large crowds who came to the three performances on 3-5 May. All the actors developed and maintained their characters well, the timing of their delivery was impeccable and a high level of exuberance kept the audience engaged and laughing throughout. The huge team of approximately 100 Collegians responsible for the set, costumes, make-up, design, set-construction and props all contributed to a story very well told. The music played by a live jazz band, as background and scene change music, gave the performance an authentic 1930's feel. ▀



Directors: Adam Teusner and Brittany Richardson  
Producers: Jordan Stewart and Matthew Cork  
Artwork by Nadia Perera





# NEW COLLEGE FORMAL DINNERS



(L-R) Marnie Ogg, Professor Trevor Cairney, Professor Fred Watson and Vera Newman

**F**ormal Dinners in 2012 have provided opportunity for New Collegians to meet, hear and question some eminent speakers. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at UNSW, Professor Peter Smith, was the speaker at the 2012 Commencement Dinner on 29 February, 2012. In addition to giving the customary address, Professor Smith also presented a number of current Collegians and alumni of New College with awards recognising their academic achievements in 2011.

Prominent astronomer and popular ABC radio personality, Professor Fred Watson, was the guest speaker at a Formal Dinner on 18 April 2012. This was Professor Watson's third appearance at New College over the last decade. He is always a very popular and informative speaker, combining humour, scientific knowledge and captivating images to share some of the exciting developments that are happening in the world of astronomy.

Alex Blackwell returned to New College on 30 May to speak to the community both as an Australian Women's Cricketer and as an alumnus of New College. Alex spoke about her time at College and her challenge to balance studies with continuing sporting success and the commitments that ensued. Alex had the joy of being the Australian Women's Cricket Captain throughout the 2010 World Twenty20 campaign, which she and her team won. Alex was again a key player in the victorious Australian Women's T20 team who beat England to claim the 2012 T20 World Cup in October. Alex took a superb catch and scored (13 not out), an absolutely vital contribution considering Australia won by just four runs.

The Hon Linda Burney MP is the Deputy Leader of the NSW Labor Party. She was the guest speaker at a Formal Dinner on 18 July 2012. Linda graciously shared her life story and was open in revealing how experiences of loss and adversity have been part of shaping her and influencing her passionate and compassionate approach to everything she does. Linda is of Wiradjuri descent and grew up in Whitton, a small town in South West NSW near Leeton. It was a special opportunity for the Indigenous residents of New College and NCV to meet with such a senior Indigenous Australian leader. During this formal dinner the Annual Art Show was also on display featuring paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography and video by New Collegians. ▀



(L-R) Sheila Smith, Grace Bennett, Lucy Murrie, Laura Butterworth, Rosie Sackett, Elisa Holgate, Alex Blackwell, Matthew Zaidan, Gopi Ravindran and Catriona Luxford



(L-R) Lucy McMullen, Emma Corcoran, Emma Mason, Elisabeth Hatcher and Amy Pratten

Formal Dinner

# New College community



**T**he NSW Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione APM, was the guest speaker at a New College Formal Dinner on Thursday, 30th August 2012. During the evening alumnus and long time friend of New College, Mr Bill Barwick, was awarded the title of 'Life Fellow' of the College (see that full story on page 8).

Commissioner Scipione is a no-nonsense kind of guy. When he speaks, he speaks candidly but also passionately. "No topic is off limit", he insisted when opening up the floor for question time at the end of his speech. Collegians were impressed by the Commissioner's willingness to answer their questions, which were not always easy. It was a wonderful Dinner as everyone was engaged thinking about ideas of faith, justice and how we as a society must continually be responding to the challenges posed by criminal behaviour with wisdom, discernment and rigorous, respectful discussion. ■

## NEW COLLEGE ART SHOW



*Master's Choice (Overall Winner):*  
Artwork by Sarah Pham (Pictured left and above)

*Kid's Choice Award (Chosen by the Dean's Children):* *Mouse House* by Sally Newton

*Highly commended*

- *Cat verses Dog* by Rose Gu
- *Untitled sculpture* by Kathryn Davis
- *Untitled 1* by Nadia Perera (woman and child)





## LECTURES

## 2012 New College Lectures

The Main Common Room was filled for both nights of the 2012 New College Lectures. The audience was diverse and included students, academics, theologians and sceptics. They came to hear Professor James K.A. Smith (Calvin College) deliver the lectures under the broad theme, *Imagining the Kingdom: On Christian Discipleship and Action*.

Smith's first lecture, titled 'Erotic Comprehension: The Bodily Basis of Meaning', drew on the Augustinian idea that we are what we love, which he extended with the insight that 'we do what we love'. He argued that our identity and our action flow from our most fundamental desires, longings and loves. In his second lecture, 'Sanctified Perception: How Worship Works', Smith suggested that contemporary psychology and cognitive science have begun to appreciate what Christian spirituality has known for ages; that action flows out of our habits. Action is not the deductive outcome of individual decisions based on specific beliefs; our action and behaviour reflect dispositions and habits that have become "second nature". It is these actions that incline us to respond in almost automatic ways. Such good habits have been seen historically as virtues. These he suggested are no less than Christian and secular liturgies that "...inscribe in us a faith that gets under our skin".

Listen to the New College Lectures – Go to [www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/audios/](http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/audios/)

### Education as Formation

The Centre for Apologetic Scholarship & Education (CASE) is a ministry of New College that exists to explore the importance and place of Christianity in today's world. This year's CASE Conference was held on the 26th May in conjunction with the Anglican Education Commission and the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation. There were 230 attendees. The over-arching theme of the day was 'Education as Formation'.

Professor James K.A. Smith (Calvin College) who had been in Sydney to present the 2012 New College Lectures presented a plenary address to the conference. Christian education he argued is a process of rehabilitation. That is, a formation in virtue and habit that occurs at the intersection of our stories and bodies. Professor Smith's central thesis was that Christian education is not just about transmitting knowledge but, more fundamentally, it is an exercise in formation. Education shapes our orientation to the world—it is what we might call an education of our sentiments, loves and desires.

Education he argued is about shaping young people to be sent out into the world to act justly and rightly. To do this we need to help them to learn to perceive the world in the right way. This requires the development of a sensibility or temperament that changes the way our children participate in the world. This new sensibility or temperament, then, shapes how our students see the world and act in it.

The conference also included a plenary address by Prof. Trevor Cairney on Christian Education Pedagogy. In the afternoon four practicing teachers shared their insights into how their faith informs their educational practice. ▀

This article was adapted from a blog by Trevor Cairney. To view this and other CASE blogs go to <http://andjustincase.blogspot.com.au/>

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## In Memoriam Mr Maxwell I. Dickens

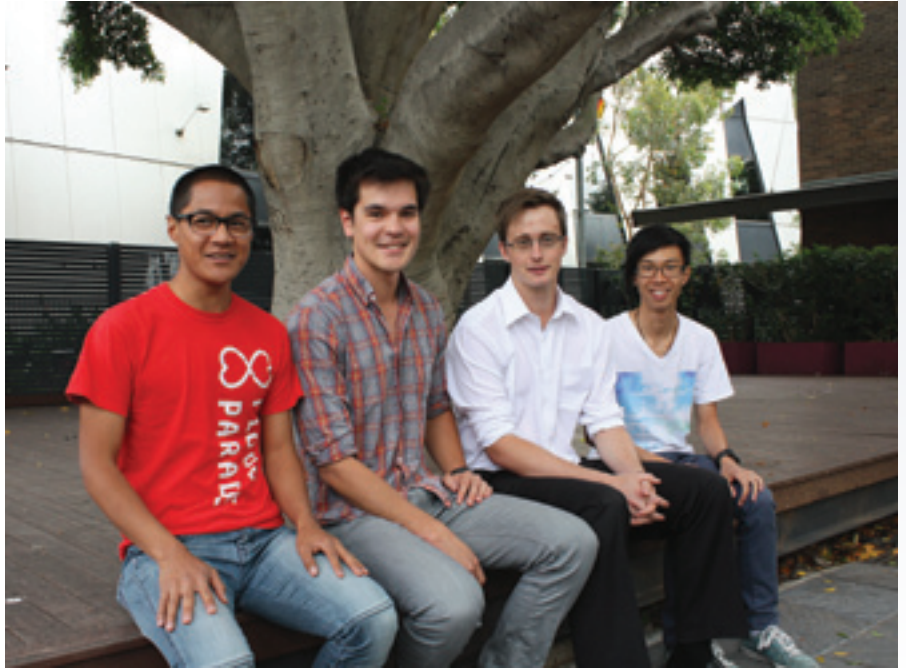
Max Dickens unexpectedly passed away in September. Max was a Resident Tutor at New College from 1975 to 1978. He also held the positions of Dean of Men in 1975 and Acting Dean in 1976. In later years he served as a Board member on the New University Colleges Council (NUCC). He was very supportive of the New College Lectures. Max was made a Life Fellow of New College for his contributions to the community. Many people have benefited from Max's support of New College and its place in the University and wider community.

## In Memoriam Mr Robert Maple-Brown

Friend and supporter of New College, Robert Maple Brown, sadly passed away on Sunday 5th August, 2012. Robert and his wife Susan have, for many years, faithfully supported New College through the Maple-Brown Family Charitable Foundation, helping the College to offer scholarships and bursaries to Collegians. Together with Chris Abbott, Robert established Maple-Brown Abbott as a boutique investment management firm in 1984. Robert held a doctorate from UNSW and was the Director of the UNSW Foundation from 1996 to 2007 and Chairman from 2004 to 2006.

## In Memoriam Prof Alfred W. Steinbeck

Professor Alfred Steinbeck has passed away aged 92. Prof Steinbeck served as a Board member on the New University Colleges Council (NUCC), which built and administered New College. He was also one of the driving forces in the establishment of a medical faculty at UNSW. He became one of the foundation professors, establishing the teaching hospital and clinical school at Prince of Wales. Prof Steinbeck had a strong Christian faith



New Collegians elected to the UNSW SRC & PGC (L-R) Solomon Le-Masurier, Ed Kearney, Ross Willing and Joshua Yen

and he was a founder of the National Christian Medical Fellowship and served as a lay preacher at St Michael's Anglican Church, Vaucluse. Alfred Steinbeck's life was one of service to the community, practising medicine for 66 years. In 1963, Steinbeck took a year's sabbatical and went to Cornell University as a Fulbright scholar and studied with the world-renowned endocrinologist Maria New. He was driven by a belief in what he did, and a deep compassion for his patients, which never wavered in all his years as a doctor and endocrinologist.

## Leadership at New College

Alumni of New College have been elected by the UNSW student community to positions on the 2013 Student Representative Council (SRC) and the UNSW Postgraduate Council (PGC). The number of New Collegians elected to the SRC and PGC in 2012 and 2013 is evidence of the depth of leadership potential residing at New College in any given year. ▀

New Collegian	UNSW Representative Position	Years at New College
Ed Kearney	President – 2012 UNSW SRC	2008-09
James Tibbett	Events Officer – 2012 UNSW PGC	2007-10
Solomon Le-Masurier	Vice President – 2012 UNSW PGC	2007-09
Ross Willing	President – 2013 UNSW SRC	2009-12
Samantha Bobba	Councillor - 2013 UNSW SRC	2010-12
Jacob Hyland	Indigenous Officer – 2013 UNSW SRC	2010-12
Joshua Yen	President – 2013 UNSW PGC	2007-10
Sam Hile	Councillor – 2013 UNSW PGC	2008-10



# NEWS IN BRIEF



## New College Alumnus and Sport Superstar Enters the UNSW Sport Hall of Fame

On Friday June 8th at the Sydney Cricket Ground, 13 top Australian international sports stars of yesteryear were the star attractions at the UNSW Sport Hall of Fame charity lunch. This was held in aid of the UNSW Ben Lexcen Sports Scholarship scheme. Former Wallaby great and now Super Rugby Championship winning coach, Ewen McKenzie, was among the sport stars present for the lunch and he was one of the guests inducted into the UNSW Sport Hall of Fame. During his career McKenzie played 51 tests for the

Australian Wallabies (1990-1997), and had 37 caps for the NSW Waratahs and 37 caps for the ACT Brumbies. Since retirement McKenzie has coached the Waratahs, the Wallabies and he currently coaches the Queensland Reds in the Super Rugby. Ewen McKenzie lived at New College from 1985-1987.

## Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship Launch

An event to launch and raise funds for a scholarship to be named in honour of Jared Pritchard was held on Thursday 29 March at 6:30pm. Jared Pritchard was a very talented young

man who lived at New College for almost four years. Sadly he passed away in December, 2010. The Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a New Collegian in recognition of their ability to contribute to the creative and performing arts.

Many of Jared's family and friends were at the launch. A number of lecturers who taught Jared at the College of Fine Arts, UNSW (CoFA) also attended, including Simon Hunt who spoke about Jared's persistent attitude and flair for Digital Media. A video tribute was shown that included examples of Jared's creative output. Reflections on Jared's contribution to life at New College and the impact he had on New Collegians were given by alumnus Rebecca Barnes. Singer/songwriter and prolific music producer Andy Sorenson performed a couple of his own songs in honour of Jared. Jared's mother, Julie Pritchard, shared her deep gratitude to the New College community for all that has been done to honour her son.

It is the hope of the College and the Pritchard family that alumni and friends of the College, particularly those who knew Jared, will support this scholarship initiative. So far \$20,000 has been raised but we hope to raise \$100,000 to ensure a significant scholarship can be funded in perpetuity. ▀

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# NEWS IN BRIEF



## Congratulations Prof Cairney

The Master of New College and NCV, Professor Trevor Cairney, received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. Trevor's award was given "for service to education as an academic and administrator, and to business through leadership roles within professional organisations".

## Farewell Dick Kay



After a lifetime of work, including six and a half years of faithful service to New College as the Maintenance Supervisor, Dick Kay has retired. Dick

helped to transition the maintenance team through varied changes to the buildings and facilities at New College. He was a wonderful support during the refurbishment of the building last year and has made many changes to the way maintenance is

done. He led the expansion of the maintenance staff to service the NCV and introduced systems and records that will make the job of all future maintenance supervisors easier. On top of this he was a very enjoyable member of staff to have around. New College will miss him a great deal and wishes him well in retirement.

## Welcome Steve Wasley

Steve Wasley joined the New College staff in June as the new Maintenance Supervisor. Steve has always worked in the building industry except for a fourteen year stint as a professional racing car driver from 1972 to 1986. He raced in the Sports Sedans tournaments driving Ford Capri V8's. Returning to the building industry, Steve worked as Maintenance Supervisor for the UTS Union, the Benevolent Society and most recently, before coming to New College, at Moran Aged Care at Little Bay. Steve's passion is growing Orchids and he has several hundred in his backyard.

## Welcome Edwina Hine

The position of Executive Assistant to the Master had been vacant for over two years. In April, the Master appointed Edwina Hine to the position. She has a degree in Applied Chemistry from UTS with Honours in Forensic Science. She is in the final stages of a PhD in Science. She was most recently employed to manage the office of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute on campus.

## From the Public Relations Office

Thank you to all those who helped make the Inaugural New College Alumni Ball such a wonderful event. It was also great that alumni of various eras were able to meet together before the Ball. The alumni from the 70's, 80's & early 90's who attended the tour of the renovated College were blown away by the changes. If you are ever in the vicinity of UNSW, I am happy to give you a tour too. Just phone or send an email in advance.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally encourage you to donate towards the Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship.

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If all the Collegians who knew Jared gave \$100, we would be more than halfway towards our goal to fund a scholarship in perpetuity. This is, I believe, a fitting way to honour Jared and a goal that we can reach if we all pitch in.



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# New'n'Old

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**R**ev Dr Stuart Barton Babbage AM passed away on Friday 16th November at the age of 96. Stuart was the second Master of New College and held the position from 1973-1983. The news of his passing has been met with sadness by many who knew him. Though he will be greatly missed it is also with thankfulness that we remember his life.

Stuart was born on the 4th January 1916 in New Zealand into a modest home, and was educated at Auckland Grammar (a state school). In his teenage years he was heavily influenced by his elderly Bible Class teacher J. Barnard Brown. As a 16 year old he enrolled at Auckland University College in Arts and Journalism and pursued majors in History and Economics. He was then awarded a scholarship to St Johns College where he completed a Master of Arts in History, even though he did better (to his surprise) in economics.

Stuart left New Zealand aged 20 in 1937 for England where he

enrolled at the Bible Churchmen's Missionary and Theological College. He needed to wait until he reached the age of 23 (the canonical age) before ministry, so he enrolled in a PhD at King's College, London. He was eventually ordained on the 17th December 1939. He was given the task of establishing what we would today call a 'church plant' in Havering-atte-Bower, a small village on the outskirts of London.

Three years later Stuart applied to join the RAF and become an air force chaplain. He was posted to Fetwell in Norfolk in 1942. This was a major base for heavy bombing raids against targets in Europe. He met C.S. Lewis in this role who frequently preached for the Chaplain's Department, and recalled with fondness long leisurely walks across the Norfolk fens with him. It was while based at Fetwell that Stuart met the woman who was to become his wife, Flight Officer Elizabeth King. After a short courtship they were married on the 26th May 1943. His overseas posting arrived the same day and within five months he was posted to Iraq and Persia for two years. They had four children, Veronica, Malcolm, Christopher and Timothy during a marriage that lasted 40 years.

Stuart and Elizabeth moved to Australia and in 1947 Stuart was appointed the 3rd Dean of Sydney (aged 30). He wrote regularly for the Sydney Morning Herald ('Religion & Life') and began his regular religious instruction at Fort Street Boys' High

School. The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby has commented at length on Stuart's impact on him and many other boys during this time. In 1953 Stuart was appointed as Principal of Ridley College in Melbourne. He was also surprisingly asked to combine the part-time role of Dean of Melbourne with his role at Ridley.

When he concluded his role as Principal of Ridley in 1963 he began a period of more focussed academic work mainly in the USA. He spent time at Columbia Theological Seminary and later invited to take up the position of President of Cornwall School of Theology, a position he held until appointed as second Master of New College at UNSW.

In 1973 Stuart was appointed as Master of New College. In his ten years at New he was to leave his mark on the community, admitting women for the first time, promoting scholarship and bringing a constant range of distinguished speakers to dinners. The years at New College were happy ones for Elizabeth but sadly when they left in 1983, it was just six months before she died from an inoperable brain tumour.

The years following Elizabeth's death and his departure from New College were marked by writing and scholarship, including his book 'Memoirs of a Loose Canon', constant hospitality, preaching and support of others. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1995. Stuart continued as a faithful servant of Christ, as father, preacher, friend, evangelist, mentor, dinner host and pastor. He also maintained his love for the College as a frequent guest at dinners and events. He will be missed greatly.

An extended tribute to Stuart Barton Babbage can be found at [www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au](http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au).

