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College Ball 2015

An unforgettable night

Dandjoo Darbalung

Celebrating leadership, participating in discussions of Constitutional Recognition and Following the Dream



BloomLab officially launched

2015 Valedictorians farewelled

St Cat's triumphs in Intercollege sport



MESSAGE FROM THE
CHAIR OF COUNCIL
**DR ELIZABETH
CONSTABLE**

A key responsibility of the St Catherine’s Council is to ensure that the College has a strong financial future and that the strategic direction of the College remains relevant and competitive 30 years from now.

The members of the Council bring immense skill to that discussion and their experience in the industries they represent is invaluable to such long-term planning.

This year the College’s Strategic Plan for the next 5 – 10 years has been completed as has the 30 year Master Plan. The groundwork which is being laid now will support ongoing initiatives for an innovative and ambitious Plan and the Council, together with the staff of the College, are formulating strategies to realise the associated funding. St Catherine’s has always focussed on equity of access, creating and nurturing a balanced community and providing the best facilities in which to learn and live.

To realise that focus we will require support from our Alumni, we will need strong corporate partnerships and we will need efficient financial governance. With the ever increasing pace of development and innovation, it is fair to say that St Catherine’s will be a very different place 30 years from now, and it is a great privilege and responsibility for the Council to be leading and shaping that vision.



MESSAGE FROM
HEAD OF COLLEGE
FIONA CROWE

St Catherine’s College is so much more than a place or the residents who live here. It is a unique blend of personality, ambition, culture and gender supported by a myriad opportunities to explore and develop our skills and strengths. The College facilitates and fosters this equation and the reward when success is achieved, whether individually or collectively, is monumental and joyfully shared by all.

The College is a busy, vibrant place and the theme of this issue, ‘The sum of us’, is an insight into the residents who live and learn and work in College and who strive to move beyond the norm. The stories highlight the impact that diversity and differences have on the whole community and how it shapes our combined thinking around a balanced approach to a better future.

This semester the College hosted the Scholars’ Dinner to recognise 171 residents achieving a course weighted average of a distinction or above, and together with the Rhodes program at College, the focus on academic success is at the forefront of the programs offered at St Catherine’s. The Transition to Uni Program, the tailor-made Graduate Program and the Tutorial Program are just a few of the support structures in place to ensure our residents are able to achieve their goals and flourish at university.

We are indeed fortunate to share the intellectual and personal triumphs of our young people and catch a glimpse of what the future holds! I hope you will share that vision with us through this *Banksia* and as Alumni and friends, revel in the achievements of your College.

THE BANKSIA CONTENTS



Welcome to the latest edition of *The Banksia*.

The Banksia is produced biennially as a magazine for the St Catherine’s community. It profiles Alumni and students and provides insight into College life and the activities which residents are involved with.

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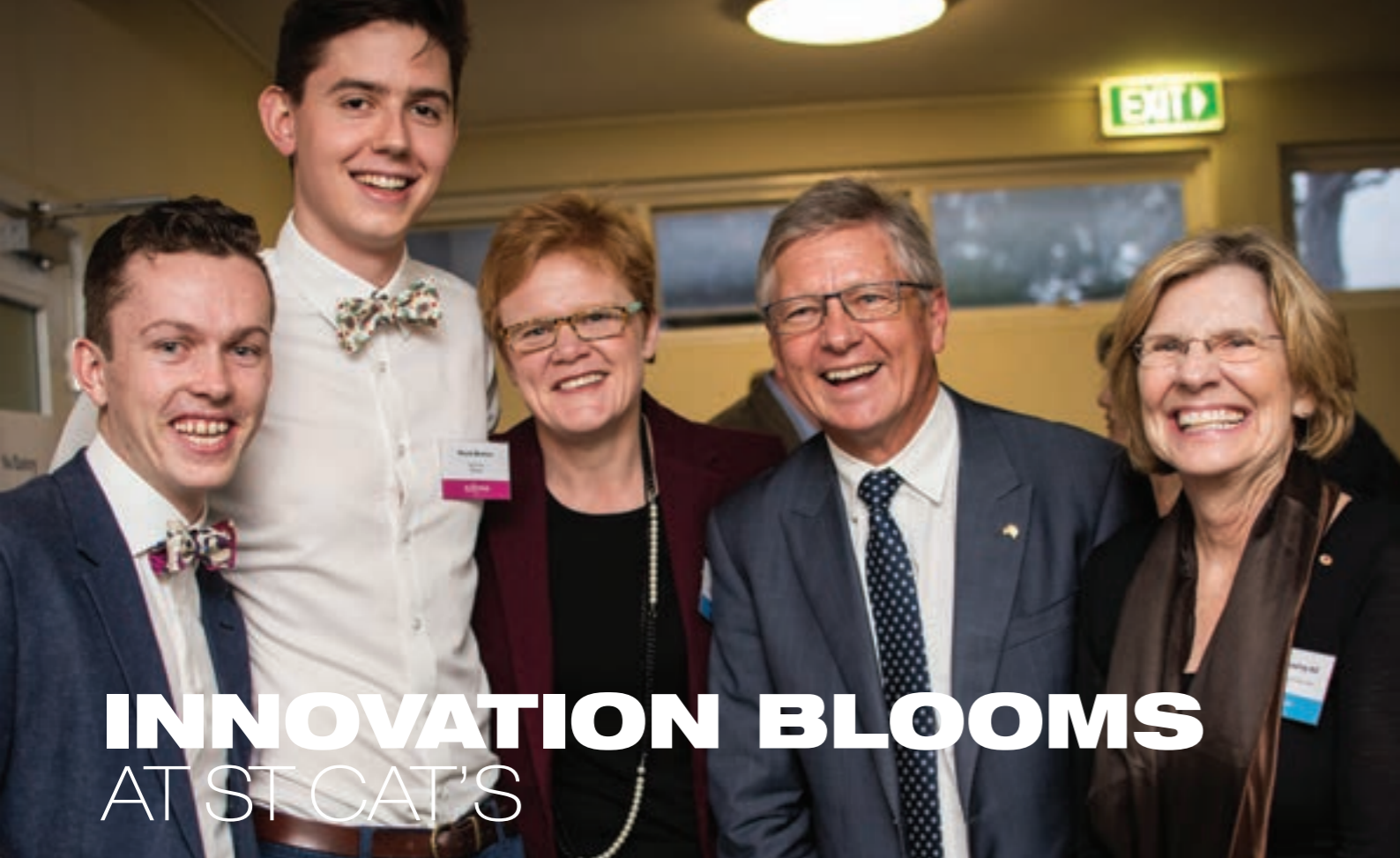
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INNOVATION BLOOMS AT ST CAT'S

Above: (LtoR) Magnus Hambleton (Director of Bloom), Mark Shelton (Founder and CEO of Bloom), Fiona Crowe (Head of St Catherine's College), the Hon Bill Marmion MLA (Minister for Finance, Mines and Petroleum) and Professor Lyn Beazley AO, 2015 West Australian of the Year.

Western Australia's next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs now have help to get their ideas off the ground with the official launch of the *BloomLab* at St Catherine's College! Bloom is a youth-led not-for-profit student organisation which helps young people create startups, network with other innovators and redefine the local WA economy with a more entrepreneurial culture.

Bloom's founder and CEO, 21 year old UWA computer science and psychology student and St Cat's resident, Mark Shelton, is very excited about the future of innovation. "Progress has been rapid since we launched the BloomLab in August. We have 40 young entrepreneurs working from the Lab ranging from developing social discovery applications, to tech innovations which enable signal processing for discoveries such as titanium, to selling custom-made bow ties.

Aside from providing infrastructure and mentoring services to young entrepreneurs, BloomLab also runs more than 40 events per semester providing 'Skills that Uni won't teach you'.

"Our workshops are designed to equip young people with the skill set to successfully develop a new business and as part of this we've partnered with UWA's Innovation Quarter to build the UWA student innovator community," said Mark. "We want to change the way that success is framed for young West Australians. We're looking to solve problems which improve society, to find existing gaps and apply a different type of thinking. The BloomLab at St Cat's

will give Bloom a solid base at UWA as we look to expand our network between Perth's universities."

The launch of the BloomLab at St Cat's was an energetic event attended by the who's who of innovation in the state. Four startups had the opportunity to pitch their idea to the audience in a Shark Tank-type scenario. The audience asked questions and then voted on the idea they thought had the most potential.

25+ startups.
40+ entrepreneurs.
75+ events.
2500 visitors.
We're just getting started!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BLOOMLAB

Helping Hands

Ella Ganfield, a fourth year Politics and International Relations student at Notre Dame University runs a dedicated Nanny service called Helping Hands, a tailored service pairing hand-picked nannies with the specific educational and social needs of children.



Freelance Bow Ties

Dan Robertson, a UWA Engineering student who together with fellow student, Seb Ewing, runs a startup called Freelance Bow Ties. They produce hand-made and unique self-tying bow ties and they aim to make necks in Australia look a bit more exciting!



Mycovative

Ben Sharp, a Biotechnology student from Curtin University, is the founder of Mycovative which explores the potential of fungi to create a biomaterial which can be used to make molds and shapes similar to plywood.



Automata

Four Engineering students at UWA, Ilyas Ridhuan, Merrick Cloete, Dylan Johnston and Corné Fourie, recently won the Uearthed Hackathon by developing a signal processing approach to detect J-shaped beaches where titanium is commonly found across Australia, mining Big Data to save up to 80,000 exploration hours for mineral sands companies.

DrawHistory

UWA graduates, Jeffrey Effendi and Angel Chen, have created a social impact creative agency to help companies create sustainable brands which also improve their community engagement strategies by connecting them with disadvantaged communities and projects across the world.



DANDJOO DARBALUNG

GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Constitutional recognition

28 Dandjoo Darbalung students had the opportunity to attend a workshop with Fred Chaney and Peter Yu to discuss the Constitutional Recognition Campaign that has begun nationally. Peter and Fred, who are both experienced leaders in this space, were invited to discuss information about the public debates and to indicate how St Catherine's residents can support the process to a National Referendum.



Peter Yu is a Yawuru Man from Broome and has worked with Traditional Owner communities in remote Australia, particularly in the Kimberley region, for over 30 years. Peter provides executive level advice to the public and private sector on policy

and community development and project management. His special interest is in Aboriginal Governance, capacity development and equity participation at the interface of Native Title and external third party interests in Aboriginal lands and waters.

The hard work of Fred Chaney AO in support of marginalised people has never faltered. As founding co-chair of Reconciliation Australia and an early advocate for Aboriginal voting rights, Fred's contribution includes establishing the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia and between 1978-80 was Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.



For many years, Fred was Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal and, more recently, is Chair of Desert Knowledge Australia and chaired the Board of Central Desert Native Title services. He was instrumental in establishing the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation, which supports Indigenous young people to reach their potential.

Fred's long history of public service is rooted in his fierce commitment to social justice and a belief in the inherent equality of people. In all his leadership roles, Fred inspires others to work collaboratively, respectfully and ambitiously to overcome the barriers that inhibit people's full economic and social participation in Australian society.

Supporting Indigenous music

'Bridies' was transformed in September when over 10 talented Indigenous musicians joined our residents for a Sunday afternoon music extravaganza.

The musicians all study at Abmusic, which is an Aboriginal Corporation formed in 1986 to support and nurture Indigenous musicians in Western Australia. The local talent, including Abmusic's Daniel Riches and Ulay Shay, as well as our own St Catherine's talent, Tasha Victor and Tony White showcased an afternoon of Indigenous voices expressed through music.



Leadership WA and Dandjoo Darbalung celebrate the leadership of Indigenous women

Brianna Ozies and Aggie Mannel were selected by Leadership WA to participate in the Yorga Djenna Bidi 6 month Indigenous leadership course. Their selection, along with 18 other women, was celebrated by Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO, Governor of Western Australia in August. Yorga Djenna Bidi is a program that creates a Leadership Community of Aboriginal Women and chooses recipients who are passionate and who want to gain the skills and strategies necessary to be influential leaders and have a positive impact within their realm of influence; work, family, peers and the general community. The course will build leadership skills to enable these young women to become more inspirational, confident and effective leaders.

Giving back to remote communities and role modelling educational success

Dandjoo Darbalung students have been volunteering their time to mentor and share their educational experiences with secondary students. Follow the Dream Port Hedland students spent a day at St Catherine's College participating in a Cultural Connection Code workshop with our mentors, along with an evening campfire. Brianna Ozies and Sarah Belottie offered a Cultural Awareness workshop for John XX III College students. In November, 30 Dandjoo Darbalung students will be mentoring across four schools in the Pilbara and Kimberley.



Whadjuk to Wadjemup - English Channel bound

St Catherine's resident, Brianna Ozies took part in the very first all Aboriginal relay team in the 2014 Rottneest Channel swim. On 9 September this year a documentary entitled Whadjuk to Wadjemup was released of this triumph and included the history of Rottneest Island being a penal colony for Aboriginal prisoners.

Following her 2014 Rottneest Channel Swim, Brianna is now training for her next challenge which is to be a part of the first all Indigenous team to cross the English Channel, a 35km swim from England to France. One of our newest residents, Mariah Lwoy, will also be joining her in this challenge. Before embarking on the English Channel swim, Brianna would like to attempt another history-making swim which will either be the first Indigenous duo swim (alongside Mariah) or the first Indigenous solo swimmer to complete the Rottneest Channel swim in March 2016.

We wish Brianna and Mariah all the best in their training and will keep you posted on their progress.



FOCUS ON ACADEMIC SUCCESS



In celebration of their academic achievements, St Catherine's brightest minds came together to enjoy a wonderful four course meal with matched wines. This is an annual tradition for scholars with a Weighted Average Mark of a High Distinction (80%). Sharing this lovely candlelit meal with 25 faculty and corporate guests, scholars spent the evening gaining advice and fostering relationships. Some even left with new career mentors!

The dinner also marked the next step in St Catherine's Scholars' Program which has been set up to identify, mentor and make students competitive entrants into top scholarship pools. As a secondary objective, the program will provide significant development for unsuccessful applicants. WA Australian of the Year for 2015, Professor Lyn Beasley AO, Winthrop Professor Wendy Erber (former Rhodes Scholar and incoming Dean of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Services) and Dr Aron Chakera (former Rhodes Scholar) each spoke about the wonderful opportunities offered by scholarships such as the Rhodes, Fulbright and Gates.

The highest achieving student in each year at the College also received a special award:

- First Year:** Shakara Liddelow-Hunt
- Second Year:** Samuel Marsh
- Third Year:** Alberta So
- Fourth Year:** Alexander Khor



Image Top: (LtoR) Samuel Marsh, Shakara Liddelow-Hunt, Dr Elizabeth Constable, Alex Khor, Alberta So and Fiona Crowe

Image Above: (LtoR) Lesley-Claire Howard, Sarah Munns, Professor Lyn Beasley and Katie Bellini

We are incredibly proud of the academic achievements of our residents!

COLLEGE LIFE

Ashleigh Benadretti
Dean of Residents



The College is a really vibrant place and this semester has been especially varied and jam-packed with successful ventures. Diversity comes in many forms and for College Life that means opportunities and options for every resident.

LIFE HACKS

Life hacking refers to any trick, shortcut, skill or novelty method that increases productivity and efficiency, in all walks of life.

Somewhere between getting through STEM subjects at high school and navigating towards a future career at uni, young people are meant to master the practicalities of life in general.

Life Hacks 2015 brought residents the opportunity to learn a range of basic life skills from checking tyre pressure to making seven different meals from one chicken to submitting a tax return.

What would have made life easier for you once you graduated?

Please contact the Dean of Residents, Ashleigh Benadretti via the website to suggest useful topics.

RAD REZZIE – RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE!

The Rad Rezzie is an award that is presented at Formal Hall to recognise and celebrate residents who display the College spirit by going above and beyond!

Awards range from small acts of kindness such as providing support to a resident who is ill or injured, lending a helping hand with referencing for a uni assignment or decorating a friend's door to cheer them up to larger scale awards such as securing a coveted internship or achieving a great exam mark. Residents nominate other residents and this fosters greater awareness of each other, builds a supportive community and profiles the many wonderful things St Cat's residents achieve.

WEAR IT PURPLE

More than 60 students joined the *Wear It Purple Day* celebrations at St Catherine's College in August with staff and students writing their own *Wear It Purple* message of support and adding it to the wall of purple hearts. *Wear it Purple Day* was profiled all over the College and residents prefaced their newsletter with the following statement:

"St Catherine's College is proud to be celebrating diversity within our community by supporting *Wear it Purple Day* this Friday. The cause aims to promote a world in which every young person can thrive, irrelevant of sex, sexuality or gender identity. At the College, we believe very strongly in promoting a safe and supportive environment for all residents. We can do this by not only wearing purple to show our support this Friday, but also speaking up about issues, whether as a rainbow resident or an ally, challenging the perceptions we currently hold about the LGBTIQ community and refusing to settle for anything other than complete respect amongst all of our peers."



EMBRACING

DIVERSITY

The beauty of the world lives in the diversity of its people
Author Unknown

We are a college of 400. We come from 40 different cultures and all walks of life and it is by embracing our different stories that we enjoy the richness which being a part of a College community offers.

We also celebrate being part of a truly multicultural community, developing cultural competency and finding the common threads in the stories of our lives.

Steamboat Night

Tickets for the Steamboat night are always hot property as the first 60 sign-ups enjoy a traditional steamboat meal. Residents gather around steaming woks of stock with a variety of ingredients and sauces to cook at their leisure.



Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night this year expanded into Multicultural Week with the theme of "Around the World in 80 Hours". A sit down meal with courses featuring traditional dishes from around the world and a variety of performances from all different cultures kicked off the festivities.

Throughout the week, international movies were screened in the Withnell Dining Hall featuring specialty dishes from different cultures. A favourite event was Cultural Conversations where students shared stories of what culture means to them and how they are finding their identities within their cultural parameters.

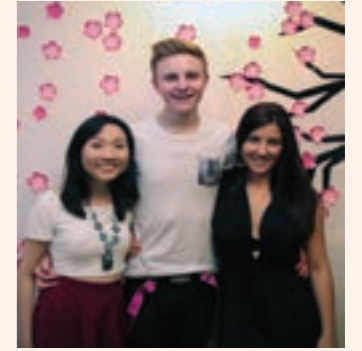
Another highlight was the Street Market extravaganza where our beloved chef John Barley put on a smorgasbord of hot market style food and the students cooked and baked their favourite traditional desserts. Everything from Pavlova to Kueh Dadar (sweet pancake rolls) was served in our pop up street market under the lanterns.

The week came to an appropriate close with *Tales of Outback Australia* around the fire pit in the ME Wood courtyard.



The Pink Party: Hanami & Mooncake Festival

In the words of our International Rep, Shawn Lim, "there is no better way to observe and celebrate different customs than for residents to socialise and bond over good food, drink, and company." Every year on the 15th day of the 8th month in the Lunar calendar, it is customary for Chinese people to observe the moon as it is at its brightest and fullest, known as the Mid-Autumn Festival. To celebrate this occurrence, a special baked pastry called mooncake is eaten.



Images courtesy Liam Reeves

In spring, it is customary for the people of Japan to hold a festival to celebrate the blooming season for the iconic cherry blossom, known as Hanami. We brought these wonderful traditions to springtime in Australia celebrating both of these festivals together.



NAAUC

The National Association of Australian University Colleges (NAAUC) holds an annual mid-year conference to bring together current and future leaders of residential communities across Australia, encouraging growth, discussion and development across all residential settings.

Seven residents from St Cat's flew to Brisbane to attend the conference which featured an academic program aimed at both teaching practical aspects of College leadership, as well as creating a discourse for delegates to develop ideas on how they can improve their own communities. Each came back inspired to make St Catherine's the best it can be with many ideas for future events.



COLLEGE BALL

Residents were treated to the thrill of the Bohemian revolution at the Moulin Rouge – the theme for this year's Ball, held at the Perth Zoo.

The unique setting made for a night to remember, which began with canapés within the natural exhibits of the zoo, then later as dusk fell, captivating performances and music set to the backdrop of the spectacular heritage carousel and fairy lit trees.



Images courtesy of EyeCandy Australia



VALEDICTORY 2015

A FITTING FAREWELL TO 35 RESIDENTS

A *Wizard of Oz* theme set the tone for a night of delight and wonder for residents to farewell friends who were graduating and leaving the College at the end of the year. The Jull Courtyard provided the perfect setting for a night of celebration, enjoying the fantastic food and the outstanding entertainment by College musicians.

A thrilling highlight was an impressive fireworks display and light show, a secret and surprise addition!

Collegian of the Year Danah Hourani

Citizen of the Year Eleisha Ozies

Sportsperson of the Year Eilidh MacMaster

Fresher of the Year Iswarjeet Singh and Shyaam Patel



Images courtesy of EyeCandy Australia



SPORT

ST CATHERINE'S EMERGES VICTORIOUS IN SPORT!



Some highlights from the year's competitions

Sport is an important part of life at St Catherine's with high participation rates. Our residents have participated in 20 different team and individual sports throughout this year, accompanied by strong levels of support and encouragement from the rest of the College.

There were many leaders on and off the sports field and together with our Sports' Representatives for 2015, Eilidh MacMaster and Morgan Biggs, they were pivotal in fostering a strong St Cat's team and supporter spirit.



Women's Sport - 1st

Men's Sport - 2nd

Overall Intercollege Cup - 1st

HEALTHY LIVING IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

Matt Milenkovic and Nick Kellow are both commerce students and they play an active role in promoting life balance by running the health and wellness program. They both represented the College during Rotary WA's Climb for a Smile in September; Matt came 1st in his category and 2nd overall and Nick came 5th in his category, climbing 51 floors to raise money for Rotary causes. Matt is a multi-disciplined athlete with interests in sprinting, tennis and soccer and he intends to use his varied skills sports to lead the College to victory in the annual Inter-College Sports Cup. Nick has a passion for health and fitness and is a successful rower for UWA.

They both started the program to help residents be successful in their endeavours by encouraging everyone to make the most of their free UWA Gym membership and



Matt Milenkovic

Nick Kellow

the different Recreate sessions offered by UWA Sports. Matt and Nick also provide residents with guidance in relation to nutrition and wellbeing by working with John Barley, the College's chef, to provide residents with healthy, balanced meals and nutritional facts. In the future they would like to grow the program further with more activities and events so that all residents can lead a healthier lifestyle whilst living at St Catherine's.



ADRIENNE COOMBES

Second year communications and Arts student, Adrienne Coombes, is a talented sports person with an interest in cycling, Korean kickboxing, rowing and basketball.

Adrienne has been doing Korean kickboxing for a year and a half and now represents Australia internationally. She has never been beaten internationally and won the gold medal in Canada and double gold in Italy in the continuous sparring event. She would like to attend the World Championships in England in July 2016 and she is now training towards it.



GIOVANNI FARGNOLI

Multi-disciplined sportsman from Zimbabwe, Giovanni Fagnoli, joined the College last year and he is currently studying Electrical Engineering. In Zimbabwe, Gio played hockey, rugby, water polo and swimming (all at a state level) and he helped the College win the Swimming Carnival by coming 1st in all the races he participated in. Gio loves the College's homely environment and the people he has met. When Gio leaves us he would like to pursue a career in Engineering Explosives in addition to competing at an Olympic Games.

A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WHICH TESTS YOU

The UWA Outdoor Leaders' Program is an immersive outdoor recreation experience that provides valuable leadership opportunities to selected participants. Three St Catherine's residents, Ankush Wagle, Theodore Kenworthy-Groen and Vamsi Busireddy, had the opportunity to see some of the South West and develop their leadership skills on a three-day action packed trip at the beautiful camp Quararup in Albany. They developed skills that enabled them to assist their peers to be successful in future leadership roles across a wide range of industries.

The camp was offered in partnership with UWA Sports and the trio participated in a range of team building sports such as mountain biking, hiking and canoeing.

The camp tested them physically but also mentally, providing them with a one-of-a-kind experience and allowing them to create lasting and unforgettable memories. They particularly enjoyed being put of their comfort zone to learn about leadership in unfamiliar environments. They are thankful that St Catherine's offers its residents so many opportunities to grow their leadership skills whilst being surrounded by like-minded people.



Vamsi Busireddy



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(LtoR) Vamsi Busireddy, Ankush Wagle and Theodore Kenworthy-Groen

VOLUNTEERING SPIRIT AT ST CAT'S

It has been a busy year on the volunteering front, so here is a snapshot of some of the achievements:

- The 45th anniversary of *Earth Day* kicked off this semester's efforts in the Environmental arena with the theme "It's our turn to lead". An awareness campaign in conjunction with the launch of our Recycling Program was rolled out across the College to encourage students to be more mindful of their eco footprint. Water Corp kindly donated egg timers for each of the showers at College to encourage students to be more mindful of their water consumption.
- To mark *Pay It Forward Day*, residents distributed flyers offering to do a good turn for neighbours such as mowing their lawn or washing their car.
- 17 residents participated in *World Vision's 40hr Famine* which started with World Vision's Youth Ambassador for Western Australia, Abbey Marden, coming to the College to speak about *World Vision* projects which benefit from *40hr Famine* funds. Topics included global hunger and inequality and her trip to East Timor to see projects in action.
In a twist on the traditional sacrifice of food, this year residents gave up furniture for 40 hours over the weekend, which meant sitting on the floor to



eat and study, sleeping on the floor and standing up on public transport. This alternative approach freshened up the challenge for those who had previously participated and made it more visible to other residents which increased peer support and assisted in fundraising. Over \$1000 was raised for *World Vision!*

Many residents have volunteered at a variety of charity events during the semester, including *Red Nose Day*, the *Million Paws Walk* and *Jeans for Genes Day*. They also supported smaller events, all with worthy causes.

- 20 large bags of clothing were collected and delivered to *Mission Australia* to assist with their *Winter Sleepout* campaign
- A Vintage Op Shop popped up outside the Dining Hall in the lead up to the Op Shop Prom Night with funds raised going towards a conservation project
- Daffodils were sold to raise funds for the *Cancer Council*
- 180 students attended a special Global Dinner Formal Hall to highlight some of the social issues facing our world today
- Eight residents volunteered at the *Rotary Climb for a Smile* fundraising event with Matthew Milenkovic and Nicholas Kellow racing up the 51 stories of the South32 building. They raised over \$500 and Matt came first in his category and second overall!
- A Girls' Night In to raise funds for *Pink Ribbon Day*
- 30 residents participated in packing 1000 Birthing Kits for *Zonta*. Every hour 33 women die of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth in third world countries and providing clean birthing kits can save lives.

CAREER NETWORKING

Residents attended the Zonta "Speed Networking" Event, which enabled them to come face to face with industry mentors in a variety of fields.

It was a great opportunity and some of the guests agreed to ongoing mentoring meetings with residents who follow similar career paths.

(LtoR) Amber Andre, Selina Metternick-Jones, Kim Louw, Emma White and Anna Lucchesi



MUSIC & ARTS PROGRAM

"Education isn't just about feeding the brain. Art and music feed the heart and the soul." Julie Garwood

Life at St Catherine's College has always been supplemented with a balanced dose of sport, entrepreneurship and various other endeavours to complement our residents' studies at university. This year the residents' interaction with the College's Arts Program has been more popular than ever and entrenched the fact that the arts are an invaluable part of the daily College experience.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The *Battle of the Bands* is a popular feature on the annual Inter-College Arts Cup roster, with musicians from College Row rocking out in the Tavern to the roaring support of their respective collegians. Our resident supporters came prepared, donning their College polo shirts, with handmade signs, paw stickers and face paint to boot!

This year, the St Catherine's band was represented by singers Emily Semple, Emily Wilks, Lauren Damm, Aaron Hii, Elidh MacMaster and Pete Ladd McGovern (who also played bass), accompanied by Sean Becker and Isaac Andrews on guitar and Josh Hackney on drums.



Together, they performed a medley of hit songs including The Rembrandts' "I'll Be There for You", also best known as the theme song to the 90s American TV sitcom, *Friends*, "When The Sun Goes Down" by the Arctic Monkeys, "Gold Snafu" by Sticky Fingers, "Valerie" by Amy Winehouse, "Joker And The Thief" by Wolfmother, and "I Knew You Were Trouble" by Taylor Swift.

The audience echoed the performances with energetic cheers, with our supporters leaving their loudest hurrah for when it was announced that the St Catherine's Band claimed 2nd place. Congratulations to the band and their loyal supporters!



TALENT NIGHT

The Withnell Dining Hall was transformed into "The Leaky Cauldron", inspired by the popular wizarding pub and inn from the Harry Potter universe, for the 2015 St Catherine's College Talent Night. Organised by the ResClub Social Committee, residents took to the open mic and entertained the College community with a variety of acts. Dessert, snacks and other goodies were also served throughout the night to complement the magical theme. It was a thoroughly impressive array of amazing talent!



RANDOM ACTS OF ARTFULNESS

Residents have been interacting with 'Random Acts of Artfulness', designed to inspire and delight their everyday through various forms of visual art. They were encouraged to use different mediums such as plasticine and water colours to express and share their ideas and ways of thinking. One popular initiative has been the pop-up charcoal sketching classes, led by Matthew Robson.

INTERCOLLEGE DEBATING

The annual Intercollege Debating Competition is a fun, sometimes tongue-in-cheek affair, but it is nonetheless still taken very seriously by everyone on College Row! St Catherine's was represented by Alexander Lawrie and Savannah Victor. They both came dressed to impress, with coats and a bowtie. When it came down to the crux of the debates, they both spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, winning praises from the crowd and judges and were ultimately placed third overall.

Savannah thoroughly enjoyed her experience, saying "I think it's great that we have both cultural and sporty intercollege events. It was a lot of fun and my partner's impeccable dress sense was probably one of the reasons we did so well!"



ST CAT'S WINS THE INTERCOLLEGE PIANO COMPETITION



The Intercollege Piano Competition is organised annually by St George's College to engage residents living on College Row in live music performances. Our College is a strong supporter of this vision and participates wholeheartedly in this exciting event. This year, two of our residents, Kai En and Bronwen Herholdt represented St Catherine's, with Bronwen surviving the gruelling preliminaries and securing a place in the Grand Finals against three Georgians.

Bronwen captivated everyone with engaging performances of works by Beethoven, Chopin and Vine, ultimately impressing Mark Coughlan, music critic for *The Australian* newspaper and esteemed judge for the day, to finish first. Congratulations, Bronwen!

Bronwen has been learning the piano since the age of nine. She first started lessons in South Africa and continued to learn when the family moved to Karratha in Australia's northwest in 2006 although finding a piano teacher was difficult as mining towns tend to be very transient. Bronwen came to UWA to study Music and Sports Science in 2012 and in 2013 switched to a double major in Music Studies. She is now studying honours with a threefold focus: accompaniment, chamber piano, and conducting.



75% of the College are undergraduate students who live and learn together. There are many students who have a range of interests and we have featured two special students in this issue.

FACULTY **DINNERS** INVOLVE 340 RESIDENTS AND VISITING ACADEMICS IN 2015

The monthly Faculty Dinners kicked off in second semester with print and television journalist and Winthrop Professor, Peter Van Onselen. Peter spoke to Arts and Politics students about the power they hold as citizens for keeping the country's politicians accountable. He also shared some journalistic secrets about *John Winston Howard*, the book he co-authored and which he credits for taking his career in its current direction.

St Catherine's College Alumna and current Board member, Sue Boyd, had the room in raptures when she spoke at the Business and Law Faculty Dinner about her life and career in the diplomatic service. Sue had senior postings in a number of countries including Portugal, Hong Kong,

East Timor and Fiji and she shared some hilarious insights and anecdotes from her career and travel experiences. Her message, however, included some serious advice to graduates about owning a role at work and embracing opportunities.

Premier's Fellow and Winthrop Professor, Sean Collin, has been instrumental in the research taking place at the UWA Oceanography Institute into sharks and shark attack mitigation technologies. Students were lucky enough to hear more about this fascinating research and the new technologies to track sharks at the Science Faculty Dinner held in October. It is now safe to go back in the water!

HANNAH MURPHY – DOING SOMETHING FOR HERSELF AND HER COUNTRY!

The residents of St Catherine's College are a diverse group of young people, not only in their choice of study but in the many personal pursuits they embark upon. Hannah Murphy, a First Year Exercise and Sport Science student at Notre Dame University, combines her studies with work in the Army Reserve.

Born in in South Africa and having migrated to Australia in 2001, Hannah lived in a small country town called Donnybrook, around 2 ½ hours from Perth. Post school she wanted to study Physiotherapy but didn't feel quite ready to make the study commitment and after doing her research, decided to join the Australian Army which allowed recruits to pursue a trade for one year before permanently joining the Army.

In February 2014, she enlisted as a chef in the Australian Army and for the first three months, undertook her basic training at Kapooka, Wagga Wagga in New South Wales. "I suddenly had a variety of military skills such as weapon handling, navigation, first aid, pack marching as well as completing field exercises and offcourse, regimental fitness sessions that really pushed me to my limits. The time at Kapooka was much more difficult than I originally anticipated as being away from my family as well as functioning on little sleep was tough. On regular occasions, we would participate in pack marches where I had to carry around 25kg on my back for up to 10km. For me this was very challenging!"



She persisted and finished her course before travelling to Melbourne to begin her training as a chef for 6 months. She qualified with a Certificate III in Hospitality and was posted to Darwin to start her first posting.

"Although I loved being a chef, I was also eager to pursue my degree. So in February this year, I discharged from the full time army and I am now an active reservist and parade once a week. My Dad was originally in the Rhodesian army in Zimbabwe so we have always been an army family."

I knew the opportunity would be a positive one and in hindsight, it was a really good decision and one which taught me a lot about myself.

Hannah's time in the Australian Army confirmed her love of human anatomy and her dream is to return to the Army as a Physiotherapist. She hopes to transfer to Physiotherapy in 2016, secure a scholarship from the Army to fund her course and she wants to remain in College. "I had the option to live in an apartment when I came back to Perth, but I knew College would be a great way to meet people. The people I have met are amazing and have really transformed my uni experience. College has also been really good for my studies as all my meals are prepared. A strange thing for a chef to say but having a break from doing the cooking has been very enjoyable!"

CREATIVITY HAS MANY FORMS



Third year Conservation Biology and Environmental Science student, Katherine Bunn, shudders at the thought of spending her working life behind a desk.

"I've always wanted to be a conservation worker or park ranger in one of Australia's many beautiful national parks, perhaps in Alice Springs or Kakadu." Rin volunteers her time to assist the College Groundskeeper, Manny Paraskevas, to maintain the gardens and green spaces at the College and enjoys getting her hands dirty and being outdoors.

I love the freedom I feel when working in the gardens!

"I always had veggie patches at home (Rin hails from Kalamunda) and loved growing fresh produce, so being able to continue doing that here and also share this love of mine with other people is amazing. It's always so great explaining to people what fresh, non-supermarket broccoli looks like, and that yes, the leaves are edible. Recently, the gardens have become a much more popular place for students to study, sunbathe or relax with a guitar and I love seeing what I have created."

Rin's creativity extends beyond her work in the gardens. She is a member of the Wasamba Drummers, a community

drumming group based in Fremantle. They are a diverse group of people who have one thing in common - they love getting dressed up in crazy and colourful carnival inspired costumes and playing LOUD percussion rhythms based on Latin American samba music! "The thing I love most about the drummers is the way it turns ordinary people into something special. The members trickle into rehearsal from everywhere - a tired mother of four, a physiotherapist, an old man in his 80s and then with a bit of glitter, some feathers and a blast of noise we transform - bringing smiles to the faces of everyone who sees us! It's nearly impossible to leave a rehearsal feeling down or sad."

Rin feels being involved with the drummers has taught her to believe in her own abilities and to extend her boundaries to try new things. She also highlights the similarities of living at St Cat's. "It gave me the freedom to explore who I wanted to be, without the worry of parents and family commitments. It opened up so many new opportunities for me - like Wasamba - and gave me access to the greatest support network I could hope for during my years of study. The College drew me in immediately and I chose it for the family-like and welcoming atmosphere, the amazing inclusivity regardless of background or values and the beautiful gardens, of course."

GRADUATE

Katie Bellini
Deputy Head of College



The St Catherine's College Graduate Program is a strong component of life in the College and provides a range of activities - monthly networking dinners, a health and wellness stream including Yoga and Frisbee, social events and professional development opportunities.

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM - A HUGE VALUE-ADD TO SENIOR STUDENTS

With many graduate students in research-based degrees and not following the undergraduate timetable, they were able to enjoy the quiet period in College over the winter break, taking the time to enjoy social and cultural outings around Perth and get together for shared meals.

Undergraduates were invited to the Graduate Common Room for a cheese and wine event which broadened social circles and provided our undergraduate community with an opportunity to hear more about graduate degrees and research prospects.

The Graduate Dinners are very popular not only because of the exciting presenters but because of the lively debate that ensues over dinner. In August Professor Dora Marinova and Dr Talia Raphaely presented on the *Cost of*

Eating Meat and the Footprint of Food Production and the 60 guests including the Curtin Vice Chancellor, Professor Deborah Terry, enjoyed a vegetarian meal to support the topic.

Dr Patrick Dunlop joined students and guests in September to discuss *Personality in the Workplace* and provided some insider tips on psychometric testing.

The last of the dinners held in October centred on the theme of *Perfectionism* and the differences between men and women in this regard.

Sharing tapas plates and wine by candlelight created a perfect ambience. The speaker, Professor Sean Hood, was treated to a tour of the College but it is yet to be determined whether he took a turn on the slide!

BOOKWORMS FIND COMMON GROUND

This year a group of literature-loving students formed the St Catherine's College Book Club. Meeting monthly, the group provides a vibrant and conversational network for those sharing a passion for broadening their minds and extending their literary scope. Organised by the students themselves, they have chosen a wide selection of titles but have focused on those with a fundamental message. Some key titles include *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Time Keeper* both by Mitch Albom, *The 100 Year Old Man That Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson, *The Name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss and *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand. After reading each book the group meets to discuss the key elements of the storyline, character development, context, values and most importantly whether they liked the book. This month the students chose their books by a lucky dip of donated biographies. The club plans to continue over the summer and hopes that fellow bookworms will join the Club in 2016!



CELEBRATE ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Graduates celebrated their successes for the year with a variety of social events including a trip to the famous San Churros for a pre-exam sweet fix.

THE BEST WAY TO LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE IS **TO SPEAK IT!**

One of the core values of St Catherine's College is diversity and with over 29 different countries and 13 language groups represented in the College, this is very evident. The College encourages students to practice, explore and share their culture, faith and language within the community and one of the outcomes of this cultural exploration was the creation of Language Tables.

Hosted by a native speaker, Tables are held once a week, with students coming together in groups to learn and practice. Tables are offered in English, Italian, Spanish, Korean, Arabic, German, Hindi, Mandarin and French. Second year Bachelor of Philosophy student Sabrina Davies says...

“Practising with a native speaker allows you the opportunity to consolidate what you have been learning and also develop colloquialisms which is vital to becoming fluent in a language. You also get a deeper understanding of the culture.”

The French Language Table enjoyed some cultural exploration over a cup of coffee and a sweet croissant at one of their regular catch ups. Host Sam Goerling says of the tables “I enjoy sharing my language and helping others develop their language skill. When you understand a language you understand a culture and a mindset which leads to greater understanding. It's a really enjoyable and rewarding time during the week for me.”



THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE THINKING!



'The Stats Group' is a relatively new student collective at St Catherine's College, which meets once a fortnight to discuss statistics in their various fields and debate views on concepts not normally covered in their text-books.

Currently made up of individuals from fields as diverse as Psychology, Economics, Mathematics and Physics, the group is an outstanding example of the innovation of students to collaborate on ideas they find important or challenging.

Junran Cao, one of the members of the group describes the experience as a “Servant discipline, whereby we help each other to clarify ideas in the common area of statistics. Despite being from different fields and backgrounds, we use similar tools to compare and contrast our studies and then come up with relevant answers.”

Junran hopes that one day the students will even be able to present their work in a semi-formal manner over a fortnightly lecture.

ALUMNI

Mandy McFarland
Director of Advancement



Alumnae of St Catherine's are fascinating women who are achieving great success in a range of areas... what a rich legacy they leave current residents.

ALUMNI RETURN TO ST CAT'S TO CELEBRATE

Alumna, **Julie Quansing-Rowlands (nee Quansing)** recently returned to St Cat's for her 60th birthday. She hired one of the beautiful event spaces at the College and together with friends she made at College, they reminisced about their youth in the College and celebrated a significant milestone in style. Julie, who attended College in the 1970s, also celebrated her 18th birthday and her 21st birthday at the College so she felt there was a sense of 'coming home'. "My 18th was really a coming of age where I was able to vote and by my 21st I had completed my studies and was ready to take on the world! Now my 60th is about reflection upon our amazing achievements as a group!"

The four friends, Julie, Jacqueline Phillips (nee Heard), Alison Rose and Jillian Obiri-Boateng (nee Smart) who were at St Catherine's together, struck up a friendship which would span 45 years. "We were naïve country girls having been entrusted to the College by our protective parents. I was placed in the room above the Warden's flat so she could keep an extra eye on me and I still remember the immense sense of gratitude and opportunity I felt as I was the only girl from Carnarvon (where my family lived) to go to Uni or to live in a place like St Cat's." said Julie.

Alison and Julie who went to school together in Geraldton, both studied Microbiology with Julie going on to become a specialist in Gifted Education and the Head of the St Hilda's Junior School and Alison going on to complete a PhD in Clinical Immunology and is currently a Senior

Researcher at the WA Health Department. Jackie and Jillian both studied the Arts. Jackie, who initially studied Anthropology and Psychology and went onto teaching, now runs a very successful business with her husband providing graduation services and regalia to universities. Jillian, another school friend of Julie's, studied Social Work and became a researcher for the World Health Organisation in Nigeria and the Seychelles. She has been in community development for many years and is currently the Manager of Community Support and Safety Services for the City of Rockingham.



(LtoR) Julie Quansing-Rowlands (nee Quansing), Jacqueline Phillips (nee Heard), Alison Rose and Jillian Obiri-Boateng (nee Smart)

"The new part of the College is incredibly impressive but it is the spirit of the College and the tangible sense of belonging which is still so evident."

Being back at the College recently brought back a flood of memories for Julie. "The new part of the College is incredibly impressive but it is the spirit of the College and the tangible sense of belonging which is still so evident. Living in College was the best time of our lives – being dumped in the fish pond, using our academic gowns to hold our hot plates in the dining room and having sherry with the Warden. These were some of the small things I remember. I do often think how different my life would have been if I had not gone to St Cat's and made the friends I have. Would my parents have allowed me to come to Perth and attend Uni if St Cat's did not exist?"

Returning for my birthday has been a time for reflecting and acknowledging a fortunate life, full of opportunities, choices and experiences, character-building and providing the springboard for me to develop into the person that I am."

SELINA METTERNICK-JONES - PURSUING CHANGE ON A GLOBAL SCALE!



Past resident, scholarship recipient and tutor at St Catherine's College, Selina Metternick-Jones is a young woman who is focussed on the future! Recently appointed as the Ethics Coordinator at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Selina facilitates the evaluation, negotiation and implementation of ethical review and promotes excellence in clinical research practice and risk management for research staff at Sir Charles Gairdner and the Osborne Park Health Group.

Selina grew up in Bunbury and has always been interested in equity and the Australian Healthcare system. She completed a double degree in Science and Arts majoring in Genetics and Political Science at UWA, continued on to her Honours and is currently completing her Masters in Bioethics at the University of Sydney.

"Whilst working for the Department of Health developing healthcare policies to manage the issues surrounding genetic diseases and technologies, it became clear to me that when governments make decisions regarding healthcare they always have to balance the risks and harms of a decision against its benefits. I decided to pursue my Masters so I could gain a stronger understanding of the philosophies used to make good or just healthcare decisions. In my new role I will be applying these skills to protect patients and research participants from unnecessary harm."

St Catherine's College was home to Selina until 2011 where she fully engaged in all the opportunities the College had to offer – a Resident Advisor, tutor and mentor, she honed her skills in problem solving, communication, leadership and delegation – all of which has helped her in her career.

"My experience at St Cat's was only as incredible as the people I met while living there, people from all walks of life, many different countries and all on different paths. It prepared me for the future and made me understand the impact that team work has on a project."

"No single person has the ability to achieve what a team can and I experience this every day in my role. We rely on researchers, scientists and clinicians to use their unique skills to come up with innovations, collect data and do research projects. Yet without collaborating with government and policy makers it is unlikely that those bedside innovations will result in ongoing benefit to patients."

She is a recipient of both the Australian Federation of University Women (now the Australian Federation of Graduate Women) and the Joyce Riley Scholarship and was humbled and very grateful for the difference these scholarships made to her academic pursuits.

"It had such a positive impact on me in a practical sense because the assistance helped reduce the burden of my fees and meant that I didn't have to work during semester, allowing me to focus on my study and participate fully in the St Cat's community. It also made me realise that because I had this wonderful opportunity it was incumbent on me to work hard and achieve change."

My dream job would be in healthcare leadership whether that be with a world leader in health policy to shape global policies on genetic and ethics or providing leadership for a state or national healthcare system. I want to make a difference and my experiences have certainly shaped my vision of the future"

In her free time, Selina is the Managing Partner of a startup called the Cattitude Club, a subscription box for cats. If you join up you can join a group of Aussie cats who receive a box of treats, toys and cat care products each month. It is designed to provide



customers with a way to sample new products conveniently delivered to your home. Selina has attended the workshops held in the BloomLab at St Catherine's and feels that she has gained valuable skills about starting a business.

THE VALUE OF BECOMING A 'JOINER'!



St Catherine's is a place where students are given the chance to make the most of their experience at university and recent graduate and Alumna, Amber Andre, certainly exemplifies that. Moving to College from the small mining town of Kalgoorlie in 2012, Amber was a bright-eyed 17-year-old ready to begin her studies with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in both Accounting and Human Resources. After three years at College, Amber graduated earlier this year and is now working for the dynamic advisory firm McGrathNicol. Not one to let studies be the defining feature of her time at university, Amber juggled her degree with work on the Residential Students Club as the Treasurer and in her final year she was Vice President and a Residential Advisor. Looking back fondly on her time at St Catherine's, Amber shares her views with Journalism student, Kirby Spencer.

"I was quite a quiet person when I first came to College, but by joining in I came out of my shell and became confident enough to achieve great things."

Tell us a bit about where you currently work.

I currently work at McGrath Nicol, a corporate recovery firm based in Perth. My job is to assist in insolvency appointments such as liquidations, voluntary administrations and receiverships. In voluntary administrations we continue to trade the company and try to make a sale, whereas in liquidations we sell the assets of the company to try and make as much money to give back to the creditors as possible. I feel that no two days are alike and I am exposed to so many different industries and types of insolvency appointments which makes me appreciate the diversity.

What made you decide to choose this as your career path?

I decided to go into accounting because I was quite good at it when I was at school, and I was fortunate enough to have a fantastic accounting teacher who informed me of the possibilities of the job. She let me know of a particular scholarship where applicants can work in an accounting firm in Kalgoorlie during the holidays and then study in Perth during semester. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with my life at that stage and after applying I was fortunate enough to receive the scholarship. Once I graduated I decided to work in the corporate recovery sector because I was not a fan of the Tax and Audit service lines, which are common amongst the Big 4 accounting firms. When I started applying for jobs I came across my current position at a firm which sounded interesting, so I decided to give it a crack and secured my position.

Where would you like to see your position taking you in the future?

McGrathNicol is an Australian based firm so there are limited possibilities with them for International travel. However, I'm quite content to build up a strong career and be Australia based as I love Perth and its vibe. Basing myself here and potentially participating in some rural placements would be fantastic. I am currently doing my Chartered Accountancy through them, so hopefully in the future I will be able to utilise my studies more.

You came to College in 2012. What made you decide to choose St Catherine's?

I chose St Catherine's because my English teacher, Ms Palmer, went to St Cat's in her University years and she gave it a glowing recommendation! I was initially tossing

up between Curtin and The University of Western Australia, a task many young accounting and business students may face. When I was looking into residences and accommodation options for both universities, however, I found I didn't like the idea of Curtin's share houses. I also chose to come to St Catherine's after attending a 'Women in Engineering' talk at UWA, which brought us over to College for lunch. I just remember thinking 'this place is awesome!' There were posters everywhere on the walls about all the interesting events and I thought that the girls who lived there (St Catherine's was single sex at the time) must lead the most exciting lives.

You received some scholarships whilst you were at St Catherine's. How did these benefit you?

I was so pleased to receive the Joyce Riley scholarship in my first year at College, and a Graduate Women's scholarship in my second year. These scholarships helped me because it meant I was able to come to College in the first instance and continue here once I knew how fantastic it was. The money the scholarships provided meant that I was able to save enough to know that I could continue at College throughout the course of my degree. By having the reassurance that my place at College was secure, instead of having to work, I was able to put my attention into studying, and I believe that is certainly what has helped me to get my current position at McGrathNicol today. If it wasn't for the scholarships, my parents would only have been able to afford my first year, and things would have been very different. The scholarships themselves are also

an important networking tool, with the Graduate Women inviting me to breakfast events, which provided me with the necessary skills for job interviews and talking to more experienced business professionals.

What do you value from your time at St Catherine's?

Above all, I am grateful for how College taught me to be a 'joiner', something I feel I have embraced in my attitude towards my current work environment. Our networking events are mostly optional, however, from what I learnt at College, I now choose to attend all the events I can to gain valuable life-experience. I was quite a quiet person when I first came to College, but by joining in I came out of my shell and became confident enough to achieve great things. During my interview, there were so many questions that arose which I was able to answer based on my experiences of living at College. They all related to leadership, team-work, and responsibility, all qualities I believe I learnt at College.

Finally, what do you envision for the future of St Catherine's?

"I would love to see St Catherine's maintaining its homely and family vibe. I don't care how big it gets, it's always going to be a second home to me, so I'd love for it to continue to be that for all future students as well."

REUNION 1950s



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

VISIT COLLEGE

Fiona Crowe, Head of College, would be delighted to welcome all Alumnae who lived at the Womens' College (or St Catherine's as it is now) in the 1950s.

Date: Friday 13 November 2015 Time: 2.30pm

Venue: The Seminar Room, St Catherine's College
2 Park Road, CRAWLEY 6009

RSVP: Dianna Brooks at 9442 0589 or dianna.brooks@stcatherines.uwa.edu.au
by Friday 6 November 2015



EMBRACING OPPORTUNITY MEANS EMBRACING LIFE!

Young Alum, Emma White, knows what it means to live each day to the fullest, both on a personal level and on a professional level! Working as a Paramedic (which she feels is her dream job) and juggling her recovery from breast cancer is no mean feat but with resolve and a determined attitude to embrace life, she grabs every opportunity with both hands.

She embarked on a Bachelor of Science majoring in Psychology because she wasn't entirely sure what she wanted to do but knew she had to keep her options open. While she was studying, she volunteered for St John's Ambulance and thought this might be something she could do as a job. She completed her degree at UWA and continued with a Bachelor of Paramedicine at Edith Cowan University. Now fully qualified and loving her job, she is struck by the irony of her career choice when, as a young girl, Emma was afraid of sick people, vomit, blood and all bodily fluids!

Emma is philosophical about the impact of what she does. "My job is based around the concept of philanthropy, the 'love of humanity' and the ability and willingness to improve the wellbeing of others. Every day we go into people's lives to help them when they are at their lowest and most vulnerable, to do everything we can to help and to make things that bit easier. I know that this is the

work we are paid to do but I think it is an important focus in everyday life. It's crucial to be loving, accepting and patient of others in the hope that others will treat you the same way."

Emma feels that College life is a perfect example of being able to live and work together in harmony and without conflict.

"I learnt two very valuable lessons while I was at College – benefit from the people you meet and embrace the opportunities."

"I met 150 women from different backgrounds, cultures and values and each one of them taught me something about myself. I became a different person at College because I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to explore leadership roles as the Treasurer and later the President for the residents. I served on the Intercollege Committee, I was a Residential Advisor and for two years worked as the Senior Residential Advisor. In all of these roles I learnt about leadership, team work, conflict resolution, mental health, the list is endless. I was learning and participating in things that I would never have done unless I was at College."

CALLING ALL ALUMNI... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

An enormous amount of work has been done over the past few months and we continue to need your help in developing the Alumni program, updating records and finding 'lost' alumni.

DATABASE

Please can you help with the following:

- Enquire from your St Cat's friends if they received their copy of *Banksia*. If not, please send me their details and I'll immediately make contact with them
- Please gather as many email contacts as possible so there can be regular contact
- We specifically require details from alumnae between 2008 - 2013

Please contact the College through the website or email me at mandy.mcfarland@stcatherines.uwa.edu.au with any details.

CONNECT

St Catherine's offers many ways to stay in touch with fellow alumni and the College community. Please join our social media networks:



NETWORK

Expand your professional network through LinkedIn or contact me if you would like to be part of a mentoring program at St Cat's.



STAY IN TOUCH

Visit the St Catherine's website to update your details and share personal news.

www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au/alumni-update-your-details

REUNIONS

We plan to hold regular reunions and are beginning our program with a reunion of women from the 1950s this month. If you are keen to be a reunion coordinator for your decade, please contact me on 9442 0581 or email me at mandy.mcfarland@stcatherines.uwa.edu.au

Kindest regards - and thank you for your help, Mandy McFarland

STAFF REUNITE AT ST CATHERINE'S

Past staff were invited back to College to view the new buildings and catch up with current staff and old friends. Amidst much laughter, reminiscing and a scrumptious luncheon, the old camaraderie was very evident and epitomised the sense of community which is so integral to St Cat's.



(LtoR) Christine Choong, John Barley (current Catering Manager), Maria Boshoff and Blagica Savseski



Living and working with the young people at St Catherine's is an immense joy and privilege and the opportunity to invest in human ingenuity presents itself regularly. Amazing things happen when you bet on people, entire transformations not only of the individuals themselves but of the world around them because of the innovation they bring. We get glimpses of tomorrow and it is incredibly exciting!

A LEGACY OF DIFFERENCE REMEMBERING A SPECIAL YOUNG WOMAN



The stunning gardens at Orange Grove where the lunch was held

In 1963, Shirley McLeod's life was tragically cut short, leaving her family and the St Catherine's community devastated at the loss. Her family wanted to preserve her memory in a kinder way and approached the College regarding the establishment of a scholarship fund to provide ongoing support to young women, who like Shirley, will make their mark on the world.

The Shirley McLeod Foundation has continued to grow its funds with many personal donations but also with a special



Past and current St Cat's women enjoyed the day together.

(LtoR) Poppy Brooke (current McLeod Scholar), Caroline Winwood (nee Hamilton), Georgina Wilson (nee Skipworth), Jo Delaney (nee Keeling), Jenny Engelhard (nee Kerr), Sabrina Davies (current McLeod Scholar) and Fiona Crowe (Head of St Catherine's College).

commemorative lunch held annually on Melbourne Cup Day. Family, friends, Alumni who were at St Catherine's with Shirley, staff and students from the College gathered on the beautiful McLeod family farm in Mundaring to remember but also to thank and celebrate those who continue to support the Foundation.

Please complete the Annual Giving form on pg 33 if you would like to pledge your support for this wonderful scholarship.



(LtoR) Mandy McFarland, Poppy Brooke, Sabrina Davies, Katie Bellini and Fiona Crowe



Lady James (nee Hearder) OBE, painted by the American artist, Phil Sawyer, in Paris in 1910.

This philanthropic woman was one of many individuals who fundraised for the establishment of the University Women's College, now known as St Catherine's College.

Donated to the College by her daughter, Mrs Judy Walsh

DONATING ARTWORK TO ST CAT'S

Donations of artwork from many generous and forward-thinking individuals and families form a large part of the St Catherine's College collection. These donations enrich the life of our residents and give the College a warmth and connection to history which is visual and valuable and provides families with a legacy that continues at St Catherine's.

The College has grown considerably over the past two years and we have many spaces in the new building which could be filled with interesting pieces of art.

We encourage our Alumni and friends to continue this tradition and if you are interested in making a contribution please contact Mandy McFarland, Director of Advancement.

AMPLIFYING INNOVATION - YOUR SUPPORT CAN ELICIT POSITIVE CHANGE!

"I think it's hard to overstate the importance of what's being launched here tonight. If Australia is going to prosper in the future we have to be part of [digital innovation]." Dr Michael Chaney AO at the Launch of the BloomLab at St Cat's (10 August 2015)

During 2015, 2000 young people have attended workshops or visited the BloomLab to progress their ideas and get their start-ups moving. The energy is contagious and a vision of a different future is emerging. It is a future which needs support and a donation to the Innovation Fund will amplify their progress immeasurably.

By supporting the Innovation Fund you will be contributing to these initiatives:

✂ High-Fliers Program

Many of the young innovators working from the BloomLab either lack confidence to develop their concept or require seed funding to take the concept to the next level. With our high-fliers program we will support and accelerate the growth of our most promising members, to create a ripple effect that inspires and motivates the rest of our community.

💻 Technology Support

We expect more than 5,000 visits to the BloomLab at St Cat's next year by young people who want to work, meet and learn. We need to make the space as productive and supportive as possible for these young people and we need to purchase a projector for our events, displays for our meeting rooms and a multi-function printer for our members.

⚙ Engagement

More than 50 events will be run at the BloomLab in 2016. We want to make sure that these events are attended by as many students as possible, across a range of disciplines. With a promotional budget of ~\$125 per event, we will reach and educate more than 2,500 young people, to a value of more than \$35,000 (at ~\$15 per person per event).

💡 Inspiration

Young people need inspiration and by arranging knowledge exchanges to startup hotspots around the world such as Israel, Singapore and Sao Paulo, young entrepreneurs will learn how to improve what we're doing in Perth. Mark Shelton, Founder of Bloom, has already undertaken similar trips to Hangzhou, China and the Silicon Valley, which were very successful.

MENTORING AND SPONSORSHIP

A wide variety of skills are necessary to create a successful business. If you would like to mentor or sponsor students who want to develop their idea, please contact Mandy McFarland or Mark Shelton at mark@bloom.org.au



ANNUAL GIVING 2015

From the Head of College

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to Annual Giving this year. The difference your gift will make to the College is immense and we are very grateful for the support from Alumni and friends.

It is still possible to make a gift and since the Launch of the BloomLab in August we have added an Innovation Fund to the Annual Giving. Donating to the Innovation Fund can provide seed funding for a startup, it can assist individual innovators to progress their idea or support them in investing in their business.

Your gift will make projects possible which we would otherwise not be able to fund so thank you for your commitment to making St Catherine's the best it can be!

Fiona Crowe
Head of College



BloomLab - a youth-led not-for-profit student organisation helping young people create startups, network with other innovators and redefine the local WA economy with a more entrepreneurial culture. There are 25 startups in the BloomLab ranging from tech innovation and social discovery applications to small businesses. BloomLab needs your support.



St Catherine's Annual Giving Fund 2015
Your gift makes the *impossible*, possible!

Please accept my gift of:

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to the following project/s:

Innovation Fund (New)

Support innovation at St Catherine's College

Building Fund Projects (Tax Deductible)

A gift to the Building Fund is important for our students so they can live and learn in a state-of-the-art environment and we can continue to maintain our beautiful heritage.

- Front entry redesign – Stirling Highway New project
 Head of College's discretion

Scholarship Fund (Tax Deductible)

A gift to this fund will ensure that St Catherine's can offer opportunities to students, many of whom could not otherwise have a residential College experience.

- Student Scholarships (includes various named scholarships)
 Shirley McLeod Scholarship
 Chantel Thorn Scholarship
 Angel Scholarship

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