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The Newsletter



St Ann's Collegians Association Inc.

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President's Report

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At the 2014 Annual General Meeting I was elected as the new president of the St Ann's Collegians Association. I succeeded Chloë Wanklyn who has served her maximum term as president.

I have inherited a very strong culture in providing for our members and students financially, socially and from an educational and mentoring perspective. I thank Chloë for her leadership over the past 3 years.

To introduce myself, I attended St Ann's College as a student from 2005 to 2007 while studying towards a commerce degree at the University of South Australia. Upon completion of that degree, I gained employment with BRI Ferrier and became a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the Australian Restructuring, Insolvency and

Turnaround Association.

I have been a member of the Collegians Association committee since 2008, as a general member initially and subsequently as treasurer. Fortunately, I am pleased to report that the Collegians Association is in a very strong financial position and does not require my insolvency skills!

In my role as president, I am one of two elected representatives of the Collegians Association who are members on the St Ann's Council and I am also an elected member of the St Ann's College Foundation.

We recently held a mentoring dinner for the students of St Ann's and you will see from my colleague Craig 'Hagrid' Hamilton's report that the event was a great success. We have a further mentoring dinner planned for September on Design, Town Planning



Laura Billie Duncan (10-11) The University of Adelaide, Arts

and Architecture. We are fortunate to have esteemed guests including the Right Hon. Stephen Yarwood, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, and Mr Phil Harris from Troppo Architects accepting our invitation.

As a new project, we are looking at taking our mentoring initiatives to a new level and in this regard I refer you to Dan Willson's report on our mentoring program.

The current committee members are all open to

new ideas and initiatives and if you would like to make any suggestions re ways in which we can better provide services to you or the students please do not hesitate to contact either the College, the current committee members or myself.

Ever onwards and upwards.

Matthew Ormsby
President



St Ann's College Council

Foundation News

The Foundation has had impressive achievements from fundraising feats to supporting College projects including the security wall and student room air-conditioning, to building and maintaining relationships with friends of the College, positioning the College well to support current and future students.

It's certainly an exciting time at St Ann's with proposals for the Enterprise Deck taking flight, including plans for additional student rooms and dynamic study areas.

I am thankful for the opportunities and experiences of St Ann's, as a student, tutor and Committee member. I know St Ann's is carefully and creatively planning and am excited about its future.

It has been a privilege and honour to be on both the Collegians and Foundation Committee.

Kara Story

Collegians Representative on the Foundation



Chairman of the Foundation Mr Gary Lines MCA with Ms Maggi Miles



Di Davidson (66-9) in her full Deputy Chancellor of the University of Adelaide regalia at the recent Graduations.

AT THE FALL OF THE BALL!

Carolyn Anderson (83-8), at Fenway Park watching the Red Sox with her colleagues from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, just three days after arriving in Boston. 21st Century networking at its best!



The St. Ann's Foundation Executive Committee aims to identify a project each year, then sets out to raise the funds necessary to complete the project within the year – this works very well because it gets things done. Last year, the Foundation identified the need to install air-conditioning for the remaining rooms in the College. Part of the charter of the Foundation is to provide the College with funds for infrastructure requirements and maintenance as necessary. Completing the air-conditioning for the remaining rooms was considered to be an ideal project for the Foundation and satisfies the goals of the Executive Committee to facilitate the best possible study environment for our students.

We launched the campaign at the annual Foundation dinner and I am pleased to report that over the year, the funds were raised, and the work commenced and completed over the Christmas break, allowing for the minimum disruption to the College. St. Ann's College is now the only College providing air-conditioned accommodation for every one of its students.

Special thanks to all who donated to this campaign, with particular thanks to the Collegians who donated the equivalent of the cost of three of the air conditioning units, and the Macquarie Bank Foundation for their extremely generous matching pledge of \$25,000.

This year the Foundation has launched the campaign to replace and upgrade College plumbing systems, which are now reaching the end of their life and need to be upgraded. While this is not quite as exciting as air-conditioning, or a new security wall, or upgrading the IT facilities, it nonetheless is critical and a job the Foundation has taken on with considerable enthusiasm. To that end, we have already raised funds toward this \$250,000 project but of course, we still have a considerable distance to go. We look forward to completing this campaign within the year as we have done in the past with other campaigns.

Attendance of Collegians Committee Members at the annual Foundation Fundraising Dinner is extremely important. This Annual Gala Dinner successfully raised, together with donations, \$65,000 toward the infrastructure project. It raises funds through the members' contributions and importantly, it brings the people attending the function in close contact with recent ex-students of the College and provides real-time working examples of the success of the College.

The Foundation's goals are set for the long-term, as seen in the bequest of **Ms Adele Jamieson (68-71)** mentioned for the first time in edition No.1 of this newsletter.

**Gary Lines
Chairman of the
St Ann's College
Foundation**

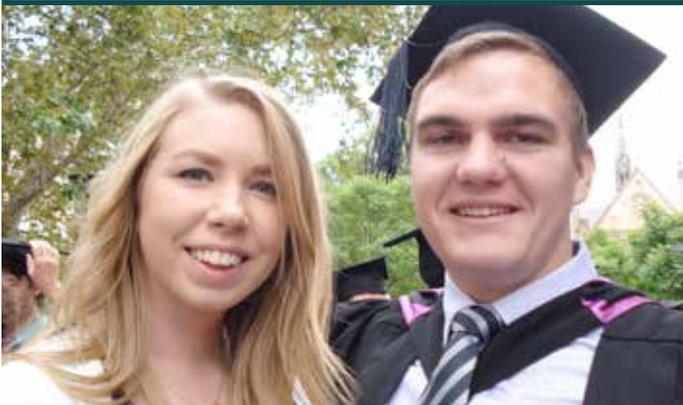
Graduations



Matthew Thamm (10-12), Samuel Kupke (10-13) and Laura Bray (10), Engineering



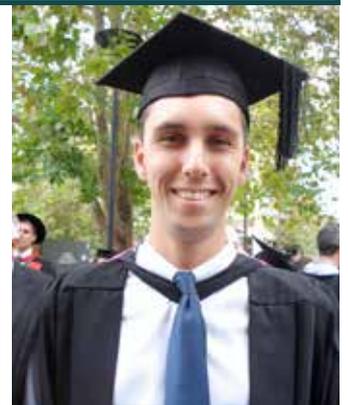
Dr Xiang Lu (07-11), Medicine, with her proud parents



Danielle Brydges (12-) and Samuel Kupke (10-13), Engineering



Pik Kaye Lai (10-11), Commerce



James Francis (10-12), Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering



Laura Tolson (08-9) and Darci Hebbeman (08-11), Law



Flynn Carr (11-), Architecture



Emma Giersch (11-12), Health Sciences



James Graham (11-13), Commerce, with his mother who came all the way from South Africa for the ceremony



Kate Beauchamp (04), Cardiac Nursing, with her lovely husband Tim

Are you Experienced?

The first Mentoring Dinner of 2014 was held on 15 May, themed around the benefits gained from international experiences in their varied forms, both during and beyond student life. Four speakers gave an account of what they found to be the enjoyable, enriching and sometimes challenging aspects of their own international experiences.

Professor Kent Anderson

Professor Anderson, Pro Vice Chancellor (International) University of Adelaide – who hails from a little place North of Queensland... called Alaska – has extensive international experience, his professional and educational travels taking him to many places (Canada, Hawaii, Japan and the United Kingdom to name a few!). A proponent of global exposure, he claims to have a passion for experience abroad and is a product of it. He has seen every continent and has been changed by the experience.

In his professional capacity at the University of Adelaide his long-term goal is to see a student body which is more than 50% comprised of people with global experience. To assist with this, he says that there will be and are already grants and other supports for students who wish to venture to partner institutions for their studies.

Kent says “do something crazy”: don’t worry about your boyfriend/girlfriend, short-term experiences will



Michael Brooks (11-), Megan Lock (14-) and Eponine Richardson (14-) with Mentor Pik Kaye Lai (10-11)

lead you to long-term experiences.

Kosha Jhalla (2002-06)

Kosha studied dentistry. During her 5th year of university she received a Colgate Research Scholarship to Bristol in the United Kingdom. She spent three weeks at Bristol General Hospital as a self-described minion doing research work.

She said her experience was eye-opening. The trip was not a host family arrangement, so she had to take on basic living skills in a different environment. The biggest advantage to her on the trip was that being in an English-speaking country she was able to get as much out of her short education as possible.

Kosha’s advice is that your working life will take over. You ought to take travel opportunities before you are held down by life – take the chance!

Pik Kaye Lai (2010-11)

Pik Kaye studied law, and took her elective classes abroad. She spent 6 months in Germany and The Netherlands having prepared herself with a 1-month crash course in German.

She said that the advantages of her experience was that she was able to learn languages faster while living amongst them, and that she now has friends all over the world. More challenging aspects of her trip included adapting to the prevalent rote-learning style in her studies and deciphering German washing machines!

Her recommendation is: GO FOR IT – you grow as a person with international experience no matter what stage of life or study.

Dajana Vujica (2010-12)

Dajana also studied law and took the same program as Pik Kaye. Dajana said that the application process

was nerve-wracking, though it was worth it upon acceptance. She described her trip as an amazing experience, so thrilling a time that she was still excited when retelling her story!

Dajana spent time at the University of Mannheim, the German Federal Constitutional Law Court at Karlsruhe, the European Business School, the Hesse State Parliament, The Hague, Utrecht University, the Peace Palace and the International Criminal Court.

For Dajana, the highlight of a university-organised trip was the opportunity to do and see things which you can’t or wouldn’t do while travelling by yourself. The trip resulted in Dajana considering majoring in international law.

In Dajana’s experience, travel can inspire you into other pathways of your profession which you wouldn’t otherwise have considered.

We can learn from the stories of the speakers:

Short-term experiences will lead you to long-term experiences. Take the opportunity before life holds you down.

You will grow as a person regardless of the stage you’re at in life. It can inspire you into pathways you wouldn’t otherwise have considered.

Craig “Hagrid” Hamilton
Social Secretary

Our Mentors



Professor Kent Anderson



Dr Kosha Jhalla (02-06)



Dajana Vujica (10-12)



Pik Kaye Lai (10-11)



Student Mentees Don Shivakkumar (11-), Danielle Brydges (12-) and Eleanor Arthurson(12-)



Student Mentees Amanda Hockey (12-), Betty Chung (12-), Isabella Withers (14-) and Emily Graves (14-)

A New Project

The St Ann's community includes some of Australia's, and as you will read in this edition of 187, the world's most successful professionals, entrepreneurs and community champions.

Our Collegians come from a diverse range of backgrounds, and have amassed a similarly diverse and remarkable range of world-class achievements. St Ann's current students become some of South Australia's best, brightest and most well-rounded graduates. Our students are talented, driven and grounded, but often lack the networks of their Adelaide-based peers, with many being the first in their family to go to university.

In order to assist our graduates to begin developing their professional networks (and potentially access employment opportunities), the Collegians Committee is currently trialling a mentoring program in which we connect current students with a mentor from the St Ann's community working in a similar field.

By connecting with a

mentor in a similar field in a largely informal setting, students will have the opportunity to learn from someone who has encountered similar situations and overcome similar challenges, while beginning to develop their professional networks. Mentors will have the opportunity to connect with talented young people in their field and to contribute towards these young people's future.

Mentors and mentees will be provided with information to guide their interaction, but the relationships between mentors and mentees are intended to be self-driven; members of the Collegians Committee will be available to support mentors and mentees.

The Collegians Committee will roll out the mentoring program over the next few months following the current trial. If you would like to learn more about the program or get involved as a mentor, please contact me on Email: dwillson@deloitte.com.au

Dan Willson
Vice President



Mr Dean Standish (Playford Trust), Miro Vujica (12-), Bodie Henderson (14-), Flynn Carr (11-)

Community News

Max Hughes (08-10) was named Australian Young Designer of the Year for his computer game controllers for severely disabled children. Players use both hands to manipulate the ball-sized domes. Max will be invited to take the device into commercial production at the innovation centres of Hills Ltd which had given the \$10,000 prize. We are delighted that some of his early awards were the College Club Visual Arts Award in 2009 and 2010, and Foundation Prize, recognising and encouraging his early talent.



Max Hughes (08-10)
Australian Young Designer of the Year

Sanjeev Raj (04-7) is now International Sales Director at Bridgit Sdn. Bhd. **Amanda Matulick (00-1)** and Dan Harland own *E for Ethel*, a unique gift shop in Melbourne Street. **Leah Klemm (95-6)** and three others formerly owned the exquisite bar *Dragonfly* in Victoria Square. **Ben Harris (12-13)** has been accepted to go on exchange to Leeds University in 2014.

Emma Lush (11) and **Jordan Murdoch (11)** of Geelong Cats fame, are engaged. **Fariz Zahedi (04-8)** is engaged in Kuala Lumpur. **Amanda (Price 04-6)** and **Ross McConnell (04-7)** have a little boy, Hugh, pictured below.



Kelly-Anne Saffin (95), CEO of Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North, is thrilled with Golden North's \$200,000 grant from the State Government's Regional Development Fund. **Paul Crawford (74-5)** of CMV Group is nominated for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Colin Hinze (92-4) won the Viticulturist of the Year Award in the Clare Valley Wine Hall of Fame Awards, for his work at Taylors Wines. **Kelly Wellington (04-5)** is winemaker at Wirra Wirra winery, while ex-winemaker **Kelly Menhennett (99-02)** finds her music career is going from strength to strength after leaving the wine industry following a vintage in Spain, busking in Barcelona, and a thrilling stint in Nashville. We wish her all the best with her glorious new album.

James Knight (94) and his family won the John S Chappel Award for

Residential Architecture with their Barossa Valley Glass House.

George Plionis (88-91) [pictured below] is an acclaimed jewellery designer and maker in New York. He is inspired and inspiring, making authentic pieces, responding to colours in the landscape and to his surroundings, and opening his first show in NYC in June.

Elderton Wines director **Allister Ashmead (94)** is proud to announce that the winery has entered into a marketing and sponsorship deal with the NSW rugby club Waratahs following a successful similar deal with AFL club Carlton



in Victoria. Elderton produces around 50,000 cases of wine each year and exports to 25 countries.

Megan Pocock (05-8) and **Rory Hoile (07-8)** tied the knot at the Pocock family home in Loxton earlier this year. **Dale Engler (01-4)** and **Kate Menhennett (01-3)** were married in November last year. **Jez Milne (01-3)** was married in April and moved to Queensland with Santos.

Natalie (Nowak 03-4) and **Trevor Zwar (03-4)** have a baby boy, Callum Mitchell Zwar. **Dr Kathrine Grillett (06-7)**, married to Luke Rosenberg with 3 children, is now a secondary school teacher.



Community News

Peter Tonkin (87-8) studied shoe making in 2012-13 at TAFE and would like to make a career of it in time as it's so satisfying as a craft, with something useful at the end.

Megan Inverarity (07-9) recently caught up with some fellow Baboons in Melbourne – **Camille Bibby (07-9)**, **Nora De Bono (07-10)**, **Mel Roll (07-10)** and **Aimee Court (07-10)** – it had been way too long between drinks!

Joining **Prem Sankaran (05-9)** at BAE Systems in Perth is **Mihiri Dodamegama (04-5)**, working for the Royal Australian Navy.



Dr Claire (Simmonds 03-5) Fenton-Glynn Hon LLB (Adelaide), BCL (Oxon), PhD (Cantab) [pictured above] is a College Teaching Officer and Fellow at Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge. She undertook undergraduate law studies at the University of Adelaide, before completing the BCL at Oxford and her PhD at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Her PhD considered how international human rights law could be applied to protect the rights of children in intercountry adoption, and undertook a comparative analysis of the practical application of these rights in

domestic jurisdictions in Europe.

Her research continues to look broadly at the rights of children and youth in situations of migration and cross-border movement, and the development of law and policy on an international level. In this regard, she also works as a consultant on children and youth rights with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She completed her PhD three days before her wedding – not at all stressful! She worked as a consultant for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, advising on children and youth rights, before taking up an academic post in Cambridge in October 2013. What a star!



Susan Britza (13-4) served as President of the Legislative Council in the 2014 Youth Parliament



Elliot David Jarrett, new grandson of the Chairman of Council, Jim and Fulvia Howard

Bec Morgan (96-8) is a fully qualified GP! **Eloise (Farr 06) Mackie** is living in Tasmania with her husband and baby boy.



Doctors Prasanna Ramachandran (02-4) and Rohan Russell (02-4) were wed in Malaysia early this year, attended by joyous Collegians



St Ann's show their colours as they Walk a Mile in My Boots in 2013 for the Hutt Street Centre. Together they raised \$246 for the day

Alexandra Prest (13-), Maria Conostas (13-), Lekha Gupta (12-3), Kathy Grocke (10-13), Amanda Hockey (12-), Alida Konyn (12-), Mevandi Dissanayake (13-) and Matt Ryebakken (13-)



This wonderful photo above was sent by St Ann's students to support Left on Pearl, a crowd-source-funded one-hour documentary film, made in Boston, about the 1971 takeover and occupation of a Harvard University-owned building by hundreds of Boston area women demanding a Women's Centre. The resulting Cambridge Women's Center is the longest continuously operating women's centre in the United States

Student News

2014 has been another exciting year for St Ann's College as we welcomed eighty-four first-years into our amazing community. Hero-Week opened up proceedings as the students took part in the legendary Port'n'Choc, Amazing Race, O' Cup, and the inaugural Speed Dating ice breaker, an event that was well received by the first-years and included questions like "Do you believe in life after love?" and "In a milkshake, do you put the syrup or the milk in first?"

The 2014 Open Show saw a return to tradition with the 'Beach Party' providing entertainment for over 300 guests. The night was very successful and saw the common room transformed into a picturesque beach scene with plenty of couches for party goers to laze about in.

Inter-college competition has seen St Ann's putting in strong performances in the tennis, footy, cricket and netball. Our students have proudly represented us with their passion and tenacity on the field, and their fellow students have responded by showing up in numbers to support their fellow Boons.



Sophie Burn (13-) Aiman Zahedi (13-) and Brittany Price (13-) at the Beach Party

Every year St Ann's sends a couple of students to the annual National Association of Australian University Colleges (NAAUC) Conference. This year has seen our College send a record four students with a fifth winning the national equity scholarship, an impressive representation from St Ann's. The conference is to be held in Melbourne this year and we look forward to hearing from our delegates about their experiences.

Finally, as the semester wrapped up, the Boons of 187 retired their drinking glasses, guitars and footy boots and immersed themselves in lecture notes and textbooks, busying themselves in preparation for the mid-year exams. We wish them luck and hope that the hard work they have put in throughout the semester pays off when they receive their results.

The Don Student Representative



Brady Zwar (14-) gets the knock



St Ann's 2014 Women's Netball Team



Braden Hill (14-)



Esther Manley (14-) and Amy Hannigan (14-)



Go the Boons!



St Ann's 2014 Men's Footy Team