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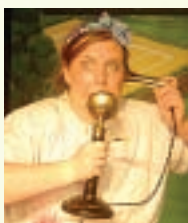
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## New College Play: The Real Inspector Hound —a real success!



Back row (L to R): Tom Pryor, Jeremy Provan, Fiona Goggins, Matt Hamlyn. Front row (L to R): Alistair Macleod, Laura Morrison, Andrew Szewc, Carolyn Macleod

The recent New College play proved to be a hit. The production was directed by Amy Morrison and Melanie Noble and produced by Sam Wills and Sophie Arnold. A production crew assisted with the play. In excess of 600 people attended the play over three nights (May 12-14, 2005). For an amateur production it was a remarkably professional show from the quality of the stage and production design, through to the set, props, costumes, make up, lighting and acting.



Fiona Goggins

The play opens as two critics look out at the play audience waiting for the show to begin. Birdboot, despite his marriage and impeccable morals, is more concerned with seeing the aspiring actresses off the

stage and onto his bed, while his counterpart Moon is plagued by an almost violent neuroticism about his professional status.

As the play progresses the audience watches with Birdboot and Moon as a very amusing murder mystery unfolds that bears a striking resemblance to Agatha Christie's novels and plays. A mysterious stranger, Simon Gascoyne, is found about the manor and its residents and guests are cut off from the world. A murderer is on the loose in the vicinity of the manor, the police are conducting a search, and fog is rolling in off the moors. A series of intriguing twists draws the audience deeper into the play's plot.

The story takes an ironic twist when the critics find themselves involved in the drama taking place on stage. In true Christie style by the time we reach the production's climax we suspect everyone of doing the deed, only to have the murder's identity revealed and find out there is even more to them than just being the villain!

### Cast:

Birdboot – Tom Pryor  
Moon – Jeremy Provan  
Lady Cynthia Muldoon – Laura Morrison  
Felicity Cunningham – Carolyn Macleod  
Major Magnus Muldoon – Alistair Macleod  
Simon Gascoyne – Andrew Szewc  
Inspector Hound – Matt Hamlyn  
Mrs Drudge – Fiona Goggins

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Professor Trevor Cairney

## From the Master

Since arriving at New College three years ago I've often pondered what makes New College special? As well, I've spent a lot of time considering how we could ensure that more people have a chance to share in the New College 'experience'. This has led me to conclude that I want to see New College expanded and/or replicated, to strengthen its mission and to provide scholarship support to those talented people who lack the resources to be part of the college. I've set myself three ambitious goals during my time at New: finish refurbishing New College, expand it at UNSW and elsewhere, and build a scholarship program. You need only speak to current or former residents to know why. Here are comments from two 1st year residents responding to a Faculty of Engineering survey of scholarship holders:

"I was accepted into New College and have had one of the best years of my life, trying to take every opportunity both academically and socially. The college was able to assist with my studies as they provided academic tutors, and in addition there were 2nd and 3rd years who were undertaking civil engineering and were thus able to pass on hints and tips for surviving first year civil engineering."

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"As well as providing daily services like catering and cleaning, the chance to meet so many other people in similar situations is in itself worth the stay. I cannot imagine my first year at university being nearly as enjoyable if it were not spent in New College."

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The pastoral and academic support systems at New reflect the fact that the welfare and growth of

residents is at the core of college life. This is why New College exists—we contribute to each other in the context of community—students, parents, alumni, staff, friends and supporters.

At New we attempt, based on the Oxbridge model, to educate the whole person. We attempt to create a place to live and learn, but we want the College to be more than just a place for staff and students to eat, sleep, play and study.

We want students to experience life richly and to the full. Specifically we want students to experience a range of social, sporting, spiritual, cultural, leadership and academic activities. Yes we want residents to succeed, and they do (45% of residents averaged Distinction or above in session 1 this year), but New College offers so much more. It's a place that seeks to make a difference to people's lives.

Just as we seek to make a difference to Collegians' lives we hope they will make a difference to others. The stories in this newsletter are encouraging in that they show current Collegians making a difference to others.

I want more young people to share the New College experience. To this end, we launched our first annual appeal in May to encourage all members of the New College community—parents, alumni, friends, volunteers, staff, supporters—to share in our vision for growth and development of the College.

We want to ensure that the College is adequately funded to undertake several new and exciting projects. I want to restate these. We need \$4.5 million to complete stages 2-4 of our refurbishment. We also want to build a new college on campus—a Post Graduate Village to accommodate in excess of 240 postgraduate students, families, childcare facilities and teaching space. This will cost over \$20 million. We are keen to introduce a scholarship support fund to dramatically increase the number of half and full fee scholarships from the current two half fee scholarships. This requires \$1.0 million to fund the desired 20 perpetual scholarships. We are also appealing for people to support the Stuart Barton Babbage Fellowship for post graduate students or post doctoral fellows.

I want to thank those who have already responded to the need; so far this year we have received \$44,612 in donations. This is a start, but we need greater support. I ask you to consider supporting the College financially so that we can make a difference to even more lives. We need your help. Please consider giving a gift today.

Please help us to have an even greater impact on people's lives by making a donation now using the coupon (p. 12) and reply envelope. ▀

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# New Residents join project in remote Indigenous Community

In the recent university holidays fifteen students from the University of NSW participated in a project with the Santa Teresa Aboriginal Community in the Northern Territory. Outback Assist was the first project of its type to be run by the UNSW Student Union, and was met with a keen response from the student body. An interview process was adopted by the coordinators to select the students who would be involved, and of the fifteen, two were residents of New College. Outback Assist was heavily funded by the students involved, and with the generous support of organisations like the Bondi and Maroubra Lions Clubs, the

Sydney Swans, the Randwick Rotary Club, New College and the Vice-Chancellor, as well as a lot of dedicated fundraising activities, the Outback Assist team raised the money for flights, food, accommodation and projects that were to be run within the community of Santa Teresa.

Santa Teresa is a small Aboriginal Community that is situated 70 km south-east of Alice Springs. It has a population of approximately 500 people, but not nearly enough employment to sustain the population. Nevertheless, it has a strong missionary presence, is a dry community, and has a wonderful community spirit, making for a successfully run community that has only a few of the problems that are generally associated with similar areas, such as petrol sniffing and severe alcoholism. The aim of Outback Assist was to work with this community, to increase the knowledge and understanding of students within UNSW, as well as aiding in the daily running of Santa Teresa, a town that only rarely has visits from city-dwellers like ourselves.

The Outback Assist team arrived in Santa Teresa at a particularly inconvenient time, on the day of a funeral, and on the first day of rain in the area for nearly two years. Because of this our introduction to the town was slow, but we got stuck into working in the community. The team was divided into three smaller groups who worked with the organisations that form the backbone to the Santa Teresa community; the Women's Centre, the Public Health Centre, the Youth Centre and the Council.

The Women's Centre is a particularly inspiring place to be involved with; it is run independently of the council, and provides a refuge for the women of the



Some of the Outback Assist team with local aboriginal children.

community, as well as various other services, like sewing classes, a crèche, cooking classes and a meals on wheels program for the elderly and the disabled. It is run predominantly by local women, and is pioneering an amazing new program in which the local women are encouraged to continue the passing down of traditional teachings and knowledge to girls of about fourteen within the community, a practice that is declining within the area. This is important for the development of the girls, as after such traditional teachings have been handed down they are more likely to have a sense of family, community and self-worth. This contributes to lessening the problems of teen pregnancies and reiterating the importance of education. The group working with the Women's Centre cooked for the meals on wheels program, established a veggie patch at the centre, helped in the crèche, and participated in various projects with the women, such as beading and hunting for bush tucker.

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The Public Health Centre is also an integral part of Santa Teresa, providing all medical help in the area, a transport service for the many elderly diabetes sufferers who require frequent dialysis in Alice Springs and also a program called Strong Kids, which provides lunch for the underweight children of the community. The Strong Kids program was initiated by the Public Health Centre, but is run by local women. Each day the women use the kitchen at the clinic to cook a healthy meal for about twenty children under five years old who are underweight for their age. A van is driven around the community and the children are collected, taken back to the clinic and fed. The children are weighed before their meal once a month, and a record of their progress is kept. The program ensures that these kids get at least one hearty meal a day during the week which is

important as the children of Santa Teresa are often cared for by an extended group of family members, and are often left to their own devices, which in some cases can lead to children missing meals or simply not having access to food.

Working within this wonderful community gave all those associated with Outback Assist a wonderful insight into the workings of a remote Aboriginal community. For the group, it illuminated both the advantages and disadvantages of living in such a place, but what shone through was how wonderfully spirited the community of Santa Teresa is. In between our involvement with the respective centres the team was taken out by friendly local people to hunt for bush tucker and bush medicine, to visit ancient rock art in the area, which has been seen by only a few people, to hunt kangaroo and cook it using the traditional method and to watch the annual Camel Cup in Alice Springs. All these experiences were immensely enjoyed and won't be easily forgotten.

Working in the community short term as we did gave us the privilege of getting to know the people who put their lives into running such places, and the stories of such people were inspiring. From the local indigenous policeman who runs a bus from the centre of the community to the border, where alcohol is allowed, to prevent drink driving and associated dangers, to the young health-care worker who in his own time runs a pool competition for the local men with the intent of educating them about contraception and sexually transmitted infections, and the successful local artist who is renowned throughout the Northern Territory and Australia for her work who uses the profit she makes to take in local kids and elderly people in need and give them a home.

Outback Assist allowed us to help this community, acquire a wonderful insight into the lives of the people and most of all gain an understanding of the lives of indigenous Australians, an opportunity most of us had never had the chance to take and that will hopefully inspire us all to impart our

knowledge to the wider community and aid in the greater cause of understanding between the cultures of Australia.

It is hoped that Outback Assist will become a yearly project. ▀

**Georgina Gill, Anna Pankhurst**



Back row: New Collegians Georgina Gill (left) and Anna Pankhurst (3rd from left) with some of the indigenous children of Santa Teresa community.



# New Collegians Building Houses in the Philippines

Holidays are over, day one of session 2 has just about passed. I've had a pretty amazing last few weeks. After finishing exams I headed home and spent a wonderful few days with my family.

I returned to Sydney, did some last minute shopping and then travelled to Bohol island in the Philippines. We flew via Hong Kong, an extra four hours flying, but considerably cheaper. Nine hours to HK, 2 hrs to Cebu, then 2 hrs on a ferry before arriving at the harbour city of Tagbilaran, Bohol. We were greeted by Habitat for Humanity representatives, adorned with garlands of flowers and promptly loaded into cars.

I guess I should do some explaining before going on—14 UNSW students, mostly from New College, headed to the Philippines to work with Habitat for Humanity, donating labour and money to provide a home for a family. We were financially supported by Rotary clubs in the Eastern Suburbs and after several months of fundraising were able to keep the per person cost quite low. We didn't really know what to expect when we arrived, however the experience was nothing short of mind-blowing!

We spent just over a week working at construction, shovelling sand, mixing concrete, laying bricks, shifting broken limestone for foundations, laying concrete floors, cleaning and painting, and interacting with the children of the village. We were supervised by some expert Filipinos, who were very gracious towards us, putting up with concrete that was never the right consistency, slanting walls, dehydrated westerners, and our feverish pace of work!

We had a few days off exploring the island. We travelled to visit the 'Chocolate Hills', a stunning limestone formation. We saw some captive Tarsiers, tiny monkeys, cruised on the Loboc river, swam under waterfalls, went scuba diving and snorkelling, hired motor bikes, all the while being stared at by intrigued Filipinos.

The whole team was amazed by the hospitality we received, we were fed roast pigs, local delicacies, seafood, imported steak, fresh fruit, on one afternoon taken to three parties in a row, and welcomed by everyone we met.

Some of the team visited the Catholic cathedral in Tagbilaran, absolutely packed with more than one thousand people there. A few also visited the United Church of Christ. The lady who spoke there was one of the few locals who I heard speak candidly about the less pleasant side of life in the Philippines. She asked her congregation to consider how Christians could do something about rampant prostitution, drug and alcohol abuse, the misuse of natural resources of the country, and family breakdown.



Top: New College team on site. Bottom: New resident Amy Gibbens builds a wall.

Music and dance play a large role in Filipino life; everywhere we went, a guitarist would be heard strumming away, singing ballads to whoever cared to listen. I was amazed by the relaxed pace of life. For those who have lived both in the city and country in Australia, and who appreciate the difference in lifestyle, Filipino time runs half as slow again! Millions of Filipinos (well the thousands that I saw...) seem to sit around out the front of their houses chatting, singing, and drinking rum. Incidentally, Rum can be bought for 20 Piso's, around A\$0.50 (cheaper than bottled water, milk and petrol).

There are no factories on the island of Bohol and agriculture is very disorganised. I saw one large corn crop, and a couple of large rice crops, but farming is mainly carried out by each family as they till their tiny patch of earth. Despite this no-one seemed to be short of food.



My first experience living in a developing country has shown me something of how much there is to see, hear, taste and know in this world, and inspires me to go and find out more.

In general, the part of the Philippines we saw was a disturbing mix of western entertainment and lifestyle with all the hardships of a developing country. Movies, McDonald's and BMW's co-exist with subsistence farming, dangerous hygiene and bamboo huts. Thousands of mobile phones adorn the waists of the Filipino middle and upper class teenagers strolling through the malls of Tagbilaran city, whilst their less-financially endowed peers are sweating day in day out to grow food for their families. The juxtaposition of riches and poverty was startling at first to my Australian eyes. However, the majority of the people seem to calmly accept this situation. I found it surprising that people were not bitter about the inequality of the classes; maybe I have a lot to learn about what it means to have what you need to live.

I've written quite a lot, yet to be honest, I'm struggling



Busy building site as New Collegians erect a house for poor Filipinos

to describe qualitatively what I learnt. As a college mate said to me today, it may be some time before I appreciate the impact that my short stay in the Philippines has had. My eyes now open a little wider, my experience of life is just a little broader, my worldview nudged and adjusted to encompass the reality of another people group.

Today I purchased a poster upon which is printed Rudyard Kipling's poem *If*. To misquote him, I've learnt that one must dream, but not make dreams your master, to think, but not make thoughts your aim. I've discovered a great way to find about life and to answer the questions you have—go out and live. Whilst I'm here on earth, it seems life will be a balance between spending time inactive and reflecting, and throwing myself in and finding out what life throws up. My first experience living in a developing country has shown me something of how much there is to see, hear, taste and know in this world, and inspires me to go and find out more. ▀

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## New College Lectures 2005



L to R:  
Mr Kevin Rudd MP,  
Mr John Anderson MP,  
Dr Andrew Cameron

The 20th annual New College Lectures will be held on 25th and 26th October. The topic for this year will be "Church and State: Exploring views on the place of faith in politics".

The lectures provide an opportunity to present a series of public talks that focus on a topic of common concern to people of varied worldviews. The lecturers typically present an ethical perspective on a topic and invite critical discussion and dialogue.

There has been much discussion in recent times concerning the role that the Church does and might play in relation to the State. This issue raises many questions: Should the Church involve itself in government or attempt to influence government policy? How should people of faith conduct themselves if elected to government? What part might their faith play

in their actions? Should the role of the Church be restricted merely to commenting on values, moral issues and the like? If the latter is preferable, what might constitute moral issues? Do 'moral' issues cover matters such as justice for the poor? Alternatively, are we simply a secular state, where religion and the church have no relevance and should be kept at arms length?

To open up our discussions on this important topic we have invited three people who have much to share:

- Mr John Anderson MP (Former Leader of the National Party and Deputy Prime Minister)
- Mr Kevin Rudd MP (Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and International Security)
- Dr Andrew Cameron (Lecturer in theology at Moore Theological College and Chair of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney Social Issues Committee)

Three lectures will be delivered over the two evenings. For more information please contact the Master Professor Trevor Cairney (9381 1999) or [t.cairney@newcollege.unsw.edu.au](mailto:t.cairney@newcollege.unsw.edu.au) ▀





L to R: Kim Hoa Scruton, Billy Thorne, Jenna Rump.

# My Home Away from Home

It was six weeks before my departure from America and I still had no place to live in Sydney. I stumbled across the New College website on the UNSW housing website and I knew at that instant that I had found a place that I could call home. I emailed the office and the next day faxed my application and before I knew it a phone call had come from Sydney to tell me that I had been accepted into New College.

The realisation of being so far from home didn't hit me until I got into my room. Finally I was here and the only thing I wanted to do was ... go home! My homesickness wore off with each new person that moved into College. With time I felt like I had found a family at New College.

I decided to take Australian Studies courses while I was at UNSW in order to gain a better understanding of the new country that I was living in. However, my education grew beyond the classroom by living in College. My fellow Australians contributed to my understanding of world events, Australian history, and of course, sports. My experience of Australia was also expanded through travelling around the country to visit various residents' homes. I chased kangaroos through the paddocks and even milked a cow on a dairy farm in rural Victoria!

New College provided an accepting and challenging

environment to aid in my growth not only as a student but also in my Christian life. Through the encouragement and example of residents and opportunities through NCCF and Unichurch I was able to expand on my knowledge of what it means to live as a Christian.

There is an old expression that says "home is where the heart is". I know that I will always have two homes, one in the States and one that will always belong with my New College family.

I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to live in Sydney for six months but I am even more thankful that I was able to experience life at New College during that time. There is an old expression that says "home is where the heart is". I know that I will always have two homes, one in the States and one that will always belong with my New College family. ▀

**Jenna Rump, resident New College 2005**  
jrump@purdue.edu

**Background Information:**

Jenna is a student at Purdue University in the United States of America. She is currently completing her fourth year and will graduate in May with a BA in Communication specialising in Public Relations.



Jenna with her group 3GH



## Master visits Hong Kong for Alumni dinner

The Master recently visited New College alumni in Hong Kong to encourage local members to stay in touch and to share his vision for the future of New. Professor Cairney spent 4 days in Hong Kong and in this time hosted a dinner for alumni at the Hong Kong Yacht Club and met with alumni informally at different locations to get to know alumni members.

At the dinner Professor Cairney presented his vision for the College and spent time getting to know Collegians from three different eras. He outlined the changes that have been made to the College in recent years, including the addition of the new fourth floor, and spoke about his plans to refurbish the rest of the building and consider ways to expand the work of New. As part of this he shared his ideas on a proposed Postgraduate Village that would expand the New College work. Professor Cairney also encouraged alumni to consider how they might assist future collegians through the funding of a scholarship program. Professor Cairney commented that:

“New College is such a special place that I want more young people to have the opportunity to attend and for those without the financial resources to have access to a number of scholarships.”

It was pleasing that a number of the alumni from the early 1980s provided a significant donation towards the new Stuart Barton Babbage Fellowship to, in their

words, “express a small token of (their) thankfulness to the College and Dr Babbage because of the significant part played in (their) lives”.

Judging from the comments of four of our Hong Kong Alumni the trip appears to have been a success:

“It was a great pleasure meeting you in Hong Kong and the dinner was also wonderful. When you visit Hong Kong next time, I hope we can get more alumni to join us. It takes time to build up the connections. The step you have taken is an important one and well appreciated by us.”

“I had an enjoyable time last Friday and I have to say it was great to meet and ‘catch up’ with old New Collegians! The dinner was scrumptious and I can’t believe how much we ate. Next time we meet I’m sure there will be more of us to share the food around.”

“Thank you very much for the delicious dinner at the Yacht Club and giving me the opportunity to meet up with the “old boys” and “old chooks” in Hong Kong. I enjoyed the dinner gathering very much and look forward to more alumni functions in the future.”

“It was great to see you here. I am very pleased to hear of so many exciting developments at New College. It is definitely in good hands. I look forward to staying in touch and seeing you soon in HK or Singapore.”

Professor Cairney was equally enthusiastic about the benefits of the trip:

“I wasn’t sure at first whether a trip to Hong Kong was justified, but I’m more convinced than ever that we need to strengthen our alumni work with international Collegians. There is tremendous value in maintaining and fostering networks between alumni members and strengthening the bonds with the College. It would seem that an annual event of this kind is justified.”

As a result of the success of the Hong Kong alumni event Professor Cairney intends to host a similar event in Singapore in 2006. There are also plans to return to Hong Kong in 2006 or 2007. The College’s Alumni and Public Relations Coordinator, Mark Fairfull, is keen to hear from international alumni interested in fostering events of this kind in countries where we have a reasonable concentration of collegians. ▽

**Back row (L to R):** Barnabus Fung, Kin S. Chiang, Selwyn Chan, Patrick Tse, Gordon Fong  
**Front row (L to R):** Elaine Yeung, Alice Law, Trevor Cairney & Mabel Cheung





# Governor of NSW, Marie Bashir, AC Guest Speaker at end of session Formal Dinner



Mrs Carmen Cairney, Master and Governor Bashir

On Wednesday June 8 the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Marie Bashir, AC visited New College as Guest Speaker for the end of session Formal Dinner. During the dinner she was entertained by a Barbershop Sextet featuring residents James Waterhouse, Matthew Frazer, Lachlan Rogers, Jonathan Barnett, Andrew Ireland and Arend Boog who took the opportunity to farewell the College choir's director Camilla Richards who is on exchange this session.

In her key note address the Governor talked about her background as a psychiatrist and professor in the field. She outlined the challenges of mental health and

illness in youth and more broadly. She also spoke of her motivation to help the underprivileged and those in need and provided a brief overview of where her interests have led her over the course of her career.

Her genuine interest in young people as the future of this country was evident in her generous manner towards students as she took questions and discussed issues after the dinner over tea and coffee.

Her Excellency took several questions from residents concerning the balancing of family and work, future developments in the Redfern area and the Governor's opinions on whether or not Australia should become a republic. The Governor was warm, friendly and accessible to the more than 270 residents and invited guests.

Her genuine interest in young people as the future of this country was evident in her generous manner towards students as she took questions and discussed issues after the dinner over tea and coffee. This is the second time that Her Excellency has attended a formal dinner at New College—we hope it won't be the last! ▀



NSW Governor with residents (L to R): Stephanie Payne, Mitsu Sumiya, Governor Bashir, Kathryn Lee, Melanie Noble & Fiona Goggins.



## Woolies Boss popular guest speaker at New College Mid Session Formal Dinner



Woolies Boss gives address, Mr Roger Corbett, AM

**M**r Roger Corbett, AM Chief Executive Officer and Group Managing Director of Woolworths Ltd visited and met with students at the New College Formal Dinner on Wednesday April 20. Mr Corbett addressed 280 students, College staff, board members, alumni and invited guests in the College main dining room.

With the recent acquisition of Australian Leisure and Hospitality Mr Corbett is now managing in excess of 150,000 staff and what is now Australia's 10th largest company. The share price has risen from \$4 to well over \$16 over the time Roger has been at the helm of the well known Australian retailer. The company has over 220,000 shareholders and is an Aussie icon.

He spoke on the challenges of change in society encouraging those gathered to have 'values' and 'stand for something'. Those gathered were very interested in

hearing what Roger had to say on leadership, values and responsibility. He canvassed the real challenges of having and maintaining ethics in business.

He answered many questions from the audience. The College residents asked interesting questions ranging from whether or not Roger considered himself a 'normal guy' to whether or not HE shopped at Woolworths. After pausing Roger said that he and his family does because of the wonderful service and great people who work in Woolies stores!

In his answers Roger talked about the challenges and opportunities of leading a large company. He also touched on what have been his greatest personal challenges, how he measures success and maintaining relationships with his family whilst being in an extremely busy high powered job.

Roger stayed after the formal part of the dinner to individually meet with students and personally discuss with them their issues and questions. ▀

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## In the News: First Indigenous engineer a New Collegian!

**F**ormer New Collegian Ben Lange graduated from UNSW in April with the degree of Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical). He holds the distinction of being the first Indigenous electrical engineer and the first Indigenous engineering graduate at UNSW. "I couldn't have done it without the support of others" Ben said (to UNSW media) at his graduation.

Ben lived in New College for two years from 2000. Former Dean of Residents Ian Walker admitted Ben Lange to New College in 2000: "it was hard not to" he recalls, "his commitment in coming down from Cairns with his mother to look us over, plus, of course,

his great personality". Ben was involved in College sports, playing in the oldies team in the 2001 Freshers Oldies hockey match (see pictures).

Interestingly, while at UNSW Ben studied the acoustics of the famous Indigenous instrument the didgeridoo and vocal tract in a research project through the School of Physics' Music Acoustics centre.

Ben had recent media exposure on

ABC Radio's AM program on July 7 2005 in the story "Scientists unravel the mystery of the didgeridoo". To see this news story please visit <http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2005/s1408973.htm>.

Ben now works in building construction management with Bovis Lend Lease in Canberra. He hopes to assist and participate in developing and reshaping Indigenous communities: "Redeveloping Indigenous communities involves more than electrical engineering. It's the whole infrastructure. This job could foster my abilities ... I want to see Indigenous people pulling together, having more say in the planning of our communities. The main contribution I can make ... is to be a role model. Over the years we've had role models in sport, medicine, politics, and music. We need role models in engineering too!"

New College wishes Ben well and is grateful for his contribution to the life of New College during 2000 and 2001. ▀

Source: UNSW Media Office, 'Our first Indigenous Engineer' [www.unsw.edu.au](http://www.unsw.edu.au) news item.





# Former New College Master wins AM in Queens Birthday Honours



Rev Dr Bruce Norman Kaye, AM

Australia, particularly as general secretary of the Anglican Church of Australia's General Synod and as a scholar and author of several publications on theology and church history.

In 1983 Dr Kaye was appointed as the College's third Master serving in the role until 1994. Dr Kaye followed on in the role of Master from prominent clergyman Rev Dr Stuart Barton Babbage. After leaving New College in 1994 he became the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Australia General Synod. Dr Kaye continued as general secretary until 2004.

New College congratulates Rev Dr Bruce Norman Kaye on receiving an AM award in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Bruce received the award for service to the Anglican Church of

During his time at New College Dr Kaye made many contributions including two significant initiatives that still have influence today. First he set up the Institute for Values Research (IVR) as an academic institute to explore and research the issues related to the values and ethics espoused by different groups and organisations including churches, the media and government bodies. This was the foundation for CASE. Second, Dr Kaye founded the New College Lectures which have continued as an annual public lecture series from 1987 to today.

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Dr Kaye has made a large impact in his service to the College and we congratulate him on this well deserved honour in acknowledgement of his broader service to the Anglican Church. ▶

## New College Alumni

Are you interested in assisting the College by acting as a volunteer year coordinator or event organiser?

We are looking for New College alumni who would be willing to help organise alumni functions and activities.

We are also interested in people who can help us track down missing or 'lost' alumni from their era.

If you would like to be involved in creating new networks and assisting with creating and maintaining relationships between alumni and the College then please contact

Mark Fairfull on (02) 9381 1740 or email [alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au).





# Where are they now?

## Anthony Munter (1987-1989)

Got lucky—I'm married (to Robyn) with three gorgeous kids (Amy, James and Billy). I work in IT now. Have a look at <http://theMunters.blogspot.com/> for the latest news and pics of our clan.

amunter@hotmail.com

## John Noakes (1988)

I was a fresher in 1988 and was studying Surveying. Had some of the best times of my life that year and made lots of friends. I only stayed in Sydney till April 1989 then left and headed back to the bush (Young). I then went to CSU at Wagga from 1990-1992 and completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture) Degree. I am now farming and living in Young and have lost contact with most from this era but would love to catch up with anyone out there.

jcnnoakes@ozemail.com.au

## John Bilkey (1994-1995)

I am married to Dr Renee Bilkey (nee Browne) resident of New College 1995-1996. Have a 20 month old daughter Emma and are expecting our second child in late October.

Renee raises Emma 3 days a week and practices as a general practioner in a local surgery for the other 2 days, while I work as the Senior Mining Engineer—Short Term Planning at the Drayton Coal Mine just near Muswellbrook.

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Inquiries about the newsletter can be directed to [alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au).

For Alumni news and coming events visit [www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au](http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au).

## Emily FitzSimons (1993-1995)

I moved to Adelaide 4 years ago, from Newcastle, to begin teaching at St Peter's College, an Anglican school for boys. I am currently teaching English and Legal Studies from Years 8 to 12. Teaching all boys is a real blessing and such fun! I am one of those annoying people who absolutely LOVE their job and talk about it constantly.

It never ceases to amaze me that New Collegians are everywhere. I bump into old collegians from time to time (some I knew in college and some I didn't) and we get to chat about the good ol' times.

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## College Development News – people are supporting New

The database update has continued to help us to stay in touch. If you can update your details please get in touch, consider using the web site Stay in Touch page!

The development work has born fruit in 2005 with \$44,612 in gift income received in response to fundraising activities, including the production and mailing of the College's first ever annual appeal.

The donations have gone to 7 different areas – unrestricted, improving student accommodation, scholarships, Stuart Barton Babbage fellowship, building new New's, CASE and the New College Lectures.

We thank all Alumni, friends and supporters for their contribution. We appeal to all Alumni, supporters and friends of New College to consider if they can financially support the College regularly or by making a one off donation to the annual appeal. All program areas need your support.

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