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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

WELCOME TO OUR END OF YEAR MAGAZINE MARKING AS IT DOES THE TRANSITION OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCED 'OLD HANDS' AND THE GRADUATION OF OUR FINAL YEAR STUDENTS TO FUTURE CAREERS, TRAVELS AND POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS. IT ALSO PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK BACK AND CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND JOURNEYS – TO SHARE THEIR ACADEMIC AND SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS, COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PASSION FOR CHANGE.

This year has been one of renewal and rejuvenation with a number of significant building upgrades including the completion of the main Common Room, Senior Common Room and all 209 student bedrooms in the original wings of the College. These projects are part of the overall refurbishment project – the first of this scale since the College opened in 1972. Taking the College back to 'bare bones' has also afforded us an opportunity to address energy usage and our environmental footprint. As a first step we have installed LED lighting to the study bedrooms and corridors in the main wings which will not only significantly reduce power consumption but also ongoing maintenance costs and disposal of toxic bulbs and tubes.

This was a huge project but thanks to the efforts of College staff and our partners Valmont Builders, Siren Design and Janet Hoy & Co. we managed to complete all of the student bedrooms, the installation of new carpets in the corridors as well as the changeover to LED lighting in just three and half weeks.

Now the stress of the first stage is but a memory, we are looking forward to implementing the next set of projects beginning with the installation of the new perimeter fencing during the end of year break.

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

In 2010, Dunmore Lang College and Macquarie University came together to establish a new scholarship programme for young Indigenous Australians coming from rural and remote areas and in particular those who were the first in their families to attend university. Beginning with two foundation students, the programme has now grown to support twenty-one students from all over New South Wales and from as far away as Broome in Western Australia and Darwin in the Northern Territory.

Last year as part of our commitment to developing this programme, we welcomed Aunty Elaine Chapman as the Elder-in-Residence at the College. Aunty Elaine quickly became a familiar face and her wisdom and sense of humour has helped many students, indigenous and non-indigenous alike, to find their way through the various academic and personal roadblocks that accompany university studies. As Principal, I have appreciated Aunty Elaine's advice and knowledge and I am very grateful for the support she has provided to our students. This year, we celebrated with Aunty Elaine and Ms Emily Sutton from Warawara as they became the first Indigenous graduates in the Macquarie University Masters of Indigenous Education degree. The College Registrar, Valerie Bohle, spoke with 'Aunty E' and Emily about their journeys and her interview is included in this edition.

Earlier in the year, we welcomed Uncle Lex Dadd, an Elder-in Residence at Macquarie University, as part of our wider support team and cultural adviser to the College and we are looking forward to a long and productive working partnership.

This shared journey is deeply rooted in the College's history. Both Miss Dorothy Knox who established the College and Rev. John Dunmore Lang our namesake, worked hard to support Indigenous Australians and it is our privilege to continue their legacies.

NEW MAGAZINE NAME

As the next step in our journey, we are privileged to introduce the new name for the College magazine: Ngarra, which means 'listen' in the Darug language. We trust it conveys a warm invitation to hear our students' stories as well as to share in the many conversations between the College and our wider communities of alumni, family and friends, partnership schools and Macquarie University. I would like to thank Mr Chris Tobin, Uncle Lex and Aunty Elaine for their invaluable assistance in choosing the new name.

NEW ARTWORKS

The College has recently received several pieces of furniture and a number of Australian artworks, on loan and donated, from Mr Peter and Mrs Jocelyn Towson. The gift includes furniture by Walter Burley Griffin and artworks by Sidney Ball, Michael Taylor, Sally Robinson, Graham Kuo and Ken Reinhard. We are extremely grateful for Peter and Jocelyn's generosity and their contribution to the aesthetic environment of the College, especially the opportunity it affords students to engage first-hand with the work of several significant Australian artists. Please feel welcome to have a look next time you are visiting the College.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine, especially the students' stories and the ways in which they bring our motto of *Learning, Leadership and Service* to life. As always it is an inspiration to read their achievements and especially to know this is only the beginning of many journeys yet to unfold.

May I take this opportunity to wish students, families and the wider Dunmore Lang College community all the best for the festive season, safe travels home and on holidays, as well as best wishes for a happy and successful 2015.

DR ALASDAIR MURRIE-WEST
PRINCIPAL

Front cover: Leon Milne from Darwin, and Rhiannon Auld from Sydney

A VISIT TO 'THE ALICE'

THREE FIRST YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS/MEDIA INDIGENOUS STUDENTS, INCLUDING KEISHA MILLER FROM DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE, TRAVELLED TO ALICE SPRINGS IN SEPTEMBER FOR THREE DAYS OF FILMING AT THE ALICE DESERT FESTIVAL. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY AUNTY E, ELDER IN RESIDENCE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AND DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE.

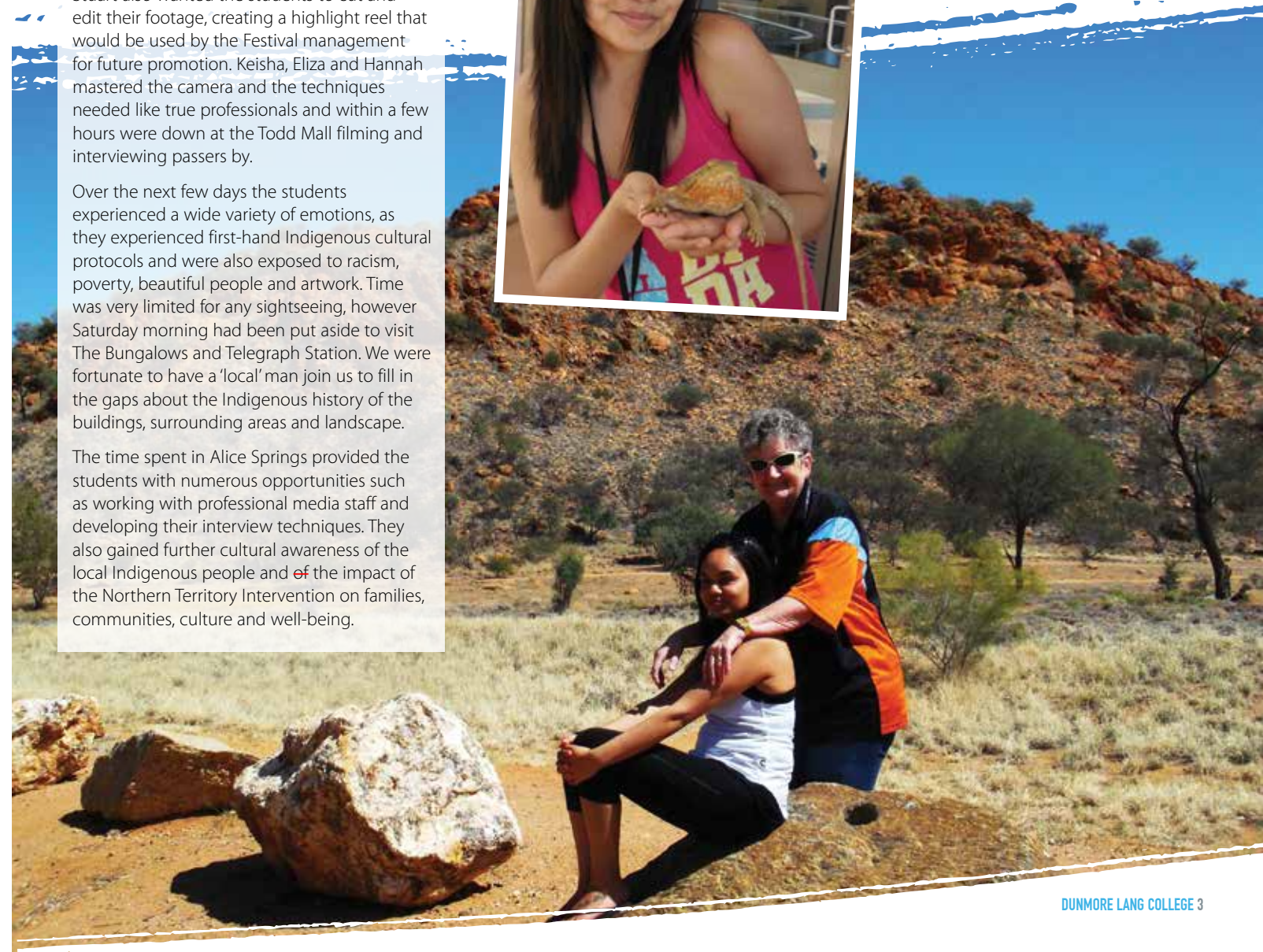
We left a very wet and cold Sydney airport and arrived in Alice Springs three hours later to beautiful sunshine and clear skies. After collecting the hire car we headed into Alice to purchase supplies for our stay then headed out to our accommodation. After quickly packing fridges and enjoying a cuppa, we all bundled into the car and headed into the Festival's headquarters to meet with the students' mentor, Stuart Liddle, a professional film-maker. Following introductions, Stuart gave the students instructions on the camera assemblage and use and identified three outcomes he hoped the students would meet:

- To make contact with successful film artists at a number of venues throughout the Festival
- To film and interview audience participation
- To film and interview family groups and their participation.

Stuart also wanted the students to cut and edit their footage, creating a highlight reel that would be used by the Festival management for future promotion. Keisha, Eliza and Hannah mastered the camera and the techniques needed like true professionals and within a few hours were down at the Todd Mall filming and interviewing passers by.

Over the next few days the students experienced a wide variety of emotions, as they experienced first-hand Indigenous cultural protocols and were also exposed to racism, poverty, beautiful people and artwork. Time was very limited for any sightseeing, however Saturday morning had been put aside to visit The Bungalows and Telegraph Station. We were fortunate to have a 'local' man join us to fill in the gaps about the Indigenous history of the buildings, surrounding areas and landscape.

The time spent in Alice Springs provided the students with numerous opportunities such as working with professional media staff and developing their interview techniques. They also gained further cultural awareness of the local Indigenous people and of the impact of the Northern Territory Intervention on families, communities, culture and well-being.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Dunmore Lang College acknowledges the Darug people as the traditional owners of the land upon which the College is situated.

The College also acknowledges the generous contributions of the Macquarie University Council of Elders and especially Aunty Elaine Chapman as the College's Indigenous pastoral care adviser.

In 2014, we were honoured to name the College magazine, Ngarra, which means 'listen' in the Darug language and we are grateful for the invaluable assistance provided by Mr Chris Tobin, Uncle Lexodious Dadd and Aunty Elaine Chapman in assisting us with this.

This shared journey is deeply rooted in the College's history and it is our privilege to continue the legacy of Miss Dorothy Knox, who established the College, and Rev. John Dunmore Lang, our namesake, who both worked hard to support Indigenous Australians.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What an absolutely amazing year! A year full of opportunities, great memories and growth.

TO SAY THIS YEAR IS COMING TO AN END SOON IS SOMEWHAT SHOCKING – IT ONLY FEELS LIKE LAST WEEK WE BEGAN AS THE 2014 ADS EXECUTIVE.

This year was on another level compared to previous years with newly refurbished rooms, a new common room and a full College. A determined ADS Executive set out to make it one of the most memorable years for residents. With a large variety of events such as the White Party, the Musical, Conception Day, the Ball, the Slumber Party, numerous movie nights, Trivia and Bingo there was definitely something for everyone.

I can definitely say this year the College as a whole really stepped up its game. Firstly, we continued our winning streak from last year with taking out first place in the Fresher Dance competition for the fifth year in a row. In addition Dunmore Lang College dominated the Inter-Collegiate sporting competition especially in the Waterpolo, Courtyard Challenge and the Fun Run, not only in skill but also in participation and the number of spectators who came to support their peers.

2014 was also a year for charity. The College dug deep and worked hard to raise almost \$4000 for a number of charities including RSPCA, Oxfam and World Vision.

All this good work could definitely not have happened without the people who put in a lot of time and effort behind the scenes. Firstly, I would like to thank Stephanie, Courtney, Lily and Tom for their continued efforts throughout this year – without them this year would not have been such a success. Secondly, the twenty Committee Heads who worked hard all year to put on such a large number of amazing events for the residents. It has been an extremely enjoyable year working with them all.

I would like to thank Alasdair, Rachel and the RA team – thank you for all your guidance and support throughout the year.

Best of luck to the 2015 ADS Executive – I'm sure it will be an even better year next year!

ANDREW (DREW) NGUYEN

President, Association of Dunmore Lang Students



INTRODUCING...

LIZA ALLEN BA(Hons), PGDipEd, MEd(Ed Mgmt), MACE, AIMM
DEAN OF STUDENTS

We are delighted to welcome Liza Allen as the new Dean of Students. Liza has recently relocated from Queensland to join the Dunmore Lang College community in November this year and brings with her a wealth of experience in education and college leadership.

Liza completed a BA Honours (Chinese) at the University of Queensland (UQ) after which she took up an academic appointment there teaching Chinese language for nine years.

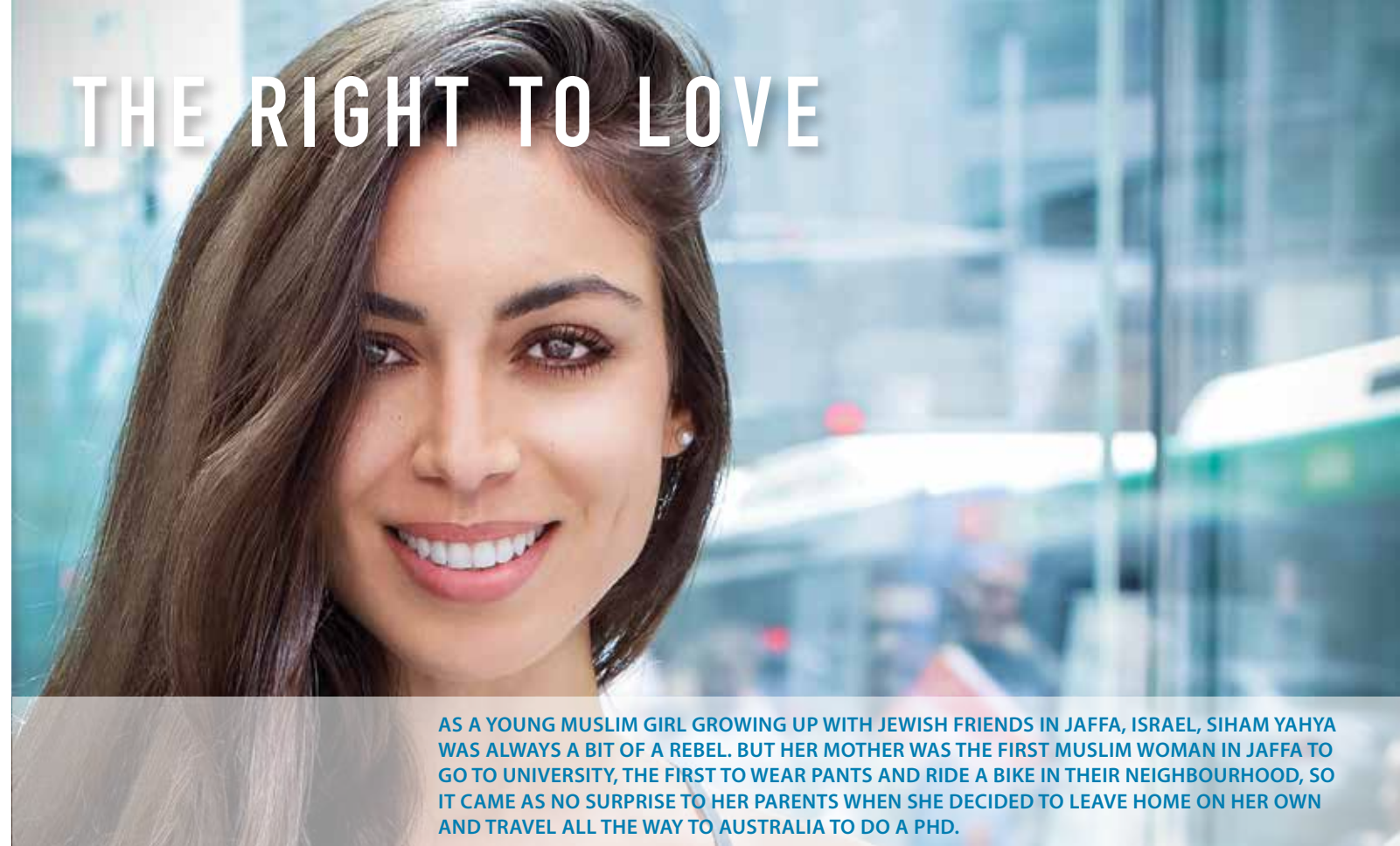
She then spent a decade managing a small business before returning to UQ to complete a Postgraduate Diploma of Education and pursue a teaching career across the Prep to Year 12 spectrum. During this time

she completed a Master of Educational Management through the University of Southern Queensland.

Liza worked as Dean of Students at The Women's College (UQ) for four years prior to being appointed Vice Principal at Emmanuel College (UQ) for three years. Liza has served on the AACUHO committee for a number of years and currently holds the position of Secretary.

Liza is married with two adult daughters and enjoys bushwalking, pottery, cheese-making and weaving.

THE RIGHT TO LOVE



AS A YOUNG MUSLIM GIRL GROWING UP WITH JEWISH FRIENDS IN JAFFA, ISRAEL, SIHAM YAHYA WAS ALWAYS A BIT OF A REBEL. BUT HER MOTHER WAS THE FIRST MUSLIM WOMAN IN JAFFA TO GO TO UNIVERSITY, THE FIRST TO WEAR PANTS AND RIDE A BIKE IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD, SO IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO HER PARENTS WHEN SHE DECIDED TO LEAVE HOME ON HER OWN AND TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO AUSTRALIA TO DO A PHD.

Siham, or Sisi as she is known to everyone at Dunmore Lang College, has been studying a Doctor of Philosophy – Psychology, and has recently submitted her PhD. She has a Bachelor of Behavioural Sciences and a Master of Educational Psychology, both from Ben Gurion University in Israel and a Master of Clinical Psychology from Tel Aviv University.

"Deciding where to do my PhD wasn't hard," said Sisi. "It was too cold and grey in the UK so I applied for Australia and the US! I was lucky enough to get a scholarship from Macquarie University and to find my supervisor, Dr Simon Boag from the Department of Psychology here. It's definitely the best of its kind in the country."

Living in a country that was so multi-cultural, attending an international school and growing up as part of a Jewish community, Sisi found the dichotomy between the life she was living and the teachings of her parents difficult to understand. "How are you supposed to listen to your parents?" she asked. "I asked my father – do I have to choose a person by their religion or culture? Could I only fall in love with these boys and not those boys?" The title of Sisi's thesis reflects these questions: *The Right to Love in Spite of the Tribe: the interaction between culture, religion and family pressure on inter-faith and cross-cultural dating and marriages.*

The area where Sisi grew up was a harsh environment, poor and with a high rate of crime. Her experiences as a teenager inspired her to study psychology with the aim of being able to empower Arab and Muslim women, especially those who had suffered harassment or assault. Sisi feels that her experiences have helped make her who she is today, and have enhanced her ability as a therapist to have greater empathy and understanding.

"Try to do what you can with the people around you," Sisi said. "Friends and neighbours. Don't think of making big changes. If each one of us touches another then together we can make a big change. It's better to think small and do whatever we can with the group of people around us."

"If each one of us touches another then together we can make a big change."

Her dream is to start a social enterprise to help prevent prostitution, to find women who have been tricked into prostitution and provide them educational scholarships to help them move out of their situation.

Sisi was recently awarded an HDR Excellence Award from Macquarie University in the category 'Social Impact' in recognition of her PhD research. These include several papers she has published from her PhD research and the interviews she has done with *SBS Arabic* and *Love Bites*, a school-based domestic and family violence and sexual assault prevention program for teenagers. Also recognised was her presentation at IACCP (International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology) in South Africa and the presentations she has made at Dunmore Lang College.



Sisi receiving her HDR Excellence Award from Professor Sakkie Pretorius, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Macquarie University

FAREWELL TO...

Dr Rachel Anderson, Dean of Residents, B Science(Hons), B Teach, PhD(UTas)

THE COLLEGE BADE A FOND FAREWELL TO DR RACHEL ANDERSON, DEAN OF RESIDENTS, AT THE EVENING OF THE VEDICTORY DINNER IN OCTOBER.

Rachel is moving to country NSW with her husband Elijah who has taken up a teaching position at a local school, and her two-year old daughter Hannah. She is looking forward to being a full-time mum with the possibility of some part-time teaching at a future date.

Rachel came to Dunmore Lang College originally as Senior Duty Officer, a position which evolved into the Dean of Residents in 2010. She had previously been at the University of Tasmania in a similar role, working for the University preparation program and helping young people find a way into university. "I love helping people find their path – they don't always realise what is possible." She tells the story of a young student who wanted to do Medicine but had left school at Year 10. "It might take ten years but anything is possible!" she laughed.

During her time at Dunmore Lang College she was responsible for the RA training program, working hard to create the nurturing and sharing culture for which the College is so well known. She cites one of her major achievements as helping young students find their sense of self and their sense of direction. "The pastoral care and staffing ratios helped not only individual students, but helped drive community change," she said.

The Board of Directors, staff as well as students and parents past and present would like to thank Rachel for her passion and dedication in her role, and wish her and her family all the best for their new life in the country.



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CATHERINE BARKER OAM

CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE TO MRS CATHERINE BARKER, BA HONS(LOND) – HISTORY; MA(MACQUARIE) BY RESEARCH AND MN – MASTER OF NURSING MANAGEMENT (UTS) WHO WAS RECENTLY AWARDED AN OAM 'FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERARY SOCIETIES'. CATHERINE IS A COMPANY MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE AND SHE IS ALSO MARRIED TO DAVID BARKER AM, A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Catherine has worked at the Lourdes Retirement Village in Killara for 26 years. She is a registered nurse and also runs the Bingo, the gentle exercise classes and Trivia for the residents.

Her literary interests include being a founding member of the Dickens Society NSW which was established in 2002. She was Vice President of the Society from 2007-2009, President from 2010 to 2013 and now holds the position of Secretary.

A major legacy of Catherine's time as President of the Society was the discovery, refurbishment and reinstatement of the long-lost Dickens Statue to its original site at Dickens Drive, Centennial Park. The refurbished statue was unveiled at a ceremony in 2011 by the then Governor of New South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir. In 2012 Catherine was one of two representatives of the Australian Dickens Society invited to attend a reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to celebrate the Bicentennial Birthday Celebrations of Charles Dickens.

She is also a member of other literary societies, including the Jane Austen Society, Bronte Society and Kipling Society and often presents papers to these societies and various luncheon clubs. She was involved in the foundation of the Literary Societies of Sydney, organised by the former British Consul General, Richard Morris and Nick Merchant, Director of the British Council.



THE DAVID BARKER RUGBY CUP

IN 2012, THE STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUGGESTED THAT THE COLLEGE PLAY AN ANNUAL RUGBY MATCH AGAINST WARRANE COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

David Barker, a member of the Board and also a Fellow of Warrane College, felt that this would be an excellent opportunity for both Colleges to develop an annual Inter-College Rugby Competition. A great believer that it's always a good idea to have a trophy worth competing for, he and his wife Catherine presented the 'Barker Cup' as the competition trophy.

So far there have been two cup matches. In 2013 Warrane won the inaugural match at Macquarie with last minute points just before the final whistle. In 2014 Warrane won a hard fought competition in the match played at UNSW. Dunmore Lang Rugby Club are determined the result has to change in their favour in 2015!

ROOM RENOVATIONS ONE SEMESTER ON

DURING THE MID-YEAR BREAK IN JULY THIS YEAR, THE COLLEGE UNDERWENT A MASSIVE RENOVATION PROJECT WITH JUST OVER 200 ROOMS BEING UPGRADED FROM THE OLD 70S MISSION BROWN TO A BRIGHTER, SCANDINAVIAN-STYLE THEME.

The old desks, beds and wardrobes were replaced with lighter, more functional furniture, the sink area was given a modern makeover, and bookshelves and pinboards were placed on the walls.

The feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive and they have had fun making the rooms their own with personal decorations, pictures and knick-knacks. Prospective students and their parents have also been very impressed with the new look.

"It doesn't matter what temperature it is – it's always room temperature."



Josh Miles wishes his room was always this tidy, but he was happy to model the show room for prospective students

Christmas Party

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRINKS ON 19 NOVEMBER KICKED OFF THE SYDNEY CHRISTMAS PARTY SCENE IN STYLE.

Special guests included members of the Board of Directors, staff from Macquarie University, alumni, friends, suppliers, staff and students from Dunmore Lang. It is the College's way of saying 'thankyou' to everyone who plays a part in its ongoing success.

The kitchen staff, ably led by Sean Butt, presented a fabulous array of food, and Kauri Munro-Greentree, alumni and singer/song-writer, impressed everyone with his notable talent.

On display to the public for the first time were the stunning artworks donated and loaned by Peter Towson which were enjoyed by all.



Ms Elizabeth Harding gave the address on behalf of the Board of Directors



Kauri Munro-Greentree showed his considerable talent as a singer/song-writer. He is currently putting together his first album



Ms Joanne Dunwell, the College Business Manager with Mrs Jocelyn Towson and Mr Peter Towson



Mr Adam Stepcich, Student Grievance and Disciplinary Manager and Ms Kim Carmody, Manager, Student Advocacy and Support Services, both from Macquarie University

Mrs Margo Doust, member Scholarships Committee with Ms Elizabeth Harding, member of the Board of Directors and Alumna and her husband Mr Andrew Harding, also a College Alumnus



Mr Marius Buitendag, Paragon Security and Mr John Durbridge, Macquarie University Security and Safety Manager, with Ms Clare McAlpine, Executive Assistant Dunmore Lang College

ART & PETER TOWSON

DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE HAS RECENTLY BECOME RICHER AESTHETICALLY WITH A NUMBER OF STUNNING ARTWORKS APPEARING AROUND THE COLLEGE THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF DR PETER TOWSON AND MRS JOCELYN TOWSON.

Peter Towson donated and loaned a collection of his works after meeting with the Principal, Dr Alasdair Murrie-West and feeling confident that the value and appreciation he put upon his artworks would be respected and understood not only by Dr Murrie-West but also by students, staff and visitors to the College.

As part of the PACE program at Macquarie University, three students studying the unit 'Objects of Passion: Topics in Cultural Sociology' through the Department of Sociology chose to look at Peter's relationship with some of the works by Australian artists that he had donated to the College. The students, Liying Zhou, Harrison Pullinger and Brooke Norrie, interviewed Peter at the College and discovered an immensely interesting, intelligent and fascinating individual.

Peter has had a multi-faceted career path. On leaving school at age 15, he worked as a Railway Electrician for nine years before enrolling at university to complete a degree in Geophysics. After also studying engineering, he went on to complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts and taught at the Sydney Institute of Fine Arts until its eventual closure. Returning yet again to university, he undertook a Law degree and now works as a barrister in semi-retirement.

The College is displaying the Suite *East to West* by artist Sally Robinson, which consists of nine paintings, two of which are on display in the College foyer. "She puts elements together in a beautifully composed space," said Peter, "and she has impeccable taste in the use of colour." Another stunning work that Peter has donated to the College, *The Clouds* by Richard Brautigan, is a sequence of cloud photos printed on a

10-foot-long cloth. Richard took the shots of the clouds at the same time every day for a week in 1973 on Peter's suggestion of capturing a random event.

Peter's artworks were unveiled at the Dunmore Lang Christmas Party to much acclaim. The College Board of Directors, the Principal, staff, students and alumni would like to thank Peter for his generosity and have no doubt that the works will be enjoyed by many for decades to come.

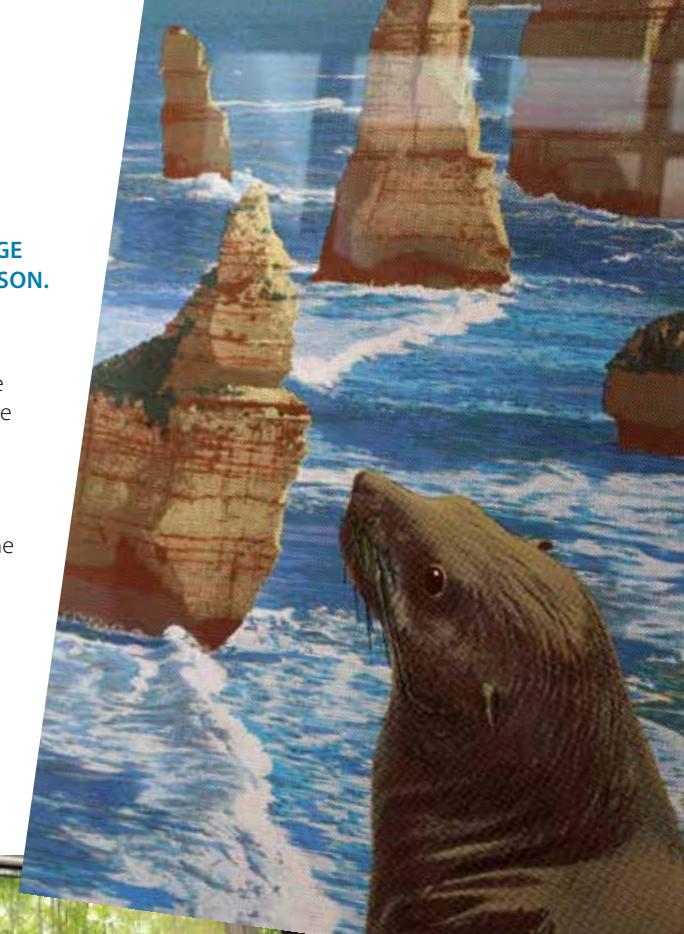


Macquarie University PACE students Harrison Pullinger, Liying Zhou and Brooke Norrie with Peter Towson



The Clouds by Richard Brautigan

Sally Robinson's *Crimson Rosellas*



Sally Robinson's *Ocean*





THE OXFAM TRAILWALK – A RETROSPECTIVE

ON AUGUST 22 MY ALARM WOKE ME AT 6AM AND MY JOURNEY BEGAN FOR THE 2014 SYDNEY OXFAM TRAILWALK.

After a whirlwind of bandaging feet, scoffing down breakfast and scrambling to find all our trail gear, the four of us – Tim, Brayden, Rob and myself – got in the car to head to the start line.

I could barely hear myself think when at 9am, just as 500 walkers began the 100km trek, the heavens opened up, drenching us within minutes. A steep 500m climb greeted us but our youthful team quickly conquered it and then settled into a solid pace. After weeks of rain the next 99.5km was riddled with muddy slopes and puddles that forced us to go off the track and leap across rivers multiple times.

30km down and after Tim had eaten what we suspect to be half a banana tree, we reached our second checkpoint. Here we could reassemble with our loyal and trusty support crew who brought us first aid supplies, food and comfort. The problem was they weren't there!

A few phone calls and sausage sizzles later we were in good spirits again but unfortunately our Captain Brayden had to pull out. This tough but necessary decision came abruptly and left the remaining three of us to push on.

None of us could believe how tough this had become.

Our team strode confidently through the night, guided by our headlamps and singing loudly into the bush. However, subsequent check points were rare and brought us only updates of how one team had finished in 11 hours when we were less than half way!

The early hours of the next day signalled my lowest point of the walk. Having

lost any remaining amusement from shooting short videos, severely dehydrated and terribly fatigued from walking nearly 20 hours straight, the end seemed an eternity away. The dawn only brought more river crossings for which we were ill-equipped to pass without getting wet. I can honestly say I very much wanted to pull out at this stage.

The next checkpoint however, was a pivotal moment for me. Through some motivating words from our Captain who now led the support team, plus some micro sleeps, I felt a rush of energy I didn't expect. Thus our team trudged along, Tim leaping ahead, Rob battling a troubled knee and me, generally exhausted.

The next 30km were almost a complete blur. They included getting lost with only 5km to go, torrential rain and almost complete silence as we all concentrated on every step we took. None of us could believe how tough this had become.

At around 9pm we ascended the final few hundred steps, the final challenge for our screaming feet. As we crossed the finish line relief was the overwhelming emotion – relief that I kept going to finish the goal that the team and I had set. The feeling of satisfaction from accomplishing something I had set my mind to is a feeling I will never forget.

SEBASTIAN HOWE

NEW TEAM FOR 2015!



THE VALEDICTORY DINNER IS A NIGHT OF MANY AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. ONE OF THE MOST EAGERLY AWAITED IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW ADS EXECUTIVE TEAM FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

The 2014 and 2015 ADS Executive

The ADS is the Student council body that runs the sports, social and cultural activities within the College. It is headed by an Executive consisting of President, Senior Vice President, Vice President Social, Treasurer and Secretary, and has many subcommittees and special area representatives.

Congratulations to the ADS Executive for 2015! They are:

COURTNEY DUNN	President
SARAH BAKER	Senior Vice President
MEGAN MCMURDO	Vice President Social
ANNALIESE HEALY	Secretary
NATHAN CROOKES	Treasurer

We asked each of the Executive to introduce themselves:

Courtney

Hello everyone! My name is Courtney Dunn and I was fortunate enough to be elected as the President for Dunmore Lang College in 2015. I'm originally from Taree and have spent the last two, and best, years of my life at Dunmore Lang College studying Speech and Hearing Sciences. The ADS has some great ideas for residents in 2015 and we'll give it all we've got to make every aspect of College life enjoyable, even when it's time to hit the books.

Nathan

I'm Nathan Crookes and I grew up in Ourimbah on the Central Coast. I attended Barker College where I developed an interest in commercial studies which has led me to my double degree, a Bachelor of Applied Finance and Bachelor of Economics. As Treasurer for 2015, I hope to encourage a stronger collegial community by conducting events that target our wide spectrum of students.

Sarah

My hometown is Canberra and I'm heading into my third and final year of a Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Science. I'm thrilled to be given the position of Senior Vice President. Next year I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back to College, especially new students, with the events we have planned for O-Week and throughout the year. I hope that everyone enjoys 2015 and can experience all the opportunities I have been given over the last two years!

Megan

I'm originally from Sydney and am also half Scottish but I was brought up as an expatriate overseas, the majority being spent in Bahrain. I always knew I'd end up coming back to Australia, and that's why I'm here as a Writing Major doing a Bachelor of Arts degree. I am looking forward to the challenges of an Executive position next year, collaborating and sharing my passion for the College through some great events and activities and, most importantly, creating great memories in 2015.

Annaliese

I'm from a small town on the North-West Coast of Tasmania and moved to Sydney in 2014 to study Psychology at Macquarie University. I'm really looking forward to being part of the Executive team in 2015, recreating the positive experiences I have had in my first year, and helping to organise some new exciting events in 2015.

The College would like to thank the outgoing ADS, in particular the Executive, for their hard work and fabulous efforts during 2014. Well done!



Drew Nguyen congratulating the 2015 President, Courtney Dunn



Nathan Crookes, Courtney Dunn, Annaliese Healy, Megan McMurdo and Sarah Baker

ANNUAL BALL



It is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff alike to enjoy a night of grandeur and make some wonderful memories together. This year was no exception.

THE ANNUAL BALL IS A HIGHLY ANTICIPATED EVENT BY ALL HERE AT DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE.

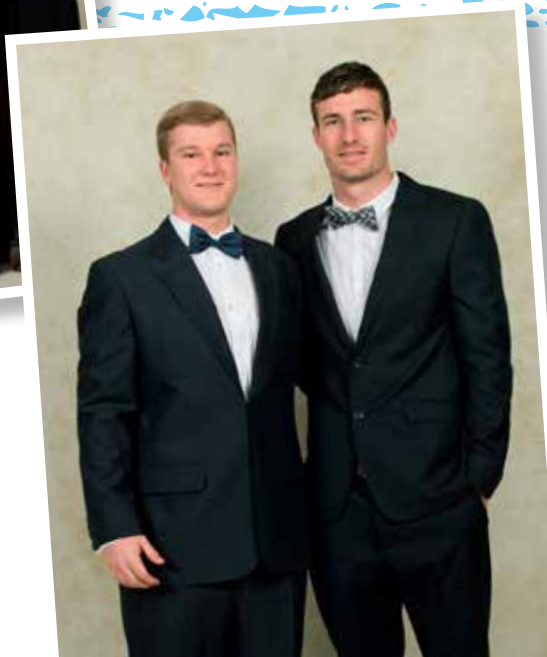
Champagne and canapés drinks were held in the Dining Hall and were very well catered by Sean and his staff. Flowers and candles lit up the space as Anthony, the photographer, captured candid and formal photos. Everyone looked AMAZING! We then loaded students onto the bus and headed to our (secret) ball location – Pier One, Sydney Harbour.

Luckily, the forecast thunderstorm never arrived and we happily enjoyed a clear and dry night. Pier One is a stunning venue and we were very well looked after by the staff. The food was delicious, drinks were flowing, the lolly bar was emptied in less than five minutes and an almost criminal number of photos were taken with views of the Harbour Bridge and Luna Park. Awards were given out including 'Best Smile', 'Brace Yourself' and 'most official-unofficial couple' who shared a special kiss just for us. Our beau and belle of the ball this year were Michael Roberts and Emma Langlands.

Red Frogs came along to drive the people home and at midnight the students waved goodbye to the staff as we headed to the After-Party. This year it was held at The Spice Cellar – a quirky way-more-alternative-than-we-thought-it-was venue located under the old bank building in Martin Place. The night ended here and overall was a huge success.

As your Ball Committee Heads of 2014 we would like to say thank you to everyone who attended this year - we couldn't have asked for a better night or shared it with more wonderful people!

KIMBERLEY CRAMP AND CRYSTAL COPE
2014 BALL COMMITTEE HEADS





CHARITY

2014 WAS A MASSIVE YEAR FOR THE CHARITY COMMITTEE OF DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE. STUDENTS ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE, OPENING UP THEIR HEARTS AND THEIR WALLETS TO ENSURE THE YEAR WAS FULL OF GOOD DEEDS AND MONEY-RAISING.

BEGINS AT HOME

The year started off with the Annual Dunmore Lang College World's Greatest Shave. This year it went a little further with several of the boys donating their prized chest and leg hair, and raising over \$1000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

In March, students gathered under the stars in the candle-lit courtyard to raise awareness of global warming. However, it wasn't long before the rain came down and everyone was forced to move inside. The lights around the College were turned off and good spirits were at a high despite the relocation.

The Opshop Ball went off with a blast with everyone decked out from head to toe in only the finest Thrift Shop attire. Money raised went towards the DLC Coights, a team of four students from Dunmore Lang College who had entered into the 100km Oxfam trail walk. Money was also raised from a successful quiz night and a sausage sizzle, bringing the total to \$4,190 for the Oxfam Charity!

What do you make with 2.5 kgs of butter, 1.8 kgs of sugar, 3kgs of flour and 49 eggs (one broke)? 300 cupcakes of course! The ladies of the College baked and sold over 300 cupcakes for the RSPCA Cupcake Day and raised over \$400!!!

The Dunmore Lang College students not only showed an ability to dig deep but also exhibited their athleticism, filling a 30 person-strong team for the City to Surf and a 50+ person running team for the North Ryde Rotary Mental Health Fun Run. During the year, students and staff also donated to the Red Cross Blood Donation Appeal.

The Semester Two Charity Commencement Dinner was a new addition to the calendar and was a great success. The night saw Dunmore Lang College students don their finest cocktail attire and again dig deep for a food drive. The College welcomed guest speaker Sarah Hirst and guide dog Angelina to the stage to give an informative and inspiring speech on Guide Dogs NSW.

Thanks go to the members of the Committee for their hard work, to Red Frogs for their ongoing assistance, and of course a huge shout-out to Dunmore Lang College students for their generosity this year!

TIERNEIGH PARNELL



Tierneigh Parnell introduces the guest speaker at the Commencement Dinner, Sarah Hirst, and her guide dog Angelina.

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Nidala Barker, Drew Nguyen and Alycia Cranston



Aimee Hill and India Hohnen

COMMENCEMENT DINNER SEMESTER 2



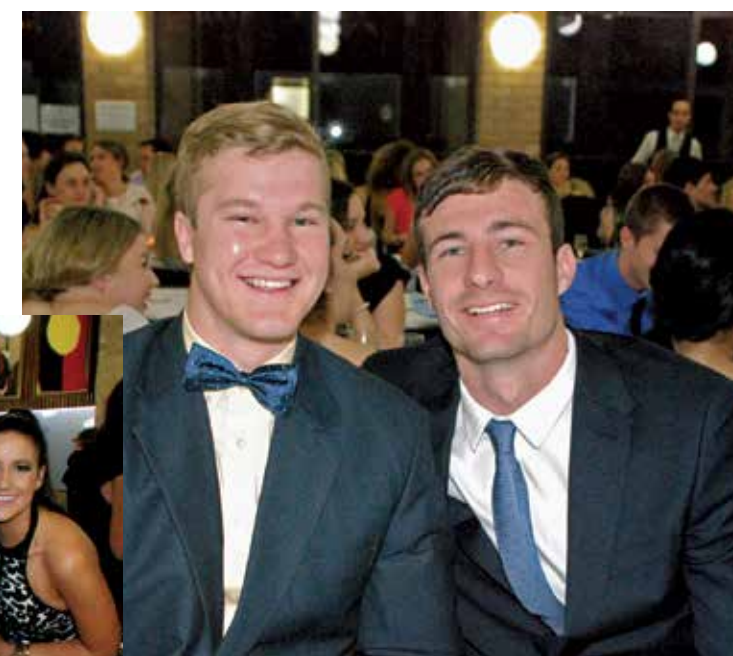
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Lucy Aylward Inger Southwick Annalise Healy



Belinda Ramsay and Hugo James



Henry King and Nathan Stubbs



Simon Cecil, Xiyao Lin and Nikolaos Koutras



Nakisah Williams, Stephanie Bailey, Johanna McAuley
Front row: Brittany Solarz, Katy Shaw, Emily Hegarty, Ruby Miles

INSIDE OUT

LIFE AT DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE



CHAMPIONS! 2014 INTER-COLLEGIATE SPORTS COMP

THE SECOND SEMESTER OF 2014 SAW DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE CONTINUE ON FROM OUR STRONG START IN THE INTER-COLLEGIATE SPORTS COMPETITION. AFTER THE FIRST FIVE EVENTS OF VOLLEYBALL, WATERPOLO, NETBALL, SOCCER AND THE COURTYARD CHALLENGE, DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE WERE LEADING THE COMPETITION AHEAD OF ROBERT MENZIES COLLEGE (RMC) AND MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY VILLAGE (MUV).

The next appointment on the sporting calendar was the Badminton, Squash and Table Tennis event. Traditionally a difficult day for the Dunmore Lang College team, this year saw us hold our own against the big guns from our competition. Some outstanding individual performances on the squash court by Seb Howe and Courtney Mills saw us undefeated in Squash. An exceptional performance from Carlton Hollsten in the Men's Individual Badminton saw him take down the number one seed from RMC in the Match of the Day. This event was made even more challenging with competitors from IGLU accommodation entering teams as well.

The North Ryde Fun Run was a new addition to the Inter-Collegiate Sporting Calendar this year. This event was organised by the North Ryde Rotary Club and included a 2km walk and a 5km race for Inter-Collegiate participants. Points for the day were awarded for the fastest runners and the College with the most participants. Dunmore Lang College turned up in numbers with a sea of red shirts showing our dedication and enthusiasm. Not surprisingly we took home the maximum number of points for participation, having almost double the number of participants than the other colleges.

This trend was continued in the 5km races with Dunmore Lang College claiming the top four positions in the male race and the top two positions in the female race. It was great to see our College support this event, which was organised to improve awareness and understanding of youth mental health issues.

The Inter-Collegiate competition concluded with the final showdown at

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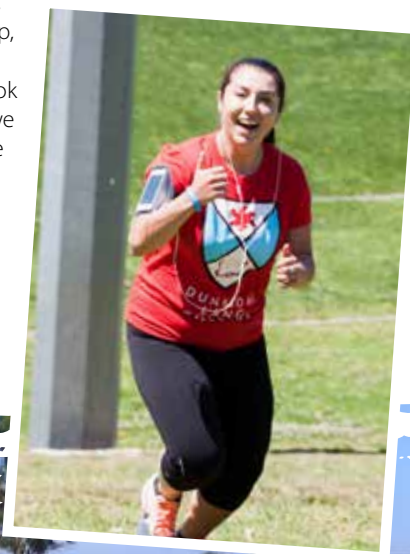
the Rugby and Touch Football. Dunmore Lang College was not deterred by the warm weather, turning up in large numbers to both play and support. The girls played first, winning both of their Touch games against RMC and MUV. The boys lost their first game to MUV but were able to overcome the main rivals, RMC, in the final game of the year. The day concluded with the Inter-Collegiate Shield being presented to Dunmore Lang College, seeing us crowned the Inter-Collegiate Sport Champions for the third consecutive year. This is a great achievement and was the result of a year's worth of hard work, dedication and superior sporting prowess by the DLC Reds. A big thank you to the food committee for the catering they provided at each of the events.

As the Inter-Collegiate sports season came to a close, it was time to name our Dunmore Lang College 2014 Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year. This award recognises residents who have made excellent contributions to Dunmore Lang College sport this year. Our male recipient excelled in Waterpolo, Volleyball and at the North Ryde Fun Run. Congratulations to Nathan Crookes who was awarded the Dunmore Lang College Sportsman of the Year for 2014.

The Sportswoman of the Year was a much closer affair with two of our female first years excelling in a wide range of sports. For this reason a joint award was presented to Peta Larkin and Hannah Dodd. Peta showed exceptional contributions in Volleyball, Netball, Basketball, Touch Football and Table Tennis while Hannah showed outstanding skills in the Courtyard Challenge, Touch Football, Soccer, Volleyball and the Fun Run. Congratulations to Peta and Hannah on being awarded the Dunmore Lang College Sportswoman of the Year for 2014.

This has been a big year of sport at Dunmore Lang College and it has been great fun for all involved. We have had the privilege of witnessing some exceptional teamwork, individual skill, sportsmanship, leadership and camaraderie from the DLC Reds. As we look back on a memorable year we would like to thank everyone who participated in and supported the Inter-College Sport Competition in 2014.

TIMOTHY PORTER
MADLINE SEAGRAVE
2014 ADS SPORTS
REPRESENTATIVES



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OPEN DAY 2014

THE COLLEGE THREW OPEN ITS DOORS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ON A BLUSTERY DAY IN SEPTEMBER AS PART OF THE ANNUAL MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY.

It was a chance to show off the College's newly renovated rooms in the East and West wings, and to showcase the hospitality and friendliness that the College is renowned for. It was also a chance to reveal the newly designed range of marketing material which has received many positive comments for its clean and fresh look.

Starting from the Macquarie University's courtyard, parents and students were met by an enthusiastic group of Dunmore Lang students wearing newly-minted blue T-shirts and waving the newly minted brochures. Eager to share their love of the College with prospective residents, the students walked visitors over to the College where they were offered morning and afternoon tea and a guided tour. The visitors loved the freshness of the rooms and the open, funky-style of the newly upgraded Common Room.

The positive feedback from the day was overwhelming, with parents and students alike commenting on the friendliness and sense of community that they witnessed first-hand at the College. Applications have been streaming in since then and 2015 is looking like the College will once again be full.

A big thank you goes to the army of student volunteers whose boundless enthusiasm on the day won the hearts of many.



Some of the Dunmore Lang College guides: Jordan Romagnolo, Joseph Valastro, Aimee Hill, Barry Blessington, Hugo James and Drew Nguyen



SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACADEMIC COMMITTEE BREAKFAST

EACH YEAR IN OCTOBER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS, STAFF, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE SIT DOWN FOR AN EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST IN RECOGNITION OF THE GENEROSITY OF SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS AND THE EFFORTS OF THE RECIPIENTS.

This year five scholarship recipients gave very moving accounts of the impact their scholarship has had on their lives and where they see themselves heading in the future:

SHANTELL BAILEY Macquarie University-Dunmore Lang College Indigenous Scholarship

LUCY ARMSTRONG AND TAYLOR-JAI MCALISTER Macquarie University-Dunmore Lang College Rural and Regional Scholarship

MAXIMILLIAN TYMKIV VON SCHREIBER Undergraduate Bursary New Resident Award

BRIDGET BYRNES John and Yvonne Almgren Scholarship

The College is extremely fortunate to have a large number of generous donors who support the College and its students each year. The scholarship holders took the opportunity to presented a gift to the donor of their respective award.



Clockwise from top:
Lucy Armstrong
Rob Schwager performed to an appreciative audience
Sarah Treacy with Brian Hurd, Manager Scholarships and Prizes, Macquarie University
Maximillian Tymkiv von Schreiber
Tom Bobby presents Frank O'Reilly of Alliance Catering a thank you gift



TAYLOR JAI'S STORY

I AM A RECIPIENT OF A MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY/DUNMORE LANG RURAL AND REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR WHICH I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL.

During the HSC I was under a lot of stress - coping with a chronic pain disorder as well as family members dealing with serious mental health conditions. However I overcame these barriers and achieved a high ATAR and was accepted into Macquarie University doing a Bachelor of Psychology and Laws.

Since beginning my degree, being at College has opened up so many opportunities. I have less stress to deal with now and I can pursue what I want to do. Because of this, I have changed my degree to a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) to focus on my goal of undertaking a Doctorate in Neuropsychology specialising in Autism research. From this, I aspire to provide free diagnosis and affordable treatment for people on the Autism Spectrum. This is an issue close to my heart and I believe I have enough passion and experience to pursue it.

The scholarship has allowed me to have free time to achieve many things. I have three volunteer jobs: I help out at the Starlight Foundation, I was an ABA shadow at a school for Autism and I speak out at events to raise awareness for Autism. I also work as an ABA therapist with an autistic boy- which pushes me in many ways and has made me even more passionate. I am currently learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language) and wish to volunteer at the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children as well as raising awareness for the Auslan Language. This year I also went to NAAUC (National Association of Australian University Colleges), which has inspired me to take up a leadership position and help create positive experiences for people at College.

All of this would not have been possible without the support I have received through Dunmore Lang College and Macquarie University. Living with a back condition and chronic pain makes it extremely difficult to maintain a university degree as well as the many other things I do. The support and aid that I am given has helped me become the person I am today - and I wouldn't be here without them!

TAYLOR JAI MCALISTER

SHANTELL'S STORY



MY NAME IS SHANTELL BAILEY AND I AM CURRENTLY A THIRD YEAR STUDENT HERE AT DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE AND MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY. I AM STUDYING A COMBINED BACHELOR OF LAW AND BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE.

I am not only a proud Indigenous woman but am also a proud Indigenous student and would like to pay my respects to the traditional owners of this land on which we meet.

There is one main reason why I am here today and I thought I'd start off by telling you about my journey so far.

My journey started three years ago with a road trip. I was standing in the position of a hopeful HSC student, exam results looming, stress levels finally reduced 'slightly'. I began the trip to Sydney with my mum thinking about what this new world I was about to enter might have to offer. Before long we were pulling into the Dunmore Lang College carpark for a tour. The first people I met were the Dean of Residents, Rachel, and a very eager and bubbly Dunmore Lang College student. I got the low down on College that day and one very helpful hint - remember to always save your dollar coins for the washing machines!

I remember experiencing a handful of different emotions that day. I was happy and looking forward to the future but I was also a little bit sad. Although I still had no definite answer about my future, I did know that I was going to university, there was never a question in my mind about this, but I also knew that I was going to have to move away from home to do so. As exciting as that sounded, being the eldest of a very close bunch of five siblings made this decision an extremely hard one.

We had always been a close family and I had always been the big sister, and the idea of missing out on certain things that you take for granted when you live at home made me sad. Wondering about the lengths I would need to go to fund my degree and accommodation at university was something that also made me anxious. I knew my 'check-out chick' job at

Coles was not going to pay for five years' worth of accommodation and a university degree and that I would need to improve my time management skills if I was to take on full-time work whilst simultaneously studying a full-time degree.

I remember speaking to my mum and thinking that I would need to take a gap year working to build up my savings to pay for university. My dad was working three jobs and was struggling to support my family as it was. It was within days of this conversation that I received an email from Macquarie University about scholarships. I read through the documents as well as stories from other students who had been extremely successful at Macquarie. It was the words 'APPLY NOW' however that have stuck in my head to this day. Filling out those forms I had my fingers crossed and prayed that what I had to say in my application would increase my chances of going to university with my peers in 2012.

I had Christmas and New Year with my family and friends but still no news about my HSC results, or information about any of the scholarships I had applied for. Finally my results came and a letter shortly after with an offer from Macquarie University to study a combined Law degree as well as a letter from Dunmore Lang College. The letter detailed that I had been successful in receiving a full Indigenous Incentive Scholarship which is jointly funded by Macquarie University and the College.

“Receiving this scholarship has been a defining moment, which has helped guide my path and has allowed me to grow” and prosper

Receiving this scholarship has been a defining moment. It was one of those moments which has helped guide my path and has allowed me to grow and prosper throughout my degree.

Three years after that road trip I am now nearing the end of my third year,

having made the most of many opportunities which would never have been available to me had I not been given the initial opportunity to live on campus.

Since the beginning of my degree, and with the experience I have gained, I have established and hope to further strengthen my interests in social and juvenile justice issues as well as Indigenous affairs. I hope to one day work in the Juvenile Justice System defending juvenile offenders, with my main interests stemming from the over-representation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system. I have developed a mindfulness and understanding of people and places and have grasped concepts once foreign to me which has allowed me to begin to open my own doors.

Some of the opportunities for which I am very thankful include being nominated as Indigenous Legal Student of the Year in 2013, and being sponsored by the NSW Bar Association to attend the National Indigenous Legal Conference in Alice Springs in the same year; a life-changing trip for me. In 2014 I was again sponsored to attend the International Indigenous Legal Conference in Brisbane. I have become involved in the NSW Bar Association Indigenous Legal Mentors Program as well as the NSW Law Society's Young Lawyers Program where I am mentored by Cheryl Orr, a woman who has excelled in her law career and has made significant changes concerning the care and protection of Indigenous children in Australia.

I have been a Macquarie iLEAD mentor for Year 12 HSC students in Mt Druitt since the beginning of my degree as well as an International Student Mentor through the Macquarie Buddies Program. I have completed an internship with 'The Aspiration Initiative', an organisation working with underprivileged Indigenous high school students in remote communities across NSW and Victoria and am also currently interning for the Women's Legal Service, an organisation providing free legal advice and help for women. I have recently become a Macquarie Ambassador for the national *Racism It Stops With Me* Campaign, and I hope to become more involved with this over the coming months.

My scholarship has not only allowed me to do the things I had never even contemplated but has also allowed me to apply myself in more ways than I could ever have imagined. It has connected me with like-minded people and lifelong friends, adding to my student experience. It has also given me a platform to network and make the most of my time here at Macquarie and opportunities, both social and academic, and for that I will be forever grateful.

It is clear a word cannot come close to representing just how much my time here over the past three years has meant to me but those words 'APPLY NOW' still stand clear in my mind. Keeping those words in mind and applying yourself in every situation and with confidence is one piece of advice I would give my younger self as well as future students who might think that their opportunities are limited due to their current situation.

I would like to thank those responsible for inspiring this confidence in me, especially my parents and family as without them I would not be who I am today, a passionate law student hoping to make a difference. Thank you also to the University and Dunmore Lang College for their contribution and continued support over the past three years. I would also like to thank all the donors and let you know that your contributions not only give students like myself amazing opportunities but change our lives.

SHANTELL BAILEY

BRIDGET'S STORY



MY NAME IS BRIDGET BYRNES, I'M 20 YEARS OLD AND IN MY SECOND YEAR OF UNIVERSITY STUDYING A BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND LAW. I'M ALSO THE VERY FORTUNATE AND PRIVILEGED RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN AND YVONNE ALMGREN SCHOLARSHIP.

Bridget Byrnes presenting a thank you gift to Mr John Almgren

Moving away from Wagga Wagga at the beginning of 2013 was without a doubt a shock, not because Sydney was so large, or that I knew no one, or that no one else in my family had been to university before, but because of how easily and comfortably I was able to fit in and immerse myself into College life.

The things I have accomplished since moving to College were unimaginable to me two years ago, and I don't believe I would have achieved them if not for the support that Dunmore Lang College has afforded me.

At first I was apprehensive about where International Studies would take me, but I was soon reassured by my older peers at College that it didn't quite matter what you studied, the fact that you were studying at University would always open new doors.

With this newfound confidence that everything would be all right, I immersed myself in all that College and University had to offer.

I joined the social and college sporting teams, the University Water Polo Club, aided in the social committees, found work as a swimming instructor at the University pool, became a part of Macquarie's Global Leadership Program and helped facilitate the Macquarie University's Biggest Morning Tea for the Rotary Club.

The more I participated and gave back, the further I could see other opportunities becoming a reality.

Nonetheless I began to set a few goals which I hoped to fulfil over the next few years. These included being accepted into Law, to sail on the *STS Young Endeavour*, to be accepted on a summer exchange to France and to become a Resident Advisor.

I can proudly say that I have achieved all of these this year already. Never had I thought, after a year of study, I would be sitting at the bi-annual Plenary sitting of the European Parliament and European Court of Human

Rights in Strasbourg, France, as they discussed the states of Greece and Syria, nor that I would be walking across the border to Germany for a beer later.

Neither had I anticipated while sailing down the Tasman Sea last July, with the Royal Australian Navy's Youth Sail Training program on the *STS Young Endeavour*, that the challenge would prove to be far more confronting than I had predicted. Climbing to the top of a 32 metre mainmast, at night, in 40 knot winds (or 75km/h), was perhaps the most petrifying moment of my life, but without a doubt something I would do again in an instant.

As a Resident Advisor, I've been challenged to work in a dynamic group with the sole interest of our residents at heart. I've learnt many new skills, made new friends and have really enjoyed giving back to the College in new way. I am really looking forward to the challenge next year and in continuing to encourage students to live the college motto of *Learning, Leadership and Service*.

As I continue to study Law and International Studies, I have set another goal to perhaps one day work for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or with a Non-Government Organisation in International Aid and Development.

Despite the amazing things I have done this year, what has made the continuation of my studies possible has been the belief and support of John and Yvonne Almgren. To begin this year of university studies with the knowledge that someone else believes I can be successful is incredibly empowering and motivating. I cannot thank them enough.

BRIDGET BYRNES

INTRODUCING THE DLC ADMIN STAFF

In this issue we introduce you to some of our Admin Staff. Stay tuned for the next edition to meet the rest of the Admin Team.



DR ALASDAIR MURRIE-WEST, PRINCIPAL

Alasdair has over fourteen years' experience in leading residential colleges in Australia and New Zealand. He has undergraduate degrees in Arts and Commerce, a graduate degree in Theology, and a PhD from The University of Melbourne in the area of Bioethics.

He volunteers as a Guide Dog puppy raiser and Dunmore Lang College is currently home for his eighth puppy, Gibbs.



JOANNE DUNWELL, BUSINESS MANAGER

Joanne heads the Business team and is a qualified accountant with experience in managing teams operating across diverse functions, especially finance management. She was previously the Business Manager at St Johns College, within The University of Sydney, and volunteers on the board of a not for profit, Food Water shelter Inc, which is supporting a children's village in Tanzania.

Outside of her work life Joanne is married with a daughter who is studying at Notre Dame University, has a kelpie called Evie, and recently ran the coldest New York marathon on record in just over six hours.



NICOLE O'KEEFFE, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Nicole takes care of The Admissions Team in College taking care of student applications and customer service. She has been a member of the Dunmore Lang College team for nearly two years and previously worked as a beauty therapist.

Her hobbies outside of work are playing netball, travelling the world and spending time with friends and family.

LIFE AFTER SWIMMING

SARAH BAKER WAS A TOP NATIONAL SWIMMER HEADING FOR THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO OLYMPIC GAMES, WHEN SHE HAD TO QUIT SWIMMING TWO YEARS AGO.



Now nearing the end of her second year studying a Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Science at Macquarie University, Sarah was facing the prospect of a double knee reconstruction if she kept swimming. As a member of two high-level Australian teams, the National Youth Squad and the Trans-Tasman team, she trained 32 hours a week as a breast-stroke swimmer, unfortunately damaging both knees in the process. Despite attending school between 11am and 2pm, Sarah excelled academically as well as maintaining an active social life. "I pushed myself to get really good grades as I knew swimming wouldn't last forever," Sarah said.

Sarah also works as a model, although she says she can't remember how this came about. "It was about two years ago," she said. "It's good fun and I get my hair and makeup done for free!" She is not looking for a career as a model, despite being contracted to Platform Models in Bondi, preferring instead to aim for a Masters of Audiology once she has completed her Bachelor's degree.

Now that she has an extra 32 hours a week spare, Sarah fills her time when she's not studying or modelling by working as a lifeguard and swimming-school teacher at Macquarie University's Sports and Aquatic Centre teaching pre-schoolers and children under 12. "I've always been around the pool," she said. "I may as well be in it!"



VALERIE BOHLE, REGISTRAR AND MARKETING MANAGER

Valerie looks after the enrolment process and marketing at the College. She has fifteen years' experience in similar roles in Sydney schools and residential colleges and previously worked as a music teacher and musician.

In her spare time she likes to garden, play Chopin and Scott Joplin on her piano and ride motorcycles.



CLARE MCALPINE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Clare has worked for the College for almost two years and is currently transitioning from looking after the Conference and Events Department to being full-time Executive Assistant to the Principal.

In her spare time she enjoys trying to surf (many failed attempts), camping, riding bikes and swimming.



DANIELLE'S STORY

WHEN A YOUNG DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE STUDENT DECIDED TO FOLLOW HER PASSION AND CHANGE HER DEGREE THIS YEAR, SHE PROBABLY HAD NO IDEA OF THE SUCCESS AND RECOGNITION FOR HER EFFORTS THAT WOULD COME HER WAY SO QUICKLY.

Danielle Malone is currently studying a Bachelor of Business Leadership and Commerce, a degree offered at Macquarie University for the first time this year. She has recently been awarded The Robert L Lattimer Prize for an Indigenous student in the Department of Marketing and Management. On top of that, she was also awarded the much sought-after Qantas Indigenous Intern of the Year. Danielle is one of many students at Dunmore Lang College whose story has touched many hearts.

ROBERT L LATTIMER PRIZE

During his time as a Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Business and Economics this year, Robert L Lattimer, Senior Fellow, Diversity Studies at the John J Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in the USA, donated a prize to a commencing Indigenous student in the Department. Bob Lattimer has published more than 20 articles and book chapters that address diversity in the workforce and in society. Together he and Professor Lucy Taksa, Head of the Department of Marketing and Management, Faculty of Business and Economics, decided to establish a prize for an Indigenous student enrolled in the Department.

In his congratulatory email to Danielle, Bob said "When Professor Lucy Taksa and I decided to establish my Prize, we had you in mind without knowing you. Your personal statement conveyed the impressive nature that you are as a person. You have a strong sense of responsibility and are a role model for others learning of their Aboriginality."

QANTAS INDIGENOUS INTERN OF THE YEAR

Watching the recipient of the 2013 Intern of the Year receive the award, Danielle told her manager and herself that she wanted to be that person next year. In Danielle's words:

"I started at Qantas in June 2013 and, since my first day, Qantas has given me ongoing support with my experiences at work and my university studies. My time there enabled me to better recognise my strengths, weaknesses and my passions, which in turn influenced my tough decision to change degrees and my goals for the future.

My performance at work and university were recognised by many. I went beyond what was expected of me as an intern including speaking at events for new incoming interns and attending all events that I was invited to, even when I was not required to be at work. My various involvements I saw as experiences and opportunities and, if anything, I felt I needed to reward Qantas. For Qantas, it seems the benefits went both ways and for this I received the award.

Receiving this award was a significant achievement and one of my greatest to date. The event was a great experience and I look forward to the continuing opportunities and experiences that Qantas has to offer."

IN MY OWN WORDS...

I AM A PROUD ABORIGINAL WOMAN BROUGHT UP ON THE SOUTH COAST NEAR SUSSEX INLET, BETTER KNOWN TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AS YUIN COUNTRY.

I am the first in my family to finish school and to go to university. Since learning the benefits of education I have realised the importance for me to be a role model to my family and the wider community.

Before getting to university my family never pushed me academically and I didn't see the significance of education. From this I didn't recognise my potential, my passion or my place in society in the future.

Since day one I was always told I would be a primary school teacher. Most of the time I went along with this idea but at other times I wanted to work in hairdressing, hospitality or beauty therapy.

In finishing school I didn't get the marks to go to university, but my Aboriginal Studies teacher pushed me to go to Warawara's alternative entry program, which is run through Macquarie University, and gives Indigenous people the opportunity to go to university. This programme provided me an offer to study a Primary Education degree.

This was all well and good but there was no way I could afford to move to Sydney. I had a job at Bunnings and I was earning my own money; I saw university as just delaying my start on life. I couldn't think any more differently now, and this was less than two years ago.

I applied for the Dunmore Lang College Indigenous Scholarship which is funded jointly by the University and the College. I unexpectedly received this scholarship and not only did this allow me to go to university but was literally the reason I came to university, changing my life for the better.

Dunmore Lang College has become my home away from home. Moving to Sydney was scary, but moving into the College was the easy part. The College provides a fun, supportive and safe community. In receiving the scholarship I thought I would easily afford to get through university but savings ran out very quickly and I had no money for weeks. It got to the point where I had to ask my parents, which was a big deal for me, and they were able to give me \$50 a fortnight, which didn't really get me anywhere. So I had to find a job. I heard about Careertrackers through Warawara and next thing I knew I was starting my first day at Qantas.

The experiences and the support given by Qantas enabled me to better recognise a lot of my strengths, weaknesses and passions, which influenced me to change my career path. With my academic achievements and my experience, I was able to get a position in the Business Leadership and Commerce Degree. This degree is new in 2014, with only approximately 40 students specifically chosen. Initially the department advised me that I was unlikely to get into this degree, so I took on the advice and transferred into Commerce. Not only did they not realise my achievements and my passion but neither did I.

Months later I got an email from UAC with an offer into the degree. I questioned UAC on how this was possible and was told my university

marks were equivalent of a 95 ATAR. I then suddenly realised how far I had come and the potential for how far I could go.

Since starting this degree much has happened. I have been continually improving my marks and have had the opportunity to be involved in many activities both in the community and at the University, including TedxMacquarieUniversity and the University's Business Society. Recently I was invited by AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) to be on a panel of successful people to inspire Aboriginal high school kids about the importance of education. I was the youngest on the panel and for me to be recognised as a successful person next to the people I was sitting beside was amazing.

My most exciting achievement for this year has been receiving the Qantas Indigenous Intern of the Year Award. To be recognised for my dedication and passion for my work there was amazing and I have signed a contract to extend another year, which is very exciting for me and my career progression. Recently I also received the Robert

Lattimer Prize, funded by Robert Lattimer through Macquarie University. Robert is from the State University of New Jersey. His prize recognised my academic achievements and the role model I have been to the community and most importantly to the Indigenous community. Receiving the prize has inspired me to aim to further my education by a long-term plan of exchange overseas. Although there are many challenges and costs I hope to be able to achieve this and also aim to attend Rutgers State University of New Jersey where I can meet Bob.

In the last six months I feel I have achieved more than I have in my whole life so far, yet I feel I would not be in this position today if my

upbringing and experiences had been any different. The opportunity I have had to create my own path has allowed me to be appreciative, resilient and passionate.

My family and myself are extremely thankful and could not be more proud of how far I have come and how much my life has changed for the better since coming to University. The support I have received spreads across the world, beginning with the Dunmore Lang Indigenous Incentive Scholarship that has been the foundation of my success. I aim to continue to be a role model to those in my family and community so they too can recognise their potential and the importance of education.

What I want people to take from my story is that scholarships provide opportunities and change people's lives, not only for the individual but for their families, friends and communities. Without this support and the scholarships I have received, I simply would not be where I am today.



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TIME TO GETLIVIN



JOE O'CONNOR LAUNCHED HIS GETLIVIN SITE JUST THIS MONTH AND HAS BEEN AMAZED AT THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT AND INTEREST IT HAS GAINED IN SUCH A SHORT SPACE OF TIME.

"The most dangerous idea we can think in this world is that we are all not the same."

assumptions that we correlate with a particular type of person, we are left with this individual's true colours and beauty.

I have always had a passion for meeting new people and learning their unique stories. For a while now I have wanted to start something that could bring all these stories together. To be honest with you all, I have no idea where this journey is going to take me and what GetLIVIN is going to become. Just like many other important decisions I have had to make in my life, I have made this decision solely on what my heart and gut are telling me to do."

Dunmore Lang College students, led by Jess Murray, are enthusiastically behind Joe and are hoping to attract wide media coverage to his cause. "Just walking around the College you

can hear people chatting about it, talking about how they want to share their stories," said Jess. "It has impacted College in a way I didn't even know was possible. People who don't usually talk to each other are now talking, others who have never introduced themselves to each other are now friends."

"Joe's drive, passion and overall joy of life is contagious," continued Jess. "A rare and optimistic person such as Joe needs to be seen and noticed not only within the local community but throughout Australia and the world."

If you believe that one person and one movement can change the world, check out Joe's site at www.get-livin.com, "like" the page on Facebook: GetLIVIN, follow on Instagram: (@getlivin) and Twitter: (2_getlivin). GetLIVIN now!

Joe is from Syracuse, New York, and has been living and studying in Australia for the past year. He is living at Dunmore Lang College while undertaking a Masters of International Business.

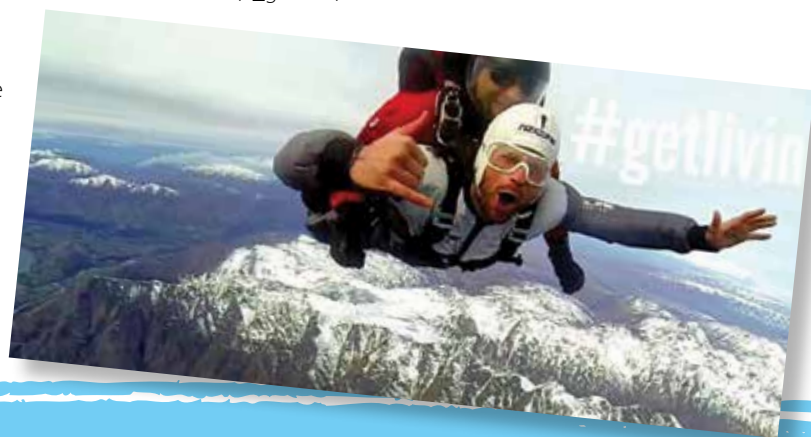
In Joe's words:

"Welcome to GetLIVIN my friends! GL is a community where passion filled stories are shared in an effort to inspire others to find and follow their dreams.

Over the past year I have been living and studying in Australia. Being 10,000 miles from home has given me the opportunity to meet people from all different walks of life. It also has opened my eyes and mind more than I could have imagined. I have experienced many things in the past year that most people do not experience in a lifetime.

One of my favourite quotes that comes from HIV/AIDS Activist, Zinny Thabethe, states that "The most dangerous idea we can think in this world is that we are all not the same."

Living in another country and traveling different parts of the world has further enhanced my understanding of this quote. Although we may come from different backgrounds and speak different languages, one thing we have in common is that as humans we all have a story. When we strip away the stereotypes, judgements and



THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES (AUGS) ARE THE LARGEST ANNUAL MULTISPORT EVENT IN AUSTRALIA. NOW IN ITS 21ST YEAR, THIS YEAR SYDNEY WAS THE HOST CITY TO THE WEEK-LONG EVENT WHICH INCLUDED STUDENTS FROM 41 UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTING 32 DIFFERENT SPORTS.

From Sunday 28 September through to Friday 3 October, over 6,500 student athletes accompanied by team managers, staff and volunteers took part in the competition in a bid to be crowned the Australian University Champions. There was also a strong emphasis on the social side of the week, with evening events held in venues around the city.

The Macquarie University Team finished in a very creditable 8th place overall out of the 41 Universities. Dunmore Lang College had six residents representing Macquarie University in four different sports. Nathan Crookes was in the Male Water Polo team, which finished 10th overall. Aimee Hill was in the Ultimate Frisbee team which finished

5th in Division 2. Tim Porter participated in the Division 2 Mens Football competition. Tim's team won the silver medal, making it all the way to the final. There were three Dunmore Lang residents in the mixed Netball team playing in Division 1: Megan McMurdo, Peta Larkin and Rebekah McMurdo, finishing 8th overall.

The Overall Champion was The University of Sydney, with Bond University being awarded the Doug Ellis Per Capita Champion and Edith Cowan University being awarded the John White Spirit of the Games Award.

TIM PORTER

MASTERS OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



TWO INDIGENOUS WOMEN, AUNTY ELAINE CHAPMAN AND EMILY SUTTON, GRADUATED RECENTLY WITH A MASTER OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FROM MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY, BECOMING THE FIRST INDIGENOUS GRADUATES OF THAT COURSE.

For both women it was the next step in learning more about their culture, and also in enabling Indigenous students studying at university to make the most of the opportunities that are presented to them.

Aunty E as she is affectionately known, is well known to students at Dunmore Lang College as a friend and mentor. She was drawn to the course while studying a Certificate III in

Aboriginal Studies at TAFE. An Aboriginal teacher there, Annie Vanderwick, pushed Aunty E to undertake a Diploma of Aboriginal History then a Bachelor of Community Management. As a member of the stolen generation, she found that the Masters degree fitted in with her current knowledge. "It enabled me to further my understanding and to gain more knowledge that I can now hand on to younger students," she said.

...enabling Indigenous students studying at university to make the most of the opportunities presented

Emily currently works as the Indigenous Student Support Officer at Macquarie University's Indigenous Department, Warawara. Emily's undergraduate degree was in Primary Teaching but on discovering only relatively recently her Indigenous heritage, she was driven to explore more about her culture. "I was reaffirmed in what I already knew and the course enabled me to find connections to the community," she said.

Aunty E and Emily drew inspiration from each other during their studies, bringing different perspectives. Aunty E, 67, shares her house with six grandchildren and Emily, 28, describes herself as 'a last minute learner'. "I am exceptionally proud to be standing alongside Aunty E as the first Indigenous graduates of the programme," said Emily. "She is such an inspiration to me." Both women believe passionately in the value of education and in encouraging students to explore options of which they may not have been aware.

WORKING FOR THE CLIMATE COUNCIL

LILY BARNETT IS CURRENTLY IN HER FIRST YEAR AT DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE AND IS STUDYING A BACHELOR OF BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY. SHE GREW UP IN A SMALL COUNTRY TOWN IN NORTH-WEST NSW ON HER FAMILY'S STOCK HORSE STUD.

From a very young age she learned to value the environment and all its creatures. When the mining industry in her area began to grow rapidly she decided that she wanted to dedicate her further education to standing up for environmental issues.

Recently, she was lucky enough to be given an opportunity to volunteer at the Climate Council and jumped at the chance to work alongside such luminaries as Dr Martin Rice and Dr Tim Flannery. In her own words:

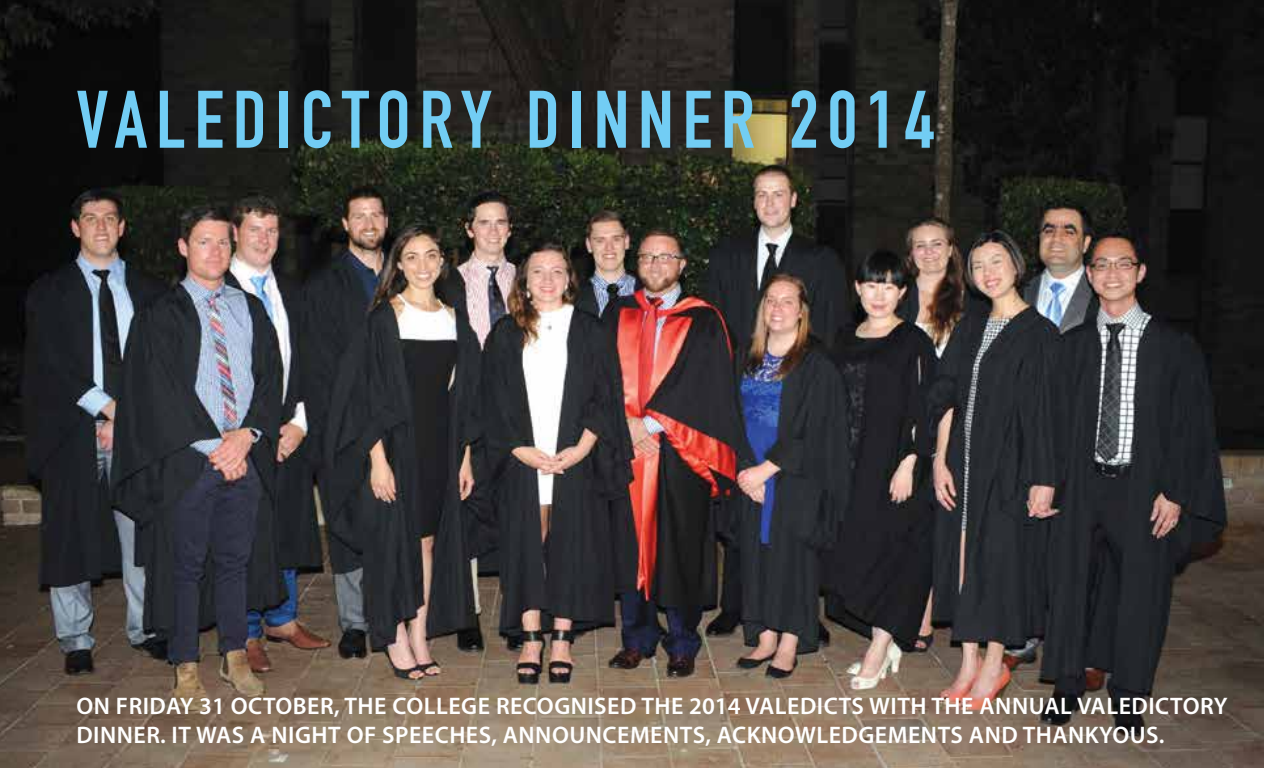
"In early September my Australian Environmental Futures unit hosted

Dr Martin Rice, Research Manager from the Climate Council, as guest speaker. To close his lecture he invited people to volunteer to work with the association. The Climate Council is an independently owned and publicly funded organisation that was formed after the abolishment of the Climate Commission, aiming to provide easily accessible, unbiased climate change information. I immediately got in touch with Martin and began working at the Climate Council shortly after.

"This opportunity has allowed me to work on several large papers the organisation is publishing, along with writing speeches for

my academic idol, Dr Tim Flannery. Being part of such a group, one I feel is essential to our future, has been an amazing opportunity for me. The experience, skills and networks I have forged make me very excited for my future in making climate change science accessible to the public, so much so that I am now looking into the possibility of undertaking postgraduate studies in the area of renewable energy and sustainability. I believe these are the avenues for our future. Getting the public on board is the only way we will be able to sustain our damaged earth."

VALEDICTORY DINNER 2014



ON FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, THE COLLEGE RECOGNISED THE 2014 VALEDICTS WITH THE ANNUAL VALEDICTORY DINNER. IT WAS A NIGHT OF SPEECHES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKYOUS.

2014 Valedicts: Joshua Magann, Joshua McNamara, Richard Manchee, Joseph O'Connor, Siham Yayha, Seamus Murray, Rebecca Stokes, Tayler Parnell, Dr Alasdair Murrie-West (Principal), Alexander Clarke, Lucy Armstrong, Biwen Jemie Ker, Crystal Breneger, Bing Li, Ibrahim Mustafa Khudir, Ian Khai Ker

Congratulations to the 2014 Valedicts:

LUCY ARMSTRONG	Bachelor of International Studies with Bachelor of Laws
ABDULLAH BAE ALOMRAN	Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics & International Relations
CRYSTAL BRENEGER	Bachelor of Chiropractic Science
ALEXANDER CLARKE	Bachelor of Business Administration
HYAEJIN HAN	Master of Translation & Interpreting
IAN KHAI KER	Master of Applied Finance
JEMIE KER	Master of Clinical Psychology
BING LI	Master of Professional Accounting
JOSHUA MAGANN	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Economics)
RICHARD MANCHEE	Diploma of Education
JOSHUA MCNAMARA	Bachelor of Chiropractic Science
SEAMUS MURRAY	Bachelor of Chiropractic Science
IBRAHIM MUSTAFA KHUDIR	Master of Professional Accounting
JOSEPH O'CONNOR	Master of International Business
TAYLER PARNELL	Bachelor of Business Administration with a Bachelor of Commerce (Professional Accounting)
REBECCA STOKES	Bachelor of Laws with a Bachelor of Arts – Media
HIU YEUNG WANG	Bachelor of Applied Science
SIHAM YAYHA	PhD Psychology

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Dr Hugh McCredie 2014 Sportswoman of the Year	PETA LARKIN AND HANNAH DODD (JOINTLY AWARDED)
Dr Hugh McCredie 2014 Sportsman of the Year	NATHAN CROOKES
2014 Dunmore Lang College Medal	ANDREW NGUYEN
2014 Academic Tutor of the Year	ANDREW LAM
2014 Margaret Saville Prize	REBECCA STOKES
2015 Dorothy Knox Bursaries	LUCY AYLWARD
	ANNALISE HEALY
	EMMA-JANE FITZPATRICK
	PETA LARKIN
	JOHANNA MACAULEY
2014 John Dunmore Lang Senior Scholar	TAYLER PARNELL AND REBECCA STOKES (JOINTLY AWARDED)

Mr John Almgren AM presenting the John Dunmore Lang Senior Scholar Awards to Rebecca Stokes and Tayler Parnell



VALEDICTS 2014

As well as the presentation to the Valedicts, the new ADS Executive team for 2015 was announced (see page 11) and the major 2014 College awards were announced

Special guests included members of the Board of Directors, Mrs Margot Doust, Mr John Almgren and Mrs Yvonne Almgren and Auntie E, Indigenous Elder at the College, and representatives of Macquarie University among others.



Barry Blessington receiving the College Spirit Award from Stephanie Bailey



Geraldine Keen and Brayden Jones



Tim Porter and Madeline Seagrave presenting the 2014 Sportsman of the Year to Nathan Crookes

AWARDS



Mrs Margot Doust presenting the 2014 Margaret Saville Prize to Rebecca Stokes



Ian Khai Ker, Jemi Ker, Ibrahim Mustafa Khudir and Siham Yayha

ALUMNI NEWS

Lisa (Cooper) Andonovska

LISA ANDONOVSKA WAS RECENTLY SWORN INTO THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN SERVICE AS A US DIPLOMAT, FULFILLING A LONG-TERM DREAM OF HAVING A DIPLOMATIC CAREER. HER FIRST POSTING WILL BE AT THE US EMBASSY IN TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN IN MAY 2015.

As an American student, she first learned about Macquarie University while working as a volunteer in Macedonia. Researching suitable Masters programs, one of her fellow volunteers suggested studying in Australia. Lisa was thrilled to be accepted into her first choice of Macquarie doing a Master of International Relations, and became a resident of Dunmore Lang College.

Lisa enjoyed the diversity of her peers and teachers, and said that her time here played a major part in her having a successful diplomatic career. "All of the students I met stood out," she said. "Their passports were filled with stamps, their work backgrounds were impressive, they spoke multiple languages and they had something to contribute to each discussion."

"I graduated with a solid understanding of the institutions and political, social, economic and legal underpinnings that constitute the international system," she continued. "Without this degree, I would have been much less competitive in the Washington DC job market."



INTRODUCING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gillian (Canon) Bowen

GILLIAN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SINCE 2010. SHE STUDIED A BACHELOR OF MEDIA AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY, GRADUATING IN 2005 AND LIVED AT DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE DURING HER STUDIES. SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING AS AN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AT SKY NEWS IN NORTH RYDE.

Gillian confesses that she actually chose Dunmore Lang College as the place she wanted to live before deciding on her degree, so it was probably lucky that Macquarie offered a degree that suited her! While at College she became involved in the drama and music committees and took part in the annual Musical every year. She was ADS President in her second year and a Resident Advisor in her third.

Originally from Cowra, she moved with her family to Bathurst for Years 9 to 12 at McKillop College. After graduating, she moved to Japan for a year where she taught English to both adults and children. Finding a job in radio on her return to Sydney was difficult, and she ended up working for the Warringah Council as an administrator. Determined to get into radio, Gillian worked seven days a week – full-time at the Council for five days, then volunteering the other two as a reporter at 2GB. Eventually she moved to part-time paid employment at 2GB

until she was offered a cadetship in 2008. After one year as a cadet, to her relief she was finally offered 'a real job' – a full-time position as a news reporter at Radio 2GB where she worked for five years.

In 2013 she started work with Sky News as a Producer and four months later was promoted to Executive Producer where she is responsible for pulling together all the facets that make up the half-hour news bulletins that go out during the day. Gillian is responsible for everything in the bulletins – from liaising with the directors, the host, reporters and producers and ensuring the bulletin is correct before going to air, to cutting pictures, writing the text that appears on screen and ensuring that all moving elements of a story are kept up to date. "I'm supposed to know everything," she laughs. "At the drop of a hat anything can change. If it's breaking news you have to go with the flow."



Being an Executive Producer means that her days at work are extremely busy and very intense. "The reward is the adrenaline rush when you know you've done everything right while covering a breaking story. It's very stressful but very rewarding," she said.

Gillian married last year and loves to hang out with friends, drinking coffee, eating cheese, camping, swimming and having a laugh. "You can't take yourself too seriously – that's where I'm at," she said.



Prof Drs H Toho Cholik Mutohir, MA, PhD

CHOLIK MUTOHIR IS THE RECTOR (VICE CHANCELLOR) AT THE INSTITUTE OF TEACHER TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN MATARAM, INDONESIA.

Cholik came to Macquarie University in 1978 to study a Master of Education, then returned four years later to do his PhD, graduating in 1987. While studying he stayed at Dunmore Lang College and received assistance with his English from Leonie, a friend of a friend. Twenty-seven years later he and Leonie, his English tutor, have stayed good friends. Cholik and his wife Lulu recently visited Leonie in her home town of Forster and she travelled down to Sydney with them to revisit the University and Dunmore Lang College.

Cholik became the youngest professor in Indonesia in 1992 at the age of 44, then went on to be Head of the Institute of Social Service in Surabaya for the next three years. The Institute became a university in its own right in 1997 and he was President there from 1997 to 2002.

In 2002 he was promoted to Director General of Sport in the Indonesian Government, then became Secretary to the Minister of Education in the Ministry of Youth and Sport Affairs until 2007. From 2007 to 2011 he was the Special Advisor on Physical Education and Sport to the Minister of Education.

Cholik has now moved back into the university system as Professor and Rector (Vice Chancellor), teaching and researching at Mataram. He is currently involved in a joint program between the Institute and the University of Canberra developing maths education to disadvantaged students.

At Dunmore Lang College he worked as a tutor and also played softball and baseball for the College. He is currently the National Softball coach as well as President of several sports associations in Indonesia. He is married to Lulu and has two children.

Kirsty Sniekers

KIRSTY SNIKERS STUDIED A BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY, GRADUATING IN 2007.

During her studies she was a resident at Dunmore Lang College and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past four years, retiring this December.

Kirsty grew up in Armidale with a family who loved the outdoors and camping. Her favourite subject at school was Geography and she had always wanted to do something associated with the environment. The Bachelor of Environmental Management at Macquarie appealed to her with its broad range of subjects she felt could be shaped to her specific interests.

After school, Kirsty took a GAP year in the UK, wisely booking her accommodation at Dunmore Lang for the following year before she left. After graduating, Kirsty worked for six years in a graduate town planning position with a private company, then for two years as a project manager on infrastructure projects in the telecommunications network. She has just commenced a new position with the National Broadband Network.

Kirsty remembers her time at College with great fondness. "It was busy, non-stop," she said. She was President of the ADS in her second year as well as being on a number of committees including the Environment and Sustainability Committees. She also tutored in essay writing and geography and in her third year was a Resident Advisor.

"Dunmore Lang College struck a chord with me," she said. "It wasn't just about the degree, it was about friends, the community – the whole package – and I will always really value that. I try to live my life like that, not focussing just on the work aspect. Having a work-to-live, not live-to-work, mentality and having a good balance in life is important to me."

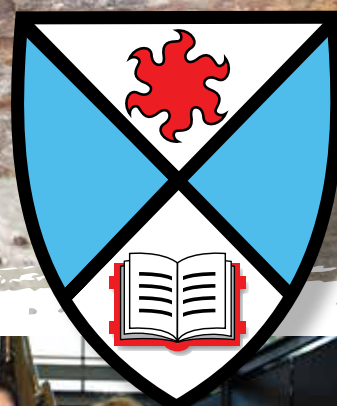
As a member of the Board of Directors for four years, Kirsty has enjoyed giving back to the College and has been impressed by the positive changes that she has seen. The Board and the College thank her for her invaluable contribution and efforts and wish her all the best for her new job.



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