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## NCV: A new community begins



On 5 January 2009 the College opened its new residential building for postgraduate students – New College Village (NCV). The new \$36 million building, UNSW's first postgraduate residence – accommodates 315 students. In both communities New College provides ongoing pastoral care and spiritual development through a strong team of supportive residential staff led by a live-in Dean.

With the advent of NCV, New College is now providing two parallel communities for its 563 residents. In both communities the College seeks to challenge residents to seriously consider matters of faith. The

purpose-built residence includes 13 common rooms, a Games Room, Main Common Room, Business Centre, Reading Room, a convenience store and three outdoor recreation areas designed to promote student interaction.

NCV is the most significant change to come to New College since its opening in 1969; the newly completed NCV welcomed 15 new residents on its first day. The admission of these first residents followed practical completion on 19 December 2008. NCV's very first resident to check in was Laura Sharpe who is in the 3rd year of a doctoral program. All the way from Penrith!!

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### NCV Official Opening

The official opening of New College Village took place on Friday May 8. It was a wonderful event, bringing together University staff, the church, alumni, friends and donors of New College, representatives of the builders, architects and the NCV community. The guests at the opening were leading burns surgeon Prof Fiona Wood, Archbishop of Sydney The Most Rev Peter Jensen and UNSW Vice Chancellor and President Prof Fred Hilmer (pictured below with Prof Trevor Cairney (Master) from left).



Those in attendance were very impressed by the building and tours of apartments and rooms were conducted. Prof Wood opened the building by unveiling a commemorative plaque. She spoke about the benefits of communities fostered by places such as NCV, in particular, the role that communities can play in supporting research. Professor Wood also spoke about the formative impact that a residential college had on her own life.





Professor Trevor Cairney

## From the Master

In our 40th year this was always going to be an edition in which we celebrated the impact of New College on people's lives. But the content of this edition should provide alumni added reason to celebrate, particularly those who have shared the vision of New College for more than these 40 years. I speak about people like Lawrie and Alison Lyons who began meeting to discuss how to build Christian residential colleges back in 1957. I also speak about numerous board members, former staff, and alumni who have always felt that the New College experience was too good to keep to ourselves. New College and Robert Menzies College were the outcome of the shared vision of a small group of 'founders' of New. Fittingly, Lawrie and Alison were recently made Life Fellows of New College. While I can't believe that it has taken us so long to confer the honour on them, it seems fitting that it coincides with the completion of the New College Village (NCV). I see the NCV as an outcome of the grace of God in inspiring the vision of our founders in the 1950s.

The opening of the doors of the NCV to residents on 5 January was an exciting moment but a somewhat stressful time as we began the operation of our new postgraduate community with our first batch of 15 residents. Day by day the numbers grew and slowly it became easier to manage the demands of operating a sophisticated new building. Our staff were magnificent during the first few months as we worked outside our comfort zones. The official opening on 8 May was a wonderful celebration and opportunity to give thanks to God and the many contributors to the NCV.

For Carmen and I, living in the building has been a real joy. Like the residents, we love living in this building. And while the building itself is special,



what has become apparent is that the community is even more special. Our 315 residents drawn from every continent (except Antarctica) and representing at least 55 nations came wanting to get to know other people and were attracted to the concept of a postgraduate community living and learning together. We had our first formal dinner on the evening of 11 June, not something I had planned to do in a self-catered building, but something that was requested by residents. This wonderful evening took place at New College (after 248 New College residents had eaten) and was like a New College dinner, with a couple of interesting differences. For example, at the end of the evening there was half an hour of photo taking; residents formed groups, posed with Carmen and I and we chatted about the wonderful semester that we've all had.

This edition marks a significant change as the magazine broadens to become a newsletter for a broadened alumni and two communities. We hope it works for readers. As usual, we have details on lots of weddings and engagements (when will we have our first at NCV?), details on New Collegians' continuing contributions to fighting against social injustice, flashbacks on life at New decade by decade, Grant Lockart's memories of New, a 'New' baby for Jacqui Hughes, updates on two batches of freshers, and our regular features. Once again, Mark Fairfull has done a wonderful job pulling this edition together. I hope you enjoy reading it in this our 40th year. **Trevor Cairney** ▀

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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 College is a vibrant and close knit community, strong in academic, sporting, cultural, social and community service activities.

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.
- New College Lectures, in 1986 the College set up a Trust to conduct an annual series of public lectures. Lecturers address an important issue or aspect of contemporary society and comment on it from the standpoint of their Christian faith and professional expertise.

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# NCV opens doors

*For the second time in 40 years a building start-up phase occurred for New College in January 2009, when New College opened the doors of New College Village.*

## Starting New College's newest community

While the vision of building and running our new college has become a reality, the ongoing challenge has been the expansion of New College's operations to support the resident population which has now expanded to 563. This has raised new questions for management and staff. Particularly, how to increase the College's staff levels adequately to ensure the smooth running of both communities? In responding to this issue, new staff members have been hired to perform tasks specific to the NCV. Within the building a team of Senior Residents (equivalent to RAs at New) have been appointed who have received training in providing pastoral care to the NCV community. Six Academic Tutors have also been appointed who reside at NCV covering a range of different disciplines.

The pastoral care team is lead by a live-in Dean – currently the Master who is filling this role in 2009 in addition to his other responsibilities. The College has also hired 4 new staff – Connie Cheah, NCV Receptionist, Tibor Szabo and Ross Ferguson, NCV Maintenance, and May He (part-time accounts) to provide additional support while NC's Secretary and Accounts Administrator Jacqui Hughes has been away on maternity leave.

The opening has been very demanding for every new and existing staff member. All have picked up additional tasks and attempted new things. Prof Cairney commented, "The sheer volume of work has been the greatest challenge this year. All staff have had difficulty coping with the mix of new and old things and we have had to train the new staff and work with the external cleaners who were all

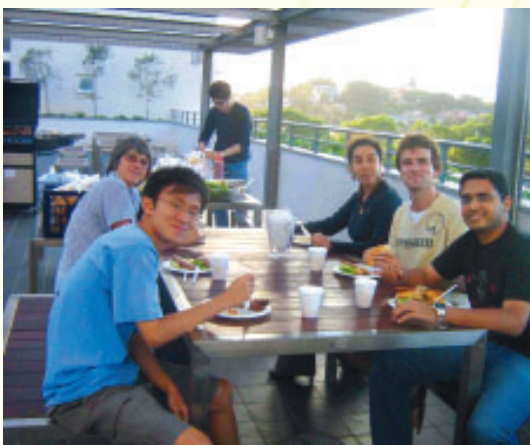


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new. There are still many operational matters that create challenges for staff, particularly maintenance staff coming to grips with the new building."

But more important than the building is the creation of a community. This has been the highest priority which has fuelled the College's passion for this new project. Prof Cairney said, "It has been an absolute delight to see the new residents at recent functions we have held at New College Village to start building the sense of community amongst the residents. Carmen and I are thrilled that the residents are so keen to be involved in the community." Prof Cairney and Carmen have been living in the building since January. ▀





# NCV community takes shape

**“Every week brings a new ‘major’ task and challenge in establishing the NCV community” Prof Cairney said. “I wouldn’t have coped without the support of every staff member. As a former New Collegian, NCSA president and RA my Executive Assistant Kim Hoa Scruton has filled a key role. As a team we have progressively put in place the key planks of the community.” To facilitate community the College’s staff have launched a blitzkrieg of organized social events and activities at NCV in the first months of its existence.**

Some activities have included:

- ▶ Regular community BBQs – held in the central courtyard every 6 weeks (5.30–7.30pm). Each attracts 250+ residents.
- ▶ Regular academic research seminars every 3–4 weeks. They have started well with lectures by leading researchers at UNSW.
- ▶ Suppers on a weekly basis on each floor, similar to New College’s weekly suppers. These have been a great success and are a key event in the life of the building, they are a great news and social time which really assist cohesion.

The residents ... have been using the spaces well and are keen to get to know one another through what we initiate as well as through their own initiative. A key area is the Games Room.

- ▶ The appointment and commencement of duties for all Senior Residents – the new team is in place, working well and meeting with the Master.
- ▶ Appointment of Academic Tutors – who meet with the Master each week, with seminars and consultations now ongoing.
- ▶ Bible studies – in place on a weekly basis (hosted by Trevor and Carmen in the Main Common Room).
- ▶ Regular weekly newsletters – out each Monday with highlights on the LCD screen in the foyer.
- ▶ Regular formal dinners – at the request of residents we will hold 4 formal dinners this year. The first was held on 11 June with the Dean of Business as the guest speaker.



- ▶ Social activities – a resident committee is now in place but residents have been initiating many things, including trips away, film screening nights in the MCR, and a cultural dance night. There are also many other ideas in the pipeline.
- ▶ Sports committee – this has been formed by the residents and is a sub-group of the Residents’ Committee. This group has organized Table Tennis and Pool competitions, and has already challenged New College to men’s and women’s soccer. The NCV will join UNSW inter-college sport in 2010.

Prof Cairney said, “The residents have accepted, and in fact love the building as their home. They have been using the spaces well and are keen to get to know one another through what we initiate as well as through their own initiative. A key area is the Games Room, this has developed into the social hub of the building. It never seems to ‘sleep’ (well maybe from 2.00am till 10.00am). It’s not uncommon to have 20–30 people in the room playing pool, table tennis, and cards and watching TV.” Another very popular space has been the rooftop terrace, with many groups booking this space for barbeques and other outdoor functions. ▶



# New Collegian's personal fight against poverty

**New College has always been a place that supports social action and community service. This occurs as part of College life, though many residents continue to do significant community work when they leave. An example of this is the work of Richard Fleming.**

**R**ichard Fleming came to New College from Armidale in 2002. While at College he spearheaded the Habitat program. After leaving the College in 2005, he completed his studies and headed for Bangladesh as part of Australia's Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) program. Richard ran a slum school project (The Dhaka Project) in the northern slums of Dhaka for 6 months after completing his AYAD Ambassadorship. His experiences in Bangladesh have opened up a series of new paths in his life, he has even set up his own clothing brand using the micro finance model. On a larger scale he has also been involved in the Global Poverty Project (GPP) started by two of his friends.

## More about the Global Poverty Project

The Global Poverty Project is the vision of Hugh Evans and Simon Moss, both of whom were intimately involved in the Australian Make Poverty History campaign. The project seeks to contribute to ending extreme poverty.

Richard is currently GPP's Activation Manager. A key activity of the project has been developing a speaker series to take around Australia in which the basic facts about global poverty will be communicated simply to the general population through a presentation. As Activation Manager Richard has coordinated these presentations. Richard's work is just one aspect of an international effort to achieve the eight Millennium Development Goals set by the World Bank to be reached by 2015.

While gains have been made clearly more needs to be done. Despite the gains, 1.4 billion people, roughly one-fifth of the world's inhabitants, continue to live in extreme poverty. To achieve these goals, Richard and his colleagues believe we need a unified movement of people around the world. They hope that the GPP will catalyze this movement by creating and using a slideshow and feature film to communicate the message.

Earlier this year Richard and his colleagues



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gave 45 presentations in three countries in 42 days. They believe that the key to success of GPP is in partnering with organisations already doing great work in the communities in need.

Summing up the movement to end extreme poverty GPP General Manager Simon Moss wrote, "At the end of January I was in Davos, Switzerland, for the World Economic Forum, and was reminded how important it is for us to renew and reinvigorate our efforts to end extreme poverty in these times of economic uncertainty. This (global financial) crisis might have started with banks and brokers, but now it is a crisis affecting people and their livelihoods." Against this backdrop New College wishes Richard and his colleagues well in their efforts. ▀

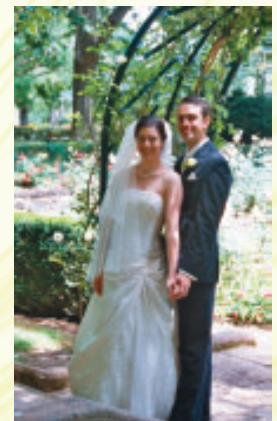


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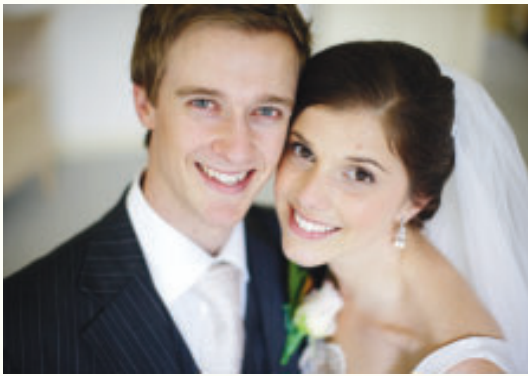
# The Many Marriages and Engagements of New

New College has a strong tradition of collegiality. The strength of the College community and the bonds people form at New often lead to lifelong friendships! While at New College Collegians often unite in a common purpose. It's no surprise that lifelong partnerships are also formed. In almost every *New 'n' Old* we have a new series of nuptials, births or engagements to report.



David Lockart (NC 2003–05) and Rebekah Lockart (nee Milham) (NC 2006–08) were married in Orange on 29 November 2008 by Ben Gooley (NC 1994–96). About 60 current and former collegians were present at the ceremony, with Daniel Morris (NC 2003–05), Ian Lockart (NC 2005–07) and Christopher Rowe (NC 2003–06) as groomsmen. Music at the ceremony was provided by Matthew Frazer (NC 2004–06) and Elizabeth Frazer (NC 2006–07), Sara Wilson (NC 2005–08), Anthony Allen (NC 2007–08) and David Conway (NC 2006–09) and at the garden reception by another new New Collegian, Rebekah's younger brother Nathan Milham (NC 2009–present). This was a second generation Collegian wedding – David's parents Grant (NC 1973–76) and Sue (nee Mountain) (NC 1974–75) were residents in the mid-1970s.

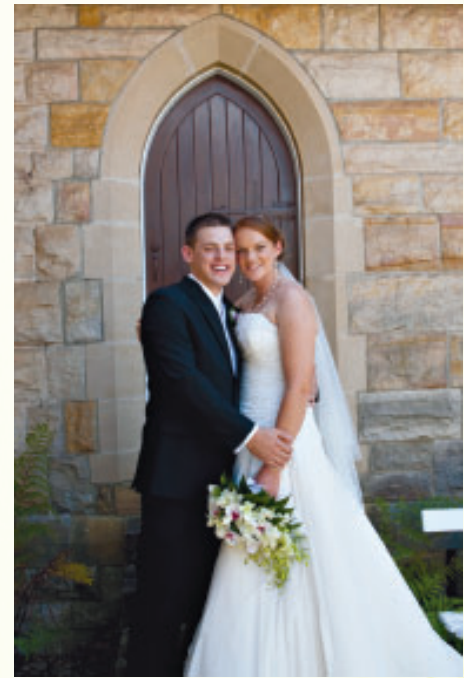




▶ Daniel Cummings (NC 2003–06) and Stephanie Pain (NC 2005–06) were married in Armidale on the 6th December 2008. Dan and Steph met while at College and “are incredibly happy about that fact”. Dan can still be seen on the Netball Shield and Steph can be seen if you are visiting in their new home together in the New College Village ... wait, Newcastle. Alison Gilmour (NC 2003–2005), Trudi Beck (NC 2005–07), Stephen Gilmour (NC 2003–05), Chris Rowe (NC 2003–06) and Sahm Nasser (NC 2003–06) (pictured below) were all grooms people with practically everything from music to prayer being fulfilled by ex-Collegians. Dan and Steph had “a riot” at their wedding ... but rather than use a thousand words they have provided these fun pictures (below). Special mention to Trevor and Carmen who made the trip, also seen to be behaving mischievously in the photo below.



▶ Michael McLean (NC 2005–07) and Belinda Thorne (NC 2003–06) were married at Christ Church Springwood on 7 March 2009. Ex-Collegians Lachlan “Flame” Rogers (NC 2004–07), Timothy Rowe (NC 2005–07), and Kim Hoa Scruton (NC 2004–07) were all part of the bridal party, and Ben Gooley officiated at the service. Rebecca Rowe (NC 2004) was among those who prayed for the couple. Other Collegians involved in the service included: Matthew Frazer, Sara Wilson (NC 2005–08), David and Rebekah Lockart, Rodney Towner (NC 2005–07), Jonathan Barnett (NC 2005–08) and Anthony Allen, who provided the music, and Christopher Bailey (NC 2005–08) on tech. In all 34 New Collegians attended, with Jonathan Barnett and Christine Lang (NC 2004–present) being the MCs at the Reception at Springwood Country Club.



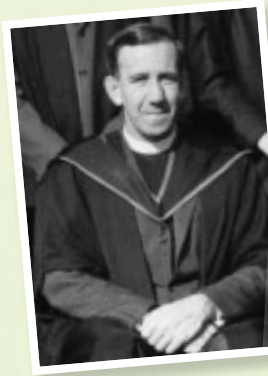
▶ In other 2009 weddings ex-Collegian Jane Barr (NC 2004–07) married Daniel Hill; and on 25 April 2009 Melinda Fletcher (NC 2003–07) married Thomas Bolton, they now live in Forster and work in separate optometry practices.

▶ The following engagements have been announced since the last publication of *New 'n' Old*: ex-Collegian Anthony Allen and current Collegian Laura Parker (NC 2007–present), who plan to marry in June; Katie Avery (NC 2007) and Michael Nielsen (NC 2006) will marry in July; Christopher Bailey will also marry later this year; and Timothy Rowe (NC 2005–07) and Sarah Lang (NC 2006–08) announced their engagement on 8 June 2009.

▶ In other news we can announce that Joe and Carly Hardy (nee McGuire) (NC 2003–05) gave birth to Nadia on 7 September 2008 weighing in at 3.29 kilos. **Mark Fairfull** ▶



# Flash Back to New College's development



## Flash Back to ... 1967-1969

In the year that we have opened the NCV we also look back on forty years of New College. The pages that follow highlight some key events and milestones in the life of New. First a brief history followed by some highlights across the decades.

- Building of New College began in June 1967, building works were conducted by "Mainline Constructions", and several construction issues meant that by December of '67, the building had only reached the second floor. Some of these issues included the senior partner of "Mainline Constructions", Mr Woodward breaking up the partnership to devote himself exclusively to the design of fountains; other issues included sub-contractors underquoting to gain the work and the sub-contractor responsible for the off-form concrete walking off the job. This resulted in several weeks delay with the demolition of sections of concrete columns and surfits.
- In December of '67 Rev. Noel Pollard (pictured above left and with the first Tutors above right) was appointed full-time as foundation Master to carry on as acting Secretary of New University Colleges Council (NUCC), to prepare advance publicity for the College and to seek out suitable academic and office staff.
- "Constant frustrations and delays characterised the progress of the building as, for example, may be seen by the rooting up of the entire floor tiling in the building because of the wrong floor levels, so that the building was not completed until December 1968", said then NUCC Secretary John Hawkes.
- The College opened its doors in February 1969, with a full complement of students and tutors, including 80 students from the Pacific area, representing a wealth of different cultures and initiating a magnificent experiment in international cooperation. At the time John Hawkes said "Although the College is simple in lines and a little austere, I have no doubt that in the years ahead, the addition of bright furnishings and pictures will achieve a pleasing and suitable environment. It has been a great honour to have had a small hand in the planning of this College. I believe wholeheartedly, that under God's guidance and the capable administration of the Master and his staff, in harmony with the students' Council (Association), the whole Collegiate body, the Board, NUCC and not least with the usual goodwill of the University authorities, a genuine and natural fusion of spiritual values with intellectual achievement will be accomplished."

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## Flash Back to ... 1985

- Garden Night '85 *New Clear Summit* was a “blatant attempt to raise the level of social and intellectual awareness of Collegians and other students”. From the Director’s report we learnt that “scientific surveys have proven that only 1 of every 3 Garden Night Directors pass their final exams”. The list of the 10 best and worst of the Garden Night included, best: Tim Nelson’s ad libs; worst: rehearsals.
- The year was packed with functions of one type or another including Ball (a “mammoth success” according to Chairman Brad Reed), April Fools formal dinner, VD Dinner and the Psychedelic Sixties informal.
- New just missed out on retaining the Sports Shields but put in great performances in individual sports. In men’s hockey, for example, the team was undefeated all season beating International House in the final. Simon Hoy captained the team, and earned a College Blue for his good work and leadership.



## Flash Back to ... 1989

- 1989 was a ladies year at New College. Collegian of the Year (Leah Allen), Group of the Year (1B), Mick Braund Award (Nadine Peiser), Inter-collegiate Sports Shield and a strong representation in the Service Awards all went to the women in the College.
- The first ever New College Play Michael Gow’s *Away* was performed with real “style and panache” according to then Master Rev Dr Bruce Kaye. Highlights (in Sue McCallum’s report) included:
  - Infamous TV room “sessions” where the cast members were coaxed (?!?) into getting in touch with the deepest feelings of their characters.
  - The creation of a technically brilliant set (acquired by the technical crew using their perseverance and charm more than any other currency).
- The peculiar way in which all those characteristics so successfully displayed ON stage by the actors — the confusion, hysteria, stubbornness, frustration, pouting, arguing, humour and coping with adversity were often disturbingly replicated OFF stage, by the extraordinary crew (extraordinarily talented we mean).
- Garden Night officially became the NC Revue in 1989, pictured: Jay Quince (centre) commentates on the 1989 Ashes series for the New College Revue.



## Flash Back to ... 2000

- The role of (NCSA) Chairman became known as President.
- The Exec of 2000 was the first cohort in the history of the College to be fully elected before the end of the proceeding



year, Simon Angus commented in his report, “this provided a great deal of time to get our collective acts together and plan effectively for the year to come”.

- Mission: Impossible NEW was performed on 10, 11 and 12 August (Week 4, Session 2) at 8pm. Tickets were \$8 adults and \$5 students. Some fast facts:
  - 344 people saw the revue over 3 nights; 125 people were involved in the production in some way (including video extras); Running time: 113 minutes; 14 weeks of planning and preparations, 4 weeks of rehearsals including 12.5 hours on one day and 2am being the latest rehearsal finish; 70 t-shirts and 60 videos were sold; 35 people appeared on stage; one \$6000 stage was stolen (yes stolen!)

## Flash Back to ... 2004

Highlights from this year included:

- The building: while the impact of the first stage of NC’s redevelopment and renovations was felt by the community, the College witnessed the first expansion of New College since it was founded. This was a realization of a dream that had been around since the earliest days of NC. As a result of this development 37 extra people now get to live in New College each year.



- College Services: these fortnightly Christian services, only in their second year, regularly attracted an average of 40–60 Collegians.
- The first ever Fresher Dance was held, making this year’s crop a little different.
- The College tradition of Collegians being eager to make a difference in the community outside New College saw 15 residents go to Fiji in the mid year break to build a house with Habitat. This community service has become an annual tradition.





# When everything New is still new?



**Reminisces of New College 1973–1976 continued, this is Part 2 of a 3 part article by Alumni member Grant Lockart (New College 1973–1976).**

In 1973 there were still some remnants of the original 1969 crew. It was a privilege to have known some of the instigators of a few of New's prestigious annual awards, such as the Award for the Most Outstanding Act of Crass Stupidity, (the trophy being a wooden sculpture of a square peg in a round hole), and also the Stirrer of the Year and Slob of the Year Awards.

Building matters were on the minds of collegians even in 1973. The fourth floor was considered back then. An enthusiastic group of Collegians also had a day out at Nielson Park to view the official opening of the Sydney Opera House. Regular doses of culture were taken with trips to see the SSO at the Opera House over the subsequent years.

That year also saw the last of male only occupation. 1974 brought with it the first females and a new dimension to College activities like the water fights. The College women's sporting teams soon drew a big following, especially the "frilly nickers", as the women's hockey team was called. The presence of women in College also started a new trend of residents finding their future spouse. It was not long before I followed the trend and married Sue who was amongst the first group of women.

Car parking was as much a problem in the 70's as it is now. It soon became quite an exciting challenge for Collegians who owned cars to evade the University security "grey men" and get their cars through the Uni entrance gates. It was said that when the entrance boom gate was closed then you used the exit. Some Collegians even had car chases with the "grey men". Each year it was considered to be an accomplishment to be the first Collegian to collect 100 parking violation notices. Car parking became quite a skill for some Collegians. This was best demonstrated by the parking of a Tutor's car between the concrete columns at the back door with approximately 75mm clearance between the columns and the front and rear ends.

The world seems to have undergone a transformation since my College years. In 1973 the Vietnam war was still being fought, Gough

Whitlam was Prime Minister of Australia and the rugby league grand finals were played at the SCG and in the day time. Gough's Labour government had abolished tertiary fees and the voting age was reduced from 21 to 18yrs. In College the head of the New College Students Association (NCSA) was called the Chairman and formal dinners (with ties and academic gowns for all) were a weekly event. College students were even encouraged to take kids from orphanages on day trips without anyone having to sign "prohibited person" declarations or have police checks done to ensure the kids would be safe with us.

Clothing and fashion was a serious issue in 1974. Flairs were the normal type of jeans for everyone. College sweatshirts and T-shirts were introduced that year. A College tie was also produced. New sporting uniforms were also introduced. This presented an opportunity to change the College sporting colours from red and black to match the academic colours of black, blue and grey. The interest in College sport also saw the introduction of sporting "blues" as part of the annual presentation of College awards. The interest in College institutional attire was followed the next year with the purchase from England of crockery emblazoned with the College crest.

They were fairly heady days in 1975. Saigon finally fell to the North Vietnamese. This was particularly felt by many Collegians for whom Vietnam was home. The College Dean (Philip Grouse) went over to help locate the refugees from South Vietnam using his skills in computing to assist with databases. We were never sure if there would be an appearance of men in suits talking into their sleeves, although there were a lot of strange crackling noises on the Dean's telephone. No-one would have been surprised at anything to do with politics that year. Gough Whitlam's Labour party was dismissed by the Governor General in November. It has been suggested that the Federal government was only taking a cue from the NCSA activities earlier that year when the Executive didn't survive a "no confidence" motion and were dismissed. However, fresh elections saw five of the seven original Executive members returned to office, which was more than Gough could manage. One of the highlights of the awards that year was the introduction of the Neptune Award for prowess in water fighting. This award was instigated by the Senior Tutor on the premise that "any fool can participate in a water fight. But we expect more from a prospective graduate." **Grant Lockart** ■



# Lawrence Ernest Lyons and Alison Charlotte Lyons appointed Life Fellows 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 by conferral of the highest honour of "Life Fellow". Last year the Master commended to the Board, the work and example of Drs Lawrence and Alison Lyons to be considered for the title of "Life Fellow".

The Lyons' were instrumental in the early work that founded the College and spearheaded the work of NUCC.

Dr Lawrence Ernest Lyons was a driving force in the formation of NUCC. Lawrie, as he is known, has been described by his colleagues as the "engine driver" in the formation of NUCC. He was also described as the "ideas man" and the "prime mover", one early member commented that he dominated NUCC and forced the pace on every issue. He was a

foundation member of the New University Colleges Council (NUCC) and continued his involvement until the end of 1963. He also served as the Honorary Secretary (Public Officer) from 1960–1963. Alison worked closely alongside her husband through the period pre and post incorporation of NUCC. They both now live in retirement in Brisbane.

The Board approved the nomination of Lawrie and Alison Lyons as Life Fellows at its meeting on 8 October 2008.

The College's Master Prof Cairney awarded the Fellowships at an official New College ceremony held at Emmanuel College in Brisbane on 12 December 2008 with friends and family of the Lyons' in attendance. ▀

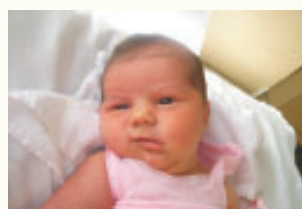


## What's New? News briefs

### ● Congrats Jacqui and Martyn



We were delighted to learn in January that New College Secretary Jacqui Hughes had her lovely baby Nikita Grace. Jacqui has been on maternity leave since mid January. Niki was born on January 19th weighing in at 4.2 kilos



(9lbs 6ozs). Congratulations Jacqui and Martyn!

### ● New College's newest staff

New College welcomes its newest staff! Connie Chea is the Receptionist at NCV. She can speak 4 different languages and in her spare time she enjoys Ballroom dancing! NCV Handyman Tibor Szabo is responsible for day-to-day programmed maintenance, small project works and repairs. Tibor was born and bred in Hungary. He enjoys photography, mountaineering and bushwalking. Ross Ferguson is the Yard worker, responsible for yard maintenance he makes sure that the rubbish and recycling collection happen during the week. When he has time, he enjoys fishing, gardening and looking after tropical fish.

### ● The Hon Bob Carr's visit to New College provided a New and Old moment



Bob Carr's visit provided one of our current residents with a fortuitous re-acquaintance with the ex-Premier. Matt Schiller (pictured), a fourth year Arts/Medicine student and the New College Medicine Tutor, had met with Mr Carr during a cabinet meeting in his local town of Hay as captain of his primary school in 1999, almost 10 years to the day prior to the mid session formal

dinner. Matt was one of many residents who took the opportunity to ask some insightful and probing questions of Mr. Carr and engage in conversation with him after dinner over tea and coffee. When Matt jokingly showed Mr Carr the 10-year-old photograph from his local newspaper, the ex-Premier commented that they had "both improved in looks with age!" Mr Carr provided a stimulating talk in which he offered his views on why Australia does not need a Bill of Rights. ▀



# From the Alumni Office: Alumni and Development News



## Annual Appeal

In May New College mailed its 2009 annual appeal. Each year we prepare an annual appeal inviting alumni and friends to support New College in its mission of promoting collegiality, academic excellence and service to society. As either an alumnus or supporter of New College you know how valuable the New College experience can be. Sadly, every year there are applicants who have great potential to shape this community and could benefit from being at New who often cannot come because of financial hardship. Those who choose to come despite financial difficulties

are faced with the daunting prospect of juggling study and work to afford College. This year we have witnessed greater needs than ever, even amongst our returning residents. In our appeal letter we included a quote from Alumni member Bill Barwick, which says in part: "I am a donor myself and I urge others to give to New College as well. I think it is more important than ever to provide a support program of scholarships and bursaries to ensure that students can get access to the College at an equitable cost. I encourage you to become actively involved in the future of another generation of students at New College by contributing to this College scholarship program." We hope you can support this need.

## Alumni Memories – Aural/Oral History Project – we need YOU

We want to gather NC reminiscences, anecdotes, stories and accounts in any media for our 40th anniversary Alumni audio visual history project. Can you help us by describing your funniest, most moving or memorable experience at New College in written, audio or video form for publication in various NC communications. These recollections once received will provide an aural and visual history collection. We hope to see a torrent of reminiscences unleashed! You can do this easily by completing our simple online form, available at [www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au](http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au).



## New College YouTube Channel – Request for Alumni Video Updates

New College continues to develop its web presence in response to the changing trends in the use of the Internet that have led to the advent of social networking sites and video sharing sites (e.g. Facebook and YouTube). The College has established a new community TV channel (<http://youtube.com/newcollegeunsw>) which will be populated with videos showing the richness of current College life and the lives of our Alumni members today. If you can provide an Alumni video update please produce one and send it to us.



## NC and NCV Alumni Tours

If you are keen to see the new NCV or NC please email [alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au) or phone (02) 9381 1740 to arrange a time for you to drop by for a visit.

**Mark Fairfull** ▶

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# NC: The Freshers of '09



**O**n 22 February a group of 86 wide eyed freshers arrived at New College for O'Week 2009. It didn't take long, though, for the wide eyes to be narrowed (just a bit) as our newest residents found their feet within the College community. As they have found their feet they have also contributed their own ideas, talents and experiences to the community conversation from which many innovations and fresh approaches have emerged. For example, one of our new residents, not being content to simply join an existing sub-committee has set up an entirely new sub-committee this year – that of Cheersoc. Key roles in the musical were taken by our newest residents.

Our new residents are predominantly from rural areas – 71 (82.5%) are from rural areas in NSW, the ACT or rural areas interstate. This year we welcomed our first resident (in at least the past seven years) from Katherine, NT. There are 29 studying Engineering, 20 doing Arts or Arts related courses, 16 doing Medicine or Optometry, 11 doing Commerce, 9 doing Science and 5 Law students.

As in previous years there are many outstanding students in terms of their academic performance at school and their involvement in the leadership at their school. Twenty of our freshers were dux of their school, 5 were school captains and at least 15 achieved a UAI over 99 (two received a UAI of 99.9). Many of our residents received significant scholarships. One of our new residents received the Malcolm Chaiken Scholarship – the most prestigious scholarship at UNSW, one of our residents is also a Scientia scholar. At least 12 from NSW received AAA scholarships, 6 are Co-op scholars and 8 have received rural engineering scholarships. Five other residents received significant scholarships offered by UNSW.

As in previous years a number of new residents have a long history in the arts, particularly music.

23 play piano, 15 play guitar, 9 have been involved with choirs at their school, five play violin and one new resident plays the piccolo. A number of new residents expressed their interest in the visual arts particularly our five new CoFA students (and our new NIDA student – we now have three NIDA students at New).

New College sporting teams should also benefit from the contributions of our new residents. As with previous years, for many of the sports that New College plays we could field multiple teams from amongst our freshers.

As was the case in previous years there are a number of residents who attended the National Youth Science Forum (7 residents). Our new residents have also had experience working with local youth councils, teaching with the School of the Air, teaching Sunday School classes, contributing to Arts councils, Amnesty International, leading church youth groups, being involved in organisations like Zonta and Rotaract, surf life saving clubs, and World Vision conferences. Some of them have already shown their mechanical skills. One of our new residents, for example, has created his own biodiesel engine, while another has created a machine that cooks pancakes from start to finish. Others have set up their own businesses (often web-based) while others have volunteered in places all around the world including Hong Kong, Mozambique and Tanzania.

Our new residents join us well equipped with skills, talents, experience and enthusiasm to work alongside other members of the College community who are like minded in their desire to make a difference in the wider world. Together New Collegians in 2009 will no doubt achieve amazing things. **James Pietsch** ▀

## O'WEEK 2009

### PICTURES:

**1:** Resident Advisers at Harbour cruise with James Pietsch: Charlie Williamson, Richard Tierney, Edwina Whiteside, Katherine Butterworth, Claire Lawley, George Davis and Alice Lang (absent is Christine Lang).

**2:** Ross Willing goes for the chop on Mullet Monday, assisted by Sam Ison and Shannan Campbell.

**3:** Freshers on their first day: Andy Davis, Tu Lesuma, Pete Orenstein and Mike Sheasby.

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# NCV: The Freshers of '09 – A Profile



**1:** (L to R) Carmen Cairney, Shelley Bambrook (Senior Resident), Fiona Wood AM, Nicky Sutton (guest), Niloufer Johansen (NCV Academic Tutor), at the NCV opening  
**2:** NCV Residents perform a musical item  
**3:** NCV residents enjoy the first NCV performance night in the MCR  
**4:** Yuxuan Chew organized a Gold Week concert at NCV to raise funds for Sydney Children's Hospital

Filling 315 places at the NCV was never going to be easy. Unlike New College, the New College Village had no history or alumni who could tell people what it would be like to live at the NCV. While many found out about NCV through word of mouth, it was the NCV website that was the primary source of information for most people about the Village.

The Village opened on schedule and ready to take in the first group of NCV residents. 15 arrived on the first day (5 January 2009).

Over the course of January the number of residents arriving grew as did the number of applications. As more and more people arrived, so too did word of mouth as residents let their classmates know just what the NCV had to offer. By the middle of February the building was close to 90% full. By the beginning of March the building was 100% full –

in fact, rooms originally set aside for guest rooms were opened up to enable some last minute applicants to take up residence.

While the building has been designed specifically with postgraduates in mind, a large number of undergraduates also expressed interest in what the NCV had to offer. We offered a number of places to undergraduates, mostly in upper years. "Our undergraduates have brought with them great enthusiasm for learning and community-building" commented Trevor Cairney. The New College Dean of Residents, James Pietsch, who coordinated the admissions process, commented: "This is a group of residents who

embody the tripartite mission of New College – they are committed to the concept of Collegiality, have very impressive academic backgrounds and are keen to serve their community". Since arriving at the NCV the residents have formed a resident committee with Prof Cairney and a sports sub committee has been established. In 2010 the NCV will compete in the ICSA sporting competition. Residents recently staged a charity music performance night to raise funds for the Sydney Children's Hospital and have already enthusiastically supported events in the building with guest speakers from a wide range of disciplines.

By the end of the application process a large number of applications had been received. For the New College Village there were 510 applications received. These consisted of 17.1% in Arts, 35.0% in Commerce, 14.2% in Medicine, 12.7% in Science, 18.0% in Engineering and 5.3% in Law (Note: everybody studying Law is also studying another course). The final make-up of the residential community is very similar. Of the 488 applicants who provided their country of origin, 121 were local applicants and 367 were international. In terms of the final composition of the building local students make up 14% and International Students 86%. The mix of nationalities is incredible (55). There are many residents from Singapore, Hong Kong, India and Iran, as well as residents from Nepal, Bangladesh, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malaysia, Taiwan, China, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Pakistan, New Zealand, USA, Canada, France, Italy, Britain, Chile, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Mauritius, Macau, Fiji, Dubai, Uruguay and many others.

Prof Cairney, as founding NCV Dean of Residents has seen an empty building fill with new residents and is now working with residents and staff to create a vibrant community. Recently he reported to the Board: "I am pleased to report that I've experienced some minor problems with noise in common rooms in recent days as residents demonstrate how much they are enjoying each other's company." It is an exciting time as new activities and Christian ministry develop in this wonderful culturally diverse community of 315 people from all over the world. ▀



# Where are they now?

## Rakesh Kumar (New College 1977–1979)



Rakesh Kumar was a Tutor at New College from 1977–79, while employed as an associate lecturer in Pathology and concurrently completing his PhD. Subsequently, he spent 1987 in the USA as a Fogarty International Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health. Unlike most

academics that move from university to university as they climb the ladder, he stayed at UNSW and stayed in contact with New College, while progressing through the ranks to become a professor in 2002, as well as head of the discipline of Pathology from 2003–05. He is now Director of Academic Projects for the Faculty of Medicine, with responsibility for aspects of curriculum development e.g. advanced standing arrangements for specialist training, initially in Pathology.

Rakesh is an enthusiastic teacher of Medicine and Science students, as well as of postgraduate dentists. This has been recognised via a Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2000 and a Carrick Citation in 2007. His research has primarily been in the area of chronic lung disease and he currently leads various collaborative research projects on mechanisms of

inflammation in asthma, with funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council. In 2006, he was awarded an MD by published work and in 2009; he received an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

## Lucy Titmus (New College 2006-2008) writes ...

Hola everyone! Writing to you from Santiago, where since leaving college in July 08 I've been riding the wave of my International Studies Overseas Placement at the Catholic University of Chile. Uni has been fairly intense over here; I study four subjects, just as in UNSW but with each one taught in Spanish. Thus I've been able to fulfil the main goal of gaining proficiency in Spanish which is very satisfying, as Chilean Spanish is known to be furthest removed from that of Spain – a little challenging in the first few months! I have also managed to travel and see some amazing things within Chile and in other South American countries that this great continent has to offer. One of the perks of living here is driving an hour to the Andes to ski in winter – fantastic! I've been able to work voluntarily with kids in a poorer suburb of Santiago which is very rewarding; the inequality here can be sometimes quite confronting. It's been a great mix of studying, living and travelling in another country – such an eye-opener and I've learnt so much; I would highly encourage anyone contemplating exchange to go for it! Saludos from Chile!

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## New College Lecture Series 2009: 8–10 September



### Bioethics and the Future: our ethical responsibilities in the present and the implications of our decisions on the future. Professor John Wyatt

Eschatology, that branch of theology concerned with such final things as death, Last Judgment; Heaven and Hell; the ultimate destiny of humankind – has a profound influence upon the value we assign to human lives in the present, and the future, especially if close to death. In his lectures Professor Wyatt will contrast the bioethical implications on medical ethics of three eschatologies: the secular, the spiritual and the biblical. Professor Wyatt will cover a range of subjects from the beginning of life such as the newborn to end of life decisions and our ethical responsibilities, to quality of life and decisions around treatment.

**About Professor Wyatt:** John Wyatt is Professor of Ethics and Perinatology at University College, London, and Consultant Neonatologist at University College London Hospitals (UCLH). His work concentrates on ethical issues raised by advances in reproductive and medical technology at the beginning of life, research ethics and governance, and the philosophical basis of medical practice. He is a member of the ethics committees of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and a board member of Biocentre.

- **Tuesday 8th September**  
Drinks and Canapés from 6.15pm The John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW with lecture to follow from 7.15pm
- **Wednesday 9th September and Thursday 10th September**  
7.30pm Main Common Room, New College, UNSW, question time and supper to follow the lectures

**RSVP is essential for all lectures by Friday 4 September 2009.**

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## Stuart Donaldson (New College 1999–2001)

Since graduating from Electrical Engineering in 2003, Stuart has worked at *EnergyAustralia* and continued his studies part time, holding a Masters of Engineering Science in Electrical Energy, a Diploma of Project Management and is currently working towards an MBA through the AGSM.

Working as a Project Manager he is responsible for around \$100m worth of major electrical infrastructure construction projects throughout Sydney and the Central Coast. Stuart married Susan (nee Freak) (New College 1999–2000) in 2006 and they now live in Sydney's Inner West. He and Susan have recently returned from a month spent backpacking around China including two days walking a remote section of the Great Wall (sleeping in a guard tower) and hiking through the Tiger Leaping Gorge in the mountains near Tibet.

## Emily Mitchell (New College 2002–2003)

"After graduating in 2006 from Photovoltaic Engineering, I moved to Germany. I have been here in Freiburg for 2 years, working on my PhD at the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, which is the largest solar energy research institute in the world. I have found it such an amazing experience to live and work here, and feel incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to do so. In January 2010 I will be coming back to Australia to write up and submit my thesis (at UNSW). After that is unknown ... !"



## Bonneville Eggleston (New College 2001–2002)

Bonne completed his undergraduate study with UNSW in 2005 in Photovoltaics and Solar Energy Engineering. After a rewarding holiday in Thailand he started work with *CSG Solar* at their research facility in Botany working on the improvement of their low cost solar cells, and also developed a data acquisition and analysis system for their factory. He spent the next three



years working between Sydney and Germany where the company has a solar cell manufacturing plant. He has just returned to UNSW to begin a PhD with the PV Centre at UNSW in low cost processing for thin film silicon solar cells, and intends to return to industry afterwards. He has spent a lot of his free time travelling, going to Japan, UK, New Zealand, Tasmania and recently spent 3 months backpacking in Europe and North Africa. ▀

If you wish to contact any of these New College Alumni members you may do so through the College's Alumni Office, email the Coordinator: [alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au).

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