



ROBB ROUNDUP

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A SENSATIONAL YEAR - WOMEN IN THE NEWS

What a sensational year 2004 has been for Robb College.

Robb women have had an awesome year:- winning the Mary Bagnell Trophy, all netball teams made the finals, one netball team was runner-up and 4 netball teams were premiers. In addition, both women's basket ball teams were in the finals and the joint Duval/Robb water polo team were runners-up.

Ex-Robber women were also a highlight this year; with Rebecca Arnott as our Rural Focus Dinner guest speaker and Suzie Balogh our Athens Olympic gold medallist.

Robb men are not forgotten, with the AFL New England Nomads being premiers with the majority of Robb players, the sevens in the National University Games were silver medallists and the 15 a-side won the gold medal in the Northern University Games. Our Rugby seconds were premiers, with Rugby Colts runner's up, and our Rugby firsts had the misfortune of another team in the competition playing the competition rules and not the game.

For the College, the completion of the cladding on the inside of North Court was a major achievement. I would like to thank the residents of North Court for their patience whilst all this work was being carried out and also thank the Robb College Foundation for their generous donation of over \$70,000 towards the project.

On the 22nd November the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the University visited the College. They were inspecting the work carried out in North Court and the rest of the College



From Michael Maas Master

During June 2004 I attended an international conference of ACUHO-I (Association of College and University Housing Officers - International) in Canada. There was a study tour prior to the conference.

The study tour comprised of nine official visits to different campuses within north eastern USA and Canada.

The campus visits were extremely interesting.

For those of you who are not familiar with the American system as I was before this conference, I would like to give you a very brief overview of a typical Hall of Residence which is different to a Residential College like Robb College.

A Hall of Residence accommodates large numbers of students in either double, triple or quadruple rooms. Variations like four or six students sharing 2 or 3 bedrooms in a cluster within a hall also exist; however, these are reserved for returning students.

Most universities make it compulsory for first year students to reside on-campus in a hall. They would be

assigned to either triple or quadruple rooms. Most halls are single gender. A mixed hall would be one floor women, the next floor men, and so on. Bathrooms are only single gender, being located on the same gender floor.

Returning students are allocated rooms via a room lottery. If students want to be with their friends, they put their names down as a group - say a group of six. Not surprisingly, I am told that room lotteries are even more stressful than examinations.

Dining facilities or cafeterias are located across the campus and not within Halls of Residence.

Some of the most interesting sessions I attended at the conference were on future trends for on-campus living.

The last session I attended was titled "Residential Colleges - Design Responses to an International Trend".

This session detailed results of American surveys which showed a strong move towards building Residential Colleges based on the traditions of Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

Robb College, like the rest of the colleges within the University of New England, already has what the Americans believe to be their future of on-campus accommodation. It is something we are very proud of and it gave me great pleasure discussing the benefits of residential college life for students who live here on our campus.

There were many other areas regarding on-campus living that were insightful

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and beneficial and I look forward to discussing those with senior UNE Management, my colleagues and College leaders.

In terms of academic success, our results for Semester 1, 2004:

191 resident students sat for exams
162 received greater than 50% pass - 84.8%
52 received a credit average
or better - 27.2%
Breaking that down further
44 received a credit average - 23%
8 received a distinction average - 4.2%

I would like to see further improvement with our academic results for Semester 2, 2004.

Speaking about our academic success, I believe we have been extremely fortunate to have a strong Resident Fellow team.

I would like to thank Shelley Reid and Jane Davies for being our Senior Resident Fellows and to Nikki Bensch, Cate Darcy, Aaron Kemp, Nikki Lane, Ben Leys, Angus McLaurin, Stuart Moncrieff, Natasha Morley, Trudi Rodgers, and Kirsty Speed for being our Resident Fellows. The whole college, its staff and SCR members really appreciate their continued support of College members throughout the year and for the remainder of this semester

The 2005 team have an excellent example to follow.

The 2005 Resident Fellows and College Club Members are listed on Page 4.

I would like to say a few words about the 2004 JCR President, George Hoddle and the JCR Committee.

George had a very clear vision of what he wanted for the College in 2004, which was in line with my own goals. In other words George had my full support and working together as a team we had the very real expectation of making that vision a reality.

I believe George has done a fantastic job as JCR President and has set a great precedent to follow. He has demonstrated strong leadership by example, enthusiasm, honesty and trust. He has made the hard decisions and has earned the respect of not only College members, but also people outside the College, including other Heads of College and UNE management.

His vision was simple - to improve the spirit of the College.

He has achieved this by encouraging participation, being personally involved with all College activities, ensuring the job was done right, taking responsibility for what happened with College members and working with me and the Resident Fellows in a very positive way.

Congratulations to George on a job very well done.

At the Presidents Changeover Dinner George announced the 2005 JCR President - Hannes Monaghan. I am sure Hannes will do an equally good Job as George in 2005. He has already experienced the rigors of leadership as North

Court President this year which should assist him in making further improvements to the educational, sporting, cultural and social activities of the College.

Congratulations to Hannes on his election victory.

I would like to express my appreciation to the following 2004 Valedicts who I have worked with over the last two years:

Alex Gilbert for her work on the 2004 Art & Craft Exhibition, Susannah Cayzer for her work on Open Day this year, Luke Bell - last year's West Court President, Heidi Rodgers - Resident Tutor 2003.

Trudi Rodgers - Resident Fellow 2004, Cam Dunnet - 2002 JCR President, Richard Blackburn - 2003 JCR President and Shelley Reid - 2003 JCR Vice-President and First Semester 2004 Senior Resident Fellow.

Congratulations to all the Valedicts and welcome as Robb Alumni.

I would like to advise the following announcement made by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic on the 29th October 2004.

"As a result of a review of the organisation of residential facilities on campus, the University has recently created the position of Residential System Manager. This position is to be filled by the Head of one of the UNE-operated residences, who will also retain responsibility for his or her individual residence.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Michael Maas, Head of Robb College, has accepted appointment as Residential System Manager beginning 1st November 2004."

What does this mean for Robb College?

In a nutshell, I will have two positions: one as Master of Robb College and the other as the Residential System Manager. As Residential System Manager I have the responsibility of managing the UNE residential system - that is - the management of its physical, financial and human resources, including the development of the residential system's strategic, business and operational plans and budgets of all the UNE Residences on-campus at Armidale, the UNE Conference Company and the UNE functional relationship with St Albert's College.

It is a big responsibility. There will be constraints on my time; however, I know that by transferring and increasing some responsibilities onto College Leaders and staff we should be able to manage. The first few months will be quite challenging and exciting. I have already received words of encouragement and support from colleagues, staff, College Leaders, SCR and Foundation members who see the strategic advantage for Robb and the Residential System with this appointment.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and the continued support of the Resident Fellows, JCR Executive, JCR Committee, members of Robb College, the Foundation and the SCR.

2004 Awards and Prizes

Shelley Reid - Meredith Prize
 Richard Blackburn and Cam Dunnet - Meredith Prize Special Mention
 Cary Gardiner - Sinclair Wilson Scholarship
 Cloe Davis - Max Webster Art Prize
 Cary Gardiner - Bruce/Dent History Prize
 Kirsty Speed - Ron Gannaway Prize

Sports Awards

Inter-College Women's Sport - Mary Bagnall Trophy
 Stephen Gray - Sinclair-Wilson Shield - man who has contributed most to sport
 Vanessa Brennan - Olivia Molineux Trophy - women who has contributed most to sport
 Teresa Worthing - Valedicts Trophy - best first-year contribution to Robb College sports
 Mick McCarthy - SCR Trophy - sporting contribution by an SCR member
 Hannah Marriott - Club Hotel Trophy - Sportswomen of the year
 Francis Fainifo - Club Hotel Trophy - Sportsman of the year
 A-Res1 Netball - Wicklow Hotel Trophy - Sporting Team of the year
 Matt Clark - Cricket Club Person of the year
 Teresa Worthing - Hockey Club Person of the year
 Laura Macpherson - Water Polo Person of the year
 Nikki Bensch - Netball Club Person of the year

Robb Calendar 2005

25 February	Introductory Dinner
15 March	Academic Dinner
26 April	Buffet Dinner/ Court Debates Inter-Court Public Speaking
10 May	Buffet Dinner Quiz Night
20-22 May	Parent/Student Weekend Art & Craft Exhibition
9 June	Christmas Buffet Dinner
9 August	VC/ Faculty Dinner
23 August	Inter-court Public Speaking
23 August	Buffet Dinner/ Debating Final
6 September	Robb College Rural Focus Dinner
18 October	Valedictory Dinner
31 October	Presidents Changeover/Sports Awards Dinner

Letter From Cate Darcy - Recently Returned from Exchange to Washington State University, USA

Rho Epsilon Gamma - My Experience at Washington State University

Two days before I was due to fly out to the States, I received an email notifying me that I was being placed as a Resident Advisor in an all-women's hall. Gritting my teeth and cringing inside, I thought - "All women?! Great, back to high-school then." As I stepped into the poster-clattered foyer of Regents Hall, I noticed two things. Firstly, the interior resembled a kindergarten classroom more than a residential college. Secondly, the striking number of rules written in bold, capitalized print, such as:

"At 3am ALL MEN MUST LEAVE THE BUILDING:."

These initial recollections embrace the essence of my stay at Washington State University - creativity and never-ending policies. But as I soon learnt, all was not as it seemed.

The job as an RA was remarkably different from being a Resident Fellow at Robb. My primary roles included making "Door-decs" for my fifty residents, creating colourful, informative bulletin boards, and

structuring educational and social programs. At weekly staff meetings, we engaged in a series of ice-breakers, staff development games, and excursions. This aspect involved multitudes of coloured paper, industrial-sized ideas, empowering positive thinking, and mountains of quotable quotes.

Although there were never-ending policies, there were also unspoken assumptions. While RAs were expected to enforce a zero-tolerance approach to alcohol consumption, many a blind-RA-eye was turned from freshmen stumbling home, reeking of alcohol, as long as they were quiet. I spent most of my disciplinary role escorting men out of the building, but it was an unwritten reality that *not all men really did leave the building at 3am*, as I soon realized from the number of 9am-dashers.

The best part of my experience at WSU was the level of staff bonding. As an all-female group, and as extremely close friends, the staff of Regents

formed our own sorority called "Rho Epsilon Gamma". In the end, being in an all-women's hall was a great experience. After a year of pink clothes, trips to Spokane, coffees at Starbucks, and very secretive, underground drinking events, I have inspiring and valuable friends for life.



Cate Darcy

From Jan Moran, Assistant Head

September was the anniversary of my first year at Robb and what a great year it has been. The big change for 2005 will be Michael's promotion as Residential System Manager. The office congratulated him and will give him our full support.

This will be the second addition of Roundup for 2004 and look for two editions again in 2005. Thank you all for the updates over the past months, it is great to hear and share your news so keep it coming. Any changes you have sent us have been entered into the alumni database.

The Scholarships and Awards process was very rewarding this year as the College had such high calibre candidates. This made the selection process quite challenging and for the first time two Special Mentions were awarded for the Meredith Prize (see Page 5 for a full list of Prizes and Awards).

Hannah Marriott, the JCR Project Officer, is to be congratulated on her fundraising effort for the Royal Flying Doctor Service

this year. The picture below tells the story. Everyone was dressed in bright orange jumpsuits for a week during the fundraising. Hannah was amazed by the number of people who had been affected in some way by the service.

Robb had great representation in the UNE sporting arena this year. George White, Hugh Palmer, Francis Fainifo and Chris Hardy played in the UNE Rugby team in Queensland. Teresa Worthing played hockey for UNE. David Brown, Tim Bryant, Tim Cameron, Tom Capel, Francis Fainifo, David Hardy, Angus Harrowell, Charles Hufton, Hamish McKinnon, Hannes Monaghan, Andrew Roseby, Jake Schafer and Sinclair Steele played for UNE in the Australian University Games in Perth in Rugby and won a Silver Medal and Hamish McKinnon placed 15 in athletics (1500m and 5000m) and Bec Boyden placed 10th in the javelin throwing event.

Francis Fainifo and Hugh Palmer will represent Australian Universities overseas

in Britain playing rugby - Hugh Palmer was awarded the Robb Rugby Scholarship this year.

We are again planning for the New Year with full occupancy for 2005 and looking forward to another rewarding year.



Robb College Fellows & College Club 2005

Senior Resident Fellow - Nikki Bensch
Resident Fellow - Amy Adams
Resident Fellow - Dimity Butler
Resident Fellow - James Knight
Resident Fellow - Natasha Morley
Resident Fellow - Stuart Moncrieff
Resident Fellow - Luke Murrell
Resident Fellow - Mary Philp
Resident Fellow from (WSU) - Corey White

JCR President - Hannes Monaghan
Vice - President - Mathew Clark
West Court President - Cary Gardiner
South Court President - Tim Bryant
North Court President - Sinclair Steele

Secretary/Social - Vanessa Brennan
Treasurer - To Be Announced
Traditions/Dining Hall - Charles Hollingworth
Project Officer - Angus Harrowell
Cultural Officer - Chloe Davis
Marketing Officer - Tim Cammeron
Sports Officer MB - Laura Macpherson
Sports Officer PT - Hugh Palmer
SFK Officer - Lucy Amos
Affiliate Representative - Patrick McCosker

2004 Robb Students Raised \$9300 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service



Hannah Marriott, JCR Project Officer and Ruth Logan, the Royal Flying Doctor Service Representative

Judy McDonald, President, Senior Common Room

The Annual General Meeting of the Senior Common Room was held on 3 November 2004. The office bearers for 2004 are:

President	Judy McDonald
Vice President	Eve Woodberry
Secretary	Natasha Morley
Treasurer	Mary Philp
Cellar Master	Stuart Moncrieff
Executive Member	Judith Burns
Executive Member	Chris Reading

This year there have been regular meetings of the SCR Executive Committee. The Executive Committee comprises the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Cellarmaster, two other members of the SCR, together with the Senior Fellow, Master, Assistant Head, JCR President and Senior Resident Fellow. Any SCR member was welcome to attend and/or raise matters for discussion. Agendas and minutes of these meetings were circulated to all SCR members to ensure that everybody was aware of the business of the meetings. This seemed to work well, gave more regular support to Michael and Jan and allowed SCR members to participate in other functions of the College. I would like to acknowledge the support of SCR executive members Eve Woodberry, Judith Burns and Richard Apps during the year. Our Senior Fellow, Wal Whalley is a stalwart, whose

involvement with the College is an inspiration to us all. I would also like to thank Resident Fellow members Trudi Rogers, for her careful recording of the minutes at each meeting, Nikki Bensch who worked diligently as Treasurer and Jane Davies, who with Michael Muldoon, raised the profile of the SCR cellar and the contents.

I look forward to another successful year for Robb under the excellent management of Michael and Jan with great support from Barb.



Mick McGrath, SCR Member and Judy McDonald, SCR President. Mick was awarded the SCR Trophy for Sporting Contribution by an SCR member. Mick travelled with and coached the team that participated in the University Games in Perth this year.

JCR President's Report

What an amazing and enjoyable year 2004 has been for Robb College. The members of Robb College have given an outstanding effort this year and the results can be seen across the entire campus.

Firstly the women of Robb College have shown what strength in numbers can achieve. Robb College was able to secure outright first place in the Mary Bagnall Trophy this year which has seen it return itself to its rightful place, within the walls of Robb College!

Five of the six netball teams were in the grand final with four going on to win the major premierships.

Rugby was able to claim the 2nd xv premierships with our colts going down to spirited St Alberts. Robb men finished 4th in the Presidents Trophy one higher than last year, and the local kick and giggle team was so stacked with Robbers that they were able to win the premiership!

The second half saw Robb pick up its act in the Sir Frank Kitto with a 5th place

performance. Every function this year has been a success and I pleased to say that the JCR did not lose money on any single event. This is a huge achievement, special thanks must go to all those on committees and to the many Robbers who went out and had a go to make these events what they were, fantastic.

The spirit this year has been amazing. We were blessed to have great bunch of freshers and a strong base of returning students. My thanks must go to the JCR this year - you guys have handled everything put to you and it was a privilege to have such a great team.

A big thanks must go to my vice president Pat McCosker who without him I am sure I would have been committed to some form of therapy. Congratulations to the Fellow team lead by Jane and Shelly. I believe your team did a fantastic job. It has been a real partnership this year.

Robb College is set I believe for a even bigger and better year next with Hannes and Matt leading the JCR and Nikki at the helm of the Fellows team. Robb is sitting pretty for 2005. Thank you all for an amazing year.



2004 JCR President George Hoddle and 2005 JCR President Hannes Monaghan

Robb College Women's Sporting Association Report

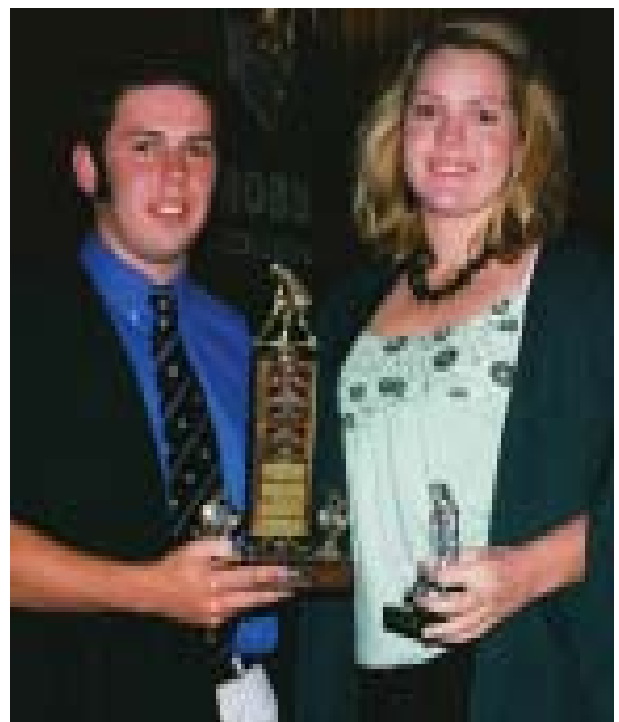
What an amazing year 2004 has been for women's sport and the Robb College Women's Sporting Association. Strengthening our relationship with St Albert's College, 2004 saw the commencement of the fresher netball match. With a strong showing and tremendous support the young team was unable to dominate the point score.

Starting strong, our six women's netball teams began the season with six impressive wins, setting the stage for the domination of the UNE netball competition by Robb College in 2004. With impressive skills and dedication shown by all team members the netball teams will be the envy of all UNE colleges for next netball season.

Impressively, Robb managed four minor premierships setting the stage for an outstanding four Major Premierships. A-Res-1 subjugated all teams to a flogging remaining undefeated Major and Minor Premiers for 2004. Success continued as A-Res-2, B1 and Social managed Major Premierships. As Minor Premiers A grade failed to convert finishing as runners up. B2 were not to be out of the achievement, making finals day but unfortunately losing an exceptional game that won the hearts of all watching.

Success for the Association did not stop at netball; basketball teams joined the fun winning the B grade women's competition. Providing fun for all the women of Robb College the two basketball teams had a spectacular season.

Tiffany Bensch, R.C.W.S.A. President



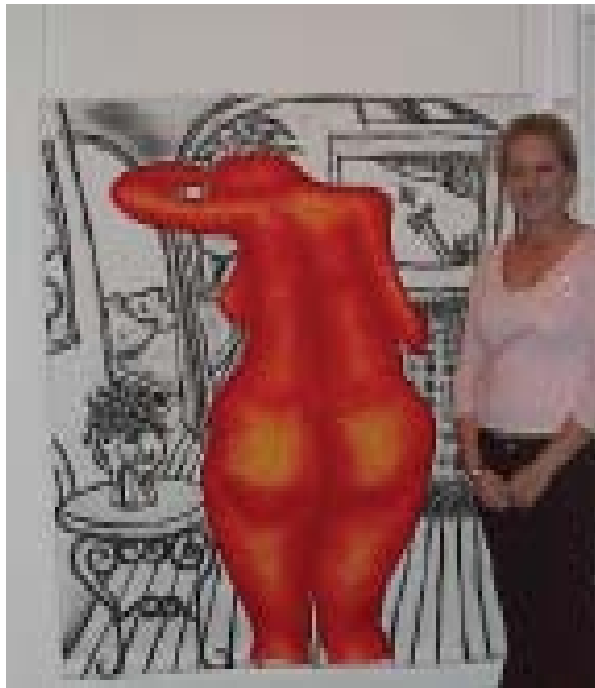
Partrick McCosker, JCR Vice-President with Teresa Worthing who was awarded the Valedicts Trophy for the best first year contribution to Robb Sports.



Eve Woodberry, SCR Vice President and Robb College Runners Trophy recipient Hamish McKinnon



Fiona Moffitt with her entry in the Parent/Student Weekend Art Show



Cloe Davis the recipient of the Max Webster Art Prize



Olympic Gold Medalist in trap shooting Robb Alumnist Suzanne Balogh



North Court Garden Award with Charlie Hollingworth and Hannes Monaghan

Justin Andrews	Suzannah Gardner	Heidi Rodgers
Luke Bell	Alexandra Gilbert	Trudi Rodgers
Richard Blackburn	Louise Hamilton	Fiona Smith
Rebecca Bruce	Chris Hodges	Bridget Turner
Suzannah Cayzer	Penny McArthur	Kristie Wells
Damien Crump	Jodie Nicolson	Kate Whiteley
Karen Dean	Scott Perkins	Catherine Young
Cam Dunnet	Shelley Reid	

Priscilla Hall



Priscilla Hall was tragically killed in a plane accident at Lake Lido, south of Jakarta on June 20th, 2004

Having lived the last two years of her life in Jakarta, Priscilla's lifelong affinity for people extended into a great interest in assisting disadvantaged children

In light of this, Priscilla's family and friends have established the Priscilla Hall Memorial Foundation, a non-profit, charitable foundation that aims to help underprivileged children of Indonesia.

The Mission of the Foundation is:

"To provide direct and on-going assistance to Indonesian children in need, with a focus on meeting their basic nutritional, shelter and educational requirements."

The Foundation will initially identify and support one or more orphanages by assisting with basic daily needs, and supporting the attendance of underprivileged children at selected elementary schools through subsidising school fees, and providing books and other supplies.

Your contributions both now and in the future will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact us at priscillahallfdn@cbn.net.id if you require any further information. Notice of transfers should also be emailed to this address.

Alumni News

McDonald, Marty (JCR vice pres 1992) and his wife Bec have had their first baby, Hamish.

Sproats, Sam (1994) and his wife Melissa are expecting their second baby any day soon.

Maclachlan, Callum (1990/91) recently married Skye Maple-Brown in Goulburn and honeymooned in Africa.

Thompson, Brooke (1993) recently announced her engagement.

Cooper-Fogarty, Byron and Courtenay. Both have live in London for the past 3.5 years and are expecting their first child. Byron works in the Financial Markets.

Cowley (nee Crago), Jen and Steve. Jen and Steve have 2 children, Alex and Max. Jen has owned her own retail business for 11 years and has just jumped ship! Steve has been a news photographer and is about to go back into Rural Banking.

Macrae, James and Melissa. James works at Landmark in Rockhampton as a Broadacre agronomist and was married on 24/07/04.

Brooker (nee Kerr), Katrina. Recently married Jim Brooker and living in Harden and teaching at Young Public School

North, Jocelyn. Just announced my engagement to James Daly who lives near Young. The wedding day is set for 13/11/04

Pursehouse, Vanessa. Just announced my engagement to Lachlan Gibson also an ex Robber who was on the JCR.

Beveridge (nee Birch), Keeleigh. Married on 17/08/02 to Callan Beveridge and had baby Oscar William on 05/07/04 who was born at Goondiwindi. We are broadacre farming on our property between Gundy and Moree

Ellyard, David George. A Robber during 1960-1962. Mr Ellyard has enjoyed a varied career in and around science and technology, as a researcher, teacher, radio and TV broadcaster,

writer and Government policy officer, Highlights include helping establish Quantum on ABCTV and 20 years as a weekend weatherman. He spent a year as a physicist in Antarctica in 1966 and later served four years as a Convocation Representative on the UNE Board of Governors. He is married with three adult children active in law, music and engineering.

Green, Daryl. I have a daughter (Briony) attending UNE and living at Robb – she is doing Primary Education. I live in Dubbo with my wife Sue and three daughters and have just been appointed as the General Manager of the Western Catchment Management Authority. I have concentrated my career in the area of Rangeland Management and have had the great opportunity to work on several National Rangeland Committees representing NSW.

Meakin, Bruce. A Robber in 1961-1965 and is now retired.

McConville, Andrew has established a public relations and communications consultancy, andrewmac. email: andrew@andrewmacpr.com.au

Sherlock, Pete and Kent, Pete have started up an air charter touring business, Big Blue Air Touring. The business is listed with six of the largest tour operators in Europe and on the Australia.com website and filmed for a segment on Channel 9's Getaway show.
Website: www.bigblueairtouring.com

A note from James Dickson, President, Robb Alumni Association

I have retired as a representative rugby referee after completing my 100th First Grade game in Sydney and I announced my engagement to Patricia Kauter (2002).

Regards,

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The cladding on the walls around the inside of North Court has been completed and is a vast improvement. However, we have had to slow down on our fundraising both for East Court and for the remainder of the cladding and other deferred major maintenance jobs. The reason for this was that the University has undertaken a major review of the college system and has been looking at many options, including using outside developers to build (or rebuild) individual colleges and manage them for the University. Some of the metropolitan universities have adopted this option. This option seems unlikely to me because the cost to students would be much higher than our present residential fees and would seriously erode student numbers.

The University's Building and Grounds Committee has recently undertaken an inspection and survey of the whole college infrastructure, including Robb and we are hopeful that their report will be available soon. This will become part of a formal review of the whole college system. In view of the uncertainties regarding the future shape of the college system, we placed the fund raising for East Court and the major maintenance "on hold" until there is a definite strategy available to which the Foundation Directors will then be able to respond.

Michael Maas has now been appointed the Residential System Manager (as well as retaining his position as Master of Robb) including the management of its physical, financial and human resources. This position also involves the development of the residential system's strategic, business and operational plans and budgets. Not only does his responsibilities include all the colleges, but also UNE Conference Company and the UNE functional relationship with St. Albert's College. This will mean a lot more work for Michael but the up side is that he is now in a position to influence directly major decisions affecting the whole college system, including Robb. Earlier in the year he went on a study tour

of some American universities and attended a conference dealing with university residences. A striking outcome of this tour is that many of the American universities appear to be moving in the direction of developing residential systems very similar the one we already have at UNE.

Sally Strelitz was appointed to the position of Foundation Development Officer on a casual basis earlier in the year. Her first job was to get the College database of contact details of past students etc. into shape. It had about 6,000 names on it with many entries out of date and many duplications. She did a superb job and we now have an operational database that can be kept up to date with a minimum of effort. Sally was also able to get some improvements made to the Robb Potentiality site and so if you are not registered on it, I strongly urge you to do so. It will help you to renew and maintain contact with all sorts of former Robbers.

Despite all the uncertainties for Robb and the College system, the College has had an excellent year under the leadership of Michael and George Hoddle and looks like being full again for 2005. We look forward to these uncertainties being resolved in the new year so that the Foundation will be able to see its way clear to meet its responsibilities "to assist the Master of Robb Collegeto preserve, develop and maintain the standards, position and facilities of the College...". I hope I will be able to make a more positive report on plans and achievements in the next Robb Roundup in 2005.

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Rebecca's commitment to agriculture and sustainable rural communities began on her family's mixed grazing property at Coolah in Central Western NSW.

Rebecca is currently the National Brand Manager for the Australian Agricultural Company's "1824" branded beef and the NSW Rural Women of the Year.

After completing a B. Rural Science degree at UNE, Armidale, and a M.Sc degree in Business Management in

the Agriculture and Food Industries (UK), she spent three years working in the Canadian, American and Zimbabwean beef industries. On returning to Australia, she became the first female Beef Cattle Officer to be appointed to NSW Agriculture.

Since then she has also taken an active role in initiating Women's Farm Walk and Discussion groups in a number of regions to provide networking and educational opportunities for women working in agriculture.

More Photos?

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