



# New'n'Old

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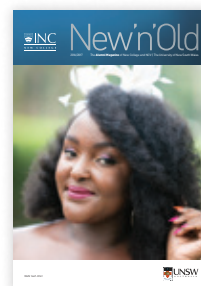
Founded in 1969, the original New College is an Anglican residential college for students at the University of New South Wales. New College actively contributes to the life of the wider University and its main campus is set within University grounds. New College Village was opened in 2009 and is home for postgraduates and selected undergraduates. New welcomes people of all faiths and none. The College celebrates, and is enriched by, the diversity of backgrounds of its staff and students. The College pursues academic excellence, collegiality and service to society founded upon Christian faith and values.

New's main programs include:

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



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# From the Master



“New College is a special place” said Mr. (now Dr.) Daniel Howe (NC 2005-06) in response to my announcement that I was leaving the Water Research Laboratory (WRL) to become Dean of Residents at New College.

After 14 years as a UNSW academic with eight as Director of WRL, I felt in 2014 that it was time for a change. My lectures may not always have been polished but they were designed to provoke undergraduates to think. Distinctive amongst the large number of Civil and Environmental Engineering students at UNSW were a group who routinely appeared in jerseys hooped in blue, black and (as I now know) silver.

Some, like Daniel, emerged to undertake honours or Ph.D. research in Water Engineering and became friends – I could make of long list of New Collegians who achieved distinction in my school for being good at their studies and engaged with the real issues of life. An unforgettable moment is Rodney Towner reciting a poem in one of my Civil Engineering lectures.

After two years as Dean and endeavouring to stay one step ahead of this imaginative and vibrant community, I have now been entrusted with the role of Master. The 2016 magazine pictures me as a modern-day Dumbledore.

I would like to take this public opportunity to record my sincere thanks to Professor Trevor Cairney

for his collegiality over the past two years and his hard work on behalf of New College over the preceding thirteen.

My warm greetings to the entire alumni community. You will be pleased to know that the 2017 Communities of both New College and NCV continue our strong traditions of creativity, vibrancy, academic excellence and community service. The NCV 2017 band is the appropriately named “Noise Complaint” and a group is regularly contributing to the work of Newtown Mission. At New College, as this issue goes to print, we wait with anticipation of the opening night of the play, “The Servant of Two Masters” with the community also raising \$1000 to support the work of a St. Vincent de Paul refuge during the Night in White social event. Susan Bazzana (NCV) and Arend Boog (NC) are both doing excellent work, continuing our long traditions of Deans who love people and love community life.

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I would like to thank those who have

already shared their valuable thoughts on college with me. Please, if you have opportunity to visit, contact me and I will be delighted to share lunch or tea with you. This is a great college community and sharing its hidden treasures with alumni is a joy.

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An exciting 2017 lies ahead with an exceptional array of activities including our lectures with Dr Brian Rosner considering modern concepts of “Personal Identity”. Please come to Play and Revue and enjoy the antics of the present day collegians. Beyond 2018 lies 2019 and the 50th Anniversary of New College. Planning is beginning for appropriate celebration of the anniversary of this remarkable organisation.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet you and get to know the alumni of New College.

Bill  
Assoc. Prof. William L. Peirson  
Master

# FAREWELL TREVOR CAIRNEY



*President of the UNSW Academic Board, David Cohn with the 5th and 6th Masters of New College*

For almost fifteen years Prof. Trevor Cairney OAM has devoted the vast majority of his waking (and sleeping) hours to the well-being of the New College and NCV. At the end of 2016 he stepped down from being Master, making him the 5th and longest serving Master of New College in its forty-seven year history. The College formally farewelled Trevor and his wife Carmen through its Formal Dinners in late 2016 and at the alumni reunion in October.

**A**t the formal Farewell Dinner, on 14 September, Trevor expressed his thanks to the board and the thousands of residents that he has met at New College and NCV for allowing him to fulfil “a transforming experience leading a wonderful organisation”.

Anglican Archbishop Glenn Davies, the former Vice Chancellor of UNSW, Prof Fred Hilmer, former Dean of Residents, Dr James Pietsch and New College alumnus and Rhodes Scholar, Alice Lang were among those to speak at Trevor’s farewell. Dr Greg Clarke (CEO of Bible Society Australia and an alumnus of New College) was the speaker at the Dinner. Dr Clarke described Prof Cairney as, “A man with a passion to build on strong foundations, for

the time he is in, with an eye to the future and in the context of his Christian faith”.

Board Member, Mrs Janet Simpson, thanked Mrs Carmen Cairney for her faithful support of Trevor and personal ministry to the residents. Rev Canon Bruce Morrison, Chairman of the New College Board thanked Trevor for his “extraordinary achievements” leading the community, and overseeing the building of New College Village (NCV) and renovations to New College.

Future generations of residents may well think of Trevor as the Master who substantially renovated the original New College building and changed the landscape of The University of New South Wales by establishing New College Village (NCV). However, Trevor does not consider the building work as his most significant achievements.

At the farewell Trevor mused, “*There are many mistakes made in life but one of them is when people build buildings and monuments which end up being monuments to themselves. It is what goes on in the buildings that matters. What goes on in the New College and NCV buildings is really important. Buildings are of no consequence. People and communities are really what matter.*”

So what enduring memories will Trevor take with him? In his farewell speech Trevor shared these thoughts.

1. Meeting the several thousand people who lived at New College and NCV over nearly fifteen years... amazing people who inspire with their energy, intelligence, fun, craziness and love for one another.
2. Working in a place that is genuinely founded on Christian values, where a knowledge of Jesus Christ shapes and changes lives.
3. Watching and encouraging New College and NCV residents to serve one another and society by starting and leading groups such as Habitat for Humanity and the UNSW Orchestra; by visiting refugees in detention, volunteering in soup kitchens and the SHACK Tutoring program; by taking part in all kinds of protests against injustice; and by initiating programs such as the annual Bourke PCYC Holiday program.
4. Having the privilege of sharing in many special events with the residents including 125 Formal Dinners; hundreds of College Services and many Christian Fellowship Weekends Away; attending 10 New College Plays, 15 New College Revues, 5 New College Musicals, countless College suppers and sporting events, 15 College Balls, 15 New College Lectures, 10 Pub Crawls; and, witnessing the creation of 12 Fresher Dances.





Mrs Carmen Cairney, Prof Trevor Cairney, Mrs Michele Morrison and Chair of the New College Board, The Rev Canon Bruce Morrison.



President of the UNSW Academic Board Prof David Cohen (left), Prof Cairney (standing) Life Fellow, Dr Keith Watson (centre) & New College founder, E/Prof Edwin Judge.



New College Alumnus and Bible Society CEO, Dr Greg Clarke, addresses the Formal Dinner.



Left: Archbishop Glenn Davies thanks Prof Cairney for his service to New College.




(L-R) Former NCSA Presidents Sarah Clark (2016), Chris Valencic (2015), Michael Babbage (2014), Daniel May (2012), Alex Rogan (2010) and Kim Hoa Rogers (2006) with Trevor (centre).

5. Dealing with the inevitable reality that things do go wrong at New College, which can look like weeping with residents and their families; praying with current and former residents and trying to offer practical assistance; and mourning with the community the loss of people like Simon Tucker, Jared Pritchard and Tessa Calder.

The welfare of the residents and the overall health of the communities have always been paramount to the way Trevor has worked to shape the culture of New College and NCV. Trevor's

contribution to New College is immense. It reflects his diverse and distinguished academic career, business acumen and drive, as well as his compassion, considered Christian faith and desire to see relationships flourish.

In 2016 Trevor was appointed as President of the NSW Business Chamber. While continuing this part-time role Trevor is enjoying spending more time with his wife Carmen and his extended family. He has even managed to find time to finish a book that he has been writing for the last nine years. 

# ALUMNI REUNION

On Saturday, 22 October 2016 alumni of New College and NCV gathered for a relaxed reunion. Starting with a BBQ and gradually segueing to afternoon drinks and canapés, over 150 alumni and friends of the College came together for the event, which was held at NCV.

This was also an opportunity for the extended New College community of alumni and friends to mark the end of an era as Prof Trevor Cairney finished up as Master of the College. Several members of the alumni spoke at the event reflecting on their College experience and also paying tribute to Trevor, thanking him for his role in their lives. The speakers representing the alumni were Dr Sam Wills 2003–05, Dr Kim Hoa Rogers (2004–07), Dr Michael Sturm (NCV 2011–14) and New College Chairman, Rev Canon Bruce Morrison (NC 1978–79).

A number of former staff of the College were in attendance, including Dr Alan Beavis OAM (4th Master of New College), two former Deans of Residents, Dr Ian Walker and Dr James Pietsch, former Bursar (Ken Barnes) and former Communications and Alumni Co-ordinator, Mr Mark Fairfull. Significant former staff of the university were also represented including Prof Mark Wainwright (former Vice-Chancellor, UNSW) and Dr Jessica Milner (former Deputy Chancellor and then Pro Chancellor, UNSW) David and Emeritus Professor Jeremy Davis. ■ JB



David (NC 1969-71) and Sue Lim.



NCV Residents Ridhi Dave, Julia Wijaya and Aqib Chishty.



Dr Samuel Wills addresses the Alumni Reunion.



Dhiva Eliezer (NC 2007-10) and 2016 NCV Assistant Dean, Tawanda Masango.



Former New College Chairman, Rev Dr Robert Doyle and long-serving former New College Board Member, Emeritus Prof Christine Alexander.





Former New College Dean of Residents, Dr Ian Walker and Dr Allan Beavis OAM (4th Master of New College).



Mrs Nicole Starling, Mrs Carmen Cairney, Prof Trevor Cairney and Mrs Louise Blencowe.



Katrina Pritchard (NC 2008-11), Tim Graham (NC 2009-11), Cassandra Davies (NC2008-09) and Dhanurja Eliezer (2009-12).



NCV Residents Hugh Miller, Kirsten Gronhovd, Dan Hageman and Kelsey Burton.



# ALICE LANG

## Post Rhodes Scholarship

Alice Lang was the fourth New Collegian to be awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University. Now back in Australia, *New 'n' Old* caught up with Alice to hear her reflections on her experience.



### *What did you learn about yourself during your time as a Rhodes Scholar?*

How much I care about communities, and being part of one. Taking up a Rhodes Scholarship puts you in touch with a remarkable set of people and throws you into a place that works best if you get involved and share ideas and questions with the people around you. However, to me, it always felt as though even if Rhodes Scholarships are given to a handful of people each year, the intention of awarding the scholarship is much broader than that. Access to a global community is never supposed to supersede the importance of what's happening in the communities we grow up with and that helped to propel us into all of these interesting situations.



### *What was your favourite memory from the scholarship?*

That's really, really hard to answer! The train trip (from Beijing to St Petersburg) on the way there remains one of the highlights—meeting and getting to know the people who would then become my friends and housemates was such an adventure. Some of my best memories of the scholarship at Oxford are stumbling into Jeremy Waldron's lectures and deciding to go to all of them (for about two years); long discussions on whatever obscure topic the person sitting beside you at dinner studied; and then the conversations that continued while tearing along on a bike through whatever inconvenient drizzle the heavens were dispensing that day.

### *What are some key differences you observed about university life in Australia compared to the UK?*

I think New College, UNSW, was a tremendous introduction to university life, and it's a college that rivals any I saw! The biggest difference in terms of the way I studied was the pressure of aurally defending one or two essays to my tutor and maybe one other student, every week. It was always a challenge and I hope it made me much more agile in the way I thought through issues and debated them without much notice.




### *What has life looked like for you since completing the scholarship?*

I've recently started at a job at AGL Energy, after some time at The Boston Consulting Group, and I feel as though I'm getting closer to the aspirations I had to "work on big energy stuff" when I finished at UNSW. I'm enjoying the chance to work on some of the hard questions we need to answer about energy and electricity in Australia.

### *What do you hope to achieve in next couple of years?*

I hope I'll be part of Australia's transition to an equitable, cleaner, and more sustainable energy system. I've just joined a touch footy team and started pottery classes, so managing a try or two, and pots that aren't only big enough to be a dolls tea-set, would be a win as well.

### *Do you miss anything about your time at New College?*

So much! I miss the (almost) endless chatter and planning for good things to come; I even missed the mid-year exam period when everyone seems to be slouching around in jerseys and trackies, "studying", and taking advantage of restorative suppers while it's pouring with rain outside. 



# WANGARI MUCHIRI

## A look at her journey through many cultures



**A** lumna, Wangari Muchiri (NCV 2009–13), made her mark on life at New College Village by pioneering “Cultural Night”. Now a well-loved tradition, Cultural Night involves residents cooking and sharing foods of their cultural background.

It is no surprise that Wangari was one of those responsible for this brilliant idea. Born and raised in Nairobi, she has since experienced living all across the globe. Her family relocated to Switzerland, Rwanda, Tanzania and The Netherlands throughout her youth before Wangari decided to move to Australia to pursue higher education. Wangari certainly brought a taste of diversity to NCV, which she couldn’t help but share with her new friends.

“This event helped us share our food and cultures with each other and each year it got bigger and bigger. From Chilean Empanadas, Indian

Curry, Phillipino Chicken Adobo, Kenyan Pilau and Australian Lamingtons there was always so much to learn, eat and see,” Wangari reflects.

Wangari developed a love for travel from a young age, whilst living in Botswana.

“Memories of visiting Victoria Falls, Cape Town, Sun City and the Okavango Delta come to mind when I think of my childhood in Botswana. It opened my mind up to the world and implanted in me a strong sense of wanderlust which I still have to date,” says Wangari.

Wangari called NCV home for four years. In this time, she finished a Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering and a Masters of Engineering in Energy Planning and Policy.

There have been many opportunities for Wangari to exercise the knowledge gained in her studies working for “JLL”, an international real estate firm. Initially moving to Canberra to work as a sustainability and energy consultant to various federal government departments, she has most recently moved back to where her life began. JLL opened an office in Kenya in November 2015, and Wangari gladly accepted the opportunity to work

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in Africa, a continent that is rising and developing significantly.

Wangari is also grateful for the way her time at NCV developed her as a person. Her favourite year was her final year when she was a Senior Resident on the fourth floor.

“This was my favourite year at NCV as I loved hosting Monday night supper and mingling with the wonderful residents on my floor. The Senior Resident Team was absolutely an amazing bunch of people who supported each other through the late nights and fire alarms.”

NCV is thankful for Wangari’s contribution to the NCV community, and we look forward to seeing where life takes her next.  



# MARTIN TAN

## From the armed forces to Nepean Hospital



Martin Tan (NCV 2009-14) had only planned to stay in Australia for one or two years as an International Student. He is now a doctor at Nepean Hospital. His time living at New College Village has played a large role in shaping his journey, which has turned out quite different to what he expected 9 years ago.

**B**efore coming to UNSW, Martin completed High School and compulsory military service in his home country, Singapore. He was a Platoon Sergeant in the Singapore Armed Forces and this experience was the initial motivation for him to pursue a career as a doctor. So Martin successfully applied to study Medicine at UNSW and live on campus at NCV.

Martin has countless fond memories of his time in the NCV community. Competing in soccer in the Master's Cup events (despite mainly losing against NC), "free food" at College suppers and rich learning from guest speakers at formal dinners to name a few. Most of all he treasures the close friendships he formed at NCV.

"I loved studying together with my best mates that were living just

a few metres away, supporting each other during stressful examination periods and then relaxing together post-exam. We also attended church on campus together – Campus Bible Study (CBS) was where I truly grew as a Christian, and I still come to CBS on the weekends!" says Martin.


During his studies, Martin was appointed the NCV Academic Tutor for Medicine. Although balancing studying and tutoring was rather exhausting for Martin, he found it deeply satisfying. He particularly loved helping the senior NCV Medical students band together to help junior students during mock examinations. He likens the demands of his tutoring experience to his current practice as a doctor.

"It is like being a doctor on-call, you have to be available almost 24/7 and you have to be always ready to answer any calls, emails or a knock on your door."

Being on-call is now a reality for Martin who is working at Nepean Hospital for his second year. Moving to Australia for short-term study, he fell in love with the country and eventually decided he wanted to stay.

"Aussies are extremely friendly. I love the great work-life balance, and of course, the coffee that you cannot find anywhere else in the world. This made me want to try my hardest to work and stay here after I graduated." He patiently endured several months looking for a job before commencing his position at Nepean Hospital. Martin is hoping to specialise as an orthopaedic surgeon but in the meantime is very thankful for his current job.

Martin still loves to keep in contact with his friends from NCV, despite having to travel around the country to do so rather than across the hall.

"The friendships I made and the memories I have of NCV are priceless. I still catch up with my best mates from NCV, who are now mostly working as doctors at various places in Australia and the world - Canberra, Adelaide, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth, Mackay, and Singapore." 





# PETER THOMPSON FEEDS MAROUBRA

“Burgers, beers, beats” are the first three words that come to Pete Thompson’s mind to describe *Feedbag*.

**P**ete was a New College resident from 2004-06, and since leaving he has followed his passion for food all the way to swinging open the doors of his very own burger restaurant in the heart of Maroubra, NSW.

*Feedbag* officially opened in June 2016, but the idea was dreamt up quite some time ago. Pete always had the desire to be his own boss. He had worked in hospitality in Maroubra for a couple of years, and during this time he saw great potential in the area as an entry point in the market. Pete observed that Maroubra has relatively low rental costs and a lot less competition compared to the neighbouring Eastern suburbs.

“Nobody was doing a good burger

and if you’re not aware, the burger business is booming nationwide! I was looking at commercial property for about two years before I knew I had found the right place. When it became available, I had signed the lease within a month,” Pete explains.

During his college years, Pete possessed this same drive and passionate nature. He was a key member of the College Rugby Team and describes beating Warrane College in the Inter-College Semi-Finals as more satisfying than winning the competition against Baxter College.

It was during his time at New that Pete learnt that anything can be achieved if you put your mind to it.


“Whether that’s launching the first ever NC Dodgeball Competition, or smuggling beers out of a Mining Engineering function at the Sam Cracknell Pavilion...the world is your oyster.”

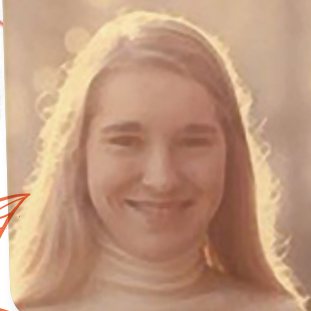
So what should you order when you dine at *Feedbag*? Pete recommends the ‘Lord Beefington’, admitting that every time he makes one he is

tempted to eat it. Pete is the owner, as well as a chef at his restaurant and so he knows the components of a tasty burger.

“The best burger is one that has fresh perfectly toasted buns, nothing-added-except-salt-at-the-end beef cooked medium/medium rare, a balance of condiments (sweet, salty, sour, spicy, smoky), and perhaps a textural component like a crunchy piece of lettuce, onion, pickle...or hash brown.”

*Feedbag* has been incredibly successful so far and with Pete’s first summer season of trading behind him, things aren’t looking to slow down anytime soon. Though Pete is still only in the early days of his business he is eager to share what he has learnt throughout his journey so far.

“Do it because you love it. Stay true to the concept. Don’t be disheartened by failure. Go hard. And don’t forget all of the brilliant minds that New College is home to - so much free advice! Accounting, design, engineering, law, geology... Maybe not geology.” 



# JANE ATKINSON

## Perspectives from the first female resident of New College

In 2017, female residents are a vital part of our community at New College. This hasn't always been the case. New College opened in 1969 with a full intake of 210 male students, and continued this way until 1973.

**Jane Atkinson** (nee Barwick) initially moved to the caretakers room in 1973 employed as a housekeeper. Soon enough, she had convinced the sports coach to let her play on the men's only hockey team and by 1974, she became the first female resident. Over 40 years later, *New 'n' Old* interviewed Jane to listen to her memories of New College and to find out where life has taken her.

### *Where did you grow up?*

I was born and grew up in Leeton; a small town in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. For those who don't know that area, Leeton is not quite midway between Griffith and Wagga... sort of! I now live in Albury and have taught at The Scots School Albury for a number of years.

### *What did the process of applying to live at New College involve for you? What were your years of residency?*

I was a Collegian from 1973 to 1975. Towards the end of my HSC year, my brother informed me that Phil Grouse, the Dean of New College was looking for someone to help his wife Margaret with the children and with their housework. He asked if I

was interested and naturally I said 'yes'. I didn't really have an interview but I did meet Phil and I suppose I must have made some impression as I became their babysitter, cleaner, ironing lady etc. I learned quite a lot in that year in addition to my academic education. It was a bit like a GAP year while studying.

### *What is your favourite memory from your time at New?*

I think the people I lived with are my favourite aspect of living in New College. I made a number of very good lifelong friends. We supported each other, studied together, celebrated lots of birthdays, went out to dinner parties and talked about many things.



### *What is your funniest memory from your time at New?*

In this early period of New being a Men's Only college there were of course no women's sports teams. I had played hockey at school and enjoyed the game so one night, I boldly wandered up to the coach and asked if I could play on the men's team. The coach was aghast! In his eyes (in that era) women could not keep up with men, in sport, academics, or anything really! When I said "How about I try out?" he eventually relented. If I could keep up with the men on the team, I could be a member of the team. This was a very bad decision from his point of view.

After dinner, we went on a block run around the campus perimeter. I figured if I could stay with the fastest one or two runners, I'd be OK. It worked out to be a good plan. As we approached the south and final stretch along Anzac Parade to the front door of New, most of the team and the coach were way behind the three of us who were leading. I suppose 'good manners' kicked in and I contemplated the impact on the first two runners of a first year girl beating them so I allowed one to pass me just before the door. The other remained behind me. I was concerned that they would be given a difficult time over being beaten by me. Today I'd be quite happy to hold my place and stay ahead of them all.

### *How would your experience differ from a girl currently living at New College?*

While there were female law and Med students in the 1970's, it was generally quite difficult to study some disciplines. Generally, teaching, nursing or being a bank-teller were acceptable for girls. The belief that 'girls can't do mathematics' or the engineering subjects has, thankfully, mostly disappeared. However, it still exists once a woman gets into the workforce and can be seen in pay disparities and other discriminatory actions. Women today have high expectations of themselves and have been encouraged to push for what they want to study and achieve.

### *What have some milestones been since living at NC?*

I am very proud to have participated in the U.N. Committee on the Status of Women in New York City in 2003 as an NGO representative. There were hundreds, perhaps even thousands of women there. This involved reading and advising on international law, meeting Kofi Annan, the U.N. Secretary General and his wife, attending lectures and a range of other activities. I was absolutely stunned to see a former student of mine at the same Committee.




I was able to go to Germany, Luxembourg and France to observe the various European Courts, EU Parliament and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. We were lectured by a range of University lecturers from all over Germany. I was humbled to be awarded a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange (DAAD) in 2008 as part of my Law studies.

### *What is your favourite aspect of being a teacher?*

Teaching a student who is unaware of their potential provides a sense of accomplishment. I have had quite a number of students who have overcome enormous difficulties to achieve a goal they have dreamed of for so many years and I feel privileged to have been part of their journey.

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Jane is part of an extended family who have helped to shape New College over two generations. Her brother Bill Barwick (NC 1971-1975) and sister Ruth Bailey (nee Barwick, NC 1978-81), brother-in-law Ian Bailey (NC 1977-79) and nephews Chris Bailey (NC 2006-08) and John Bailey (NC 2009-12) have all contributed in many ways to make New College the place it is today. 



# JONATHAN BILLINGHAM

## From the studio to the stage

Jonathan Billingham (NC 2006-09) has quite a few things he enjoys in life and his passion for music is fairly high on the list. He was a resident of New College for four years, during which time one of his fondest memories was recording songs with Jared Pritchard in his room on 4th Floor. It was at college that Jonathan learnt that so much more is possible in life when people are committed to sharing challenges and working together.

Jonathan didn't quit his musical endeavours on the fourth floor of college. In 2010, he founded *Tallowdale Music*. I asked Jonathan a few questions to explore more of this passion.

### *How and when did Tallowdale Music begin?*

*Tallowdale Music* has been evolving since about 2010, based around my work as a composer and collaborations with other artists. Together with my wife Linda, who is also a muso, *Tallowdale Music* produces concerts with some really top musicians from around Australia. In October we recorded our first full length album of orchestral, piano and chamber music, and in a way that feels like a new beginning.

### *What makes you passionate about music?*

As a composer I love the challenge of writing for choral and orchestral instruments but in a way that I hope will resonate with a 21st century listener. Our framework for listening to music is largely informed

by the harmonies and rhythms of contemporary music genres. I'm passionate about synthesizing the contemporary influences with more complex and sometimes traditional melodic material so that my work is very much 'art' rather than 'pop' music. Some people call this 'contemporary classical' music. This is basically the approach of film composers who want their music to be of artistic substance but still appeal the general populous.


### *What has been your favourite part of the Tallowdale journey so far?*

Last year I was commissioned to write an orchestral piece to reflect the beauty of the Manning Valley, where I grew up. I enjoyed exploring both musically and programmatically a journey from Barrington Tops at the top of the valley, where the river springs and melts from snow in the winter, all the way down to its dual estuaries of Harrington and Old Bar. The work is called 'From Hidden Valleys to the Open Sea.' It was fun to explore techniques like the 'Cello seagull effect' alongside 'wave' and 'ripple' motifs throughout the orchestra.

### *Where do you see Tallowdale headed in the future?*

In May, we'll be touring with the *Tallowdale Chamber Orchestra* to launch the new album, including a concert at New College. Later in the year I'll return to working on a long-term project, which is an oratorio about the history of the nation of *Timor Leste*.

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When Jonathan isn't making music, he enjoys kayaking, swimming and attending church with his lovely wife Linda. To find out more about *Tallowdale* visit [www.tallowdale.com.au](http://www.tallowdale.com.au) 



# Album Launch: From Hidden Valleys



**A concert series featuring the music of Australian composer, Jonathan L. Billingham**

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## LINA TAO MIGRANT YOUTH AND NEW MEDIA IN ASIA



Lina Tao chose to live at NCV for safety reasons. 'Really?', you ask.

Before Lina moved to Australia from China, her supervisor from UNSW told her that there had been a recent collapse of a residential building that caused injuries for international students. "I don't want you to return to China in a wheelchair!" she said.

These sentiments were enough to convince Lina to apply to live at NCV. It didn't take long for Lina to realise she had made the right decision, and that the advantages of living at NCV were far more than just its safety standards. Lina enjoyed every aspect of NCV... the Bible study groups, formal dinners, cultural nights and hanging out with friends in the games room. Ironically,

the only part of life at NCV she didn't enjoy were the safety fire drills.

Whilst in Sydney, Lina completed a two-year MA research program. Her research focussed on internal migrant children in mainland China who have typically moved to burgeoning cities from underdeveloped rural areas. It investigates how these children have been described in the media, and finds that they are consistently portrayed as passive, subordinate and inferior group whose voices are rarely heard in either online forums or offline media reports.

Lina was recognised for the excellence of her research, and published a chapter named "Migrant Youth and New Media in Asia" in a journal called "Routledge Handbook of New Media in Asia."

The year gone by has been a whirlwind of exciting change for Lina. Since graduating from UNSW in June last year, she has since got married (see NCV marriages for details!) and found a job in Beijing, China.

Working as a political officer in an international organisation, Lina's new role involves providing research and reporting on China's political and social issues. Into the future, Lina hopes to continue working in an international environment, which will enable her to access different frameworks for thinking and different value systems. She also hopes to become more involved in the family church that she is attending in Beijing. 

# SIMON BLYTH

## FROM FARM-BOY INVENTOR TO BRW FAST 100 COMPANY DIRECTOR



“Simply put, New College was without a doubt one of the best experiences of my life”, says Simon Blyth whose business began as a start-up tech company in his College room sixteen years ago. Today Simon’s company, the LX-Group, is a BRW fast 100 company.

**S**imon Blyth (NC 2000-02) grew up on his family’s cattle station “Mimosa” near Inverell on the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales. With an opera singer for a mother, a farmer for a father and growing up on the farm, Simon was perhaps bound to embody a spirit of creative ingenuity.

Like many country kids he spent much of his early life making things. But Simon took things to next level

and started selling the devices he had made at school. “The things I made were usually electronic... not all legal. Zappers, guns...bugs”, say Simon.

After a few tech start-ups during high school Simon was totally hooked on creating electronic gadgets. By the year 2000, when he came to study a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at UNSW, Simon was practically a tech entrepreneur. And yet by his own admission he knew very little about city life and working with people.

“As a country boy I’ll admit College was overwhelming at first. To be thrown into the mix with a few hundred people over night, wow, that was tough initially! I grew up in the middle of nowhere and there weren’t many people on the farm to work with.”

Simon was initially blown away by the calibre of the other students at New College. Only later did he realise that in the mix he was making lifelong friendships.

“New College was a critical part of my personal development when it comes to working with others. I’d argue I learnt much more from the people in college than I did throughout my entire degree. It was without a doubt one of the most enjoyable, exciting,





educational and influential experiences in my life.”

The tech world was in early stages of embracing ultra-low power, wireless technologies and Simon was watching the ‘internet of things’ emerge as a new paradigm for managing and interacting with the real world. Simon specialised in this area during his Honours Thesis.

“I could see product development was going down the path of wireless, and developers were often intimidated so I started offering custom wireless products and development services”.

While living at New College Simon had several start-up businesses. One of these was with fellow New Collegians Rami Banna (NC 200-01), David AhToy (NC 2000-02) and Matty McKay (NC 2000-04).

“We commandeered the Main Common Room and ended up winning the AGSM business planning competitions (as a bunch of engineers against the MBA students). It was great fun!”

Simon’s first company was founded on \$750. Initially it was just a one man show but his company grew quickly and that wasn’t always easy.

“I remember vomiting blood in the toilet once at the Australian Technology Park knowing I couldn’t make the next payroll. We never had investors (although spin off companies have). It has all been funded through sales.”

Today Simon owns and directs the LX-Group, which develops products and solutions in what might broadly be described as the ‘Internet of Things’ (IoT).

“We all have a PC, we all have a smartphone”, says Simon. “The next progression of this chain are the things; the intelligent toothbrush, dog collar, pot plant, tank, fitbit, conveyor, air-conditioner, bridge,

rubbish bin etc. That’s what we do, we develop smart products and we have some secret source ([www.iotcores.com](http://www.iotcores.com)) that makes this possible.”

Today Simon’s company offers services for custom IoT product development and off the shelf IoT products for a wide range of industries including consumer electronics, defence and aerospace, the medical industry, robotics, smart energy, transport, agriculture and telecommunications.

Despite creating and building up a very successful business, Simon says things still go wrong.

“We have always had a lot of trouble getting the office printer to work. As an ex-Amenities officer for the New College Students’ Association you’d think I’d be able to help here right?”

But seriously there are always challenges. We have really smart people but we need more and they’re often not easy to find. Cash flow is often a challenge with high growth organisations - the speed and associated costs of growth can outstrip your ability to fund from cash flow.”

Simon’s journey started when he was just a child on his family farm. Now he has two children of his own under the age of five with his beautiful wife Kelly, who he met at UNSW.

“Kel ended up running LX for a long time before the children came along”. And it is to his wife, Kel, that Simon says he owes so much.

Through hard work, perseverance and innovation, Simon and his team have been able to establish the kind of smart industry that politicians keep telling us will drive jobs and growth into the future. Like many other alumni, Simon is using the expertise and people skills that were nurtured at New College to create a bright future for the next generation. ■ JB

# Marriages

## NEW WEDDINGS

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### Owen Maher and Claire Lawley

Owen Maher (NC 2004–06) and Claire Lawley (NC 2009–09) were married on Saturday 5th of November at 3pm. The ceremony was held at St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney and was followed by a reception at the Botanic Gardens Restaurant. Owen and Claire had a bridal party of six, including three New Collegians—Maid of Honour Eleanor Thompson (nee Cook, NC 2006–07), bridesmaid Emma Fist (NC 2006–08) and Best Man Andy Fist (NC 2004–06). New Collegians also played other roles in the ceremony, as ushers and Bible readers. Many others were in attendance, and assisted by tearing up the dancefloor. Since leaving New College, Owen has been working in finance and Claire has been continuing her medical training. She is currently a Paediatric Advanced Trainee at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. They are both incredibly grateful for the relationships they formed at New College.



### Hannah Wills and Tim Windle

Hannah Windle (nee Wills, NC 2005–06) and Tim Windle tied the knot on Saturday 10th September on Tim's family property (AKA Firewheel Farm) in Ravensbourne, Queensland. They chose to have a small wedding of 50 guests, a number of whom were alumni of New College. Beth Campbell (NC 2004–05) was a bridesmaid, and Trudi Mumme (nee Beck, NC 2005–06) did a reading during the ceremony. Several other ex-Collegians also joined in the celebration—Michael Hand, Timothy Owen, Hannah Carey and Elizabeth Luxford. Hannah is currently completing specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Queensland after completing a Master of Science in Clinical Embryology at Oxford. Her husband Tim is also a doctor. Together, they plan on travelling to Brazil soon to see family, as well as continuing to enjoy life on the Gold Coast.



### Mark Gilmour and Christine Lang

Mark "Golly" Gilmour (NC 2010–12) and Christine Lang (2004–09) were married on Saturday, 5 November at 11am at Colour City Church. The ceremony was followed by a reception at Turners Vineyard. A number

of New Collegians were in the bridal party including Bec Barnes (Maid of Honour, NC 2001–04 and 2007–08), Katherine Theodor (nee. Butterworth, NC 2006–10), Katie Neilson (nee. Avery, NC 2007) and Jarrah Duckhs (Best Man, NC 2010–12). Mark and Christine are currently living in Orange, NSW. Christine is working as an Exercise Physiologist/Pilates Instructor for a local physio practice and Mark is re-training as a Music/English/Drama high school teacher through Charles Sturt University.

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### Peter Billingham and Amelia Ogilvie

Peter Manning Billingham (NC 2007–10) and Amelia Paige Ogilvie were married at 11:30am on 28 May 2016. The ceremony was held at Maitland Church of Christ followed by a reception at Tahlee on the banks

of Port Stephens. Several of Peter's groomsmen were New Collegians including James Tibbett (NC 2007–10), Matthew Wright (2007–10), Jonathan Billingham (NC 2006–09) and Arthur Billingham (NC 2011–14).

Peter continues to work as a Mining Engineer in the Hunter Valley. Amelia works for the Australian Football League whilst finishing her studies in Health and Physical Education. They currently live in the Hunter Valley and enjoy paddle boarding, watching Netflix and keeping fit.





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(WWW.ARJ-PHOTO.CO.UK/)

### Matthew Grosvenor and Evianne van Gijn

Mr Matthew Philip Grosvenor (NC 2002-05 and 2007-09) and Dr Evianne Laetitia van Gijn were married at 1:30pm on 23 July 2016. The ceremony was held in the Chapel of Clare College, Cambridge, UK followed by a dinner in the gardens and Great Hall of Clare College. A small but determined group of New College alumni attended the wedding from abroad including Chris Bailey, Chris Goris, Zoe McMurdo, Alex Lester and Matthew Cork.

Evianne and Matthew met as doctoral students living next door to each other in Clare Hall College, Cambridge. Matthew has since submitted his doctoral dissertation and is now completing final corrections. Evianne and Matthew moved to Sydney in February of 2017. Evianne is working as a research associate in the area of child sexual abuse while Matthew is working as a computer systems engineer.



## NCV WEDDINGS

### Lina Tao and Sugiang Li

Lina Tao (NCV) was married to Sugiang Li on the 1st of June, 2016. As they both came from the same hometown (Anyang, in Northern China), they chose to have their wedding there. The ceremony was held in a Catholic church, followed by a banquet in a restaurant. Key people involved in the ceremony were family members, relatives and school friends.

## NEW FAMILIES



## Families

### Newton Liu and Yu-An Lin

Newton Liu (NC 2002-06) and Yu-An Lin (NC 2005-06) have become proud parents to twin boys, Yao-Jia Jacob and Zu-Jia Joseph Liu. They were born on October 31 2016.



### Matt and Libby Frazer

Matt and Libby Frazer welcomed Jessica Rose Frazer into their lives on the 5th of October 2016. Weighing in at 3.27kg, Jessica is a beautiful new sister for Kate (4) and Emma (2).

## NCV FAMILIES



### Michael and Emily Lynar

Michael (NCV 2011-14) and Emily Lynar (NCV 2012-13) are excited to announce the birth of Daniel Indiana Sturm. Daniel was born on the 22nd of July, 2016 weighing 3.55kg.

# NCV COMMUNITY

## JULIA WIJAYA FINDS HER CALLING

Julia Wijaya first set foot in New College in 1997. Fast forward almost twenty years to 2017 and Julia found herself walking into NCV (having heard about its opening through *New 'n' Old*) to be a resident of the College.



Originally from Indonesia, Julia has been awarded a university scholarship to study a Ph.D. in Food Science at UNSW. To get to this point has been quite a journey.

Back-track twenty years and Julia initially had hesitations about starting at New College due to cultural barriers. These were broken down far more easily than expected and she was accepted by her fellow Collegians in group 3CD. Living at New College, Julia was able to improve her English skills substantially, she gained a new understanding of Australian culture and she made some great friends.

“A highlight was when Louisa Worthington invited me to have Christmas night at her house in 1997”. Julia says “it was the best Christmas I’ve ever had.”

Julia remembers her friends helping her pack up on her last day of College and going with her in the early hours of the morning to farewell her at

the airport. As Julia flew back home to Indonesia, she says “it was with a lot of memories in tow and lifelong friends who I still keep in contact with”.

Back in Jakarta, Julia began work at a manufacturing company. But while she enjoyed the work she also wanted to continue studying and so completed a Masters of Food Science. Although she felt doubtful about leaving her established career, she gradually felt convicted to pursue a teaching pathway and became a lecturer in food technology in Indonesia. “Leaving my secure job was definitely worth the risk”, says Julia.

“Education is my calling, and my students are like children. I believe the most fulfilling career is when what you do can be a blessing to others. Being a lecturer is the best opportunity for me to do this as I am able to share my life experience with them.”


Julia’s students have become a very important part of her life.

In her spare time, Julia is becoming an expert on soybeans. Taking some time off from teaching, she has returned to Australia, graced NCV with her presence, and is undertaking a Ph.D. which explores anti-cancer food products, one of which is the humble soybean.

In Indonesia, the soybean (known as “tempeh”) is widely and cheaply available, but unfortunately is underappreciated by locals. Production fermentation increases the health benefit of soybean, giving it the same amount of protein as an animal product.

Julia’s research aims to identify the specific bioactive compounds from tempeh that may have anticancer activity, with the hope of encouraging people to maintain their health through their food choices. She also hopes her research will assist with developing an anticancer drug.

In the future, Julia wants to dedicate her life to scientific research of the health benefits that can be extracted from plants. In the meantime, she is quite content living at NCV.

“I loved the culture and community life at New College, and while I’ve grown up a bit since 1997, NCV still has the community feel I loved about NC.” 





## HOPIN LEE RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP TO STUDY AT OXFORD

Hopin Lee (NCV 2013-16) has been awarded the NHMRC Early Career Fellowship. The fellowship will enable him to spend two years at the University of Oxford where he will research in the Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology, and Musculoskeletal Sciences. The purpose of the fellowship is to support early career researchers – those who have just finished their Ph.D. and are aspiring to become independent researchers.



**T**his is really the time to stamp your ground in a specialised area, and to develop your own ideas about the research you want to pursue,” says Hopin.

Originally from New Zealand, Hopin travelled to Sydney to complete his Ph.D.. He arrived at NCV on recommendation from his Ph.D. supervisor and is thankful for his suggestion.

“Reflecting back, NCV really set up a perfect environment that allowed me to focus on my research. Moving into a college made the transition from New Zealand very easy as I didn’t know much about Sydney at the time. NCV was great for that”


Hopin’s Ph.D. primarily looks at the causes and mechanisms of acute and chronic pain. Through this research, he was involved in a large clinical trial that tested the effect of a pain intervention to prevent the transition from acute to chronic pain. His specific role within this team involved exploring the underlying factors of pain education and evaluating

whether it works or not. Whilst he hasn’t yet come to a conclusion, his team is in the final stages of data collection and will soon have their answer.

Over the next two years Hopin will have the opportunity to work with the Oxford Centre for Statistics in Medicine.

“This will be a great start to my post-doctoral career. It will allow me to work with some of the world’s leading researchers in my field to share knowledge and to develop new lines of research. I’m hoping this will lead to important research findings that will directly help the wider community. It’s a really exciting opportunity and I feel very privileged.”

On his return to Australia, Hopin plans to work with the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Medical Research Institute where he has hopes of finding better ways of providing efficient and valuable care for those suffering from musculoskeletal conditions and chronic pain. Beyond that Hopin isn’t sure what the future holds but he knows he wants to continue researching.

“Academic research is a tough game, and your career depends on being able to attract funding. For this, I need to demonstrate that my research is having an impact on people’s lives. This massive challenge lies ahead of me.” 



# Awards and Canapés Night



**O**n Tuesday 22 November the NCV community attended an award ceremony and Canapés function to celebrate the end of 2016. Assoc. Prof. Bill Peirson was also welcomed by the NCV community as their new Master. Bill offered his farewell to long-term residents who moved out of NCV at the end of the year, including many who finished their academic program and will soon graduate.

The evening was facilitated by the NCV Dean of Residents, Susan Bazzana, who highlighted some key academic and sporting achievements from within the NCV community. Some of the diverse achievements included Hopin Lee's NHMRC Scholarship (see story on page 21), acknowledgement of the many Ph.D.s completed by current residents, Pulkit Bhandari winning the PWC Inter-University Consulting Competition Prize, and Monique Hollick being selected to play professional Australian Rule Football in the first ever women's professional league.

A few individuals who had made special contributions to the community life at NCV were formally acknowledged during an award ceremony.

**The NCV Community Award** was presented to *Nicholas Vardenega* and *Jason Yan*. Nicholas played a role in pioneering the newly formed NCV Social Committee. Jason was such an outstanding Medical Tutor that in 2017 he will be tutoring Med for both NCV and New College residents.


**The 2016 NCV Award** was presented to *Hannah McDonald*. Hannah was on the Senior Resident team in 2016 but her contributions to College life went well beyond the expectations of her job. Among her many contributions, Hannah organised the NCV Harbour Cruise—which was widely touted as one of the best social events of the year.

Speaking about the character of NCV, the Dean of Residents thanked the community for the way individuals from all over the world come here and respect each other's cultures, religious practices and personhood.

"We are a little microcosm of what I think the world can be. We come together as students of various academic institutions—(sure)—but we are also being educated about each other. We are learning that we don't need to be frightened of "the other", we are learning that other cultures have things to teach us, we are learning that language and skin colour are just outward appearances—and understanding that - will change the world."

But the Dean's summary of 2016 wasn't all serious.

"It has been a good year at NCV. I measure this in various ways—How many trips to the hospital did I have to make—I think it was only about six.\* How many fire alarms went off—well we don't like to talk about the 'F word' but thanks to the stellar effort of Residents in 2nd Semester we also only had about six fire alarms all year. Well done!"†

Overall, the Canapes Night was a reflection of the wonderful year it's been at NCV. 

\*By way of clarification...NCV is a very safe community. The visits to hospital simply outline the high level of Pastoral Care provided by the Dean and Senior Residents of NCV who are sometimes called upon to accompany a resident to hospital on the rare occasions that one of our 315 residents is seriously unwell.

†There were no fires at NCV in 2016. It is a very safe place...but with so many people living in one building not everyone is going to be a perfect chef...and let's face it... who hasn't burnt the toast or the dinner at some stage.



# ANTHON CACAYO PARTICIPATES IN THE DEFENCE SCHOLARSHIP COOPERATION PROGRAM



**N**CV resident Anthon Cacayo (NCV 2016) travelled to Australia from The Philippines as part of the Defence Scholarship Cooperation Program (DCSP). In The Philippines he worked with the Public Affairs Service as a part of the Philippine Department of National Defence (DND).

Anthon was required to choose a university approved by Defence across Australia for a post-graduate International Relations degree. While most of his colleagues chose to study at ANU in Canberra, Anthon wanted to study at UNSW and explore Australia from Sydney.

Once Anthon knew he wanted to come to UNSW he applied for accommodation with various Colleges on campus. NCV was the first College to respond to his application and he took this as a sign that he

was “destined for NCV.” After a successful interview, Anthon was offered membership at NCV and he is now certain that he made the right choice, having thoroughly enjoyed his time in the community.

“I love the camaraderie of living at NCV that comes from attending events like the Formal Dinners, NCV Cruise, and Tuesday suppers, all highlights of my stay in NCV”.

The scholarship that has brought Anthon to UNSW is offered by the Australian Department of Defence to countries with close Defence ties to Australia. These countries include the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, East Timor, Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Tonga, and Fiji.

“I have been away from family and work for almost a year now, so I will go back to my work in The Philippines armed with an enhanced knowledge of International Relations that UNSW has given me. The memories of the places I’ve been to in the Land Down Under, and the people I’ve met along the way have been great.”

## UNIVERSITY MEDALLISTS AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT NCV IN 2016

In January the University announced Award and Prize Winners for study undertaken or completed in 2016. Congratulations to the current residents and alumni of NCV who received awards.

A special acknowledgment to Florencia Irena and Savannah Minihan who both received University Medals, the highest academic honour bestowed by the University.

NCV Resident	In Residency	Prize or Award
Timothy Pilkington	Current	The Dean’s List - Faculty of Law
Yaying Chen	Current	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean’s Merit List
Gisella Margarita Velasco	2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean’s Merit List
Florencia Irena	2014-2016	<i>University Medal in Computer Engineering</i> The Murray Allen Prize in Computer Science The Wisetech Global COMP9318 Prize for the best performance in COMP9318 Data Warehousing and Data Mining The UpGuard COMP4931 Prize for the best performance in COMP4931 Thesis Part B, Semester 2 The Faculty of Engineering Dean’s Award
Savannah Minihan	2013-2014	<i>University Medal in Psychology</i>
Kamran Sathar	2012-2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Postgraduate Dean’s List
Alison Phillips	2012-2014	The Faculty of Built Environment Postgraduate Dean’s List
Wenlin Chen	2011-2012	The Professor M Weinstock Memorial Prize -1 for the most innovative completed Ph.D. of the year

# 2016 ACADEMIC AWARDS AND PRIZES AT NEW COLLEGE



**C**ongratulations to current New Collegians and Alumni who received an award and prize associated with study undertaken or completed in 2016.

The long list of award recipients includes three new University Medallists, Bill Walton, Isabelle Capell-Hattam and Cameron Stewart. The university medal is the highest accolade that undergraduates can achieve and is only awarded once, annually, to the highest performing student in a discipline and even then, only if they have maintained an extraordinary academic record throughout their entire university degree.

Congratulations to all the New College recipients! <sup>(EN)</sup>

New Collegian	In Residency	Prize or Award
Jeremy Low	Current	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Nicholas Goundar	Current	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Mitchell Kingsland	Current	The Faculty of Science Dean's List
Hugo Vos	2016	The Belinda Brito Prize for Creativity and Passion in Design
Kelsey Young	2015-2016	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
James McColl	2015-2016	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Hayley Mallinder	2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Gisella Margarita Velasco	2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Andrew McCallum	2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Jack Smith	2015	The New South Wales Minerals Council Prize for Best Overall Performance (or Proficiency) Year 2 and The Charles Warman Prize
William Green	2015-2016	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Lauren Sullivan	2014-2016	The Shelston IP Prize for the best performance in Level 3 professional biotechnology courses
Liam Hayes	2014-2015	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Bill Walton	2013-2015	<i>The University Medal in Mechanical Engineering</i>
Jethro Dickens	2013-2015	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Georgia Lee	2013-2015	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List
Albert Osti	2013-2014	The Maxwell Aubrey Phillips Prize for the best performance in European Studies
Belinda Serafin	2013-2014	The BOSSI Medal, The Institution of Surveyors NSW Incorp. Prize, The Civil and Environmental Engineering Surveying Discipline Prize and The Association of Consulting Surveyors' NSW Prize in Land Development
Thomas Maslin	2013-2014	The New South Wales Minerals Council Prize for Best Performance in Hardrock Mine Design Course
Isabelle Capell-Hattam	2013-14	<i>The University Medal in Molecular and Cell Biology</i>
Tracey Lloyd	2013	The Harold Tindale Award – 2 for the best overall performance of a Chemical Engineering or Industrial Chem student in 4th year Process Design Project
Declan Walsh	2013	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List; The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award and The RAA Bryant Prize
Jonathan Crouch	2012-2014	The Mitsubishi Prize for the best performance in Coal Mine Design Project
Cassandra Murphy	2012-2014	The Memorial Ivor Beatty Prize in Conservation and The Civil and Environmental Engineering Environmental Discipline Prize
Cameron Stewart	2012	<i>The University Medal in Mechatronic Engineering</i> The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award and The RS Components Prize for Engineering Excellence
Caitlin Healey-Nash	2011-2014	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Matthew Rowe	2011-2013	The Data61 Fourth Year Thesis Poster Competition (First Place)
Emma Corcoran	2011-2013	The Dean's List - Faculty of Law
Renaë Lawrence	2011-2013	The Peter Reed Prize for Surgery and The James Curran Prize for Medicine
Sarah Hayes	2011-2012	The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Award
Angus Buchanan	2010-2011	The RANZCP Prize for Psychiatry
Timothy Trezise	2007	The Dean's List – Faculty of Law
Maximilienne Whitby	2006-2007	The Faculty of Built Environment Dean's Merit List



# VALEDICTORY DINNER

On Friday 28th October, the annual Valedictory Dinner was held to farewell and acknowledge the departing New Collegians. Major awards were presented by both the College and the New College Students' Association (NCSA).

The **2016 New College Award for Academic Excellence** was awarded to **Emily Kozera** (NC 2013-16). During her four years at New College, Emily maintained an outstanding academic record in her studies of Medicine. In 2016, her work was published in various journals on four occasions. Serving as Academic Tutor and Senior Academic Tutor, Emily continuously went above and beyond in her support of others and involvement in the community despite her numerous other commitments.

The **2016 Award for Collegiality and Service to Society** was awarded to **Emily Triggs** (NC 2013-16). An exemplary New Collegian, Emily embodied the ideals of the College both academically and culturally with her enthusiastic involvement in productions, sport and sub committees since 2012. Having led the community in O-Week, on the New College Christian Fellowship Committee and as a Residential Advisor, Emily has continued her sincere kindness for others in her role as Senior Residential Advisor.

## 2016 New College Students' Association Awards

The **NCSA Collegian of the Year** was awarded to **Mirren McGuire** (NC 2015-current) for her outstanding service to the community. Her incredible dedication to college life over the past two years has seen her acting, singing, and dance in performances, as the Director of the 2016 New College Play and act as a pillar of support for freshers and friends alike. ■ JB

<b>Sportsman of the Year</b>	Connor Jephcott
<b>Sportswoman of the Year</b>	Lydia Frazer
<b>Most Inspirational Sportsman</b>	Tim Davis
<b>Most Inspirational Sportswoman</b>	Annabel Paul
<b>The Mick Braund Award</b>	Zoe Marshall
<b>The Matt Giblin Award</b>	Yasith Ruberu
<b>Service Awards</b>	Peter Arnott, James McColl, Annabelle Thorne, Erin Prince, Henry O'Callaghan
<b>Subcommittee of the Year</b>	PicSoc

## New College Academic Prizes

At the beginning of each year New College also awards prizes to Collegians recognizing their academic achievements in the previous year. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

<b>New Collegian</b>	<b>New College Academic Prize</b>
Ha PHAM	Arts
Mitchell KINGSLAND	Science
Johnny WONG	Actuarial Studies
Timothy DAVIS	Engineering
Stephen MELHUISH	Commerce






# 2016 INTER-COLLEGE SPORT REPORT



New College had a fantastic year of sport in 2016. Hitting the ground running, the men's cricket team made it to the Inter-College Cricket Grand Final for the fifth consecutive year only to be narrowly defeated in a well-played game against Warrane College. But Collegians continued the enthusiasm, with Men's and Women's teams participating in ten Inter-college sporting competitions over the course of the year.

The Women's team won the Tennis Premiership in a brilliant showdown while the Men's team brought home the Basketball Premiership in another excellent competition. College spirit has supported the teams all throughout the year with many a resident donning their jerseys and painting their faces to show their New College pride from the sidelines.

In a game that will surely go down in New College history, the Men's Soccer team secured an underdog win against rival Warrane College to win the Grand Final and Soccer Premiership. It came down to a nail biting penalty shootout that had all of college on the edge of their seats. A huge congratulations to all those who played during the semester and special credit due to Tim Davis, Captain and Coach of the Soccer team. The intense game and electric evening will be one to remember for many years to come!

A truly memorable year and incredible effort from all those who have played or came to support. Special thanks to the NCSA Sports Directors for 2016 for their organisation and motivation, Lydia Frazer, Michael Joubert and Erin Prince. 



# 2016 NEW COLLEGE REVUE

## FALSE HOOD: A NEW NOTTINGHAM



In 2016, New College produced the annual Revue titled “False Hood: A New Nottingham.” The production twisted the traditional Robin Hood folklore and told the story of the daft outlaw in green tights, his not so “Little” brother, John and the intelligent intern, Maid Marian on their quest to steal the Prince’s gavel from the Sheriff and Guy of Gisborne. With all the wit and slapstick of a classic Revue, the show left the audience laughing the night away. More than 150 collegians came

together to make the production possible. 15 subcommittees managed everything from props, costume, hair and makeup, technical equipment, food, ticketing, media, backstage and fundraising. The multi-talented performers exhibited a variety of dance pieces, band numbers and a series of skits. A hilarious short-film paid tribute to, Trevor Cairney, attending his fifteenth and last Revue as Master of New College. “The number of people involved was testimony

to the community getting behind the production. It was the largest participation that I’ve seen for a number of years,” said Trevor, concluding “it was a wonderful gift to have such a memorable revue as my last official performance event.” The production could not have been possible without the hard work of producers Laura “Clouds” Heydon and Kevin “Oh Seven” Jacob and directors Theodore Jolliffe and Jacqueline Willing. JW

# LOOKING BACK ON THE 2016 NEW COLLEGE LECTURES JESUS AND THE TEN GOSPELS

We live in an age where people are prone to make snap judgments. We can be quick to give allegiance to various causes, to make people heroes for modest reasons, and to dismiss ideas with little consideration of the evidence supporting them.



Attitudes to Jesus in this age vary widely. Most accept that he lived, some even see him as a great person in history. But was he a prophet, priest or king? Or, to paraphrase C.S. Lewis, a lunatic, liar or Lord? The evidence for just who Jesus was and is, comes primarily from the Bible. Archaeology, Jewish literature and secular texts also provide historical evidence that Jesus lived. But who was he? Faiths other than Christianity—and even different strands arguably within Christianity—have different opinions about who Jesus was, and gospels that were not included in the biblical canon. So, which gospels should we believe?

This was the broad topic for the 2016 New College Lectures, which were delivered by Dr Simon Gathercole. Over two lectures, Dr Gathercole contrasted the four biblical gospels—*Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and *John*—with various non-canonical gospels, also known as ‘apocryphal’ or in some cases, ‘Gnostic’ gospels. These included the *Gospel of Peter*, the *Gospel of Thomas*, the *Gospel of Truth*, the *Gospel*

of *Philip*, the *Gospel of the Egyptians* and the *Gospel of Judas*.

Dr Gathercole highlighted a significant divergence between attitudes to the Old Testament in the two sets of writings about the life of Jesus. Whereas the New Testament gospels go out of their way to portray Jesus as fulfilling existing Jewish Scriptures, the apocryphal gospels largely sideline—or even expurgate—Jesus’ relationship to these texts. The Jesus these non-canonical texts present is disconnected from the Old Testament and reflects various non-Jewish philosophies.

If you would like to explore the topic further you can:

- download podcasts of the 2016 New College Lectures from [www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/audios/audio-archives](http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/audios/audio-archives)
- Access an article by Dr Simon Gathercole from the CASE Online Library or by purchasing a print copy of *Case Quarterly* #46 ‘Which Gospel?’, both available from [www.case.edu.au](http://www.case.edu.au).



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In 2017 Assoc. Prof Bill Peirson has commenced leading CASE as its new Director. The Centre for Christian Apologetics, Scholarship and Education was established as a ministry of New College in 2002 by Prof Trevor Cairney.

The CASE Centre aims to provide Christian commentary on social, intellectual and academic issues, and engage people of all persuasions in debate and discussion concerning contemporary issues of broad interest. It does this through the CASE website,

the *Case Quarterly* publication, regular comment by our expert columnists, in-depth articles by local and international authors, conferences and seminars.

In late 2016 a new CASE website was launched alongside a full revision of the publication. 'Case in Point' is a new segment in the journal written by regular and guest columnists with the aim of providing brief but thought-provoking reflection and analysis by Christian thinkers in a wide range of areas of life and thought. The format also allows columnists to bring a biblical perspective to bear on developments in their area of expertise and alert readers to new challenges and resources as they seek to live out their faith and share it with their neighbours.

The new website offers a variety of options for accessing old and new content, whether articles from *Case Quarterly*, reviews, or special publications. Every one of our in-depth articles from past and current issues of *Case* is now on the site. There is a range of new subscription options for individuals, churches and other institutions. Print subscriptions are still available, or by choosing a digital subscription (digital only or print + digital) subscribers can have full access to all content on the website. Non-subscribers can access all free content, and purchase individual articles for a small fee. You can explore all of these options at [www.case.edu.au](http://www.case.edu.au).



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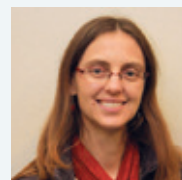
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# VALE TESSA CALDER

## 1994-2016




**T**essa Calder (NC 2012–13) was a dedicated Medicine student, a wonderful collegian, a well-loved daughter and sister and a fun loving young woman who contributed a great deal to New College. Her energy and commitment as an O'Week leader in 2013 was inspiring and she made many friendships at New College.

Tessa passed away in the early hours of Monday 10 October 2016 after a brave fight against the effects of the brain tumour that was first diagnosed in 2015. This precious young woman had an impact upon everyone that she met, and will leave a lasting legacy for one who died at far too young an age.

Tessa's friend Sheila Smith (NC 2012–2013) really wanted to be able to do something to support Tessa and brain cancer research. "I came up with a crazy idea to ride my bike from Rutherglen, Victoria to Sydney, NSW."

The ride from Albury to Sydney took almost a week to complete and Tessa's Dad, Alan, joined Sheila on the latter stages of the big ride. This initiative helped to raise over \$11,000. The funds were directed to support Cure Brain Cancer (Australia's largest brain cancer research organisation) and The Nelune Foundation (a Sydney based foundation that Tessa and her family found invaluable as it provided her transport while she was receiving treatment in Sydney).

Throughout her own ordeal, it was important to Tessa that she continue to contribute and make a difference in the world and she took part in events such as the Nelune Foundation Ball and gave an inspirational speech at the 'Wharf4Ward 2015 You Can Event'. Through this she helped to raise awareness about cancer and funds for organisations that research and provide support to cancer sufferers.

Tessa's family held an informal celebration of Tessa's life in Cairns in November. A service was also held at New College on Wednesday 26th October so that her Sydney based friends could have the opportunity to share memories and celebrate Tessa's life. 



# NEWS IN BRIEF



## Arend Boog appointed as New College Dean of Residents

Hailing from regional NSW, Arend lived in New College from 2004 to 2006 while undertaking his Civil Engineering and Philosophy degrees. He left New to marry Samantha in 2007 and

since then they have added Annabel (2009), Cassia (2011), Ella (2012) and Zoe (2014) to their family (pictured top right).

Since graduation, Arend has worked as an engineer in local Councils in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania as well as a stint as a Project Manager with RMS in Dubbo. At the same time he has been involved in various roles within churches, held several committee and executive positions, volunteered with Gideons International and commenced graduate study in theology.

On the rare occasion he finds spare time, Arend enjoys consuming media, making coffee and playing AFL. As a passionate Western Bulldogs supporter since 1993, he therefore arrives in the eastern suburbs with nothing to prove to any local AFL fans.

## Jackson Nexhip

Jackson Nexhip (NC 2014-15) and his team have impressively taken the winning title at this year's BIOMOD competition. Held in San Francisco annually, BIOMOD is an international biomolecular design competition for students. It involves undergraduate teams competing to build creative projects using the "molecules of life".

Jackson's team was called *Team Tiny Trap*. They chose to explore the uses of DNA, specifically the 'origami technique' which is a relatively recent development in the molecular world. DNA origami allows scientists to relatively easily build arbitrary shapes and three dimensional structures on the nanoscale.

The result was a vessel that looks quite similar to a mousetrap. This proposes a way to potentially capture a specific unbound molecular cargo inside of a DNA origami vessel. The research could have multiple impacts, including the possibility of creating an alternative treatment for cancer. Their idea and delivery impressed the judges who marked their work based on their online content and live presentation.



*Team Tiny Trap* (pictured above) not only won the Grand Prize, but also received the titles of Best Website, YouTube Video and Live Presentation. The College would like to congratulate Jackson Nexhip and his team on this incredible achievement.

## From the Public Relations Office

It has been wonderful to have so many alumni visiting the Colleges over the last twelve months for formal dinners, New College theatrical productions, the 2016 Alumni Reunion and the Farewell Dinner for Prof Trevor Cairney. Over the next couple of years you will see an increase in activity from New College as the College turns its efforts towards celebrating the 50th Anniversary of New College and the 10th Anniversary of NCV, which will both take place in 2019. We hope that alumni and friends of the Colleges will get involved. We will be working with our alumni community to make the celebrations reflect the various eras and aspects of College history while keeping mindful of the present and with an eye to the future.

Thanks to Emma Nelson, who contributed much to this edition of *New 'n' Old* and to the creation of the new CASE website. After a short stint working with New College, Emma has gone on to work with Mission Australia.

## Welcome Ash Braithwaite

Ash Braithwaite has been a familiar face at New College over the last two years, serving as one of the Ministry Training Apprentices attached to the College from Campus Bible Study. From April, Ash has commenced a new role as the Public Relations Assistant. Having studied a Bachelor of Media at UNSW and with a thorough understanding of our College community, Ash is well qualified to join the staff team as it begins preparations for the Anniversaries in 2019. ▀





Henry O'Callaghan (2016 NCSA Secreatry), Alice Lang (NC 2006-10) and Ed Kearney (NC 2008-09)



Former Senior Resident Advisor Dr Angela Barrett and former New College Dean of Residents, Dr James Pietsch



New Collegians Hayley Morris and Mirren McGuire



Matthew Taylor, Adela Davis Laura Roden Sarah Clark and Jonathan Hribar perform an arrangement of 'A Team' by Ed Sheeran



NC Board Member, Mrs Janet Simpson with former staff Mrs Jacqui Yeremeyev and Mr Mark Fairfull



Prof Rakesh Kumar (1979 Residential Tutor) and Mrs Kim Hoa (2012 Snr Resident Advisor)



Daniel May (NC 2010-12), current resident, Kaspar Kiebig and Lachlan Rogers (NC 2004-07)



New Collegians Allen Zhou, James Nicol Evangeline Woodford and Emily Triggs with Mrs Michele Morrison (centre)