





# New'n'Old

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A team from New College who volunteered at the Bourke PCYC Kid's Holiday Program.

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Founded in 1969, the original New College is an Anglican residential college for students at the University of New South Wales. New College actively contributes to the life of the wider University and its main campus is set within University grounds. New welcomes people of all faiths and none. The College celebrates, and is enriched by, the diversity of backgrounds of its staff and students. The College pursues academic excellence, collegiality and service to society founded upon Christian faith and values.

New's main programs include:

- New College, the residential college for 248 undergraduate students at the University of New South Wales
- New College Village, the postgraduate residential village for 315 postgraduate students at the University of New South Wales.
- Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education, a specialist centre which carries out Christian apologetics—the activity of defending the Christian faith, engaging with other world views and attracting 'thinking' people to the message of the Christian faith.

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# From the Master



Prof. Cairney presents The Hon. Peter Garrett with a children's book for him to read to children as he visits schools across Australia.

Alumni of New College and NCV are significant to the identity of our two communities at the University of New South Wales. Residents of both colleges are challenged to make a difference with their lives. As you peruse this edition of *New 'n' Old* you will discover how alumni are living out this challenge. Everyone who has lived or worked in our community has contributed in some way to our collective history. In *New 'n' Old* we reflect on this and celebrate how current residents, alumni and the activities of the College are making a difference in the world.

New College alumni featured in this edition include published author, Lisa McKay; award winning composer, Leah Curtis; recently graduated PhD candidate, Dr Tad Wysocki; and former NC Student Association Chairman, now business owner, Joel Lang. We **flashback to 1984**: Big Brother wasn't available for an interview but we did manage to track down the NC Student Association Chairman from 1984, Peter Hicks. Peter is now the Chief Financial Officer of a large Australian company. You may also be interested to catch up with the news from the Pietsch family and Dr Ian Walker.

We have included an article **in memory of Christopher Gibson** who was a New Collegian in 1976. Sadly he passed away in September, 2012. Despite his own struggles, Christopher used his life to challenge those around him to live for a purpose and to reach out to those who experience a sense of powerlessness in the world.

NCV alumni continue to make a difference in the world of research. We catch up with **Dr Sheau-Fang Ng**, who is working on a new biomarker to detect Type 1 Diabetes. There is an update from a well-loved Chilean couple, Cristian & Karen Leyton, who having moved on from NCV continue living and researching in Sydney. They now have the added responsibility of raising their first child. Many other **New Families** and **Marriages** are celebrated in this edition. One of these is the marriage of two

wonderful NCV alumni, Patrick Chan and Vivian Shek. Their wedding was a joyous occasion and my wife Carmen, and I, very much enjoyed attending. NCV residents know how to celebrate and socialise as you will read in our story on Persian New Year.

The academic standing of New Collegians and residents of NCV remains high. I am very pleased that from each community we had a **University Medallist** in 2012. Congratulations to Emily Rumble (New College) and Edward Law (NCV). A host of other academic and service awards were announced when the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fred Hilmer was our guest speaker for the 2013 Commencement Formal Dinner. Another aspect of academic life at New College is **CASE**, which for ten years has provided a Christian perspective on social, intellectual and academic issues. We have celebrated this with a **10th Anniversary Edition** of the quarterly publication *Case Magazine*. If alumni are interested please request a copy and we can send it electronically.

Finally, New College is forging an ongoing relationship with the remote New South Wales community of Bourke. We are doing this in partnership with the Bourke Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) and Indigenous leaders from UNSW and Bourke. At a recent formal dinner, New Collegians gave a presentation on their January trip to Bourke, where they had volunteered at the PCYC Children's Holiday Program. As you can read on the following pages, the Hon. **Peter Garrett** was the guest speaker at this dinner, at which we also presented the Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship for the first time. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of *New 'n' Old*. Please stay in touch by passing on your latest news, and do let us know if your address details change. We love hearing from you.

Trevor Cairney



(L-R) Mrs Carmen Cairney, Prof. Trevor Cairney, the happy couple Mr & Mrs Patrick and Vivian Chan, Dr Premilla Chinnappa-Quinn and Dr John Quinn.



# PETER GARRETT

## addresses dinner with

**The 2013 Mid-Session Formal Dinner** was held on Thursday 18th April. It will be remembered as one of the most memorable functions at New College in recent years. The night had a strong focus on how our community is actively living in 'service to society', which of course is one of the elements of the New College mission. It was exciting to have a number of alumni members back in the building along with current collegians and to have so many representatives of the university and Indigenous organizations in attendance.



The evening began with a very moving welcome to country given by the UNSW Faculty of Medicine Elder in Residence, Aunty Ali Golding. The night was made special by the inaugural awarding of the Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship and a presentation about a partnership that is developing between New College and the remote community of Bourke. The guest speaker for the evening was The Hon. Peter Garrett AM MP who is the local member for Kingsford Smith and the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth.

New Collegians Makenzie Russell and Tim Curtin delivered a presentation during the dinner sharing how they and a team of other Collegians travelled to Bourke in January to serve children and youth in the town, particularly the indigenous community. The purpose of the trip was for New Collegians to spend a week working with the Bourke Police & Citizens Youth Club assisting with the children's holiday program. Aunty Ali Golding and Rebecca Harcourt went with

the New Collegians on the trip and were vital members of the team.

The trip has helped to establish a relationship between New College and the community of Bourke. It has also enhanced New College's relationship with Nura Gili. With the support and encouragement of the Master, Professor Cairney, New Collegians are now in the process of discussing the logistics of a second trip, with the possibility of it taking place in the mid-year break. Professor Cairney announced during the dinner that New College will be donating an annual prize to schools in Bourke, to encourage the children and youth of the town in their educational development. The trip to Bourke was a wonderful experience for the team members and importantly brought much joy to the children and youth they were serving. [Read the full story on page 24.](#)

Mr Garrett was very pleased to be invited to the Formal Dinner as guest speaker. He has been a long time advocate for Indigenous Australians. Of course, before he was a politician





# focus on 'service to society'

Mr Garrett was the lead singer of the rock band Midnight Oil. Though the College had a guitar and microphone on standby, Mr Garrett politely declined an impromptu performance leaving it to Collegians Varvara Efremova, Lily Xu and Vanessa Hu to provide musical entertainment on the night.

Some alumni will know that this was not Mr Garrett's first encounter with New College. The now Deputy Chairman of the Board, Mr Stephen Hodgkinson, was a Collegian in 1977 and remembers when the unknown band Midnight Oil headlined at the Regent Hotel down the road in Kensington. Mr Garrett confirmed that on that night his band came back to New College to play a set in the courtyard. That wasn't the last time New Collegians had an exclusive concert by 'The Oils'. At the beginning of his speech Mr Garrett related how his band had also played on the 1978 New College Harbour Cruise.

Moving on to serious business, Mr Garrett outlined how he and the government are trying to improve the quality of school education across Australia and implement recommendations from the Gonski report. Mr Garrett stressed that as a nation, Australia must invest more in education so that we do not fall behind the standards being achieved in other developed and developing countries. Mr Garrett spoke very well and provided examples of how the Government has invested in helping Indigenous children to succeed at school.

Collegians were given the chance to question the Minister for half an hour

after his speech. They asked impressive and detailed questions about the Government's education policy. The evening was set against the backdrop of the government having just announced they would partly fund the Gonski reforms by cutting back future funding to the university sector. Mr Garrett's speech and willingness to answer so many questions was appreciated by the New College community. It was obvious to those in attendance that Mr Garrett is a man passionate about improving education in Australia.

## The Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship is awarded for the first time

During the Dinner Nadia Perera was announced as the first recipient of the Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship, which was presented by Jared's mother, Mrs Julie Pritchard. Now in her third year of residence at New College, Nadia has made many contributions to New through the creative and performing arts, all of which have contributed positively to college life.

Nadia has helped to organise art exhibitions, design sets, promotional material and programs for New College theatrical productions and helped New win the award for 'Best-Looking Chariot' in an Inter-College Chariot Race! She painted four entries for the CultureSoc Art Exhibition in 2012, one of which received a prize.

The evening was a wonderful coalescence of New College activities that have a focus on 'service to society'. ▀



(L-R) Lisa, Callan, Julie and Aiden Pritchard with the inaugural Jared Pritchard Memorial Scholarship recipient Nadia Perera (centre).

## THE 2013 NEW COLLEGE APPEAL

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# LISA MCKAY

## Author on the move

Lisa McKay was raised in Australia, Bangladesh, the United States, and Zimbabwe. She has also lived in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Croatia and has recently been living in Laos. Lisa says, "I still get confused when people ask me about home." For a time, 1995-1998, New College was home to Lisa, as she undertook a Bachelor of Psychology at UNSW.

I spent most of my school life outside Australia, so coming to college provided me with such a wonderful home base from which to learn/re-learn about my own home country. I loved the community—the chance to spend so much time, day and night, with thinkers who were passionate about all sorts of different things. I loved the fun and silliness and practical jokes. I really



loved the close friends I made. A number of friends I made at college are still among my closest today.

In Australia, Lisa worked as a forensic psychologist with the state police, in a maximum-security men's prison, and on a child death review team. She continued her studies on a Thomas D. McClosky Peace Fellows Scholarship and earned herself a Masters degree in International Peace Studies through the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA.

From 2003 to 2010, Lisa was the Director of Training & Education at the Headington Institute in Los Angeles, which provides psychological and spiritual support to humanitarian workers worldwide. During that time Lisa also became a prolific writer and blogger.

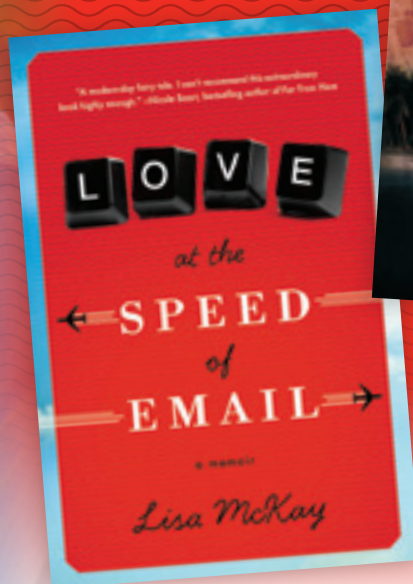
For me, writing is part of how I feel my way into things I don't understand about myself and life. When I wrote my first novel, *My Hands Came Away Red*, I was grappling with questions about how an omniscient, loving God can co-exist with atrocities and suffering. When I started writing my memoir, *Love At the Speed Of Email*, I was trying to untangle the puzzle of what home meant to me, and somewhere along the way that got wrapped up in my

love story. Often, with essays, I don't even know what *questions* I'm asking before I start writing, much less how I'd answer them.

So I guess one thing I hope readers will take away from my writing (beyond being entertained and periodically amused, which are both great things) is the desire to think more deeply about how the issues I'm struggling with relate to their own lives, and what their own important questions and answers are.

Lisa is married to Mike. They are about to move from Luang Prabang in the north of Laos (where they've been living for the last three years) to Vientiane in the south. Mike has just taken up a position with World Vision as their Strategic Initiatives Manager. Lisa is pregnant and can't stay in Laos because of the lack of medical care. She'll be in Australia from April until mid-October.

"In the meantime", Lisa says, "I'm busy growing our second baby and trying to corral our toddler, Dominic. When we return to Laos I'll be juggling motherhood with consulting, writing and other creative projects. A big hello to everyone I shared college years with! I'd love to know where life has taken all of you. Wherever it is, I hope you're well and happy and thriving." ▀





# LEAH CURTIS

## From New to Hollywood

Leah Curtis grew up in Canberra before living at New College for 3 years from 1996-98 while she studied a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Music Education at the University of New South Wales. She is now an internationally recognized, award winning composer. *New 'n' Old* interviewed Leah recently.

### *What is it like to work in Hollywood as an orchestrator and composer in your own right?*

I've enjoyed working as an orchestrator for some brilliant international composers, requiring me to delve into the intricacies of their music, including Alex Wurman (composer of *Something Borrowed*) and Johnny Klimek and Reinhold Heil (composers of *Sophie Scholl*). Australian composer Christopher Gordon (composer of *Master and Commander* and *Mao's Last Dancer*) has also been a generous mentor and influence, and gave me my very first film music role before I left for the US. They have been demanding roles that actively immersed me in the world of film scoring for which I'm very grateful.

I discovered that music in film opens up another, potentially very powerful avenue with which to tell a story. A truly great score is able to evoke the essence of the film and reveal the subtleties of its message, even when it is experienced without the images.

### *How did your career as a composer really take off?*

It has been a gradual process where there is a long trajectory of learning

as projects become larger and more adventurous. Every project teaches me something new. Every film needs its sound uncovered from nothing. A significant moment was when I applied for and won the Fulbright in 2005 and took up a role as Visiting Composer at the University of Southern California within their Scoring for Motion Pictures and Television program. This program is almost considered a rite of passage in the Los Angeles industry, and I am very grateful to have had the support to have been a part of it.

### *What does it feel like to be in a studio having your music recorded?*

This is my absolute favourite place to be. There's nothing quite like a film recording session. You walk in with an enormous stack of your music that has never been played, and there's always that anticipation and a new team coming together to make it happen. It's exhilarating.

### *When someone says, "New College", what do you think or see in your mind's eye?*

Great friends, diversity and respect, spreading your wings.

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### *Outside of your musical career what has been happening for you since leaving New College?*

Work has brought a lot of travel, which I really enjoy. I'm naturally drawn to uncovering and understanding other people's unique stories, and I think it helps me understand my role as an Australian working internationally as I discover new places and cultures. This month I travel to Rome, Palm Springs and New York, and I look forward to taking some time in each to explore. My travel has also sparked an active interest in cultural diplomacy.

I also love history, art and architecture, and write in an Arts and Crafts 1920s California bungalow surrounded by eucalypts making California a little more like home. I cherish time with my family and good friends and like to try new things and challenge myself regularly plus I really enjoy public speaking. ▀



# FLASHBACK TO 1984

## and the 15th Anniversary Formal Dinner



The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG delivers the keynote address at the 15th Anniversary Dinner

1984 was a year written into the history of fiction before it even arrived. What was it like in reality? Many people felt that human liberties around the world were being diminished and that George Orwell's picture might perhaps actually come to pass. The true story was far less grim.

At New College it was the year that:

- Our Men and Women both won the Inter-College Sports Shields
- Milan Voykovic directed the College Revue (still known as Garden Night)
- Rooms 2D8 and 2D9 became fishponds (complete with goldfish)
- 1F won Group of the Year
- The Annual Ball had the theme "Frederick the Formal"
- The Student Association had a Car Rally Subcommittee

Significantly, 1984 was the year that New College celebrated its 15th Anniversary. This was marked with an alumni dinner organised by the 3rd Master of New College, Rev Dr Bruce Kaye AM. The celebration was attended by collegians, alumni, founders of the College, past and present staff. Special guests at the dinner included The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby as guest speaker, then UNSW Deputy Chancellor, Dr Jessica Milner Davis, The Vice-Chancellor, Professor L.M. Birt, The Most Rev. Donald Robinson and Sir Vincent and Lady Fairfax. An unexpected guest at the celebration was a Collegian in a gorilla suit.

At the 15th Anniversary Dinner, a foundation was launched to endow an annual lectureship in the College. This became the New College Lectures, which each year addresses an important issue or aspect of contemporary society from the standpoint of the Christian faith and professional expertise. These lectures have become an important public event and have attracted large interest and generated much discussion. ▀



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## PETER HICKS

Peter Hicks lived at New College from 1980 to 1984. In 1984 he was elected Chairman of the New College Students' Association and voted Collegian of the Year.

**M**y life today is busy and fulfilling as it was at New College!

I have been married for nearly 26 years to Judy and have three children. My two eldest girls (Grace and Bronwyn) are both studying at Sydney University and my son Tom is in Year 10 at Shore. None are showing any sign of attending a university college despite my encouragement!

I am Chief Financial Officer and a member of the leadership team of Leighton Contractors one of Australia's industry leaders providing services across infrastructure, mining, telecommunications, civil construction, energy, health and services sectors. My job takes me across Australia, New Zealand, PNG and Africa for our projects and across the world with clients, funds and partners.

I enjoy an active life outside of work with not for profit Board seats on a number of organizations including Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, St Thomas Church—North Sydney, SCEGGS Darlinghurst and Robert Menzies College (RMC). I assisted the delivery of a large 100 room extension to RMC at Macquarie University to enlarge the college to over 300 students last year. So I am still mucking around in college life!



Above: Peter Hicks at the 15th Anniversary of New College in 1984.

I enjoy adventure traveling (still!) and have managed to walk to the top of Mt Kilimanjaro, Gokyo Ridge (Everest) and recently crossed Costa Rica (mostly). I recently completed my 7th Oxfam 100km trek.

Living at New College gave me the opportunity to fully enjoy student life being on the doorstep of UNSW. More importantly was the opportunity to mix and enjoy the company of a wide range of fellow students studying across the spectrum of courses and interests.

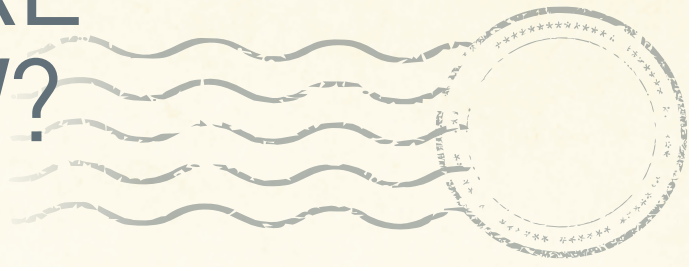
I miss the easy way of mixing with many friends at any hour of the day. I don't miss public transport!

To today's collegians: use the leadership, networking and social skills you have practiced at college. They are invaluable in life. ■



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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



## DR ALLAN BEAVIS AWARDED OAM



Dr Allan Beavis with his wife Raewyn.

**D**r Allan Beavis, who was the 4th Master of New College (1995-2002), has been recognised for his service to music and education with the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division.

The current Master of New College, Prof. Cairney remarked, "It is a well-deserved honour given Dr Beavis' commitment to the community, church and to education over a long period, especially notable of course in education given service in multiple sectors."

Since leaving New College Dr Beavis has lived in the Southern Highlands. His involvement in the community has included his role as the founder and conductor of St Jude's Singers, conductor of Highland Sinfonia, organist for St Simon's and St Jude's Anglican Church in Bowral, public officer for St Jude's Music Association and chair of the organising committee for the Bowral Autumn Music Festival. ▀

## CRISTIAN & KAREN LEYTON

**W**e are Cristian and Karen. We came to Australia from Chile 5 years ago and spent 2 wonderful years at NCV. Many things have been going on since we left NCV. Cristian came as a medical practitioner who wanted to complete a PhD in neuroscience. This year he commenced a postdoctoral position to continue his research. Karen, besides having an intensive social life, is looking after our son Oliver and working at a part-time job. The 2-year-old, Oliver was born towards the end of our stay at the NCV. He has started going to child-care and is a real Aussie-cheeky boy! He loves going to the beach and eating his sandwiches with vegemite. Although these changes are part of our life's evolution, we cannot avoid feeling nostalgic about our stay in NCV.

Those years were overwhelmed with experiences, social activities and multicultural interaction. Sharing day-to-day life with people from diverse backgrounds, age, language, religion, culture and motivations might sound impossible. However, despite such dramatic differences between the people we lived with, the NCV community was vibrant and cohesive.

The building itself facilitated the integration by means of large windows, corridors and terraces. Periodical activities prevented residents from getting bored—although we were always busy at the Uni and these activities were a great excuse to chat, have a coffee and make the greatest friends!

Of course, when we left NCV we felt a bit like orphaned children. Fortunately, we still remain in contact with many friends from NCV and we love visiting the building and walking around.

So, if you are a current resident, take hold of every opportunity, participate as much as you can and meet as many people as you can. Talk to them, and tell them about your life and interests... You will discover that you have more things in common with other members of the NCV community than you might expect.

NCV is a big family where you can find friends for the rest of your life. NCV changed our life and we feel blessed to have had the opportunity to live there.

If you are an overseas student, NCV is the best place to live and study. We are sure that after you complete your studies, NCV will be part of your life too and you will have many overseas friends to visit. ▀





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AIR LETTER

## DR SHEAU-FANG NG



### *What has life looked like since leaving NCV?*

I am currently doing my postdoc fellowship in Belgium. I am currently researching a new biomarker to detect Type 1 Diabetes in Professor Decio Eizirik's lab, Universite Libre de Bruxelles. Together with a group of scientists, we carried out experiments using pancreatic islets to better understand the molecular pathways leading to destruction of islet cells and ultimately diabetes. It is a new experience for me, to adapt to a new country and learn to speak another language; nevertheless I enjoy the beautiful city, the friendliness and the hospitality of the locals, and not to mention the delicious cuisine – I love pastries, pork ribs and chocolate! I also spent my first snowy winter here!

### *What did you enjoy about living at NCV?*

I have very fond memories of my experience living in NCV. The highlight was of course the diverse community life; meeting people from all over the world, coming from different backgrounds and professions, doing different courses and researching different topics from business, politics and arts to science and humanities. It was an eye opener for me and has helped broaden the perspective of my life.

I also enjoyed the postgraduate seminars, where we had a wide range of speakers, from scientists, successful entrepreneurs, writers and university staff from various departments of the Graduate School. Many of these people inspired and helped me in one way or another.

### *What do you miss?*

I miss the friendship and the fun we had together. It could be something very simple such as cooking pancakes together during supper time and the BBQs; and some of the special events such as talent time, where residents did their best to perform while having fun, including the Master, Professor Trevor Cairney and his wife Carmen, to raise funds for the Sydney Children's Hospital. It was just amazing!

### *What sage advice would you offer an NCV Resident trying to build a career as a scientist?*

I see the 'ingredients' needed to be a scientist as no different from that required of an entrepreneur. Some of the common qualities include passion, creativity, intuition, prudence, willingness to take calculated risk, flexibility, industriousness and tenacity. The 'business' is ones research project. ■

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## James & Margie Pietsch

Dr James Pietsch was the Dean of Residents at New College from 2003 to 2009. During this time he lived within the College along with his wife Margie, their children Samuel, Caleb and Greta and (over the course of seven years) 882 New Collegians. James and Margie met each other while they themselves were New Collegians in the late 80's and early 90's.

### *What has life looked like since handing in the keys to the Dean's flat?*

Having neighbours with children, a real letterbox and everything being very quiet at night were the things that stood out in the first few weeks after we moved.

James has been working at St Luke's Grammar School in Dee Why as the head of the Mathematics faculty. He mostly teaches senior classes including Extension Two for the 4th year in a row. We have all been involved in the vibrant community at St Stephens Anglican Church, Belrose. James has preached and led music. Margie has worked alongside others at St. Stephens promoting issues of social justice associated with fair trade and the abolition of child and slave labour, particularly in relation to the chocolate industry. She has been involved in setting up a small fair trade shop. It is called "Serendipity" and you can find it on Facebook.

Samuel is in the Yr 7 extension class at Killarney Heights High School and enjoys youth group on Friday nights. Caleb and Greta are at our local primary school, Mimosa Public School. Caleb is in Yr 4 and loves playing mine craft. Greta is in Yr 1 and loves soccer (especially if her brothers say they'll play with her!). We still look after the wild (UNSW) campus cat we 'rescued' and have recently acquired a beautiful new tiger puss named Master Chong.

### *What do you miss about living at New College?*

**JAMES:** I miss the community—I loved being part of such a unique community full of amazing people with different talents, abilities and perspectives on the world. When 248 people of intelligence and time come together the most incredible things are possible. I also miss working with the staff. So many of the people who work at New College genuinely believe in the values that the College aims to promote amongst the community and they work tirelessly to support its development.

**MARGIE:** For me, the NC experience was all about



the people I spent time with... and most of those have moved on as well! I am still in touch with some wonderful girls and guys! I miss having great (real cheap!) Thai takeaway down the street!

### *What don't you miss?*

We don't miss Fire alarms!! During our time at New College our children would have been woken in the middle of the night at least fifty times by fire alarms. Or the sound of Anzac Pde!

### *What sage advice would you offer a collegian about to move out of College and into the real world?*

**JAMES:** Don't take New College for granted—that sense of community is harder to find outside. But it is possible, and I hope that everyone who leaves New College has an insight into the truth that they have experienced—that we are made to be in relationship with one another and these relationships are more important than "things" or our own aggrandisement.

**MARGIE:** Get involved in a Church or Community Group that has very old people and very young people! It's complicated, but extremely rewarding. ▀





# Dr Ian Walker

Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser with former New College Dean, Dr Ian Walker, who is now the Head of Toad Hall and Ursula Hall at The Australian National University.

Dr Ian Walker was the Dean of Residents at New College from 1994 to 2002. As well as the Academic Support and Pastoral Care that he provided to New Collegians through this role, Dr Walker was very active in building relations between the College, the University and the alumni community.

**I**n many ways, New College was my first 'home away from home' – rather as it was for many much younger 'fresher' collegians! The opportunity over 8 years as Dean to share my Christian life, experiences and interests in this special role and way is something I still treasure – especially having come to know so many gifted, talented and committed young people!

It was therefore a somewhat strange experience to accept the University's invitation in 2002 to take on a new role at The Kensington Colleges (TKC); for some time I felt I wanted to go home to New. I must admit that I didn't miss the occasional 'bombing' from the upper floors of Warrane College! It was a privilege, however, over 7 years as TKC Principal to help develop a community of three

Colleges, working with some very dedicated staff.

I resigned my position at TKC at a time when the University was clearly looking to do different things with its own Colleges. They are now, of course, being re-built in much the same style as the adjacent commercial developments. In 2010 I became Head of Toad Hall at the ANU (so named by its first residents because of the willows at the back of the Hall), an international community of mainly 230 postgraduates, rather like the NCV. In 2011, the University asked if I would also head Ursula Hall (formerly Ursula College), comprising some 200 undergraduates and nearly 200 postgraduates (300 later in 2014). Life at the ANU and in Canberra is busy and rewarding. I am a Visitor in the School of History and I have an Honorary



Research Fellowship in the Faculty of Education at Sydney University; last year I was elected Vice-President of the Association of Heads of Australian University Colleges & Halls (University Colleges Australia). I am also a member of a newly established ANU International Alumni Council. I was deeply honoured at the end of last year to deliver a eulogy at the funeral of the late Dr Stuart Barton Babbage, second Master of New College.

With all the changes and challenges I have had over the past years, I can see how important it is to take hold of opportunities and to trust in God's good purposes. I continue to 'rest' in the words of Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor 12:9): *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.* ■

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Joel Lang

Joel Lang lived at New College from 1989-1991 and was the New College Student Association Chairman in 1991.

I remember my time at New College most fondly. I am often jealous of the freedom I associate with it. College life is an intense time of discovery and exploring identity without the many responsibilities that grow in adult life. Knowing I can't go back, I often find myself longing to go into a retirement village, where hundreds of pensioners are hanging around a common room, staying up late watching movies and waiting for the call of "touch footy". Well, it will probably be the call for "lawn bowls" and bed by 6.

While at uni, studying Geology, I started volunteering at 'Randwick Baptist Church' (now GracePoint Christian Church) working with local youth. I decided that this was what I wanted to do. Once I finished my degree, I enrolled to do a youth work course.

I began looking for a job that would allow me as much time as possible to do my youth work. I enrolled in a cabinetmaking trade. I loved working with wood, the beauty of what I could make, and the tangible results of the work. I found employment with an Irish cabinetmaker at 'Woodsense Restorations and Joinery' who taught



me the trade, and whom I eventually bought my business from. It is now 10 years since I took over 'Woodsense Joinery' and I'm proud to say that we are still alive and enjoying our work.

At New College I was profoundly influenced by many people and made many great friends. Of course, the best thing to happen to me there was meeting my wife Sarah. She was studying 'Environmental Science' (which was a trick by the geology department to get girls to enrol in a largely male course). She worked that out pretty quick and tried to get out of there, but it was too late for us, we'd already swapped study notes.

Both country kids, we had plans to move out of Sydney as soon as possible. And yet, here we are twenty years later with two kids of our own, and only a few suburbs away in Botany. It's a bit like 'The Castle',

watching the planes go overhead, and wondering if all the lead in our soil will ever be worth anything. We've stayed because of the people we've met here and built our lives with. Work and family means that I am no longer involved in the youth work, but it was a privilege to be part of that, and I remain in contact with many of those kids, who are now adults.

I've been asked to give some advice. And while I struggle with doubts, fears, and feelings of inadequacy I guess I have to believe I've learnt something in 42 years. Be honest, and have the courage to be the person you want to be. You'll never be happy chasing someone else's dreams.

Learn to enjoy the journey of growth and discovery that comes through struggles. Forgive yourself and others because it heals hurts and opens doors. Have good people around, who care about you, support you, and bring out the best in you. Be kind, because it makes the world a happier place, and it's an easy thing to do. Rest when you need rest.

My God has been a constant for me through many high peaks and dark valleys in my life; circumstances come and go. But the hope, joy, and love that comes from Him is always there, and the greatest gift I have. ■



Some examples of Joel's work.





# In memory of Christopher Gibson



**C**hristopher Gibson was a New Collegian in 1976. In 1982 he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The diagnosis was later revised and he was informed that he had a non-life threatening disease called spastic paraplegia. Unfortunately he passed away on 26th September 2012 after many



years of struggling with the disease that eventually left him confined to a wheel chair and struggling for breath. Despite his disability Christopher felt that, with God's direction, he should minister to those with a disability and those who experience a sense of powerlessness in the world.

Christopher attended Ridley College, where he was a student of theology from 1983 to 1985. He also completed a Master's thesis on the History and Philosophy of Science. He was ordained as a Deacon in the Melbourne Diocese of the Anglican Church and he served in a number of Anglican and Uniting churches.

For the last twenty years of his life, Christopher was an Assistant Chaplain at Swinburne University of Technology, working among overseas students. To his international students, Christopher was much more than an advisor. He had the ability to communicate and connect with people from diverse backgrounds. He was able to understand their problems, fears, loneliness and isolation. He was cherished as a mentor, confidant, counsellor and friend.

During the last two years of his life, Christopher was in and out of hospital. With considerable courage and determination he resumed work at Swinburne in August 2012 collaborating on a project to develop course material

for a unit of study on Disability and Inclusion. Unfortunately Christopher took a turn for the worse and was admitted to hospital on 21st September 2012 where he died 6 days later.

Swinburne University held a memorial service to honour Christopher and to pay tribute to his ministry. His friend Julie Lim remarked in her eulogy that:

*"Real significance is not a matter of greatness, or fame or influence. True significance is found in serving – as Jesus did. Though Chris was wheelchair bound, his arms were always outstretched and his heart open."*

Despite being in pain and the daily challenges presented by the simple act of living and caring for himself, Christopher maintained his independence and his slightly off beat and sometimes wicked sense of humour. He brought joy and laughter to the lives of many and he was a strong advocate for the rights of others.

At the time of his death he had begun working on his PhD focusing on the topic of Isolation. His big dream had always been to have his poems published and this will finally be realised with the backing of Swinburne University and the Anglican Church. With the permission of Christopher's family, two of his poems and some of his art appear here in *New 'n' Old*. ▀



## A MOMENT IN TIME

I sit beneath a tree  
in moonlight,  
staring at marigolds.  
I hear leaves gently rustling  
and a sweet night breeze  
blows against my cheek.  
For a moment  
I share this summer evening  
with the marigolds.

## RIVER PARK REHAB

I watch parents and friends coming  
to share sun walks and stored up love  
with broken children.  
Does the wind in the river park blow meaning  
as it tosses bits of sun from leaf to leaf?  
Perhaps the stranger doing Tai Chi knows.  
And what of happy couples pushing prams?  
their enthusiasm only less than the barking dog  
straining hard against his leash.  
Must I wait until the night  
to understand the winds reply?





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### Peter Thompson & Eleanor Cook

Peter (NC 2005-07) and Eleanor (NC 2006-07) were married on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 in a service held at St James Anglican Church Turramurra. The wedding party included Claire Lawley (NC 2006-09) as a Bridesmaid and Sasanka Liyanage (NC 2005-06) and Andrew Thompson (NC 2000-03) as groomsmen. Ian Moss (2006-07) was the MC for a wonderful reception, which was held at 'Zest', The Spit, Mosman. About 40 alumni of New College were there to celebrate with Peter and Eleanor.

Elle is now a resident at Prince of Wales Hospital while Peter has become a chef at 4Fourteen restaurant in Surry Hills (a bit of a stretch from the geology major). They are living down at Maroubra Beach, enjoying the waves whenever they get the chance. Looking further down the track Elle is considering critical care training, while Peter will see where the culinary skills can take him.



### Jake Weragoda & Bec Fry

Jake & Bec Weragoda (nee Fry) were married at St. Peter Chanel Church, Hunters Hill Sunday 17th March 2013. This was followed by a reception at the Taronga Centre. Jake's best man was Marc Barker (NCSA President 2008). Jake and Mark were both Collegians from 2007 to 2008. Bec's maid of Honour was her sister Jacqueline Fry.

Since leaving New College Jake has graduated from UNSW with a Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology). In 2013, he finished a two year Graduate Program with Campbell Arnott's and he now works as a Food Technologist on the Shapes brand at Arnott's. Bec studied a Bachelor of Science (Physiology & Pharmacology) and Graduate Diploma in Drug Development at UNSW, and is now working in the pharmaceutical industry.



### Angela Barrett & Tim Richardson

Angela Barrett (NC 2000-2006) and Tim Richardson married on 28 December in Centennial Park. They had a fantastic day and night surrounded by family and close friends including New College Alumni Natalie Bredin (1999-2001), Matt McKay (2000-04), Louise Worthington (1998-2001), Tim Owen (2003-05) and Matt (1998-2001) and Alicia Wells. Angela and Tim are now settling into life in Australia having returned from living in London in late 2012.





# NEW FAMILIES

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## Michael & Belinda McLean

Rebekah Louise Kate was born on 20th March 2013, the first child of Mike and Belinda McLean, who married in March 2009.

Since leaving New College, Mike has been working at Downer EDI on the new Waratah trains in the ICT team (Information & Communications Technology). Belinda worked with GSES (Global Sustainable Energy Solutions). She then became a contractor (started her own business in 2011) in renewable energy training & consulting. They bought their first house and moved to Seven Hills in 2010, and have been enjoying life in the western suburbs. They are looking forward to the new challenges & joys of being parents.



## Nathan Milham & Katherine Wong

Nathan Milham and Katherine Wong were married at St Albans, Lindfield on 8th December, 2012. Nathan's groomsmen included alumni Peter Orenstein, Phillip King and Andrew Davis, who all lived at New College with Nathan from 2009 to 2011. Nathan now works for Evans & Peck in Chatswood as a consultant. Nathan and Katherine live in Wollstonecraft but travel to Kingsford every week to attend Unichurch at UNSW.

## Andrew & Kate Ireland

Andrew & Kate Ireland are very thankful for the recent arrival of their second little daughter, Felicity Edith, and feel so blessed to have the task of being her parents... and of protecting her from Victoria! Felicity was born on 20th February, 2013. It's over five years since Andrew and Kate left New College. They've been working and living in Mount Isa. Andrew works as a mining engineer and Kate was working as an environmental engineer (both for Xstrata Mount Isa Mines) until she resigned late last year. They love being part of the dynamic community of the outback city.



Victoria, Kate, Felicity and Andrew Ireland

## Chris and Beck Rowe

Evelyn Kate Rowe ('Evie' for short) was born on November 21st 2012 to Chris (NC 2003-06) and Beck (NC 2004). Evie was baptised on Sunday at their church in Newcastle (Hunter Bible Church). Dan and Steph Cummings, both alumni of New College, as well as Chris' sister Louisa made promises to be Evie's godparents.

Since leaving New College Chris and Beck have both finished their medical degrees at UNSW, and relocated to the Hunter area where they are enjoying living and working. Chris is pursuing specialty training in endocrinology and general medicine. Beck has just withdrawn from specialty training in obstetrics and gynaecology to complete the more family-friendly GP training program.



*Families*



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## Phillip King & Belinda Williams

Phillip King and Belinda King (nee Williams) were married on 24th November in a ceremony held at St Matthias Anglican Church in Paddington. An afternoon tea followed in the church grounds and a reception at Bronte Surf Life Saving Club was held in the evening. The bridal Party included Belinda's sister as the Maid of Honour and bridesmaids: Bonnie-Rae Phoebe (NC 2009-11) and Anna Massey. The Best Man was Michael King with groomsmen Nathan Milham (NC 2009-11) and Peter Orenstein (NC 2009-11).

Belinda lived at New from 2009 until June 2011 before she went on exchange to Shanghai for a year as part of her International Studies degree. She returned in June 2012 and moved into NCV where she completed her final semester. Phillip (NC 2009-11) graduated at the end of 2012 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering. Both are now working in full-time graduate positions. They are looking forward to going to France for Christmas to visit Phillip's family.

# Marriages



## Marriages – Vivian Shek and Patrick Chan

There have been many firsts in NCV's short four year history as a residential community. One of the highlights must be celebrating our first all NCV wedding between two NCV residents who met when they came to live with us in the community.

On the 12th December 2012 (12.12.12) at 12.00pm, about 30 friends and family gathered to witness and celebrate the wedding of Vivian Shek and Patrick Chan. Viv and Patrick came to NCV in 2009 as foundation residents. Patrick came from the USA to study medicine and Vivian came from Queensland to undertake a PhD in musicology. Both have

made significant contributions to the life of the NCV.

The wedding took place at the Headquarters of the Lutheran Church of Australia at Rhodes (Sydney). It was a moving service that involved a short formal ceremony, a message, prayer, hymns, the exchange of vows and the signing of the marriage register. There was a video link to the USA to allow other relatives to witness the event. There was also another celebration in San Diego (at the San Diego Zoo) in January.

The ceremony in Sydney was followed by an afternoon tea. They will continue to live in Australia, not far from NCV in Kensington. Congratulations Vivian & Patrick!



# Persian New Year

As Spring arrives in the Northern Hemisphere, Norooz is celebrated by Persians all around the world. Norooz is a festival that has been celebrated for thousands of years. It is a secular holiday that is enjoyed by people of several faiths. Norooz is the day that marks the first day of spring in the Solar Calendar and the beginning of the New Year in Persian culture. This celebration has its roots in Ancient Iran. However, for centuries Norooz has been celebrated and observed in other countries as well, including Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

Residents of NCV held their own celebration of Norooz on Thursday 21st of March. All NCV residents were invited to what turned out to be a very popular event.

Many residents came dressed to impress. Ahsan Kabir Murad and Pesila Ratnayake, dressed especially for the occasion and re-enacted a tradition of two characters who are associated with Norooz. The first character is Haji Firooz. He is a young, playful and clownish character, dancing, chanting, and playing his tambourine to bring good cheer and announce the arrival Norooz. The second character, Amoo Norooz, is an



older and respected character who gives out gifts during Norooz.

A key characteristic of Norooz is that people celebrate with music and dance. NCV residents certainly did that, dancing to music provided by a DJ. Pistachios, traditional sweets and drinks were also served to help residents experience a taste of the Persian culture.

The walls of the Main Common Room were decorated with Persian cloths. A traditional table setting called Haft-Seen, was also set up (pictured above). The Haft-Seen table includes seven items all starting with the letter "S" (س) in the Persian alphabet. Haft-Seen was originally called Haftchin (Haftcîn) derived from the word Chin (چین), meaning "to place" and Haft (هفت), the number 7. Event organiser and NCV resident Samira Abbasalipour gave a presentation on the tradition behind Norooz and the Haft-Seen table setting.

Everyone had a very fun night dancing and enjoying each other's company through the lens of an ancient and interesting culture. ▀



# NCV Awards

In 2012, NCV introduced a series of awards to acknowledge the unique and important contributions made by specific individuals in the NCV community. The major award, “The NCV Award”, was given to the student resident who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, has made the greatest contribution to fostering the community life of NCV during that calendar year. A series of “NCV Service Awards” were also presented to those who had made important contributions to community life over the last year.



**T**he recipient of the 2012 NCV Award (the major award of the evening) was Rhonda Siu, a PhD student in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. In announcing the award, Professor Cairney noted that:

*A passionate musician, Rhonda has been the backbone of the NCV Choir, co-ordinating practices, arranging pieces, and conducting performances. She has put in many hours of behind the scenes co-ordination work to make the choir happen. Moreover, Rhonda has also been involved in the NCV Band, playing various instruments as part of NCV band items... A keen philosophy student, Rhonda participated in the NCV Philosophy group with thoughtful and insightful contributions, and has been a constant presence at Formal Dinners, barbecues and cultural nights. Her quiet manner belies an unwavering commitment to the NCV Community, manifest through tireless behind the scenes work to support the NCV music community over the last 2 ½ years.*

And the Inaugural NCV Service Award Recipients are...

**Tamara Certain** for her outstanding contribution to social life at NCV. Tamara has the ability to make those around her feel loved and cared for. She is committed to making all cultures feel welcome at NCV.

**Ria Dev** who has been an active participant in the Bollywood dancing group and a mainstay of the NCV choir. Ria was also instrumental in organizing Sub-Continental Night in 2012.

**Platini Lee** moved into NCV at the start of 2009 and has undertaken both undergraduate and postgraduate study during his time in the community. His particular knack and passion for photography has seen him documenting many NCV events, and

his photos provide an important historical record of NCV’s development as a community over the last four years. Many of the photos in *New ‘n’ Old* are taken by Platini.

**Pesila Ratnayake** arrived at NCV at the start of 2012...all the way from New College! Pesila has had a profound impact on community life, especially through the formation of the NCV Band, helping to organize the NCV Talent Night 2012 and The NCV Factor. He has been committed to supporting other residents and has constantly sought to meet new people and welcome them into the community.

THE AWARD WINNERS were announced on Thursday 15th November as the NCV Community gathered for the final full community function for 2012, a Drinks and Canapés function in the Main Common Room of the Village. ▀

(L-R) Dr John Quinn (Dean of NCV), Pesila Ratnayake, Edward Law, Prof. Trevor Cairney, Rhonda Siu, Tamara Certain and Platini Lee.





# Edward Law Wins University Medal



**Edward Law** lived at NCV from its opening in 2009 until the end of 2012. He was recently awarded the University Medal, which is the highest accolade that undergraduates can achieve at UNSW. Edward was awarded the Medal for his outstanding achievements in the Bachelor of Engineering (Renewable Energy). His undergraduate research thesis was a feasibility study of a ground source heat pump system for the Fox Studios buildings in the Entertainment Quarter of Centennial Park.

As a resident, Edward was very involved in life at NCV, participating in Formal Dinners, Barbecues, the

Research Group, Music Nights, Cultural Nights, O'Week and sporting activities. He also served on the NCV Resident Committee, chairing and organizing meetings, and as an NCV Academic Tutor in Renewable Energy Engineering. He was a very deserving recipient of one of the 2012 NCV Service Awards

Ed has now commenced a PhD at UNSW researching short-term forecasting of output from solar power plants. The focus of his PhD is currently on investigating the development of a solar energy forecasting system that can be used for solar power plants in Australia. ▀

## NCV Autumn Dinner *Autumn*

**T**he Autumn Formal Dinner was a wonderful evening for NCV residents to share a meal, spend time in the company of fellow residents from different floors and get dressed up. The community enjoyed a three course meal and were entertained by NCV resident Cameron Mendoza, who sang a rendition of Michael Buble's song *Sway*.

The speaker at the dinner was Associate Professor David Cohen. Prof. Cohen is the current Head of the School of Biological, Earth and

Environmental Sciences at UNSW. His areas of interest include exploration and environmental geochemistry, biogeochemistry, regional geochemical mapping, and selective geochemical extractions. In addition to his research work, Prof. Cohen has held a number of senior positions in university management, serving as Presiding Member of the Faculty of Science and more recently as Deputy President of the Academic Board. David is also on the Board of New College.

During his talk, Prof. Cohen

discussed the origins of universities before moving on to reflections of the history of UNSW. Prof. Cohen explained that the universitas emerged in medieval Europe with predominantly self-regulating governance of two kinds; Faculty controlled in northern Europe, where staff invited students to attend classes, and student run in southern Europe, where students invited staff to come and teach them. From early times students and staff moved freely between universities. In the 1500's they were among the most mobile of groups in Europe. The university was a vehicle, along with the church and army, by which those of humble beginnings could rise up to great things.

Prof. Cohen shared how he came to be a Ph.D student at UNSW and how over time his changing roles in the university have allowed him to develop a view that universities are best left as self-regulating institutions without unnecessary overregulation and direction from government bureaucrats. At the end of Prof. Cohen's talk, NCV resident Aishwarya Menon gave the vote of thanks for what was a very witty and engaging talk. ▀



# NCV WELCOME WEEK

**160 new people** have joined the New College Village (NCV) community as residents since the beginning of the 2013. During the last week of February NCV held a 'Welcome Week' to celebrate the arrival of the new residents and to help new and returning residents form friendships and have fun. Here is a snapshot of the fun week.

## Sunday

- Many new residents had recently arrived in Sydney from overseas and interstate so a tour of the city to see the iconic Opera House and The Rocks made for happy snapping.

## Monday

- New Residents met the Master, Dean, Senior Residents and Frank the Fat Penguin and were formally welcomed to NCV.
- Senior Residents gave the new residents a tour of the University with the helpful yellow-shirts.
- A supper-crawl was held and residents went from floor to floor snacking and getting to know one another and the building.

## Tuesday

- Frank got friendly. The NCV mascot, Frank the Fat Penguin, ran a speed-dating style event for new residents followed by drinks and canapés.

## Wednesday

- NCV Residents donned dashing suits and cocktail dresses and embarked on the 'The Classy Crawl' to discover the fanciest establishments in Sydney.
- For those who prefer a hot cup of coffee a group visited Sydney's bohemian styled cafes.

## Thursday

- The Dean of NCV, Dr John Quinn, is undoubtedly the quizmaster. On Thursday night NCV residents battled it out to become NCV's Intellectual Champions.







### Friday

- The Senior Ministry Residents Jesse and Olivia hosted a welcome to Christian Life at NCV and let the new residents know about local churches, NCV services and bible studies.
- There is nothing more Australian than a snag and steak on the barbie. The NCV Senior Resident Team cooked up a storm while the NCV band provided live music. Later residents had the opportunity to bring out their singing voices for karaoke.

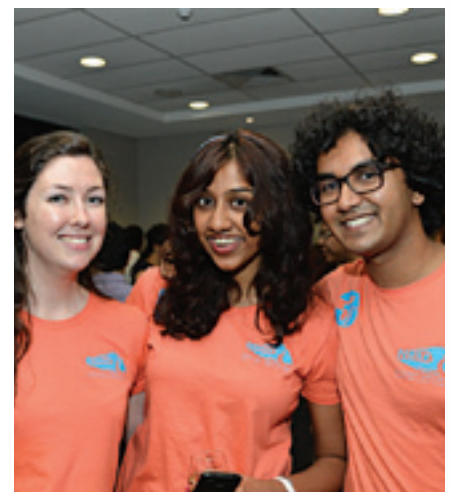
### Saturday

- Residents braved a little rain to be amazing. Their map reading and puzzle solving skills were tested in the Sydney CBD as teams battled it out to win the NCV Amazing Race.
- PhD, Masters by Research, Honours and ILP students took a break to meet each other over cheese and wine.

### Sunday

- The courtyard was converted to a badminton arena while in the games room a Ping Pong competition provided entertainment for those residents sitting back and relaxing with delicious ice-cream and pancakes. Later that night the NCV courtyard became an open air cinema for a movie night as the final event of Welcome Week.

New NCV residents had a great time getting to know one another in Welcome Week 2013. By the beginning of Week 1 many new friendships had been formed that may well last a lifetime.





# BOURKE COMMUNITY SERVICE TRIP



They began to realise how far from the coast they actually were — surrounded by red dirt, pale green trees, blue sky and a long straight road on the way to Bourke.

In 2012 Ross Willing and Matthew Zaidan, now alumni, began discussing how the college could better engage in community service. Along with New College staff they held discussions with Rebecca Harcourt, who works with the Australian School of Business and is the Indigenous Program Coordinator at Nura Gili, UNSW. The idea developed into planning a cultural trip to an Indigenous community, specifically Bourke in far North-West rural New South Wales.

The purpose of the trip was for New Collegians to spend a week at the Bourke assisting the Police & Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) with its children's holiday program. A group of collegians, consisting of Ross Willing, Khierah Salam, Matthew Zaidan, Matthew Cork, Ben Cumming, Sarah Hyland, Makenzie Russell and Tim Curtin, came together to start planning the trip. They attended briefings with Carol Vale, who has a

wealth of experience working with Indigenous communities, and Rebecca Harcourt from UNSW. They learnt about the disadvantaged community of Bourke and cultural sensitivities in Indigenous communities.

Rebecca Harcourt decided to go on the trip with the New Collegians

and invited Alison Golding (known as Aunty Ali) to join the team too. Aunty Ali is an incredible person and Aboriginal Elder who has contributed in many ways to Australian life and support of Indigenous communities.

On Saturday 12th January the team packed into the bus and set off on what was to be a very long road trip. On their second day travelling they began to realise how far from the coast they actually were – surrounded by red dirt, pale green trees, blue sky and a





long straight road. Getting out of the bus the true outback heat hit – it was over 48 degrees with a lovely hot wind.

Arriving at Bourke, the team met up with Jake and Tereka – the managers of the PCYC. The Collegians met the children for the first time by dressing up as clowns with wigs and face paint. Their sheer enthusiasm and lack of inhibitions meant that they soon earned the respect of the children and the week got off to a flying start.

Throughout the week the team of New Collegians helped to run a host of activities for the kids. The most popular of these were cricket and duck-duck-goose. They played circus games, made up dances and skits, played basketball and soccer, cooked 'Johnny cakes' with Aunty Ali, did scrapbooking, took lots of fun photos, and went to the pool at Lightning Ridge.

On the last Friday night the team enjoyed a BBQ at Mount Oxley and watched a beautiful sunset as they reflected on the week. The collegians hoped their presence had had a positive impact on the children in the community and perhaps instilled the idea that school education is important and university worth striving for.

The trip proved very worthwhile. It gave the team members a first-hand insight into the socio-economic disadvantages of a rural indigenous community. It also broadened their perspectives through a cultural immersion which challenged them physically, intellectually and emotionally. Most importantly, the children they were serving had a lot of fun whilst they were there. New Collegians are now in the process of discussing the logistics of a second trip, with the possibility of it taking place in the mid-year break. Professor Cairney has announced that New College will be donating an annual prize to schools in Bourke, to encourage the children and youth of the town in their educational development. This is a wonderful start to building links between New College and the Bourke community. ▀





# Academic Excellence and a 24/7 University



UNSW Vice Chancellor Professor Fred Hilmer addresses the 2013 New College Commencement Dinner.

The 2013 New College Commencement Dinner was held on Wednesday, 6th March. This evening is a special occasion in the life of the College and represents the first formal occasion of the year at which the whole College community is encouraged to take part. Members of the New College Board, Life Fellow, Mr Bill Barwick, several staff members

and alumni of the College, joined almost 250 current collegians for the evening function.

Professor Fred Hilmer, The Vice-Chancellor and President of UNSW, and Mrs Claire Hilmer were the guests of honour at the dinner. Professor Hilmer addressed the New College community for the third time since becoming Vice-Chancellor of UNSW. He spoke about how UNSW is transitioning to become a 24/7 uni, an environment where students and staff will be able to access services, go through lectures and undertake research with greater flexibility than at present. Practically, this takes into account the growing population of students and researchers living on-campus. Prof. Hilmer said that university students and staff expect to be able to buy food, groceries and have access to the medical centre 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Vice-Chancellor explained that a 24/7 structural orientation will help the university remain financially viable in the future by utilising the extensive assets of UNSW outside of traditional business hours. Prof. Hilmer highlighted the advantages and disadvantages of a 24/7 community, particularly acknowledging the

need for individuals to take time to rest from work and 'turn off' to technology.

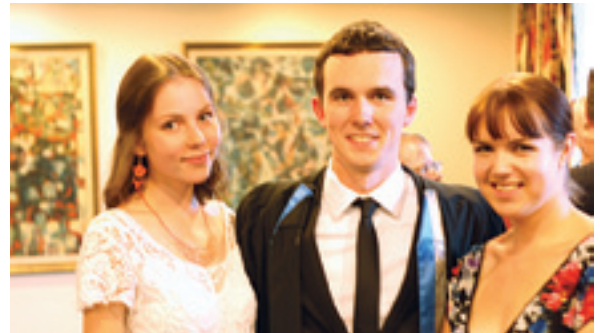
New College presents academic prizes each year to residents across a range of different disciplines and these were presented by Professor Hilmer.

## New College Academic Prize Winners for 2012

- Claire-Elise Green – Physics
- Jessica Dunn – Biology
- Willem Henskens – Medicine
- Laura Jeffress – Engineering & Industrial Chemistry
- Brittany Richardson – Arts

## Emily Rumble wins University Medal

The university medal is the highest accolade that undergraduates can achieve. In 2012 New College alumnus Emily Rumble (New Collegian 2007-2010) was awarded the UNSW Medal in the discipline of History. Emily made significant contributions to life at New College through debating, NCSA productions and particularly as the Senior Academic Tutor in 2010. The Master, Professor Trevor Cairney, gave particular recognition to Emily and also acknowledged the University prize winners for 2012 during the dinner. ▀



(L-R) Collegians Megan Telford and Michael Babbage with alumna and university medallist, Emily Rumble.

New Collegians Ben McCoy, Sam Kellehan, Anna Fernon, Rachel Murdock, Teagan MacDonald and Daniel Markey before the 2013 Commencement Dinner.





# Academic Excellence at New College

## New Collegian University Prize Winners for 2012

The Faculty of Engineering Deans Award [the 2012 awards recognizing study in 2011] – Daniel Atkins, Andrew Davis, Jarrah Duckhs, Brendan Fox, Sarah Hayes, Ben Hughes, Oscar Wilkie

The Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Deans Award – D’Arcy Baxter, Tom Boak, Katie Lillyman

The Faculty of Built Environment Dean’s List – Hannah Degotardi, Phillip Griffin, Liam Williamsz

The Faculty of Law Dean’s List – Emily Rumble

Robbi Bishop-Taylor – The School of Humanities Prize

Nicholas Gouvernet – The Samos Polymers Prize in Industrial Chemistry

Andrew Davis – The Engineers Australia Civil & Structural Engineering Prize

Chris Webb – The Advanced Operating Systems Alumni Prize

Jarryd Pla – The CiSRA Best Paper Prize

Oscar Wilkie – The Photovoltaics Prize (Applied Photovoltaics)

Edward Hagger-Culloton – The Suntastic Project Prize

Matthew Schiller – The Prize for Phase 3 Portfolio

Bridget Oakley – The Graham Turner Bursaries Prize (rural clinical school)

Willem Henskens – The Maurice (Toby) Arnold Anatomy Prize

Daniel Keith – The Faculty of Science Prize for 2nd Year Advanced Science

Claire-Elise Green – The Australian Institute of Physics Prize and The Nucletron Prize in Experimental Physics



2012 Collegian of the Year, Megan Telford

## New Collegian of the Year

Megan Telford was announced as New Collegian of the year at the 2012 Valedictory Dinner. Megan has contributed in many ways to the life of the College since arriving as a fresher in 2011. She was the Head of the New College Dance Society, organising dance workshops, a ‘So you think you can dance?’ competition and a number of dance routines for New College revues. Megan was also a Co-Head of the 2012 Ball committee. She was appointed as a 2013 Residential Advisor and continues to contribute much to our community in that role.

## 2012 New College Valedictory Awards

New College Award (Academic): Sarah Hayes

New College Award (Service to the Community): George Davis

Collegian of the Year: Megan Telford

NCSA VD Awards: Service Awards: George Davis, Jacob Hyland, Jamie Cham, Cameron Wu, James Heydon

Subcommittee of the Year: Debating

Matt Giblin Award: Andrew Palmer



# CASE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

**T**he Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education (CASE) has just celebrated its 10th anniversary. CASE was established in late 2002 with the appointment of Trevor Cairney as the Master of New College. In a sense, CASE filled the gap left by the closure of the Institute for Values Research (IVR), though, its purposes and activities were to be different.

The first CASE newsletter described the Centre as aiming 'to provide a Christian perspective on social, intellectual and academic issues.' It was '...to engage people of all persuasions in dialogue, debate and discussion concerning contemporary issues of broad interest' through publications, seminars, conferences, online resources, and engagement with others in varied public dialogue and discourse. CASE has now been doing this for a decade.

Case Magazine has been one of the key activities of the Centre, tackling a huge range of topics, including family, climate change, debt, apologetics, work, philosophy, science and religion, euthanasia, creativity, poverty, wealth, evolution, witchcraft, atheism, ageing, politics, education, bioethics, war, peace, art, music, literature, happiness, and even Christmas! The early shape, design and make-up of Case was driven by Dr Greg Clarke who was appointed as full-time Director of the centre and editor of Case in 2003. He

held this post until 2006 when Trevor Cairney took on the role of Director.

Case Magazine has changed over the years, and over time has become more and more organised around a particular theme. These varied themes have included *The Christian and Politics* (#13); *Living and Dying Ethically* (#17) *To Give a Reason* (#20); *Work in Progress* (#24); *Acts of God* (#27); *Selling Christmas* (#29); and *Believing Science* (#32). This has made Case Magazine more than simply a Christian current affairs magazine, or a journal to be read once and discarded.

Over time readers, churches, schools and libraries subscribing to the magazine have used it as a reference library of high quality articles grouped in these topic areas. Themes we plan to address over the coming months include identity, media, secularism, refuge, and beauty.

CASE aims to encourage all to consider the claims of Christianity, and to bring a biblical perspective to all of life. It has done this in many overlapping ways:

- helping people understand and respond to direct

challenges to Christianity (e.g. New Atheism, scientism, and the problem of evil);

- providing Christian comment on areas of popular and intellectual culture (e.g. art, music, literature, history, science, philosophy);
- providing Christian comment on societal trends (e.g. new technology, busyness, globalisation);
- informing people about areas of potential ethical conflict between Christianity and the world, and how to respond







- (e.g. bioethics, euthanasia, sexuality, consumerism);
- encouraging people to live as thoughtful Christians in the way they approach day to day life (e.g. work, money, family, education, church, social justice);
  - encouraging Christians to engage thoughtfully with the non-Christian world (e.g. through political engagement or the media);

and in all these things promoting the attractiveness of Christianity. To celebrate 10 years of CASE, the most recent issue of *Case Magazine* comprises a broad selection of articles published in the magazine over the last ten years, as well as a new article by Dr Greg Clarke, on current trends in apologetics.

The 10th Anniversary issue also marks the beginning of a new venture for CASE. For the first time, the magazine will be available in

electronic form as an e-zine that can be downloaded and read on electronic devices. This will make it even easier for the next generation of readers to access. As part of this venture Koorong will now sell the magazine directly to its customers around the world. The printed version will also continue to be produced, giving readers the choice of reading the hard copy or the electronic format, or both! ▀

# NEW COLLEGE LECTURES 2013

**7pm, 17-19 September**

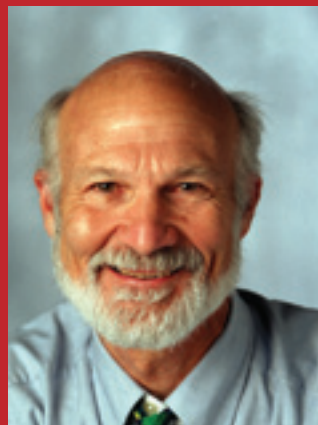
The annual New College Lectures will be presented in 2013 by Professor Stanley Hauerwas from Duke University. The overall theme of the lecture series will be 'The Work of Theology: Thinking, writing and acting politically'.

In the series he will reflect on his own life and development as a theologian set against the work of other theologians, literary theorists, philosophers and ethicists.

**The three lectures are:**

- **'How I Think I Learned to Think Theologically'** – In this lecture he will explore the character of practical reason as an exemplification of the kind of reasoning that is intrinsic to the theological task.
- **'How To Write a Theological Sentence'** – Drawing on Stanley Fish's book 'How to Write a Sentence', he will explore how difficult it is to write a sentence that expresses what we should say theologically about God.
- **'How Not To Be a Political Theologian'**

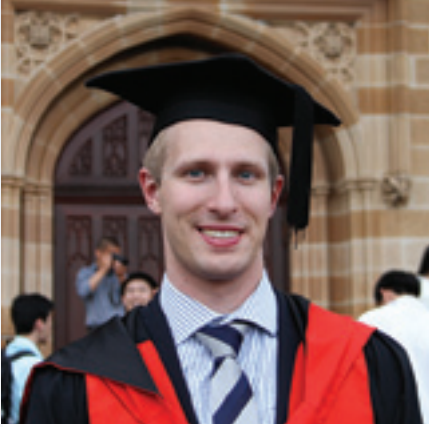
The Lectures will be held at New College within the University of New South Wales on the 17th, 18th and 19th September at 7.00pm each evening. Further details will be provided closer to this event.



**Professor Stanley Hauerwas** is an American theologian, ethicist and public intellectual. He currently teaches at Duke University serving as the Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke Divinity School with a joint appointment at Duke University Law School. He is considered by many to be one of the world's most influential living theologians and was named "America's Best Theologian" by 'Time Magazine'

in 2001. His work is frequently read and debated by scholars in fields outside of religion, theology, or ethics, including political philosophy, sociology, history and literary theory.

# NEWS IN BRIEF



## Dr Tad Wysoki

In December 2012, Tad Wysocki (New Collegian 2004 – 2007) was awarded his PhD from the University of Sydney. After graduating from UNSW with first class honours in Telecommunications Engineering, Tad worked as a Commodities Trader at Macquarie Bank in Sydney and then in London. Seeking a return to the Australian sun and some time away from London during the peak of the Global Financial Crisis, Tad commenced his doctoral research under the supervision of Professor Abbas Jamalipour in 2009.

Tad's research focused on combining his love of finance with his expertise in Telecommunications engineering, in order to apply market principles to increasing the efficiency of radio spectrum use. After publishing 12 conference and journal papers, Tad submitted his thesis entitled 'Portfolio Theory Based Spectrum Management in Cognitive Radio Networks'. Following the completion of his PhD in a speedy two and a half years, Tad returned to banking, accepting a position as a Credit Trader at UBS Australia. Since then Tad has taken to trading like a duck to water, and in late 2012 accepted a job offer from US investment bank Merrill Lynch in Sydney. Tad hopes to make it as a trader on Wall Street in the future.

Tad remembers New College as "some of the best years ever". In

particular, He loved helping collegians with Upper Year Mathematics and Electrical Engineering when he was a college tutor in his final year. Tad still provides informal, unpaid tutoring to Electrical Engineering students and regularly catches up with his friends among the New College alumni community.



## Brent O'Carrigan Awarded the Bryan Hudson AO College Medal

Brent O'Carrigan was a resident of New College from 2001-02 while studying Science and Medicine at UNSW. In 2012 he completed a MBBS with 1st class honours and the RACP Physician specialty physician examinations. Brent was awarded the Bryan Hudson AO College medal for the highest mark across the written & clinical examinations across Australia and New Zealand. He was awarded the medal at the RACP Annual Congress in Perth during May, 2013.

## Matt Grosvenor meets Princess Kate

As the president of the Graduate Student Body, Clare Hall College, Cambridge, Matthew Grosvenor was honoured to be invited by the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge to a reception of about 400 people in celebration of the first visit of the Royal Couple, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to their namesake city Cambridge. Furthermore Matt was one of a select

few, selected to meet and exchange a few words with Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cambridge (Catherine Middleton). The Dutchess asked Matt what he was studying and whether he like Cambridge. Matt told her that he really liked Cambridge but that he preferred the weather in Sydney. The dutchess told him she would look out for his name in innovations in computer science.

Matt Grosvenor was a resident of New College from 2003-2005 and 2007-2008.

## Farewell Angelina



Angelina Enno finished in her position as the Executive Officer in January 2013. The Master commented, "I have appreciated

Angelina's work at New College and the role she has played within the community."

## Farewell Anthea



After almost three years, the College Admissions Officer Anthea Mellick is moving to another part-time position that

will allow her to spend more time with her family. We will miss Anthea's friendliness, teamwork and commitment to this important role, often the first point of contact for prospective residents.



# GLOBAL VILLAGE

A number of New Collegians have travelled to Nepal over the last few years to volunteer in many and varied ways. New College alumnus, Jordan Stewart, co-lead a Global Village volunteering trip to Nepal in December 2012, which was facilitated by ARC@UNSW. Joining him on the trip was fellow NC alumnus Joe Molloy. Jordan and Joe lived at New College from 2010 to 2012. While they were in Nepal, their team taught English, Maths and Science in the rural region of Gorkha. They worked in three different schools for two weeks and developed a strong connection to the teachers and students they worked with.


## New Admissions Officer



Lucille Coleman has been appointed to the role of Admissions Officer. She has previously worked as Accounts Manager and

Administrator at Welders Supplies & Services and has been employed at UNSW in varied roles and departments, including in Pharmacology, Chemical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Geomatic Engineering.

## New AV system

Alumni of the last decade or so will remember that the sound system on the Ground Floor of New College left much to be desired and did not always work when required. Over summer a new audiovisual system was installed. It will be of great benefit to Collegians in the many activities and productions that they put on such as plays, musicals and the Revue. It will also aid the smooth running of official functions such as Formal Dinners and the New College Lectures. 



Joe and Jordan with the Principal of one of the secondary schools.

# FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE



I hope you've enjoyed reading or flicking through this edition of *New 'n' Old*. I'm always keen to hear news from alumni and friends of the College. So, if you have a piece of news or memories of your time at College that you would like us to share with the wider community, please be in touch. Email [j.billingham@newcollege.unsw.edu.au](mailto:j.billingham@newcollege.unsw.edu.au) or Ph: 02 9381 1740.

I encourage you to consider making a donation during the 2013 Annual Appeal. We need to raise considerable funds

in 2013 so that we can offer and extend scholarships and bursary support to residents of the College who require assistance because of financial or other special needs.

Our community of alumni and friends grows each year. With your support we are committed to sustaining a program of scholarships and bursaries. Whether large or small, regular donations allow us to build programs of support for each new generation of collegians. It is easy to donate online at [newcollege.unsw.edu.au/donate](http://newcollege.unsw.edu.au/donate) or use the form that came with this magazine. I hope that you will support our community.

**Jonathan Billingham | Public Relations Officer**





## 2013 Annual Appeal

Support Scholarships at New College  
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## Short Stay & Conference Accommodation

- Studying or working at UNSW or its teaching hospitals?
- Attending a conference or seminar at UNSW?
- Working in Sydney over Summer?

New College and NCV offer a range of guest and student room accommodation options.

Student rooms at New College and New College Village are available for short stays during UNSW vacation breaks. This period is also an ideal time for conference and group bookings.

During the UNSW study session, a small number of guest room studios are open for casual accommodation bookings.



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