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A Day to Remember – 40ish Reunion

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After more than 12 months of negotiating, planning and executing, the Reunion Committee were excited as the big day, Saturday 11th August 2012, finally rolled around.



All of us attending the 'Now that we are 40...ish Reunion' were brimming with anticipation and ready for a blast from the past after the scores of phone calls, emails and messages to people across the globe. The excitement and enthusiasm of past residents, and their parents, as we were re-establishing contact and sharing the news of the upcoming reunion was breathtaking. Without this inspiring level of consistent support, the event would have been twice the burden and half the success!

True to Tasmanian form, we were treated to the cold and drizzling rain that was unfortunate for our plans and yet so appropriate as a reminder of times past. As Janites and their families arrived on campus at around 11am, the atmosphere inside was electric - despite the less than spectacular weather. We gathered in the

Asten Common Room to register and reconnect with friends both recently seen and long separated by our divergent life paths. Much has changed for some of us in the years since we called Jane home, and yet some of us have barely changed at all (without specifically mentioning either Dazza or Gibbo). Still, we greeted each other with the warmth and fondness with which we farewelled each other all of those years ago. It was fantastic to be able to display, in the Asten Common Room, photographs and messages from some of the people who were unable to attend the event but wanted to send their thoughts and well-wishes to those who could make it on the day.

The planned barbecue (how optimistic were we?!) was seamlessly morphed into an amazing spread in the Dining Hall by the extraordinary kitchen staff – our



*From top:
Catching up in the
Asten Common
Room*

*Indoor Barbecue
Lunch at Jane*

*The 'Now that we
are 40...ish'
Reunion
Committee, from
left to right
Sharon Molnar,
Nicki Wicks,
Lisa Gibson,
Dave Ikedife, and
Joanna Rosewell*

*At the Gala
Reunion Ball*

thanks to Veronica and her crew for an amazing dining experience. Additional thanks to donors Tasmanian Bakeries, Vermey's Butcher, Salad Bowl and Lipscombe Larder, for contributing beautiful Tasmanian produce for us to enjoy!

As some of us caught up over lunch, others took the opportunity to have a guided tour of College with one of the RA's (Resident Assistant – they fill a similar role as a Junior Tutor did in our time) who very kindly gave up their Saturday to show us old girls and guys around. Visiting some parts of College was like stepping into the late '80s, whilst other areas have significantly changed over the years. For some of us,

the feelings generated in the most unchanged areas of the College were a juxtaposition of nostalgia and dissociation – what was once 'my' room is now clearly someone else's (and why are they so neat?!). Children of Janites were entertained by Fiddle De De with games, balloon creations and face painting in the Frances Parsons building.

Principal Michael Scanlan, 1991 Student Club President David Ikedife (aka Tig), and 2012 Student Club President Anna Crawford warmly welcomed us and regaled us with tales of some of the many antics perpetrated at College by residents past and present. It was a special treat to be joined by former Senior Tutor John Panckridge and stalwart of the JFH maintenance department, Paul Hniat. Harvey Webb, assisted by young Harry Gibson, drew the winning numbers from the raffle for the prize table – our thanks must go to Da Angelos (Angelo from Mondos), The Cherry Shed (Paul and Tina Badcock), Tassal, Zone 3 (Brett Johnstone), Cascades Hotel, Ashgrove Cheese and Cascades Female Factory for their generous donation of vouchers and/or products for the raffle.

After a brief rest it was time to get all dolled up and ready for the next function - the Gala Jane Ball. The Hotel Grand Chancellor (formerly the Sheraton) hosted an amazing night enjoyed by all 139 of us in attendance. As one committee member said, "You can just feel the love in the room!" We were joined by special guests David Daintree (Principal 1984- 2002) and his lovely wife Liz, Miss Pat (former Senior Tutor) and Michael Scanlan (current Principal) and his lovely wife Annette, all of whom made the night even more special with their presence.

We were entertained by local band 'Basil The Rat', who took us back in time playing songs connecting us to our College days while we danced and sang along late into the night. Many of us enjoyed taking our own photos using Partybooth, allowing us to capture precious moments that we will add to our fond memories of our time at Jane.

The Reunion Committee would like to thank Casaveen, Uni Alumni foundation, Jane Franklin Hall, D'Anvers Chocolates and Paul Allen for donating products and vouchers for the raffle at the Gala Ball.

Wonderful memories and lifelong reconnections were made at this reunion, and we look forward to meeting again soon – so watch this space!

REUNION COMMITTEE:

Joanna Rosewell, Sharon Molar (née Ryan), Dave Ikedife (Andrews), Nicki Wicks (Chilcott) and Lisa Gibson (Maclaine)

From the Principal

Michael Scanlan

As we go to press, the New Year has begun and I trust and hope that the holiday season has been kind to you and your family.

We face the challenges of 2013 with a pleasing increase in applications for enrolment at Jane but, under the current regime of extended course quotas at mainland universities, it is not yet possible to predict the number of enrolments in 2013. Students have more choice in tertiary education provider than ever before, and our success is related to the number of out-of-town undergraduate enrolments in Hobart. The increase in applications (as distinct from accepted offers) may be due to the new online application and enrolment process, which has made applying for Jane simpler and more convenient.

The new building linking Horton to Aldridge is, as per the revised plan, still incomplete. We are making every effort to furbish the residential component of the building and have it operational with two new gender specific bathrooms and eight new student bedrooms; however without the financial security offered by a full college, we are yet to be able to commit resources to the project.

It was pleasing to see the natural gas upgrade commence on time in December 2012, and the kitchen has already been successfully converted to the new energy source. Arrangements are in place to progressively transfer the laundry and more of the bathroom hot water services to natural gas.

Looking back on 2012, it is clear that, despite the difficult nature of the year for the administration of the College, the residents enjoyed both personal and communal successes across the board. These successes include victory in the intercollegiate sporting competition, and, whilst I await the details of the examination results, if the academic achievements of Semester 1 are any indication our residents will, once again, have achieved a high level of excellence across all faculties.

Jane continues, through the efforts of its governing council and staff, to maintain a traditional, pastorally supported and fully catered living environment for students of the University of Tasmania. It is the collective goal of all of us at Jane to continue to do so into the foreseeable future, and we appreciate the support and good will of the alumni in doing so. Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff, Fellows and Councillors for their work and support in 2012 and into the future.

From the Editor

Adam James

Good news! The latest edition of *Libertas* is finally here and will hopefully prove to be worth the wait!

I begin by passing on our sincere thanks to the readership for replying to our recent request to indicate their preferred method of delivery for *Libertas*. Some 850 replies were received, and I trust that you are reading this issue in the format that you requested. There were a small number of instances where a request was received to cease delivery to alumni who have long since left Jane and thus felt that they were no longer entitled to receive *Libertas*, despite the fact that they very much enjoy reading it. In these cases, the request to cease the subscription was politely refused. We hope that this edition, and all of those hence, are thoroughly enjoyed by all who would read it.

With the significant reduction in printed copies of *Libertas*, we have embraced the opportunity provided by the smaller print run and the chance to change to a full colour printing press at no additional cost. Accordingly, the online version will also be available in full colour. We hope that you enjoy the new look *Libertas*!

In this, my final edition as editor, we read of the hugely successful 'Now that we are 40...ish' reunion, organised by an amazing team of former residents who gave significant amounts of their time to throw an event that will surely live long in the memories of those who attended. We also hear from top-notch lawyer Sara Gul, who gives an insight into her career and provides great advice for students looking to emulate her success. The annual Valedictory Address and a report from students who attended the National Association of Australian University Colleges annual conference give further indication of the thoughtfulness and dedication of Jane Residents. We enjoy the reflections of yet another successful international contribution via the Visiting Fellows Programme, congratulate two residents on their recent marriage and bid farewell to fellows, councillors and a member of staff.

As mentioned above, this is my final edition as Editor of *Libertas*. Interested readers will find a more informative farewell on page 13. I have very much enjoyed producing the five most recent editions and wish the next editor every success in the role.





Sara at the bottom of The Gap in Sydney.

On the Spot with Sara Gul

editor

LIBERTAS: Sara, can you tell us about what you do?

SARA: I'm a Prosecutor for the ACT DPP in Canberra, which means that I act for the Crown and present criminal cases before juries. For those of who who've seen Crownies, you might be familiar with the concept – although few of us real Crownies have previously appeared on Home and Away! I've only recently moved to the ACT; prior to that I was a prosecutor in NSW, working on Commonwealth, State and Industrial prosecutions.

LIBERTAS: Why prosecution? What gets you up each morning?

SARA: I've always been a strong believer in social justice and for me, prosecuting is an excellent fit. A good, firm fair prosecutor is the cornerstone of the justice system. Nobody should face an unfair trial, and by the same token, those who commit crimes should be held to account. It's incredibly rewarding to present cases on behalf of the community. Prosecuting in Australia is not like you see on American TV shows. Here, we are not allowed to push for anything other than a fair verdict, be it guilty or not guilty. Our job is to be impartial but still do our best in presenting the evidence, whilst remaining upstanding from an ethical perspective. On a personal level, I get a huge sense of satisfaction from helping bring justice, closure and relief to victims of crime and their families. The work

is also second to none. In Sydney I've worked on some of the most high profile cases in Australia in recent times. For a time I worked at the NSW 'Special Crime' section which dealt with the most high profile cases in addition to Middle Eastern Organised Crime, corruption, and any offences involving police officers as defendants. I've worked on cases ranging from murders, drive-by shootings, and huge drug distributions, to smaller offences involving police in far flung places like Broken Hill. I've even abseiled with police rescue to the bottom of The Gap in Sydney!

LIBERTAS: What is the hardest thing you have to do as a prosecutor?

SARA: The hardest thing is dealing with violent, disturbing and graphic material. The first time I saw a set of autopsy photos, I nearly threw up, which would no doubt amuse my old med student mates from Jane. The second hardest thing is explaining to victims of crime that sometimes law and justice are different things, and that sometimes they will not get the outcome they desire – in many cases nothing will bring back a deceased loved-one or reinstate someone's innocence when it's been taken away. Juries can also be very unpredictable, and having a strong case is no guarantee of conviction. Finally, the third hardest thing is seeing some of the poor defendants who end up before the courts who, for so many reasons, have lost their way and led genuinely wretched lives. With more care and nurturing in their younger years, I think that so many of them could have ended up far away from jail.

LIBERTAS: You regularly face challenges in your work, but what is the most rewarding aspect of the job?

SARA: The most rewarding thing I do is feeling like I'm using my skills to help the community. I don't celebrate getting convictions because usually, by the time a really serious matter is before the courts, something terrible has happened to somebody. Seeing a case through to finality, however, is what I really get a kick out of – as is feeling like I've done a good job. If the victims feel like the system works, that's a bonus. So much of the reward comes from the fact that the work is just so exciting. There's a reason there are lots of TV shows about criminal law and not very many about corporate law! Nobody practices in crime for the money or the perks. Now that I'm a more senior practitioner, I get a lot of rewards out of mentoring younger lawyers and law students and I believe in giving back to the legal community. I've had a lot of

generous assistance from more senior practitioners along the way.

LIBERTAS: How did you beat a path from 'school student' to 'senior prosecutor' in such a short amount of time?

SARA: Apart from my degree at UTAS, I did a huge amount of extracurricular activity at Uni – particularly at law school in the form of mooting, legal conferences, the student law society, debating, public speaking and theatre. Whilst the student theatre might be a bit cringe-worthy in retrospect, the rest was invaluable in terms of developing skills to set me apart in my career at an early stage. In terms of career progression, law is incredibly hierarchical and involves a lot of dogsbody work as a junior – I certainly wasn't ready for endless hours of photocopying when I graduated. I made sure I always put my hand up to run my own cases from a young age and was very active in the legal community. I entered public speaking competitions, nominated to go to conferences, and attempted to let people know who I was. Making friends with one's opponents also helps - so does putting on a brave face in the early years and looking unflappable whilst feeling far from it. I've also learned that reputation is everything in the law, so I've always been honest, fair and honoured my word whenever I've given it.

LIBERTAS: Did your time at Jane help or hinder you in your personal and professional journey?

SARA: To be honest, I'd say three parts help, one part hinder. It helped in terms of me making some of my best friends for life – many of whom are now in the legal profession. Having professional relationships borne out of friendships is invaluable. Jane also gave me some fabulous, fun, frivolous memories to cherish forever. I can't speak highly enough of the college experience to anybody – they genuinely were two of the best years of my life. I found out a little later, however, that I probably should have studied a little harder instead of enjoying college life as much as I did. Many law students, including myself, had no idea that getting good marks early in one's degree is seriously important to one's future prospects – in terms of getting honours and that first job – and that you have to play 'catch up' in the later years to even out the fun had in the first couple. The legal employment market is at its tightest ever, so if any Jane first- or second-year students are reading this – for God's sake study!

LIBERTAS: Lastly, before the law students rush off to study, what advice would you give anyone who wants to pursue a career similar to yours to optimise their chances of success?

SARA: Someone once said to me that the single best thing you can do for career progression is actively offer to help. I see situations time and time again where eager law students who volunteer to help at law firms, or junior lawyers who offer to assist more senior lawyers, end up employed - often without their jobs even being advertised. There's no better experience than work experience. Word of mouth is everything. Also, don't be afraid to push your own barrow, and don't be afraid to ask more senior practitioners for help instead of battling through and getting it wrong. Law takes years to learn and you never stop learning – your colleagues are your greatest asset. Tassie is also a great legal training ground, so don't sniff at staying home and learning – it will stand you in good stead for life.



The College was able to acknowledge the significant contributions made by three outgoing Fellows at the Senior Common Room Dinner and celebration of Lady Jane Franklin's Birthday in December 2012.

Mrs Joann Kelly, whose contributions spanned three years from 2010 to 2012.

Mrs Leone Scrivener, whose contributions spanned 11 years from 2002 to 2012.

Associate Professor Bruce Davis, who was a Member of Council in 1991 and a Fellow from 1994 to 2012. As the Senior Fellow in 2003 and 2004, Bruce also represented the Fellows on Council at that time.

FELLOWS' FAREWELL



Enjoying a meal at Jane are, clockwise from left, Jessie Ling, Charles Rose, Bridget Russell, Abbie-Rose Imlach, Bryony Scott and Sarah Taylor



Valedictory Address 2012

Heath Whiley

Third Year resident and back-to-back RA, Heath Whiley, was invited to give the 2012 Valedictory Address.

Michael, Fellows, Staff and, importantly, my fellow students!

2012 has been a special year for all of us. We have had the chance to enjoy being a part of another successful year of College. For this reason, it is with great honour that I give the 2012 Valedictory Address. Finding something appropriate and adequate enough to say about this place is very difficult, especially when I have spent three life changing and enjoyable years here. It has left me pondering what it is about Jane that is truly special and why it is that I have devoted my time and energy to this place over the past three years. I believe everyone in this room, when asking themselves this same question, knows its answer; and yet I would expect each of you to answer it differently and have, like me, some difficulty articulating and justifying your reasoning.

So, in determining what to say, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect upon some of my highlights of the past three years, to assess if any of these options will give me an appropriate answer.

Obviously – to those that know me, I first look to my personal triumphs; being a RA for the past two years,

teaming with Sanjay at Leadership Camp and beating Principal Scanners at a game of 500 (something I am sure still annoys him), winning inter-college debating by successfully arguing that Tasmania should secede from the Commonwealth, and starring in last year's and directing this year's (AMAZING) Jane Play.

Going beyond my own personal achievements, 2012 has been a year where I have felt privileged to sit back and witness the many skills and talents on offer at Jane. Whether this was by cheering on my fellow Raiders on the sports field – both our guys and girls won the intercol trophies – or witnessing fellow residents display their vast array of talents through Jane Idol, the choir, art show or the Play. We are very lucky here to not only have the option to participate in this wide range of activities, but also to have a whole college that comes and supports us in doing so. I guess from here I can start to determine why Jane is important. It's because of the family-like environment that is created for us, by us, due to the way that we support each other in an assortment of ways.

The magic of Jane goes further, though, to the way we celebrate together through our Franny P parties and the always spectacular Jane Ball. I guess we are lucky that we can regularly come together as a community, either through these events or our weekly formal dinners where we all sit down together and enjoy a communal meal. It is this coming together that I believe truly enhances our college spirit and community atmosphere, because from it we take time from our busy workloads to understand the events of the preceding week.

I will miss the communal dining and random corridor conversations through which I think I have learnt more about other people and their courses than I have learnt of my own throughout the three years of my degree. It is these important moments that have seen me build friendships with people who share little similarities in background, culture or study choice. My time at Jane has seen me make some of the best friends I will ever have, and, perhaps surprisingly to me, these people are not necessarily politics students. They are, or will be, engineers, doctors and scientists; even as they continually question the validity of my status as a uni student due to my far smaller arts workload. Nonetheless, these people have made this place so special, and as our friendships continue past our time at Jane, I will reflect most positively about the time I have spent here.

The family that we create here every year is something very special and is demonstrated through our support of the individual and communal successes we enjoy. We come to College to get a degree and maybe have a little fun. We leave a whole new person, with completely different friendship groups and a lifetime full of memories that we will cherish forever.

I am very privileged to have had the opportunity to be a part of this place; a place that I may have been hesitant in coming to, but have developed a strong and lifelong attachment to. Reflecting upon what Jane is has helped me understand the effect it will have on the rest of my life. While it is impossible to stay in contact with everyone you meet, and, while not all friendships last your whole life, the memory of Jane will live on within each of us.

I am therefore reminded of one of my favourite quotations from Mae West “you only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough” – such a reflection is key to our time at College. Most of us will only be here once, and for a brief period at that. Being involved, being a part of this spirit and community, means we have done it right. It means we should be proud and happy of what we have been achieved and shared.

Hopefully we all realise how special the opportunity we have been given to stay here is. I leave with fond memories of the friendships I have created and the experiences that I have enjoyed with all of you.

To conclude, I would like to address the two different groups of students in the room. First, to those of you that are returning for 2013; you have now experienced at least one year of College and you understand how things operate. Importantly, you know the spirit that makes this place so special. It is now your role to ensure that this spirit and culture



continues into the future. It is true that no one year is the same, and your experiences will be different each year that you are here. Even so, it is the continuation of College spirit, spirit that has existed since before we were born, that will continue to make it special for you next year and in any years that follow. This is a task that you may think small, but I argue it will be the most important part of your year.

Second, to that group that joins me as the Valedicts of 2012; we have been very privileged to stay at a place like Jane. We have experienced together comradeship and community that some can only dream of. However, our departure does not mean that the spirit and sense of community ends. The friendships and experiences we have had should spur us on for the rest of our lives. We need to be thankful for the experiences we have had, but also to be proud of the legacy we leave behind.

It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to Jane Franklin Hall, a place that in such a short period has become such an important part of my life. I thank everyone for making my three years here so enjoyable and rewarding.

I end with a quote from one of my all-time favourite authors – something we should all consider when leaving a place like this. *“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”* DR. SEUSS

If you (as a former resident, parent or associate of Jane) would like to take a stroll down memory lane and around the campus, please contact the Jane Office to arrange a time and, perhaps, a tour guide.

As a former resident, you will appreciate that impromptu tours, no matter how innocent, may intrude on the privacy and well-being of current residents.

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Photograph taken
from the
Underlodge
garden

Visiting Jane Franklin Hall

Wendy Webster

Visiting Fellow Professor Wendy Webster writes for
Libertas

I was a Visiting Fellow at Jane Franklin Hall in June and July 2012 and learned to call it 'Jane'.

Previously I knew of Jane Franklin only through the folk song about John Franklin's expedition:

*With a hundred seamen he sailed away
To the frozen ocean in the month of May
To seek a passage around the Pole ...'*

This song is beautiful, but I hadn't realised that it's called 'Lady Franklin's Lament'. I suppose that should have been obvious from the words at the end of the song:

*'And now my burden it gives me pain
For my long-lost Franklin I would cross the main
Ten thousand pounds I would freely give
To know on earth, that my Franklin do live.'*

Jane Franklin Hall houses Visiting Fellows in the Underlodge, where there are wonderful views over Hobart. It has a resident wallaby which goes by the name of 'Wal'. It also has a stride machine. Nobody seems to know how the stride machine came to be in the Underlodge, but given the excellent food at Jane and the dangers of putting on a lot of weight in an extended stay, it was an asset that I employed daily.

I came to Jane to work on a project called 'Mixing It'. This looks at the diverse population in Britain during the Second World War. Such diversity was unprecedented as people arrived from all over the world – refugees and exiles from continental Europe; war-workers, troops and volunteers from all parts of the British Empire and from Eire. After US entry into the war in December 1941, US troops also began arriving. Three million Americans spent time in Britain between January 1942 and December 1945. Ten percent of the US forces stationed in Britain were of African descent.

One aspect of this Second World War history that I've enjoyed researching is on speech and language. Britain became much more multilingual with the

arrival of so many continental Europeans, but there were also a very wide range of English speakers — including those from America, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the West Indies — to add to the rich range of different accents already spoken in Britain. In June I gave a paper on this research to the annual Conference of Tasmania University’s Centre for the Study of Colonialism and its Aftermath. I also really enjoyed the opportunity to be interviewed on ABC radio, made possible by the conference organisers.

Interviews are often at their best when they cease to be interviews and become a conversation. This one ranged widely over BBC radio, the Second World War, ABC radio and the different accents of English-speakers then and now. The interviewer commented that in the Australian media landscape, editors are hesitant about using people with American accents as

...listening is just as important as looking, in understanding the world.

reporters because there is a perception that their voices will be unpopular, that people will have a gut reaction to them. This reminded me that in the 1930s unfavourable reactions to the introduction of talkies referred to ‘that filthy American twang’. But in

wartime Britain, American accents were often favourably received. This was certainly the case with American speakers on the prestigious and popular Postscript slot after the 9 o’clock news on Sunday. Quentin Reynolds, London correspondent of the American magazine *Collier’s Weekly*, was a particularly popular speaker and his voice was part of this — the audience liked his ‘pugnacity’ and ‘plain speaking’.

I’ve been interested in this research on speech to pick up the associations of different voices. ‘Vigour’ is a common one, often attributed to American voices. Wilfred Pickles, the first BBC newsreader who spoke with an accent that fell well short of received pronunciation, was appointed in 1942. He had a Yorkshire accent which was heard as ‘homely’. Australian friends of film-director Harry Watt worried in 1943 that English audiences would object to what they described as ‘our expressionless drawl’. American audiences heard what they referred to as the ‘BBC or Oxford’ accent as ‘affected’, ‘self-conscious’ and ‘effeminate’. One letter-writer from America commenting on ‘the smooth, well-bred English voice’ suggested that it ‘conveys artificiality, insincerity’. He or she went on to call it ‘over-civilised’.

Research on speech is often prompted by the view that more attention needs to be paid to auditory

perceptions – that listening is just as important as looking, in understanding the world. Even so, the visual predominates in my memories of Tasmania. On returning to Britain at the beginning of August, *The Hunter* was showing at the local cinema. Many readers of *Libertas* will be familiar with the film, but for those who are not, it assumes that there is still one surviving Tasmanian tiger out there, and it opens with documentary black and white footage of the Tasmanian tiger pacing up and down in a zoo cage in the 1930s. It’s a wilderness film shot entirely in Tasmania and reminded me of the range of Tasmanian landscapes we saw and their haunting beauty.

We extend our thanks to Jane and its staff and students for their accommodation and hospitality, and will be recommending Tasmania as a holiday destination to all of our friends at home.



‘Wal’ the wallaby in the Lodge garden

We are grateful to all who contributed to the Annual Giving Programme in 2012. This year nearly \$15,000 was raised and, as last year, goes to developing the new building project linking Horton to Aldridge. For more details on how to make a tax deductible donation to the Annual Giving Programme, please contact the Jane Officer (office@jane.utas.edu.au, (+613) 62 100 100).

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NAAUC Conference Report

Heath Whiley, Anna Crawford and
Thomas Rimmelzwaan

In the July holidays Heath Whiley, Anna Crawford and Thomas Rimmelzwaan had the opportunity to attend the National Association of Australian University Colleges Conference.

This year the NAAUC conference was held at Dunmore Lang College (DLC), affiliated with Macquarie University, in North Ryde, Sydney. The trip began with a very early morning flight out of Hobart after a lengthy chat with Dining Hall Supervisor, June. We knew the trip was going to be a blast when we saw Biggsy, the Christ College president, in his akubra hat at the airport in Sydney. We were also greeted by the Red Frogs, a chaplaincy network that looks after young party-goers at various events (like Schoolies – for free!).

Following a forty minute train ride to DLC, we were introduced to the NAAUC committee in the chapel. That night we were treated to a barn dance, a tradition of DLC. Each morning, the schedule consisted of keynote speakers, the highlight being holocaust survivor Eddie Jaku. We were privileged to see his concentration camp tattoo. He spoke of the value of friendship and the fact that, while life sometimes seems hard, somebody has always had a far worse experience. Following the keynote addresses each day there were seminars and discussion groups which were provided to give information on how we might help to improve our respective college and the way it functions, both as an executive/committee, and as resident staff. Discussion included college traditions, techniques to socially integrate all residents, budgeting and finance, liquor licensing and public speaking. These were obviously valuable at face value, but also important in highlighting the fact that many other colleges have experienced or are experiencing the same issues as those we face at Jane. As some colleges had overcome these problems, they could provide advice as to how to go about tackling them.

Our nights were filled with social activities such as merchandise swaps, a global dinner and charity auction, a parliamentary debating session (which Heath was apparently amazing at, and was actually more fun than it sounds), a Grease-themed pub crawl,

the NAAUC AGM (National Association of Wine and Cheese, which is actually less fun than it sounds), and the NAAUC Ball, which was held at the Ivy Nightclub, one of Sydney's most upper class establishments. On the last day, the NAAUC AGM was held to elect the new NAAUC Committee and decide the location of the 2013 conference. The 2013 conference was originally scheduled to be held in Adelaide but, due to unforeseen circumstance, it was decided that the conference should now be held in Brisbane.

We were able to take several distinct pieces of information away from the conference. Firstly, Jane Franklin Hall is among the best colleges in Australia, with one of the best pastoral support systems and offers students great value for money through the Student Club. One of the other conference attendees was heard to say "Our budget is \$17000 and so far we've only spent \$700. It's just so hard to work out what to spend it on; it's such a responsibility handling that amount of money!"

We realised that some other colleges have way too much money. The President of Mannix College Student Club was heard to say, "We overestimated the number of tickets we thought we'd sell to our ball this year, and ended up not selling

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150 tickets. We had a budget of \$60,000 for our ball, and lost \$12,000! But it didn't matter, because we have about \$5,000 left over from last year's budget, and we'll make up the rest in sponsorship." ... WHAT?! We also found space to improve the changeover between outgoing and incoming committees and were able to implement a change at Jane in 2012.

Finally, we were helped to realise that there are many resources which we didn't know were available to us. The Red Frogs organisation and other merchandise companies may offer us additional support or a better deal than we currently receive, and we were able to make contacts that will be valuable to ourselves and the College in the future.

Our week at the NAAUC Conference was exciting, exhausting, and rewarding. On our return flight we all agreed that Jane Franklin Hall is one of the best university colleges in the country, and we were happy to be coming home.

The Last Word

Adam James

My time at Jane Franklin Hall has come to an end. It began as a new resident in 2002 and grew to a position as an RA in my graduating year in 2004. I moved out for two years to complete my Honours degree and begin a PhD in chemistry, although I continued to tutor residents for these two years. In 2007, I returned to Jane as the youngest RF on the team and by the end of 2011 I moved out of Jane with a PhD qualification and as the eldest RF. I carried on as the Assistant Principal in 2012, a part-time position at the College that began in 2010, although my role as the Senior RF (which had been subsumed by the Assistant Principal position) was passed on to the incredibly capable Owen Daniel.

On the same day in July 2011 that I submitted my PhD, I returned home to enrol in a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning as a distance student at USQ. I had assumed that, with my PhD completed, I would have ample time to complete the diploma and return to a normal work life balance. I could not have been more incorrect. However, with the support of my soon-to-be fiancée (December 2011), and the Principal at Jane, I was able to complete my diploma in mid-2012. During my studies I had completed a five week pre-service teaching placement at The Hutchins School, and I was most surprised to receive a call from Hutchins to determine my availability to teach there in Term 3. The incumbent TCE Chemistry teacher had taken up an international opportunity, and it seems that the fates had conspired to have me in exactly the right place at exactly the right time. I was then most fortunate to be successful in my application to become a full-time science teacher at The Hutchins School from 2013, and thus I am unable to continue as the Assistant Principal at Jane.

I estimate that I have met more than one thousand people in my time at Jane. If it were possible, I would mention by name and express my deepest gratitude to all of the people who have contributed to my personal and professional growth in innumerable ways over more than a decade. Alas, we have reached the end of this column and I am unable. It simply remains to wish you, dear reader, and the entire Jane Franklin Hall community, all the very best for the future. Thank you for playing such a significant part in my life.



We congratulate RF Patrick Russell and current resident Ella Allen on their recent marriage, held on 1st of December at the Bridport Presbyterian Church

From top: Ella and Patrick Russell on their wedding day.

Their bridal party from left: Zac Carson, Biz Towns, Patrick, Ella, Hannah Allan and Bridget Russell.

Ella and Patrick's wedding cake.





1950

DORIS BANKS (INGRAM)

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“My husband and I have a continuing interest in Geology. I’m also involved in volunteer work with Meals on Wheels; the Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild; the Family History Society; and the Church Guild – and enjoying children and grandchildren.”

1955

BARBARA BOXER (BEST)

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“I have fond memories of Jane, where four of us shared a room and 23 shared a bathroom! I taught in Tasmania, New Zealand, England and Scotland before having five children. I moved to Adelaide 28 years ago, but I love my trips back to Tasmania. I have been involved with English Language Services as a volunteer helping migrants and refugees for many years. I have eight grandchildren, but none in Adelaide.”

1964

CORA BARNES (HELLEMAN)

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“I married Toney Barnes in 1976 and we taught at various state and Catholic schools in Hobart until moving to Western Australia in 1990. Here we taught until retiring in 2006. We now like to travel overseas and in Australia in our slide-on camper, especially to locations where we can hike whilst enjoying the scenery and tranquillity.”

1979

JAN HUGHES

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“After 20 years in East Africa and almost five in Townsville, we returned to Tasmania in 2006. Always looking for a challenge, we now run a B & B in Scottsdale and are building a new company – RhuBru. Both of our youngest boys have been residents at Jane; Thomas Ostensen (2008-2010) and Kristoffer Ostensen (2012). I’ve been married to Danish farmer, Holger Osersen, since 1987!”

1986

SAMUELA VUKICEA

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“Since I left Jane I have completed an Advanced Diploma in Civil Engineering at FNU in 2006 and graduated with B.Civil Eng (Hons) from Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Uniten, (Malaysia) in 2011. I am now back in Fiji working as Engineer for Land & Water Resources Management Division, MPI. I would love to hear from students who were at Jane in 1986.”

1989

MICHAEL GRAHAM-SMITH

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“I travelled and played cricket in England in 1997-98, and was married to Jane Graham in 2000. We have three daughters; Millie (8), Esther (6), and Hannah (4). I currently work as a college mathematics teacher and cricket umpire.”

2004

LAURA DAVIS

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“I moved to Adelaide in January 2012 with my partner, an officer in the Army. I currently work as a registered psychologist for the SA Government as part of the School Age and Youth Program of Disability Services.”

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