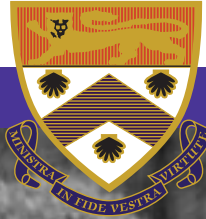


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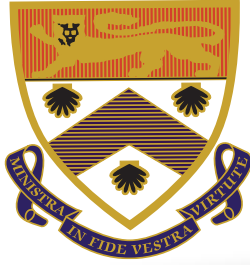




Wesley College Overseas Study Experience (OSE) students meet Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales at the Agent Orange Justice Fundraising Function in Sydney August 2012. Full details on the 2011 OSE, can be found on page 52.

On The Cover:
Jonathon Scott (fr 1977)
pictured on the cover flaunting
the best of the 1970s. When
asked to describe the photo,
Jonathon simply said that it was
his “prototypical geek” pose.
Jonathon eventually worked for
Hewlett Packard – his full profile
can be found on page 32.





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Minutes of Inaugural Meeting of Wesley College Students' Club, Nov 5th 1917

The Master, Rev W Scott-Felder MA B.Litt took the chair at the inaugural gathering of the First Students of Wesley on Nov 5th 1917

The students present were Misses Hedley Brown Harold Leadley John Paling Maudie Holland G.H. Brown W.G. Bull J. Hunter H.J. Illingworth
The business of the meeting was to lay the foundation of a Students' Club and to elect the first office-bearers.

The first proposal "That the members present constitute themselves the Wesley College Students' Club" was proposed by Mr Holland, seconded by Mr Paling and carried unanimously.

A letter of welcome from Mr Andrew's College was then read by the Master. His early expression of welcome was much appreciated and it was hoped that this was to be the first movement in building up a solid fellowship between the other colleges and ourselves. It was moved by Mr Hedley Brown and seconded by Mr Illingworth that letter be received and answered.

The election of office-bearers then took place with the following results:-

Senior Students:-

Mr Hedley Brown was proposed by Mr Illingworth and seconded by Mr Leadley.

Mr W.G. Bull was proposed by Mr Paling and seconded by Mr G.H. Brown.

As the result of the election Mr W.G. Bull had the honor of being the first Senior Student and Treasurer of the Club.

Students' Club

Letter of Welcome

Office-bearers

Secretary:-

Mr P
seconded by Mr H

Treasurer:-

Mr H
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From the Editor

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

Malcolm
on the Job



Welcome to the eighth edition of our journal. The Foundation over the last decade has done a huge job in reconnecting with our Old Cols. At the time of writing, with retirement looming this year and my industry – newspapers – from all appearances crashing round me, I have no idea what my own future is, but I suppose for me it is mainly the past. One of the values of the Wesleyan is that it shows students what is possible. It shows them what they can achieve. We have shown that in a variety of callings, including medicine, the law, showbusiness, the profession of arms and sport.

Our graduates have gone in all directions, and as Wesleyans we discover them in all manner of ways. The Chief of the General Staff in the Australian Army, Lieutenant-General Sir Mervyn Brogan, who was ultimate boss when I did my National Service, did an engineering degree at Sydney University, graduating in 1938, and lived at Wesley. Like so many others of that generation, he was whipped away to serve his country. He served with distinction, receiving an OBE in 1944 for his service in the Salamaua–Lae campaign. Sir Mervyn appears never to have gone back to engineering.

I did think up a mischievous theme, to go to the dark side of Wesley, and devote an edition to crooks we have turned out. But so far I have only ever come up with one, being Reginald Stuart-Jones (fr 1921), who began well as a medical graduate but took up gambling and the high life and became part of the Sydney underworld. There is no need to burden readers with what he got up to. For the moment, and perhaps forever, I will put the idea on the backburner.

Turning back to the bright side, I thought it would be a good idea to devote this edition to the profession Sir Mervyn took up, this being engineering. It is after all the Olympics year, and where our previous leap year edition was devoted to sport,

engineering is not far removed because of the huge challenges involved in engineering for the event. My undergraduate recollections of engineers is their boistrousness. As far as college pranks go, I recall in my own time at Wesley an engineering student, Barry Jelley (fr 1963) went into his room, switched on the light and there was an explosion, and a spray of sugar, engineering students having apparently rigged up a device.

But getting out of this juvenility of student life, Wesley's engineering graduates have made great strides. Graeme Kelleher (fr 1953), in an account of his life he sent to the *Wesleyan* stated some of the highest ideals of his calling: "The profession of Engineering has great advantages, in comparison to other professions," he said. "They include the study of the fundamentals of the universe – mathematics, physics and chemistry. Building on these fundamentals, almost any physical process can be followed. In addition, Engineers are imbued with the determination to achieve the stated objectives of a project or program. Unlike some other professions, the Engineering profession cannot bury its mistakes or get paid the same amount regardless of whether success or failure is the end result."

Predictably Wesley's high achievers in the profession are not hard to find, though in this case there is a gender imbalance in favour of men. I was rather desperate to find a female in the profession. Jillian Kilby (fr 2002) is one, having graduated with First Class Honours in 2005 and at the time we last mentioned her, in the 2009 edition, was chair of the Civil and Structural Engineering Panel, Sydney Division of Engineers. She was predictably busy this year. My co-writer Margot Saville (fr 1979) has come up with a woman engineer, Jacqueline Findeis. We have found Wesley Old Cols running hydro-electric projects and nuclear power stations,

repairing oil tankers, designing uranium mines, processing oil, constructing office blocks, building computers and running electricity supply systems. All these high-flyers, including Don George (fr 1944), who devoted much of his career to nuclear energy and who occupied a vice-chancellor's chair, were lowly freshers once.

Sadly, this year we have lost at least several Wesleyans including obstetrician and gynaecologist, Charles Higham (fr 1939), who ensured the Manly Rugby League team in its premiership-winning ways was not short of medical attention. Two engineers also passed away - John Tankard (Fr 1952), who was involved in mining and devoted much of his time to the mining of uranium. And as we are preparing this edition for print, another Old Collegian, John Treloar (fr 1950), a triple Empire Games gold medal sprinter and finalist in the 100 metres in the 1952 Olympics, whom we have written up in a past edition of the *Wesleyan*, has passed away. He was also an engineer, having spent his career in the petroleum and LP gas industry.

We have had over our history a steady engineering contribution to the college. Along with architects and builders, they have seen to its structural integrity. We are now set for another expansion and upgrade, which will call again on the generosity of Old Collegians. But material comforts and convenience are only ever part of the college. The essence of the college, the reason for it being there at all, is something far more intangible. To my mind, however imbued our graduates are with natural talent, I would like to think it is the Wesleyan experience that has inspired them to go that bit further.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



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Master's Report

Within the walls of Wesley College are the next generation of leaders, researchers, teachers and philosophers in their chosen fields, those that will be responsible for caring for our world and ensuring our world's safe future. Their time at College is brief, a mere 3 year timeslot in a long life. However everyone who has spent time here knows that this 'precious time' of a few years is very formative. This year, I will Valete the first group of Freshers I chose on my arrival. Their lifecycle 'within the walls of Wesley' is coming to an end however their journey as an Old Col is just beginning. We all acknowledge how important connectivity is in our lives.

This year, one focus at Council's strategic planning level has been looking at the ways we connect and sustain those relationships over the years with our Old Cols. Over the next 12 months we will be working on developing ways to further explore these connections with you through utilising more social media avenues and opportunities to involve you in events.

The second focus of Council's strategy this year has been a Vision, Mission and Values statement to guide us in our next stage of development. This statement, which will help shape the next few years at Wesley has now been finalised and appears on the following page. A community like Wesley needs to be understood through its values. An adult community is not driven by rules rather is guided by each member following the values subscribed to by its community and its leaders.

Our heritage and our traditions at Wesley are central to our understanding of who we are and where we want to be in the future. In guiding our Masterplanning and our future vision for the college, our history and our heritage have been cornerstones in our thinking. It is about respecting that history and understanding it and then

transforming it into an understandable and achievable vision for our future students.

Wesley faces a unique position in the near future. While we were the first to become co-ed in 1969, we are now one of three co-ed colleges on campus. While we were not the largest, we were not the smallest either, sitting right in the middle. In the near future, as many on campus colleges plan their expansion, Wesley will emerge as one of the smallest colleges which presents its challenges in this very competitive world. As many are aware, we are landlocked in our position, so major expansion is out of the question. In staying true to who we are, we will corner the 'boutique' market and offer a residential community experience where we are 'large enough to offer diversity but small enough to belong'. We need to be the best we can be at what we offer.

I am pleased to report that we are very strong in our positioning and our appeal to young people. Last year we had our biggest response to the University Open Day in August with over 500 students and parents coming on tours throughout the day. This converted into our acceptance of just under 500 applications for residency this year. We were able to offer 84 places for 2012. We continue to provide students from outside the metropolitan area of Sydney with the majority of places at Wesley and feel that this input into the diversity of the College community is very important.

This year has seen the appointment of Bradley Wells as Vice Master in a full time position. Brad joined us in February and resides within the College in New Wing. His strong academic focus is highly valued within the College. It has also seen the resignation of Dianna Georges as Development Manager. She has decided to spend her time with her busy young family. We thank her for her involvement and passion shown for Wesley over the years



Lisa Sutherland

and wish her well. Kiri Dumont has increased her time, now 3 days, to cover the Development Office.

The Courtyard redevelopment was completed in late March and as you can read and see in this edition of the *Wesleyan*, it is a very open and light filled space that transforms the central hub of life for the College. In fact as I write today, I have just finished lunch with staff and students in the courtyard on a wonderful late winter day. It is a real sun trap and a lovely space to spend time; indeed I could have spent all afternoon there like many a collegian!

With every best wish

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Lisa Sutherland'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Lisa J Sutherland, Master

Wesley College

A Residential College within the University of Sydney

Our Vision

To be the University of Sydney's most respected Residential College and to be known as the place where students flourish and lifelong connections are forged.

Our Mission

As a Residential College of the Uniting Church within the University of Sydney, we seek to:

- Foster a vibrant community of learning and personal growth;
- Provide a safe environment which encourages and promotes the academic, social, sporting, cultural and spiritual growth of each individual;
- Assist students develop qualities and values that will be modeled in their everyday life; and
- Sustain the College into the future.

At Wesley we:

Value our Community

We actively participate in College Life.

We respect and support each other as Collegians.

We act responsibly, and actively seek to ensure the safety of others.

We are known for our positive College Spirit.

We honour the College's heritage and traditions.

Value the Individual

We display respect to others.

We accept responsibility.

We strive to be the best we can be.

Value Achievement

We pursue our studies with enthusiasm and endeavour.

We set goals and strive to achieve them.

We recognise achievement comes in many guises.

We celebrate success, but value effort and contribution more.

Value Inclusiveness

We actively seek to include our fellow Collegians in College Life.

We value diversity of gender, background and thought.

We actively seek to promote equity of access.

Wesley in 2012



Staff

Master

Lisa J Sutherland BA (Syd) Dip Ed (Syd)
M.Ed Admin (UNE)

Has "general superintendence" over the College and is responsible for the overall well-being, good order and conduct of the College

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DipLaw (LPAB) MACE

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Mr Maurice Patrick Cunningham

Mr Jonathan Deutscher

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Ms Jane Glover – *Secretary*

Ms Annabelle Kennett – *Student Rep (Sem 1)*

Mr Robert Lorschy

Mr John Maclennan

Rev Kath Merrifield

Mrs Deborah Page AM – *Chair*

Mr Stephen Porges

Mr Andrew Stigter

Ms Lisa Sutherland – *Master*

Ms Beatrice Tapp – *Student Rep (Sem 2)*

Foundation Committee Members

Mr Peter Beaumont

Mr Malcolm Brown

Dr Lynleigh Evans

Ms Kiri Dumont – *Secretary*

Mr David FitzSimons

Mr Jim FitzSimons – *Chair*

Ms Roberta Grant

Ms Margot Saville

Mr Garry Scarborough

Mrs Lisa Sutherland – *Master*

Senior Common Room

Dr Aaron Corn

Prof. Helen Dunstan

Dr David Easdown

Dr Joseph Neparrnga Gumbala

Mrs Lisa Sutherland

Prof Gary Trompf

Mr Bradley Wells

Graduate Community

Richard Arnold Hayden Ng

Mark Davidson Alan McMaster

David Fitter Maarten Turner

Jenny Leung Darcy Price

House Committee

Matthew Driscoll – *Senior Student*

Tom Rostron – *Secretary*

Edmund Kirkwood – *Treasurer*

Annabelle Kennett – *Domestic Sec (Sem 1)*

Lilian Morgan – *Domestic Sec*

Tim Reid – *Licensee (Sem 1)*

Annabelle Kennett – *Council Rep*

Jessica Shanahan – *Social Secretary*

Max Mills – *Cultural Secretary*

Simone Ludeke – *Female Sports Sec*

Richard Arnold – *Logistics & Publications*

Lilian Walsh – *Logistics & Publications*

Jacob De Paoli – *Male Sports Sec*

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Liam Cross – *Fresher Rep*

Kaitlin Foster – *Fresher Rep*

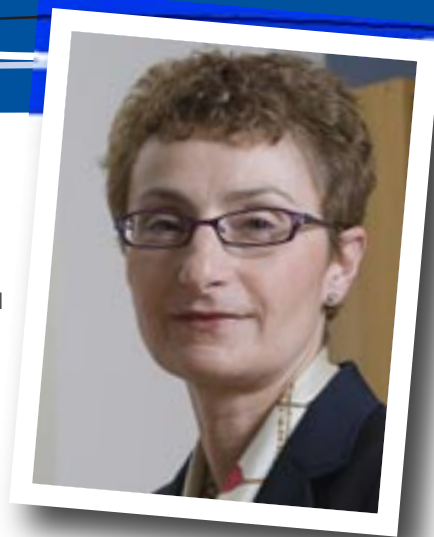
Daniel Cope – *Licensee (Sem 2)*

Beatrice Tapp – *Domestic Sec (Sem 2)*

James Cowman – *Intercol Rep (Sem 2)*

Chair of Council's Report

Deborah Page AM



It was a very great privilege to accept the nomination to succeed Peter Andrews as Chairman of the Council at the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

I am delighted that Peter continues to serve the Wesley community as a Councillor and in particular as Chair of the Business Committee. Peter has made a significant contribution to the sustainability of the College, and in particular has driven strategic planning and the revitalisation of the College buildings, which are at the very heart of the Wesley experience.

Over the Christmas/ New Year break several projects were completed, including the rejuvenation of the foyer, creation of new tutorial rooms and improvements in the Reg Walker Room. Perhaps the most exciting project though was the eventual unveiling in April, after much rain delay, of the Courtyard renovation. I encourage you to come and visit the College and see for yourself what a wonderful space has been created. Students are enjoying the modern facilities for their celebrations but also more informally as a casual space for relaxing. Whilst many of us will mourn the loss of the "pond", in its place is a magnificent staircase which links the courtyard, junior common room and the library terrace and which will provide future generations of Collegians with their own unique memories of this special space at Wesley.

The most significant step in our plans for the College is now very close to fruition. Over the next few months we are confident that we will be able to proceed with our plans to extend the Purser Wing. Whilst our community will be impacted by the construction activity during 2013 we are excited about being able to offer our unique Wesley experience to an enlarged cohort from 2014 onwards. I will keep you informed about this exciting development, and I hope you might be able to help us make this dream a reality.

At a recent Council Planning Day we

focused on two areas of great importance-how do we create and sustain meaningful connections to Wesley; and identifying a shared set of Values, which ultimately underpin everything we do at Wesley. The strong themes which emerged centred on community, inclusiveness, the individual and achievement. Our vision for Wesley is *"to be the University of Sydney's most respected Residential College and to be known as the place where Students flourish and lifelong connections are forged"*.

Under the leadership of the Master, Lisa Sutherland, and with the able assistance of her team and the elected student leaders, this vision and the agreed values will guide our decision making as we seek to ensure the sustainability of the College and its fine reputation into the future.

The Master's Report outlines some of the strategic challenges we face as a residential College within the University of Sydney, and importantly the strong positioning we have secured over recent years. As universities get bigger and less personal, the demand for a unique "on campus" experience continues to grow. Demand to reside at Wesley far outstrips our capacity to admit.

On a less positive note, the Foundation Chair's Report outlines the challenges we have faced over recent years to attract sufficient donations to maintain our Scholarship program and contribute significantly to the refurbishment of the College buildings. This is an area that we need to focus on, and our plans for improving our "connection" with Old Collegians will be critical to our success.

Council was delighted to welcome Stephen Porges (fr 1980) as a Councillor after his election in April. Jon Deutscher (fr 1994) was re-elected for another term, and his continuing contribution is appreciated. In addition we are also delighted to welcome the Rev Kath Merrifield, Executive Director of Uniting Mission and Education, as an appointee of the Uniting Church. During

the year Damien Palmer and Tina Rendell retired and we thank them for their contribution to Council.

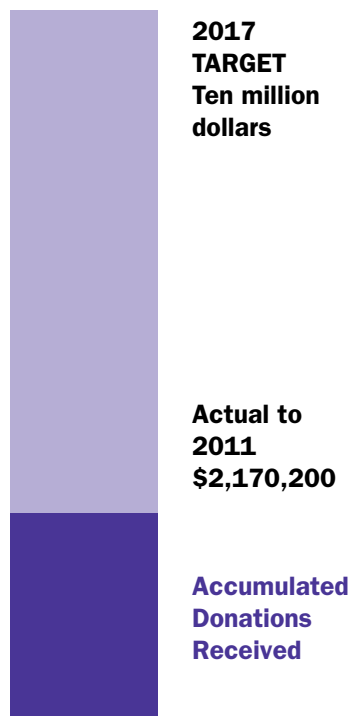
In closing, might I just say that Wesley holds a special place in the hearts of many but that it takes the many to ensure this wonderful College continues to provide a unique and unparalleled university experience. I encourage you to *connect with Wesley* by offering your services, joining us for events, or via financial support of the Foundation's scholarship program or our beautiful buildings.

With kind regards

Deborah Page AM (Bullock fr 1977)

WCF Target for 2017

Centenary of the entry of the first students to Wesley College



The Wesley College Foundation (WCF)

ABN 79 497 010 262

The Wesley College Foundation offers members opportunities to strengthen the College by becoming actively involved in fundraising, mentoring, tutoring, strategic planning and benefaction and enables Old Collegians to maintain and extend the friendships and contacts they have established at Wesley.

1. **First goal:** to raise capital for scholarships to ensure that successful applicants who would otherwise be denied access to Wesley College are able to seek financial assistance.
2. **Second goal:** to offer a broad and meaningful network of contacts and activities for Old Collegians (including those with current students) which is of benefit to them and to the advancement of Wesley College.
3. **Third goal:** To strengthen and enrich the intellectual life of the College and of the Foundation
4. **Fourth goal:** to raise capital for the maintenance and improvement of the College buildings and the construction or purchase of 'transition' accommodation for Wesley graduates and undergraduates.

Chair of Foundation's Message

Wesley Annual Report

Apart from its ongoing fundraising activities, the Foundation has continued its moves to connect old cols to the College.

Unfortunately, due to the courtyard renovation, it was not possible to hold the decade B&B reunion in February. However, the plan I outlined last year, with alternating decades, will be put into effect from February next year when it will be the turn of the 1970s to get together and the following decades it will be the 90s, the 60s, the 80s then the naughties and then back to the 70s in 2018.

In the meantime, we continue to focus on the Foundation Medal Dinner in early September as a time when the entire College community can come together.

Last year's dinner provided an opportunity for members of the College community to connect with current students who were present at dinner and there was a performance by the Palladian Cup winning Wesley choir which was extremely well received. All future Foundation dinners will include current College members and a cultural performance.

Interaction has been a small focus of the committee and there is both a Facebook site (Wesley Old Cols) and a LinkedIn site (Wesley College – University of Sydney). If you have not already done so, I would be grateful if you would register your connection to the College by joining one or other (or both) of these groups. It is increasingly an excellent method for keeping in touch with each other as well as for the College to keep track of people as their careers change.

Unfortunately, the demand for scholarships remains high whilst the available funds remain relatively low. In order for Wesley to continue to provide a diverse and vibrant community, scholarship funds will need to increase dramatically in the coming years.



Jim FitzSimons (fr 1976)

In the short term, however, we will be concentrating on raising funds for the extensions to Purser Wing and everybody in the community will be encouraged to dig as deep as they can. It is most important that the extension go ahead with the extra rooms providing some economies of scale to ensure the College remains viable.

One regular part of my year is to attend the Senior Old Cols lunch. I always enjoy getting together with these men (there are no women yet who really qualify as senior!) and share some of their reminiscences. The Senior Old Cols lunch is an interesting mix of men who are regular attendees at these lunches and those who are connecting with the College for the first time, in some cases in many decades. There is no age limit and anybody who feels they would like to is more than welcome to attend.

My thanks to the Master, Lisa Sutherland, and the members of the Foundation Committee for their help during the year. Malcolm Brown continues his Herculean tasks in producing the Wesleyan and all members of the committee, being Lynleigh Evans, Roberta Grant, Margot Saville, Peter Beaumont, David FitzSimons, Garry Scarborough and Malcolm have contributed in one way or another as has Kiri Dumont who fills the role of Development Manager.

Jim FitzSimons (fr 1976)

Wesley College Foundation Medal

Judge Harry Bell

Hubert Henry (Harry) Bell fr 1947 was yet another ex-service fresher who, having fought for his country, resumed his studies as a student at Wesley. He was considered a natural for the Wesley shooting team. He had served with the 2/9 Commando Squadron of the 2/6 Cavalry Regiment in New Guinea for a total of for 19 months. From November, 1944 till August, 1945, he had participated in the Aitape/Wewak campaign in the north of the country. Harry continued in New Guinea after the Japanese surrender, handling surrendered Japanese soldiers, and did not return home until May 1946.

Harry, born in Wee Waa, son of a stock and station agent, was educated at Newington College. For entry to Wesley in 1947, Harry was interviewed by Rev Bert Wyllie. He recalls going for a walk with him and passing students who greeted Wyllie with: "Hello Master". That rather startled Harry, because it was what the native carrier boys had said to the Australian soldiers. Harry put warfare behind him as best he could, though he became patron of the 2/6 Cavalry (Commando) regiment Association. At Wesley, he showed ability as a debater, writer and poet. He represented Wesley in football, debating and shooting. As a boxer, he won the 1947 Intersarsity Light-Heavyweight Championship, the 1948 University Heavyweight Championship and the 1950 Intersarsity Light-heavyweight Championship, all of which brought him two University Blues.

Harry defended the disadvantaged, opposed bullying of freshers and said so at meetings of the Students Club. That did him no harm. In 1949, he was elected Senior Student. In 1950, Harry edited the Wesley College Journal and in August the following year, he graduated with an Honours LLB, he was admitted as a solicitor to the NSW Supreme Court. He served as secretary of the Wesley Old Collegians that year and continued in

that role for several years to follow.

In November 1952, Harry was admitted to the bar. In 1960, he married Caroline Downes. They had two daughters. In 1971, Harry was elected to the NSW Bar Council. He was elected again in 1972 and 1974 and in August 1974 he was appointed a judge of the District Court and chairman of Quarter Sessions, which entailed many sittings in Sydney courts and regional courts. Caroline died in 1991 and in 1996 Harry married Kathie Atkinson, a wildlife photographer and writer of children's books. Harry retired in August, 1997 but continued as an acting District Court Judge for three years and also served six-month terms, in 1997 and 2000, as an acting Judge of the Supreme Court, where he presided over two murder trials. Harry now lives at Bowral and has three grandchildren.

Associate Professor Stephen Lee AM

Stephen Lee fr 1969, entered Wesley as a second-year medical student and became one of the more outstanding in the stream of Wesleyans who have taken on a particular subject and became master of it. He became prominent not only in his chosen field of dermatology, but contributed to other fields such as diabetes and to the medical profession as a whole. He never forgot his roots, taking his knowledge, expertise and benevolence back to his Asian homeland and to the world at large.

Stephen was born in Guangzhou, China, and grew up in Hong Kong. He came to Australia at 16 years of age, finished his schooling at Randwick Boys' High and enrolled at Sydney University to study medicine. Stephen graduated with First Class Honours in 1974, did his residency at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, then specialised in dermatology, gaining his Diploma of Dermatological Medicine in 1979, and worked at the Royal Prince Alfred and Concord Repatriation Hospitals.



A Fellow of the Australasian College of Dermatologists from 1981, he demonstrated such a passion for his subject that many undergraduate and postgraduate students he taught along the way embarked on careers in dermatology.

Stephen became the Secretary of the Australasian College of Dermatologists in 1999, a position he was to hold for five years. He was the first dermatologist to become a Federal Councilor and Director of the Australian Medical Association. In 1999, Stephen began visiting Asia as an educator and became a keynote speaker at numerous international and national dermatology conferences in China, South Korea and Malaysia. He was appointed the inaugural International Affairs Officer by the Australasian College of Dermatology.

In 2004, Stephen was appointed a Visiting Professor at the China Medical University, Shenyang, China. Stephen had a long-standing interest in melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer, medical ethics, and skin problems in diabetes. He was the first dermatologist to be invited to speak at a world congress on diabetes in 2006 and he presented a paper at the 19th World Congress on Diabetes in South Africa. Also in 2006, he was appointed Clinical Associate Professor at Sydney University and a year later he was appointed Honorary Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics at the Chinese University in Hong Kong. In 2007, Stephen was admitted to the Roll of Fellows of the Australian Medical Association.

On Australia Day, 2009, Associate Professor Lee was awarded the Order of Australia (AM) for services to Medicine in the field of



Judge Harry Bell, John MacLennan, Alan Shepherd, Associate Professor Stephen Lee AM and The Hon Justice Julie Ward

dermatology as a clinician, mentor, and educator with roles with professional organisations.

John MacLennan

John did not drink alcohol, despite his college fees having been paid from his family's liquor business. John has never, for that matter, touched alcohol since. Regardless of whether such an attitude to alcohol might be outdated, John in his career has also demonstrated the other great Wesleyan virtues of industry, charity and selflessness.

During his student days, during which he made some lifelong Wesley friendships, John was introduced to the excitement of overseas travel and learnt how to ski. John graduated from Sydney University in Arts and Law and in 1975 moved into a terraced house with some old collegians. In 1977 he obtained his first legal position, with the GIO. In 1979, he took off overseas, backpacking through Asia, the Middle East, Europe, North America, the eastern

Caribbean and South America until his funds, rather than his enthusiasm, ran out. He had a wide range of formative experiences, including work in a Cambodian refugee camp on the Thai border and a job washing dishes in an Austrian ski resort.

Returning to Sydney in late 1982, John resumed his legal career and concentrated on the defence of medical negligence claims and public liability litigation. The year 1989 was a big year for John. He and his partner Carolyn had their first daughter, Sally, who would go onto become a 2007 fresher. He also joined the law firm, TressCox, where he would practise for 21 years and become a partner. In one of his biggest cases, he was instructed to defend the Australian Red Cross NSW in a series of cases brought by recipients of HIV contaminated blood and blood products which they had received in the years before HIV testing was available. The successful defence of these cases occupied several years and involved

complex legal and evidentiary issues.

The Red Cross and John appeared to have a natural affinity. In July 1998, he was invited to join the Australian Red Cross's NSW board. He has served continuously on the board since that time. From 2000, he has been a member of the Red Cross's International Humanitarian Law Advisory Committee. In the middle of his busy schedule, John also found time to serve on the Wesley College Foundation Committee and chaired it for two years. Following that, he joined the Wesley College Council and from October 2001 till March 2005 was the Chair.

John is now honorary legal consultant to Red Cross NSW and he was elected as a member of the National Council in 2007. He was appointed to the National Governance Committee in 2008. He has been chairman of Australian Red Cross NSW since August 2009 and is a member of the National Board of Australian Red

Cross and several committees of that board. He has served the Scout Association as a member of its Scoutsafe and Audit and Governance committees. John and Carolyn have two daughters, Sally and Kate, who are currently studying at Sydney University. John's interests include extended hiking trips in remote mountain ranges, travelling to interesting and obscure places, and relaxing on a rural property on the mid North Coast.

Dr Alan Shepherd

Alan Shepherd from 1946 believes performing surgery on spear wounds, treating peptic ulcers and Kuru, or "Laughing Sickness" in the New Guinea Highlands, in primitive conditions where the tribes were always warring, was a pinnacle in his extraordinary service as a physician. A committed Christian who had been active in the Student Christian Movement, Alan devoted 16 years of his life to providing the skill and professionalism so sadly lacking in Papua New Guinea at the time.

Alan had enlisted with the RAAF to serve in World War 2, and had finished his 12 months training in Canada when the war ended. He joined the ex-servicemen at Wesley in 1946 as a medical student, competed in the Inter-Col athletics and in his fourth year competed in the Intervarsity competition. He became the NSW 440-yard champion, represented the Australian Universities against New Zealand and won a University Blue.

Alan became Student Club secretary and Senior Student at Wesley before graduating, did his internship and went to the United Kingdom, where he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. In late 1958, married and with his wife, Jill (formerly Senior Student at the Women's College) expecting their first child, he accepted an invitation to join a practice in Toowoomba. He found Toowoomba was "overflowing with surgeons" so after five years he answered a letter in a medical journal calling for medical help in Papua New Guinea.

Alan arrived there in early 1964 with two small children and Jill expecting another. He spent the next six years in Lae, where

one surgeon was meant to care for a population of at least 250,000, with some responsibility for the north-east coast to Wewak and Madang. "Along with injuries and a variety of diseases came operative obstetrics and gynaecology," he said. "It was a pleasure to welcome visiting specialists, especially those who came to perform cardiac surgery, bringing their own anaesthetists and theatre sister."

In 1970, Alan and his family went to Goroka, some 5,000 feet in the Highlands. He found a different pattern of disease, and some injuries he had to treat included those from road smashes. Inexperienced drivers were trying to take their coffee product on poor mountain roads with grossly overloaded trucks. Alan also had to deal with frequent burns, because of the habit of villagers to sleep near open fires for warmth.

The exotic diseases in the region attracted the attention of medical researchers. Treatments and cures they came up with, for peptic ulcers, potentially fatal necrotising enteritis and Kuru won some researchers Nobel Prizes. In 1981, Alan returned to Australia because he and Jill wanted to see more of their daughters, who had been sent to Australia to complete their education. He resumed practice here and has retained his contacts with Wesley ever since.

The Hon Justice Julie Ward

Julie Ward from 1977 was known at Wesley College for her "adroitness with the spoken word". According to a student note at the time, she talked her way into the college debating team, and into the pond – 15 times. But Julie, who was dux of Newcastle High in 1976, was nothing if not flexible. Julie graduated in Arts and went into Law. While still a student she was contributing author and editorial board member of the Sydney Law Review. In 1982, Julie graduated with a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours, and won the University Medal.

Julie worked for a year as an associate for the Chief Judge of the Federal Court, Sir Nigel Bowen. In 1983, she married a solicitor, Bruce Monteith, and joined the leading law firm, Stephen Jacques and

Stephen. In 1985, Julie took up a Sydney University Travelling Scholarship and went to Oxford to do a post-graduate degree. Graduating in 1986 as a Bachelor of Civil Laws with First Class Honours, Julie rejoined her old firm, which was then called Malleson Stephen Jacques, and worked with Reg Barrett, a former Newcastle High student and also former Senior Student of Wesley.

Julie specialised in commercial litigation and dispute resolution, her job taking her around Australia and on a couple of occasions to Hong Kong. The matters she dealt with included the reconstitution of the AMP and contested takeover litigation in New South Wales and South Australia. She also dealt with liquidators' examinations and subsequent litigation arising out of Estate Mortgage and Amanuel property trusts. She handled other matters such as the constitutional and other challenges arising out of the HomeFund scheme, Transfield oppression proceedings, administrative law and other disputes in relation to the metropolitan thoroughbred horseracing broadcasts and transmission rights, and partnership disputes.

Julie has two children, David and Hilary. David, having followed her into the law, became a director of PricewaterhouseCoopers Foundation in 2003. The foundation works with charity partners in setting up a youth leadership program and other ventures. In late 2008, she was appointed a judge in the Equity Division of the Supreme Court, again following the footsteps of Reg Barrett, becoming a Supreme Court Judge from the ranks of solicitors. "Had I been told, as a fresher at Wesley in 1977 starting out on my Legal Institutions course with Professor Morrison, that some 30 odd years later, I would be sitting in wig and gown in the Banco Court in Queens Square, I wouldn't have believed it," she said.

Julie has not forgotten her origins, and attended the 2009 reunion, celebrating 40 years of women in Wesley, with considerable nostalgia, noting as she did the number of Old Collegians' children setting out on their university courses and attending Wesley.



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– With kind regards, Alison and Don Cull.

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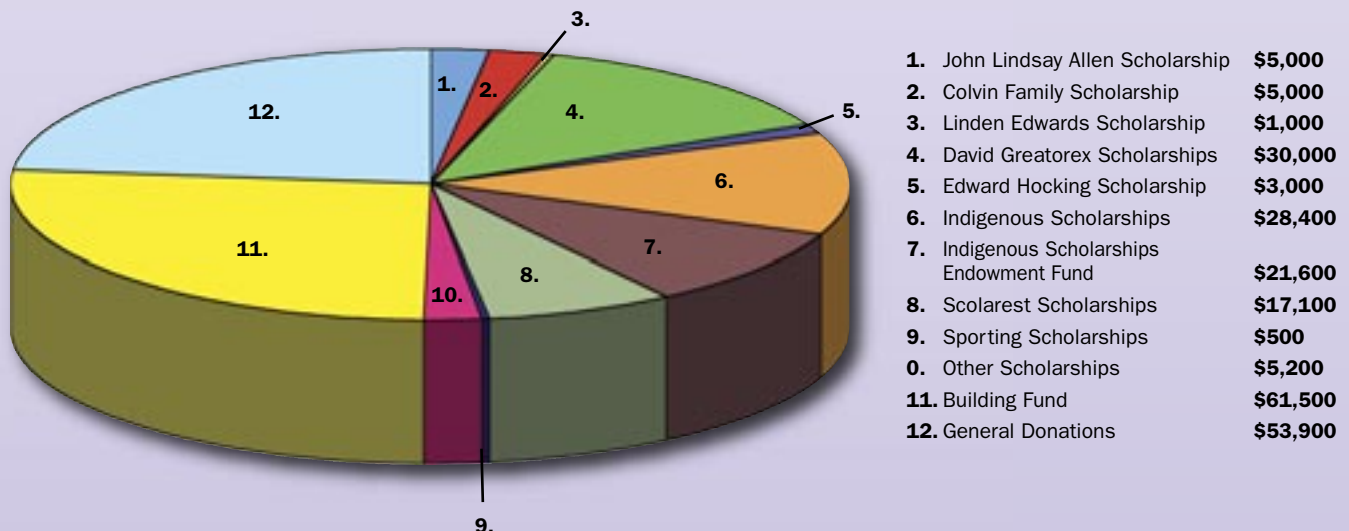
For the year ended 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations	232,206	179,750
Interest revenue	23,807	20,510
Other investment revenue	47,667	38,968
Total Revenue	<u>303,680</u>	<u>239,228</u>
EXPENSES		
Awards and prizes	6,850	6,750
Scholarships	214,570	252,055
Investment management fees	16,410	15,561
Total Expenses	<u>237,830</u>	<u>274,366</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year	65,850	- 35,138
Other Comprehensive Income		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	- 68,917	34,845
Total Comprehensive Loss for the year	<u>- 3,067</u>	<u>- 293</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

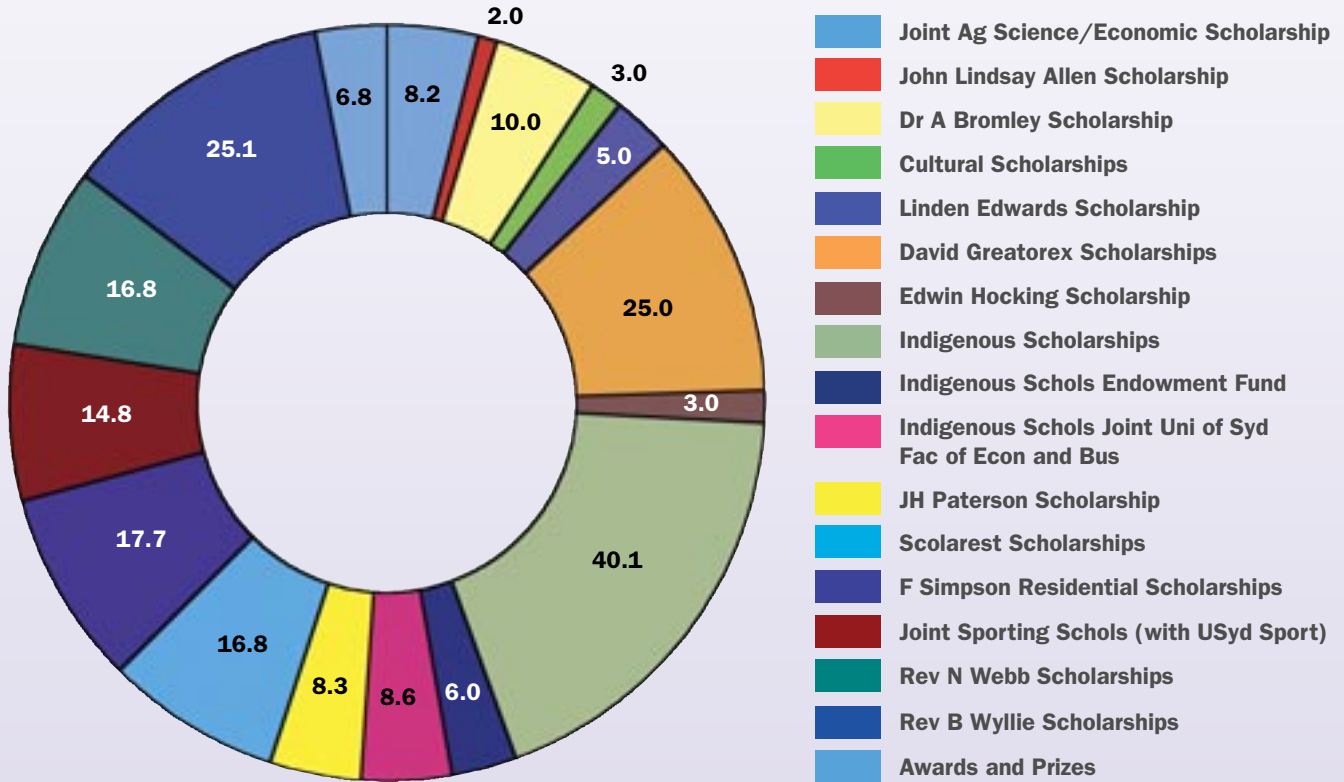
	2011	2010
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	132,827	102,725
Other receivables	62,613	57,401
Other current assets	1,170	891
Total current assets	<u>196,610</u>	<u>161,017</u>
Non-current assets		
Other non-current assets	1,507,225	1,546,031
Total non-current assets	<u>1,507,225</u>	<u>1,546,031</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,703,835</u>	<u>1,707,048</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Other payables	3,764	3,910
Total current liabilities	<u>3,764</u>	<u>3,910</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,764</u>	<u>3,910</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>1,700,071</u>	<u>1,703,138</u>
EQUITY		
Revaluation reserve	61,287	130,204
Accumulated surplus	1,638,784	1,572,934
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>1,700,071</u>	<u>1,703,138</u>

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Wesley College Foundation to Dec 2011

WESLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2011 (\$'000S)



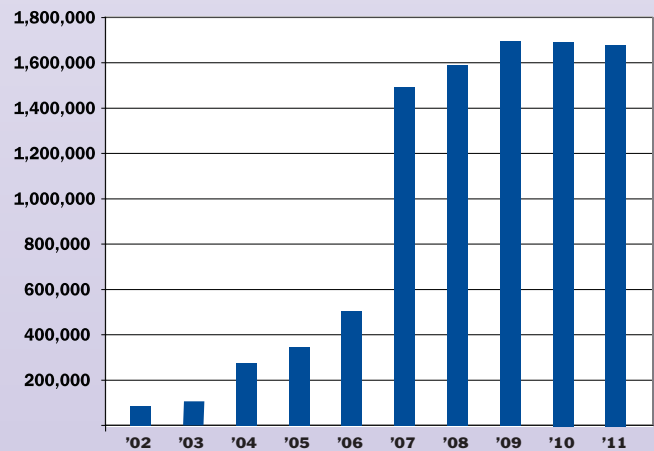
2012 Residential fees as a % of Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings (AWOTE)

Residential fees for single room 2012	\$17,505.33
AWOTE #	\$70,101.20
Fees/AWOTE	25.0%

Average weekly earnings; Persons; Full Time; Adult; Ordinary time earnings #

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 6302.0 Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, February 2012, Series Type: Original - converted to annual figure

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Bruce Wilson
Barry Wren AM

1960s

Neil Alexander
Gregory Alt

Reginald Barrett
Malcolm Brown
Penelope Brown
John Colvin
Larry Cornell
Andrew Craig
Andrew Currie
John Dauth AO LVO
David FitzSimons
John Founq
David Gibb
Peter Graham
Peter Honey
Alanna Horan
Michael Horsburgh
Michael Hutchinson
Joseph Janecek
James Jelbart
Stephen Lee AM
Bill Marshall
Garth McGilvray
William Nighjoy Wong
Neil Smith
Howard Spark
Nigel Stokes
Forest Waddell

1970s

Robyn Alders
Laurie Allen
Paul Bailey
Robert Batterham
Timothy Burt
John Cullen
Lynleigh Evans
James FitzSimons
Barry Flynn
Caroline Frykberg
Belinda Gibson
Judith Haddrick
Cheryl Headford
John Heffernan
Brian Hemmings
Timothy Hewitt
Leonie Hunt
Julie Ivery
Allen Lakeman
Diana Lucas
Gerry Markezinis
Alison Moore
Ross O'Neil
Deborah Page AM
David Riches
Robyn Riches
Peter Riordan
Peter Ryan
Margot Saville
Susan Stonestreet
Keith Suter
Michael Tsui
Jennifer Turnbull
Gordon Weiss

1980s

Peter Beaumont
Patrick Cunningham

Amanda Hempel
James Hiatt
Jason Ridley
Derek Silby
Lisa Sutherland
Ineke Williams

1990s

Roberta Grant
Rupert McLaren
Janelle Sigley
May Sim
Daniel Tebbutt

2000s

Elizabeth Arnold
Madeleine Atkins
James Bae
Alexandra Ball
Alexander Barber
Matthew Bobby
Gavin Booth
Bronwyn Bowles
Patrick Bray
Andrew Bruce
Jenny Margaret Burgess
Lachlan Chadwick
Gemma Chapman
James Cowman
Samuel De Ferranti
Eleanor Dean
Matthew Driscoll
Sophie Dunkerton
Jessica Eade
Reece Goodwin
Alexander Harris
Elisabeth Harrowell
Jaimee Herbert
Mathew Hocking
Joab Hull
Graeme James
Lauren Jenkins
Jack Keeping
Sophia Kent
Oliver Laumberg
Joanna Lee
William Leitch
David William Liston
Xingzhou LiuLu
Amelia Long
Ryan McCourt

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textbooks.
- Cathy Bray (fr 72): "The Owl"
- Peter Crawford: Students Club Photographs 1926-1928 on
behalf of Rex Crawford

2012 Wesley College Scholarships and Awards

College Awards	Terms	Recipient
Bennett	(\$400 for best result in Medical Science & Pharmacy)	John Adams
Robson Bryant	(\$750 for the best UAI of student entering first year of undergraduate study)	Georgia Monroe-Cook
Chapman	(\$400 for best result in Health Sciences, Allied Health& Nursing)	Sarah Holcombe
Dawson	("Captain Edward Dawson Scholarship") (\$750 for most outstanding overall result for 2010)	Harrison Steele
Dwyer	(\$400 for best result in Commerce, Economics, Agricultural Economics)	Elizabeth Drest
Eisenklam	(\$400 for best result in Engineering & Architecture)	Harrison Steele
Grainger	(\$400 for best result in Science (including Psychology)	Harrison Steele
Harrington	(\$400 for best result in Veterinary Science & Agricultural Science)	Rebecca Beaumont
John Irvine Hunter	(\$1,500 for best pass of student entering final year of undergraduate study)	Lucy Mylchreest
Kippax	(\$400 for best result in Law)	Phoebe Neare
Hamilton Mott	Awarded at Valete 2011 on Students' Club recommendation	Stephen Knapman
Robson ("Reginald Robson")	(\$400 for best result in Languages, Humanities, Music & Visual Arts)	Lucy Mylchreest

SCHOLARSHIPS

Prof Dennis A. Ahlburg Scholarship *Established by 1969 Old Collegian Dennis Ahlburg now Dean of the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado. The Dennis A. Ahlburg Scholarship is for a student enrolled in the Faculty of Economics and Business who has demonstrated excellence in, and a passion for, the study of Economics. The award is to the value of \$4,000 per annum and will be reviewed each year. The award is taken as a discount off College fees – Miles Gilfellon (fr 2010).*

Assoc. Prof. Allan Bromley Scholarship *In memory of the late associate Professor Allan Bromley, Old Collegian fr 1964. The Bromley Scholarship is for a student of high academic potential who (like Allan Bromley) is the first person in their family to attend university. The scholarship is to the value of \$10,000, and will be taken as a discount against college fees – Meghan Thomas (fr 2010).*

David Greatorex Scholarships – *The Greatorex Scholarships (up to 4 at any one time) were established by Old Collegian Professor David Greatorex AO (fr. 1953) in 2002. The scholarship is open to all students who are entering Wesley College for the first time. The holder of the award must show a general all-round ability in the area of their academic results, sporting and cultural life and their community service. The successful applicant must also establish a financial need to hold the scholarship. This will be understood to mean that "but for the scholarship" the student would not be able to attend Wesley College. The award is to the value of \$10,000 each year for up to 4 years – Ellen Laughton (fr 2012); 2nd yr, Beatrice Tapp (fr 2011); 3rd yr, Elizabeth Gengos (fr 2010).*

Jessie Hope Paterson Scholarship – *Established by Old Collegian Cathy Bray (fr 1972) in 2004 in memory of her mother Jessie Bray nee Paterson. The Jessie Hope Paterson Scholarship is to be awarded to a student who has suffered the death of a close friend or family member or has experienced emotional trauma, and who, but for the scholarship would be unable to attend Wesley College. The scholarship is to the value of half College fees, and is to be taken as a discount against College fees. Annabel Tym (fr 2011).*

Frank Simpson Residential Scholarships – *Two scholarships established by Mr Frank Simpson (fr 1939) in 2007. Mr Simpson was a former head of Psychology at Concord Hospital. The Frank Simpson Residential Scholarship is for students who are studying Medicine (now a post-graduate degree at Sydney University) who have indicated a preparedness to practice in rural and regional areas of need. The award is taken as a discount against College fees. The Scholarship will be awarded for up to two years and will be reviewed annually – Richard Arnold (fr 2011)*

Rev Norman Webb Scholarship – *Established by the College Council to honour the memory of the Rev Norman Webb, a former Master of the College 1965-1978. The Webb scholarship is to assist a student with a fine academic potential who would find it difficult to attend Wesley College or the University without financial assistance. The Scholarship is to the value \$8,930 first year and \$8,645 ongoing each year for up to three years and is received as a rebate on College fees. Jackson Roberts (fr 2012); 2nd yr, Adrian Codognotto (fr 2011); 3rd yr, Bernard Lagana (fr 2010).*

Rev Bertram Wyllie Scholarship – *Established by the College Council to honour the memory of the Rev Bertram Wyllie, a former Master of the College 1942-1964. The Wyllie Scholarship is given to assist a student with fine academic potential who would find it difficult to attend College or the University without financial assistance. The Scholarship is to the value of \$8,645 for up to three years and is received as a rebate on College fees. 2nd yr, Jaimee Herbert (fr 2011); 3rd yr, Adam Wall (fr 2010).*

Wesley College Cultural Scholarship – *The Award is for well rounded artists or performers who have demonstrated outstanding ability in their chosen cultural pursuit and will provide leadership to the College cultural life. The Award is open to current residents of the College and to any applicants who have proven ability and leadership in cultural affairs. The value of the Cultural Scholarship is \$3,000 – Max Mills (fr 2010).*

Wesley College Foundation Indigenous Scholarships – The scholarship is to be awarded to an Australian Indigenous student of the University of Sydney who will be resident at Wesley College, and who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College. The scholarship is to the value of full Wesley College fees – **Blake Barden (fr 2012), Jared Field (fr 2010)**.

WCF Indigenous Scholarships Endowment Fund – In 2007 the Foundation gratefully accepted Greg Alt's (fr 1964) offer to lead an Endowment Appeal for Indigenous Scholarships in order to ensure the sustainability of the Wesley Indigenous Scholarships program (established in 2005) and to support an increase in the number of Indigenous graduates from the University of Sydney. The value of this scholarship in 2011 is \$6000 – **Tamara Riley (fr 2010)**.

John Lindsay Allen Award – Established by Mr Laurie Allen fr 1970 in memory of his father. This scholarship is awarded to a student in their 2nd, 3rd, 4th or post graduate year. The student must be from a remote, regional or rural area of Australia, and who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College. Preference is also given to a student studying German. The award is to the value of \$4000 a year – **Timothy Bartimote (fr 2012)**.

Agricultural Science/Economics Residential Scholarship – A donation was kindly made to the Wesley College Foundation to assist a student from a rural or regional area, preferably from a public high school who is studying either Agricultural Science or Agricultural Economics, and who, but for the scholarship would be unable to attend Wesley College. In 2011 the value of the award is \$3000 – **Johanna Couchman (fr 2010)**.

Linden Edwards Scholarship – a scholarship established by Ms Deborah Edwards fr 1976 and the Edwards family in memory of her sister Linden Edwards (fr 1974) who was an Old Collegian and College Councillor. The scholarship of a minimum \$5000 a year is awarded preferably to a country student. This year with the support of friends this scholarship was increased to \$6,600 – **Harrison Steel (fr 2012)**.

Scholarst Scholarship – Wesley College catering contractors, Scholarst, have kindly donated two half scholarships for students wishing to live at Wesley. Scholarships were awarded to a first year student and a returning student who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College. – First year student **Cariss Peadon (fr 2012)**, Returning Student **Jacob de Paoli (fr 2010)**.

Sydney University Sport and Wesley College Joint Sporting Scholarships – Male and Female sporting scholarships are offered for students of outstanding sporting ability:

Sport	Name	SU Sport	College	Sport	Name	SU Sport	College
Hockey	Georgina Morgan	1,500	1,500	Swimming	Meagan Ramsey	5,000	5,000
Rugby	Daniel Cope	2,000	2,000	Water Polo	Tom Kearns	1,000	1,000
Rugby	Tim Reid	2,000	2,000	Wrestling	Blake Barden	2,500	2,500
Rugby	Jock Merriman	3,000	3,000	TOTAL		\$17,000	\$17,000



Scholarship Students

Thanks to the generosity of our Old Cols and supporters, Wesley College Foundation is able to support many deserving students who would otherwise be unable to attend Wesley.

Blake Barden (fr 2012)

Wesley College Foundation Indigenous Scholarship

Where are you from? Lake Illawarra, NSW

Where do you live at Wesley? Fresher Alley

Degree you are currently studying?

Bachelor of Education: Secondary Human Movement & Health Education

When do you hope to graduate? 2015

Scholarship you are currently holding at Wesley?

I am lucky enough to hold 2 scholarships, a Sports Scholarship and an Indigenous Scholarship.

Can you tell us a bit about these scholarships and what it means to you?

Being an indigenous Australian is something I was born with and is something I will leave this world with. It is the image I find myself having, both good and bad when you look at it in a social matter but this is who I am and I could not be prouder of my culture and my people, we have all come a long way since the late 70s. I look forward to closing the gap between us and the rest of Australia. I am very privileged to be awarded an Indigenous scholarship and I will continue to make the most of it.

I also have my Sports Scholarship that has been awarded because of my Freestyle Wrestling background. I have been doing this since I was a kid and it is something I love doing, I doubt I will ever stop loving it. Winning Nationals was one of the best moments of my life so far and I have learnt so many essential things about life doing this sport. If it weren't for Wrestling I probably wouldn't be at uni, I would probably be taking bad advice instead of listening to mum and my wrestling coach. Again, it is a great privilege to be a holder of a Sports Scholarship and I'll try my hardest not to screw it all up.

Why did you choose Wesley over the other colleges? I knew I would apply to Wesley over all other colleges because it suits me and my character a lot more. I could never see

myself going to an all boys college and St Andrews and St Johns just didn't do it for me. I immediately was drawn into the Wesley College environment and liked how things were run.

Can you elaborate on you current interests and successes as a talented wrestler?

Ever since I was little I had a dream of wrestling in the Olympic Games, I am glad to say I am still chasing this dream, unfortunately I only just missed out on the 2012 London Olympic Games, placing second in the Oceania & South Pacific Games. The guy who beat me is wrestling in London at my weight (74kg) – look out for him, he should do us proud.

What other hobbies/extracurricular do you enjoy? I enjoy many things, as much as I'd hate to admit it, I enjoy partying and going out as much as anyone else. I love socialising and hanging out with friends. I grew up near the beach and I used to surf a lot growing up before and after school. I love fishing, I think its very peaceful and allows you to think clearer and have fun when you catch something.

Where do you hope to take your uni degree/what career do you see yourself? I love helping kids as I has a great deal of help growing up, I'd like to give back to that very same age group. I also think it's a great trade and could see myself teaching for many years.

How do you think Wesley and this scholarship has helped you and will help you (and others) in the future? I have learnt so much here at Wesley, someone once told me that you are who you hang around, and the people here are amazing. I think I'm learning more in this amount of time than any time in my life. It's a great environment which allows a better life for me and others around me, especially my mother and my sister who would be proud of me having a great future and knowledge to learn from and to give our family a better name.



Blake Barden

Any further comments you would like to add?

I'd like to give some advice. It is important to follow the rules in life and understand the game that we play, work hard to master the game, and don't complain about it either- we all play the same game. There are 2 kinds of people in the world, winners and losers. Winners train, while losers complain.

Lizzie Arnold (fr 2012)

Elizabeth Gengos (fr 2010)

David Greatorex Scholarship

Elizabeth is in her 3rd year of a Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology) and has been awarded the Dr David Greatorex Scholarship since her first year at Wesley. The scholarship is awarded to an all-round student with demonstrated financial need, and as Lizzy says herself, "I wouldn't be in Sydney, let alone Wesley or Sydney Uni without it."

After matriculating from Calrossy Anglican School in Tamworth in 2008, Lizzy took a gap year in the UK to work at Cheltenham Ladies College. While abroad, she made the decision to move away from a Communications and International Studies major, and into Speech Pathology, following her growing interest in working with children and disabilities. The scholarship has meant that Lizzy is able to support herself in her studies at the university's Cumberland campus, as well as work fewer hours and dedicate more time to her studies. Now living in metropolitan Sydney, Lizzy also feels that she has more opportunities in the medical profession. Having done a course in Applied Behaviour Analysis, she now works with two families who have children living with disabilities.

Wesley College has also been a source of new opportunities and experiences. Lizzy was



Elizabeth Gengos

chosen to join the team of students travelling and working in Asia as a part of the college's Overseas Study Experience (OSE). The trip features many firsts for Lizzy, including going to Asia. Each participant was required to organise their own charitable placement while abroad. Lizzy sought out a placement with Project Indochina, working in a health assessment clinic in rural Cambodia. While there, she was involved in the developmental screening of children in six different communes, and had the opportunity to work with Khmer and Australian workers. The placement took advantage of the skills Lizzy has gained through her studies, and opened her eyes to future career options—including opening her own clinic in a rural community. Wesley College was able to provide financial, as well as practical support for the trip through the group leader and past Wesley student Susan McKensy (nee Cochrane).

Some of the pictures Lizzy took during her placement were sold in the Art Exhibition over Parents Weekend earlier this year, and is now organising her own exhibition with a fellow USYD student and clinic volunteer she met abroad. She hopes to use the proceeds to help with more of the work done by Project Indochina. Over the next two years, Lizzy is seeking placement in Darwin, or a rural community such as Broken Hill with the Royal Flying Doctor Service as a part of her degree. As for life after her studies, working as a speech pathologist and with children with disabilities, travelling and opening her own clinic are amongst her ambitions. After OSE, Lizzy could see herself taking

advantage of the increasing number of work opportunities in Asia to combine her love of travelling and working with disadvantaged communities.

Bernard Lagana (fr 2010)

Rev Norman Webb Scholarship

Bernard is the college's only third year undertaking studies at the Sydney Conservatorium, and holds the Rev. Norman Webb Scholarship for his academic and performance potential. Currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Music, Bernie specialises in Classical Saxophone Performance.

"Having the Rev. Norman Webb Scholarship has meant that I have been able to attend Wesley for two and a half years, as opposed to maybe one." The scholarship and development program is designed to attract high achieving students to the College that might not others have expressed interest due to financial need. He notes that the expectations of Performance students are a lot higher than those of other music specialisations, and his place at Wesley has been great for his practical studies in his third year. Having fewer face-to-face hours, and being more self-directed, Bernie has found the college crypt, chapel and junior common room to be fantastic spaces on hand for him to practice in the lead up to assessments.

College has been more than just a place of residence, and although Bernie notes how convenient it has been for his early starts and late finishes having meals cooked, he is also grateful that the scholarships has provided him with opportunities only a traditional college on campus can do. "The opportunity to represent Wesley at Palladian Cup on several occasions has been amazing! The support I received from my fellow Collegians at these events is incomparable to any performance I have done, and probably any performance I will do in the future! It is a great feeling!" He also enjoys getting behind the sports teams in the Rawson and Rosebowl competitions which he sees adding a yet another dimension to the college experience.

Bernie has a great pride of place when it comes to Wesley, and in particular, the



Bernard Lagana

diverse range of friends he has made over the years. Away from his liked minded friends at the Sydney Conservatorium, Wesley's diversity has shone through as an opportunity for Bernie to meet people of different backgrounds, experiences and strengths. He gets a sense of enjoyment of sharing his music stories with those in the dining hall- and conversely is able to learn so much from other collegians taking different paths. These foreign worlds colliding, and the highly social aspect of college life have been some of his most treasured opportunities.

When asked about life after University and Wesley, Bernie is interested to see where his current music projects and studies will take him. "I always said that if I didn't have anything going by the end of 4th year that I would move on and study something else, but at the moment I think I'm going to stick with it." This semester, his music studies take him to Colorado, USA as he embarks on a six-month exchange program. With an interest in anatomy and physiology, he also contemplates getting into the field of musicians' injuries later in life. Bernie sees the possibility of researching treatment and prevention as a way of combining some of his interests.

He has just returned from a two-week tour of Europe with the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Chamber Choir, along with fellow Collegian Richard Daley (fr 2011). Visiting Wurzburg in Northern Bavaria, Germany, as well as London and Paris, the highlights of this tour include singing two Evensong services in Westminster Abbey and singing Sunday morning mass to a congregation of over 2,500 people in Notre Dame.

Adam Wall (fr 2012)

The Courtyard

– a new Heart for Wesley

By 2011 the former courtyard between the Dining Hall, the Wyllie Wing, and the old Wing was in disarray after years of use and mis-use. It had badly damaged paving surfaces, an untidy and unhygienic “service area” for functions which was located in the colonnade directly outside student rooms, and a spiral staircase which did not meet current regulations.

The newly completed courtyard is now a new “heart” for Wesley, enhancing the Dining Hall uses and its outlook, and as multi use centre and reconnection with the Wyllie Wing. This new Courtyard opens out from the Dining Hall through three new sets of glazed double doors, allowing functions to spill out from it into the open air. It will also be used for outdoor events - concerts and plays, for sporting event presentations, and as a gathering place before and after meals. With additional outdoor furniture it will be a meeting place for everyone, and for those myriad of other social uses that the College students of the future will no doubt invent.

The new design continues the effect of the existing Callaghan colonnade by building new covered ways along each side, providing shelter for the new Dining Hall doorways, and also for a newly formed entrance corridor to the lowest level of Wyllie Wing. This solves the formerly awkward junction with Wyllie Wing by building two wide sets of steps each side of a new Servery, up to the level of the entrances into the Common Room areas. These steps add to the multi use facility of the Courtyard by making it a small amphitheatre, with the lower “terracing steps” available for spectators overlooking the main area, as well as from a higher and much larger landing which projects as a roof to the Servery and out over the Courtyard below. A straightforward set of steps then rises up from this landing directly to the previously underutilised roof terrace adjacent to the Library.

The newly paved courtyard then reconnects Callaghan Wing through a new vestibule from the main entrance, and then provides easy access through to Wyllie Wing, including the Junior Common Room, the Library and the Roof Terrace. At the lower

level of Wyllie Wing the old laundry and store areas have been replanned to include new toilets, an enlarged laundry and store, as well as a wide new entrance corridor.

Bruce Pryor (fr. 1956)



As it was and as it is today (next page)



Brett Jobson fr 1965

A Power Hitter for Wesley Made Power His Business

Brett Jobson was always quick. Big and muscular, he would belt boundary after boundary for Wesley in the Intercoll cricket, forcing the fielding sides back to the fence line, then dab tiny shots at midwicket and score singles at leisure while desperate fieldsmen tried to run in. It is that speed and dexterity which appears to have characterised his whole life. He had hopes of studying law when he left school but no legal firm was offering a scholarship at the time, so he took up electrical engineering on a scholarship offered by Prospect County Council. That was to lead to a career that took him all over Australia and the world, including Mauritius, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Argentina, Burma, Thailand, India, Britain, France, South Africa and New York, working for a variety of companies, the World Bank and the United Nations.

If he got away with a few cheeky singles for Wesley, Brett and his wife, Jane, were able to get through cyclones in Darwin and Mauritius and Brett, an outburst of shooting in Mindanao, an island in the Philippines. Accepted as a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers in 1986, Brett strode through the professional world with ease, handled huge projects, dealt with a multitude of nationalities, and lent a helping hand, including a significant contribution after



Brett, College Cricketer 1965-66

Darwin's cyclone, Tracy.

Brett, born in Gosford in 1948, went to Gosford High with another of Wesley's luminaries, John Dauth. Opting for the engineering course at Sydney University, and finding private boarding in Sydney did not give him much sporting outlet, he came to Wesley in 1965, sharing a room with Paul "Penguin" Benson (Fr 1965). He quickly got into his stride on the sporting field, playing cricket and baseball for the university, and representing Wesley in cricket, rugby, shooting, rowing and athletics. He played social golf with Howard Spark and David Hardaker, and spent long hours at the Wesley snooker table. He met an Arts student, Jane Churches, in 1967 and was rather preoccupied. The engineering faculty invited him to have another go at his third year, which he did. He married in 1968, completed his course the following year and graduated in 1970.

Brett worked initially for Prospect County Council as a substation design and construction engineer. Then Nabalco, an alumina and bauxite mining company in Australia's far north, offered him a position as lead electrical engineer in their Darwin office. He moved to Darwin in 1973. "The Whitlam Government was spending considerable amounts on infrastructure for Aboriginal communities," he said. "I was responsible for the design and construction of power and water supply systems for a number of communities including Maryvale and Ti Tree. I was also consulting with the Northern Territory Electricity Commission on various transmission and distribution projects as well as to the parent company, Nabalco, on projects associated with their bauxite mine and treatment plant at Nhulunbuy."

Brett got on well in Darwin, representing the territory in cricket and Darwin in baseball. Brett and Jane, now with a son, Jason, born in 1970, were there in the northern suburbs on Christmas Eve, 1974,



when Cyclone Tracy hit. Brett and Jane, like so many others, retreated as their house was progressively demolished. "One house behind us was blown off its piles and landed in our back yard," he said. "The house next door had lost its roof and all its external walls. The family was huddled in what was left of the bathroom screaming for help. Brett and his family, unable to do much, ran down to a granny flat below their house and huddled in the bathroom till the storm abated. The neighbours took the opportunity as the eye passed over to get better shelter before the storm resumed with even great ferocity. The next morning most houses had been reduced to "dance floors", as Brett described it. His house had not been totally destroyed but the family lost everything. Jane and Jason were evacuated to Adelaide a few days later but Brett stayed on for more than a month, supervising volunteer electrical crews who came to Darwin from all over Australia. Some months later, Nabalco closed its consulting business and Brett left Darwin. But a leading engineering company, Macdonald, Wagner & Priddle (MWP) asked him to return to Darwin to open an office for them. The family returned in 1975.

In 1979, MWP was awarded a contract to manage the design and construction of a new bulk sugar export facility at Port Louis in Mauritius. Brett relocated there and took the position of electrical engineer. He moved on from that to become project manager. "Construction of the terminal, the third largest in the world, involved contractors from 10 countries," Brett said. "Work involved travel to India and South Africa to inspect equipment prior to shipment. The first ship to load sugar at the terminal, the "Khian Sailor", was loaded in less than two days whereas the previous method of sugar bags and lighters took between 15 and 25 days per ship. To see the expressions on our

clients' faces when the first ship left on the third day was very rewarding."

Brett enjoyed the experience of working with engineers from different countries and seeing their work methods. "It was also my first experience of the feeling of satisfaction and achievement at the successful completion of a major and complex project," he said. Brett and his wife had a beachside home next to Club Med, played tennis and golf, went to parties and joined cruises round the island. Despite the hard work, he said, life could not be better. A cyclone, Claudette, hitting the island with wind speeds of up to 221 km/h rather dampened things. Brett's house survived virtually intact, but when he went out the following day he saw huge damage, with yachts washed up onto the beach. "Fortunately, the generator we bought after Cyclone Tracy was still working in Mauritius," he said. "It was required for the next 30 days including a very large gathering on New Year's Eve when much Phoenix beer was consumed."

Brett returned to Sydney in 1981 and worked in MWP's head office. During the next four years, he busied himself with design for numerous electrical and control systems, and this period saw the introduction of computerisation. Included in his projects was the Australia Telescope at Narrabri, which required six 22-metre antennae used for radio astronomy. He also continued work on overseas projects in the Philippines and Thailand. "One such project was the design and construction of a coal unloading port at the city of Iligan in the south island of Mindanao," he said. "At that time there was considerable unrest and violence by what is now known as the Islamic Liberation Front. One afternoon after work we were enjoying a San Miguel at our one-star hotel in Iligan when we were interrupted by many gunshots. My bodyguard was a young lady about five feet tall with a pistol about one foot long. She immediately jumped onto the wall surrounding the hotel and dealt with the perpetrator."

Back in Sydney in 1985, Brett was appointed a director of MWP. The following



Brett and Jane at a Wesley Formal

year he was accepted as a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers. He became project director for the World Bank, planning and designing for a major upgrade of the export grain terminal at Puerto de Ingeniero White, Bahia Blanca, Argentina. He made numerous long visits there, and was referred to as "Ingeniero (Engineer) Jobson", and became "selectively fluent" in Spanish. He was required to extend his services when a dust explosion caused extensive damage to the No 5 elevator at Bahia Blanca. At the same time, he was project director for a UN Development Program rice mill rehabilitation project in Burma. "Much time was spent travelling to Buenos Aires then returning home via New York for discussions with the UNDI," he said. "Sometimes, I would divert to Paris for discussions with French National Railways with whom MWP had a technology transfer agreement."

Brett worked as deputy project director for the design of the Port Kembla Grain Terminal. In 1988, he went out on his own, as Brett Jobson Pty Ltd, and found that six months working for himself was lucrative but fiddly and he missed the big projects. In 1989, he joined Sinclair Knight, an engineering consultancy company, as a director and subsequently as managing director of the Ewbank Preece holding company for companies in Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia. Through the Hong Kong office, he became

involved in Gordon (now Sir Gordon) Wu's privately developed 700MW Shajiao "B" power station in Guandong Province, China.

When Ewbank Preece wound up in 1993, Brett was briefly out of work, but joined Worley now WorleyParsons, a company servicing the energy, resource, and complex process industries. He soon found himself nominated to manage an industrial "alliance" between Worley and the Mobil oil company. He then became involved in a technology agreement between Worley and the US Power Group and consulted in construction and development activities. Major projects included design and construction of the 288MW Mt Stuart (Townville) power station with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. Also, with the ANZ Bank, he became involved in the development, design, construction and ownership of the Kalgoorlie to Esperance gas pipeline and Esperance power station. While working with Mitsubishi, Brett became involved in a major contract for the design of a copper smelter with the Japanese Gas Corporation. "Working concurrently on very large projects with two major Japanese Corporations was extremely challenging," he said.

In about 2000, Brett stepped down from his managing director role and transferred to Worley's head office as director for technology and developments. But sadly, just before Worley was listed on the stock exchange, Brett became ill and ended up in the emergency department of the Royal North Shore Hospital. He "retired hurt" being forced to finish work. Brett and Jane now live in Morning Bay, Pittwater, surrounded by national park, and follow the activities of their two grandchildren, Luke, 15 and Tayla, 12. He spends time at Hawks Nest with Neil and Lynne Alexander, Neil being a 1966 fresher, trying to catch flathead. "I also enjoy visiting Howard and Elly Spark (Howard also a fresher of 1965) at the Spark's highly commended Kingsdale winery on the road to Crookwell," Brett said. "Howard's and my career paths in engineering crossed many times over the years. Jane and I have also kept in touch with George Zdenkowski (fr 1965) and Di, most recently at a Leura coffee shop".

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

David FitzSimons fr 1966

He threw gridiron passes and put up big, big buildings

David FitzSimons, one of a rather brilliant brood of brothers and sisters who have made an impact on the world as Rugby players, lawyers, academics and engineers, suffered the ignominy of having to eat his own words, when daughter Kate went to Wesley and read the minutes of a Wesley Students Club meeting from 1968. David, who had done all the macho things, particularly on the sporting field, had spoken out strongly against the admission of women to college! Of course, women did enter college the following year and the rest is history. It certainly did not do younger brother Jim FitzSimons any harm when he followed David into college. Jim, who is now chairman of the Wesley College Foundation, met his wife-to-be Deborah Edwards (fr '76) within an hour of setting foot inside the place.

David grew up on an orange orchard at Peats Ridge, near Gosford, riding his bicycle barefoot six kilometres to school each day. It gave him "plenty of hard work and a minimum of trimmings", he told the Wesleyan. But his teachers were good. One of them, Mrs Gentle, told him as a six-year-old: "David, you're good at maths; you should be an engineer." David's response, on his account, was: "Good. That's one decision, for my future, out of the way." And he stayed with it. "Throughout my secondary schooling at Knox, when careers were discussed, I simply ticked the 'Engineering' box, and since I was good at Maths and Physics, the response was pretty much, 'Go for it!' It wasn't till I was half-way through my first year Engineering, and enjoying Psychology far more than Pure Maths, that I thought, 'Why am I here? – Ah, that's right, Mrs Gentle'."

A boarder at Knox, David looked for something similar at Sydney University. A brilliant cousin had gone to Andrews and, at least initially, failed ignominiously, but another cousin, a more modest achiever, had

gone to Wesley and passed. "I rated myself between the two of them, so I thought, 'Wesley for me!'" David said. It was to be the start of a FitzSimons Wesley dynasty. Four of David's five siblings followed him to Wesley {Andrew (fr '71), James (fr '76), Trish (fr '78) & Peter (fr '80)} and the next generation of the family is also well represented {Kate Effney (fr '98), Niall (fr '09), Ruben (fr '12) & Freya (accepted for fr '13)} – at least one representative in each of the last six decades.

David's recollections of life at Wesley are colourful. "I remember in first year defending the College entrance on St Patrick's day and ending up being stripped naked by the Johns men in the melee," David said. "We were being consistently beaten at Intercol Rugby. I serenaded Women's College, stole the Ram from the Andrews men at the swimming carnival and drank much vodka and orange on a float for Commem Day." David also recalls debating against Sancta freshers. "I was the lead speaker and performed so poorly that I never debated again," he said. "Through it all, studying, attending college tutorials and making friendships, many of which endure to this day."

In August of his first year, David took a year's leave of absence to take up an AFS scholarship in the United States. "I had a serious year of study and sport at an all male boarding school in New England including gridiron and wrestling. I returned in August 1967, with some new skills including a gridiron pass, put my head down for a very concentrated and daunting 12 weeks-- and surprised myself by passing first year with four credits." In 1968, David played Rugby



David and Merrie FitzSimons

for University and College, and delighted spectators with his brilliant gridiron passes, which sent the balls half-way across the field. He continued in the same vein in 1969 and won a cadetship with the Commonwealth Department of Works which gave him more economic freedom.

David found the introduction of women hardly ruined the college. Rather, it prospered. He tried for Senior Student that year, but came in a distant second to Greg Irwin. But the following year, 1970, produced a more favourable result, when he won narrowly from John Dauth. His Engineering Year book states that he got home on "the female donkey vote", but a win is a win. Wesley won its last Rugby match that year, against St Paul's, 22-20, when a late try by Kevin Bowman was converted by John Peters after the final bell. David contributed further to the college's sporting fortunes by winning the Intercol 110 metres hurdles in record time.

After being together for most of his time at Wesley, David married Merrie Garland the year after completing his course, in 1971. That year he also started his career with the Commonwealth Department of Works, as a structural designer. Within a year, he was site engineer on the Law Courts Building in Queens Square, Sydney. In 1973 he started with a consulting engineering company, Miller Milston & Ferris, which led him to supervisory roles in a number of high rise

buildings in the Sydney CBD and with Pettit and Sevitt housing in suburban Sydney. In 1975, with Merrie, he took a trip to Europe and settled in London, where he worked for the National House Building Council again as a site engineer, taking time off to do camping and sightseeing trips before returning to Australia, via America, in 1976.

David then decided he wanted to be on the building side rather than the consulting side of engineering. To this end he became site engineer and then site manager for the \$100m Qantas Building in Grosvenor Street, Sydney, for Dillingham Corporation. "This was a fascinating structure with six 100 tonne steel trusses spanning 30m, 200m high off form concrete columns, exposed precast prestressed concrete floor structure, transversely post stressed and suspended on wire cables," David said. "It was an engineer's dream but unfortunately a very troubled industrial site with many Builders Labourers Federation strikes, one lasting three months! It took more than five years to build 42 storeys!"

David and Merrie had their first child, Kate, in early 1980 and a second, Eliot, in late 1981. David resigned from Dillinghams and set up his own consultancy, Aranac Pty Ltd. It had one main client, a Gulf State owned company, wanting to invest petro dollars in a high rise building project in North Sydney. "Because of difficulties with getting council approval, the project took three years to get off the ground," he said. "But while I waited I had the enormous advantage of having a regular income and very little to do. I built up other clients mostly being small builders for whom I did estimates, engineering design and contract administration. When we won a big contract I went partners with the builder, eventually setting up a separate building company and ultimately buying out my partner in 1987."

Since that time, David and Merrie have run Aranac, building or renovating a lot of high end houses, together with industrial work and government projects, including schools. It also does occasional developments, mainly in the domestic sphere. The couple developed a child care centre which they ran



David and Merrie in 1970

in partnership for eight years, and in which they still have an interest.

David & Merrie's passion is travel, mostly to Europe and North America. They have done a lot of skiing in Whistler, where they stay with Old Coll Stuart McKenzie (fr '66), at his holiday house. In 2010 they spent a month in Antarctica. They also do a lot of camping, including trips to the Kimberly, Lake Eyre, Uluru, Kangaroo Island, Fraser Island and Cradle Mountain, Tasmania.

David's other sporting passions are sailing, tennis and watching the odd rugby match. He has a yacht (owned in partnership, for many years with Miles Franklin {fr'67}) which he takes out regularly on Friday evening Twilight races from the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. He also crews in some serious ocean events, including many Coffs Harbour races and two Lord Howe Island Races. "Brother James and I often attend the Waratahs and Wallabies' home games, catching a chauffeured ride to and from, with brother Peter. "When we arrive Jim and I take our uncovered seats with the hoi poloi, queuing for ages for beer in plastic cups, while Pete retires to a corporate box with others of Sydney's movers and shakers where they have catered canapés and champagne – no respect for his elders, but at least the ride is very much appreciated!" David said. "I still have a Triumph TR2 sports car which I use most weeks. It matches the one I had at college, but with the significant advantage of being in good

condition, so there is no need to spend untold hours personally repairing it, as was the case previously."

Merrie and David spend considerable time with their infant granddaughter which is their great joy. But there has also been sadness in their family life. A little over five years ago, they lost Eliot. He had been battling depression and committed suicide. "The immense sadness caused by his loss casts a shadow over our lives but we count our great blessings and just get on with life as best we can, there being no alternative," David said. "I am currently preparing for retirement, but attend my office most days, albeit working at three quarter pace – I often get in late, do a few hours work, have lunch with the troops and when they return to their desks, I typically retire to the couch for an afternoon nap, before doing a sometimes long afternoons work.

"I look back on my time at Wesley with great affection and gratitude. Time and maturity has brought a great sense of how privileged we all were to have had a place in Wesley. At the time, I probably was a bit blasé about it, not realizing how much the church and major donors had contributed to the facilities I casually enjoyed, at very reasonable cost. My minor role in being a member of the Wesley College Foundation is, in a small way, a recognition of the need to repay some of this significant debt."

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

Don George fr 1944

From Home-Made Radios to Global Nuclear Technology The Noisy Wesleyan Who Became a Vice-Chancellor

Don George was 18 years old, a student at Wesley and a second-year Engineering undergraduate at Sydney University in 1945 when the United States ended World War II with a couple of atomic bombs. The implications for Mankind were obvious but for the young Donald, who aspired to become an electrical engineer, it foretold potentially limitless opportunities. "As Physics students, we sought explanations from our lecturers, but because of wartime censorship, the whole story of the Manhattan Project was yet to be revealed," he told the Wesleyan. "By the time I graduated in 1949, with a BSc and a BE in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

(with First Class Honours in the latter) the fearful applications of nuclear energy were well understood world-wide and many of those involved in the Manhattan Project regretted that their first application of the new energy release source was for war purposes, even though it brought the Pacific war to a sudden end. There was an urge to 'beat swords into ploughshares' and to demonstrate the peaceful application of power generation".

That sent Don on a long course that included work with the UK Atomic Energy Authority, followed by membership of a team that built and commissioned the reactor and installed other facilities at the

Lucas Heights nuclear power facility. It was only the disinclination within Australia to go further down the nuclear path, reinforced by opposition to the harnessing of nuclear power, that he did not continue in this field. But his academic prowess was so great that Don went on to hold the Chair of Mechanical Engineering at Sydney University, to be chairman of the Professorial Board, then to take up the position as vice-chancellor of Newcastle University. He served a stint as chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee and of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission (AAEC).

Not bad for for a "green country boy", as



Don talking to the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, on the occasion of the first International Reactor School at Harwell in 1955.



Don George representing Australia at the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) General Assembly in Vienna, 1978

Don described it, arriving at Wesley from Canberra as a 17-year-old in 1944. It was still the dark days of World War II, with the war still far from won, with the college half-occupied by the RAAF and many of the students who would then have been finishing their senior years fighting for their country. Bert Wyllie put Don and another country boy in a bedroom over his study, assuming they would be quiet, but being quickly disillusioned, he sent them off to individual rooms. Don, sadly, could not make much of a contribution to Wesley's sporting performance, but did contribute in other ways, including editing the 1947 edition of the *Wesley College Journal*. He also helped students in other ways, such as building radio sets for them. He made 10 pounds profit on each set, but had to ensure they were in good working order, and for that he was sometimes called to account.

"Most evening meals in my first year I would be seated at the table at the western end of the dining hall," he said. "It was facing the plaque honouring one of the original students in college. This was the late Professor John Irvine Hunter, a medical professor at the age of 20 years, but dead before he was 30. I used to wonder at his intellect and the loss of talent his early death represented. We were given Physics

tutorials by Phyllis Nicol, from Women's College. She was of the legendary school and first-year textbook, Booth and Nicol. We [my mates and I] avoided seats in the front row for reasons I won't go into, but I guess it improved our Physics results."

In those years, a student in Engineering could transfer to Science if he (or she) did well enough in Maths and Physics. The student could then go on to complete a Science degree, but if that student chose then to return to Engineering, he could, and would then do the third and four years. It meant a total of one extra year of study to get two degrees. Don took that course, with the consent of the Canberra University College, which was sponsoring him through a scholarship. Don left Wesley in 1948 with pleasant memories and a girlfriend, Lorna Davey, he had met at a meeting of the Student Christian Movement in his first year. "I consider it a great privilege to have spent all my university years in Wesley and to have absorbed its culture and values," he said. "A special advantage for an engineering student was to stay in bed till (almost) 9 am and still be in the Physics Building for a 9 am lecture (but without breakfast, of course)."

Graduating, Don went after a job and in January 1950 he married Lorna in the

Wesley Chapel. He applied to the Sydney Technical College at Ultimo as a part-time lecturer to electrical engineering diploma students. "Somewhat to my surprise, I was offered a full-time lectureship - and even more surprisingly, since I had never practised as an engineer - offered a post at the Newcastle Technical College," he said. Don took the position at Newcastle, which was a division of Sydney Technical College, along with divisions in Wollongong and Broken Hill. Then he started looking again at the field of scientific and technical enterprise he had glimpsed as a student: nuclear power. The outlook was not encouraging. Australia, with its ample reserves of uranium, was in a position to build nuclear power stations. But there were no moves in this direction.

Don continued lecturing diploma students, two years in Newcastle and three at Broken Hill, but kept his eye on developments in nuclear technology. An encouraging sign was that Professor Sir Philip Baxter, who had been involved in nuclear development during World War II, became head of the University of Technology, whose predecessor body had been the Sydney



Don and Lorna George were married at Wesley Chapel on 21 January, 1950

Technical College, and which was destined to become the University of New South Wales. "I made an appointment to see him during a vacation at Broken Hill and asked if I could have some years of leave of absence without pay, so I could go to England to work in the field, without losing my permanent academic position," he said. "His answer was 'no', but he said that if I resigned, he would give me letters of introduction to Sir John Cockroft [head of the Harwell Atomic Energy Research Establishment in the United Kingdom] and others of his friends in the nuclear industry."

Don and Lorna, and year-old son Christopher (the first of two children, they were also to have a daughter, Lynden), returned to Broken Hill where Don and Lorna saved for their fares. They departed for the United Kingdom on the SS Stratheden in January 1954. Because of the need for security clearance from Australia, he did not start at Harwell till July that year. Don was employed by the UK Atomic Energy Authority. He spoke to the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, during Sir Anthony's visit to the First International Reactor School in Harwell and a picture of



College photo, 1944. Don George is 6th from right hand side, front row.

him talking to Sir Anthony was published in *The Times* on September 28, 1955. Don was at Harwell 12 months when the Australian Government, having finally taken an interest in nuclear technology, sending Australians to Britain for training, offered him a job in Australia with the AAEC. Don accepted, and sailed back with his family, this time First Class. "Our gamble paid off and I became part of the team which built and commissioned the High-Flux Australian Reactor [HIFAR] and other facilities at Lucas Heights," he said.

But with nuclear power came controversy, over the problems of disposing of nuclear waste, and the military applications. "I became convinced that the future for

nuclear power stations in Australia was some time away, and as it has turned out, that was not a bad prediction," he said. In 1959, Don resigned from the AAEC and returned to Sydney University, but now as a senior lecturer in Electrical Engineering. That also opened up the possibility of doing his PhD, which would allow him to go much further in an academic degree. Five years later, he submitted his PhD thesis, "Electrical Conduction and Breakdown in High Temperature Gases". He got his doctorate and was promoted to associate professor.

In 1969, the chair in Mechanical Engineering fell vacant and the search committee, having tried unsuccessfully to



Don and Lorna George on the Great Wall of China in 1981.

engage an academic who had taken up a chair in the United States, thought: “What about Don George?” Don put in an application, which was accepted, though not without controversy. *Honi Soit* published an article headed: “Mechanical Chair Given to Electrician”. Staff in the Department of Mechanical Engineering protested to the vice-chancellor. But Don stood his ground. “As a graduate also in mechanical engineering and having worked in the nuclear field overlapping various disciplines, I did not share the objectors’ views,” he said. “Also, it was somewhat difficult for a protest via the Staff Association to succeed. At the time I was the association’s elected president.”

In 1974, Don was elected chairman of the Professorial Board, which automatically made him a member of the University Senate and gave him the job of presenting all academic matters the Senate had to consider. That year, he was also invited to apply for the vice-chancellorship of Newcastle University. He took the job up, and two years later, in 1976, was invited to take the job as chairman of the AAEC. When he said he was too busy being vice-chancellor to take up the job, he was offered the position part-time and, with the approval of his chancellor, took it up. In 1978, he joined the board of the Asian Institute of Technology, based in Thailand, and was to begin a long association with the institute, which entailed making five trips a year to Bangkok.

By 1979, when Don was awarded the Order of Australia, Don was now at the very apex of his career. During his 12 years as vice-chancellor, Newcastle University founded a medical school and to get it going, Don called on the services of a friend from Sydney University, the Dean of Medicine, Professor David Maddison. Professor Maddison’s decision to take up the position in Newcastle astonished his peers but Maddison, with a clean sheet to start a medical faculty from scratch, quickly stepped up to the mark. The faculty’s method of selecting students, and its curriculum, were to be copied by other universities in Australia and New Zealand.

In 1981, Don led a delegation of Australian universities and colleges of advanced education to China to help the Chinese Government re-establish its tertiary education system after the chaos of the Cultural Revolution. In his capacity as chairman of the AAEC, he led Australian delegations to annual meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna for very important discussions on the Non-Proliferation Treaty. He tried, though unsuccessfully, to broaden the scope of the AAEC by changing its name to the Australian Energy Commission, to allow Lucas Heights staff to research non-nuclear as well as nuclear energy. He never lost his belief that nuclear power had a place in the world’s future. In his position with the Asian Institute of Technology, he was party to the successful development of post-graduate technical training in Asia, which meant that post-graduate students who previously studied in Australia or some

other western country would not be so tempted to leave Asia.

In 1986, at the age of 60, Don retired as Professor Emeritus from vice-chancellorship of Newcastle University after a period of 12 years. He moved to the coast, where he became a board member of the Central Coast Area Health, rising to the chairmanship, which he occupied for 10 years, and during his period, Gosford Hospital achieved the status of a teaching hospital for Newcastle University and expanded its services in many directions. In later years, Don and his wife have moved into a retirement village at Wyoming, on the Central Coast, and even there Don has taken a leading role, becoming chairman of the residents’ committee. “My dear wife says I have never served on any board without rapidly becoming its chairman, and she may just be right!” Don said.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)



Emeritus Professor Donald William George, AO.
(Portrait by Yve Close – University of Newcastle Collection)

Meet the Extraordinarily Unconventional

Jillian Kilby fr 2002 Woman, Engineer, Bushie

Jillian Kilby found her vocation in life by a process of elimination. When she had finished her schooling at Loreto Normanhurst, she was handed a 300-page University Admissions Centre book for summaries of every degree offered by the University of Sydney. “I took a red pen and a deck chair – and I crossed out every degree I did not want to do,” Jillian said, in a letter to the *Wesleyan*. “Arts, Languages and History were the first to go. Sometimes it’s easier to identify the things we don’t want to do and by eliminating the options we can settle comfortably on a future defining decision without feeling like it was our choice. The only two options left were Engineering and Architecture.”

Neither was particularly associated with women’s vocations. But Jillian had been taught at school that women could achieve anything, and when she had spoken to a careers adviser, she had spread her arms out to indicate how “big” she wanted her life to be. The careers adviser had suggested civil engineering. Turning to that option, Jillian quickly found some attractive features. Coonamble-born, and having grown up on her parents’ farm, she saw the applicability of engineering to a rural setting, giving her a chance of continuing work should she return there. Architecture was less suited. “I was in awe of the engineering profession, the content of the degree and the broad scope of civil engineering across the built environment and the world,” she said.

Jillian entered Wesley at the age of 17, becoming the third generation which began when her grandfather, John Grattan, enrolled there, and was followed by Jillian’s mother, Shane Grattan (later Kilby, fr 1974), and her uncle, Kim Grattan (fr 1969). “I wore the academic gown that was handed down over those three generations.” Shane had been at college in the early days of women at Wesley, and had become secretary of the Students’ Club. Jillian settled quickly into college life. “I put more into every day,” she said. “I knew that I

could have it all, we would worry about sleep later. I was fortunate to live in Upper Purser for both years with many of the girls and guys that I am still friends with today.”

Jillian took to her studies with relish. “Within six months of starting and completing the Advanced Engineering program, I was engrossed in the course and overwhelmed with the boundless opportunities for my future,” she said. Jillian ran long distance in the Rosebowl athletics team, which was won both years she was at college. “We had an incredible year group, athletically gifted, social, intelligent, diverse and I laughed when one of the seniors mentioned that they had tried to score applicants on appearance,” she said. “Our year group was flattered.” It did not get in the way of her studies. “I was recently reminded by a girlfriend of my unusual study technique during the end of semester exams,” she said. “I would typically lock myself in my room for three to four hours at a time on a long 12-hour study day. When I left my room I would cruise the hallways hoping to find a few people also looking for a distraction. A game, a challenge, a race, a practical joke would ensue. When my short 20 minute study break was finished, I would sneak away, back to my room while the crowd grew and more people left their room to join the fun. Hours later the raucous and laughter could still be heard echoing down the corridor, while I was stealing valuable study time.”

Jillian left Wesley in 2003 and graduated in 2006 with First Class Honours and the Rod McGee Medal for commitment to public works engineering, community and university life. At the awards ceremony, Jillian was invited to join the Civil and Structural Panel of Engineers Australia, Sydney Division. She accepted the invitation. The following year, she won The Landa Sydney Royal Easter Showgirl competition. In the workplace, she had numerous other options, and chose Waterway Constructions, the largest



maritime construction company operating on the east coast of Australia.

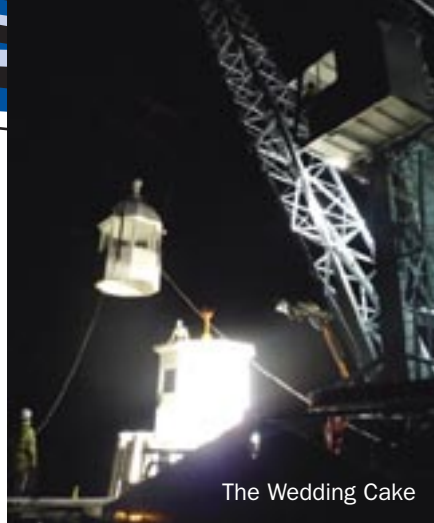
“I was thrown into construction site and management roles and worked closely with my Project Manager and the Site Foreman,” she said. “My first project at 21 years of age was the refurbishment of a two-storey timber wharf building on Sydney Harbour. My office was a two-storey floating barge only a stone’s throw from the Harbour Bridge. While working on my laptop, the pontoon would gently rock side to side and we had to have the occasional meeting on dry land when visiting architects couldn’t find their sea-legs.” Jillian moved onto manage the refurbishment of Koorangang No. 2 Shipping Berth in Newcastle, Circular Quay promenade deck replacement and the reconstruction of the “Wedding Cake” a lighthouse in the Western Channel of Sydney Harbour, which the company’s divers had rescued from the seabed after its collapse. “The projects were unique and involved dynamic teams working to solve design and logistical challenges while keeping the work progressing on site,” she said. “Putting the last concrete ‘tier’ on top in the rain at 4 am with a 35 tonne floating crane and a deadline to finish before the first ferry ran to Manly was memorable.”

Jillian was enjoying extraordinary success, serving not only as practising engineer but as chair of the Civil and Structural Panel of Engineers Australia, Sydney Division. “On the harbour, my favourite project was the restoration of Towns Place North, a 1900 two-storey timber wharf building within the finger wharf complex of Walsh Bay. The building was in a dilapidated condition and had to be supported on new steel piles

driven into rock. These steel piles were driven through the roof, first and ground floor of the building to reach the seabed – using a 200 ft crane from the road. Quite an experience for a young engineer. I felt like I was moving in a linearly upwards direction on the scale of career success versus age [getting ahead quickly], and other people recognised that too.”

“But on September 23, 2009, Sydney was blanketed with thick red dust billowing in from the Outback, the ABC Local early morning broadcaster told people not to think they had woken up in Mars, and the Harbour Bridge was not visible from Jillian’s site office on Circular Quay promenade, Jillian decided on a change of direction. The red dust might have annoyed Sydneysiders, but to Jillian it was a reminder of the bush she so loved. “Growing up in rural New South Wales, I hoped I would one day return to the country to find my place in a strong community, improve rural infrastructure and live life on the land,” she said. “However I also enjoyed my career, I had excellent employers and I worked on Sydney Harbour – which made the decision to leave very difficult. I had met Jay Murray, an agricultural business student from the University of New England, in a remote Nevertire pub seven years before. He was renovating a home his great, great grandparents had built near Walgett in 1880. His family had settled the district in 1865. I moved in with him, determined to have a satisfying career in engineering no matter where I chose to live.”

Jillian settled quickly to life in the bush, living between Walgett and Brewarrina, and put up her shingle: J.L.Kilby Pty Ltd. Named in 2010 as the National Young Professional Engineer of the Year and receiving a high commendation in the Australia’s Most Inspirational Young Engineer of the Year, Jillian quickly found applications for her engineering talents. It was not obvious to everyone that would happen. “I didn’t tell that many people at all that I was moving back to the country to start my own engineering business,” she said. “There was this assumption that I had just followed my heart and was going to wait around for the white picket fence and babies. I even had one woman say to me in the



The Wedding Cake



supermarket, ‘Well, what a waste of a private school education!’ I was floored. It was really horrible.” “I am flat out and I also have the opportunity to mentor people. Engineering students come out from Sydney University to me to get experience. They don’t think they have the same opportunities they get in the city,” she said. “It’s true that it is not all multi-million dollar projects but there is a lot of independence and satisfaction.”

With so few engineers in the bush, Jillian found there was constant demand for her services.

“I fulfil a project management role for the client, Government or Council and engage consultants located in the larger regional centres or capital cities to complete a variety of projects that may be left on the shelf ‘for later’ if I was not so readily available and proactive,” she said. “The variety of projects keeps me motivated and excited, in the last 12 months I have been involved in the development of a bowling green, community hall, training centre, toilet block, supermarket, fast loading grain facility, skate park and native indigenous nursery. I have also been working in strategic roles in the compilation of \$1 billion worth of road upgrade projects in Western NSW for the Minister for Western NSW the Hon Kevin Humphries as well as water management studies and a proposal to upgrade a weir for town water supply.

“And working with communities has also opened the door for me to do pro-bono work where community groups may have never been able to get funding for before.” One project Jillian has been involved with has been an indoor rodeo arena in Coonamble, which the community had been trying to get off the ground for 12 years. Through the group’s efforts (including GHD, Regional Development Australia

and Multiplex), they drew in the services of Professor David Waite, head of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of New South Wales, and had engineering students take on aspects of the design as part of their training. It was important, she said, that rural communities with limited funding had access to higher level planning and engineering resources.

She also got the harmony of rural life. “We live on the Barwon River,” she said. “So I usually take Cooper and Frankie, our black Labradors for a run along the river bank or through the irrigation fields. We also waterski on the weekends and I am active with the Walgett Show Society, Jockey Club and Football Club in Walgett.” Jillian follows the country show movement and provided opportunities for youth in agriculture through the Royal Agricultural Society Foundation, the Young Farmer Challenge and the Showgirl Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. She is presently a director of the Royal Agricultural Show Foundation. She has just returned from New York where she spent a month travelling with 10 engineers she had studied with.

“I am not sure what it means to have a big life, I know what success looks and feels like, and I am as happy today as ever. I figure if I keep my foot on the gas for long enough I will get to this peak where I can look down upon my life and say – yep that’s big enough. I’ll just rest here a while.” She sees a great application for engineering. “We bring the team together to discuss the design, architecture, budget, program, materials, logistics, environmental and social impacts,” she said. “The team will be made up of representatives from all interested parties and together you evaluate the best solution. Wouldn’t it be great if there were more engineers in Parliament!”

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

John Agnew fr 1952

Power plants and petroleum refineries he had, but a class of Arab boys changed his course in life

Most Wesleyans, having spent their college years discussing the world as it is and how it should be, look forward to getting out and having some adventure, perhaps in exotic locations. That was the experience of John Agnew (Fr 1952), a graduate in chemical engineering, who did not want to stay on for postgraduate study and vowed he would not become a teacher as his grandfather had been. "Have degree, will travel," was his guiding motto, so he jumped at the opportunity to start his career working at a BP refinery in England.

Two years later, at the tender age of 23, he accepted a job offer to work at BP's refinery in the British Protectorate of Aden, which was to give him a lot of experience quickly. He was aware of the turbulence of the region, especially when told to go to Muscat in the Gulf of Oman to certify safe operation for repairs to a tanker that had been damaged and salvaged. With \$US100 in his pocket, he travelled by air-force transport on a circuitous route for three days, and thence in a British Army jeep along a mined road, arriving at a Muscat port. "I lived on board for a week while the welding was carried out," he said. "While this was not engineering as such, it involved some of the characteristics that good

engineers need to develop: initiative and ingenuity, and in this case some good luck!"

John found his way back to Aden, still with \$US100 in his pocket, and was to spend four years in Aden, during which he met a wonderful nursing sister, Elizabeth. He married her and, despite his earlier vows not to embark on higher degree studies and not to teach, decided to devote the rest of his career to academia.

To start at the beginning, John attended Sydney High, where he was school captain, stroke of the First IV and member of the 2nd XV. He enrolled at Sydney University to study engineering and accepted an invitation from an old school friend to go to dinner at Wesley. "Colleges had been unknown to me," John told the Wesleyan. "To say I was impressed would be an understatement. The prospect of getting to know a whole lot of new people in a new and vibrant environment, with extra tutorials and no daily travel to and from home was enticing, so it was a matter of convincing my parents that it was worth it."

His parents were persuaded, and John entered Wesley in 1952, at the beginning of his second year. He found there was a huge attrition rate in chemical engineering. Of about 20 who started the course in 1951, 12 continued to the second year and only three were to get through to the 3rd and 4th years. One of those who stayed the distance with John was Don Ebert (Fr 1951). They were joined in the third year by three others, one being

another Wesleyan, Ian Reid. Another was Rupert Bligh, brother of Wesleyan Bob Bligh. "Lectures were quite cosy with six in the class, and we got to know the staff quite well," he said.

John became "moderately involved" in student politics. He was elected president of the Engineering Students Association, a member of the Students Representative Council and of the Union Board. He twice rowed in the Wesley VIII and played for Wesley in the 1st and 2nd XVs. He was also treasurer of the Wesley Students Club. But he still managed to graduate in 1955 with First Class Honours. He got a job in England, accepting a job as a junior engineer at the BP refinery in Kent. "Spending some time (including shift work) learning about oil processing and product analysis, I was assigned to a group solving operational problems," he said. "Being one of a very few chemical engineers among mainly scientists, I quickly found that I was at a distinct advantage in a processing environment." And there was time to do fit in some touring of UK and Europe as well, often with fellow engineers from Sydney University.

John's stint in Aden, leaving aside the trip through the minefield to Muscat, was most enjoyable. "After working from 7 am to 3 pm each week day, and 7 am to 11 am Saturday, the time was our own," he said. "We spent much of this on the golf course, or swimming or socialising in the evenings at the club." John married Elizabeth in Devon in 1959, with Wesleyan David Nott among those present, went to Switzerland for a brief honeymoon and returned to Aden for a further two years. "I had a change of mind about teaching when I was asked to teach some young Arab boys some basic chemistry at the new Aden Technical Institute," he said. "This turned out to be quite a challenge, as I ended up spending half my time teaching them English so they could understand the chemistry, which was



very basic. My thinking was: if I could enjoy teaching this much, why should I not enjoy teaching Australian students some of the things I had learned in my six years in the oil industry.”

John took up an academic position with Melbourne University, where he joined Professor Owen Potter in running two courses simultaneously, at the university and at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. Adjustment to academic life was more difficult than he had anticipated because much of the material John had learned as student he had not used. But he caught up without too much trouble and was fortunate to be allocated topics for lectures where he could draw on his practical experience. But there were other problems, such as constructing urgently needed lab facilities in a department that had not been well established. But John, now with a young family of three sons, got on top of that and the faculty turned out some quite outstanding graduates.

After four years, John did some more consulting in the UK with BP, working on a world-first computer-controlled refinery in Belfast. The family returned to Melbourne, where John took up a post at the newly-established Monash University. Despite having a full teaching load and a young family, John started a part-time PhD studies in chemical reactor engineering, which he completed in five years in 1967. “To help students get practical experience during their course, they spent long ‘vacation’ time working in industry,” John said. “My head of department thought it would be a good idea for one of us to supervise students at the Geelong Oil Refinery. I was chosen to do so several times, which did not help my PhD work!”

John spent 19 years at Monash, during which time he was promoted to associate professor. He kept up an active participation in the petroleum industry, working with advisory technological investigations for Shell Australia Ltd, Petroleum Refineries Australia Ltd as well as British Petroleum in Belfast. Some of his university research focused on chemical reactor behaviour and oil processing. He was co-developer of a patented new process for waste oil



reprocessing. That took him on to coal processing. John was also busy with professional associations such as the Institution of Engineers Australia, the Institution of Chemical Engineers Engineering and the Australian Institute of Petroleum.

In 1983, John accepted the Chair in Chemical Engineering at Adelaide University. The department was at a low ebb when he arrived, but he set about reinvigorating it with considerable success. Three cooperative research centres were established, being: Tissue Growth and Repair, New Technologies for Power Generation from Low-Rank Coal, and Welding and Joining. Through the second of these, he was successful with colleagues in developing substantially improved efficiency of brown coal-fired power station operation generation. In 1991, John received the ICI Award for Excellence in Chemical Engineering. He was Dean of Engineering from 1988 to 1991 and did a second stint as Dean from 1995, when he was also appointed executive head of Engineering, Mathematical and Computer Sciences.

John retained his interest in teaching, and particularly enjoyed lecturing to large first-year classes. He championed the adoption of a new professional title, “process engineering” to better describe the broad perspective of the discipline of chemical engineering, and lamented a trend to reduction of broad engineering content in all university engineering degree courses. He recognised the need to bring more females into the profession and the need to orientate the profession more towards society’s needs,

such as environmental protection and manufacturing efficiency. During his time as a senior academic he went on visiting professorships to the United States, and became a Visiting Fellow of Trinity College Cambridge. He attended conferences in the UK, USA, Europe, Taiwan and Japan. In 1997, he was presented with the CHEMECA Medal, which is the highest award given in the chemical engineering profession in Australia and New Zealand, and in 2003 was awarded a Centenary Medal for services to chemical engineering.

In 1998, after a career in which he had contributed more than 110 papers, dealing with such things as reactor design and kinetics, coal combustion and beneficiation, and education, John retired. But he remained busy. He accepted a position as was appointed a sessional Commissioner of the South Australian Environment, Resources and Development Court, a position he holds to this day on a part-time basis. He also accepted an appointment as executive officer of the Australian Council of Engineering Deans for five years. Otherwise he keeps busy as a Rotarian and in his capacity as a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. “Added to that, I enjoy rowing competitively on a regular basis in Masters Grade Eights and Fours with the Riverside Rowing Club,” he said. “Elizabeth keeps my rowing fitness up to scratch with gym work. Our family, including three granddaughters, being in Sydney and Melbourne means we travel interstate quite frequently.”

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

Graeme Kelleher from 1953

The engineer on the big canvass

Graeme Kelleher started his professional life building the things engineers usually do: roads, bridges, dams, pipelines and mills. At Wesley, he was attracted to the table tennis and billiard tables and the chance of female company from the Ladies' College. He set out, like thousands of other engineering graduates, full of energy and a desire to design and build things. But somewhere in his career, his attention was turned towards the environment, a field which engineers have to take into account in most of their projects but which some find irksome. Not so for Graeme, who went on, among many things, to become a Commissioner on the Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry, Chairman of the Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Chairman of the High Seas Task Force on Marine Protected Areas for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). In a world where there is increasing concern about pollution and despoiling the environment, and in particular the world's water resources, professionals with Graeme's outlook were coming into their own.

Graeme, born in 1933, came to Wesley in 1953, in his third year of engineering. He had been living in rented accommodation in the inner city for the first two years and Wesley was a great improvement. Not that he had much free time. He had a cadetship with the then Commonwealth Department of Works, which required him to work with the Department through all university vacations except for three weeks at Christmas time. It gave him invaluable experience. Graduating a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1955, he worked for the Department in Canberra for two years, running the Materials Testing Station and carrying out small-scale structural design. In 1957, he paid off the rest of his five-year bond with the Department and migrated to Canada, where he spent four great years doing the structural/civil designs of a hydro-electric project, a pulp and paper mill, airports and structures including

bridges and roads, dams, pumping stations, penstocks and redwood pipelines. In Vancouver, he married a New Zealander, Fleur Meachen.

Fleur and Graeme left Vancouver in 1961 and travelled across North America by bus before embarking for Europe by vessel. On arrival in Europe, they hitch hiked through Holland, Germany, France, Spain and Italy. Returning to Australia in 1961, Graeme rejoined the Commonwealth Department of Works. For the next 12 years he was involved in such projects as the design and/or project management of major civil engineering works including Commonwealth Avenue Bridge in Canberra, Corin Dam and the new Canberra Hospital. He also became project manager for Darwin's new water supply system, which included building and maintaining the Darwin River Dam, a pumping station, water treatment plant, underground pipeline, railway bridge and roads. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1971 to study the effects of engineering on the environment in Canada and United States.

In Canada, Graeme had what was to him an unusual task, of designing the operational regime of Lake Winnipeg to maximise duck habitat. He was successful at that and the operational regime he developed is understood to be still followed. From Winnipeg, he went to Dallas, where he worked with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), studying water treatment, sewerage, fisheries and other matters under the new National Environmental Policy Act. Returning to Canberra in 1972, he wrote the environmental impact statement for the proposed Googong water supply project, the first comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement under the new policy of the Australian Government. The policy was that all major projects should be preceded by an Environmental Impact Statement,

and Graeme was able to draw on his experience in Dallas.

Towards the end of the Googong project, Graeme was recruited by the then Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts to work as Assistant Secretary in water and soils management. While acting as First Assistant Secretary in charge of these fields, he was recruited to act as chairman of the Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry. This was an inquiry into the technical/environmental/social/economic aspects of the proposed Ranger uranium mine in the Alligator Rivers region of the Northern Territory. "This was a fascinating project, full of legal and political implications and consequences," Graeme told the *Wesleyan*. Graeme persuaded the Federal Government to appoint Justice R.W. Fox as Chairman, and Graeme would join Professor Charles Kerr, Professor of Preventive Medicine at Sydney University, in becoming one of the other two Commissioners.

"We had several expert advisors to ensure that no technical stone was left unturned," Graeme said. "The complexity of this project was such that the Commission was made into an Aboriginal Land Rights Commission to determine Aboriginal land rights in the vicinity of the proposed Ranger Uranium mine. In the context of this Inquiry, the Commission designed Kakadu National Park boundaries and operating regime and analysed all the known strengths and weaknesses of the nuclear fuel cycle – not just uranium mining, but the risks of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and radioactive wastes."

With his environmental credentials now well established, Graeme was recruited in 1979 to be the first full-time Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. "What a marvellously challenging experience this was," Graeme said. "As with the Ranger Inquiry, effective performance required a

deep understanding of human nature and of how humans act individually and in groups in different circumstances.” The role put him into conflict. There were many competing interest groups, including the fishing industry. Graeme lived by the dictum, he said, of holding “your friends close to your heart and your enemies closer”. Whoever his enemies were, he did not lack for support. In 1986, he was awarded the Monash Medal by the Institution of Engineers Australia. In 1989, he received the Australian Award in Park and Recreation Administration. In 1990, Townsville City Council named Kelleher Place in his honour.

For four years Graeme was Professor of Systems Engineering at James Cook University in Townsville. But he was now working on a broader canvass. He was engaged to run the Marine Program for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Then he became the first Vice-Chairman (marine) of IUCN’s World Commission on Protected Areas. He became chairman of the IUCN’s high seas task force on marine protected areas. He designed model marine protected area projects for several countries, including Samoa, Vietnam, Tanzania and Indonesia. He became senior adviser to the IUCN’s World Commission on Protected Areas. He was appointed to the IUCN’s Science Council for the establishment of a network of marine protected areas in Northwest Africa.

Graeme then moved even further with his environmental efforts, taking them into another dimension. Wesley’s former vice-master, world-renowned biologist and ecologist Professor Charles Birch, dealt with spiritual aspects of conservation. So did Graeme. “In the 1900th anniversary of the writing of the Apocalypse by St John, a program called Religion, Science and the Environment was established by the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church,” he said. “The aim of this program was to bring together the inspirations and dedication of all the world’s religions with the understanding and methods of science so as to protect the world’s rivers and seas.” The first conference was on a vessel in the



Mediterranean Sea. “That included a visit to the Island of Patmos, on which the Apocalypse was written,” Graeme said. “Symposia were then held every few years, each of which was held on a vessel on a sea or river. Locations included the Black Sea, the Adriatic, the Baltic Sea and the Danube, Amazon and Mississippi Rivers. Graeme was a member of the Religious and Scientific Committee for these Symposia.”

This was perhaps the most challenging of all of the programs with which Graeme was associated since his retirement from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. At the end of his term with the Authority, in 1994, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park had become the largest marine protected area in the world, covering 330,000 square kilometres. Zoning and management plans had been developed with enormous public participation, covering the whole Park. With the cooperation of the Queensland Government, more than 950 Queensland-owned islands now resided within the outer boundaries of the Park. James Cook University and the Reef Research Centre established a Graeme G Kelleher Scholarship. In 1996, Graeme was made an Officer of the Order of Australia. He was appointed co-chair of the Life Sciences Panel of the Cooperative Research Centres Program of the Australian Government. The panel recommending the selection and funding of cooperative research centres and reviewing their operations every few years.

“This program was recognised as being the most successful program ever applied in Australia to lead researchers to focus on practical outcomes to the benefit of Australia and the world,” Graeme said. In 1998, he won the Fred M Packard International Parks Merit Award from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and in 2000, a coral species, *Pocillopora kelleheri* was named after him. In 2002, he was awarded the Centenary Medal. In 2005, he was entered into the Hall of Fame, Institution of Engineers, Australia.

Graeme has continued work in various fields, focusing mainly on the oceans and freshwater, such as the Murray Darling system. Last year, he was appointed as one of the world’s 12 Ocean Elders and as an Ambassador to the America’s Cup One World One Ocean program. He has authored and edited several major books, including Guidelines for Marine Protected Areas for IUCN and A Global Representative System of Marine Protected Areas for the World Bank, IUCN and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. He has had many papers formally published and/or presented at conferences on natural resource management and engineering. He is a Fellow of several science and technology organisations, and enjoys following the careers of his three children and six grandchildren.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

Jonathan Scott fr 1977

Explosive Wesley pranks, a career in electronic engineering

Any of Jonathan Scott's fellow Old Colls or colleagues seeking to know more about his life, will not have to look far. The professor has documented his life, from his arrival at Wesley in 1977 to the present, in a fascinating blog, Scottpages.net, which is packed with photos, quotations and musings on life, the universe and

everything. It paints an excellent portrait of a man whose passions range from integrated circuits to politics to literature.

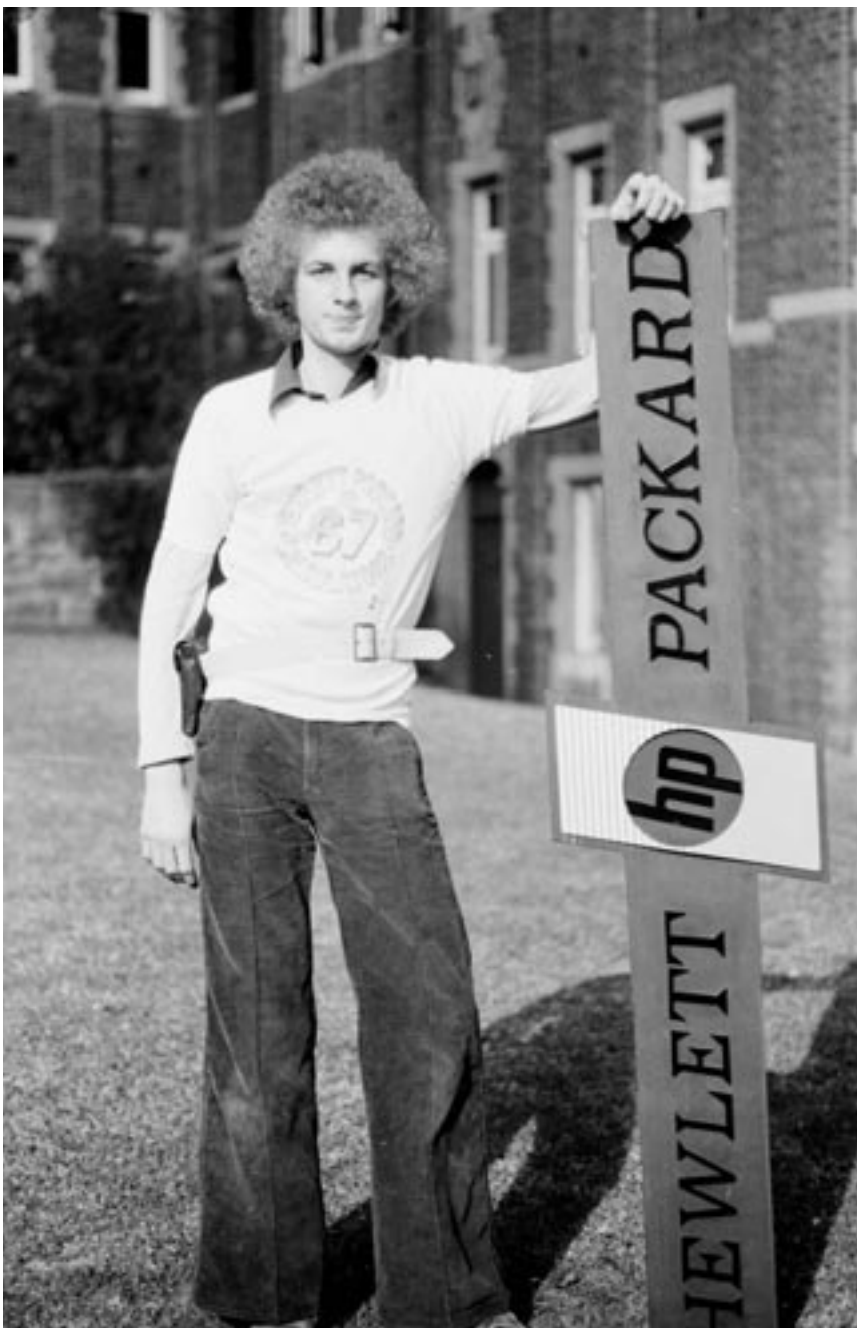
Like many students, Jonathan decided to enrol at the University of Sydney in engineering after eliminating the subjects he knew he did not want to study. "I didn't

really know what I wanted to do when I left school, I didn't want to study law or medicine and I really wanted to do psychology so I started off doing psychology and engineering," he said. Jonathan spent the first two years of his degree commuting from the eastern suburbs but he soon met a few Wesley students who were enjoying the experience. "I decided that I would have more fun if I was living on campus. [Another] difference was that when you needed a lot of time in the lab and so on, you saved time by not having to commute."

The time saved meant Jonathan could spend long hours on campus, and did not have to worry about cooking for himself, which was definitely a bonus. "But I was equally there for the social life - I like people and being among people," he said. "[At Wesley] I could make friends from all over the university, but I hardly did anything with the engineers in college. I had more than enough of engineers at classes!"

After graduating in Engineering, Jonathan worked as a journalist for Modern Magazines.

Then he completed a Masters Degree and was employed at the University of Sydney as a senior lecturer. He spent several years at the university and was then employed at a company called RF Technologies. Following that, in 1998, he moved to Hewlett Packard in California, where he designed integrated circuits. Many of those circuits were then patented. "I also built the phase transfer standard for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, one of which is used for vector network analysis," he said. Jonathan spent eight years living in California. He met his wife-to-be, Kay, there. He was then offered a job in New Zealand and the couple decided to move to Waikato, an agricultural region in the North Island, and heartland of the Maori kingdom. At the university there, Jonathan became the Founding Professor of



Jonathan in 1977

Jonathan with baby alpaca in 2011

Electronics, responsible for creating electronic engineering program within the Faculty of Science and Engineering. He is there to this day.

Waikato is the largest and most picturesque university campus in New Zealand and Jonathan, his wife and children live on a 5-1/2 acre farm close by. When the *Wesleyan* asked Jonathan about his life at Wesley, he said: “We had a ball! ...I learned a great deal about living with people who I didn't know when I got there, and I also enjoyed pranks and midnight excursions.” One of Jonathan's antics was to buy a record of sound effects – including the sound of a huge crash of glass and metal, and rigging things up so that the whole college could hear it. Using his extensive knowledge of electronics, he installed a speaker system inside the vents of the ceiling of the college dining room. At very irregular intervals, he would queue the record up and play the sound during formal dinners. When the sound of crashing glass rang out across the dining room, there would be a stunned silence, followed by a huge cheer from the students.

Jonathan and his friends also put explosive devices inside a watermelon, blowing it to smithereens. “The street smelled of watermelon for ages,” he said proudly. On his blog, the distinguished engineer says that a friend once characterised him as “someone who tries to pack as much varied experience in as possible. He recently asked me a question that amounted to ‘What do you think it is in some people that makes them miss out on things in life?’ ... think of a few people you know ... why does so-and-so stay married, why doesn't what's-her-name retire, how come she isn't looking for a new job, and why don't you eat something different for a change? Maybe some have reasons, but maybe they simply have not noticed that they haven't been smelling the flowers lately.”

Margot Saville (fr 1979)



Jacqui Findeis fr 1977

Leading the way. From Wesley to imagery and psychodynamics.

When Jacqui Findeis graduated in electrical engineering in 1982, she was one of only three women in her year. Thirty years later, female graduates at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies have reached record numbers; up to one-fifth of their year. Dr Tim Wilkinson, Associate Dean (Education), said the faculty has experienced a steady increase in the number of female students enrolling and graduating from its disciplines. "While Engineering and IT student numbers have increased across the board, ten years ago the University had as few as 50 female engineering graduates," he said. "Last year we doubled that figure. This year, the faculty is anticipating well over a hundred female graduates."

A female engineering student was so rare in 1977 that Jacqui Findeis became known simply as "engineer". No other descriptor was necessary. She entered Wesley that year and remained till part-way through 1979. "I studied electrical engineering because I was good at maths and science but I didn't want to be a mathematician and I wanted to do something practical," she said. "I thought about architecture but I hadn't done art (at school) and when I went to an information session about architecture there was a lot of emphasis on art, so I went for engineering instead."

Jacqui said that while there were two other female engineering students in her year, she did not mix very much with them because she already had a good support network at Wesley. "I went to some of the [engineering] functions and they were pretty animal-like and that wasn't what I was into," she said. "Although sometimes I went to the Rose Hotel in Chippendale, which was an engineering pub, on a Friday night for the beer and prawns nights." Like many Wesley students who grew up outside Sydney, Jacqui moved from Newcastle to the city to experience life outside their

home town. "Ironically Newcastle University has a very good engineering faculty but I wanted to get out of there."

After graduation, Jacqui got a job with film-processing company Kodak as a graduate engineer, working on the maintenance of electrical equipment in the processing lab. "After two years I took over the maintenance function and managed a workshop full of plumbers and

electronic-type people," she said. "Some of the older guys did not really like the idea of reporting to a woman." While working at Kodak, Jacqui completed a Masters degree at the University of New South Wales then moved to Melbourne to join Kodak's major research facility, which was the largest one in the southern hemisphere, and also serviced South-East Asia and New Zealand. "There were 2000 people down there and I did research into control systems and how they were applied in a manufacturing plant which produced a coating for film or paper," she said. "We built a control system from first principles which had a TV-type display which showed us what the power plant was doing. We used a control system which had sensors in various places and we used a very early personal computer from Hewlett Packard."

During her 21-year career at Kodak, Jacqui worked as a project manager and an account manager before moving into development, working on the Image Magic photo booths. In 1997, she decided to take a job at the research department of Swedish technology company Ericsson, developing 3G control systems. After three years with the company, Jacqui moved to Telstra as the operations manager for BigPond Movies.



"At the beginning, BigPond posted out DVDs to its customers but is now an on-line web-based system which requires either a Telstra product called a T-Box or an internet-connected television or a PC," she said. At the same time, Jacqui completed a Masters of Business Leadership and Organisational Dynamics at Swinburne University in Melbourne. In the course, she studied a psycho-dynamic model of businesses, one which has been used in psychotherapy and counselling. It looked at issues of the ego, the superego and the conscience; in particular, she was studying the ways that the unconscious drives the conscious, through the study of Jung and Freud.

Although it was 30 years ago, Jacqui remembers her years at Wesley with great fondness. "The best thing about living at Wesley was the diversity, you got to meet so many different people," she said. "If you were just sharing a house, you wouldn't come across the range of people you met in college. And living with people accelerated how quickly you got to know them. I made some really good friends and had some really great experiences."

Margot Saville (fr 1979)



Old Col Peter FitzSimons, 1980-1982 reminisces about his time spent with perhaps Wesley's most famous graduate, an engineer...

It is known as the "Wesley sigh ..."

Of course, it is that moment when the student walks back through the portals of the college after the holidays are over, to soak it all in once more.

Back! Back in the bosom of ye olde college, its traditions, memories, familiar corridors and treasured rooms, and of course all your newly nearest and dearest, your fellow students, the ones you didn't even know a year or two ago, but who are now candidates to carry your coffin, seventy years hence.

Alas, after the summer of '81/82, I was just in full sigh mode, heading up the main stairs on the western side, being taken into Mother Wesley's warm embrace as the Chapel and Callaghan reached out to take me in, when my reverie was ruined by Stephen Porges yelling at me, from the upstairs balcony, off the Senior Student's room, "Hey, Fitz, there's a new bloke here, who is bigger than you!"

Bigger than ... *moi?* Please. At two metres tall for 125 kilos, I had rather tragically treasured the notoriety that went with being the biggest man in the college – they called me "Fresher Mountain," when I first arrived – and couldn't quite believe that mantle could so easily, and disrespectfully be taken by an upstart fresher.

And yet, and yet ...

It was true. In the dinner queue that night, where, as ever, the choice was between "brown dog" or "white dog" – stew or fricassee – I couldn't help but notice that I was standing in the shade of one of the biggest, most perfectly formed men I have ever seen.

His name was ... Dolph Lundgren, and we quickly learnt that he was some kind of Swedish genius, with a top notch degree in Chemical Engineering – whatever that is – from the University of Stockholm *and* he had a black belt in karate!

Well, I was not long in seeing the upside. As our rugby team had been smashed by the lowly St Pauls College the year before by 40-nil – truth be told we had been lucky to get to nil on the day – it was obvious that what

the team most needed was both the chemistry that had previously escaped us, *and* a bloke who could single-handedly take on even the Andrews forward pack for warm-ups! No matter that he'd never played rugby, he could learn.

Double-alas, Dolph had no interest in helping the college out when it came to college sport. Couldn't have cared less.

And nor – ironically, as it turned out – did he agree to help out as a bouncer that year, when I organised the security for the College Formal.

No, there was really only one thing that Dolph liked to do, apart from hit the books, and that was to sit in the skimpiest swimmers imaginable on those same front steps, with no t-shirt and sunbathe as he continued his studies on a chemical text-book on his lap. Every now and then he would flex, and this wave of muscle that started from his toes would roll up his calves, his perfectly toned thighs, his rippling torso and finally get to his head, at which point he would blink and look down at his body to see how the tanning was coming along . . . at which point the whole thing started again.

And the women of Wesley in response to this exhibition of manly virility? I kid you not they – ironically as it turned out – barely turned their heads.

What could you do with a bloke like that? The obvious. Throw him into the turtle pond! One night six likely lads from Upper Callaghan, led by Porges, decided to do just that. Filled with Dutch courage after returning from the Grandstand Bar, they knocked on his door only to have him open the door, whereupon they could not help but notice that not the tiniest peep of light escaped from the room behind, as his whole body filled the frame.

He looks at them.

They look at him.

"Yes . . ." Dolph asks.

"We ... we ... we ..." Ralph Holmes

stammers. "We were just about to back to the Grandstand for a drink, and we're wondering if you might like to come along?"

"No," Dolph says, even as the door thuds shut in their face.

I really don't think he got college life. We gave up, and when he graduated at the end of that year, we would likely have thought that we never would have heard from him again, had we thought of him at all, but we really didn't. I have no doubt he had many fine virtues, and was a fine man in his way, but he made no more impact on college life that year than he did on the Turtle Pond that night.

But as to hearing about him again, we were quite wrong. For of course, my friends, unbeknownst to us, we were actually in the presence of the most famous person ever to live at Wesley.

See, even though Dolph wouldn't bounce for us, he did accept an offer to bounce for the singer Grace Jones when she visited Sydney, and he certainly accepted an invitation from her to go back to New York as her live-in partner, where he met Sly Stallone ... and the rest is history.

For in short order was taking on Sly, playing an evil Russian boxer as the cameras rolled in *Rocky IV* ... and a star was born.

For at least five minutes, Dolph was Hollywood's action man of choice, making *millions* of dollars in the process, and he still has roles here and there. So good luck to him. In the silent watch of the night however, when the moon is nigh, and even the sparrows are asleep, I would still *like* to think, he'd trade it all for the opportunity to have led Wesley to victory against Pauls in the 82 Rawson Cup.

In fact, we lost 8-0, in a game could have and should have won, and I got knocked out cold by a brilliant tackle from their dashing no.8 Michael Cripps.

Not that I'm bitter ...

Peter FitzSimons (fr 1980)

Vale John Treloar, fr 1950

We are saddened to say goodbye to another Old Col whom we featured in the *Wesleyan* in 2008. It is so sad that this double Olympian could not have lived long enough to see a repeat of his first Olympics, the 1948 Games in London. Once among the fastest men in the world at his peak, he was the first Australian to make the final of the men's Olympic 100 metres sprint, and was more than a tad unlucky in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, where he was one of six runners who finished within 0.1 of a second. He was the first Australian to make the men's 100 metres final, and became part of Australia's golden age of sprinting that included Marjorie Jackson, Shirley Strickland and Betty Cuthbert.

John Francis Treloar was born in Sydney on January 19, 1928, son of an engineer, William Treloar, and Dorothy (nee Oakley). He showed early athletics prowess, winning the Roseville Public School's championship at 11 years of age. He went to Sydney Boys' High, where he played Rugby Union and was a fast bowler for the First XI, and he excelled at athletics. He enrolled at Sydney University to do a Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, entered Wesley where his batting, not quite on a par with his bowling, was good enough to help Wesley over the line against St Andrews and allow Wesley to win the Rawson Cup. Otherwise, he kept up with his athletics. Getting coaching to speed up his starts, he went on to win six Australian championships in the 100 and 220-yard events.

John was chosen for the Australian team for the 1948 Olympics in London. His parents provided a professional coach for him and sent him to the United States for special training. "All my running had been on grass," he said later. "I needed to practise on cinder tracks." John saw that London had hardly recovered from the battering it received from German bombs. The athletes were accommodated, but things were rather rudimentary. There was no tailoring of food

to athletes' individual needs. "We were told there was a giant crate of juicy Aussie steaks on its way, but they 'went missing' at Tilbury Docks," he said. "I seem to remember it was kippered herrings for breakfast, lunch and dinner." John came fourth in the semi-finals of both the 100 yards and 220 yards sprints. But he was far from finished. Chosen for the Empire Games in Auckland, he joined such luminaries such as Jackson and Strickland. He won the 100 yards in 9.7 seconds and the 220 yards in 21.5 seconds and was part of the Australian team that won the 4 x 110 yards relay in 42.2 seconds. The Australian team was triumphant, winning 34 gold medals, against second-placed England that took home 19.

After the Olympics, he returned to his profession of engineering, working for his father in a company, W.J. Treloar and Sons, making equipment for the petroleum industry. In 1951, he married a physiotherapist, Patricia Law. John was chosen for the Australian team for the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, an extraordinary meet in which the Soviet Union was making its Olympic debut. The Olympics were seen in the broader context of the Cold War. John said "We had plenty of opportunities of getting to know athletes from all over the world, including the Iron Curtain, and to us it [the Old War] was a non-event. But obviously, with the politicians, it was more important than that." There was certainly closeness in the 100 metres final. The commentator's words were "And off! And at the 25 yards McDonald Bailey and then Remigino and Smith are together. McDonald Bailey in front! Now Remigino, McKenley, four of them over the line together!"

A son, John, was born after John's return from the Olympics. Three other children arrived, Philip, born in 1954, Geoffrey, (1958) and Patricia (1960). John continued in his father's business and made the



company public in 1961. Then he started a new business to cater for the LP gas industry, specialising in nozzles, which sold in Australia and overseas. When he stopped competing as a runner, he turned his attention to athletics administration and served a term as president of Athletics NSW, an organisation which later made him a life member. He was saddened by Patricia's death from cancer in 1996. In 1997, he married a company director, Jan Bryant.

In 2000, John was awarded the Australian Sports Medal and in 2001 he became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to athletics and the Olympic movement. Last year, North Sydney Boys' High named its newly-refurbished gymnasium in his honour. Earlier this month, he attended a reunion of 1952 Olympians at the Sydney Rowing Club. He died suddenly in Sydney on July 23. His son, John, said "Dad passed away exactly as he ran: quickly." John's funeral was held at North Sydney Boys School on August 1. He is survived by his wife, Jan, his four children, 13 grandchildren and his brother, Hugh.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

Vale John Tankard, fr 1952

John (“The Tank”) Tankard, engineer, started his working life when uranium was the buzz-word, nuclear energy promising a rosy future for the world. Involved as a junior engineer in the development of the Mary Kathleen uranium mine in Queensland, and with a uranium mine in Canada, he became involved with Pancontinental Mining. With them, he designed the open-cut pits for the controversial Jabiluka I and Jabiluka 2 uranium mines in the Northern Territory, where planning for mining started in the 1970s. The later controversy and the long delay in implementing any plans surprised and disappointed him, but he was delighted to see his Jabiluka designs survive when the mines went into operation.

John Harold Gilham Tankard was born in Inverell on June 21, 1934, son of a dentist, Arthur Tankard, and Winifred (nee English). His family history included a great uncle, Samuel Crombie Brown, who fought on the Union side in the American Civil War. John went to school in Inverell and in 1946 won a scholarship to Sydney Grammar School, where he became a boarder. He distinguished himself as a sportsman, playing Rugby in the Second XV and also representing the school in tennis and swimming.

In 1948, John won a NSW Joint Coal Board Scholarship to complete his secondary education, and went on to get his Leaving Certificate, representing the school in Rugby, swimming and tennis. In 1952, he enrolled in Mining Engineering at the University of Sydney and entered Wesley. There, he demonstrated his sporting prowess again, representing Wesley in Rugby and swimming. He graduated in 1956 with First Class Honours and in 1958 gained a Masters degree in Engineering Science in 1958.

John’s first job after graduation was as a field geologist in Broken Hill, but wanting to explore the world, he left for Canada and



worked for 12 months at the Port Radium mine of Eldorado Nuclear. He continued travelling, round Britain and Europe, spent a short time at a coal mine in Scotland and returned to Australia in 1960, where he joined the Zinc Corporation at Broken Hill. He worked there as a miner, shift boss and finally mine planning engineer, then accepted a position as chief engineer at the Enfield Brick Company in Sydney, where he became general manager. In 1962, John married a physiotherapist, Judy Booth, who introduced him to sailing, and when he got time to do it, it became a lifelong passion.

The couple were to have three daughters, Kate (born 1966), Sue (1969) and Jo (1972).

In 1968, John joined a private mineral consultancy as a partner in Aminco & Associates Pty Ltd. One of his many projects was to set up the Emmaville tin mining project in northern New South Wales. In 1972, Tankard set up his own independent consultancy, John Tankard & Associates Pty Ltd, specialising in mine design and the valuation of mining properties. Through that, he became involved with Mary Kathleen and the Jabiluka projects. The mine development was not to take place till the Labor Government took office in 1983 with a policy of restricting uranium mining, which would effectively halt further work. The deposit would subsequently sold to ERA, which would develop it for production in the late 1990s.

In the meantime, after Jabiluka, John became involved in open pit design and feasibility studies for Alkane’s Peak Hill operation in western New South Wales. From 1980 to 1985, John was retained by Exxon for major planning studies on the Rundle oil shale project in Queensland. In 1988-89, he worked as an associate with Robertson Research on the Singhbhum copper project in India. He worked on nickel mining in New Caledonia, and a study of block caving potential at Mount Lyell in Tasmania. A member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, he became chairman of the Mineral Industry Consultants Association in 1992/93.

In 1996, his wife Judy died of cancer. In 2006, John was married again, to an educational writer, Carol Hughson. After a long period of failing health, he died on February 20. He is survived by Carol, his three daughters, two sons-in-law, and a grandson, James.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

Vale Robert Higham, fr 1939

Robert Higham, an obstetrician and gynaecologist who delivered more than 10,000 babies at Manly Hospital over a period of 33 years, was never surprised to find his private waiting consulting rooms lined with pregnant women interspersed with a gaggle of bruised and wounded Manly Sea Eagles footballers. Was there a link? Certainly was. Bob himself, a champion sportsman in his youth, who won an Honour Cap at Sydney Boys' High for all-round sporting achievement, as a student set a 100-yards sprint record of 9.9 seconds and was honorary medical officer of the Manly Sea Eagles for 23 years. If there was any doubt about his ability to handle rough-and-tumble, he had served as a medical officer on the battlefields of Korea.

It is said that in 1971, the then mayor of Manly, Jean Hay, phoned her brother, then Sea Eagles boss Ken Arthurson, to say she had met a doctor who had an interest in the Sea Eagles. "He's a gynaecologist," she said. "No problems," Arthurson reportedly said. "He should be right at home as we are playing like a team of sheilas." Bob took on the job with great enthusiasm, was at the sideline for every match, patched up the breaks and bruises on Monday mornings and was at least partly responsible for the four premierships the club won, in 1972, 1973, 1976 and 1978, the greatest run in the club's history.

Robert Harvey Higham was born in Sydney on April 25, 1919, son of John Higham and Idalia (nee Moncrieff), and nephew of the singer, Gladys "Our Glad" Moncrieff. He grew up in the eastern suburbs, went to Scots College for a time but was forced out by the Depression and finished his primary schooling at Double Bay Public School. In 1933, he went to Sydney High and began an academic and sporting career that can only be the dream of most students. He stroked three Heads-of-the-River Eights and was for three years the school athletics and swimming champion. He played for the 1st XV and 1st XI, was elected school

captain, and won numerous trophies. His blazer and Honour Cap became permanent exhibits at the school. In 1939, Bob enrolled in Medicine at Sydney University, went to Wesley, and continued his sporting career. He joined the Sydney University Regiment and in 1940 served with the 9th Field Ambulance. Otherwise, in his university career, he played on the wing for University in the Rugby Union and for six years won the university's 100 yards sprint championship.

When Bob was to do his final exams in 1945, the former Master of Wesley, the Rev Bennett, wrote a glowing reference for him. It said: "Mr R. Higham, who is about to sit for his final exams in the Faculty of Medicine, has been a resident student at Wesley ... since the beginning of his medical course. I knew him for about four years when I was Master of the College. Mr Higham is a man of admirable character. He is absolutely trustworthy, most devoted to duty and eager to do his best in any service to which he is committed. He is altogether one of the most pleasant, devoted and conscientious students I have met in my long period of college administration. I have unwavering confidence in him. Should he graduate at the forthcoming examinations, as I hope he will, he will serve any hospital to which he might be appointed." Bob's sport had "imparted to his character and to the deeper service of his life its own peculiar value, which will stand him in good stead in his profession."

Bob married Nancy Medlyn in November, 1945. Graduating, he became a resident at the Royal North Shore Hospital for two years, then became assistant medical superintendent at the Royal Hospital for Women in Paddington. In 1949 he went to Manly Hospital as the Medical Superintendent and two years later became the first hospital's honorary obstetrician and gynaecologist. A year later, his first child, Patricia, was born, followed by Robert in 1952.



In 1953, Bob volunteered for service in Korea and went to the 2nd Infantry Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, as regimental medical officer. For a time, he was attached to the Norwegian medical team. He gave excellent service and was noted to have performed many dangerous rescues of soldiers in minefields. Bob returned to Manly, rejoined the hospital staff and also ran a general practice at the Thomas Clinic, Manly. In 1957, he furthered his studies and obtained a diploma in obstetrics from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. He also became a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He worked at the Delmar Private Hospital and Manly and Waters Private Hospital. During his long service, he delivered so many babies and performed so many gynaecological operations it was joked that he had delivered the entire postcode in the state.

Bob retained his keen interest in sport. He was to be a member of the Manly Golf Club for 58 years and of Elanora club for 24, and he represented Manly in Pennant Golf, for many years playing off a handicap of five. His long service with the Sea Eagles won him life membership of the football club. Following the death of his wife in 1982, he married Patricia (Trish) Green in 1984 and became stepfather to Lisa, Scott and Meagan. When he died on May 27, people from all walks of life attended his funeral. Members of the Sea Eagles turned up to the next match wearing black arm bands in his memory. Bob is survived by his two children, three stepchildren, two grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Malcolm Brown (fr 1965)

Senior Student's Report

It has been a huge privilege and humbling experience to lead the student body of Wesley College through the large array of changes that have taken place in the first semester of 2012. The College's residents and staff must be congratulated on how they've managed to adapt to these changes whilst still retaining the core elements of Wesley that allows it to stand out amongst the other Colleges in the University. The new Courtyard, as well as changes made by the Student's Club to the Junior Common Room, have opened up many new possibilities to continue to promote and foster the close community of students that has always defined Wesley. These factors have been coupled with a robust social calendar put together by a strong House Committee, as well as large turnouts across most Rawson, Rosebowl and Palladian events throughout the Semester to leave the College in a strong position going into second semester.

The student body have been hard at work this year to provide the best possible



College experience for one another, and this was made evident by: the running of an extremely successful Carnivale, the running of several Soirees, a warmly-received Parent's Weekend, and in the increase of events organised and run by the student

body. This year's House Committee are to be congratulated on their hard work throughout the semester, and we await expectantly to provide the College with an exciting, inviting, community-centered semester full of sporting, cultural and social events for the remainder of the year. Finally, the Wesley community has warmly received the Fresher intake of 2012, and it has been great to see them settle comfortably into the College environment. The College's service of the local community continues to grow, with many volunteers attending the Newtown Mission Drop-In throughout the semester, and we look forward to increasing Wesley's social presence among the suburbs that surround the University in the near future.

I look both expectantly and joyously into next semester with a firm confidence that we can continue to build on what has already been achieved this semester to provide both the students and the wider Wesley community with the best possible College experience.

Joyously in Him,
Matthew Driscoll



Lily Morgan and Matt Driscoll





Rawson Report

As in previous years, the 2012 Rawson campaign brought out the best sportsman that Wesley had to offer. All participants proved their worth by putting all into the numerous trainings, trial games and fitness sessions that occurred in preparation for their sports. Despite the relative strength of the other colleges, this year's captains were keen to start training early to give their teams the best possible chance of coming away with some wins.

The mood heading into the first sport was high and cricket captain James Cowman (fr 2010) was keen to take full advantage of this and got in a number of training sessions before their first game. Although putting in solid performances Wesley went down narrowly to St Andrews and St John's but keen to come away with a win beat St Pauls in their last match. The win against St Pauls saw Wesley come away with its first points for the year.

Rowing was the second sport off the bat and, like his cricket counterpart rowing captain, Tom Minifie (fr 2010) was eager to pick up the training regime which saw the rowers train 3 mornings a week for almost 6 weeks. This year the crew was dominated by freshers which included Harry Boileau, Tom Borowski, Matt Whittaker, and David

Pohlen. The whole crew put in a great effort but it just wasn't our day as we came a close fourth.

A week after the rowing regatta saw us travel to the Sydney Aquatic Centre for the Intercol swimming event. Under the leadership of captain Tom Kearns (fr 2010) the swimmers had a gruelling training regime which had them going into the event fit and rearing to go. Tom Kearns swam well picking up a couple of firsts as well as senior Cameron Parkin (fr 2010) who also placed. A massive congratulations goes to James Allworth (fr 2012) and Charlie Allworth (fr 2011) whose combined scores saw Wesley come away with 1st place in the diving which was a phenomenal effort. Only narrowly missing out on any Rawson points the swim team put in a solid effort and did us all proud.

The last sport for semester 1 was perhaps the most hyped for the year, Rawson rugby. Captains Tim Reid (fr 2011) and Chris Bartimote (fr 2010) looked to lead a very young side against a much more experienced opposition. With a couple of key players out for the first game against a strong St John's side winning was going to be tough but those on the field gave their all and put in a commendable performance.

Narrowly going down, the boys focused on the next match was set to be a real test against a St Andrews side riddled with representative players. In an emotion-packed game the boys never gave up until the final whistle but unfortunately went down. There was, however, much promise heading into the next game with a strong performance from halfback Jack Collins (fr 2011). Going into the final game against St Pauls Wesley was keen to come away with a win and did so in emphatic fashion on what was a very wet night. Kicking by Harry Boileau really stood out as did a number of other players in key positions which forged the foundations for a Wesley win. It was great to finish semester one with a win and sets us up for an exciting semester two.

Semester two starts with soccer captained by Miles Gilfellon, followed by Tennis captained by Cameron Parkin, Basketball captained by David Fitzgerald and then finally athletics. It was great to see so much support at most of the Wesley events in semester one and it is hoped that this support and crowd of the black, white and blue continues during semester two, all the best to the teams that come!!

Jacob De Paoli (fr 2010)

From the Cultural Secretary

The past year has seen a continued showcase of the incredible wealth of talent in the arts housed in the walls of Wesley. Perhaps most notable is last year's first place in the Palladian cup for Wesley's choir in their performance of *Baba Yetu*. The victory, a testament to the hard work and talent of Wesley's students. The cultural calendar has for the past 12 months kept these students incredibly busy. There is, of course, the Palladian Cup which has seen some incredible performances in all manner of mediums. Within Wesley however it has

been equally busy. The Soirees, held twice a semester, have been a resounding success bringing together all members of the college to watch their peers perform. The permanent have been varied and extremely entertaining presenting everything from sax quartets to a reading of *The Hobbit*. The college play was also held this semester during parents weekend. The performance of Branon Thomas's *Charley's Aunt* was a received incredibly well with full houses for each of its performances. In conjunction with this play was the Art Exhibition which



showed the incredible works of Wesley's artists. The past year has been a great success for the cultural realm of Wesley and the college's students have done Wesley proud, and had a lot of fun doing it.

Max Mills (fr 2010)



Rosebowl Report

The Rosebowl is the pinnacle of women's intercollegiate sports at The University of Sydney. So far, in 2012 the women of Wesley College have been very consistent in the Rosebowl competition. Currently sitting in second place behind St. Andrew's College and on equal points with St. John's college, the Rosebowl competition will only increase in competitiveness going into the second semester. With the introduction of soccer into the sporting calendar, there has been an injection of enthusiasm into the Rosebowl competition. Led by Gab Morona, the soccer team has been training for months reading for a kick-off early in semester 2. The dedication and hard work

that all the women have shown so far in 2012 highlights the importance of the Rosebowl to the whole College.

The 2012 Rosebowl sports and captains are as follows:

Netball – Gen McCulloch
Rowing – Hannah Welleman
Swimming – Meagan Ramsay
Hockey – Lucy Fitzgerald
Soccer – Gab Morona
Tennis – Simone Ludeke
Basketball – Pippa Temperley
Athletics – Perin Lee & Johanna Couchman

We've been working hard to encourage

general fitness for all members of the college, particularly the Wesley girls off the court. Many of the sports teams have also been going to scheduled fitness training sessions with Dave Fitter, the college's Sports Development Director. This has proved to be a resounding success despite the grueling 6am call time.

It has been a great honour to lead the girls into the fierce college competition this semester, and I hope their grit and determination will be met with reward later this year.

Simone Ludeke (fr 2010)

Social Life at Wesley

They say that in the face of adversity, opportunity stares back, so with one eye on the Rawson and Rosebowl scoreboard, Wesley 2012 found renewed spirit in hard work and long hours on the social scene. The fruitful labors of House Committee has seen twice as many courtyard parties this year, reasons for celebration – some real, some invented but always justified – including the opening of The Lion's Den, the much anticipated fully functional bar. It has since hosted a Victory Lunch for our successful swimming divers (it seems any excuse will do) as well as our own Royal Wedding for the winners of 'Proposal Week' probably the only game in which

those who lose the most – win. In a week-long test of dignity and pride, our young men compete in proposing to their allocated soul mate in the most outlandish, publically humiliating way.

Wesley's greatest success this semester however, was a Wednesday evening on April 4th when the Uni's most anticipated event of the social calendar came alive on our Front Lawns. Carnivale once again delivered the epic live show its reputation reaps, showcasing some of Sydney's best electronic performances, featuring Triple J's resident DJ NINA LAS VEGAS. With nothing but positive feedback, the event

lived up to the incredible hype that surrounded it this year, all created through a massive organizational effort and innovative marketing techniques fronted by Wesley's brilliant and determined minds. As such, the profits for Student's Club to enjoy were above and beyond any figure recorded in the history of Wesley's Informals, which is testament not only to the hard work involved in its organization but to the support shown by the entire college.

We look to the coming semester with our hopeful eyes still on the scoreboard, but just in case, a full social calendar.

Jessica Shanahan (fr 2010)



The Croquet Club

The beautiful front laws of Wesley College have been transformed in the last 12 months, to set the arena for a new addition to the social calendar and to the University Union – The Sydney University Croquet Society. Taking this gentlemanly sport to the masses, it has welcomed over 200 members University wide, becoming the first society of its kind. Taking a hard-earned break from their university studies, Wesley students Tom Rostrom, Matt Driscoll, Edmund Kirkwood, James Cowman, Jacob De Paoli, Regan Des Coote, Cameron Parkin and numerous 2011 Old-Cols, founded the society with the aim to make croquet, and more specifically the simplified version of “golf croquet”, more accessible and recognisable

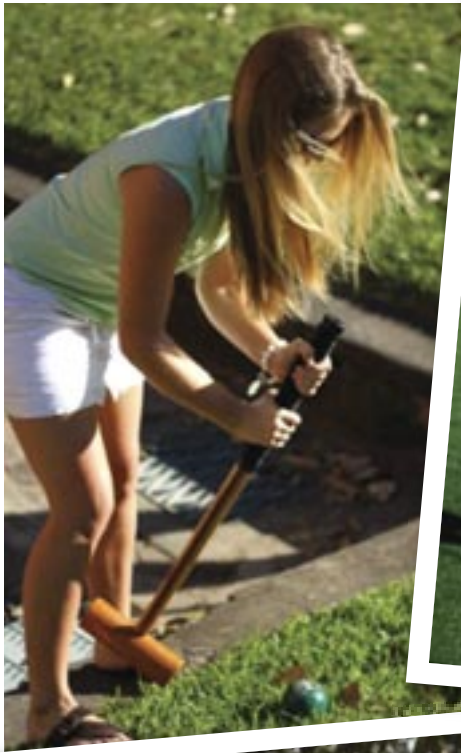
to students of all ages. More so, they hoped to integrate Wesley into the University Union and encourage non-collegians to visit the beautiful grounds that Wesley has to offer, and to socialise in a relaxed and unique atmosphere.

Although at times the technicalities of this age-old game may often be ignored, gentlemanly competition and sportsmanship has seen to be taken incredibly seriously. Culminating the best assets of which Wesley has to offer – sports, socialising and impeccable fashion sense – competitors have donned their “Sunday Best” attire for every occasion. With the Pimms Jugs flowing, and tweed jackets and bow ties in every line of sight, it is

undeniable that the fun, welcoming and social nature of the game has shone through as a great success for Wesley and the Croquet Society.

Many successful events have been run during the spring and summer months, including many “Recovery Days” after large College or University events, even an outing to the Sydney University Quadrangle which set the scene for an intense “Oxbridge-style” match. Currently the Society is only run for social occasions, catering to players of all ages and skill levels. However, with its ever-increasing interest from students there is no doubt this creative endeavor will not be ignored by the University Union and other Sport Societies.





Overseas Study Experience

The 2011/2012 OSP program saw another 6 bright and enthusiastic Wesleyans head to South East Asia for 3 months of volunteer work, cultural experiences and sight seeing.

This group consisted of Richard Arnold, Luke Ehrensperger, Elizabeth Gengos, Annabelle Kennett, Max Mills and Kate Morison. Susan McKenney, a previous OSP member, joined us as a group leader, and James Reid who attended the year before.

The Overseas Study Experience (OSE) began in 1991 and has since taken 6 students plus a group leader to South-East Asia for the summer break. The program aims to inspire and encourage students to form relations with Australia's developing neighbours. It also helps students to use the skills learnt from their degree to help and form relationships with Australia's developing neighbours.

The group met in late November in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and worked for a week with the Street Children and Development Program (SCADP) assisting with teaching English throughout Phnom Penh and neighbouring provinces. The group then ventured up to Hanoi, Vietnam, where they taught English at the University of Hanoi. The group also helped with some building at a school in the mountainous region of Sapa and then ventured to the world Heritage site of Ha Long Bay. The Christmas period



was spent in Hoi An, in the middle of Vietnam, assisting Geoff Shaw with Project Indochina. The group were able to learn firsthand the development problems in the middle region of Vietnam along with the steps being taken to improve this area.

After a break over the New Year, January was spent at individual places, which included:

- The Regent School in Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- National Pediatric Hospital, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- Project Indochina, Kampot, Cambodia
- Vang Vieng Organic Farm, Laos

- The Office of Genetic Counselling for disabled Children, Hue, Vietnam
- United Nations International School, Hanoi, Vietnam

The experience was a huge success with all students gaining valuable knowledge and experiences that will remain with them forever.

Wesley is extremely lucky to have a program which allows some of its students to experience the rich culture and engage in some of the developmental issues that plague South-East Asia.



Student Editors – Adam Wall and Lizzie Arnold

In the student section of the Wesleyan, we have tried to showcase some of the immense talent our cohort possess- and while the process involved nagging, sorting through mounds of photos and piecing together content, I am proud to say that the final product is coherent narrative of Wesley 2012. We are a traditional college with a rich history of successes on and off the field, in and out of class and within our community. Regrettably, 2012 so far has been a year of few rewards on the field, and our Palladian endeavours have seldom been recognised. But off the field, and drawing on new talents, the student body has proven itself to be something more than a binary of academic and athletic. We have shown ourselves to be innovative and adaptable to new challenges, but also to new skills. Since the last edition of the Wesleyan the student body has undergone constitutional renovations- from modernising our policies to reform of the chains of command, and the responsibilities of new and existing roles in House Committee. Current third years have been involved in setting up a Sydney

University Croquet Club based at Wesley, in conjunction with the University's Union. I encourage you to read the report Lizzie has done on this only young, but very popular student initiative.

The student body has also raised its hand to getting involved in the local community- from working with St Vinnies societies, soup kitchens, and the Cancer Council on Daffodil Day, to chatting with the elderly in hospitals and continuing to sacrifice meals to raise money for Wesley's unique Overseas Experience. Being student editor has alluded me to how the strong our college family is in 2012, and how we continue to inspire and foster young leaders of so many fantastic traits. The three scholarship-student profiles featured in this section all reflect on the Wesley community and how amazing we come together. We truly are like no other, and it is the student body that makes Wesley so unique.

Thank you to everyone who responded to my nagging and gave me some great content. A special thanks to our resident



photographers, Louis Lau and Julian Woods, for the endless supply of photos to furnish the pieces. Most importantly, I would like to thank my partner in crime for her dedication, willingness to take on more and more work and sound advice in compiling the student section. As Media and Communications students, it is always a great opportunity to get your work published, and I hope that Lizzie has found this experience to be as rewarding as I have.

Adam Wall (fr 2010)

PS Development Office

If you haven't been back to Wesley in a while, please drop in and say hello! It's been a great pleasure to meet a number of Old Cols who have come back to Wesley recently, at both events and while visiting Sydney. I am delighted to show you around (including the wonderful courtyard redevelopment) hear your stories and walk with you down the corridors filled with so many memories! Please drop by - the new Development Office is in Lower Callaghan (beside the toilets)!

This years Wesleyan would not be possible without the enthusiasm and commitment from Malcolm Brown (fr 65), and assisted by Margot Saville (fr 79). Our Student Editors Adam Wall and Lizzie Arnold have

been fantastic and relentless in getting the information, photos and stories together.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading all of the fabulous profiles of those who have walked the halls of Wesley in years gone by. Your feedback is welcome – please email us at foundation@wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au or on 02 9565 3179.

Until next time

Kiri Dumont
Development Manager

PPS – Don't forget Senior Old Cols Luncheon on 9 November 2012
1970s Bed and Breakfast Reunion on 9 February 2013.





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