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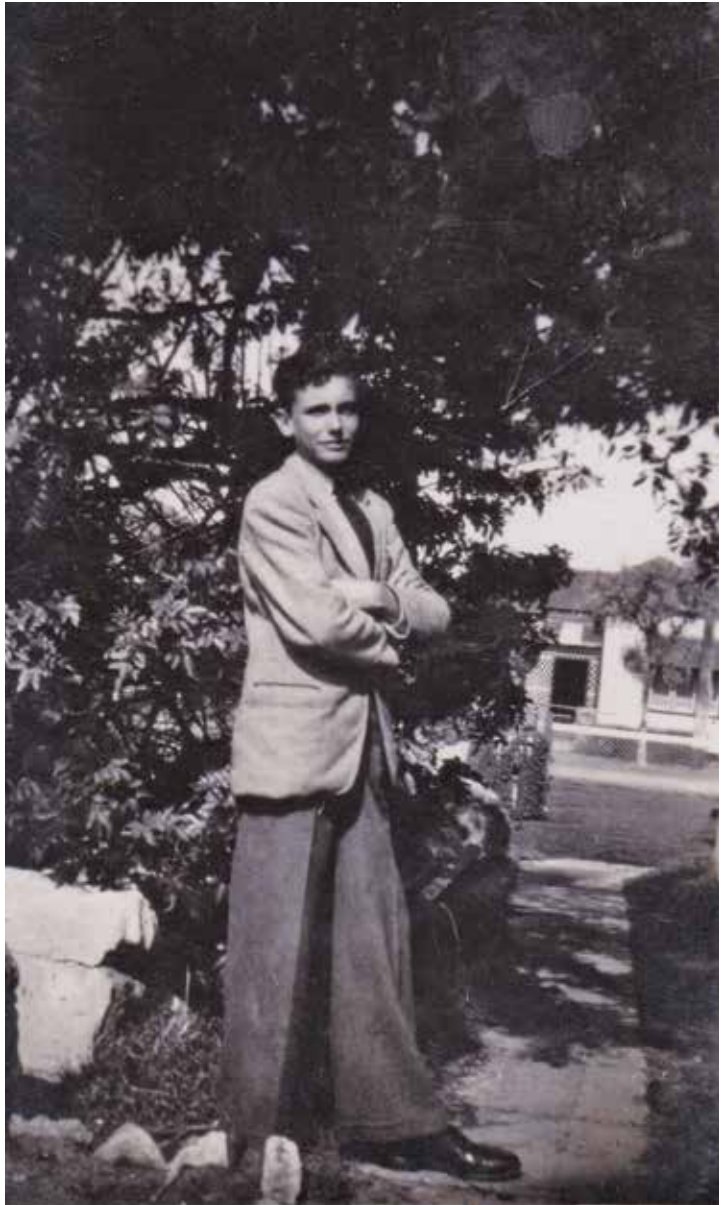
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*'The red-brick Norman fortress of the college was green under Virginia creeper, and pink oleanders flowered around the tennis courts. Behind the college was the wild bush of King's Park, and in front of it, beyond the sloping lawns, the broad blue moody river. The noises of the college were noises of peace: people yarning on the balconies, people singing in the showers, voices in the quadrangle calling the names of people wanted on the telephone. The chapel bell tolled in the morning and in the evening, and when his turn came to read Compline, Rick found himself wishing everybody, with unexpected sincerity, a quiet night and a perfect end.'*

*'On the balconies, in the high panelled Hall with great windows on the river, in the showers and the Junior Common Room and the bedroom-studies, the talk went on and on.'*

St George's College, as described in  
'The Merry-Go-Round in the Sea',  
by Randolph Stow



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## From the Editor



I am always so impressed with and inspired by the contribution our residents make to the community – both the College’s community and the wider community beyond the castle walls. This year has been no exception. As well as our regular and ongoing involvement with True Blue Dreaming and Teach Learn Grow, over 40 residents took part

in UWA’s Relay For Life. They ran 1112 laps, and walked 500 laps, through a stormy night, to raise \$5500 for cancer research. Twice they had to shelter indoors when the lightning was too close – and they all loved the experience.

A large number of College residents also was involved in fund raising for the Movember Foundation. Moustaches were grown – some of which were frankly alarming – and residents took the 60 kilometres challenge to walk 60km in November for the 60 men lost to suicide around the world each hour of every day. A 2019 calendar was additionally produced, proceeds of which went to the Movember Foundation.

On 26th February 2019, five brave St George’s boys, Aaron Shanahan, Barnaby Garland, Aloysius White, Declan Robinson and skipper Nicholas Hill, will be battling the elements in the Rottnest Channel Swim in support

of Lady Lawley Cottage, which offers respite care services for children and young adults with complex medical needs. Declan’s twin brother Ewen has severe cerebral palsy and his family has benefited from the services provided by Lady Lawley. To say thank you and give back to this wonderful cause, Declan and his mates are aiming to raise \$50,000 for Lady Lawley to purchase new equipment for the ASPIRED service they run. You can follow their training and preparation on Facebook (George’s Gents for Lady Lawley) and Instagram (@stgc\_rotto\_swim).

I can’t wait to see what else 2019 has in store for us.

Photographs have been contributed to this publication by our Photography Bursary holders Kristel Li, Kris Liu and Raymond Luk. Other photographs have been contributed by Lachlan Jennings (p 6, 9, 51), Ridhwan Lye (Ridhwan LZH Photography p 37) and Dylan Wood (Partografia Photography & Film p 3, 36, 46). Thank you to them and to everyone else for their contributions. Submissions and suggestions are always welcome.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Georgian* magazine and I look forward to seeing Georgians and their families at College events in 2019.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019. **G**

**Jo Evans (1988)**  
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Relay For Life



Moustaches for Movember Foundation



George’s Gents for Lady Lawley contemplating the pond as a training venue

From the **Warden****Meat and drink**

Purveyors of comestibles and beverages have become a familiar sight in the Quad. The College Spring Fair on Sunday 28th October 2018 brought an impressive array of high quality vendors on this day of sunshine, music, eating, drinking, and fun, as animated Georgians, their families, friends, and members of the public mingled happily.

On Friday 7th September the Quad was graced by a 'coffee cart', also dispensing tea and hot chocolate. This was a small, and perhaps relevant, gesture from the Education Committee to acknowledge the pleasing academic results of Semester One 2018. In that period the College recorded a UWA mean of 70.53 per cent, a median of 72 per cent, and a fail rate of 3.85 per cent, against a University mean of 67.98 per cent,



Matt Colvin (1990) and WA Pure Honey at Spring Fair



The newly-named Rodgers Wing and Arcus Quad (Artist's impression)

median of 70 per cent, and fail rate of 7.94 per cent.

An ice-cream van appeared in the Quad on Wednesday 7th November to thank residents for their exceptional volunteering efforts on behalf of charities with which the College is associated, such as True Blue Dreaming, the Cancer Council's Relay for Life, and Teach Learn Grow, as well as on behalf of the College at events such as UWA Open Day and the College Spring Fair.

**Rodgers Wing and Arcus Quad**

The College has communicated frequently with you regarding the West Wing; now,

I am very pleased to say, named the Rodgers Wing to mark the exceptional gift of John Rodgers (1956). I am also delighted to report that the quadrangle framed by the Rodgers Wing will be called Arcus Quadrangle to celebrate the major bequest of Albert Arcus (1942) that has also been vital to the pursuit of the West Wing development.

On 8th November 2018 the College entered into a contract with Jaxon Construction to build the Rodgers Wing at a contract sum of \$9.25 million.

**The expected final cost for the Wing is \$10.25 million** including professional fees and contingency amounts. The College has also budgeted for ancillary costs related to relaying of the main driveway and the northern driveways, refurbishment of the present administration offices and laundry, entrance signage, and kitchen enhancement.

The College Appeal and 2018 Annual Giving raised \$1.39 million in total, comprised of \$1.13 million in cash and \$0.26 million in further pledges. Together with the Rodgers Gift, the Arcus Bequest, previous allocation of \$1 million in surplus College working capital, and earnings on the relevant invested amounts, **the West Wing development fundraising amounted to \$10.31 million in aggregate**. We expect to be able to undertake the project without any recourse to borrowing, as the College holds cash reserves to meet ancillary and additional costs.



L-R Nina Wagner, Inge-Maj Saccheri, Suzon Troussier

## FROM THE WARDEN *continued*

### Design changes

The development process led to changes in design, as you would expect. I would like to highlight these so that you have a clear understanding of what was finally determined upon, particularly as various changes took place between the publication of the last Georgian, the issue of the West Wing Appeal, and also the distribution of the 2018 Annual Giving brochure.

The original concept was for three separate east-west axis buildings linked by a walkway, which ran along the east/Original Wing side, at the Chapel level. This was changed to a building, smaller than but similar in shape to the Original Wing, with its long plane running north-south along the St Thomas More boundary. The Rodgers Wing is connected by walkways per the Original Wing with a short walkway linking to Chapel level at the north east corner. The efficient new design created a single more useful quadrangle, the Arcus Quad, rather than the two previous smaller quadrangles, and opened up the whole of the very attractive Western aspect of Original Wing.

The decision was made to remove the proposed underground carpark. The Planning Committee was of the view that with an ever-more rapidly appearing era of common use vehicles, as well as better parking management, an underground carpark was not a necessary or desirable feature. Removal of the carpark also led to significant cost savings and removed future maintenance requirements. It was also determined to defer the decision to install a canopy over the Arcus Quad. Provision has been made for its future installation, if deemed desirable; in the interim the College will monitor quadrangle use, airflow and temperatures. In addition, planning has been done for the future inclusion of one or more trees into the quadrangle if that addition would be both useful and attractive.

The Rodgers Wing now includes: on the ground floor, the Ruth Rodgers Room, a common room of similar size to the Junior Common Room, that will contain John Rodgers' mother's renovated c1894 Bechstein grand piano,



L-R Jaxon's CEO David Dodds, Jaxon's Construction Manager James Prattent, Jaxon's Business Development Manager Travis Harvey, Project Manager Frank Smith, Planning Committee member Jermayne Fabling (1990)

and tapestries to be donated by John; the new administration area; a joint use (College/administration) meeting room; small kitchen facilities, storage, lavatories, and a new separate laundry; on the first floor, 17 ensuite rooms; on the second floor, 16 ensuite rooms and a common room with views over the front lawn; and on the third floor, 12 ensuite rooms and a delightful common room and roof space with views to the river. All rooms are capable of being twinned, and the floors are served by two lifts.

### Acknowledgements

I would like to record my thanks to all donors for their exceptional support of the Appeal and Annual Giving 2018, a remarkable achievement. This fundraising could also not have been achieved without the personal involvement of a

significant number of Georgians and friends, as organisers, intercessors and wordsmiths, on behalf of the Foundation and College. The success and efficiency of the fundraising are the results of a great collegial effort under the excellent management of David Cannon (1962) and Josephine Evans (1988).

The technical direction has been set by Marino Evangelisti (1982), Jermayne Fabling (1990) and Peter Hopwood (1964). Donna Charlesworth (1993) and Steve Hicks (1984) have provided our legal advice, and Dean Pike (1981) has overseen the financial elements of the project. My colleagues have contributed fully to all aspects of this undertaking. Our project manager, Frank Smith, has been energetic, assiduous and wholly committed to the development and its progress.

There is much to do over the next year for the College, Jaxon Construction and the other specialists and consultants to bring this promising start to successful conclusion. I hope that we shall be able to meet all expectations and obligations by delivering a fine and worthy building at the end of 2019 on time and budget.

With my very best wishes to you all for a healthy and productive New Year. **G**



L-R John Rodgers (1956), Deb Laird, niece of Albert Arcus (1942) and Ian Hardy breaking the ground

Ian Hardy  
Warden

## From the Board Chairman



**I'm writing this in early November. In a couple of weeks' time I will be attending another 50-year club lunch at St George's, when the freshmen<sup>1</sup> of 1968 will celebrate their first year in College. I will also attend a 50-year lunch for those who graduated from UWA's Engineering School in 1968. It's hard to imagine that 50 years have passed since the class of '68 set out into the world as freshly minted engineers (including College residents Bob Gunn, Asavin Chintakananda, Peter Nicholson, and me).**

In 1968 the great Pilbara iron ore developments were only just getting under way; anti-Vietnam and anti-conscription protests occurred across the nation (some of us, including Peter Nicholson and Peter Wreford, were "winners" of the call-up lottery); and in October, Meckering was devastated by an earthquake, totally unexpected in what was then thought to be "geologically stable" Western Australia. We did not have computers, our cars lacked headrests and seat belts, our music was vinyl, and only vinyl; and we mostly drank beer (Swan Lager, Emu Bitter), as the wine on offer was pretty ordinary. It seems so long ago.

Back then, in 1968, St George's College was 37 years old. To me, as a young man, it felt vastly older than that. Perhaps that had to do with Dr Reynolds, who then seemed very old and wise, or the by-then well-established traditions of the place. Those of my vintage will remember how freshmen stood guard

under a light fitting in the JCR during Club AGMs, in case it should fall; the quadrangle pondings for trivial offences (or just because you hadn't been ponded recently); the annual play at the Dolphin Theatre, jointly with St Catherine's; the freshman run to Hampden Road for burgers and chips, after dinner; the cross-country race in Kings Park, when someone like Gary Quan Sing ran a book; the darts games after lunch, outside the Dining Hall; and the JCR billiards matches for senior men after dinner, often played while still wearing gowns. For me, growing up in St George's was such fun and so rewarding but, when compared to how rich College life is these days, it really only reflected the times in which we lived. Viewed from 2018, those were simpler times, less connected, more innocent.

In 2018 St George's is 50 years older than it was when I graduated, now more than double its age then. It has most certainly changed. By far the most wide-reaching change since 1968 was to bring women in as residents, thereby changing for the better the way residents behaved. Memorial and Newby Wings have been added since 1968, increasing our capacity and improving our offering to incoming residents. Pondings have gone, and the primitive process of freshman initiation has been replaced by a far better organised orientation that properly introduces newcomers to the ethos and spirit of the College.

Has College changed for the better? I strongly believe that it has. The fabric of the place has been renewed, cultural pursuits for residents are many and varied, academic excellence is promoted and supported, pastoral care of our young residents is a high priority for our Warden and his team, and College welcomes the local community to its activities in ways it never did before. But it has also stayed true to its founders' hopes, in that it remains the only Western Australian version of an Oxbridge college. As time has passed the other colleges at UWA have become less college-like, more halls of residence. And this is our point of difference. Long may it stay so.

In 13 years St George's College will reach its first centenary. I hope I'm then still around to join in the fun but, more importantly, to celebrate the wonderful achievements of all those who passed through our College on their way to rewarding lives in the outside world.

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Finding inspiration for this column can sometimes be difficult. I'm so glad I don't have to write a column for a newspaper! It seems to me that our regular newspaper columnists have become depressed by the events of the day and week, and have trouble seeing the wood for the trees. The columns of the newspapers and magazines which I read often project a pessimistic view of society, of culture, and even of the future of Australia. It's as if we have no reason to hope.

I find it hard to be a glass-half-empty person, however. In spite of the pessimism of the press, I still believe that the future of my family, of Australia and ultimately of all of mankind can be richer and more rewarding than is the present. Ours is a great nation, one of the very greatest, but we can do better, and the future holds out the promise of our doing just that. I hope the 2018 graduates from St George's set out as hopefully and as optimistically as we did, all those years ago. **G**

**Peter Hopwood (1964)**  
Board Chairman

<sup>1</sup> For men they all were!

## From the Senior Student



**2018 began, as usual, with Orientation Week, and once again it was a fantastic experience. The atmosphere during preparation week beforehand was buzzing, and the leadership team deserves utmost praise for all the work they put in. I am thankful in particular for the work of the College Club Executive, Taya Chandraviroj, Dylan Woods, Menaca Dissanayake and Matt Cransberg, as they were instrumental in bringing this year's O-Week to life in as much joyous detail as it was when we first experienced it ourselves as freshers.**

The 2018 schedule featured the usual suspects: cross-city scavenger hunt challenges, an Amazing Race-style competition on College grounds, Zumba at UWA Sport, and an evening at the Maritime Museum in Fremantle. Freshers were familiarised with the rules of Dining Hall etiquette early on in the week, which were tested at the Formal Dinner on the Thursday evening. This year's fresher cohort exceeded our expectations with their enthusiasm and great attitude towards College life during O-Week – qualities which have only become more prominent as the year has progressed.

The year started strongly, with the traditional College event of "Assassins' Week" taking place early, highlighting the freshers' enthusiasm for College culture. The final showdown in the Quad had residents gathered on the balconies, eager to see the spilling of blood – or should I say water? Assassins is an event that enables residents to engage with people they may not have had the opportunity to speak to before. Learning the schedule

and day-to-day activities of your target is a necessity, and those pitted against each other often find themselves on surprisingly good terms after it's all said and done. JCR Parties are a staple of the College calendar, and this year we've attempted to flesh out the tried-and-true template in order to engage a larger part of the college – that is, residents other than the archetypal party-goers. Regardless, the evenings are always a delight, and highlight residents' creativity with the whimsical costumes some people manage to procure.

On the other end of the spectrum, the College Ball this year was a high class, high roller event. The theme was the luxurious New York nightclub "El Morocco" and the zebra-stripe motif found its way into everything from the bar cards to the furniture coverings. Guests were amazed by a magician with fingers so dextrous he could easily have picked our pockets, alongside a feather fan performance by the Sugar Blue Burlesque trio that could have been performed in the actual El Morocco all those years ago. I love the College Ball as it sees a turn out from almost every resident of the College. Catching up with people you don't see often, or engaging with those whose paths are crossed infrequently, is so quintessentially Georgian.

The end of the year is fast approaching and it's bittersweet, with slightly more bitter than sweet. There is nothing more energising than boarding the bus bound for the leadership retreat at Eagle's Nest, and already seeing that level of enthusiasm in the recently-elected 2019 team takes me back to our time only 12 months ago. Even though our Dean of Residents Toni Smith moved on to a new job during the year, direction and

support is not a resource we are lacking. I have the greatest confidence in current Senior Residential Adviser Sam Alsop and current RA Kate Milligan, who are moving into roles on the College staff as Student Care Advisers, as they provide guidance to the leadership team. There is no doubt in my mind that next year will see the College and its residents achieve heights greater than ever before.

The College Club Constitution states that the purpose of the Club Committee is to "facilitate the intellectual, cultural, social and sporting aspects of college life", and while the Committee definitely gives it a red-hot crack, the strongest positive influence on these aspects of college life is from the residents who don't have these ideals on their radar. It's the residents who help out in the canteen, managing the stock and working shifts, or those who spend an evening attending Art Club. Residents who turn out to Intercollege sport weekly, play cards in the Elsey room, or prepare meals from their home country in the Rogerson Café. These little things are what fuels this college experience we share, and we don't know how lucky we are to have them.

When I think back to the last week of semester, I find it strangely relates to the passage from *'The Merry-Go-Round in the Sea'* that our Warden is so fond of. As it came my turn to read Compline on Thursday night, I "found myself wishing everybody, with unexpected sincerity, a quiet night and a perfect end."

Best of luck to 2019 Senior Student Genevieve Victor and her team – this year has been big fun. **G**

### Sam Riley

Sam is a 3rd year College resident from Bunbury, studying Medicine



The Final Showdown at the End of Assassins' Week



# Annual Giving 2018



L-R Ian Hardy, Deb Laird and John Rodgers (1956) preparing to break the ground to start the building of the Rodgers Wing and Arcus Quad

Our challenge to raise \$1 million in cash by 1st September 2018 was, to say the least, daunting. The \$1 million fundraising was necessary to finance effectively the West Wing project, and to meet a condition attached to the great gift of \$5 million from John Rodgers (1956). But thanks to the incredibly supportive Georgian community, the challenge was met and surpassed. Building of the Rodgers Wing has now commenced and it is hoped that it will be completed by December 2019, ready for occupancy in 2020.

We have a very generous community and the College is grateful for the exceptional financial support given by Georgians, friends of the College, and parents of current residents. This support makes it possible for St George's to continue to provide promising students of diverse disciplines and backgrounds with a true collegiate education.

The St George's College Foundation acknowledges with gratitude the donation from the Anglican Community Fund, presented by ACF's Executive Officer Ian Leverington, as well as the following individuals for their generous support during Annual Giving 2018. Many thanks also to those who preferred to make their gifts anonymously, and to those whose gifts were received after this list was compiled for publication. **G**

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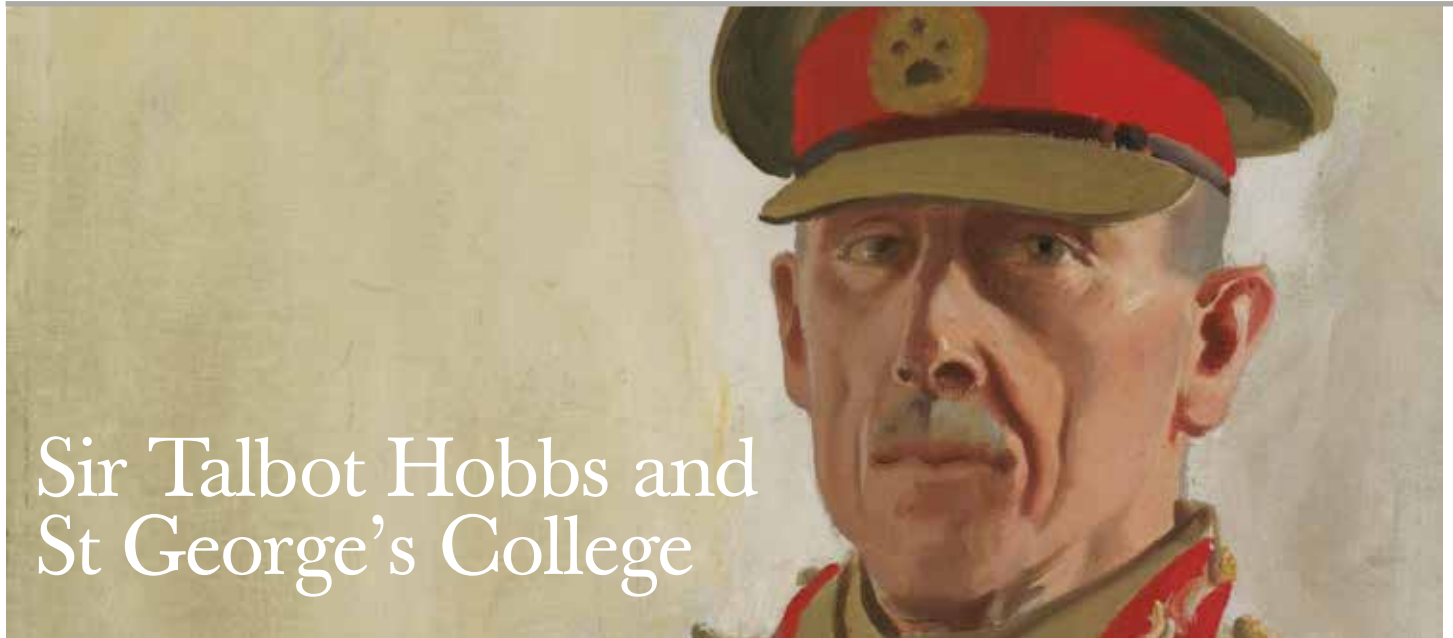
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# Sir Talbot Hobbs and St George's College

Major General John Joseph Talbot Hobbs. Artist: Fred Leist (1917, oil on canvas)

*Sir Talbot Hobbs' connection to St George's College spans right back to its conception. Sir John Winthrop Hackett's will, once bequests and legacies were made, left the remainder of his estate to be divided into eight parts. Six parts were for The University of Western Australia and the remaining two parts were to go to the trustees of the Anglican Diocese of Perth, to be used to build a residential college and chapel at UWA. Hobbs resigned as one of those trustees when his architect firm, and diocesan architects, Hobbs, Smith and Forbes, were commissioned to design the College buildings in 1927.*

Once the College was complete and open for business, Hobbs became one of the foundation Council members. In 1931 the Senior Student approached Hobbs and suggested he might like to donate a billiard table to the students – which he did, complete with billiard balls and cues, from his home in Peppermint Grove. This asset enabled the College Club to raise previously non-existent funds – “a billiards committee was appointed with the power to fine, playing fees were set and the whole operation became a financial proposition.”<sup>1</sup>

In 1932 Hobbs brought Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, who was then the Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, to

visit the College. As was reported in 1938 *The Dragon*, Lord Birdwood turned to his former wartime colleague and said “Well Hobbs, you are as good an architect as you are a general”. High praise indeed!

He remained on the College Council until his death in 1938. As the Warden of the day, Canon Law, noted in Hobbs' obituary in *The Dragon*, “...his advice was invaluable. A telephone call over-night would ensure his stopping at the College on his way to business in the morning to help us out of some technical difficulty that had arisen... [In] Sir Talbot Hobbs had passed out of sight one of the best and noblest of the many distinguished citizens of Western Australia”.



L-R Sir Talbot Hobbs, Canon Law, Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood



General Sir John Monash and Hobbs outside Buckingham Palace during the Anzac Day march, 25th April 1919. Courtesy of the Australian War Memorial H18646

<sup>1</sup> *St George's College: The First Fifty Years 1931-1981*, edited by Brian Wills-Johnson. Chapter II “The Early Years” by Herbert A. Craven page 10

# Centenary of the End of World War I: Remembering Lieutenant General Sir J. J. Talbot Hobbs

Lieutenant General Sir Joseph John Talbot Hobbs was Western Australia's most distinguished First World War soldier, and a renowned architect. He designed many well-known buildings in Perth and Fremantle, including the War Memorial at Kings Park, the Weld Club, the Savoy Hotel, Samson House and, of course, St George's College. The centenary of the Armistice is a timely opportunity to reflect on the significant contribution he made through his war service.

Hobbs was a passionate part-time soldier. When war broke out, he joined the AIF on 18th September 1914, aged 50, and was appointed Commander of the 1st Division Artillery. Despite his lack of combat experience, he displayed a combination of knowledge, intelligence, instinct and the ability to listen and adapt.

On 1st November 1914, Hobbs departed from Albany, as part of the First Convoy aboard HMAT *Shropshire*, arriving in Alexandria on 4th December. He transferred to Mena Camp, where he trained his gunners on the plains near the pyramids. With limited equipment and ammunition, their exercises adopted the latest available artillery techniques.

Artillery plans established that naval firepower would support the beach landing and initial advance at Gallipoli. At 4 am on 25th April 1915, Hobbs watched from the deck of SS *Minnewaska* and wrote '[f]lashes, and the report of musketry intimated that our covering force was ashore and engaged with the enemy'. He went ashore around 10 am and immediately climbed Plugge's Plateau. According to Lieutenant Colonel Brudenell White, the 'small figure with eyes aflame sought positions for his guns, and chafed that they were not allowed to be disembarked earlier'.

By mid-afternoon Hobbs had identified two suitable positions and ordered field guns ashore. He awaited their arrival impatiently, but it was not until 5.30 pm that 'the first ... field gun ... was landed and whisked along the beach to the cheers



Hobbs inspecting 59th and 60th Battalions, 29 October 1918  
Courtesy of the Australian War Memorial E03643

of hundreds of wounded, waiting to be removed to the ships'.

In the early weeks of the campaign, Hobbs worked tirelessly to identify positions while his men hauled the 18-pounders across the rugged terrain. The razorback peaks and narrow gullies of the peninsula limited the effectiveness of artillery support; the guns' relatively flat trajectory could not penetrate the Ottoman soldiers, who were well dug in. Hobbs was frustrated by Major General Sir William Bridges' order that guns be employed in the front line. Hobbs believed that this method was less effective and put his gunners unnecessarily at risk.

As the Anzacs secured their foothold on the peninsula, Hobbs conducted reconnaissance to chart trenches and artillery emplacements. By June, he had strengthened communications to coordinate an effective coverage of the Anzac front and reflected, 'everything now seems to be in excellent order'.

In early August, as the artillery commenced the three-day slow bombardment for the diversionary attack on Lone Pine, Hobbs commented, 'I will always remember the calm resolute faces of these splendid men ... so patiently waiting

for the time ... determined to succeed. So many of them [going] to their death.'

The infantry advanced on 6th August and endured a desperate four-day struggle. It was a costly victory.

On 11th August, Hobbs wrote, 'I went through the Lone Pine work today, the horrors of which I can never I think forget ... bodies lie in the most atrocious, grotesque [positions]. The stench and flies are abominable and how our men can fight, eat and sleep among these awful surroundings I do not know.'

From 4th October he assumed temporary command of 1st Australian Division, however, continued ill health from life on Gallipoli forced him to be evacuated on 9th November.

In recognition of his service during the Gallipoli campaign, Hobbs was appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath for Distinguished Services and later awarded the White Eagle 3rd Class (with swords) by the King of Serbia.

Hobbs recovered in Egypt while the evacuation of troops from Gallipoli was completed and his gunners were relocated to Egypt. He resumed command on 25th January 1916. His early priorities were training, morale and helping to create the new 4th and 5th Divisional Artilleries.



Australian gunners in the heat at Pozieres, July 1916  
Courtesy of the Australian War Memorial EZ0141

In March 1916, Hobbs left for the Western Front. Training continued 'in the line' and Hobbs' necessarily vigorous program saw rapid improvement in artillery work, including new tactical concepts such as the creeping barrage. Hobbs continued to visit the front and his diary entry of 12th July reads,

*'very narrow escape from enemy's shell as we were walking from above Fricourt Wood across to Mametz. Hundreds of guns are emplaced facing the German lines of all caliber – the noise of the bombardment was terrific – the sense of waste and desolation of the battlefield is awful.'*

The preliminary barrage for the attack on Pozieres began on 20th July. On 23rd July, Hobbs wrote,

*... we have captured vast parts of the village and inflicted severe losses on the enemy. We have I fear suffered severely too ... It was a weird and amazing scene last night with the guns and shells lighting up the night like day while the roar and thunder of the hundreds of guns engaged along the front was appalling. I was congratulated ... on the achievements of the artillery by ... General Gough, General Birdwood and others most warmly.*

The gunners worked tirelessly through four days of relentless retaliatory bombardment. Hobbs conducted personal reconnaissance and stationed observers to convey support and information. He responded quickly to changing conditions, but the circumstances were challenging and, at times, he could not reposition due to German counter-battery fire. While infantry were relieved on 27th July, the gunners stayed an additional three days until, exhausted, Hobbs and his men were relieved to the luxury of baths and clean uniforms. The German

lines were finally captured at nightfall on 4th August.

From 13th August, Hobbs and his gunners returned to the front for ten days of bitter fighting at Mouquet Farm. Again, communication and quick response was critical, however Hobbs struggled to obtain definitive information and the infantry was, at times, under fire from their own guns.

From October until December 1916, Hobbs temporarily commanded 1st Anzac Corps Artillery and formed a closer working relationship with Birdwood and Brudenell White, affording him the opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge and leadership qualities.

Birdwood selected him to command 5th Division. Hobbs reflected on this news,

*[U]nfortunately I was still suffering from ... bronchitis. I had also experienced a fairly worrying time as Acting G.O.C.R.A. of the Australian Corps, but ... Birdwood ... appointed me to command the Fifth Australian, and this was the best tonic ... and helped me to pull myself together in order to face my responsibilities.*

Replacing the unpopular Major General McCay, Hobbs injected new spirit and energy into the division, improving low morale through his visits to the front line and dedication to the troops' welfare. This, coupled with high expectations for efficiency and discipline, gained him the respect and trust of his soldiers.

Captain A.D. Ellis wrote,

*From a distance there was nothing imposing in the slight, almost frail, figure. It was when one's eyes rested on his face, that one felt the strength ... of the personality behind it. It was*

*the face of a man who had worked at high pressure for many years. ... [T]he mouth was determined ... the eyes were clear, quick and penetrating, yet immediately responsive to humour or to compassion. ... A quick, almost nervous manner betokened latent springs of energy that soon showed themselves to be almost exhaustible.*

Hobbs, now Major General, selected his bold 15th Brigade Commander 'Pompey' Elliott to pursue the German retreat towards the Hindenburg Line. Elliott set out on 18th March 1917 and undertook a successful advance. However, his capture of Bertincourt in the British sector angered Birdwood and Hobbs ordered the column to halt. When the Germans counter-attacked Beaumetz, taken during the advance, Elliott sent his 59th back to defend. While his initiative forced the Germans back, he then ordered attacks on two more villages, breaching the order to halt. He reportedly exclaimed, 'I don't care if I hang for it.' Hobbs rushed to Elliott's headquarters and discreetly cancelled the attack without informing Birdwood. Of this incident Bean wrote, 'what passed between them was known to them only; but, despite Elliott's magnificent qualities of leadership – in some ways unequalled in the AIF – not every superior could, like Hobbs, after so flagrant disobedience have continued to accord to him his confidence and support'.

After successful attacks on Louveral and Doignies, his division was rested briefly, then returned to the front during the Second Battle of Bullecourt. Hobbs, recognising the fatigue of his men, approached Birdwood to have them relieved. After the Germans withdrew on 17th May, 5th Division was allowed extended rest. Returning in June, he maintained fitness 'rather by encouraging relaxation and games than by more formal training'.

On 26th September 1917, 5th Division successfully advanced on Polygon Wood under thunderous artillery, which Bean described as the 'most perfect [barrage] that ever protected Australian troops. Roaring, deafening, it rolled ahead of the troops "like a Gippsland bushfire"'

Earlier Hobbs had reflected,

*... [the division] has done well and has earned a good name for ... discipline and efficiency. My heart swelled with pride and sorrow as I thought of how many of these gallant, splendid fellows would be no more. When I*

*watched 14th & 15th Brigade Groups march past me yesterday my heart was sad.*

After the initial attack, Hobbs visited the front to convey his thanks. For the next four days, the men endured mustard gas and heavy counter-attacks. 3,723 5th Division men were killed, wounded or missing and Hobbs later selected Polygon Wood as the memorial site for the division.

In January, Hobbs was made a member of the Military Division of Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath for valuable services rendered in connection with Military Operations in the Field.

In the dawn mist on 24th April, the Germans took Villers-Bretonneux. Working quickly, Hobbs orchestrated a successful night attack over 24th-25th April. Heavy covering fire supported Elliott's 15th and Glasgow's 13th Brigades as they enveloped the town, while a limited protective barrage denied the enemy time to reinforce. 22nd Durham Light Infantry (8th British Division) came temporarily under Hobbs' command to provide support; one of the few times British troops were led by an Australian general.

Of Villers-Bretonneux, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig wrote,

*At 10.00 p.m. on the night of the 24th/25th April, a counter-attack was launched by a brigade of the 8th Division and the 13th and 15th Brigades of the 4th and 5th Australian Divisions, Major-General Sir J. J. T. Hobbs commanding the latter division, and met with remarkable success. A night operation of this character, undertaken at such short notice, was an enterprise of great daring. It was carried out in the most spirited and gallant manner by all ranks.*

Reflecting on the significance of the battle, Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood, former Commander of the Australian Corps, recalled,

*...And that was Anzac Day, April 25. We felt that it was a good augury – and so it was. From that day the Germans never advanced a foot. For them it was the beginning of the end. I have always maintained that this action was the great turning point of the war, and that the British Empire owes a far greater debt to the gallant little General Hobbs than has ever been realised. I had given him no more than my broad idea of that cutting-out attack, but he carried it out with the infinite care so characteristic of him.*

Hobbs began planning 5th Division's involvement in the upcoming battle of

Amiens. His proposal that buses be used to transport the men to the assembly area was vetoed by Monash, who considered route marches the best cure for tiredness.

The coordinated attack, involving artillery, infantry and aircraft, began at 4.20 am on 8th August with the Australian Divisions alongside the British and Canadians. On 1st September, Hobbs' soldiers came under heavy fire during an unsuccessful attack on Péronne. Monash pressed the need to take it quickly and so Hobbs issued orders for a repeat advance at midnight. Elliott believed Hobbs placed unreasonable expectations on his exhausted men. Hobbs, troubled, wrote:

*I have been up against many trials, difficulties and problems in my life ... but never have I had to face such an awful responsibility and danger ... I shall never, I think have a tougher problem to solve. My position was difficult indeed ... when General Elliott told me his men were practically done (he certainly was very, very tired).*



Hobbs and his staff supervising manoeuvres in the desert, March 1915  
Courtesy of the Australian War Memorial G01620

Over subsequent days Péronne, Flamicourt and Darmstadt Trench were captured. The troops withdrew to rest, returning on 27th September to the defensive strong points around Bellicourt. On 8th October Hobbs and the division were withdrawn to the Oisemont sector for a rest that lasted until the end of the war.

In January 1919, Hobbs received the honour of Knight Commander of St Michael and St George in connection with military operations in France and Flanders.

He was also awarded the French La Croix de Guerre. Throughout the war, he was Mentioned in Despatches eight times.

After the Armistice, Hobbs succeeded Monash and commanded the Australian Corps between 28th November 1918 and 30th May 1919.

On his return to Perth in October, Hobbs resolved, 'for the rest of my life I shall be at the service of the men who did so very much to win this war, the Australian soldiers...[their] determination, their courage, their extraordinary endurance and cheerfulness, often under the most appalling conditions, I can never forget'. He was committed to the welfare of returned soldiers, advocating publicly on their behalf and opening his home to those in need of a meal.

They, in return, also held him in high regard. In the 5th Division history published in 1920, Captain A. D. Ellis wrote:

*... the luckiest day in the history of the Division was the day that brought General Hobbs to it as its commander ... [I]t is doubtful if a single officer, NCO, or man in the many thousands he commanded ever cherished any feeling for him save that of the highest regard. And that is a rare circumstance even with the most successful commanders.*

Hobbs retired from the army in 1927 but remained an active member of committees and advisory boards and maintained close friendships with wartime comrades. He became heavily involved in the design of war memorials in Australia and overseas, including the WA War Memorial in Kings Park.

En route to France for the unveiling of the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, Hobbs suffered a heart attack and died at sea on 21th April 1938, aged 73. He was given a state funeral and the Perth Western Mail's tribute, commenting on his post-war work, read:

*Sir Talbot was a fine example of an old man living, not in the past but in the future. Through a difficult period which suffered greatly from the loss of its natural leaders, he helped do the work of younger men who had gone, and accepted as the first call of his energies, the making of the future and the leadership of youth.*

For the full article and related references about Lieutenant General Sir J. J. Talbot Hobbs' war service, go to the National Anzac Centre's webpage: [www.nationalanzaccentre.com.au/story/joseph-talbot-hobbs](http://www.nationalanzaccentre.com.au/story/joseph-talbot-hobbs)

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# Practice of Foreign Affairs Dinner: David Irvine AO (1969)

*David Irvine AO (1969) visited the College on Friday 15th June 2018 as our guest speaker at a Practice of Foreign Affairs Dinner in the Georgian Room. David is currently the Chairman of the Foreign Investment Review Board, Chairman of the Board of the Australian Cyber Security Research Institute, and a member of the National Archives of Australia Advisory Council. David was formerly Director General of both the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) and the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS), Australian Ambassador to China, and Australian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea.*

Given subsequent events, David's address could not have been timelier. He spoke about China's geopolitical position, and also Australia's capability to deal with cyberattack and terrorism. He additionally reflected on his time whilst at College.

In his preamble he not only made mention of Napoleon's purported maxim – *Quand la Chine s'éveillera, le monde tremblera* (When China awakes, the world will tremble) – but also recommended that his comments should be considered bearing in mind Chou En Lai's response in 1972 to a question as to his estimation of the impact of the French Revolution of 1789 which was – 'It's too soon to say'.

David remarked on the exceptional economic development that had taken place in China, as well as Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, in particularly the last 10-15 years. He noted that not only had China become powerful but also, as quickly, more assertive.

The United States has for so long and until recently provided structures and a guarantee of world order, through its espousal of free trade, and support for the World Bank and the United Nations. It had been the principal proponent of the Bretton Woods system, and post-Bretton Woods (1971) the United States dollar has served as a global reserve currency. It has been, at least until recently, a strong proponent of free trade, which has been a key ingredient in world economic growth over the past 70 years. All this had been founded on Western liberal values, and come to fruition under the economic and military aegis of the United States.

Now this was being brought into question with China's emergence.

China is now big and powerful; and although having benefited from Western liberal achievements and from access to US markets and technology, it has its own very different ideology – an ideology that China and Russia, ironically, can even plausibly promote as a better way when compared to the recent failings of democratic governments in the West. A conundrum for Australia is that it has prospered to an almost unrivalled degree from being under the United States umbrella; in the past this allowed 'to dig, dump or clip it' to become a recipe for success. Australia continues to remain militarily dependent on the United States but it has over the past 10 years become economically dependent on China. This has created tensions.

David outlined the strength that China has in being an autocratic Leninist state, with the Marxist and Maoist now effectively dropped. Within this regime all resources are directed to promote the interests of China internally and externally, accompanied with pervasive slogans: Mao's 'Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun' to the more recent 'Socialism with Chinese characteristics' that includes clear elements of capitalism.

David suggested that if a slogan were to be used, it might pertinently be 'Mercantilism with Chinese characteristics' with state and Chinese corporate resources combining to promote Chinese interests, power and influence. He indicated that both Australia and the United States were having trouble coping



David Irvine AO

with this application of state resources and policies in support of an overall economic policy. He believed that this mercantilist approach had already led, to a significant degree, to Chinese hegemony in the South China Sea orbit. As China has extended its interest in the region, the United States under George W. Bush had focused more on the Middle East. This was further exacerbated by President Obama, who, although charming, seemed to have had an aversion to assertive projection and engagement. These presidents were confronted by covert influence and the application of an economic power intended to change the balance.

David opined that the United States still had significantly greater military capacity than China, perhaps to the extent of four to five times, but that in the recent past it had lacked the will to exert its authority internationally, although perhaps this was changing with President Trump.

David underlined that these comments were not a moral judgement but a reflection of a new set of circumstances that had to be appraised and managed by the United States and Australia.

David said many people were now talking about the 'Thucydides Trap'. This refers to the axiom that when one great power displaces another, war is almost always the result. This derives from



L-R Katy Boardman, Olivia Riches, Alyssia Wishart, Robyn Clifford, James Mazzarolo, Monique Wishart, Felice Wong

the fifth century Athenian Thucydides, in likely the first attempt at coherent historical aetiology, averring that the underlying cause of the 5th century BC Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta (as opposed to the immediately preceding incidences of conflict) was ‘that the Athenians became powerful, filled the Spartans with fear and drove them to war’. David worries that, in the context of newly conflicting interests between the United States and the emergent China, there is the danger that, as with the First World War, we sleepwalk into war – proxy or worse and very possibly in our Asia-Indo-Pacific region.

Consequently David suggests that, in pursuit of a more stable ecosystem of safeguards and wider perspectives, Australia’s outlook should become more diverse and multi-dimensional. We need to maintain close relations with both the United States and China, while protecting our independence of action from both. We need to develop our regional relationships and continue to promote a regional architecture that produces regional cooperation, peace and stability. We need also to support the currently failing international system based on the United Nations. At the same time, however, Australia should relook at

its relationships with Europe, Africa and South America, and begin to place our economic eggs in other baskets.

As an aside, David touched briefly on Chinese investment in Australia, which was welcomed. He noted two key tests for such investment: would it be accepted by the Australian public and would it benefit Australia?

Having made these observations, David moved to his second stanza: Australia’s capacity to deal with terrorism and cyberattack. By way of introduction, he first identified Australia’s interests in this regard. He was clear that this was the ‘protection of your lifestyle’, and this meant that Australian lives should be led free of external threat, opportunities for Australians should never be diminished, and Australian legal protections should not be threatened or breached.

Australians should be free to continue to pursue opportunities all around the world and, in doing so, they should be protected from malign influences, such as terrorism and organised crime, and particularly, in relation to the latter, criminals operating in the cyberworld. David stressed that these transnational threats had to be resisted through a system of effective transnational cooperation between governments.

David commented that fundamentalist Wahhabism or Salafism that had its roots in the 18th century, whether distorted or not, will continue to be around. He said that the resulting issues, such as extremist terror acts, must be dealt with in a firm, sensible, unemotional but compassionate way. Muslims, on the one hand, needed to recognise that they were putting the Muslim community into difficulty by not opposing militancy, whilst non-Muslim groups in Australia must seek to work with the Muslim community to help resist terrorist groups and the espousal of violence. As to combating terrorist threats David believes that Australia is much better placed than it was 10 years ago but it is still a fragile business. In that period ASIO and its law enforcement partners have been successful in thwarting numerous planned mass casualty attacks in Australia. Tragically they had not been able to prevent a small number of lethal attacks.

With regard to the rapidly evolving phenomenon of cyber-attack he does not consider Australia is yet fully prepared. Early attention tended to focus on cybercrime and illegal access to and manipulation of corporate and personal information, as well as theft of intellectual property. There was a lack

of consciousness about ramifications of cyber-attack for the state before ASIO started to focus upon this. For example, it was discovered that there had been sustained hacking into parliamentary computers by Chinese interests over a two year period.

Espionage and sabotage are greatly enabled by the internet: water, power, telecommunications and other key infrastructure are all inextricably interconnected with internet-based systems – and the internet can be used to interfere or sabotage their operations. Warfare has proceeded from land to sea to air to space and, now, to cyberspace. The warfare of the 21st century will be fought over the Internet in cyber space. Six years ago the Russians turned off Estonia for five days; two years ago this happened in the Western Ukraine. There are obvious implications for Australian national security.

But this is not even the tip of the iceberg. In 2015 global cybercrime was estimated at \$400 billion; for 2018 \$2.1 trillion and for 2025 over \$6 trillion. Cybercrime is not only enabled by the open internet, but also by the whole world of the dark web involving criminal directories, darknets, identity theft, and Denial of Service attacks (DDOS); a subterranean world of secretive activity and where identities can be created as well as stolen.

In addition there is the covert influencing of public thinking, as attempted in the United States presidential elections. The internet is gloriously democratic in providing access to information but social media lacks filters of truth and objectivity. It can also mount savage bombardments and subtle multi-layered attacks.

David felt that Prime Minister Turnbull's cybersecurity strategy, that enjoyed business support and co-operation, was well-conceived and was making headway. He noted the institution of the Critical Infrastructure Centre. As to further progress he identified regulation in support of privacy, and consumer education, supported by appropriate expenditure, as avenues of profitable future pursuit.

David finally reflected on his time at UWA and at College. He expressed his belief that his honours' thesis that focused on Elizabethan and Jacobean clerical wills



L-R Olivia Riches, Bailey Van Der Zanden, Darcy Smith, Callum Sly



Pre-dinner conversation with the guest speaker

in the Diocese of Lincoln constituted a fine preparation for a career, and noted, by the by, that his favourite applicant to become a spy had been an orthodontist.

David's family lived in South Perth. It was he who had made the decision to come to College for his honours year to experience the camaraderie and diversity of St George's. He had, in consequence, had to fund his own fees, working at *The West Australian* to do so; Hackett would have been pleased that his newspaper paved the way for David to St George's, although doubtless the newspaper barons received their pound of flesh on the way too. He counted many of his oldest friends, and their wives, from his days at College.

He emphasised three values to our residents: integrity, commitment, and the desire to keep learning.

In an answer to a question as to whether, with his responsibilities at

ASIO and ASIS, he had been able to sleep easy, he replied that he had often found sleep difficult. Indeed, earlier in his diplomatic career, he reckoned that he had essentially written two books in the early hours of the morning; these being *Bisma, Warrior Priest of the Mahabharata* (1990) and *Leather Gods and Wooden Horses* (1996). He said that he owed much to his wife and daughters for maintaining his equilibrium and welfare throughout his career. As to shortage of sleep he surmised that it had not had any immediate impact but as he became older, he felt that it may have affected his memory.

All that can be said is that certainly did not seem to be the case on 15th June 2018 as David ranged extensively and with sharp detail across wide plains of information, knowledge, and insight in a manner denied to those without the very best of memories. **G**



# Zarephath Wine Dinner

The mid-year wine dinner featured wines from Zarephath Wines in the Porongurups. Georgian Ian Barrett-Lennard (1972) and Rosie Singer, owners of Zarephath since 2013, run the vineyard incorporating a grass roots approach and adopting organic principles where possible. Originally established in 1995 by a monastic community, Zarephath's fertile soils, easterly aspect and cool summer breezes contribute to the production of premium low yield award winning wines. Guests at the Wine Dinner were treated to a delicious three course meal created by College chefs, Sonja Freeman and Tony de Brito, who matched each course to complement a glass of Zarephath wine. The evening began with sparkling wine from Mann Winery in the Junior Common Room. Their 2016 vintage was released exclusively for the College on the evening. It was a wonderful night of exceptional food and wine and we look forward to the next wine dinner in early February featuring wine from Frankland Estate (Elizabeth Kent (Smith 1992) and her family).



L-R James Smorthwaite (2013), Jess Edmeades (2011), Catherine McShane, Alice White (2011), Zac Molloy Mencshelyi (2012), Angela Burvill (2014), Luca Loreggian



L-R Will Moncrieff, Geoff Goldsmith (1986), Megan McCracken (Egerton-Warburton 1985), Tom Plant (1992), Anthea Mann (1986), Bruce McCracken (1985), Fiona Plant (1990)



Anthea Mann (1986)



Ian Barrett-Lennard (1972)

## GeorGin & Tonic Evening

A GeorGin & Tonic evening was held at the College Bar in June featuring gin from Old Young's Distillery in the Swan Valley. It was also the night that the victorious Georgian Hockey team, consisting mostly

of Georgians from the 1980s, presented the trophy they won at the Singapore Sixes Hockey Competition to the College. The trophy now takes pride of place in the Warden's office.



Kate Main (Moore 1981) & Ian Hardy



L-R Janine Bon, Kate Main (Moore 1981), Di Scadden (1987), Mary Ellen Cliff (Hawkes 1981), Sara Franklyn (Mardon 1983), Lisa Ward (1984)

# Formal Dinner: *Richard Bailey (1977)*

*On 21st August the College hosted a formal dinner with Georgian Richard Bailey (1977), President of HP Asia-Pacific and Japan. HP is a global leader in printers, personal computers and graphics solutions, and is seeking to become the leader in gaming and related technologies. Richard was in Perth with HP's gaming showcase, the OMEN Rig, which spent a day on UWA's James Oval before moving to Crown Perth for a retail forum. He was enthusiastic in sharing reflections on his time at College and his career development, as well as insights into developing trends such as the future digital transformation of production and China's 'Belt and Road' Initiative.*

Richard's career has taken him all over the world, including the east and west coasts of Australia and the USA, as well as Singapore, with regular travel around Asia, particularly China where HP has its manufacturing base. He has done everything from run his own business to working for major multinationals. Born in Kondinin, Richard grew up on the family farm at Kulin, boarded at Swanleigh while attending Hampton Senior High School and then Guildford Grammar, before spending five years at St George's studying Arts (economics, political science, history and ancient history) at UWA. He was also involved in Guild politics and he capped off his time as Vice-President of the Guild.

He then took a job with Elders Goldsborough Mort – now Elders – joining their finance division. That was followed by stints at Western Livestock and then International Harvester where Richard developing expertise in equipment finance. Richard then joined the Allied Group and later relocated to Melbourne to lead their Victorian Joint Venture firm Allied Pratt. He participated in a leveraged buy-out of that division from Allied & Pratt Group (Visyboard) and was then involved in managing it as a separate business. After nine successful



Richard Bailey (1977) entertains dinner guests

years running what later became ALC Finance Group, he and his partners sold out to multinational GE Capital, who were impressed enough with his business skills to make him Managing Director of GE's Equipment Finance Division for Australia-New Zealand. Nine years on he moved to HP, starting as Vice President of HP Financial Services in the Asia-Pacific Japan Region, before moving into core business areas, including Vice-President of the Imaging and Printing Division for the Asia-Pacific and Japan, then Vice President and later Senior Vice-President, of Customer Support & Services, Printing & Personal Systems, which included a period heading up the Global Supply Chain operations, before moving back to lead HP Inc. in Asia and now the Americas.

Richard felt that his experiences working across different locations and business models gave him a broader perspective which benefitted his career progression in an age of accelerating change. He emphasised the need to be adaptable and to keep reinventing yourself, something he values about HP's corporate culture. His advice to residents was to think about the ethics and values of the companies they want to work for, especially multinationals. He also advised considering the sustainability and diversity practices of any potential employer. With this in mind, he was enthusiastic about

the potential benefits and opportunities a multinational can offer as an employer, noting that they have greater capacity than most other employers to consider and facilitate the wellbeing and career progression of employees.

In his role at HP, Richard needs to keep abreast of emerging and future trends, such as the digital transformation of production on the back of the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution', driven by the accelerating development of technologies like robotics, artificial intelligence (AI), big data and 3D printing. Currently in its infancy, he felt that within 20 years production would be fully digital.

To illustrate what that could mean, he gave an example from HP's own technology – 3D printing. At present 3D printing is the dominant technology for prototyping and some specialist applications, but that this is a relatively small market compared with the opportunity in full scale manufacturing. HP expects that the accelerating development of 3D printing design principles and materials science will make it a viable production method longer term, particularly as it is much easier to personalise production than is possible with conventional methods.

He argued that with the rapid development of more refined 3D printing processes, it will not be long before 3D print manufacturing supplants traditional

production methods, especially for complex, low volume or personalised products. He contended that this would lead to the creation of less waste both in production and through the supply chain, and would therefore be more sustainable than conventional methods of production. From a business perspective, it would lead to faster innovation cycles and reduced capital costs and from the consumer's perspective, it would mean lower prices, and greater personalisation of products. These factors would drive increased uptake of technologies for production. Furthermore, Richard contended that digitisation of production would reshape economies, as it would lead to less reliance on unskilled workers in the manufacturing sector and greater demand for those who were highly technically skilled to design, operate and further develop these processes. He said that HP is looking to universities to play a significant role partnering with companies like HP to build these skills. He reiterated that to survive in the future economy and workforce, new technologies had to be embraced and new skills developed

Richard went on to discuss China's rise as a manufacturing hub, its growing centrality to the Asia-Pacific and global economies, and the geopolitical implications of this through the frame of HP's engagement with China. In 1985 HP was the first technology company to establish a joint venture there. The company now has a substantial manufacturing presence as well as research and development, and customer and operational support centres in China. HP is the number one player in China's print market and a major player in the PC market.

HP has a significant manufacturing presence in China. Originally it was based in a coastal city for direct access to shipping lanes which were the fastest route to key markets in Europe and the USA. In 2009 they shifted this hub to Western China, to the landlocked city of Chongqing, the first PC manufacturer to do so. Chongqing is located along the Yangtze River and has the highest population (30 million people) of China's four directly controlled municipalities, Chongqing, Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin. HP moved there to be closer to the majority of its workforce which comprised rural workers who came to



The Omen Rig at UWA



The Warden learning the finer points of 'Overwatch'



L-R Ian Hardy, Jasmine Sullivan, Richard Bailey (1977) at the Omen Rig

the cities looking for work and who lived most of the year in factory dormitories. Moving closer to the workforce encouraged greater worker welfare and retention but required overcoming the obstacle of its increased distance from key markets and ports. HP's solution was to work with the Chongqing government who were keen to encourage development and innovation within their jurisdiction. With the support of the government, the Yuxinou railroad was established in 2011. This rail line runs 11,000 kms from Chongqing, through northern Asia to Duisburg in Germany, passing through Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus and Poland on the way. It is faster and more efficient than ocean freight routes and its success has spawned further rail connections between China and Europe, a part of the Chinese Government's policy of 'Belt and Road', also referred to as the new Silk Road.

In light of China's growing significance on the world's economy, infrastructure and geopolitics, Richard advised residents that one of the best skills they could invest in for their future career was to learn Mandarin, as China would soon

be at the centre of the world's economy and politics.

Richard currently serves on the Chongqing Mayors International Advisory Council and is the Inaugural Chairman of the Weihai Mayors International Advisory Council.

In the spirit of being a lifelong learner, Richard recommended three books, one for each major topic he spoke on, and donated a copy of each to the College's library.

On reinvention and adaptation in the face of rapid change – *The HP Way* by David Packard; on the rise of China as a manufacturing hub and its geopolitical implications – *Connectography: Mapping the Global Network Revolution* by Parag Mehta; and upon reflecting on College and his career – *Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done* by Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan, with Charles Burck.

It was a highly interesting and informative evening which provided much food for thought and discussion. The College would like to thank Richard for taking the time out of his busy schedule to share his insights and experience with us. **G**



## Ladies' Lunch: Christina Matthews

On Friday 3rd August the women of the College were treated to a Ladies' Lunch with guest of honour Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) Chief Executive Officer, Christina Matthews, a vigorous advocate of gender equality and diversity in sport and the boardroom.

The Ladies' Lunches are the innovation of our Hospitality Manager Sonja Freeman to give our female residents the opportunity to hear from successful working women about how they navigate the many options and challenges women face today, including gender pay inequality, glass ceilings and work/life balance.

Christina, a former state and Australian Test Cricketer, is the most capped female Test player and holds the record for the most dismissals by

an Australian wicketkeeper. She is one of only two women worldwide to hold the position of CEO in a first-class cricket association. Her significant career as player, volunteer, coach, administrator and selector gave her wide experience to draw on to give advice on career planning, leadership and pushing for change despite resistance.

Christina made clear that she firmly believes that women in leadership need to push for the changes necessary to make it easier for the women who will follow them. She has more than done so herself. The WACA is now the only peak cricketing association in the country with anything approaching an equal gender split on its leadership team (58% women to 42% men), with its development team not far off at (48% women to 52% men). She argued strongly that organisations need to reflect the communities they're trying to attract and represent – in her words: “you can't be what you can't see”. She is firmly of the opinion that it is insulting to think that female quotas would lead to unqualified or undeserving women being appointed to boards. It is insulting not only to women but also to

the selection capabilities of organisations. She said that once organisations are forced to look outside their ‘comfort zone’ they would find plenty of highly competent and well qualified women to sit on boards.

She noted the increased success of the WACA under her leadership as evidence that diversity has been good for the organisation. She is justifiably proud of the fact that when she became CEO six years ago the WACA ranked as the worst cricketing association in the country, based on all relevant metrics, whereas now, it is ranked the best cricketing association in the country by those same metrics. She is keenly aware, however, that continued success was essential or people would blame her changes, such as the resistance she had faced from segments of the organisation and the cricketing community.

Christina argued that the most important skill in a successful career, as in life, was the ability to get on with a wide range of people. While balancing financials is important, it can't be done without the support of others, so setting out a vision and helping staff move towards it is critical. Her involvement

in sport and volunteering helped her to develop this skill and gave her a sense of connection and of being part of something bigger. She thought that volunteering was particularly instructive, as having a clear vision and getting everyone behind it is critical to the success of any volunteer activity, so it provides a good education.

Knowing your own values and having integrity were also critical in navigating both career and life. She is clear that as CEO she wants to create an environment and pathway that will make it easier for the women who will follow her and to make the organisation more open and welcoming to a more diverse cross-section of society. She seeks to do this by modelling the behaviour she espouses and making the hard decisions to ensure these changes happen – she wants to show that you don't have to be a man who had played cricket to work in cricket. She emphasised that you will often have to stand up to people and do what you believe is right. When she first took the WACA job she felt that the existing culture and environment challenged her integrity, and she had to fight to turn things around. However, her integrity is paying dividends, with the organisation now considered a national leader in all metrics and building public support for its human approach. In particular, she received many plaudits for her response to the ball-tampering scandal in the Australian national men's team, where she was the only State cricket association CEO to offer public support to their disgraced player when she sat next to Cameron Bancroft at the first press conference upon his return to Australia from South Africa.

She argued that being clear about what your values are can help when making decisions about which opportunities to pursue or where to move next when things don't go to plan. She always loved sport and its sense of community and while she didn't have a clear plan, she could not have foreseen where she has ended up. She simply looked for opportunities and made decisions based on what was important to her. She urged the audience not to get 'stuck in a place where you're so planned you can't adjust to changing circumstances and new situations'. She also encouraged everyone to always look for opportunities and to 'keep learning and challenging yourself'.



Her lively presentation prompted great engagement from the female residents, who asked a wide range of interesting follow up questions that she answered with her signature brand of down-to-earth directness and candour. Overall, everyone left feeling inspired and agreed that whether or not you followed cricket or were interested in sport, everyone had learned something useful to take into their lives and careers. We thank Christina for giving up her time to inspire, entertain and educate us. **G**

- 1: L-R Sasha Cransberg, Cleo Bigwood, Christina Matthews, Julia Downie (2014), Ruby Bradbury, Michelle Seymour  
 2: L-R Genevieve Victor, Charlotte Aston, Georgie Wilkie, Cassie Howell, Tiffany Bradshaw  
 3: L-R Chernxi Khor (2015), Christina Matthews, Eline Fleur Spekle, Helen Abbott, Alyssia Wishart

# Ladies' Lunch: *The Hon. Julie Bishop MP*



*On 29th October College ladies gathered in the Georgian Room for the second Ladies' Luncheon of 2018. At St George's we hope that when residents leave the College they are equipped with the knowledge and necessary tools to thrive in the wide world beyond the castle walls. At the Ladies' Luncheon, inspiring women are invited to speak to the young women of the College and we were accordingly delighted to welcome back to the College the Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Federal Member for Curtin, accompanied by her Senior Media Adviser, Lauren Gianoli. Drawing from her political and legal careers, Ms Bishop shared some of the lessons life had taught her.*

The life led by Ms Bishop and her staff is not for the faint hearted. Such a career cannot occur without considerable sacrifice, a thought echoed by Sonja Freeman, St George's Hospitality Manager, in her introductory remarks. Sonja referred to Judith Lucy's interview of Ms Bishop where Ms Bishop had explained that "women could have it all, just not 'all' at the same time." Sonja concluded by saying, "International and locally, unsettling decisions are being made regarding women's fundamental rights which reinforce the notion that it is hard to live an authentic life as a woman. It takes enormous strength and comes at considerable cost." Recent events in federal politics certainly highlight this.

Having been a successful woman in two different male-dominated professions, and despite, as Sonja pointed out, her awesome earrings, Ms Bishop has shown what is needed for Australian women to succeed. She has consistently maintained goals and has been prepared to fight for them. This is what

Ms Bishop encouraged her young audience to do as she gave them the five 'pearls of wisdom' she has learnt from her legal and political careers.

Fresh out of law school, she began work at a law firm where she was the first female articled clerk they had ever employed. Despite being as qualified and hard working as her male counterpart, when attending a drinks function with senior management she was expected to serve drinks for the night. The double standard seems ridiculous nowadays but it was not so at the time. Shortly after she took a job at another law firm which was more progressive and a "better fit". Her first 'pearl of wisdom' was if you feel that a place isn't right for you or does not fit with what you want to achieve, then don't be afraid to leave and find something that suits you better.

As Ms Bishop became more senior, she discovered her gift for campaigning. Determined to develop her skills, she attended Harvard Business School in Boston to complete the Advanced Management Program for Senior Managers. In one class the lecturer remarked that the majority of her classmates were aiming to climb the corporate ladder but asked if any had considered public service with the aim of giving back to society? Ms Bishop found herself with her hand raised and, upon her return to Australia, she decided to try and enter federal politics. Once she made her intentions known she was met with discouragement from both colleagues and family. This led to her second 'pearl of wisdom' – back yourself. If you want to do something then fight for it and make it happen. Believe in yourself; don't let others stop you.

After being elected as the Member for Curtin Ms Bishop quietly set her sights on her dream post, the Foreign Affairs portfolio. Initially she was appointed the Minister for Ageing, which seemed removed from Foreign Affairs. Ms Bishop,

though, saw it as an opportunity to learn as much as possible about government and federal politics. This led to her third 'pearl of wisdom' – turn possible negatives into positives and make the most out of every situation. She was able to slowly work her way up through the ranks until she was elected Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and became Shadow Foreign Minister in 2009. She was sworn in as Australia's first female Foreign Minister in 2013, and she believes that her time as Foreign Minister was where she has been best able to serve Australia.

Ms Bishop also shared some reflections on her political career. While she doesn't believe in regret because it doesn't change anything, Ms Bishop commented that she wished there was greater female representation in politics. Her fourth 'pearl of wisdom' was to urge women to support other women. Ms Bishop believes that for more women to become involved in politics, they need to be supported and provided with mentoring opportunities. It is also important for woman to support each other professionally to change the dynamics of a workplace. Ms Bishop, echoing the words of WACA CEO Christina Matthews, believes that "you can't be what you can't see". She exhorts women leaders to encourage women to put their name forward for significant positions, and to support other women in their industry, to provide the examples for other women to follow.

The final 'pearl' was that we need to be the person who defines our own goals as we are the only ones who know what we are capable of. Throughout her career Ms Bishop has been second-guessed and had hurdles put in her path. She was determined, however, to do something valuable and wanted to 'be a person who made a difference'. She would like more women to become involved in politics at senior level and to achieve this she has led by example and believes in encouraging others to follow after her. She pursues this by setting her own goals and ignores both the expectations and limitations others put on her.

Ms Bishop expressed her recognition of the support provided by many male colleagues and stated that she would have addressed a group of men in the same manner as her lessons applied equally to them too. Ms Bishop did not want women to engage in a "women are better than men" battle, but rather feels it is more important to fight for equality between men and women. Ms Bishop questioned how a society could reach its potential while failing to hear the ideas and opinions of half the population. She encouraged the women of the College to get involved in creating a society, and political system that engages all its members and not only encourages each individual to pursue their dreams but also provides equal opportunities to do so. This political system must be where the ideas and opinions of individuals are valued based on their merits and not on the gender of the individual.

Through her work Ms Bishop has been a catalyst for change. She has made it easier for more women to be involved in politics and hopefully, one day, her dream of equal representation in Australian politics will be achieved. The College would like to thank Ms Bishop for speaking to the women of the College, for being a person who is making a difference, and for also inspiring female residents to aspire to do so as well. **G**



1: L-R Annabelle Robinson, Sally Shaw, Kate Openshaw, Cassie Howell, Ciyue Chia, Georgie Wilkie, Cayla Kay, Alex Graves  
 2: L-R Alex Graves, Helen Abbott, Alexis Song, Vicky Bishop, Liahna Franklin, Jasmine Sullivan, Jeanette Tan  
 3: L-R Amber Anderson, Genevieve Victor, the Hon. Julie Bishop, Emily Price



## *Riverside Chat: Professor Paul Johnson*

The inaugural St George's College-Forrest Hall 'Riverside Chat' was held at Forrest Hall in the first week of Second Semester. Forrest Hall Warden, recently appointed College Board member and former Vice-Chancellor of UWA, Professor Paul Johnson, spoke on the topic of 'Free Speech on Campuses'. His talk emphasised his belief in the importance of the preservation of free speech and rational debate at universities within the bounds of legality, ethics and respect, and his view that universities have a role as bastions of rational discourse in a world where these things are increasingly under threat, especially as surveys have shown that universities are among the few major institutions still trusted by the public. He also believes that universities should commit to a wider role in promoting and protecting freedom of discussion and rational debate in society at large, not simply on their own campuses.

Professor Johnson spelt out his commitment to freedom of speech on campuses, though he drew the line at speech that was hateful or promoted illegal or unethical activities. He noted that as universities create and test new ideas and knowledge, the views expressed within them have always challenged the norms of society and have, as a result, often been subject to efforts to suppress their expression. Despite this he feels that the continued expression of new and different ideas and their testing through rational debate and provision of evidence was critical for the development of new knowledge and solutions and the general progress of society.

He argued that rational debate is the best method of establishing or coming closer to "facts" due to the value of the evidence testing it demanded. No idea or piece of information put forward ever remains sacrosanct. It must continually stand up to testing, against a variety of approaches and types of evidence, ideally "triangulating" from all different angles to ensure no contravening evidence or argument can be found that could disprove its validity. The longer something stands up to rational debate and testing, the more consensus builds to accept its validity as "fact", but that position is never guaranteed. As old ideas are continually tested and holes

found, new ideas and information can emerge to move human knowledge forward and find stronger explanations, theories and information to drive greater understanding and problem-solving. Professor Johnson is essentially an optimist in his belief that rational debate and testing has and will continue to lead to progress and development of knowledge and the betterment of the human condition in every domain.

He did, however, express concerns about growing challenges to rational discussion and freedom of speech both in universities and in society. He noted that there have been complaints by segments of the media that Australian universities are becoming hostile to free speech and expression of ideas from the right-of-centre. He quoted the results of survey research published by the conservative think tank the Institute of Public Affairs which suggested that 81% of Australian universities are 'hostile to free speech', while that figure jumped to 90% in the United Kingdom and 95% in the United States.

He also noted trends emerging in the US, and to a lesser extent the UK, which could potentially threaten or complicate rational debate of contentious ideas on



campuses, such as the ‘no platforming’ movement in the US and the movement for ‘safe spaces’ for minorities. The ‘no platforming’ movement is where students ‘ban’ certain individuals from being able to speak on campus due to a perception that previous comments they’ve made or views they’ve held are offensive. In the last ten years Nobel Laureate James Watson, a co-discoverer in the 1950s of the structure of DNA, was prevented from speaking at a US university because students considered comments he made in 2007 could be interpreted as racist and sexist. Johnson also noted that eminent feminist Germaine Greer had been prevented from speaking at Cardiff University because students alleged she has “unsupported views” about transgender women.

On the face of it the ‘safe spaces’ movement on US campuses sounds like a good thing, in that it seeks to prevent prejudice against minority groups. But it has been taken further, to mean that students can protest that they are offended or stressed by something they are being asked to study and can legitimately refuse to study it and demand its removal from the curriculum. For example, some students had claimed they were offended by colonial literature on the syllabus and demanded it be removed. This creates challenges for universities trying to keep their campuses free from prejudice but also maintain an openness to different views.

Professor Johnson expressed particular concern about the growing trivialisation of expertise and rational debate in wider society, where there is an increasing disconnect between the views of experts and the view of the wider public on many critical issues. He noted, for example, that it is apparently acceptable for President Trump to lie about previous recorded comments he has made, to label reports that call him on it ‘fake news’, and remain in the position of president. This situation would have been unthinkable perhaps even five years ago. Likewise, he expressed disappointment about the ease with which misinformation has sparked a public debate about the necessity of childhood vaccination. He argues that the debate around this issue has become irrational and driven by emotions and personal belief rather than clear-eyed rational discussion of the facts. There is



L-R Paul Johnson, Matthew Holdway, Liam Starcevich

almost complete consensus within medical research and amongst medical professionals that vaccinations hold very low risk of side effects, and enormous public benefit. Yet many groups have sprung up that believe strongly that there is a link between vaccines and autism, though research has almost conclusively shown no link. Some groups now actively go around promoting the idea with the public that there are significant health risks associated with vaccinating children. He said that the law has been cited – it is illegal not to have your children vaccinated in Australia – to justify stopping the anti-vaccine movement from public avenues of promoting their views, but he felt that this was unproductive and bred distrust, as it has become an emotional and personal issue tied up with identity and sense of self. He noted that research shows that it is difficult to shift people’s deeply held beliefs no matter what arguments you put to them, as the issue becomes more emotional to them and part of their group identity and belief system. Nonetheless, he felt the answer was still in using rational arguments and facts to dispute the claims of anti-vaccine campaigners, by showing the holes in their position. Those arguments need to be presented and approached more cleverly to appeal to parents in a way that breaks through their embedded emotional positions and noted some examples of this he has seen.

Professor Johnson felt that a major problem contributing to the devaluing of rational debate and expertise in the broader public sphere is that public trust in institutions is at an all-time low. Interestingly he said that surveys suggest the public still largely trusts universities and argued that universities are therefore in a good position to take on a larger role protecting and promoting freedom of expression and rational debate in the wider society. He warned, however, that universities are not immune to the loss of public trust if they abuse their position. He warned against overblowing the promotion of new research. He felt that the current trend of promoting each small finding as being some great breakthrough when it is only one small step in a bigger process could cause expectations of great progress that can’t be delivered on, eventually leading to disappointment and a loss of public trust.

Overall Professor Johnson expressed optimism that with commitment and careful consideration universities can navigate the challenges and uphold John Henry Newman’s vision of a university as a place that provides the space for “inquiry [to be] pushed forward... and error exposed, by the collision of mind with mind, and knowledge with knowledge” for the betterment of all.

We’d like to thank Professor Johnson for his kind invitation to Forrest Hall, and the fascinating evening discussion. **G**

# Formal Dinner: Jessica Edmeades (2011)



*Jess Edmeades (2011) was the guest speaker at the mid-year Orientation Week formal dinner. She began by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which St George's sits, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation. After paying her respects to their elders past, present and emerging, she spoke to the dinner guests about her time at the College.*

Like many people at St George's, I grew up in the South-West of WA, in a small town on the outskirts of Bunbury. When I was 17, I made the trek to the Big City to come to UWA. This was a scary step, leaving home for the first time, moving away from my family, my friends and, most importantly, my dogs.

But from the moment I stepped inside this castle, I suddenly had two homes. And like my first home, I found College pretty hard to leave. So I didn't ... for six years! A long time, I know. I had to work up to three jobs at a time to afford it, and each year I said it would be my last. But I absolutely loved it here and ended up staying for my whole degree.

- 1: Jess Edmeades
- 2: L-R Madison Hakey, Alexis Song, Ciara Fields
- 3: Back row L-R Kevin Steamer, Sean Ridley, Reuben Wise-Miller, Louis White, Nic Hill Front row L-R Ché Monsiegnur, Jess Pether, Taylah Hanks, Morgan Campbell, Amber Anderson
- 4: Back row L-R Sara Jane Holland, Nina Wagner, Ché Monsiegnur, Suzon Troussier, Alexis Song, Elle Kazantzidis, Eline Fleur Spekle Front row L-R Madison Hakey, Sergio Cardiel Villa, Maddie Nilan

I studied a double degree in Law and Arts, majoring in Political Science and International Relations. I also broadened my horizons with French, Psychology and Indigenous Studies units. Indigenous Studies, as well as the Aboriginal students I met at College and university, gave me a deep appreciation of Aboriginal history and culture, and an understanding of the challenges many Aboriginal people continue to face. I have always had a strong sense of justice, and now as a lawyer, I am committed to doing what I can to assist vulnerable people.

Alongside justice and social equality, I am also passionate about volunteering. At school I did a lot of fundraising – Relay for Life and Daffodil Day for the Cancer Council, the 40 Hour Famine for World Vision. When the annual Bunbury Walk to Cure Diabetes was cancelled, my parents and I ran a craft day to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation instead.

When I turned 18, I joined the Australian Red Cross, and I have volunteered with the Red Cross Emergency Services team ever since. I have been deployed over 20 times across

many different disasters, including flying to Queensland as part of the incident management team to run the Red Cross response to Cyclone Marcia. The Red Cross is part of the welfare response during natural disasters such as bushfires, cyclones and floods, and man-made disasters such as the Bali bombings and the recent homicide-suicide near Margaret River. We help to run evacuation centres, support individuals and communities, and take a large role in community preparedness for, and recovery from, disasters. Although the work can be challenging, I like being able to help. It's hard not to feel helpless watching the news and seeing the terrible things happening in the world. By being able to assist, even in a small way, I feel like I am helping to make the world a better place.

Perhaps that is what also drew me to studying Law. I graduated at the end of 2016, and started working at a commercial law firm, Gilbert + Tobin, last year. I work in the litigation team, so most of my day is spent trying to resolve disputes between big companies. Sometimes a well-worded letter will do the trick, and sometimes we have to go to court to sort it out. As a junior lawyer, I tend not to speak in court, but I am able to go and watch. I also do a lot of researching, investigating, reading and writing.

There is also the opportunity for pro bono work, which I really enjoy, not just because we are helping 'the little guy', but because, as there are fewer resources, I can take on a much bigger role in the case. I worked on one matter for over a year before it went to a trial. I drafted witness statements and submissions to the Court, communicated directly with our client and the other side and spoke in court for the first time. It was a wonderful experience, and we won, so the Aboriginal housing corporation we represented is now in a better position to support more people.

After a year and a half in the workforce, I feel that St George's College has greatly shaped the person I have become. When I first came to College, it was a baby step to independence – people still cook and clean for you, but



you have to motivate yourself to get to your 8am lecture, you have to wash your own clothes and when you're sick you have to decide for yourself if you need to see a doctor. But College was so much more than just a convenient place to live. It allowed me to flourish.

The College presented so many opportunities. I enhanced my leadership skills on the College Club Committee and being an RA and then Senior RA. I developed my networking skills over dinner with people like John Howard. I had an incredible Georgian mentor, Willie Rowe (1976) then Chief of Staff to Premier Colin Barnett, who gave me an insight into the 'real world'. And I could in turn learn how to be a mentor. Through participating in True Blue Dreaming, I went, with seven other College residents, to a tiny remote Aboriginal community in the Kimberley to mentor kids at a school there.

It wasn't just the opportunities and range of events that made College so special. The real reason was the community. The people. The cup of tea in the Elsey Room. The hours spent engaged in emphatic debates in the Dining Hall. The intense and mistrustful games of Mafia. The time everyone woke up at 3am to watch the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympics in Clubrooms. These are the memories I cherish. The bonds I formed within these walls will stick with me always. My advice to you is to get involved in everything, because not only will you do things that you may never again have the chance to do, but you will make lifelong friends along the way.



After graduation, I went on a holiday to the UK. I was a little nervous as I had never been before and was travelling by myself, but, thanks to College, I never felt alone. Arriving in London, I was greeted by my College friend Monica Leslie (2012) and stayed with her for 10 days, during which time I caught up with other Georgians. One of them, Calum Lennox (2015), was visiting family in London. When he learnt that I was going to York, where he goes to university, he gave me the key to his student accommodation so I wouldn't have to pay for a hotel. After London, I went to Bath. While there, I went on a spur of the moment day-trip to Cardiff. On the train there, I messaged another Georgian, Alex Tibbitt (2012), who works at a school in Cardiff and he suggested we meet for lunch. It struck me then

how amazing College was – I was on the other side of the world, and yet everywhere I turned, there was a friend I could catch up with and who would help if I needed it.

This demonstrates just how wonderful it is to be a part of the Georgian community. You are all now Georgians, and you will be forever more. You are part of that community. And it's not just at alumni events that you run into Georgians – we're everywhere! And that instant bond when you meet a fellow Georgian, that feeling of community, will never leave you.

So fully embrace your time here at St George's, take advantage of every opportunity, get involved in absolutely everything, and you will build community ties that will stay with you long after you've left these red castle walls. **G**



## Formal Dinner: Jarrad Seng (2006)

**On 15th August 2018, Georgian Jarrad Seng (2006) took time out from his busy work and travel schedule to speak at a formal dinner. True to his reputation as a sought-after photographer, videographer, 2017 Australian Survivor contestant and internationally travelling full time 'creative', Jarrad's easy-going sense of humour and tales of his outlandish adventures was a hit with his audience. They were transfixed as he shared some of the maxims he has learned to live by, illustrated with humorous stories describing the background to some of his extraordinary photos and the steps he took to take them.**

Jarrad lived at the College between 2006 and 2011, originally studying an Arts/Law degree that metamorphosed into a Commerce/Communications degree, though much of his time was spent pursuing a variety of creative endeavours. He took advantage of the College environment to nurture his creative instincts, running a variety of events and concerts which developed into a College arts and music program. He described the College community as a 'space to try things out without worrying about how they might turn out', and where he first experimented with putting on concerts and running events. One of those concerts featured multi-ARIA Award winner Matt Corby playing in the College Chapel. The current music program owes much to the initiatives originally introduced by Jarrad. He successfully created a culture receptive to the arts and music which has been a significant attraction and point of difference for the College ever since. As the Warden noted in his opening remarks, the College's celebrated a Capella groups, the

Newby Blues and the Mockingbirds, an integral part of College identity, emerged significantly out of Jarrad's ventures.

An aspect of developing this side of the College was learning to get on with and communicate effectively with all sorts of people. Jarrad acknowledges the opportunity he had at College to grow, develop and take on responsibilities in a safe, supportive environment where failure was a learning experience not a disaster. His experiences at College of living and working with a wide variety of people have served him well. He has travelled the world with photography, and worked with a wide range of people, from social media megastars to UK musicians Passenger and Ed Sheeran, to remote communities in all corners of the globe. As the 2008 recipient of the Gascoine Memorial Travel Bursary, he credits the College with enabling his first experience of travel to remote areas (Nepal and Tanzania). He said these experiences 'woke [him] up to the world and broke [him] out of his bubble'.





Part of Jarrad's success has been due to his finely tuned instinct for opportunity. The photos he took of the College in the aftermath of the damaging 2010 hail storm were published widely by print and online media. This was the time he realised that a career in photography was a possibility. His instinct for opportunity was further illustrated when he showed dinner guests a video of himself being dealt a blow by a toddler, which he then posted on social media. This quickly went viral. He read out some of the less than flattering comments posted in response, then revealed, with a comedian's perfect timing, that the joke was on them. He had licensed the video and receives royalties whenever it is reused. He advised everyone to make the most of every available opportunity, even the ones that are hard to see!

He also pointed out that there are never going to be the perfect conditions, resources or time and so you have to make the best you can with what you have. Often constraints fuel the most creative solutions and lead to some of your best work. He showed the audience a beautiful photograph ostensibly of a couple holding hands under the aurora borealis (northern lights) in Norway. He originally thought it would be a really romantic spot for a photo of him and his girlfriend but the only problem

was that his girlfriend wasn't there. So, he got a male friend to stand holding his hand on a distant hill while the camera worked its magic. The result is a romantic photo of two people, albeit not wholly romantically committed to the holding of hands, silhouetted against an empty landscape and the stunning sky.

'Take the unconventional path and appreciate the journey it takes you on' is another maxim Jarrad lives by. He reminded the audience that 'it isn't so much about the piece of paper you get at the end'. He left university, with two units still to complete, to take up opportunities to travel on photography assignments. He finished his degree online last year, only just within the 10 year deadline, but in the meantime has experienced so many remarkable things that he never would have been able to do if he had completed his degree first. He thought it was unhelpful to 'rest everything on the end goal', as you don't know what's going to happen and you can't control the outcomes, but there is value in every experience if you make the best of it. This raised another of his maxims: 'Bad decisions [sometimes] make the best stories', which he explained was really about preparing yourself for things to go wrong, without it being the end of the world. Good learning experiences, stories and sometimes even new opportunities can come when things seem to have gone wrong. Jarrad described how during a trip to a remote area of New Zealand he managed to destroy the Canon camera a friend had on loan from the company. When he contacted Canon to take responsibility, it prompted them to look up his work and in consequence they offered him an ambassadorship. What had appeared to be a disaster turned out well for him, and he even managed to get some good shots from the salvaged film.

Some of Jarrad's most admired qualities are his creativity, the way he manages to push new boundaries, and the determination and persistence he shows in doing so. In explaining the philosophy that drives this, he said, 'If you really want to do something to stand out and make a difference, you can't just repeat what other people have already done.' He explained that creativity is a muscle that, like anything else, must be trained. The training, like any fitness training, requires getting uncomfortable and going through the pain of stepping beyond what you're already good at in order to improve. In Jarrad's words, he realised that 'this anguish is how you get better at anything'.

As the Warden said in his concluding remarks, there can only be one Jarrad Seng. He inspired everyone at the dinner to pursue their own goals and challenges with strength, determination and good humour. The College thanks Jarrad for taking the time to come entertain and inspire us. **G**

# Formal Dinner: *The Hon. Dr Mike Nahan, MLA*

**WA Liberal Opposition Leader Mike Nahan visited the College for a formal dinner early in Second Semester on Tuesday 7th August. He spoke about how he came to politics, the challenges and opportunities in managing WA's unique economy and what it's like to lead a major party in an age of changing voter perspectives and positions.**

Dr Nahan admitted to having limited interest in politics during his youth in Michigan, USA. He came to politics circuitously through an interest in policy, specifically economic policy. A stint with the US Peace Corps in Malaysia after his undergraduate degree piqued his interest in Asia and led to a desire to learn. A master's degree in the Agricultural Economics of Asia followed, then he took a job with the World Bank which saw him work in various Asian countries. He came to Australia to do a PhD at the Australian National University in economics, again focused on Asia, and met his wife there, a Malaysian born law student. This was followed by various jobs related to economic policy analysis and advice, including for government, for conservative think tank the Institute of Public Affairs, and as an economic columnist for News Ltd. In his words after 'lecturing everyone on how they could do it better', he thought he should try doing it himself and threw his hat into the ring for the seat of Riverton in the 2008 state election, not altogether expecting to win. The seat was held by Labor with a margin of 4.5%, yet he won the seat by 64 votes and became a parliamentarian.

When asked about his views on the declining support for the two major parties, Dr Nahan was philosophical. He pointed out, by way of context, that European democratic parties have very often had to govern through coalitions. He noted that there seems to be a growing sense of disenfranchisement amongst the public and that parties need to make more efforts to communicate with people,



to understand their frustrations and concerns, and to set out clear policies on how the parties will address these issues. He argued, however, that new avenues of communication had to be established as he thought people have increasingly tuned out of the mainstream media due to their disenchantment with normal political advertising and analysis. He gave the example of the recent by-election in the WA seat of Darling Range. It was his observation that voters in the electorate were not particularly aware of the upcoming by-election. He thought this was because they seemed to have completely tuned out of mainstream media coverage of the election and politics generally. He thought his party's win reflected the fact that they spent almost no money on mainstream advertising but focused their efforts on social media and door to door communications. He felt that this was the way politics was going and parties would have to move towards new communication strategies to try to re-engage with an increasingly disconnected, disinterested and disaffected public.

When asked about how current students could best prepare for the future

in an uncertain job market, Dr Nahan emphasised the importance of being aware of the coming disruptive technologies and seeking to gain an understanding of how they were likely to reshape the economy and the future labour market. He particularly drew attention to the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) and felt that awareness and engagement would give the best chance of taking advantage of its benefits while minimising potential negative impacts. He advised residents not to study so narrowly that they could only see within their own specialisation – it is essential to be able to see the bigger picture and adapt to change.

He thought engagement with coming trends was also critical for government decision-making and referred particularly to managing the unique nature of WA's economy. He noted that we have skilfully managed the development of our natural resources so that we are well placed (compared to other resource-rich nations) to capitalise on our vast mineral resources, particularly iron ore. He said that while most of our minerals are not particularly rare, we extract them in an efficient, and comparatively less environmentally

harmful, way compared to other nations and so gain maximal economic and social benefit as a result. Yet the downside of a minerals export-based economy (as many have noted before) is that it is volatile and dependent on external markets and demand. As a result he advised diversifying the economy but clarified that he didn't think WA should try to create new industries from scratch but rather leverage the skills, resources and competitive advantages we already have to develop complementary industries and opportunities. He gave as an example the expansion of lithium mining and processing as world demand for the mineral has grown with the development of lithium battery technology and the demand for battery storage. This utilises our existing knowledge, skills and competitive advantages developed through mining iron ore, natural gas and other minerals. He noted lithium used to be discarded as a waste product when mining other minerals before the advent of battery storage but is now a lucrative export in its own right. He added that WA's oldest lithium mine is in the South West town of Greenbushes (owned by Talison Lithium, which generously provides three scholarships for College residents), and it is now one of the world's major exporters of lithium. Tianqi Australia, part of Talison Lithium's controlling shareholder group, is also developing a cutting edge lithium hydroxide processing plant in Kwinana.

In response to a student question, Dr Nahan also discussed different energy options such as nuclear, fracking (including the distinctions between different types) and renewables, ranging over the various environmental, economic and political practicalities associated with the different approaches. In this he demonstrated his policy analyst's mind, with a fine grasp of issues and implications, and analysis of scientific evidence and of contrary public perception.

Altogether, it was an interesting evening that covered a wide range of topics. The College would like to thank Dr Nahan for devoting an entire evening, in a very busy political schedule which included meeting the Prime Minister the next morning, to speak with our residents and to answer their questions. It was much appreciated by all. **G**



- 1: Dr Nahan addresses the dinner guests
- 2: L-R Tim Chapman, Ian Hardy, Grey Johnston (2006), The Hon. Dr Mike Nahan, Joseph Monisse
- 3: L-R Eline Fleur Spekles, Madison Hakey, Matthew Simmonds, Alexis Song, Sara Jane Holland, Ciara Fields, Nathan Ward
- 4: James Mazarolo, Taya Chandraviroj, Ewan Foley, Aaron Shanahan
- 5: L-R Laura Bennett, Ruby Bigwood, Dan Hicks
- 6: L-R Nina Wagner, Jasmine Sullivan, Nathan Ward, Suzon Troussier, Louis White, Emma Forsyth, Alexander Brenske, Dan Hicks

# The Inaugural Sports Dinner

The College held its first formal Sports Dinner on the evening of Tuesday 18th September to acknowledge those who have made an exceptional contribution to the Inter-College Sports program this year. It is the initiative of one of our intercollege sports representatives, Genevieve Victor, who was keen to have a formal event to acknowledge the sporting contributions of College residents.

Guest speakers and Georgians, Fraser Pensini (2015) and Emily Witham (2014), inspired the audience with stories of the discipline and attitudes that have driven their recent sporting successes: Fraser was selected for the Men's Under 23 National Rowing Team and Emily was the winner of the Women's 12km run in the Chevron City to Surf. The evening was topped off with the presentation of sports awards, as well as the Leeman Cup for best all-round College sports person, awarded this year to Morgan Campbell. This award is for the College member who has shown great participation, skill and enthusiasm for the Inter-college sports competition.

During his speech, Fraser spoke about how the College set him up for his tilt at a place in the national underage men's team and the importance of attitude in getting him there. He noted that as well as keeping him well fed by accommodating his training schedule around meal times, College provided an environment conducive to helping him push himself. The culture of high academic standards and the presence of others with high aims provided good benchmarks, keeping him motivated, disciplined and focused. This carried over into his selection attempts: in his current Under 23s heavyweight national men's crew he is the shortest by 9cm, the lightest by 7kg and was still ranked best of the crew even while sick with the flu.

He put this success down to attitude which he said his parents always taught him made all the difference. He set himself the target that he was going to achieve academically as well as be selected in the rowing team, and then set the attitude that he would do it. He acknowledged that it wasn't all smooth sailing – he had some early setbacks in his efforts to get selected, but the fact that he had already told everyone at College that he was going to make the team helped keep him focused and motivated. He firmly believes that, in the words of Charles R. Swindoll,



“we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is decide what our attitude will be. Life is not what happens to us, but how we react to it.”

He noted that when training and racing across the country and the world, it is important to be adaptable to new environments, schedules, people and living conditions and to work cohesively with new people all the time. At the high level at which he trains and races, it can be the difference between success and failure. He believes that boarding school, College and his experience as an RA were invaluable.

Emily was also effusive about her time at College and her sport, recounting how running through Kings Park for her rowing training led her to fall in love with it. It slowly became a serious pursuit. She said she thought of running as a metaphor for life. She argued that, like life, it requires hard work, consistency and quality training, but if you overcommit you risk burning out. She noted that training only works well if you enjoy it. She said there were days where it felt like she had elephants strapped to her legs, but if she started regularly questioning why she was doing it, she knew it was time to



ease up a bit. She always keeps the quote from Aristotle in mind: 'Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work'.

Emily also spoke about how the sport fits into her life. She likes the way it adds structure to her day, ensuring she eats and sleeps well and keeps her attuned to her body, which balances the cerebral nature of studying medicine. She also said she likes how running provides her with challenges and goals outside of her degree.

Like Fraser, she thought positivity was key in both sporting success and life. She said that one of the aspects she most liked about running was the amazing people she meets who are all so positive and energised to be the best that they can be. She finished by quoting current marathon world record holder Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge, who said that if you want to grow in any arena, be it sport or your profession, consistency is the key.

In a night that celebrated sporting achievement, the example provided by these two Georgians was an inspiration to all who aspire for growth and excellence in any endeavour. The College would like to thank them both for coming to share their stories with current residents.

The inaugural Sports Dinner was a great success and we look forward to it being a regular feature of the College formal dinner calendar. Thanks must go to the 2018 College Club Sports Representatives, Genevieve Victor and Joel Crossing, who organised the College teams in the Inter-College sport competition this year. **G**

## Sports Awards

**Women's Basketball:** Alyssia Wishart and Monique Wishart

**Men's Basketball:** Bailey Van Der Zanden and Sebastian Wilson

**Women's Volleyball:** Tia Lynch and Michelle Seymour

**Men's Volleyball:** Christoffer Andreasson and Jon Forss

**Women's Ultimate Frisbee:** Rebecca Dunsdon and Cassie Howell

**Men's Ultimate Frisbee:** Taya Chandraviroj and Barnaby Garland

**Women's Table Tennis:** Jackie Huang and Adelaide Selby

**Men's Table Tennis:** Dan McCall and Tom McInerney

**Women's Badminton:** Kristel Li and Avia Peh

**Men's Badminton:** Tim Coulter and Lachlan Obst

**Women's Dodgeball:** Charlotte Aston and Martina Burgo

**Men's Dodgeball:** Hayden Calvert and Jonno Leach

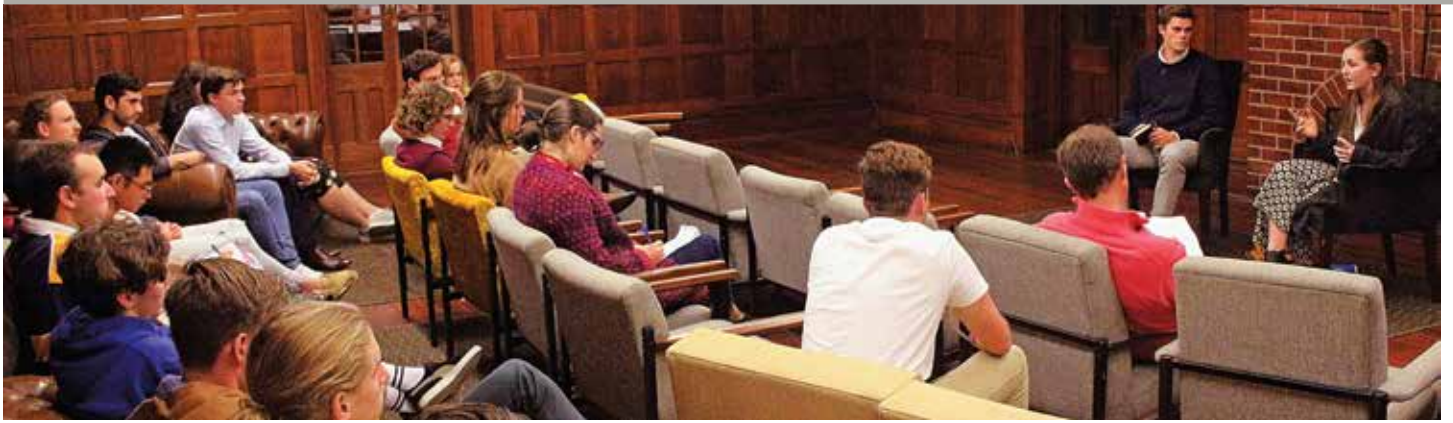
**Women's Soccer:** Morgan Campbell and Michelle Seymour

**Men's Soccer:** Alessio Senatore and Kevin Steamer

**The Leeman Cup:** Morgan Campbell



- 1: L-R Chenique Van Heerden (2014), Charlotte Aston, Maddie Nilan
- 2: Morgan Campbell & Christoffer Andreasson
- 3: Fraser Pensini (2015) & Emily Witham (2014)
- 4: Men's Inter-College Soccer team
- 5: Inter-College Table Tennis team L-R Mike Chen, Tom McInerney, Dan McCall, Djarrah Audet
- 6: L-R Genevieve Victor, Matthew Holdway, Jackie Huang
- 7: Women's Inter-College Soccer team
- 8: Jackie Huang & Adelaide Selby
- 9: Women's Inter-College Football team
- 10: Women's Inter-College Volleyball team in action
- 11: Men's Inter-College Football team L-R Luke Broekman, Gregory Van Court, Jonno Leach, Declan Smeed, Aaron Shanahan



## Fireside Chat: Lauren Jackson (2013)

*Georgian Lauren Jackson (2013) returned to the College recently as the guest in a special Fireside Chat focused on the charity she co-founded, The Children of Maasai Educational Programme. Lauren, from Collie, attended Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School before spending two years at St George's from the age of 18.*

In 2015, soon after leaving College, she volunteered in Kenya as a teacher's aide and felt so moved by the impact it made that she continued fund raising for the school upon her return, and, with the help of her host parents who ran the school, registered a charity to formalise and expand that support. She now runs the Australian branch of The Children of Maasai while studying for a Master of International Development and returns to Kenya every year to provide practical assistance on the ground, accompanied by volunteers who wish to come.

The charity operates in the Kajiado District in the south of Kenya, close to the border with Tanzania. The region is primarily occupied by the Maasai tribe, who are traditionally itinerant herders without permanent homes who move to wherever they can find food and water for their cattle. But now that much of the land they once roamed is privately owned, they can no longer roam freely and their cattle often die as a result. They have had to settle in tiny villages, living mostly in mud huts, usually with no running water or electricity, except for those lucky enough to afford solar panels. Most have no primary school education and can't speak the national languages of Swahili or English, and many adults only speak

the local tribal language of Maasai. This means they have no job prospects outside the Maasai community and struggle to earn enough money to fulfil their basic needs. Efforts to make money include women making jewellery to try to sell to other Maasai, who usually have little money to buy it, or cutting down trees that are burned to turn into charcoal which is sold for heating. Neither of these activities provide a secure sustainable income.

Lauren's charity is primarily concerned with ensuring Maasai children have access to basic hygiene, medical services and education. It organises medical clinics – an absolute necessity as the town where the charity is based has only two doctors to serve ten thousand people, and the wider area has no regular access to medical care except the intermittent clinics organised by the charity, where three or four doctors will see over a thousand



Lauren Jackson (2013) with Maasai moran boys at a ceremony



Charity founders L-R Jackson Maya, Lauren Jackson (2013), Mary Saruni, with Gadiel and Naitawang Maya

people a day. It also pays school fees and provides basic hygiene products such as reusable sanitary pads for women, with appropriate education on how to use them. It has recently opened a school for children with special needs who would otherwise be shunned by their families and communities, and would like to move into funding projects that have sustainable outcomes longer term such as funding the provision of bores to provide access to clean water. These projects would be funded in consultation with the local communities.

For most of the year Lauren runs the Australian operations of The Children of Maasai around her university studies. Her primary activity on behalf of the organisation is fund raising through bake sales and raffles and collecting donations primarily from amongst family and friends with whom she has shared her photos, videos and stories of the living and educational conditions in Kenya and the huge impact relatively little money can make for Maasai children. She also corresponds with donors to make sure they receive receipts and photos as evidence of the impact their donations are making on the ground, and communicates and promotes the charity's activities and mission. She is working to form partnerships with corporate donors and organisations such as her old school Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.

At the end of each year, Lauren, accompanied by volunteers, returns to Kenya to deliver physical donations and provide support for the charity's activities on the ground. She said she finds it really rewarding to see how much impact her efforts, and the funds raised, can have for these communities. Prior to her first volunteer trip she raised \$600 and was astounded at how far it went in terms of paying school fees and providing basic resources. One day she noticed that one of the girls hadn't attended school for a week. When she asked the principal about it, he said that it had been necessary for them to send her home as the remaining school fees of \$3.60 hadn't been paid.

When Lauren was asked about whether the charity favours support in the form of funds or volunteers, she noted that funds were always needed and anything people could donate was hugely appreciated, but there is a value in having volunteers travel to Kenya. In addition to



Kenyan child being carried on her mother's back



Mobile sight and eye clinic at work

having extra hands to assist, the impact of seeing the on-the-ground situation often inspires the volunteers even more, so that they go home and activate their own networks to fundraise for the charity. As there is never enough money to help everyone, the more people who can be inspired to fundraise, the better. Lauren also believes that it is very important for people from Western countries to have the opportunity to realise just how privileged we really are in the world.

Interviewer Oscar Devereaux, whose sister (and Georgian) Phoebe (2014) will join Lauren on her return trip to Kenya at the end of this year, asked Lauren about how her time at College influenced her. She was effusive about the opportunities that St George's had offered her. As an 18 year old in her first year she got involved, through the College, with True Blue Dreaming, an organisation that pairs university students as mentors with school students in regional and remote Western Australia. As part of this, in the mid-year break she and other residents participated in a trip to the remote aboriginal community of Looma in the far north of Western Australia, where they worked

as teacher's aides. She was inspired by the way the organisation built trust with the local community and worked with them in seeking to address issues. It set a standard for her on how charities should engage with the communities they work in and how important it is to empower those communities rather than do things for them. She also had the opportunity to volunteer with Ronald McDonald House, where she gained further experience doing charity work, and organising fund raising and volunteering events at the House for College residents. She encouraged residents to make the best of the opportunities and experiences that College can provide, as few places will enable students to gain such a wealth of experience, skills and confidence so easily and in such an enjoyable way.

For more information about The Children of Maasai Educational Programme, or if you would like to support them through fund raising, donations or volunteering, please see their website [www.childrenofmaasai.org](http://www.childrenofmaasai.org) which also has a list of the items they are looking for to take to Kenya. **G**

# Music at St George's College



Congratulations to the **College Band Pasta Bake** with Georgie Wilkie, Nic Hill, Kieran Lynch, Jonno Leach, Kate Milligan and Sam Riley. Pasta Bake took out 1st Place at the Inter-College Battle of the Bands for 2018, for the third consecutive year!

**The Chamber Orchestra** featured in two stunning concerts this semester. The War and Peace concert took us from the Baroque to the 20th Century, and from the battle grounds to the Elysian Fields. Remembrance by Candlelight, at St Mary's Cathedral, was narrated by Richard Offen and featured soloists Katja Webb and Yoram Levy.

Our **String Quartet** had the opportunity to be tutored by Vladimir Balshin, cellist from the world-famous Borodin String Quartet, in a private masterclass in October. Vladimir, in Perth on tour with Musica Viva, helped the Quartet prepare for their concert *Buds and Blossoms*, in which they delighted a packed Chapel with spring-time quartet classics. Our thanks to Chris van Tuinen at Musica Viva for making the masterclass possible.

In September internationally renowned baroque flautist Kate Clarke was hosted by the UWA Conservatorium in conjunction with UWA's Institute of Advanced Studies. **St George's College Early Music Ensemble** was privileged to enjoy mentorship sessions coinciding with her stay at UWA, in their preparation for *À Paris*, an intimate, 'salon-style' concert of French Baroque music, featuring the Telemann Paris Quartet. The EME was also grateful for the guest mentorship of esteemed baroque bassoonist Kate Walpole. Kate delighted audiences with a concert in the Chapel to thank those who donated towards the acquisition of her new bassoon.

**The Chapel Choir** had a very busy semester, with three 'home' and three 'away' Evensongs. We'd like to thank the Reverends Peter Boyland from Christ Church Claremont, Patrick King from St John's, Fremantle, and Dr John Shepherd, former Dean of Perth,



- 1: Pasta Bake, Battle of the Bands
- 2: Early Music Ensemble
- 3: Girls Choir
- 4: String Quartet
- 5: L-R Christophe Karas, Brianna Louwen, Dr Stephen Darlington, Dr John Shepherd
- 6: Chapel Choir
- 7: Classics Dinner performing Nessun Dorma
- 8: Piers Connor Kennedy
- 9: Claire Orman at the Scholars and Fellows Concert
- 10: The Mockingbirds
- 11: Chapel Choir Consort
- 12: Classics Dinner organisers Saskia Willinge & Annabelle Robinson
- 13: The Newby Blues
- 14: Spring Fair L-R Amber Anderson, Morgan Campbell, Nic Hill

for presiding. In October the UWA Conservatorium hosted Dr Stephen Darlington, recently-retired Director of Music at Christ Church, Oxford, and he was the guest of honour at a St George's College Chapel Choir Evensong. The semester culminated in an Evensong/ Concert *Into Evening*, which featured the world-premiere of a work by UK composer Piers Connor Kennedy, *The Evening-Watch*. Piers studied composition at Cambridge, and we were delighted to have him at St George's in November for a brief stint as Composer-in-Residence.

The **Chapel Choir Consort** continues to sing ever-popular Compline services for College residents every Thursday night. The Consort's full array of talent was on display at their second concert of the year, *Serenity*. Featuring lounge-style seating, hot chocolate and brownies, the audience was treated to a smooth program and smoke-machine clouds.

The **Girls Choir** continues to grow with the addition of three new members. The girls have had a busy second half of the year with Evensong performances with the Chapel Choir and at Christmas in the Quad. It's wonderful to watch their choral singing develop and to be able to provide girls with the same opportunity that has been available to boys in the cathedral choir system. If you know of girls aged 8-17 who may be interested in auditioning for the Girls Choir, please contact the College's Director of Music ([music@stgc.uwa.edu.au](mailto:music@stgc.uwa.edu.au) or call 9449 5555).

The **Winthrop Singers**, now in their eleventh year, continue to provide a weekly Evensong service on Thursdays under the direction of the wonderful Dr Nicholas Bannan. Performing a broad repertoire spanning early to modern eras, the choir remains an invaluable educational opportunity for early tertiary students. Guest conductors this semester included Hugh Lydon, of the Perth Choral Institute, and Dr Stephen Darlington, recently retired Director of Music at Christ Church Oxford.

The annual **Scholars and Fellows Concert** is always a highlight. With an abundance of home-grown talent – twelve residential music scholarship holders – this concert was a dazzling display.

The evening also featured performances from residential Music Fellow Raymond Yong, Senior Music Fellow Paul Wright, and Vocal Specialist Brianna Louwen.

A favourite in the College formal dinner schedule, the **Classics Dinner** never fails to delight residents and special guests. Organised this year by our Knight and Wolff Scholars, Annabelle Robinson and Saskia Willinge, the evening concluded with a rousing performance of *Nessun Dorma* arranged for kazoos and melodicas.

Two of the biggest public events in the College Calendar, **UWA Open Day** and **Spring Fair**, see hundreds of people pass through the College grounds. Food trucks, boutique shops, and sunshine – what a wonderful opportunity to show off our multi-talented musicians! Ranging from string quartets to folk duos and everything in between, the College residents also really enjoyed the opportunity to perform.

The **Mockingbirds** have had a busy second semester, with performances at the Perth Royal Show, the UWA Women's Week Tav show, and the Perth Heritage Weekend 'Singing in the City' event. The **Newby Blues** have also been active, performing at TedX UWA, as well as live on TV for Telethon. They finished off the year with a fundraising concert for Variety, the Children's Charity, which saw the Mockingbirds performing as well.

Resident events run by Arts Representative Georgie Wilkie included **Folk Night** and a **Sunday Acoustic Sundowner**. These events gave College residents a chance to enjoy the talents of their peers and were a great opportunity to celebrate the residential music culture of the College. **G**



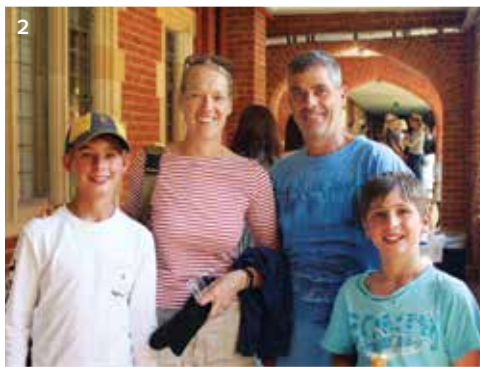


# Spring Fair 2018

This year's Spring Fair was held on a perfect spring day. Georgians and members of the general public flocked to the College and enjoyed wine tasting, delicious food, market stalls, bouncy castles and more. A highlight of the day was the musical entertainment provided by College residents including performances from a string quartet, the Mockingbirds, Newby Blues, the College Band, a folk duo and impromptu groups.

Many thanks to the Georgians, and the relatives of Georgians, who came along as vendors. Special mention must be made of the Anderle family (Carpe Diem Winery), Ian Barrett-Lennard (1972) (Zarephath Wines), Matthew Colvin (1990) (WA Pure Honey), Andrew Guzzomi (2000) (Goccia D'oro Olive Oil), Michael Knight (1989) (Michael Knight Artist) Anthea Mann (1986) (Mann Winery), Will Nairn (Peel Estate Wines), Elizabeth Kent (Smith 1992) (Frankland Estate Wines) and Debbie Snook (1985) (Crown Jewels).

With the building of the West Wing taking most of 2019 we're taking a break from Spring Fair but we look forward to seeing you at Spring Fair 2020.





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- 1: L-R Sage Guzzomi, Eva Guzzomi, Andrew Guzzomi, Arianna Guzzomi
- 2: Kirsten McGregor (McGlashan 1985) & Trevor Whittington (1985) with Trevor's sons.
- 3: Andrew Bartley (1981) & Anne Bartley (Mullan 1982)
- 4: Anthea Mann (1986)
- 5: Kira Lu & Shuhui Yang
- 6: L-R: James Lord, Madison Hakey, a friend, Maddie Nilan, Julian Choo
- 7: Elizabeth Kent (Smith 1992)
- 8: L-R Nathan Ward, YeeKeat Seah, Luke Johnson, Hamish Beck, Kenji Li Hee Cheong, Travis Papalia
- 9: L-R Georgie Wilkie, Kieran Lynch, Nic Hill
- 10: Mike Knight (1989) & Roz Potts (Chelliah 1989)
- 11: The Mockingbirds performing at Spring Fair
- 12: L-R Tom Plant (1992), Ian Cunningham (1989), Susie Bath (Creswell 1991)
- 13: L-R Giselle Fabling (1993), Justine Maldon (Milton-Smith 1994), Dan Maldon

# Night at the Museum

On Friday 27th July Georgians and current College residents enjoyed a Night at the Museum at the WA Shipwrecks Museum in Fremantle. A performance from the Mockingbirds in the shadow of the Batavia stole the show. Thanks once again to the Friends of the WA Museum Events and Marketing Director Stephen Hayes for enabling the evening to take place.



- 1: Emilia Horn & Rosie Windsor (2017)
- 2: Ciyue Chia & Monique Wishart
- 3: The Mockingbirds
- 4: L-R Ché Monsieigneur, Menaca Dissanayake (2017), Emily Price
- 5: Matt Cransberg, Taya Chandraviroj, John Dowey (2017), Alyssia Wishart
- 6: L-R Marelize Van Zyl, Kate Openshaw, Morgan Campbell, Nina Watt
- 7: L-R Julian Choo, Nathan Ward, Josiah Sivewright (2017)
- 8: L-R Georgia Scheepers (2016), Kate Milligan, Imogen Sweeney (2016)
- 9: L-R Amber Anderson, Jess Pether, Morgan Campbell, Georgie Wilkie, Patricia Frazis
- 10: L-R Aishah Chadwick-Stumpf, Saskia Willinge, Max Bosworth
- 11: Kate Milligan, Eden Munro, Kenji Li Hee Cheong



# Geraldton, Randolph 'Mick' Stow and St George's College

The article in the last *Georgian* magazine about Randolph 'Mick' Stow (1953) and the naming of the College library in his honour prompted a number of interesting responses. Chris Greaves (1964) wrote from Toronto, Canada:

*"I confess to an ignorance of Randolph Stow, but after reading the article turned to the Inter-Library Loan system of the busiest urban library in the world (Toronto Public Library) and placed an order for "The Merry-Go-Round in the Sea". After the usual brief interval a copy arrived from Nipissing University and was placed on my shelf at the Yorkville Public Library branch.*

*A Good Read which lasted less than twenty-four hours.*

*Space will not permit reference to the memories it brought back, life in Geraldton (well, Bluff Point for me, two weeks at a time), life in the dry sheep and gold fields regions, and of course descriptions of Suburban Perth. The family tree with its reference to "Upper Swan" meant something to me as a Swanleigh boy. And on, and on. Thank You."*

Articles about the library naming ceremony appeared in UWA's *Uniview* magazine and also the 'Geraldton Guardian' newspaper. The Randolph 'Mick' Stow Library has highlighted many Geraldton and Georgian connections such as those of Topsy Fischer (née Wishart) who attended the naming event. Topsy grew up next door to Mick Stow in Geraldton and she is the mother and grandmother of Georgians Lizzie Bigwood (Fischer 1985), Hamish Bigwood (2015) and current residents Ruby and Cleo Bigwood. She is pictured here with Stow relatives Barbara Chapman and Rosalind Pignatiello.

Also in attendance on the night were representatives from Geraldton and Georgian families including the Royces, Mercers, Rocks and Dymonds, and Stow relatives still living in the Geraldton region such as John and Lyn Sewell.

In August the Warden went to Geraldton to visit schools and to meet Georgians. While there he visited the Geraldton Library, delivering copies of *The Georgian* magazine, where he saw Japanese and many other translations of some of Mick Stow's books. He also went to see the actual Merry Go Round by the Sea after which the book is partially named. There he discovered that two Georgians are pictured on the Merry Go Round's sign – Hugo Innes (2012) and Imogen Innes (2015). **G**



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- 1: Annette Mercer & Max Mercer (1958)
- 2: Japanese and other translation of Mick Stow's books at the Geraldton Library
- 3: The sign featuring Hugo Innes (2012) and Imogen Innes (2015)
- 4: The Warden at the actual Merry Go Round by the Sea
- 5: Valerie Denton & Alison Dymond (2010)
- 6: L-R Topsy Fischer, Barbara Chapman, Rosalind Pignatiello

# Practice of Medicine Dinner

In late August the College hosted three up-and-coming young doctors for a fascinating Practice of Medicine Dinner with Georgian Dr Angus Johnston (2008), his wife Dr Vindya Abeysinghe and their friend Dr Darren Karadimos. All three are in the early years of specialist training; their post-graduation internships and residencies are recent experiences so they could provide insight on the life of trainee doctors – the thrills and challenges. With banter and articulately expressed views they discussed the good, the bad and the ugly of the medical profession, while still managing to inspire the audience.

They all noted that challenges abound in the first few years of on-the-job training, including long hours with 14 hour shifts; emotional strain, both from the physical and emotional trauma of patients suffering and dying around you and from disputes with your team or other medical professionals about the best way to manage a patient; the fear of mistakes; and the challenge of finding your niche as you work through multiple rotations across different areas. In particular, they all warned of the unanticipated tedium of enormous amounts of paperwork given to interns. Vindya advised, however, to keep in mind that it has great value – it is the only record a GP will get of a patient's time in hospital. The accuracy of this record is vital for appropriate follow-up to take place.

A recurring theme of the evening's discussion was the mental health of young doctors-in-training and how to maintain resilience in the face of challenges. Research confirms that there has been an increase in suicide attempts amongst young doctors over the last 20 years. Contributing factors include the nature of the job; increasing non-clinical demands like paperwork; high levels of interpersonal conflict between individuals and within teams; and the increasing uncertainty of the career path. It is increasingly competitive to get into specialist training. Medical graduates



L-R Monique Wishart, Taya Chandraviroj, Bailey Van Der Zanden, Callum Sly, Alyssia Wishart



L-R Seb Wilson, Matt Cransberg, Vindya Abeysinghe, Angus Johnston (2008)

typically spend five to six years in pre-training roles before being accepted into specialist training. There is no guarantee of getting into the training of their choice and it's a long time between the completion of a medical degree and becoming a fully qualified specialist. In addition, Angus speculated that as medical student places have increased, many more people are doing medical degrees than before and that possibly some of the people in this more diverse cohort struggle more. They could be less academically strong, perhaps also less attractive to the highly conservative Professional Medical Colleges which run the specialist training programs.

This begged the question of what could be done to build resiliency in the face of these challenges. The three

emphasised the importance of building a network of support amongst peers – what they called their 'medical family' – other people who understand the unique pressures faced by those in medicine. Darren and Vindya also talked about the value of finding mentors amongst senior colleagues. But they also agreed there is a need to keep perspective through these experiences and to understand that people in other careers also face difficulties. It's important to focus on what is rewarding in medicine: helping people, the intellectual stimulation and invigoration of constantly learning, the reward of teaching and mentoring younger colleagues, the high esteem the profession is held in, and the comparatively good remuneration. People are happier when they can clearly identify a purpose to what they're doing.

Vindya said she loved her job and wouldn't do anything else. Even though she has little time for a life outside of it, she feels fulfilled and that keeps her going.

The three also speculated on the future of medicine and the impact of technology. They noted that technology now plays a vital role in patient records, with all the information a doctor requires available at the touch of a button from a centralised information system, as opposed to recorded on charts at the end of a patient's bed. They lamented, however, that computers are often slow and when the system goes it causes chaos. There was also good natured debate between Darren and Angus. Darren argued that AI could make the diagnostic role of doctors obsolete and robots could soon take over anaesthetics and radiology. Angus, a future anaesthetist, argued that robots have been doing

what he can do for years, but it hasn't affected his job security. Angus noted that IBM is teaching medicine to its supercomputer 'Watson' and he agreed that it may only be a matter of time before a computer can diagnose as well as a doctor. He refused, however, to concede that his job was about to become obsolete. Darren commented that personalised devices would change the practice of medicine, referring to a recent ultrasound plug-in for iPhones, so that doctors can do ultrasound scans almost anywhere. The development of quantum computing might revolutionise the way medicine is practiced along these same lines. He felt that as soon as miniaturisation of computers and equipment is made scalable and affordable it will change the way medicine is practised.

Despite the challenges, both current and future, and the differences in their

personalities, all three were ultimately effusive about their jobs. Vindya said she couldn't imagine doing anything else and the others concurred. All three enthused about how humbling and gratifying it is to be able to help people when they can't get help anywhere else. Darren told those present aspiring to a career in medicine that though they wouldn't save lives every day, they would influence morbidity with every ward round and every script they wrote. And so after an evening of humour, some black, and heartfelt advice, the College medical students were left with a clearer sense of what to expect in the early years of their medical journey and hopefully felt better equipped to manage it.

The College would like to thank Angus, Vindya and Darren for giving up one of their rare evenings off to come and share their wisdom and experience with us. **G**

## The St George's College Western Australian Youth Photography Competition

In conjunction with Spring Fair, Photography Competitions are held for high school students and Georgians. With a theme of "Shadows", over 120 entries were received, all of a very high standard, which were exhibited during Spring Fair. Judges Peter Hopwood (1964) and Chris Hassell were very impressed with the quality of the entries, making choosing a winner challenging. The competition awards a total of \$2,000 in prizes and is one of the largest youth photography competitions in WA.



Kristel Li

### High School Division

#### First Prize:

Amelia Jane Hunt  
*Following His Own Lead*  
(Duncraig Senior High)

#### Second Prize:

Melina Lampropoulos  
*The Black Rose*  
(St Andrew's Grammar)

#### Third Prize (3 awards):

Elissa Oakey *Shadow Ant-tics*  
(Australind Senior High School),  
David Poramusapanorn  
*Slots and Gaps* (St Andrew's Grammar)  
and Leah Jones *Empty Shoes*  
(South Coast Baptist College).

#### Highly Commended:

Brody Jeanes *The Reverse*  
(Kinross College) and  
Russell Zapanta *Music in the Dark*  
(South Coast Baptist College).

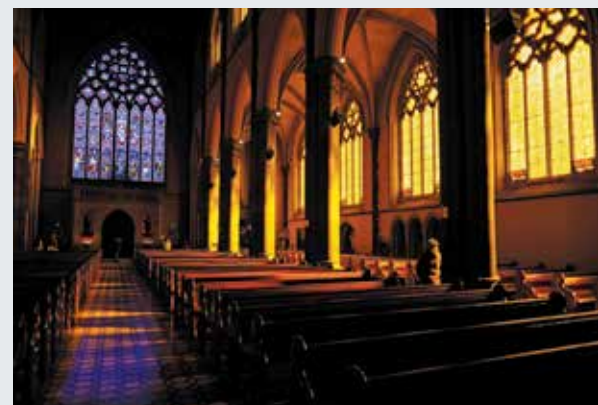
### Georgian Division

#### First Prize:

Kristel Li  
*St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne*  
Kristel's winning photo was taken in Melbourne when she was there as a recipient of the Victorian Georgians Travel Prize.



First Prize, High School Division: *Following His Own Lead* by Amelia Jane Hunt



First Prize, Georgian Division: *St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne* by Kristel Li

# The Collaborative Professionals WA

The Collaborative Professionals WA (CPWA) has met in the Georgian Room in the early evening every couple of months over the past four years. In addition, for the past three years it has kindly provided the CPWA Bursary to support a resident studying Arts or Commerce.

Many will experience relationship breakdown, and the loss, grief and anxiety that inevitably go with it.

CPWA is a group of lawyers and financial and mental health professionals dedicated to advising and guiding separated couples and their families through the complex emotional, financial and legal issues that arise following their separation, without going to Court.

The cornerstones of this interdisciplinary collaborative practice are:

- a. written commitments each party makes to the other to stay out of Court, and not threaten to go to Court, and to work respectfully, transparently and collaboratively towards outcomes that take the whole of the family's situation (financial, emotional and otherwise) into account;
- b. to help separated couples work together, supported by their team of collaborative professionals, to identify the issues and tasks they have to tackle, and to undertake those tasks and to resolve those issues as respectfully and cost-effectively as possible;



The 2018 Collaborative Professionals WA Bursary was presented to Georgie Wilkie by Elizabeth Hynes

- c. to give control back to the separated couple, and to have them 'own' the process and help them make their own decisions about their future, and the future of their family, rather than having them imposed by the Court;
- d. to enable a couple to reach and to formalise a settlement of all issues (financial and/or care of children).

Collaborative practice with respect to divorce and separation is a formal and recognised legal process, which keeps matters in the hands of the separated couple, and out of the Courts.

The College is very pleased to provide the Georgian Room for the CPWA to meet.

The CPWA is generous not only in its financial support but also its fulsome

praise of the College. It welcomes residents to attend its meetings to find out more about its work. It also has two websites: [Breaking Up Together – breakinguptogether.com.au](http://breakinguptogether.com.au) and [collaborativeprofessionalswa.com.au](http://collaborativeprofessionalswa.com.au).

The CPWA says: 'Thank you all for sharing your lovely college with us.' We say: 'You are welcome and appreciated guests'. The College is always willing to host academic, professional, cultural and social groups whose objectives coincide with the aims of the College. The addition of the Rodgers Wing will increase the capacity of the College to fulfil this social responsibility and create opportunities for residents. **G**



Collaborative Professionals (WA) Inc.

# Practice of Insurance Dinner

Georgian James Smorthwaite (2013) loves his job with insurance brokers JLT Australia and when he joined the 2018 Georgian Committee, he suggested that the College hold a 'Practice of Insurance' Dinner to introduce residents to this industry.

James is a former Australasian President of the Young Insurance Professionals Australia New Zealand (YIPs), a grass-roots organisation started in 2011 for young professionals working in insurance to network, gain professional development and educate others about the opportunities available in this vast and varied industry. The organisation has since grown to around 8000 members, the largest not-for-profit insurance organisation for young professionals in the region and is highly active in networking and education. Anna Miolin (2005), also a Georgian and the current president of the YIPs WA Committee, arranged for senior members of the insurance industry to come and speak to residents at the dinner on 11th September 2018.

Guests John Burke (General Manager at Insurance Advisernet), Steve De Gruchy (WA Manager at Chubb Insurance Australia), Jason Hart (Senior Associate at Barry Nilsson Lawyers) and Brett Pigott (Executive Director at Willis Temby Insurance Brokers), along with Anna (Senior



Associate at Moray & Agnew Lawyers) and James, attended the dinner with a group of residents studying a range of subjects including commerce, mathematics, social sciences and law.

Universally enthusiastic about what they do, though their work spanned a number of different areas of insurance, John, Steve, Jason and Brett said they were all passionate about the industry. While many of the guests explained that they had 'fallen into insurance' – they all found that they loved the industry. Insurance gave them interesting and challenging work, diverse opportunities and a strong sense of collegiality. They said that because the field isn't as well-known as traditional professional pathways where there is high demand from applicants, employers in insurance work hard to recruit and retain good employees. Employers will take time to provide training to graduates and there are opportunities for people with all degree backgrounds to build themselves an interesting and fulfilling career.

Thanks to Anna, James, John, Steve, Jason and Brett for coming to share their experience and enthusiasm with our residents. **G**



L-R Hendrik Viljoen, Tia Lynch, Conor Heydon, James Smorthwaite (2013)



L-R Tim Chapman, Anna Miolin (2005), Jason Hart, Joseph Monisse



Genevieve Victor & Steve de Gruchy

## Some of the things our residents get up to in their spare time



In July the 2018 **Talison Lithium** scholarship recipients, **Luke Broekman, Joel Crossing and Declan Smeed**, had a tour of Talison Lithium's Greenbushes mine site. Our thanks to General Manager of the Greenbushes Operations Pat Scallan, Public Relations Officer Debbie Walsh, and Senior Accountant Ben Tong for making the visit possible. We are very grateful for the scholarships provided by Talison Lithium, awarded to country students from, particularly, the South West (Talison's area of operation) and enrolled in mining related studies at UWA.



**Julian Choo**, on exchange from Singapore, volunteered at Ronald McDonald House this semester. Julian, who is studying psychology, went at least once a week and loved the opportunity to meet a wide cross section of the Western Australian community.



**Sergio Cardiel Villa**, from Mexico, pictured above left with Hamish Mackay, took Spanish tutoring to a whole new level by incorporating aspects of Spanish and Mexican culture, including food, into his College tutoring sessions. Spanish is a new subject offered by UWA and College residents really appreciated Sergio's extra efforts.



In between his studies at UWA **Kevin Ng** is a journalist for the BUSET Indonesian Magazine in Australia, and active with several organisations including volunteering at events for the Perth based Indonesian community. He writes articles about Indonesian events in Perth, as well as politics, philosophy, social critiques, and other topics. He volunteers at a nursing home in Subiaco and a dental service for the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation. He has attended conferences on several occasions and is an active committee member with the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA), and other student and non-profit organisations. He was also selected to assist delegates for the Indonesia Diaspora Conference. He occasionally meets Indonesian government staff and academics, members of the Consulate General of Indonesia in Perth, and other international visitors.



**James Basell**, from Boddington, builds and races specially designed racing drones. He uses a live feed from the drone, displayed in virtual reality-like goggles, to race other drones around a course built with gates, flags and other crazy structures, often exceeding speeds of 150km/h. He has competed in national competitions and even won a trip to South Korea! Drone racing is an extremely challenging sport with high reliance on equipment and pilot skills.



**Jerone Downie, Mike Chen and Kevin Steamer** have been volunteering with Ignite Mentoring this semester. Mike, from China, and Jerone, from Eglinton have been volunteering at Fremantle College, and Kevin, from Geraldton, at Kiara College, to support high school students in low socio-economic areas. They have loved seeing how much the students' skills and levels of engagement have improved.

## From the Georgian President



Greetings Georgians!

As we approach year-end it's time to reflect on recent events as well as looking forward to what lies ahead.

Our key objective continues to be to bring Georgians together in various ways that strengthen our connections to each other, and to the College where we all enjoyed some of our formative years.

This year that has been achieved through flagship events such as the Georgian Cocktail Party which was superbly organised by Rosalind Potts (Chelliah 1989), Julia Downie (2014) and their team of helpers. The night was great fun and provided an excellent way for generations of Georgians to get to know each other. The Spring Fair was also well attended with some of our Georgian community showcasing their talents and produce. Our final event for the year was Christmas in the Quad on 17th December which was a magical event and included some favourite carols accompanied by talented musicians.

Looking to the year ahead, the Georgian Committee has decided on some exciting events which are set out on the back cover of this magazine. I particularly encourage you to attend the Georgian AGM which will be held on 24th February. This has a short formal aspect where we decide next year's committee. If you would like to participate on the Committee, or to help out with certain events, please let us know. The formal part of the AGM will be followed by a sparkling sundowner in the Quad, with wood fired pizzas and great company! It is a family event, so please feel free to bring your children and other relatives.

We will also be introducing new events next year, such as the South West Wine Dinner which will be kindly hosted by Georgian Mike Hutton (1991) in Dunsborough. We are always keen to introduce new events, so if you have any ideas please let us know. You are also always welcome to organize your own gathering of Georgians at the College, such as a BBQ, by contacting office staff.

Improving engagement within the Georgian network will continue to be a focus next year. Earlier in the year we

sent out a survey to canvass your ideas as to how we can do things better. Whilst we had a reasonable level of responses, we are eager to hear from more of you. Consequently, we will be refreshing the survey and keeping it open until the end of February. We would very much appreciate you taking a few moments over the break to share your feedback.

Another initiative in 2019 to improve engagement will be to encourage Georgians located outside of Australia to get to connect and, where there is sufficient interest, establish international chapters. If you are a Georgian abroad and would like to be involved, please let us know.

Finally, congratulations to our 2018 Georgian Prize winner Sam Alsop. This award is presented on the criteria of 'meritorious and praiseworthy service to the College', and by all accounts Sam is certainly a worthy winner. We also wish the 2019 Senior Student Genevieve Victor all the best as she takes over leadership of the student body from Sam Riley.

I hope you have a blessed Christmas, a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2019! **G**

Kind regards,  
**Oli Charlesworth (1991)**  
President

# The Bruce Lefroy Centre: *Genetic Research in Australia*

**The is the first article in what we hope will be a regular feature of 'The Georgian' magazine about Georgians who have made significant contributions in areas vastly different from the path their studies and career took them on. George Lefroy (1960) and his wife Joan were instrumental in the establishment of The Bruce Lefroy Centre in Melbourne. In the article below, George explains the motivation behind their commitment to research into genetic conditions.**

Joan and I met at a UWA Liberal Party event during her Freshers' Week – I was in third year at the time. We both studied at UWA, I in Engineering and Joan in History. We were married in the College Chapel in 1964 and spent our honeymoon sailing to England on RMS Canberra. There I did a PhD at Cambridge University, and Joan worked in the Department of Aerial Photography. I finished my studies in 1966 and we moved to The Hague where I worked for Shell. It was here we began our family. Thereafter followed many moves between the hemispheres. My final job was Head of Shell Chemical in Asia Pacific/Middle East, based in Singapore.

Upon retirement in 2000, after half our married life abroad, Joan and I returned to Melbourne and our children. We began to look around for a way of giving back to society, which had been so good to us in so many ways. We were used to operating at the leading edge of technology and business practice and wanted something in Melbourne which would itself be leading edge.

After quite a period of looking, Joan chanced to have lunch one day with a good friend who was a social worker working in clinical genetics. She raised the possibility of providing seed funding for genetic research. The main source of funding for medical research is the National Health and Medical Research Council, but it makes grants only to



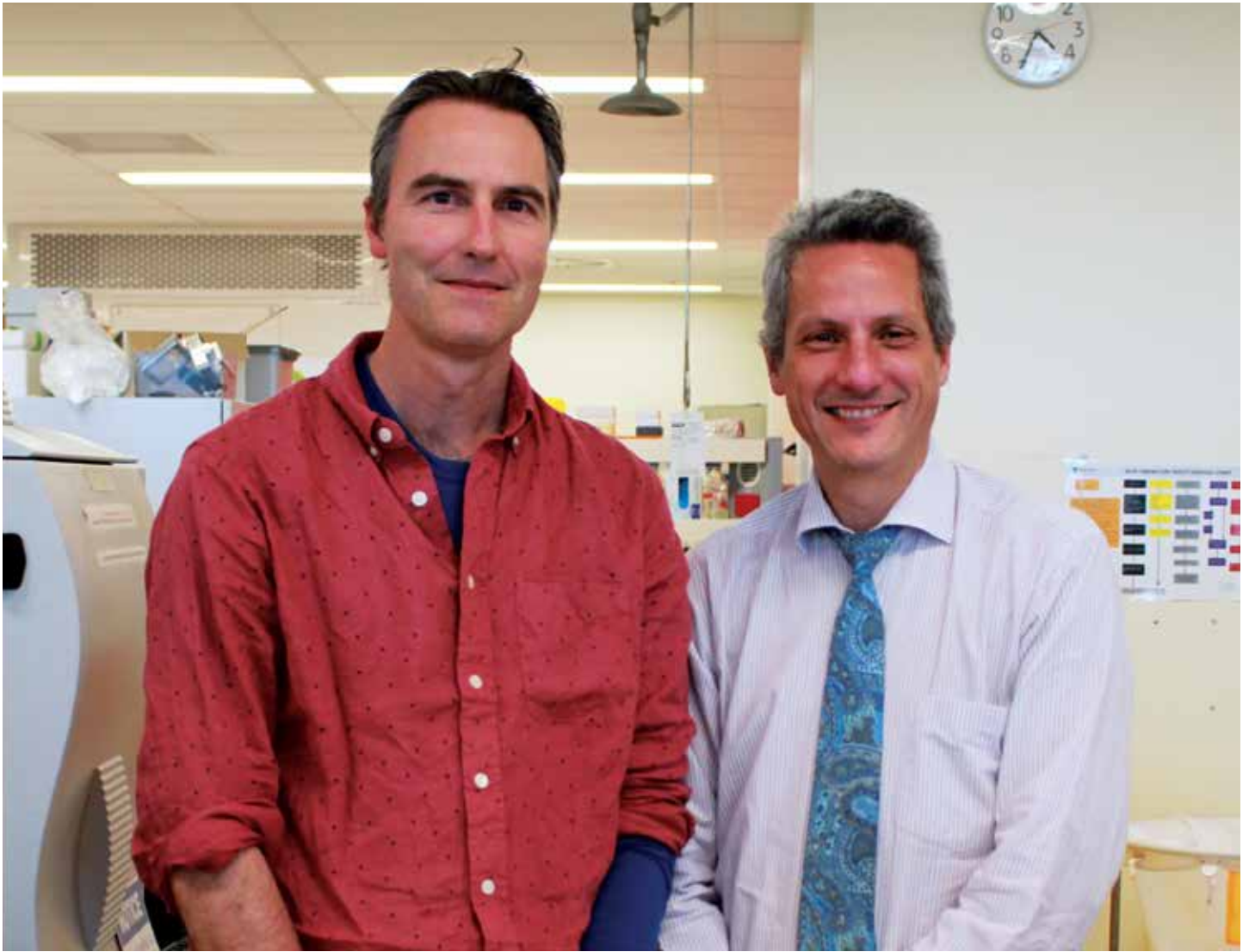
George Lefroy (1960) & Joan Lefroy

those who can clearly define an issue and show how a particular research program on it will provide value to society. This generally requires extensive pre-research to support the value of the potential project.

Bruce, our son, was born with a genetic condition and had spent a short period in the Royal Children's Hospital, and subsequently has lived for decades in special accommodation, for which we remain grateful, so we happily took up the role of providing seed funding.

The Bruce Lefroy Centre (BLC) was established as part of the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI). It finally got under way 15 years ago, with a handful of researchers. Some were clinicians (medical specialists), others were scientists, with some PhD students and the like. As well as direct funding from us and our daughters, we gathered in our wider family, friends and business associates, especially at a number of fundraising events we ran in the first few years. Professor Martin Delatycki was appointed





Dr Paul Lockhart and Prof Martin Delatycki, Co-Directors of the BLC




Bruce Lefroy

the inaugural Director, later joined by Dr Paul Lockhart as Co-Director. MCRI's current leader, Professor Kathryn North, is ensuring the Institute continues as a global leader in many fields of children's health.

Two early areas of research at the BLC were in ataxias (conditions that make you progressively unsteady and often lead to early death) and haemochromatosis, a genetic condition that leads to iron overload in the blood (which leads to many problems with the liver and other organs). Over the years research has widened into aspects of Parkinson's disease, autism, other genetic conditions that affect the nervous system, and other areas. A fundamental aspect is looking for the genetic imperfections which influence the conditions, and here the Centre has great expertise, and can rapidly identify many unusual conditions genetically. This sometimes quickly translates to assistance to parents

of young children with developmental difficulties, if only to begin by naming the condition for them, but often to go far beyond that. There are now around 40 researchers, full-time and part-time.

The latest Federal Budget provided \$20 million, over three years, to fund Mackenzie's Mission, a program to be rolled out initially in Victoria, WA and NSW, but finally across Australia. It will search for a wide range of genetic conditions in young couples planning to have babies. Instead of the usual three conditions currently looked for, the new program will test for more than 500 conditions. 10,000 couples are expected to be screened in the first three years, and the BLC will be a key player in planning and conducting the work, with Prof Delatycki taking a leading role.

For more information about The Bruce Lefroy Centre, go to their website: [www.mcri.edu.au/research/themes/genetics/bruce-lefroy-centre](http://www.mcri.edu.au/research/themes/genetics/bruce-lefroy-centre) 

# Georgian Cocktail Party

A very successful Cocktail party was held on Saturday 18th August. With a theme of Mardi Gras, 200 guests enjoyed cocktails and danced the night away. It was a great night, superbly organised by Georgian Committee member Roz Potts (Chelliah 1989) and College staff member (and Georgian) Julia Downie (2014).



1: L-R Geoff Goldsmith (1986), Fiona Plant (1991), Roz Potts (Chelliah 1989), Lyndsay Potts  
 2: L-R Karen Bromley (2012), Georgia Hay (2012), Takara Putland (2012), Jane Bromley (2012)  
 3: L-R Michelle Hepworth (2010), Rachel Anderson (2010), Alice Pennycott (2012), Ellen Maclaine (2009), Rose Devereaux (2009)  
 4: L-R Rachael Laing (2014), Cameron Broun (2014), Julia Downie (2014)  
 5: L-R Matt Cransberg, Jamie Cransberg (2014), Sasha Cransberg  
 6: Zac Molloy Mencshelyi (2012) & Matthew Goss (2012)  
 7: L-R Jaxon Lee (2012), Emily Johnson (2014), Jaxon Evans (2011), James Smorthwaite (2013)  
 8: L-R Ridhwan Lye (2016), Louis White, Alice White (2011), Dumi Mashinini (2012), Declan Robinson

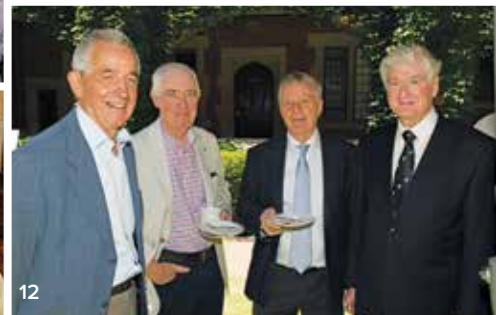


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# 50 Year Club Lunch

The 24th 50 Year Club Lunch was held on Friday 30th December. Over 80 Georgians attended, some travelling a long way, including John Browne (1956), David Durack (1962), Dieter Grant-Frost (1953), Michael Mackie (1965), Rob McDonald (1967), Michael Monaghan (1965), John Rivière (1945), Lew Ward (1953) and Kerry Wark (1960). Peter Hopwood (1964) gave the toast to absent friends and the toast to the College was given by Gene Tilbrook (1968). Gary Quan Sing (1962) passed around his hat and collected contributions for the 50 Year Club Bursary which will be awarded early next year.

We look forward to welcoming the freshmen of 1969 to the 50 Year Club next year.

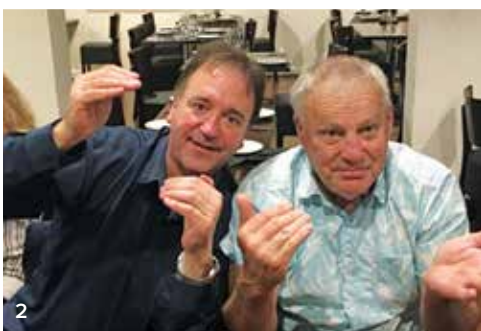


- 1: Bob Prince (1961) & Geoff Walker (1968)
- 2: L-R Peter Trend (1968), Graeme Brew (1968), Philip Eaton (1967)
- 3: Michael Monaghan (1965) & David Durack (1962)
- 4: L-R Charles MacKinnon (1964), Neil Donaldson (1954), Bill Rigg (1962)
- 5: Keith Collins (1968), Albert Tan (1967), Ken Wallace (1968), Tim Lovegrove (1967)
- 6: Philip Gardiner (1965) & Stephen Johnson (1963)
- 7: 1957 Senior Student Dieter Grant-Frost (1953) & 2018 Senior Student Sam Riley
- 8: Lew Ward (1953) & Tony Vincent (1951)
- 9: Andrew Martindale (1967), David Munckton (1969), Max Carson (1968)
- 10: "Two Norseman boys" – Alan Sandercock (1957) & Jim Dehring (1949)
- 11: Daryl Williams (1960) & Peter Wreford (1963)
- 12: L-R Lew Ward (1953), Brian Wills-Johnson (1964), Clive Trott (1958), David Cannon (1962)
- 13: Robert McDonald (1967) & Geoff Simpson (1967)

# Georgian Gatherings

Visiting schools in regional Western Australia in July gave Warden Ian Hardy and other staff members the opportunity to meet up with Georgians and parents of current residents in Albany, Bunbury and Geraldton. In Albany, the dinner was held at the Hybla Tavern, owned by the Dawkins family. Particular thanks must go to Roger Dawkins (1959) and John Dawkins (2004) for their support of the College.

Ian very much enjoyed the chance to meet Georgians at all of these locations and looks forward to doing it all again next year.



- 1: L-R Peter Donnelly (1982), Robyn Feutrill, Rhys Feutrill
- 2: Tom Engelke (1979) & Barry Bastow (1970)
- 3: Jo Wills (White 1989) & Carol Ireland
- 4: L-R Ian Hardy, Brian Feutrill, Matthew Granger (1985)
- 5: L-R Marty Broekman, Dennis Devereaux, Tina Broekman
- 6: Kelsey Talty & Johanna Nel
- 7: L-R Mary Ellen Cliff (Hawkes 1981), Karen Bradbury, Mark Bradbury
- 8: Severin Crisp (1952) & Jenny Crisp
- 9: Genevieve Victor & Brendan Talty (2015)
- 10: Lou Palandri (1976) & Julia Downie (2014)
- 11: Mark Victor & Ian Hardy



## Robert Ogden Cook (1941) 1923-2016

Bob was born in Katanning to Joseph and Margaret Cook (née Ogdén). Joseph was a pioneer farmer from Lancashire in England and Margaret was a first generation Australian and a pioneer teacher in the Wheatbelt where they lived near the rabbit proof fence. Bob was the eldest child with sister Helen and brother John to follow. Helen went on to marry one of Bob's College friends, Basil Balme (1941).

Bob was educated at a small local primary school of eight students. In 1935 he was awarded a Government Scholarship to Albany High School about 250 kms away. The school did not provide accommodation, so he lived in an approved boarding house. Dad would often recall that he had a wonderful time on the farm, with his main source of pocket money derived from trapping rabbits and selling their skins.

After five years at Albany High he was awarded the Leaving Certificate. He was awarded a Hackett Bursary to The University of Western Australia to commence an Engineering degree, living at St George's College. He completed three years at the university and then joined the A.I.F.

He had very fond memories of his time at university and St George's. Bob, along with others of his cohort, established an Alumni branch in NSW. During his retirement years he very much enjoyed catching up with his former colleagues.

Most of Bob's army career was in the Eastern States. Basic training was at Ingleburn, followed by Seymour and Puckapunyal, where he had the honour to be in the same training unit as VC winner Tom Derrick and Reg Saunders who was the only aboriginal to become a commissioned officer in the A.I.F. Being with those men was a big experience for Bob and left a lasting impression. He was

discharged early in 1946 to complete his Engineering Degree, which he completed in that same year.

In 1947 he returned to his parents' farm to consider his future career options. In 1948 he joined the Commonwealth Department of Works and Housing in Canberra where he worked on miscellaneous jobs such as air-conditioning of the Old Parliament House, CSIRO Buildings, Abattoirs and Brickworks. Public service life in Canberra did not agree with him and when Tutt Bryant Ltd advertised for a "Field Engineer" Bob applied and got the job at the end of 1948.

Tutt Bryant was, at that time, by far the largest supplier of both imported and locally manufactured earth-moving and construction equipment in Australia. Bob considered that he was extremely fortunate to find himself involved on many large projects of National Development such as the Snowy Mountains Scheme, Warragamba Dam, open cut coal mines, roads and airports. He was sent on many overseas trips – firstly for training and later for commercial aspects of the business.

In 1953 Bob married Norma. She was a great support during his career, going along with his many moves and helping to entertain overseas businessmen. Norma and Bob had three children all born in Melbourne. In 1961 Bob returned to Head Office in Sydney as General Sales Manager for Australia. In 1963 he was appointed a director of Tutt Bryant Ltd and managed to survive two "take overs".

In 1980 the company launched an expansion in Western Australia to cater for the increasing mining boom and asked him to do a two-year stint in pursuing this program – one of his qualifications was that he was an ex- "sand-groper". The house in Wahroonga was sold so Mum and Dad moved to Perth.

They returned to Sydney in 1982, where Bob again joined Head Office, working a three-day week prior to retirement in 1985. In early retirement Bob and Norma enjoyed several overseas trips as well as playing golf, bridge and gardening. Bob played tennis up until

his early nineties and was very active in Probud, loved going to the theatre and the opera house and finally meeting up with some of his university contemporaries in Sydney. Unfortunately, at the time of his death, there were only two left in the group.

In 1996 Bob was diagnosed with cancer of the kidney and Norma with Alzheimer's disease. Bob's kidney was removed; however, Norma became increasingly dependent on him as Bob learnt to do domestic chores. During her five years in the nursing home, Bob visited her every day, feeding her evening meal to her and often lunch as well. He ensured that she was well looked after and juggled all his activities around caring for her.

In April 2016 Bob had a heart attack and, along with chronic kidney failure, his health was on a downward spiral. He was an extremely proud and independent man who was well loved by his family, friends and the community in which he lived.

Bob is survived by his three children Margaret, Colin and Susan, his nine grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

*With thanks to Margaret Langford*

## Vale

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of the following Georgians:

Leo Addicoat (1949)  
John Greenway (1948)  
Reginald Hare (1944)  
Peter Lowe (1946)  
Ian Stewart (1955)

# News & Visitors

## Stay in touch

If you have any news or photos you would like to share with fellow Georgians, please email it to [jevans@stgc.uwa.edu.au](mailto:jevans@stgc.uwa.edu.au) or contact the College Office on (08) 9449 5555.



L-R Julie Stade (1986), Robin Evans, Fleur Vincent (Stade 1988) and Chris Evans bumped into each other at the Chapel Choir's last concert of the year *Into Evening*.



Justin Kruger (2010) dropped in to the College and saw Scott Meyer (2011) while he was back in WA. He spent most of the Northern summer as an intern at the NASA Ames Research Center and has now returned to Stanford University completing his Masters of Science (AeroAstro).



Ek Choon Cheong (1967) and his family visited the College and enjoyed a tour with the Warden. It was Ek's first time back in many years.



Former editor of *The Georgian* Shelley Lewis (Shier 1989) visited the College and picked up a copy of *The Merry-Go-Round in the Sea* while she was here.



Graham Cobby (1974) and Monique Gagnon at Spring Fair.



George Giudice-Nairn (2012) and Claire Barrett at Spring Fair.



Jodi Walker (Zolnier 1987) and Erin Zolnier (1982) were at the College to help Erin's daughter Lily move out of College at the end of the year.



Roz Potts (Chelliah 1989) and Rachel Wark (1989) at the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Rodgers Wing.



Lloyd Prout & Sarah Eardley-Wilmot (2014) at Spring Fair.



L-R Anne Simmonds, Matthew Simmonds and Neil Simmonds (1986) at Spring Fair.



Congratulations to **Torey Rickerby (2012)** who recently completed his first marathon – the New York City Marathon – in under 4 hours, an impressive achievement when the average time for men is 4 hours 22 mins! Torey took part in the marathon through the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), which selects 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women every year to train for the New York marathon.

# 2019 Georgian Events

Friday 8th February	Frankland Estate Wine Dinner
Sunday 24th February	Georgian AGM & Sundowner
Friday 17th May	City Lunch
Saturday 27th July	South West Wine Event
Saturday 24th August	Georgian Cocktail Party
Friday 25th October	Wesfarmers Art & Drinks
Friday 6th December	50 Year Club Lunch

For more information about these events contact Jo Evans  
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