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The NCV community hold a charity bake sale to raise money for Autism Spectrum Australia.

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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.
- The Centre for Christian Apologetics, Scholarship & Education (CASE), 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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A Message from the Master



College life for 2018 is finishing, as always, with excitement and enthusiasm!

After a late surge up the rankings, New College finished the Intercollege sporting competition with wins in the hockey finals for both women and men (notably against Warrane). The women secured the UNSW Intercollege Shield for the first time since 2013. Exciting times! The boys put in a great effort placing 3rd overall in the Rupert Myer's Inter-College Men's Shield.

The New College Village social calendar ended last week with a spectacular cocktail party. It was a celebration of an excellent year of fun, friendship and academic outcomes. With increasing numbers of research students living at NCV, the Senior Academic Tutor, Matthew Bagg has been coordinating diverse and stellar presentations that showcase our postgraduate residents' research outcomes. The papers published by NCV Residents are now appearing in the NCV foyer and will soon find a home online.

As a reflective contrast, we gathered last Sunday to remember our dear Stephanie Frewin (New Collegian 2015-17) who we lost this time, last year. The College was also saddened by the passing of our much loved former colleague, Mark Fairfull.

Our New College Lectures have recently past – well attended, with Dr Denis Alexander of the Faraday Institute, University of Cambridge addressing the complex area of human modification. Next year we will welcome two archbishops to deliver the New College Lectures on the topic Faith,

Hope & Love: Unchanging Virtues for a Changing World.

Early in the year the College published its comprehensive response to the Australian Human Rights Commission Report Recommendation 9 which concerned the nature, prevalence and reporting of sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities. I wish to thank the alumni and New College Students' Association for their helpful contributions and the board for their valuable work in the process. We all want our college communities to be safe, friendly and fun.

As we look forward to 2019, the excitement ramps up. We are in a time of significant change. UNSW returns to a term-based system (for the first time since 1971, according to alumnus Tony Lord). We will celebrate fifty great years of New College and ten critical formative years of New College Village. In January, we will hold our first "Back to New" event in the college's history. Then on 12 October 2019 (50 years to the day since the official opening of New College), we will launch our fabulous history of both colleges, ably authored by alumna Adela Davis.

The program of Formal dinners for 2019 will have a particular focus on our entire community: residents, alumni, former staff and board members. These will be presented by alumni of our colleges.

There will be many opportunities to renew old friendships and share the excitement of college life that remains uniquely New, in 2019.

I look forward to meeting many of you: our alumni, friends and supporters, as we celebrate during 2019. ▀

Adjunct Prof. Bill Peirson

NEW COLLEGE

Commencement Dinner

On Wednesday 28th February, Collegians, Board members, staff and distinguished guests from the New College community gathered for the Commencement Formal Dinner to mark the beginning of the academic calendar.

This was also an opportunity to celebrate the academic achievements of alumni and residents, notably including two University Medallists. During the dinner, the College bestowed Life Fellowship of New College on Professor Christine Alexander, who has faithfully served the College for many years in a number of roles.

Two more University Medallists

The guest speaker for the Commencement Dinner was Professor Les Field AM, former Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (UNSW) and Professor of Chemistry. Prof Field congratulated the recipients of the New College Academic Prize, while the Master, A/ Prof Bill Peirson, acknowledged those alumni and residents who received University Prizes. Among these were alumnae Scarlett Stemler (NC 2014-15) and Jessica Rooke (NC 2013-14) who received the University Medal, which is the highest undergraduate academic accolade at UNSW, only given to the highest achieving student in the graduating class of each school. Scarlett was acknowledged for receiving the medal for Sociology and Anthropology, and Jessica received the University Medal for Ecology.



Life Fellowship of New College – Professor Christine Alexander

The Chairman of the New College Board, Rev Canon Bruce Morrison, presented New College Life Fellowship to Emeritus Scientia Professor Christine Alexander. Life Fellowship is only bestowed upon people who have contributed significantly to the College over a long period of time. Professor Alexander arrived at the University of New South Wales following her appointment to the School of English in 1978. Together with her late husband, Emeritus Professor Peter Alexander, the couple rose to prominence in the academic and literary world. While both connected with New College, it is Christine who became involved with its governance.

Formally, Christine has served the College as a Trustee of the New College Lectures for 24 years (a role she

continues to the present day) and was a member of the New College Board for 24 years from 1991 to 2015.

Professor Alexander is a celebrated literary scholar, having received the prestigious British Academy Rose Mary Crawshay Prize, as well as a Commonwealth of Australia Centenary Medal for Service to Australian Society and the Humanities in the Study of English Literature. She is currently the Director and General Editor of *Juvenilia* Press, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

As always, the New College Formal Dinner was a wonderful time for new and returning residents to celebrate the start of the year over delicious food, with piano music provided by collegian Ben Connor, as we celebrated the achievements of new and longstanding members of the community. ▀



Back to New 50th Anniversary Celebrations

25-27 January 2019

2019 is a very exciting year for New College as we celebrate 50 years of student life, community growth, Christian ministry, and academic achievement. To commemorate this milestone, New College is hosting a fantastic 'Back to New' weekend, and all alumni and their families are invited to attend.

You can look forward to the inaugural alumni Revue, an Alumni Ball at the Roundhouse, a sports afternoon and Open Day at the College, as well as many more events (most of which are free!). For those who will be travelling from afar or who are looking to relive their College days, accommodation and meals in New College are also on offer for a very reasonable price.

To register and for more info visit newcollege.unsw.edu.au/alumni

Time	FRIDAY, 25 JAN 2019	SATURDAY, 26 JAN 2019	SUNDAY, 27 JAN 2019
7am		College Breakfast (7:00am – 9:30am)	College Breakfast (7:00am – 9:30am)
8am			
9am			
10am			50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE (10:30am – 12:00pm)
11am			
12pm		OPEN DAY	Parting Lunch (12:15pm – 2:00pm)
1pm		BBQ Lunch (12:15pm – 1:30pm)	
2pm	College and Campus Tour with the Master (2:00pm – 3:30pm)	& Sports Afternoon (1:30pm – 4:00pm)	
3pm	1969-1974 Alumni Afternoon Tea (3:30pm – 5:00pm)		
4pm			
5pm	College Dinner (5:15pm – 6:30pm)		
6pm			
7pm	ALUMNI REVUE (7:00pm – 9:30pm)	ALUMNI BALL (5:00pm till late)	
8pm			
9pm			
10pm			
11pm			
12am			

Legend
■ Free Event
■ Paid Event
■ Meals

... SAVE THE DATE NCV 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 10-12 May 2019



NCV

NEW COLLEGE VILLAGE

2019 marks the 10th Anniversary of our postgraduate community, New College Village, which opened in 2009. We are eager to invite alumni and former staff back to reconnect and reminisce over a weekend of great events. Subject to the release of the final program, you can look forward to:

- A tour of the University with the Master
- An NCV Ball at an elegant harbour side location, with canapés, drinks and plenty of opportunity to socialise
- A College Service followed by a BBQ lunch

We'd love to see you there, so save the date and invite your friends!



National Service to Med

Our Singaporean Students

Over 40 Singaporeans live within the NCV community. A dozen of these happen to be studying Medicine together. Singaporean law states that all male Singaporean citizens and second-generation permanent residents undertake compulsory National Service (NS) for a minimum of 2 years after turning 18. For these men (mostly teenagers), military service is an intense period. Of the twelve Singaporean Med students at NCV, *New 'n' Old* chatted with four about their lives before studying Medicine.

RYAN: GROUND RESPONSE FORCE (GRF)



NCV SINCE: 2017

NS COMPLETED: Aug 2015-Aug 2017

POSITION: Police Officer; posted at neighbourhood police station.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE: Carried out basic police training and specialised training to be part of the GRF. This involved highly disciplined physical training, learning the law, self-defence, first aid and shooting training. Once posted to a police station, I worked 12 hour morning and night shifts on a regular basis.

STANDOUT MEMORY: The hardest situations were when I had to break the news to a family that their loved one had passed away or taken their own life. It was hard to keep my emotions in check and to stay professional but it was something that you had to get used to.

KENNETH: FROGMAN



NCV SINCE: 2017

NS COMPLETED: 2016-18

POSITION: Naval diver.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE: Stayed in Sembawang Camp for the first 7 months of my training. Staying in camp was one of the most interesting yet painful experiences. Being around the same people for 7 months, you were bound to make enemies. However it was also where you really got to bond with people. You had to do everything together (eat, sleep, wash).

STANDOUT MEMORY: "Hell week"; 5 day training whereby we were given minimal sleep and subjected to endless physical toil. I recall closing my eyes for a mere 2 seconds on the third day while standing up and I just lost control of my body and fell asleep. The worst part was when we were made to sit in a boat filled with ice.

AZAN: GROUND RESPONSE FORCE (GRF)



NCV SINCE: 2018

NS COMPLETED: May 2015-May 2017

POSITION: Police Officer; regular patrols and first responder to emergency calls.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE: The first 6 months of my training I was stationed at the Police Academy. I learned the basics of being a police officer, which involved studying law, defence tactics, shooting etc. I was then selected to be a GRF officer, requiring an additional 3 months of specialised training. I was then posted at a police station.

STANDOUT MEMORY: Having to adjust from the comforts of home to a regimental lifestyle was an exciting yet challenging transition. I was exposed to an array of experiences, from settling disputes to breaking the news to families that had lost loved ones. It was difficult knowing that nothing you said would be of any solace to them.

IAN: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)




NCV SINCE: 2017

NS COMPLETED: 2015-16

POSITION: EMT at central fire station.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE: Sometimes we forget the things we are exposed to can be quite shocking for 18/19 year olds. I felt a sense of guilt and failure towards the patients I had encountered and been unable to help. So I decided towards the end of national service to study medicine as a way of coping.

STANDOUT MEMORY: I had to tend to both the Prime Minister and Finance Minister on separate occasions. It was all rather dramatic.

NCV is a vibrant community that is enriched by the varied backgrounds of its members. As a community we seek to provide opportunities for residents to achieve academic excellence within the chosen field of study. Singaporean students have formed an important part of the NCV community since the College opened in 2009 and many have gone on to work in the medical profession. 



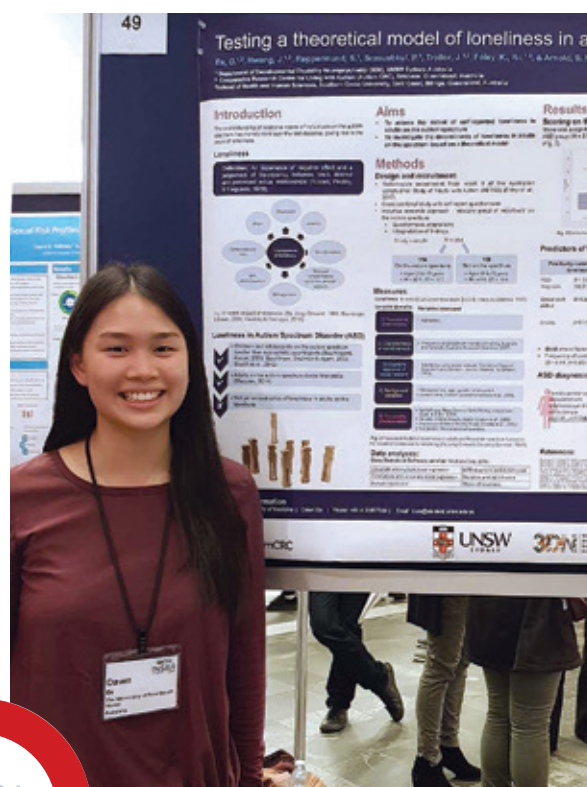
DAWN EE



Autism in Australia is on the rise. The Australian Bureau of Statistics discovered that between 2012 and 2015, the number of Australians with autism increased by 42.1%¹. Autism is clearly something that Australians should have some awareness of in order to engage helpfully and care for those with Autism and their families. Someone who has pursued this vision for some time now is NCV Senior Resident Dawn Ee. Dawn is in her 5th year of Medicine at UNSW, and last year completed her Independent Learning Project (ILP) on “Testing a Theoretical Model of Loneliness in Adults on the Autism Spectrum”. Impressively, Dawn was invited to present her ILP research at this year’s annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) in the Netherlands.

INSAR’s conference was held on May 9-12th in Rotterdam. Attendees included students like Dawn, whose aural or poster research presentations were accepted, as well as many people doing research in the broad field of autism. “The aim of the conference is for the latest findings on autism to be shared amongst collaborators from many different countries”, Dawn shares. “It’s good for people to discover what’s going on in the international academic community and to network.” Dawn hopes to become a Developmental Paediatrician, and was fortunate to meet professionals already working in the field. She also had the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics that affect adults with autism. Throughout the conference, the 2000 attendees heard various talks from keynote speakers before splitting into elective sessions and workshops. “I went to a session on employment,” Dawn says. “The rate of unemployment for adults with autism is high, and this has strong links to mental health issues. It was encouraging to see how people are working to translate research into policy to make employment more successful for those with autism”.

Back in April, Dawn gathered some willing volunteers from her NCV floor (level 3) to help



42.1%

run a bake sale for Autism Spectrum Australia after she had done a presentation at one of NCV’s Research nights. The event was a huge success, having raised over \$450 from delicious homemade sweets. For Dawn, her passion for research and care for those with autism started from a young age. “I worked with Special Olympics as a volunteer in school,” Dawn shares. “Thinking about what I wanted to do in the future, I decided I wanted to help autistic people and their families.” Dawn’s ILP research into loneliness for autistic adults aims to shine light on the issue and identify the causes of their loneliness. “Autistic adults are much lonelier than the general population”, she says. “Due to poor social skills in autistic adults, society must be more aware and patient, and yet use the same openness and respect you would with anyone else. Treat them like a friend. We can all take part in improving their quality of life.” 

¹ ‘A Profile of Autism in Australia’; Australian Bureau of Statistics: www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/4430.0Main%20Features762015?opendocument&tabname=Summary&prodno=4430.0&issue=2015&num=&view=21/06/18

ARPAN BANERJEE

"Do one thing well and pursue it with passion"



Try to be a good conversationalist". That's one piece of advice Arpan gives when I ask what he might say to someone interested in applying for international scholarships. It certainly seems to ring true for this NCV resident from India. Arpan Banerjee is Assistant Professor, Assistant Dean and Executive Director of the Centre for Intellectual Property & Technology Law at Jindal Global University (JGU), a leading private law school in India. However, since March 2018, Arpan has been granted leave in order to carry out a Ph.D. in Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law under the prestigious UNSW Scientia Ph.D. Scholarship Scheme.


"Network a lot; socialise with people", Arpan says. "You'd be surprised at the opportunities that will open up to you." Following this advice come stories of how Arpan met a man at a Rolling Stones concert, and a lady on a bus ride, which ended up leading him to a 1.5 year fellowship in Germany,

among others. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation German Chancellor's Fellowship enabled Arpan to be hosted by the Bucerius Law School and research at both the Oxford IP Research Centre and at King's College, London.

Seeing the world is something which appeals greatly to Arpan. After receiving his Masters from King's College, he returned to India to practice as an IP lawyer for a short time before turning to academia. "In academia work hours are much more flexible, and there are so many travel opportunities," says Arpan. Prior to joining JGU, Arpan taught at the Indian Institute of Technology, a respected government university, as an Assistant Professor promoted to tenure track. JGU is well known for its collaborations with institutions from over 50 different countries.

As we discuss Arpan's decision to carry out a Ph.D. I'm surprised to learn that he turned down offers from Oxford and Cambridge to come to Australia. "So what was so attractive about the UNSW Scientia Scholarship?" I ask. Arpan replies, "A Cambridge professor actually advised that I go to UNSW due to the quality of the faculty. There are also very few scholarships in the world as generous as the Scientia Scholarship. It allows me to attend conferences and do empirical research, which is very significant for my Ph.D."

Arpan is writing a book on how what we see on film is a product of the law. Is law a hindrance to creativity? Or is it a good structure in preventing copyright and defamation lawsuits? Entertainment law has been a key interest for Arpan.

"Most people think it's only these outstanding students who receive scholarships, but that's just not true," Arpan says. "Even with modest grades, if you identify one thing you're good at and pursue it with passion for 5 years, it will inevitably lead to accomplishment." 

Interviewer: Ash Braithwaite



PAPUA NEW GUINEA ORIGINS

Residents from up to 50 different nations currently call New College and New College Village “home”. In recent years, several residents have hailed from Papua New Guinea (PNG), strengthening the College’s ties with the Oceanian country.

Neighbouring the Cape York Peninsula, PNG only claimed independence from Australia in 1975. However the two nations maintain close relations and Australia remains the principal aid donor to the developing country.

New ‘n’ Old caught up with these alumni and current residents to find out more about their experiences of transitioning between two extremely diverse environments.

Rowan Ramamurthy (NC 2017-present)



Where were you born? I was born in Australia but my family was already living in PNG at the time. My dad went to high school in PNG and had started his own telecommunications company there in 1999.

How long did you live in PNG?

I lived in PNG until I was 12 before going to Brisbane for High School.

What was one thing characteristic of your time in PNG? The main thing I remember about PNG is that the community is very close. Families are all very close together, doing things regularly with each other.

What was your experience like moving to Australia? Moving to Australia, I was amazed by how different the culture is. Everyone is a lot more independent and there are many more opportunities available. Moving to New College was the first time I was moving away from my family. When I arrived, everyone was very welcoming and I felt at home right away.

What are you doing now? I’m studying Mechatronic Engineering and Computer Science. Going back to work in PNG long-term is always an option. However, I’d rather work on new and emerging technology in the robotics field first, and perhaps after that, apply my knowledge and skills in PNG to help the quality of life there.

Jeremiah Korakali (NCV 2016-present)



Where were you born? Lae, Marobe Province PNG

How long did you live in PNG?

I lived in PNG until I turned 15 and then moved to Australia.

What was one thing characteristic of your time in

PNG? Always having the extended family around to spend leisure time with.

What was your experience like moving to Australia? I found Australia very different compared to PNG in terms of the environment and culture, but I settled in well after the first few months.

What are you doing now? I am currently in my third year of my Petroleum Engineering degree.

Connor Jephcott (NC 2016-17)



Where were you born? Australia

How long did you live in PNG?

I lived in PNG from the time I was 1 until coming to Australia for boarding school in year 5. So about 10 years.

What was one thing characteristic of your time in PNG? We moved to PNG when I was 1 year old and lived in a compound in Goroka in the Eastern Highlands Province. At first dad owned a cattle farm but then moved into exporting coffee in the early 2000s.

What was your experience like moving to Australia? Growing up in PNG meant moving here brought some culture shock. It was weird. I was very out of touch with a lot of things that were normal for other kids. I even had a slight American accent from studying at an International school in PNG.

What are you doing now? I’m in my 3rd year studying a Bachelor of Science. My siblings and I try to visit our parents back in PNG once or twice a year.

Lilli Jephcott (NC 2015-16)**Where were you born?**

Brisbane, however we flew straight back to the cattle property where my parents were living in the Markham Valley.

How long did you live in PNG?

My family still lives in Goroka, where I've lived most of my life. I

first came to Australia from the time I was 13, when I attended boarding school.

What was one thing characteristic of your time in PNG? One thing that fascinates me is that PNG has only been developed for a very short amount of time, and despite there being many developed townships, just 5km away are villagers that still walk to the river to get water and live in grass huts. It's something especially characteristic of the small town that I lived in.

What was your experience like moving to Australia? Moving to Australia was always expected because of the higher education here. My years at boarding school meant the move to New College was not difficult.

What are you doing now? My fourth year of a Bachelor of Materials Engineering/Master of Biomedical Engineering. I tend to travel back to PNG less frequently as I get older. However I try and make it back at least once a year. I don't want to lose that section of my life.

Caroline Flynn (NC 2016-17)**Where were you born?**


Australia

How long did you live in PNG?

I lived in Port Moresby for three years (2006-08) due to my dad's work helping the PNG Treasury for the Australian Government.

What was one thing characteristic of your time in PNG? Whilst in Port Moresby I attended the International school and my sisters Olivia and Genevieve (NC 2012-14) attended the local high school. I was only 9 years old when I moved to PNG, so most of the security risks, inequality and other cultural differences have only sunk in later in life.

What was your experience like moving to Australia? When I came back to Australia for high school I experienced some culture shock seeing how lucky Australians are to have simple freedoms like walking in the street and feeling safe. I was surrounded by 13 year olds whose biggest issue in life was not getting a Justin Bieber ticket.

What are you doing now? I'm in my third year of Industrial Chemistry (Engineering). 



Dr Ou hao (Daniel) Chen is a valued member of the NCV alumni community. Daniel lived as a resident at NCV from 2013-16 including as a Summer Senior Resident (SR) in 2015. He completed his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at UNSW during his time at NCV and always appreciated what the community had to offer:


"I enjoyed a lot of the events organized by SR teams" shares Daniel. "Tuesday suppers provided a way to share life with other residents, and formal dinners connected us to experts from other fields."

From 2016-17 Daniel worked as a post-doctoral research associate, moving to Lismore to work on a research project with Assoc. Professor Geoff Woolcott at Southern Cross University. Together they developed a Mathematics MOOC (Massive

DR DANIEL CHEN

Lecturing in a significant global university

Open Online Course) for students at the University. Since October 2017 Daniel has moved further still from Sydney, working as a Lecturer for the National Institute of Education at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, one of the highest ranking Universities in the world.

"Currently I am supervising and teaching Research Methodology and Advanced Experimental Design in Psychology for Masters students", says Daniel. "My experiences and skills gained from my time at NCV have been invaluable to me and even beneficial for certain tasks at my current University." Daniel loves living in "clean, green" Singapore, and is mostly enjoying the food! NCV wishes Daniel all the best as he continues to work in academia. 



SUMER DAYAL

30 Under 30 Winner



Sumer Dayal (NC 2008-10) is an Intellectual Property and Technology Lawyer at Clayton Utz, one of Australia's leading specialist intellectual property groups. In 2014 he represented UNSW and placed first at the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Geneva, also taking home other awards including Best Oralist. Sumer coached the UNSW representative team to victory this year at the 2018 Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot, and has recently been named a 2018 Winner of Lawyers Weekly's "30 Under 30" Intellectual Property award. *New 'n' Old* recently caught up with Sumer to hear more about his successes since living at New.

As you reflect on your time since leaving New College, what have been your greatest achievements?

Developing my career has been the main thing. Making the transition from being a student to being a professional is a difficult task in any industry. In legal practice, you really start from scratch. I've been lucky to have some special moments in my journey—winning the World Human Rights moot in my final year of University and the 30 under 30 award for intellectual property this year. With the help of my family and friends and some excellent colleagues, I feel like I'm getting there!

How did living at New help prepare you for some of those achievements as you studied at UNSW?
I met some amazing people at New, people from


different backgrounds who were unique in their own way and trying to navigate their own path. My time at New showed me how to engage with different people and how bringing people together can lead to extraordinary things. Theatre in particular was my passion, and the process of working together for a production taught me valuable lessons on engaging with people. I use this knowledge and the memories of my achievements with fellow collegians to this day. Plus, it was incredibly fun.

What is most fulfilling about your career in Law?

Helping people. Law is a special profession in which, the better you get at it, the more opportunities you have to help people in times of difficulty. Clayton Utz (the law firm where I work) has an excellent pro bono practice, meaning that I get an excellent balance of top tier work that keeps me challenged plus pro bono work that allows me to use my skills to assist those with lesser means.

What are your hopes and plans for the future?

Too many to count! There's a few things on the list, but right now I'd like to keep expanding my legal skills. I like my work and the people I meet through it, so it would be nice to keep going and improve as much as I can. That way, I can continue to make a positive impact on the community.

Sumer enjoys living the lawyer life in Sydney, experiencing new food and drink, and waiting for the next Marvel flick. 





PENNY BENJAMIN: ENGINEER TURNED BUSINESS OWNER

Engineer to Nutrition Expert and Enthusiast? What led to such a change in career direction?

In mid-2015, Penny realised she had been struggling with an eating disorder for over 5 years. "After going through an eating disorder myself," Penny shares, "I wanted to really understand what was going on in my body and what was actually true in this world of new fad diets every week."

This determination led to Penny completing a Masters in Human Nutrition, with a view of educating others as to how easy good nutrition can be.

"The focus of my business is nutrition education and applying that to the kitchen through workshops and demonstrations", says Penny. "But I also consult privately and do in-home healthy cooking classes."

Penny calls her business a 'one-woman show' at this stage. When asked what role she carries out on a day-to-day basis, she shares "Owner, director, manager, marketing manager, finance manager, social media coordinator, instructor, everything!" Penny also dabbles in healthy meal recipe development and some food photography, all of which can be viewed at her website pennybenjamin.com.au.  

Penny lived at New College from 2006-08 while she studied a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering. In 2007 she served as Female Sports Director at College and became the President of the Intercollege Sports Association that same year.

At the start of 2018 Penny officially kicked off her own nutrition business in Brisbane, also working part-time in a health food store for support while her business builds. How did Penny go from Chemical

ED LAW: FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY TO DATA SCIENCE



Former resident Edward Law (NCV 2009-12) is none other than NCV's first ever University Medallist (you can even find his name on the Honours Board in the NCV lobby!).

Ed received the university's highest accolade in 2012 for his invariably outstanding results in the Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering. He successfully completed his degree with First Class Honours while living at NCV. Again in 2012, Ed was given the NCV Service Award, a real testament to his character and involvement in the community. Ed was very involved in College life, participating in college sports, BBQ and music nights, Formal Dinners and the Research Group. He also served as an NCV Academic Tutor in 2011 and helped establish the much loved NCV Culture Night as a member of the Resident Committee.

Before graduating, Ed applied for and received an Australian Renewable Energy Agency

(ARENA) Scholarship for Postgraduate Research. He used the scholarship to study a Ph.D. in Photovoltaic Engineering at UNSW, applying solar forecasts to operate a solar thermal power plant.

In 2015, Ed was accepted to present his research at the 3rd International Energy and Meteorology Conference in Boulder, Colorado USA, where he was the recipient of the Award for Best Student Oral Presentation.

Despite great success in his 8 years of study in renewable energy, Ed has recently switched fields to become a Data Scientist in the Product Engineering Team at Digital Alchemy. Ed's role is to design, write and test the analytics code that goes into products, allowing him to use the love of coding and data analysis that he picked up during his Ph.D.  



PAUL WATKINS: REFLECTIONS FROM A FOUNDATION YEAR COLLEGIAN



While New College was still under construction, Paul Watkins arrived at UNSW in 1968 to study architecture. Little did he know that almost forty years later he would be a key player in the creation of New College Village (NCV), which opened in 2009.

Paul was enrolled in a double degree, Bachelor of Science (Majoring in Architecture) and a Bachelor of Architecture. Throughout his first year, he lived in Doncaster Avenue, and walked past the New College construction site on a daily basis. The thought of living in a community and having someone else prepare meals was appealing, so he applied for the 1969 (inaugural) intake.

At this point, there were no oldies or women and the New College Students' Association was in its infancy. Paul reflects that: "there was no sense of community but plenty of testosterone."

"There were pranks, mainly harmless, and 'raids' on other colleges," says Paul. "Other colleges tried to reciprocate but were at a disadvantage as New College was built like a fortress and access was only available via 2 staircases both serviced by well positioned hose reels."

"The building was new and fresh, with students living in groups of 8 and 9 being a new concept in student accommodation", says Paul. While this dynamic took some time to mature, Paul still recalls that, even from the early days, "students in each group grew to be like family and supported each other."

Paul was also a new Christian when he arrived at College, having only committed his life to Christ in the previous year. "I do recall other Christians living in college but we were certainly in the minority."

At the end of Paul's first year at UNSW, he was prompted to have a one-to-one discussion with the head of the Architecture School. He was encouraged to stay with architecture rather than change to Construction Management, a decision he doesn't regret.

"Architecture has provided a great foundation for further industry development and growth and has helped to develop some of my creative attributes that could well have been constrained in other courses."

Paul lived at New College from 1969-73, interrupted by a year out of College in 1971 while undertaking the mandatory practical experience required to continue into the BArch course. He then went on to practice architecture for 5 years before joining a construction company and, thereafter, a property company.

"In hindsight, these decisions were a response to God's leading and provided important training and experience for the work that I would subsequently provide to Christian organisations in later years".

In 1994, Paul joined Lipman Pty Limited, a property development and construction company. He served as the Managing Director of Lipman from 2001 to 2013. While in this role, he received a phone call from Prof Trevor Cairney.

"I agreed to meet with him to discuss his vision for a postgraduate student village. We discussed his vision and worked together to agree a brief, find a site and develop a concept so that his vision could be realised. NCV represents the fulfillment of that vision."

The building of NCV was not to be Paul's only major contribution to New College's development. Shortly after completing NCV, Trevor Cairney reached out to Paul again to discuss a solution to historical water proofing issues. Lipman undertook an audit of the building and recommended the roofing that now covers the courtyard. This was undertaken in 2012, together with a complete refurbishment of the rooms and common spaces.

Paul retired in 2013 with a view to assisting Christian organisations in property and construction. This has resulted in a rich and rewarding 5 years. He has been married to Jenny for 44 years, has 3 children and 7 grandchildren. He continues to serve in a number of areas including chairing of school committees and on property advisory boards. ■



The New College Hockey Team in 1973 with Tony Lord (that year Chairman of the New College Students' Association) pictured far right.

TONY LORD: REFLECTIONS FROM A FOUNDATION YEAR COLLEGIAN

Born and bred in country NSW, Tony Lord arrived at UNSW from West Wyalong in 1969. The first in his family to attend university, his initial task was to enrol in the Optometry course, and then to find himself somewhere to live. Tony recalls applying in person at the College on enrolment day, and being asked to return in a few hours for his interview with then Master Noel Pollard (1969-1972).

"As a single bloke from the bush there just happened to be a test match on at the Sydney Cricket Ground, so I went up there and felt a little bit uncomfortable being in a suit in the outer." His discomfort paid off, however, with an offer to become one of the first residents of New College.

In 1969, New College was essentially a blank slate and getting the community going took some hard work from dedicated students, of which Tony was certainly one. During his five years at the College, he held the NCSA Executive positions of Social Director (1970, 1972), Secretary (1971) and Chairman (1973). The relationship between the early Student Executives and the Administration was often challenging. Alcohol and women were the primary issues of concern. While the students never succeeded in changing the Board's mind on alcohol, they did negotiate the introduction of women into the College in 1974. As 1973 Student Chairman, Tony was at the forefront of this development. Other key initiatives from Tony's time included *New's News* (a weekly student newsletter), Ball, Shop, and Garden Night (the precursor to *Revue*).

One of Tony's favourite memories is the

Foundation Day pram race. Having trained in the wheelbarrow races of West Wyalong, he revelled in speeding around the streets of Sydney in a pram, trying his best to bring glory to New College!

Another memorable moment for him was watching the 1969 moon landing on the television set in the MCR. 300-400 collegians, staff and other UNSW students crowded around the small television set (one of only a few on campus) to witness the historic moment.

Following graduation, Tony was married to Ros in 1974 by then Master of New College Dr Stuart Barton Babbage (1973-1982), which may have been the first alumni wedding officiated by Dr Babbage. Since then, Tony has worked as an optometrist, establishing various practices around the Riverina area, with his core business in West Wyalong. He has also been serving as Councillor Tony Lord on the Bland Shire Council for five terms – as Deputy Mayor for two years, and Mayor for four years. His daughter, Jacqueline Lord, was a resident at the College from 2004-2006. Following in her father's footsteps, she was elected as the NCSA Social Director in 2005.

Although it's been forty-five years since Tony Lord was a resident at New College, he still looks back on his time at the College with warmth. He made friends for life, and was able to play an integral part in the establishment of an entirely new community. And certainly New College has much to credit him and his fellow Executive members with – how would collegians satisfy their late night chocolate cravings without the College Shop? ■

NEW WEDDINGS

Marriages



Charlotte Killen & Marcus Handmer

Charlotte Killen (NC 2009-10) and Marcus Handmer were married on 14 October 2017 at St Peter's, North Sydney, followed by a beautiful reception at the Royal Sydney Golf Club. It was a relaxed day celebrating with family and friends, many of whom are also alumni of New College. The Bridal party included Maid of Honour Louise Killen (NC 2007-09) and the Bible reading was done by Dhanu Eliezer (NC 2009-12). Since leaving New College, Charlotte worked in audit at KPMG for a few years before moving into a corporate accounting role at Westfield. She and Marcus are currently living in Newcastle and are looking forward to the years to come.



David Hicks & Rochelle Oei

David Hicks (NC 2009-11) and Rochelle Oei (NC 2011-12) tied the knot by the beautiful Lakeside at Bendooley Estate in Berrima on 14 January 2018. The couple were blessed with a wonderful day celebrating the life-long commitment they had made to one another followed by an evening reception with good food, wine and dancing. The Bridal Party contained several of the couple's closest friends and alumni from New, including Best Man John Bailey (NC 2009-12), and all three bridesmaids Dhanu Eliezer (NC 2009-12), Eleanor Milham (NC 2012-14), and Matron of Honour Laura Wright (NC 2012-13). Even one of the two adorable flower girls is the daughter of alumnus Nathan Milham (NC 2009-11). Since leaving College, David has gone on to conduct a Ph.D. in Quad Bike Safety (classic Dubbo farm boy!) and Rochelle has completed her medical degree and hospital internship.

Kenan Milham & Eleanor McMahon

Kenan Milham (NC 2013-15) and Eleanor McMahon (NC 2012-14) said their vows on 3 February 2018 at St Matthew's Church, Albury. It was a spectacularly sunny summer's day, with a beautiful reception held at Eleanor's family home in Hamilton Valley following the ceremony. Almost the entire Bridal Party was made up of New College alumni, including Andrew Wright (NC 2011-14), Jethro Dickens (NC 2013-15), Laura Wright (nee Harvey, NC 2012-14), Rochelle Hicks (nee Oei, NC 2011-12) and Dhanu Eliezer (NC 2009-12). Kenan's brother Ryan (NC 2015-17) was also involved as MC. Since leaving New, the Milhams have moved to Orange NSW, where they are trying to turn their Wednesday night social netball team pro. "If we can beat the U13's Fireflies this season we will move into 7th place", says Kenan.





Michael Woo & Eunice Peh

Michael Woo (NCV 2018) and Eunice Peh (NCV 2018) had an exciting Malaysian wedding in Kuala Lumpur on 20 January 2018, with a ceremony at the Luther Centre and reception to follow at the Glasshouse in the city. While the couple were expecting a big wedding, finding out three weeks before the wedding that there would be 700 guests celebrating with them was still a surprise! Guests flew to Malaysia from Singapore, Australia, the United States and Canada. Gathering together extra help from generous family and Church friends, the couple were able to have a fabulous time - and one brilliant party! This year Michael and Eunice have been running the NCV Bible Study Fellowship that meets weekly and enjoying getting to know residents from all over the world.

NEW FAMILIES



Gilmours

Mark (NC 2010-12) and Christine Gilmour (NC 2004-09) have become proud parents to a beautiful baby daughter. Grace Elizabeth Gilmour was born on December 18th 2017, weighing in at 3.27kg.



Billingham

Jonathan (NC 2006-09) and Linda Billingham had a sweet little girl on the 29th of December 2017. Weighing in at 2.9kg and measuring 48cm, Bethany Joy Billingham is a beautiful gift to two excited new parents.




Martins

Angus (NC 2012-13) and Olivia Martin (NC 2011-12, NCV 2013) are thrilled to have welcomed baby Edward Martin into the world in April. Born at St George Hospital, Edward weighed an impressive 4.01kg and measured at 53cm.



Milhams

Nathan (NC 2009-11) and Katherine Milham are excited to announce that Sophia (3) and David (nearly 2) have a new little brother. Elijah Nicholas Rui-Yong Milham was born on the 16th of May, a lovely surprise arriving 3 weeks early, weighing 2.29kg and measuring 46cm! 

NCV COMMUNITY


FUN FESTIVITIES FROM NCV O-WEEK

This year's, NCV O-week entailed a whole lot of fun and adventure taking place from February 19 to March 2. Take a look at the various activities held at NCV over an excellent 12 days:

- A casual **welcome 'kick off' dinner** meant delicious free food and a chance to meet new neighbours and reconnect with old friends. Prizes were won and fun was had by all!
- **Pub trivia night**, an NCV favourite, included questions catering to residents from all cultures and corners of the globe in a battle of the brains. Some feisty competition left several teams scrambling for the prizes.
- **Friday night BBQ and live music** kept everyone entertained and with full bellies. Games and activities were also run to help foster friendships. There's nothing like a bit of scrumptious food and jolly good fun on your Friday – and all for free!
- The **Christian Fellowship Welcome** was a great chance for one and all to meet some of the Christian residents, hear about what they believe and discover what events and activities they run weekly throughout the year. It was an awesome opportunity for Christians and non-Christians

alike to open up some important thinking and discussions.

- The official **Welcome Dinner for new residents**, and the **supper crawl** to follow, saw new residents get an official introduction to the Master, Dean and Senior Residents (SR's) of NCV over dinner. The SR's then hosted supper with delicious food on each floor of NCV.
- **Postgrad night** was a welcome party and opportunity to start the academic year in style! Sushi, wine and cheese helped postgrads enjoy an evening socialising with peers.
- The free **Pancake Brekky** on Friday March 2nd was an excellent way to celebrate the end of week 1 of uni. Plenty of mouth-watering toppings were available, and games of badminton were played by many keen residents.

NCV O-week is an incredible time of fun and friendship. It is a wonderful time for both new and returning residents to connect with others in their course and on their floor. NCV continually endeavours to be more than a convenient place to live, as a community that fosters a supportive and welcoming environment to all who walk through its doors. 



Q&A 2.0

NCV residents ask the hard-hitting questions – again!



On Monday 16 April, NCV residents Hayley Pollock and Ahmed Zafar Iqbal attended the studio filming of Q&A, with host Virginia Trioli. The episode's panellists were Ken Roth (International Executive Director of Human Rights Watch), Mitch Fifield (Minister for Communications and the Arts), Missy Higgins (Australian singer-songwriter), Grahame Morris (Liberal Party strategist and former Chief of Staff to John Howard), and Amanda Rishworth (Labor Party frontbencher). The episode touched on topics as diverse as privacy, missile strikes, refugees and celebrity activism.

Hayley and Ahmed both had the opportunity to put questions regarding Syria forward to the panel, which can be found by searching for the April 16th program at www.abc.net.au/tv/qanda.


Ahmed asked: *"In light of the recent war in Syria, including the alleged chemical attack on Syrian civilians and the military response, it's obvious that we face a surge of refugees that are fleeing the region. Should Australia be granting more refugees a safe haven than it currently is, given especially that Australia now has a seat on the UN human rights council?"*

Sharing about his experience afterwards Ahmed said: *"Being on Q&A was an amazing experience and my family back home in Pakistan was especially pleased after seeing me on the show. I was really pleased by Ken Roth's response to my question, and his response to Grahame Morris. I agreed with him 100%. Missy Higgins came through on the answer in a very emotional and*



impactful way. I was disappointed with Grahame Morris' response and wonder how he would feel if, through an accident of birth, he was the one fleeing bombs and war?"

In 2015, the Australian Government announced that it would make an extra 12,000 humanitarian places available in response to the conflicts in Syria and Iraq. These 12,000 places were filled in addition to Australia's Humanitarian Program, which totalled 13,750 places for the 2015-16 financial year. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) currently estimates there are 65 million refugees globally.

As always Q&A provided an opportunity for divergent views and ideas to be explored in a melting pot, reflecting a range of issues being grappled with by society. NCV is similar a melting pot in which a diverse range of ideas are explored in a community representing over 40 nationalities and communities from all over NSW and across Australia. 

CLOTHES SWAP



NCV residents were encouraged to clean out their closets for a cause to raise scholarship funds for school students in rural Cambodia on May 19th.

The donated clothes were sold for \$5 each. Residents aimed to raise \$300 to provide food security for those studying in the Ntuk Ni dorm in the eastern province of Mondulkiri on the Vietnamese border. The eight indigenous Bunong students studying from Year 6 to Year 10 currently live on a USD\$0.50 a day food ration which is not adequate for their needs. A


\$300 sponsorship would take the food ration up to 75 cents per day which will be enough to feed the students a more nutritious and varied diet.

NCV Dean Susan Bazzana writes,


“It is great that NCV residents can be a part of assisting a community which is seeing the value of education and wanting to provide opportunities for its young people to gain high school education.”

New College Village is thrilled to be able to be part of this change for the

four girls currently studying in the Ntuk Ni dorm.

Clean clothes were collected by current residents Ashley Andrews, Shenani Weerasinghe, Priyanka Raju and May Gao and were sold in the NCV Reading Room. All money raised by the clothes swap was donated to help less fortunate families support their children and afford school fees without the concern of meal costs. Many NCV residents participated to support the students in Cambodia while picking out some new winter wardrobe items! 

BAKE SALE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA

In April, Senior Resident Dawn Ee enlisted the help of some generous friends in the NCV community and organised a charity bake sale to raise money for Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect). Eager and supportive residents, including Dawn’s NCV Level 3 volunteers, worked well together to provide delectable treats for the sale, bringing along cakes, biscuits and muffins. The event was a massive encouragement for all involved, having raised over \$450 and receiving a \$100 donation from a particularly kind and giving 3rd Level resident! NCV is a dedicated community that commits itself to service and generosity, especially for the sake of the disadvantaged and marginalised. 




LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Lunar New Year (LNY) is typically a time to reunite with family over plenty of scrumptious food. Each year, the NCV community gathers together as one big family to share in the cultural festivities. This LNY, NCV residents joined with each other for dinner in the main common room. Various countries celebrate LNY in different ways. In South East Asia, families have hotpot. In China, among the many dishes dumplings is one of the most popular. At the NCV Lunar New Year, residents spoiled themselves with numerous hotpots (varying in spice!) and tasty sides.

Many say that the point of LNY is to have contentedly stuffed bellies full of delicious food. This was certainly achieved!

With a turn out that was close to 60, the spicy hotpot proved to be most popular with a constant line of people coming back for more. Much thanks goes to the several volunteers who prepared for hours and showed up early to help out in the kitchen. Rachel Lee, Dawn Ee and Man-Hin Ma put in a great effort and the night was a spectacular success. 

CULTURE NIGHT



On Saturday 5th May, New College Village hosted the inaugural culture night in the Main Common Room. The event was a great success, with 80 residents coming together to celebrate the diverse nations of residents' in the community.

Many students donned traditional dress to celebrate the evening and showcase their rich culture. More than a dozen booths were setup to represent a multitude of home countries including Europe, the US, China, Hong Kong, Australia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, the Philippines and a number of African countries.

At each booth, residents offered an array of

delicious dishes unique to their culture. A selection of music from around the world played as the vibrant aromas of many a childhood meal or family tradition came to visit this home away from home for the evening.

In this close-knit community of 315 students, student-led social and cultural activities provide the opportunity to foster a fun, safe and welcoming environment. A special thanks to our Senior Resident Kristen Gronhovd (NCV 2016-present) who took the lead in organising the diverse teams to present Culture Night in 2018. 

KATHERINE YATES

Geotechnical Engineer




From January to July this year, New College Village had the privilege of welcoming Ph.D. student Katherine Yates from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. With a Masters of Science in Engineering Geology, Katherine previously worked in the Geotechnical Engineering industry. Now carrying out a Ph.D., Katherine came to UNSW as a Research Practicum student for six months to work with Associate Professor Adrian Russell in the Civil Engineering School.

“Getting the opportunity to learn from Associate Professor Adrian Russell (New Collegian 1993-94) has been the most valuable part of my visit to UNSW”, Katherine shares. “He is an expert in his field and a great teacher. I feel very lucky to have had the

opportunity to come here and work with him.”

Katherine came to UNSW to learn about unsaturated soil mechanics, and to use the high-tech equipment in the Geotechnical Engineering Laboratory.


It was Professor Russell who recommended NCV to Katherine. The NCV community acts as a home away from home for many. For Katherine, involvement in social events and having other Postgraduate students around were significant in allowing her to enjoy and make the most of her time in Australia.

“The culture at NCV is very friendly and supportive, which was great especially when I missed home”, Katherine says. “Living at NCV was really valuable to me. It allowed me to make the most of each day in Sydney, and enabled me to get involved in a fun community of people.” 

VIJAY PRAKASH

2nd Place at International ‘Day of Crisis’ Competition

Congratulations to NCV’s Vijay Prakash (NCV 2013-current) and the team of International Studies and Law students representing UNSW at this year’s International Day of Crisis Competition in Paris at Nanterre University. The team, consisting of five members including Vijay and New College alumna Annabelle Thorne (NC 2015-16), took home the trophy for 2nd place. The team drew upon international law and strategised for over 24 hours to resolve several major international crisis simulations. Teams from the most prestigious law schools, such as King’s College London and Universities in Russia, Germany, Belgium and France also competed.

Teams were required to provide written and oral presentations, addressing various scenarios such as providing legal advice to undertaking negotiations on behalf of a state involved in the crises. NCV is proud to see many of its residents achieve great academic success in Australia and beyond. All the best to Vijay and Annabelle as they continue to excel in their fields of study. 



ACADEMIC AWARDS AND PRIZES AT NEW COLLEGE VILLAGE

The first semester NCV Commencement Dinner was a notable event with the outstanding academic achievements of residents, alumni and special guests being acknowledged. Among the high table guests were Dr Cecilia White, Dr Thamali Lekmage, Dr Elizabeth Marcellina and Dr Muhammad Aqib Chishty, all alumni or current residents who were commended for completing their PhDs in 2017. A big congratulations to all NCV residents and alumni who were recognised for their wonderful academic success at the 2018 Commencement Dinner. ^(AB)

Academic Awards:

Name	Residency	Prize
Ella Bricknell	Current	The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Dean's list
Jay Carroll	Current	Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous Programs Spirit Prize - for the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
Qingbei Cheng	Current	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Shalom Ho	2014-17	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Jonathan Hopkins	Current	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Rachel Li	2014-18	The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Dean's List
Enoch Nadan	2017-18	The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Dean's List
Mike Ni	2017	The Australian Graduate School of Management Merit List Prize
Tim Pilkington	2015-17	The Faculty of Law Dean's List
Aref Samadi	Current	The Steve Robinson Memorial Prize
Matthew Taylor	Current	Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous Programs Rising Star "Burbuga Birrung" Prize
Monai Thangsuphanich	2018	The Wisetech Global COMP9323 Prize
Jasmine Tomich	Current	Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous Programs Rising Star "Burbuga Birrung" Prize
Nicholas Vardanega	2015-17	The Faculty of Law Dean's List

2017 PhDs Awarded:

Name	Residency	PhD
Dr Aqib Chishty	Current	Transported PDF Modelling of Pollutants at Diesel Engines Conditions
Dr Sameera Durrani	Current	Representing Nations through Visual Narratives: Pakistan and Iran in Time Magazine (1981-2010)
Dr Thamali Lekmage	2012-17	An Automated Approach for Analysing, Classifying and Predicting Protein X-Ray Crystallography Images
Dr Elizabeth Marcellina	2014-18	Spin-orbit interactions in low-dimensional semiconductor holes
Dr Nabeel Qazi	2013-15	A point-particle direct numerical simulation study of turbulent particle-laden round jets
Dr Hansika Rathnayake	2013-17	Control of a Fractional-Slot, Concentrated-Wound Interior Permanent Magnet Generator for Direct-Drive Wind Generation Applications
Dr Pesila Ratnayake	2012-17	Analysis and Control of Concentration Polarisation in Reverse Osmosis Membrane Systems
Dr Cecilia White	2011-17	Performance Art and Irigarayan Renaissance: Anxiety, Wonder and a Poetics of Breath

2017 NCV Awards:

Name	Residency	NCV Award
Rachel Firmer	Current	Science
Xiaomian (May) Gao	Current	1st Year Medicine
Kirsten Gronhovd	Current	Juris Doctor
Jonathan Hopkins	Current	Engineering
Yilin Lee	Current	Architecture
Xin Rui (Rachel) Li	2014-18	Arts
Yi-Chen (Iris) Lin	Current	NCV Masters Student Award

2017 ACADEMIC AWARDS AND PRIZES AT NEW COLLEGE

Congratulations to all New Collegians, current and alumni, who were recognised for the academic achievements of their studies at the 2018 Semester 1 Commencement Dinner.

The extensive list of recipients includes two University Medallists, Jessica Rooke and Scarlett Stemler. The university medal is a prestigious accolade for students to receive. It is only awarded once annually to the highest performing undergraduate in each faculty who has maintained an extraordinary academic record throughout the duration of their university degree. Congratulations to all the New College recipients!

Name	Residency	Prize
Nicholas Bosworth	2016-17	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Benjamin Connor	Current	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences and The UNSW Chemical Society Prize in Level 1 Chemistry
Dominic Cooper	2014-16	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Elise Delpiano	2014	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Rachel Ditton	Current	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Rachel Evans	1990-91	The Full Time Class of 1962 Civil Engineering and Surveying Alumni Prize for the highest Weighted Average Mark (WAM) at the end of 3rd Year to a local female in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Timothy Fernando	Current	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Caroline Flynn	2016-17	The Samos Polymers Prize in Industrial Chemistry for the best performance in Year 2 Industrial Chemistry
Geordie Gilmour	2014	The Planning Institute of Australia (NSW Division) Prize for Excellence in Integrated Planning & The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
William Green	2015-16	The Dean's Award for the best performance in Year 1, 2 or 3 in the Bachelor of Engineering program
Lucy Haggstrom	2012-13	The Medicine in Phase 3 Prize for the best performance in Medicine Phase 3 assessments, The St Vincent's Clinical School Prize, The Doug Tracy Prize for Surgery and The John Hickie Prize for Medicine
Emma Hastie	Current	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Liam Hayes	2014-15	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award for the best performance in Year 1, 2 or 3 in the Bachelor of Engineering program and The Gordon and Mabel Godfrey Prize in Theoretical Physics 3
Edward Hirst	2013-14	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Anna Holtby	2010-11	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Jia Yi (Emily) Hong	2013-14	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Mitchell Kingsland	Current	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Rosemary Kirk	2015-16	The Bachelor of Medical Studies Academic Excellence Prize for the best performance in written course and phase examinations in Phase 1 and Phase 2
Joshua Little	2013	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Hayley Mallinder	2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Angus McDonnell	2014-15	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Glenn McGuire	2016-17	The Dean's Award for the best performance in Year 1, 2 or 3 in the Bachelor of Engineering program
Albert Osti	2013-14	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Ha Pham	2016-17	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Harriet Radford	2013-14	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Millicent Rivory	2015	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Mitchell Roberts	Current	The Faculty of Science Dean's List
Jessica Rooke	2013-14	The University Medal in Ecology
Paul Rozenbroek	2015	The D.I. McCloskey Stage 3 Physiology Prize for the highest average mark in any three Stage 3 Physiology courses by a grad with a major in Physiology
Kate Sinclair	2014-15	The Donald Horne Prize for the best performance in Politics
Jack Smith	2015	The David Phillips Prize for the best overall performance in 3rd year Resource Estimation and Mine Planning and The Behre Dolbear Prize for Best Overall Proficiency (or Performance) in Year 3
Scarlett Stemler	2014-15	The University Medal in Sociology & Anthropology The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Declan Walsh	2013	The Dean's Award for the best performance in Year 1, 2 or 3 in the Bachelor of Engineering program
Annabelle Willemsen	Current	The Faculty of Science Dean's List
Ellen Woffenden	2013-14	The Dean's List - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences The Dean's List - Faculty of Law The Willis Towers Watson Prize for the highest aggregate in ACTL3141 Actuarial Statistics, ACTL3151 Life Insurance and Superannuation Models, ACTL3162 Insurance Risk Models and ACTL3182 Financial Economics for Insurance and Superannuation by a graduating student in the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies Program
Johnny Wong	2014-17	The Insureware Prize for the best performance in ACTL3162 Insurance Risk Models
Kelsey Young	2015-16	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List

2017 New College Academic Prizes


Each year New College awards prizes to Collegians recognizing their academic achievements in the previous year. Congratulations to the following recipients!

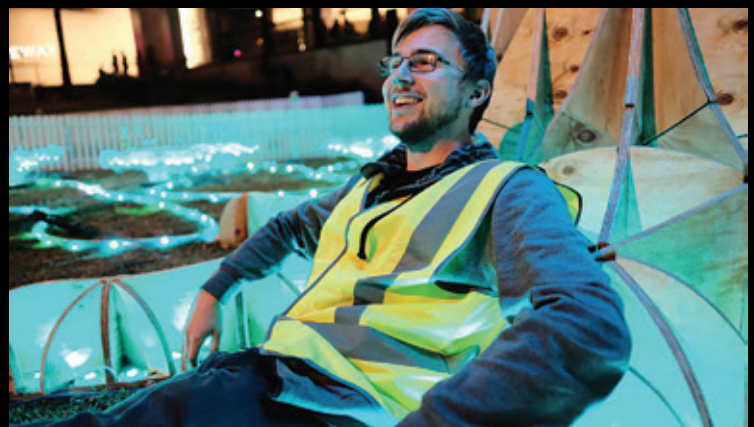
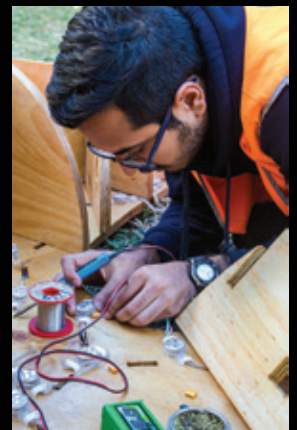
New Collegian	New College Academic Prize
Rachel DITTON	Architecture
Kent HU	Engineering
Mitch ROBERTS	Maths
Laura RODEN	Medicine
Annabelle WILLEMSSEN	Science
Jacqueline WILLING	Arts

COLLEGIANS LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

New Collegians and other students from UNSW left Sydney-siders and tourists in awe yet again with an outstanding submission to this year's *Vivid: Light, Music & Ideas Festival*. Jono Hribar, now a fourth year living at New, took on the role of Project Co-Lead this year, and recruited the help of fellow Collegians Jason Chu (2nd Year at NC) and Jeremy Low (also 4th Year at NC) as collaborators on the brilliantly lit *Synergy*.



Jono and the four other students from CREATE NSW Inc. (UNSW) began brainstorming ideas with collaborators on *Synergy* from late July 2017 and worked on the project all the way through to installation for the 2018 Vivid festival. *Synergy* represents a complex superorganism; a large tree sculpture surrounded by and connected to similarly stylised and lit up ferns using interactive technology

Read more about *Synergy* at www.vividsydney.com/event/light/synergy. 



NC O-WEEK

New College's 2018 O-week certainly was a blast. Group bonding, racing around campus and the city, jetboating, doing this year's fresher dance repeatedly and wearing the same shirt every day of the week... what's not to love? After a lot of food, dancing, partying, laughing and overall good times, this year's freshers were very

much welcomed into the New College community, having gained excellent memories that will last a life time. New College O-week is one of the best parts of the year for many and is a catalyst for forming friendships. Here are some snaps from an unforgettable O-week.  



MICHAEL TIDBALL



On 30 May New College residents had the privilege of receiving an address from alumnus Michael Tidball (NC 1980-83) who was the guest of honour at the End of Session Formal Dinner.

Michael, now the Secretary General of LAWASIA and CEO of the Law Society of New South Wales, spoke on the importance of leadership at all levels in the community as we grapple with complex and unforeseen challenges. His main argument was that for leadership to be effective, it must always be relational. Michael was delighted to return to New College and was deeply impressed by the College's commitment to creating a warm and inviting culture.



"It is incredibly important that New College provides a safe and open environment, recognising how incredibly different and diverse humans can be", said Michael. "In the years since I left the College, we have learnt so much about wellbeing and the vulnerability of individuals lives. I strongly got the sense that New College culture has become sensitive to respecting the individuality of each person."

Michael recently shared with *New 'n' Old* about his time as a resident of the College: "During the early 1980's, the New College community was diverse, robust and exciting. The cross-section of various social, sporting and cultural activities were what enriched the College. It was an incredibly exciting place to live." Michael was involved in many of these activities throughout his time at New, also serving as Secretary, and then President, of the New College Students Association (NCSA). "To be elected as NCSA President in 1983 was a great privilege, and a very useful foray into the art of representation, leadership



and politics," Michael shared. He later served on the New University Colleges Council from 1993-1996.

After leaving university, Michael worked in Government in a variety of settings before joining the Law Society. The longest and most fulfilling role was when he was a Senior Advisor and Ministerial Staff to various Cabinet Ministers during the terms of the Greiner and Faye Governments in NSW. "The fusion of policy work and politics was invigorating and a remarkable training ground in the skills of negotiation and learning how to make big things happen," said Michael. And now, being Secretary General of LAWASIA and CEO of the Law Society of NSW allows Michael to be part of dynamic organisations that engage in a full range of issues enabling lawyers to practise in communities.

It is through Michael's work with the Law Society that he has come to hold the Rule of Law as foundational to achieving meaningful and rewarding results. "People's liberties, the respect for life and the fundamentals of civil society are reflected everyday in my work," shared Michael. "The Rule of Law underwrites a civil society in which we are allowed to express ourselves and have our rights preserved." Michael attributes his years at New College as critical in shaping him to form the understanding and values that he has today: "Your time at New College provides amazing opportunity to explore meaning and gain knowledge. It will help you grow networks and relationships which will endure for life, if that is your choice. It is an experience well worth maximising."  

“HOW TO SUCCEED” IN REVIVING THE NEW COLLEGE MUSICAL



New College’s annual production danced, sung and played its way to a close in front of a delighted full house in early May. The performance of the hit Broadway musical “How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying” marked a spectacular return to the era of major New College musicals 12 years after the College’s inaugural musical production.

More than 80 collegians dedicated hundreds of hours over nine weeks to stage this comic gem that takes aim at big business with sharp satirical wit. The Tony Award winning production tells the story of a young window washer in the 1960s by the name of J. Pierrepont Finch who discovers a book with instructions on how to climb to the top of the corporate ladder. But it’s not long before Finch’s unorthodox and morally questionable business practices jeopardize his career and his flowering romance with Secretary Rosemary Pilkington.

Show-stopping numbers including “Brotherhood of Man” and “Coffee Break,” were performed by a cast of 20 collegians, and played live by a 15

piece orchestra. Behind the scenes, 14 subcommittees worked to perfect each detail of choreography, costume, hair, makeup, props, set and tech design.

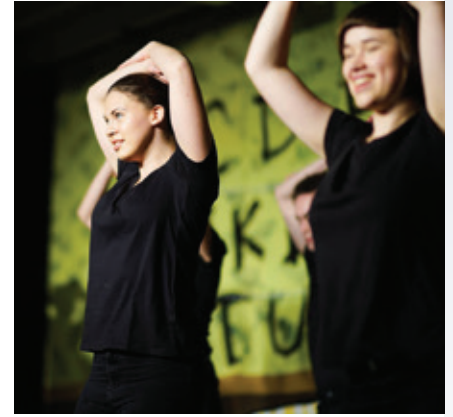
Bethany ‘Dot’ Stewart excelled in the challenging role of orchestra conductor while still only in her first year at New College. Ultimately, the production could not have been possible without the dedication and passion of directors Hannah Boardman and Amy Chang, and producers Kate Hobbs & Mimi Rosenbaum.

Throughout the season, there was a buzz in the air as collegians realised they were both reviving an epic tradition and creating a completely unique event in our College’s history and culture. A great sense of pride and college spirit was poured into every aspect of the production. This energy was clear on stage, from the colour, to the costumes, to the choreography. New College alumna Adela Davis says:

“The New College musical was such an entertaining watch. I particularly enjoyed the witty improvisation on Saturday night!” ■ JB



“RARE STUFF” THE 2018 NEW COLLEGE REVUE



The New College Students' Association staged its annual theatrical Revue over three nights from 30 August to 1 September. Many Collegians contributed to make *Rare Stuff* (a spinoff of Netflix series *Stranger Things*) a booming success. Music, drama, song and dance filled the Main Common Room in testimony to the many hours of hard work put in by all involved under the lead of artistic directors, Zachary Beckton and Lachlan Hamilton, and producers Lorna Arkell and Cynthia Loh. Congratulations to all Collegians on a fantastic show! ▶

GENETICS, GOD AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

Dr Denis Alexander delivered the 2018 New College Lectures on the theme *Genetics, God and the Future of Humanity* from 11-13 September. The New College auditorium was packed for all three nights as Dr Alexander built his case for the need for societies and individuals to tread carefully as the world seeks the potential benefits of human modification. He explored how this is increasingly possible through genetic modification, as

well as biological and technological manipulation of human life. Dr Alexander also illuminated many of the current scientific and ethical limitations and pointed to areas where existing ethical norms are being challenged.

The lectures were both scientifically rigorous and considered from within a biblical framework, taking account of differing philosophical perspectives including transhumanism. Dr Alexander was very generous in his question time, answering a broad range of questions from a diverse audience which included residents of New College and NCV, UNSW staff and students, Christian theologians and students, members of local churches and the wider community.

An Australian launch of Dr Alexander's new book, *Is there Purpose in Biology?* (Oxford: Lion, 2018) preceded the first lecture.

Dr Denis Alexander is the Founding Director of The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, where he is Emeritus Fellow. He is a past chair of the Molecular Immunology Programme and Head of the Laboratory of Lymphocyte Signalling and Development at The Babraham Institute, Cambridge. He delivered the Gifford Lectures at St. Andrews University in 2012 (published by CUP in 2017 under the title 'Genes, Determinism and God').

The lecture videos will soon be available at www.case.edu.au



NEWS IN BRIEF



Vale Mark Fairfull

It was with deep sadness that the New College community recently lost a much loved former member of staff, Mark Fairfull. He died from an aneurysm on Sunday, 2 September 2018. The sudden and unexpected death was a great shock, especially to those closest to him.

Mark was the Alumni and Public Relations Co-ordinator at New College from November 2004 until May 2010. He was known and loved by staff and the residents for his infectious laugh, great sense of humour and a deep love of his Lord Jesus.

Mark had a strong passion for his work and was always eager to perfect whatever he was working on, working closely with former Master, Trevor Cairney. His work creating previous iterations of the college websites and producing marketing material enabled many to discover our community and become collegians. His work fundraising for the College assisted many in financial need to be able to live with us.

Promoting CASE (Centre for Christian Apologetic Scholarship & Education) and the New College Lectures was always more than just a job for Mark, as he desired to see Jesus and the Christian faith positively

impact all aspects of life. Mark's production of the 2005 Church and State DVD featuring The Hon. Kevin Rudd and The Hon. John Anderson even became college legend... we're still giving the DVDs away. Of course, Mark's work on this publication, *New 'n' Old*, was just one of many ways Mark sought to faithfully represent the College beyond the walls of New.

In addition to his work on staff, Mark took the time to get to know many New Collegians. He was known for his sometimes high-spirited conversations over college lunch and could often be found debating current affairs in the dining room. Mark attended college band nights, New College Christian Fellowship events and weekends, and always supported college theatrical productions and major sporting events.

After leaving New College, Mark kept in contact with many of the friends he had made along the way. He went on to work as the Fundraising Manager for the radio station, HOPE 103.2. Later, he joined the staff team at Moore Theological College, where in recent years he again worked alongside Trevor Cairney. Mark loved to serve in his local church and always showed a deep love for his parents, siblings, and nephews.

Mark was farewelled in a Service of thanksgiving at Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli on Wednesday, 12 September 2018. He will be missed by many alumni and his former colleagues of New College.

Thanks to Louie Chubb

Dr Louie Chubb first arrived at New College in 1978, beginning a 40-year association with the College, and later, New College Village and CASE.

After residing in College for 4 years, Louie returned as a New College Board Member in 2004, and has now finished up after 14 years of loyal service in May this year. Over this time, the Board presided over the opening of New College Village, as well as the major

renovations carried out in New College over 2011-12, including the roofing of the courtyard. Also a Director of New College Village Board, Louie contributed to NCV's planning and construction, working with the Master and Board to ensure the launch of a state-of-the-art postgraduate village that has developed into a thriving community.

Louie has also been a faithful supporter of the College's work in Christian ministry and scholarship, contributing to *Case Quarterly* and maintaining consistent involvement with the New College Lectures. The College would like to express its deep gratitude for Louie's dedication to the College over the last 40 years, and for continuing to support its community and ministry.

Farewell Steve Wasley

Steve Wasley arrived as New College's Maintenance Supervisor in May 2012, and after 6 years at the College, has retired as of February this year. The College is very thankful for Steve's hard work in ensuring the College ran safely and efficiently. The staff also always appreciated his enthusiasm for beetroot sandwiches at morning tea! We wish Steve the best in his retirement. He is looking forward to spending lots of time restoring classic cars.

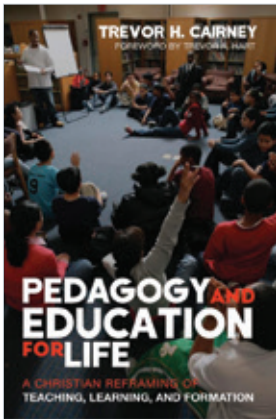
Welcome Steve Matic



New College's new Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Matic, arrived in February this year. Steve has come from a similar role at the University of Technology,

Sydney, and so has much experience to bring to the role. Steve is married to Tilema and they have four children. Welcome to New College, Steve!

NEW BOOKS

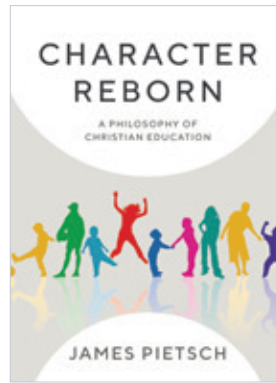


Pedagogy and Education for Life, Trevor H. Cairney, Cascade Books, 2018, 198 pp.

Trevor Cairney

Former New College Master (2002-16), E/Prof. Trevor Cairney has a recent book out in the area of Christian education, *Pedagogy and Education for Life: A Christian Reframing of Teaching, Learning and Formation*. Trevor aims to recapture the term pedagogy and emphasise its centrality to both the teacher's role, and as the basis for the orchestration of classroom life.

Trevor argues for this emphasis on pedagogy from an understanding that all students come to classrooms having experiences of many and various communities. There are a multitude of books on Christian education, but few consider pedagogy with a biblical focus on formation, and a grounding in related disciplines.



Character Reborn: A Philosophy of Christian Education, James Pietsch, Acorn Press, 2018, 241 pp.

James Pietsch

Former Dean (2003-09) and alumnus (1988-91) of New College, Dr James Pietsch, has also published a book this year under the title *Character Reborn: A Philosophy of Christian Education*. In his book, James gives a fresh perspective and considers the distinct potential and opportunities of Christian schools in Australia today.

Character Reborn urges Christians in education to think seriously about how they might make the most of their opportunities to share the gospel of Christ with the many Australians who are drawn to Christian schooling. James sets out an approach to education that focuses on *learning character*, whereby students in the Christian school context experience and practice the values of the kingdom of God – grace, compassion, kindness, and humility – as integral to their development, whatever their religious or cultural background.

Character Reborn acts as a motivation to persevere in seeking to grow today's students into those of Christian character by preparing them to face challenges in life in both the present and future. ▀

2018 SPORTS WRAP

Congratulations to the New College girls on your spectacular effort in claiming the 2018 Inter-College Sports Shield.

The sporting calendar finished on a high note with the girls winning the hockey grand finals for the second year running in a stunning 3-0 finish against Basser College. In an absolutely nail-biting and hard fought game, our boys also won the Hockey Final, 3-2 against Warrane College." ▀

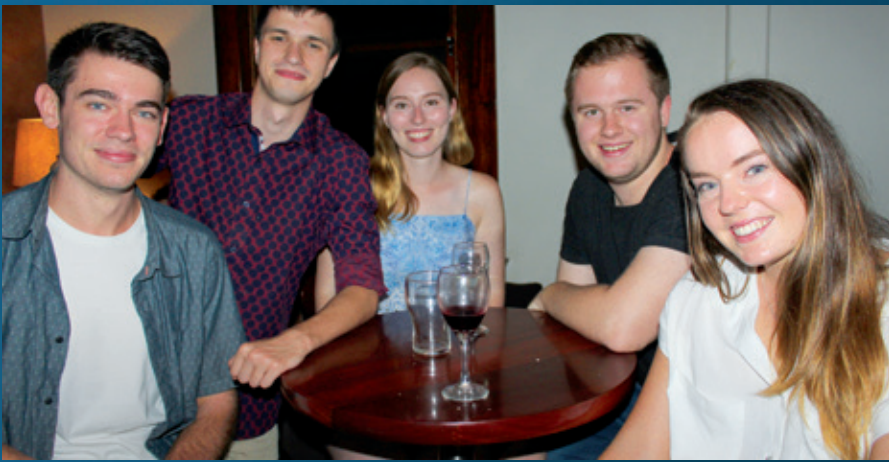


Erratum

New 'n' Old 2017:

The information regarding the producers and directors of the 2017 New College revue, as stated on page 26, paragraph 4, is in error and should read as follows: "Producers Grace James and Julia Cooper, as well as directors Hannah Beiboer and Evie Friedrich, had cause to be proud as nearly 100 residents worked together to present a fantastic Revue staged over three nights." ▀

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