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MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER



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Welcome to our latest edition of "Veritas" – unfortunately it has been too long since our last edition and I thank Myee for putting this edition together for us.

Be aware that we are always interested in hearing from our Alumni, so please send us updates whenever it is appropriate, especially any changes of address or contact details. We maintain a data base of all of our alumni (currently there are 5,600 people on this data base) and their details as well as keeping a biography on many of our alumni. We are also writing a history of the College, so we are interested in any stories or photos that our Alumni are prepared to share with us.

Since our last newsletter there have been many changes at UNE.

- They have continued to rationalise their courses – Marine Science, Livestock Science, Natural Resources and the Master of Educational Administration are being phased out. While many new courses have been introduced, such as Pharmacy, Sports Science, Forensic Science, Zoology, Animal Science and Medical Science.
- In 2010 our new Vice Chancellor, Professor Jim Barber was appointed and given the task of preparing the university for the upcoming changes to the tertiary system.
- In 2012 the Federal Government introduced a demand driven system where the funding to each university was no longer pre determined but was based on the number of students that the university could attract to do its courses. At the same time they uncapped the number of students that could do any particular course at the university, thus allowing universities to expand their numbers. This gave the city universities a big advantage as they had the ability to expand more than smaller regional universities.
- UNE has expanded its online capability with more learning and support for external students, but also many internal students have found they have to do more work online than previously. To support this, the university's online learning system has been switched from "Blackboard" to "Moodle". This allows greater use of social networks such as YouTube while giving students greater access to the system through mobile devices such as iPhones and iPads.

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MISSING INFORMATION

- SCR President: 1986, 1995
- Sportsman of the Year: 1986-1990, 2000, 2001
- Rugby President: 1972-1974, 1988, 1990, 1992, 2000
- Netball President: 1983-1986, 1988, 1990-1997, 1999, 2000, 2002

MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

- In 2012 UNE introduced a trimester system – three trimesters of approximately 4 months each. While the average student would progress by attending 2 trimesters each year, other students could accelerate or spread their load out over the 3 trimesters.
- UNE has changed their model of College leadership. Initially they went to one Master and one Dean looking after two or more colleges, while a centralised office did much of the administration. They are now moving to a model of a part-time Academic Head (who is also a lecturer at UNE) and a full time Dean looking after one college. This is occurring in Robb College and Earle Page College at the moment..
- UNE is starting to put a lot of money into upgrading their Colleges. They recently finished refurbishing Mary White College and are shortly going to demolish and replace all of the accommodation at Robb College – this will also increase Robb's capacity.

At Albies we have maintained a full time Master and a full time Dean and this has allowed us to provide very good academic and pastoral support programmes at the College. Over the last 8 years we have moved our graduation rate up to and above 80%. This compares favourably with our historical rate of 71.3% and with UNE where many courses have attrition rates of 20 to 30%.

The College has now been full at the start of each academic year for well over ten years and is the only College at UNE to be able to claim this. In the last few years we have been receiving well over 250 applications for 110 to 130 vacancies. Due to changes in the demographics over the last decade 60% of our students are now female, something that the residents of the College in the 70s to 90s would find different.

Sport has been very successful over the last few years, especially in Rugby where since 2005 we have now won 3 Grand Finals (1st, 2nd and 3rd) on one day four times and three times since 2005. This year for the first time we have withdrawn from the MB and PT inter college competitions. This has been due to number of reasons – firstly a lack of interest in these competitions from our students who are very involved with competitive sports on Saturday. Secondly with the introduction of trimesters there is less time available for these competitions along with all the other commitments that our students have.

The trimester system is going to change the College over the coming years.

- Over the first few years most of the courses run in the third trimester will be online. Hence we cannot see students wanting to pay for accommodation just to sit in their rooms on a computer. So we anticipate that we will be closed, except for conferences, for four months. Making it hard on our staff who have to look after families.
- In later years we will have a year round operation where students will only be in college for 1 or 2 of the trimesters, while others will be in for all 3 trimesters. Thus the composition of each floor will change each trimester as will the student leaders looking after the floor.

The future will also provide an interesting challenge for us as we strive to stay competitive with UNE colleges that are being refurbished. Our College is now 44 years old and in the near future we will also need to carry out major refurbishments. This will be quite expensive given that the current replacement cost of the College, without upgrades or refurbishment, is over \$32 million.

On behalf of the College – its staff and current residents, may I wish you all the best. I hope that your time at Albies was both enjoyable and fulfilling in preparing you for your post university life.

Geoff Johnston

AROUND THE COLLEGE

RUGBY

In the 2011 Grand Finals, the 1st Grade team, coached by Greg Wood and lead by Charlie Evans, beat the Armidale Blues 16 to 10 after 5/8 Eric Donaldson scored two tries.

In the 2nd Grade, the team coached by Simon Flynn and Myles Byrnes beat the new club in the competition, the Gwyder River Rats 18 to 14.

The 3rd Grade team coached by Sam Coles and Jacob Chandler beat the UNE Barbarians 22-10. This gave the Rugby Club a record, the fourth time the club has won all three grand finals (1988, 2005, 2009).

- 1st Grade has won 10 premierships from 18 Grand Finals
- 2nd Grade has won 20 Premierships from 23 Grand Finals
- 3rd Grade has won 10 premierships from 18 Grand Finals.

NETBALL

The Albies Netball team has just entered into a five year sponsorship deal who has agreed to spend \$10,000 to cover the cost of providing all the girls with their netball uniforms. This is due to the hard work of President, Samantha Lees.

In 2011, 5 of the 7 teams made it into the semi final, with A grade and A Reserves 1 making it into the grand final.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The 48 hour Drought was introduced in 2010 as a means to recognise the work of Sarah Heagney. The original idea was from SCR member Greg Stephen. This is now a major college event, which raises over \$5,000 each year with students donating the money they would otherwise spend on alcohol.

Events include fundraising, slave auction, bingo, movie night, raffles, and a fair. The Saturday fair involved numerous dunkings of the Dean this year. Sam Coles won the raffle this year, an 18 kg block of Cadbury Chocolate, which he shared amongst many new friends.

FACTS AND STATS

- 22 marriages at the College. The first, in 1972, was between two Drummond College students. The last was in 1977
- 12 Baptisms and 9 RCAI (Adults accepted into the Church) at college
- 156 marriages identified between two Albies students since the college went co-ed in 1976. This averages at 4.3 marriages each cohort (year group)
- 120 students identified who attained 121 PhD's
- 10 students identified who attained 11 Doctorates
- 33 students identified who have obtained Masters with Honours
- 230 students who have obtained 239 Masters
- 13 students who have received the University Medal (3 from the 70's, 2 from the 80's, 7 from the 2000's and 1 from the 2010's)
- 33 students have received Full Sporting Blues
- 65 students have received Half Sporting Blues
- 8 Masters
- 15 Deans
- 5,600 students have come to the college
- 554 Albies students are still enrolled

AROUND THE COLLEGE

INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS

MB/PT

At Albies, our main emphasis is on Saturday competitive support so MB/PT became social sport on Sundays. Over the past 10 years, the intercollegiate sporting competition has been losing popularity with students being conscripted to participate. With the introduction of the trimester system, it was considered an academic risk to our students so we withdrew. This was replaced with an internal college completion between all floors in college, who compete in a knockout competition. In term one, Netball was played with winning. This was the idea of Senior Resident Advisor, Jayne Heagney.

CULTURAL PURSUITS

The intercollegiate cultural competition, SFK (Sir Frank Kitto) is not a forte of Albies and is dominated by Earle Page, Drummond and Smith, and Duval. However, we still compete and do our best in the seven events. The big three, theatre sports, small music ensemble and performance are always supported by most of the colleges members at Lazenby Hall. Albies always leaves thinking the judges could have ranked us a bit higher.

IQ CHALLENGE

In 2011, the Intercollegiate Quiz Challenge to promote academics in colleges and enhance relationships between academic staff and students. All colleges of the university competed in the challenge at Lazenby Hall in October last year, with 6 students in competing in the academic challenges and 6 in the activity-based challenges.



COLLEGE STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

LONG SERVING STAFF

Some of Albies long standing staff have retired

- **Cheryl Williams** who worked at Albies for 19 years, as a cleaner and then as House Manager for 11 years. Cheryl retired to Uralla
- **Colin McDonald** who was the Maintenance Manager for 13 years moved to the Sunshine Coast to look after the maintenance at a Retirement Home



There are many long term staff members still serving at college:

- **Mary Quinn** the Bursar (former Secretary) has worked at Albies for 32 years.
- **Peter Hopwood** the Chef has been here for 18 years.
- **Kay Hammond** the Secretary/Office Assistant has been here for 14 years.

CHAPLAINCY

The last Dominican Fr Laurie Foote left at the end of 1999. Since that time there has been no Chaplain at the College, except for a short period in 2007-2008 where former Albies student, Fr **Siman LEWORTHY** (1997) was chaplain. Since 2009, a chapincy team has fulfilled part of the role of Chaplain. This team consisted of Fr Anthony Koppman (the Parish Priest at Guyra), Sr Catherine Duxbury (an Ursuline Sister), Mr Chris Clancy (a lay pastoral worker). These members were assisted by the Master, Bishop and Mary Wilkes (from the Cathedral Parish).

AROUND THE COLLEGE

2011 SCHOLARSHIPS

Albies has a historical graduation rate of 71.3% of the enrolling year cohort. Since 2004, it has been above 74% and above 80% twice.

3,529 UNE Country Scholarships: Patrick Armstrong, Vanessa Hegarty, Josephine Kingwill, Georgina Robinson, Anthony Stibbard, Molly van Hermert.

Scott Williams Opportunity Scholarship:

Stephanie Semmler

Sarah Heagney Memorial Scholarship:

Samantha Lees

Teaching/Nursing UNE Equity Scholar-

ships: Jason Artuso, Katie McMeniman

DET Enhanced Teacher Training Scholar-

ships: Laura Vautin

SportUNE Training Scholarship: Courtney Byrne

UNE Alumni Association Members Award:

Elkie Shaw

CSIRO/UNE Postgraduate Scholarship:

Aimee Grace

Sir James Murdoch Scholarship: Georgina Lawrence

Australian Council of Agricultural Societies and Coca Cola Regional Scholarship: Georgina Lawrence

St Alberts College Entrance Scholarship:

Bronwyn Bursal (Academic), Andrew Liston (Cultural).

St Kilda Hotel Entrance Scholarship:

Bridgett Abbott (Community), Jessica Goodwin (Netball), Mathew Houlahan, Joe Finch, Colin McKenzie (Rugby).

ADIG Returners Scholarship: Georgina Lawrence, Priscilla Fisher

St Albert's College JCR: Samantha Lees (All Round Sporting Achievement), Emily Kate Ryan and Alex Downes (Contribution to the Club)

GRADUATION

Albies students have graduated from UNE, with others graduating from other universities. During the April 2012 Graduation, 11 Albies students received honours, seven of these 1st class (the highest ever)

- . Jacob Chandler (2007– 2010): Natural Resources and Urban (Hons) and Regional Planning
- . Joanna Newton (2008-2011): Rural Science
- . Nicholas Hurford (1992): Science
- . Elyse Beck (2005-2008): Archaeology
- . Andrea Conn (2008-2008): Agriculture and Law (Hons)
- . Jasmine Nixon (2008-2010): Livestock Science
- . Joanna Robertson (2008-2009): Livestock Science

ACADEMIC RESULTS

Semester 2, 2011 had the lowest number of fails in the colleges history, and 58.5% of students obtained a Credit Average or better. Semester 1, 2010 had the highest number of High Distinctions ever, with 8.6% of all grades allocated and 58.3% of all students in college with credit average or better.

HALLINAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Hallinan Scholarship was started in 1990 and is awarded each year to the student currently in college who had the highest GPA in the preceding year. 15 of the 22 winners have gone on to get Honours degrees. The scholarship is named in honour of Father Hallinan. There have been four multiple winners since its inception.

- . Nathan Brown :1992, 1993
- . Troy Mackay: 2000, 2001
- . Gillian Burke: 2006, 2007, 2008
- . Joanna Newton: 2009, 2010, 2011



REUNION REPORTS

SYDNEY

Sydney members of the Albies Alumni catch up for lunch on the first Friday of each December. The reunion began 20 years ago with Alumni from the late 70's. Event organiser, Michael Brent, said 'it's really good now that the network is expanding and we're seeing Alumni from the 80's, 90's and 00's'. Over 40 people have attended for the past few years.



Sue Brent & Jenny Greaves nee Schwarz (77-78)



Anthony Rydon (74-77) and Minerva Lam (77)



Peter Saccasan (78-80), Peter Pannowitz (77-79) & Michael Brent (76-78)



Minerva Lam (77), Mary Jones nee. Giacca (77-80), Veronica Foulkes nee. Jabour (77), Trish Sheehy & Helen Sheehy (77-79)

2012 SYDNEY REUNION

When: Friday, December 7 at 12:30

Where: The Hero of Waterloo in the Rocks

Contact: Michael Brent on michaelbrent@optusnet.com.au

Price: \$25 for lunch

2012 BRISBANE REUNION

When: Friday, August 31 from 4pm

Price: Pay as you go at the bar

Where: Grand Central Hotel ('The Railway'), 270 Ann St (opposite the Anzac Flame)

Contact: Tony Dennis on anthonydennis@hotmail.com

BRISBANE

Sydney members of the Albies Alumni meet up for lunch on the last Friday of each August. About 20 of Albies finest Alumni from the 70's and 8-'s gathered for the 2011 reunion, despite a mix up with the initial booking. Actually, I'll be completely honest now, it wasn't really a mix-up, I'm just saying that so I don't look like a complete idiot. The reunion was unique in that we were all at Albies at the same time. Previous reunions have had a cross section of originals (1969) through to the 90's. Oh where are you, naughty people? We have yet to see your happy smiley faces. Regardless, it was a night of tall stories and revelations (as Nifty now knows after 36 years how he got his nickname). Photos can be found on the Albies Alumni Facebook page.

To those of you that were there, I thank you. To those of you that weren't, why don't you turn up to this years Brisbane and/or Sydney reunion? After all, you don't know who you may run into. If you forget to RSVP, it doesn't matter, turn up anyway, I'm just after a rough idea of numbers.

Finally, I'd like to finish by saying: 'A good night was had by all'. But I won't. Because I don't want to trivialise the evening with some trite cliché. One is above that sort of thing.

- Tony Dennis (1976-1981)

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

JOANNA NEWTON (2008-2011) UNIVERSITY MEDALIST



2011's Senior Academic Advisor, Joanna Newton, received the University Medal and the Edgar H Booth Memorial Prize and Medal for her First Class Honours in Rural Science. Her project was on quantitative genetics looking for a link between stress and resistance to internal parasites in sheep.

Jo was selected from the Science graduates to present the Vote of Thanks.

While at Albies, Jo won the Hallinan Scholarship three times, the most by any student. She won numerous scholarships and prizes, from both the college and university.

During her honours year, she

travelled to Indonesia as part of the Syngenta Connections Program to educate farmers about sustainability and safe pesticide usage.

In the 2010-2011 Summer holidays, Jo completed a Summer Studentship at CSIRO, where she conducted quantitative genetic analysis. She presented the results of these findings at the Association for Animal Breeding and Genetics Conference in Perth.

She is currently doing her PhD in sheep reproduction at UNE and has just been awarded the inaugural Peter Westblade Scholarship from 33 applicants around Australia. This scholarship is designed to foster youth's interest in a career in the Australian sheep and wool industry.

Jo not only excelled academically, but received the New England Award for her extra-curricular involvement. She was Treasurer and 2nd year representative on the Rural Science Undergraduate Society (RSUS). Jo also played netball socially.

Jo was heavily involved with the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Program, leading the UNE Farming Futures Project. In 2011, she organised the inaugural Farming Futures Industry Dinner which connected agriculture and agribusiness students with industry representatives to display the exciting career opportunities in the area. This is expanding in 2012 to include an agricultural career fair.

As the Senior Academic Advisor, Jo sat on a Board of Directors for St Albert's College. She also supervised the academic support team and organised the academic support program, ran tutorials and study session and assisted her fellow students with varied academic issues.

Jo grew up in Melbourne and developed an interest for agriculture while holiday on a friends farm in Western Victoria and then through her suburban schools agricultural program.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

EMMA GILLOGLY (2007-2010) AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S 7'S PLAYER

Former Albies Senior Resident Advisor, Emma Gillogly, began playing rugby a year ago, and has already represented Australia in the IRB Women's Sevens Challenge Cup, in Hong Kong.

Emma is the 3rd member of the Albies Alumni to represent Australia in Rugby Union, with Peter Lucas (1976) and Damian Smith (1987-1989) both playing for the Wallabies and Alan Roper (Fellow of Albies) Coaching the Wallabies.

Emma played as a loosehead forward against Hong Kong and the Netherlands at the event in March.

'While it was an incredible experience to play in front of an audience of 40,000 people, the highlight for me was having my family come watch and the opportunity to run out in Australia's colours', said Emma. Her parents, Terry-Anne and Greg, grandmother Deirdre Youman and brother Mitchell (from London) flew to Hong Kong for the event.

'It was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget. Hong Kong is such a unique place and very different from Australia, although we were so busy we didn't get much spare time to look around.'

A natural at Rugby Union, Emma only began playing the sport in March 2011 when she was asked to try out for the NSW Country team after helping at the National Rugby Union Camp. 'Being new to the sport, everyone made me feel so welcomed. The team is so lovely and friendly', said Emma.

Emma was a valuable member on the 2011 NSW country team, scoring a try as a winger during the NSW Country verses Sydney match in the National Women's Championship. In April 2012, she again represented Country NSW in the National Championships.

Since joining the squad in 2011, Emma attended a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in August and played in tournaments Darwin, the Gold Coast and Noosa. A team will be selected to compete in London and Amsterdam in mid-May.

'I had to train in Armidale by myself, but had a program to follow in the lead up to Hong Kong. Plus I went to the Australian Institute of Sport five days before the event to train as a team.'

Emma had excelled in athletics, touch and soccer; having represented NSW in the sports while at Port Macquarie High School, and represented UNE in Intervarsity Sporting Competitions.

Because of Emma's dedication to sport, she has been awarded multiple scholarships while at UNE, including the SportUNE Development Scholarship for Touch and the Sarah Heagney Memorial Scholarship. Emma has been awarded her sporting and won the Spirit of Sport at UNE award for her active participation and positive attitude towards sport.

Emma not only excelled as an athlete, but in sporting administration, having captained the UNE team in the Intervarsity sporting competitions for three consecutive years and through representing the university students on the SportUNE board and on the University Council.

Emma hopes to play in the World Cup for Rugby 7's in 2013 and make the 2016 Olympic team. Emma says her sporting success has come because she is willing to 'try new things in life and never give up in what you believe in.'



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

PAUL BARRY (1991-1993) FILM AND TELEVISION

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, Paul graduated with a degree in Performing Arts (Acting) from Australia's National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) in 1996. In 1997, he became a partner in 'Acting 4 Camera' and is still a partner, director and teacher with the business. From 2001 to 2009, he was also a part-time Acting teacher at NIDA. In 2008, he became a partner in 'Showreels Australia', where showreels for actors and presenters are written, produced and edited. He has worked extensively across film, television, stage, commercials and voice-overs in Australia. As a result of his work, Paul has experience as an actor, director, writer and acting teacher. His acting credits include *Underbelly III* for Channel 9, *Packed to the Rafters*, *All Saints* and *Home & Away* on Channel 7, *The Cut* on ABC, and *Small Claims 1, 2 and 3* for Channel 10. In 2011, his time was split between Sydney and Los Angeles. In 2012, he was producing a documentary in Warsaw, Poland, with his fiancé Karina Wiegosz.



IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS DEPARTED

GRANT ARBUCKLE

February 7, 1961 – February 12, 2009 (Aged 48?)

Grant Arbuckle lived at St Albert's College for four years from 1979 to 1982, graduating with a Bachelor of Rural Science. After leaving uni, he worked on his fathers property at Deepwater. 1987 was a big year for him, he married fellow Albies student, Catherine Newman and moved to the 4,420ha 'Aurifer Downs' in Bunnguya (north of Goondiwindi) to farm beef and prize-winning wheat. Grant had three children with Catherine, Luke, Erin and Amy. Grant was a well respected farmer, business and family man when he tragically died after his truck rolled on the Meandarra Talwood Road.

WILLIAM (BILL) BAMFORD

December 12, 1959 – January 31, 2011 (Aged 51?)

Bill lived at Albies from 1977-1979, graduating with 2nd Class, Division 2 Honours in Rural Science. After university, he worked in equine nutrition, supplements and veterinary medications at Ran-vet. He married Jeanette and had three children, Manuel, Charles and Sara.

PETER CRAWFORD

February 9, 1951 – January 3, 2011 (Aged 59?)

Peter lived at college from 1969 to 1972, graduating with a Bachelor of Rural Science. He then received a Diploma in Agricultural Economics in 1976 and a Masters of Economics in 1977. His career spanned academia and the public and private sectors in Australia, France, Germany and the United States of America. He was Chief Executive of the Environmental, Water and State Development Authorities in NSW and South Australia and also in the South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Peter was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences in 1987, and was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in 1988. He received a Centenary Medal in 2001 for his service to environmental science and technology in Australian Society. Peter has focused on strategic leadership, effective management and directed change in organisations and government. He published two books: *The Serious Business of Governing* (1996) and *Captive of the System* (2003). In the 2000s, Peter was one of 6 teachers to work in the Aboriginal Community, 'Wangkatjunka' in the Kimberlies where he taught the children to grow vegetables so the families had supplies most of the year.

IAN ECCLES

August 24, 1947- July 10, 2011 (Aged 63)

Ian lived at Albies for three years, from 1969-1971, graduating with a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics, majoring in Accounting. He married Coalynne and had two sons, Wesley and James. As a Chartered Accountant, he worked as an External Auditor in Melbourne for Price Waterhouse. He then worked as an Internal Auditor for Ford Motor Company and Burns Philip in Papua New Guinea. In 1980, he moved back to Australia as the Internal Audit Manager for the Northern Building Society in the Cairns Head Office, before being promoted to Manager Finance and Administration. He resigned in 1996 to begin a retail food business, and in the early 2000s was appointed Finance Manager of the Catholic Diocese of Cairns. He was a keen fisherman and lawn bowler, and was president of the Northern Beaches Bowls Club for seven years.

IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS DEPARTED

SARAH HEAGNEY

August 16, 1988 – January 28, 2010 (Aged 21)

Sarah Heagney attended Albies from 2007-2009, and was the Senior Academic Advisor when she was tragically killed in a car accident while driving to the RST Training at Coffs Harbour. She was a talented Triathlete, representing Australia in the Aquathon World Championships and receiving a half-blue for her service to sport at UNE in 2009. Sarah also organised the women's participation in the inter-college sport. Sarah was a dedicated student, and was studying to be a high-school teacher. She received a standing ovation when awarded a posthumous Bachelor of Arts at the 2010 graduation. A scholarship at SportUNE and St Alberts College are named in her honour to recognise sporting and academic success. Over 300 people attended a cocktail party in and auction in July 2010 to raise \$30,000 to support the scholarship. Over 1,500 attended Sarah's funeral. Sarah's sister, Jayne, is currently the Senior Resident Advisor at Albies.



KELVIN LeBROCQ

March 26, 1950- February 1, 2011 (Aged 60)

Kelvin lived at St Albert's College in 1971, graduating with a 2nd Class Division 1 Honours in Science. After finishing university, Kevin worked in mines with Vale Construction, Queensland mines and Geoterrex Pty Ltd. From 1980-1982, he was Manager of Geoterrex's Western Australia's Operations, before joining Macquarie University as a Professional Officer.

He received his teaching qualifications and in 2010, he was the Head Science Teacher at Bellingen High School, where they have established a memorial garden and scholarship in his honour. He married Judy and had two children, Leanne and Vaughn.

PAUL McCARTNEY

November 1, 1949 – March 23, 2011 (Aged 61)

Paul McCarthy, attended St Albert's College for four years, from 1969-1972, and was the first student to be accepted into the college. While at college, Paul held leadership position of 'tutor', which required him to take pastoral care of a floor. Paul graduated with 2nd Class Division 1 Honours in Science and a Diploma of Education, and later was awarded a Masters of Economics. After university, Paul ran a second-hand building centre at Brighton-Le-Sands in Sydney. The former resident wrote in his Will that his fondest memories were at St. Alberts College, making such an impact on him that he wished to stay connected with the college. In January 2012, a ceremony was conducted by Bishop Gerard Hanna at St Alberts College to celebrate the life of Paul McCartney. 'It's really touching that Albies is able to create such lasting fond memories for its residents,' said current Master, Geoff Johnston. Having passed away in 2011, his ashes were scattered on the lawns of the college in accordance with his wishes.

SISTER VALDA WARD

March 23, 1930- September 18, 2008 (Aged 78)

Sister Valda Ward was at college from 1981-1982. She was awarded Bachelor and Masters of Arts (Hons), a Bachelor and PhD in Education and a Diploma in Theological Studies and Diploma in Social Justice. For eight years from 1973, she was Mother General of the Sisters of Mercy at Ballarat, during which she played a leading role in the creation of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and spent time in Fiji presenting on Justice. For twelve years from 1983, she was Principal of Sacred Heart College at St. Martin's in the Pines in Ballarat. Later, she ran the Ascot Vale Campus of the Australian Catholic University and was twice featured in the World Who's Who of Women. In 2008, she was honoured among Ballarat's finest. After a stroke in 2003, she was completely dependent upon others until her death.

IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS DEPARTED

Tim O'SHEA

Tim was a long term supporter of the College and member of the SCR (1970-2011). Tim originally completed his Bachelor and Master's degrees in Chemistry in New Zealand. He then worked as a Government Chemist before moving to Australia in about 1953 to study Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney. After graduating he then returned to NZ to practice as a vet. He married ? in New Zealand and they had two sons. Following the death of his young wife, he, his two young sons and his mother moved to Australia so that Tim could do his PhD at the University of Sydney.

After graduating he moved to UNE. At UNE, Tim was a Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Biology from 1970- 1971 and then Physiology from 1972-1996. From 1984-1985 Tim was Head, Department of Physiology. Since 1997 he has been an Honorary Fellow in Animal Physiology, giving lectures and co-ordinating units in physiology and human bioscience. Since retiring he continued to demonstrate in 2nd and 3rd year Physiology laboratory classes. He also continued research supervision with his PhD students.

Tim was one of the pioneer researchers working with the Booroola fecundity gene in sheep and also managed the reproductive physiology research sheep flock which will now have to be wound up. Since 1997 he has published more than 20 journal articles and conference papers. The UNE Physiology Prize for Third Year Physiology was endowed by Tim in 1997 and is awarded to the undergraduate who has achieved the highest aggregate mark for any four, third-year Physiology units at UNE. Sadly he died on Monday morning 28 November 2011.

John J. PIGRAM

John was an original member of the Senior Common Room (1969-2007) and served a term as President of the SCR. He assisted the College to achieve acceptance and recognition within UNE, despite widespread and strong opposition to the establishment of a religious college. At the College he conducted tutorials in Geography and ran courses in Public Speaking. Professor Pigram specialised in policy research in water resources planning and management and was Director of UNE's Centre for Water Policy Research from 1987 to 2001.

With more than 30 years' experience in the Australian water industry, he became one of the world's leading experts on water management policy and he chaired the organising committee for the Tenth World Water Congress in Melbourne in 2000. He became an Adjunct Professor at The University of New England and a Director and Executive Director of UNE's Centre for Water Policy Research. He was President of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) from 2001 to 2003 and was made of a Fellow of the IWRA in 2005. He was made a Honorary Fellow of the College in 2006 and in the same year he received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the IWRA. He married Jenny and two of his children Kate and Susan came to the College. Sadly he passed away in January 2011.

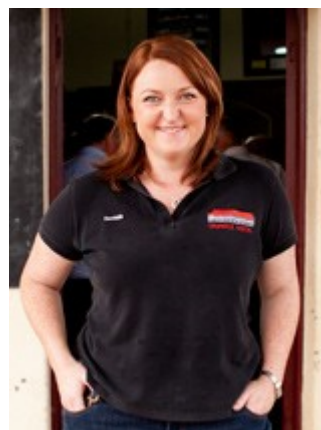
KEEPING IN TOUCH

We'd love to hear what you've been up to since leaving College. Thanks to everyone who has sent through information. Please send your details and photos to: albiesalumni@une.edu.au for inclusion in the next newsletter.



Danielle at 2004 Valedictory

Dannielle WARD (2001-2004) was a tutor at college who is currently featured in *Country Town Rescue* on ABC1. The show is about the country town of Trundle and Dannielle is heavily involved with the Tree Change Committee. She is also the publican of the Trundle Hotel which is owned by Dannielle, Robert and three other brothers. More information can be found at www.trundlehotel.com.au.



Danielle at the Trundle Hotel

Laubie LI (1980) was Associate Professor and Head of School at the International Graduate School of Business at the University of South Australia from 2003-2010. In 2011, he moved to Dubai and became the Dean of Business at the University of Wollongong.

Emma BRICKNELL (2008-2009) recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts /Bachelor of Teaching. She has joined her mother, **Kate BRICKNELL nee WADE** (1985-1987) at Tamworth High School where they both teach English and History. Kate is the Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning.

Sr Patricia MADIGAN (1987) became Director of the Dominican Centre for Interfaith. In 2011, she travelled to Iraq to interview Muslim women on their experiences in war.

Anthony POTTS (1970-1973) has returned to Australia after working as Visiting Scholar in Residence at Wolfson College, and Visiting Professor at Newman University College, Birmingham. He is now working at the University of Adelaide and resident of St Mark's College and President of St Mark's SCR. He has three wonderful children and six grandchildren. Jason is a Barrister in Sydney, Jodie is a Senior Counsel in Melbourne. Justin learnt to fly a plane, became a license casino staffer at Crown Casino and did an honours science degree, before completing graduate medicine at the University of Melbourne and getting into Medical practice.



Tony Potts

Sally HATTON (2007-2010) has just started her PhD at the University of Canberra.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Philip LYNN (1975-1976) was a finalist in the NSW Farmer of the Year in 2010, and his business, Ausgoat Pty Ltd won the local business award for Best Agricultural Business in 2009.

Jasmine NIXON (2008-2010) was named the 50th Royal Easter Showgirl for 2012, beating over 3,000 applicants for the title. She was Crookwell showgirl.

Philippa LEE (2007-2009) was Walcha Showgirl and finalist in the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Julieanne DOUGHERTY (1988-1989) received an Australia Day Achievement Medallion in 2010.

Francis DRUM (2001-2004) instituted a scholarship at Albies in 2010 for families with multiple students at college who have put something back into the college.

Glenn ROFF (1973) won the Brother John Taylor Award in 2010 for his contribution to Catholic Education.



Jasmine with her Showgirl Sash



Penelope modeling, Milan

Penelope BENSON (2005-2006) became the first plus-size model on the catwalks at Milan Fashion Week in 2010.

Nicholas PAISLEY (1979-1981) recorded his first solo CD involving ukulele and bass in 2011.

Neil VAUGHAN (1974-1977) won the Heartbreak Half Marathon on the Coffs Coast in 2009.

Xanthe MACKLINSHAW (2004-2007) was a member of the Australian Ladies Amateur Tour in 2011.

Peter IRELAND (1975-1976) won the Balmoral Burn for the third time in a row in 2010, and set the record for the up-hill run.

Stephanie PURDY (2006) was selected in the NSW Arrows Hockey team in 2010.

Damian SMITH (1987-1989) became the most capped Queensland Red to play on the wing, with 119 games.

Keith PRINGLE (1972-1974) took part in a Multiple Sclerosis Queensland Community Fundraising event in 2011 and spent ten months cycling 16,000km around Australia with his daughter, Kimberley.

KEEPING IN TOUCH



Aaron Goodwin, Nathan Clarke-Hong, Brendan Moylan, Damien Coffey, Tom Brennan,, Nick Dawny and Conor McKeon in O-Week, 2000

BIRTHS

Brendan MOYLAN (1999-2001) and his wife Catherine had their first child in August, Lucy Bridget Moylan born at Moree on 6 August 2011.

Hugh Baird (1977-1981) has recently become a Grandfather.

David MALONEY (Circa 1990-1993) and Sharon had a baby girl Madeleine Kate in December, 2012. Thanks to

Robert Ward (1989-1993) for sending through the information. [Could not find David Maloney in the database.](#)

MARRIAGES

Jodi PREIST (1999-2002) married Andrew McAlary in 2011 and had triplet daughters.

Peter SAVAGE (2003-2006) and **Melinda STAFA** (2003-2006) got married in 2010.

Luke STEPHEN (2003-2005) married Catherin Brennan in 2012.

Nicole STRAUSS (2006-2008) and **James FINNIGAN** (2008) got married n 2011.

Thomas FLYNN (2004-2007) and **Georgina ROBERTSON-CUNNINGHAME** (2008-2009) got married in 2011.

Mae HEYWOOD (2005-2007) married Ross Parnaby in 2010. They have had a daughter, Charlotte.

Amy WATT (2006-2008) is engaged to Todd Smith of Condobolin. Amy is an Agronomist with Ag N Vet in Condobolin. Thanks to **Katrina Wynne** (2006-2008) for sending in the news

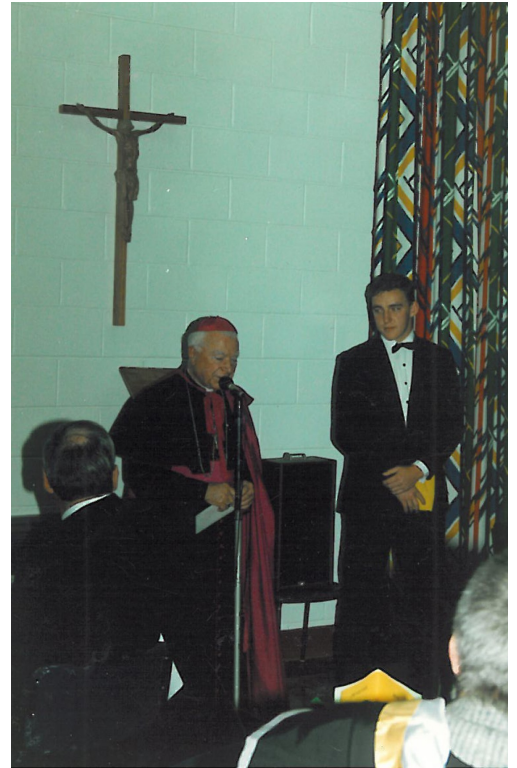
Anna REDDEN (2006-2008) is engaged to Lachlan Charlton of Ballimore. In 2010, she was crowned Tamworth's Queen of Country Music. Anna is a Public Relations Consultant with Sefton & Associates in Tamworth. Thanks to **Katrina Wynne** (2006-2008) for sending in the news.



One of the weddings held at St Albert's College

ALUMNI PROFILE

ROBERT WARD (1989-1994)



Bishop Kennedy and Robert Ward, 1991

ALUMNI PROFILE



Craig's at his daughter, Jae-Maree's, wedding

CRAIG WEBSTER (1980-1982) is still running the 'Computers & Things' a business he founded in 1988.

How has the business changed since 1988? Over the past 24 years, it grew rapidly at first, eventually into a 3 store chain. However, as the pressure of managing the three stores grew it was decided to cut back to 1 store. I still own and manage this store.

How did you get involved in IT? Initially did a BA at UNE and did six months Computer Unit. Enjoyed this course and went on to do a Diploma course at university of Newcastle. After nine months at Newcastle, I accepted a traineeship at Channel 7 Sydney. Wrote Cobol Code for the next three years before returning to Taree to work with PC's as an Apple technician.

What inspired you to begin your business? I opened my own store when the Store I was working for closed.

What has been the most rewarding thing from running your own computer store? Being your own boss is just great. Getting access to all the latest gadgets is also brilliant.

What has been the most challenging? Now is the most

challenging time I have ever had. The retail downturn and the dominance of Apple products (which I do not sell) is really hurting.

What did you learn through living at college that has aided you in operating your own business? Building relationships has been a skill which keeps on being useful. Also being part of a team at Albies has helped me join other teams locally.

Are you still in contact with your college friends? Some, but not as many as I would like. Being away from the major population areas has made it hard to keep in touch. Facebook has really opened the communication channels and is helping connect us all back up.

What extra-curricular did you do at college? Played Soccer, League and Rugby at Albies. Have my picture in the common room with 2 winning rugby teams.

What was your favourite college activity? Careful, drinking in the common room was certainly fun.

What is your fondest college memory? Winning the Rugby grand final in 2 grades.

Why did you choose Albies? I already had a cousin attending UNE staying at Albies.

What is your proudest achievement? My wife and I have brought up four great kids. Three are in Newcastle, one at university there, and one in Mackay. Just got my first granddaughter who is a treasure.

What are your plans for the future? Hang on for the present, as retail is very tough at the moment. Travel is on the cards next year. My wife is British so going to England is a real thrill. All these extra family members to catch up with. Have been over twice already and can't wait to go again.



Craig's Granddaughter, Charlotte

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Waterslide at Ladies Day Lunch, 2000

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