



ROBB ROUNDUP

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"Sift the Photos"



L to R Back Row: "JB" Jeff Bennett, Dave Cameron, Bob Wynn, Mick Tickle, "Rufus" Gary Roughley
L to R Front Row: "Tubby" Rod Davidson, "Hooky" Ian Hooke, "Bees" Brian Beesley

Sorry for the ramble but you prompted me to "sift the Photos" and the thoughts just followed.....

My daughter has just finished 2nd year at UNE - I could not convince her to go to Robb!! But I have spent considerable time travelling the road from Gloucester to Armidale and hence then to Page - (shame.....shame..... shame on me I know!!)

I was at Robb from 73 to 78 - six of the BEST years of my life ... I was also a Tutor for 12 months. During those years I lived on every floor of every Court.

And now for a walk down memory lane.....The above photo was taken at one of the Sunday "Keg" BBQ's in the old Robb Amphi-theatre. The picture Date is 1973. The photo was taken by "Tiny" Anderson of Anderson Photographics who used to invite himself to all UNE functions and take snaps The BBQ's were held about once per term (4 terms) and were an opportunity to have a social mix with the entire college. At least that was the idea. In reality, they were a pre-cursor to a trip to the "Wicklow" ... the Robb pub for the balance of the day. The starting time of 12 noon was to allow some sleep from the previous night at the same venue.

The master at the time was Mick Sinclair Wilson.

The college was FULL and had just taken one of the largest intakes of first year students from memory I7!!!

I think the balance of the "boys" were Economics or Agricultural Ecos.
· Jeff was at last accounts in Canberra in Finance.
· Rufus is in Bourke managing a large Citrus Farm
· Hooky at last accounts had an electronics business in Sydney
· Bees (that's me) taught for 13 years and now owns a furniture retail store in Taree NSW.

And while I am at it here are some other fond memories.....

Mary White was the "College of choice" to visit for exchange Formal dinners. We had official visits .. 1 per year. The Entire College would "transfer" Formal dinner to the other location. What a go that was!! If you came in late to Formal dinner at Robb (held each Wed complete with Academic Gown) you had to walk toward "high table" stand and wait until "Mick" (College Master) stood acknowledged you and then you had to bow and be dismissed to join the tables for dinner.

You always left your door unlocked. and in most cases open during

the day. Nothing much was ever stolen even the doors to the Courts were not locked. How things have changed.....security doors and pass keys !!!

Terf was the operative word. Terfing was to re-arrange someones room. Sometimes with no skill just make a mess ... BUT ... the best Terfs were often done by completely superimposing two rooms - often neighboring and sometimes between court - move every item from 1 room to the exact location in the 2nd or the next similar. ... clothes ... books even the door. With skill and enough hands this could be done in minutes whilst someone was at dinner ... or better whilst at the "Wick" and then wait to see the reaction when they came home.

I have even seen a "terf" done between Robb and Mary White where an entire room was "moved" to the opposite college.

"Fronting" was the sport of visiting a member of the opposite sex ... perhaps on a romantic encounter ... again mystique was rife amongst those who were "fronting" and those who used to like to give the impression they were!

I have seen (have pictures) of hail so heavy that we all took our dining trays out and used them as toboggans from West Court to Dumaresque Creek.

There were 2 pick-up points to give people lifts by car. One was where the Bus stop now is on the North side of Elm Ave. where the road to the colleges intersect. This was to get a lift to the top of the UNE and the other was on the opposite side and this was to get a lift to town. The return pick-up point was outside the Mung Hing Chinese. You NEVER drove past these points without offering to give a lift to whoever was standing there ... known or unknown!

During the mid-70's we had "Save the College" meetings to try and arrest the drift to living out of College. Much angst over the longevity of the Collegiate system. West Court was "closed" then turned to "Marrieds"

The first few years of "my Robb" were all male then we became Co-ed in South Court. Separate male and female floors to start ... then showers etc. (that lasted about 2 days) but the place was hardly geared up for co-occupancy ... never the less .. it worked.

The Dining Hall ah the beauty of the place the tables and chairs have been abused by generations of Robb. They were the final job of a craftsman ... details I have forgotten but would be worth asking some one like "PP" Phil Hetherington who I suspect would know the tale.

"Cabs" Cabarets were held by every college and were in a "season" where we all invited our "respectives" from other colleges. Prices well I can remember \$15 all inclusive.

Balls .. again in "season" much grander and I think my last was \$50 all inclusive multiple 18G Kegs spiritswine food ... and of course .. Chicken and Champagne breakfast on the lawns as recovery. Balls were done to themes Hell what a mess that hall got into. Today's society would not tolerate the antics that happened !!! ... enough said ... but it was fun at the time.

I look back on my time at Robb with many feelings but overall with an undeniable sense of privilege. Privilege for the ability to go to Uni at all and especially UNE and it's unique Collegiate environment. A sense of humbleness because University Education seemed to be more affordable with Teachers College Scholarships and "Whitlam Government" assistance.

Awe .. in that we really got up to serious mischief seemed to mostly survive and burnt a lot of youthful exuberance in a way unthinkable now.

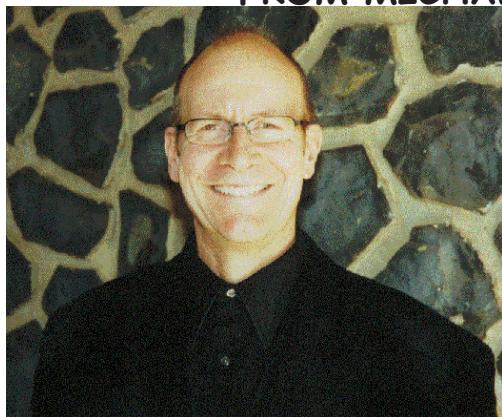
I have only kept in contact with a handful of "UNE/Robb Mates" but eagerly watch for someone to be famous who I know.

Did I tell you about the "Keg Kickers" social football motto "erom ssp" ... a "nine" at each end and played with tankards in hand ... ah but that's another story.

Regards

Bees

FROM MICHAEL MAAS, MASTER



Michael

Hi to all who are reading another great edition of Roundup.

Nearly all colleges at UNE at the start of this year had vacancies, which reflect the trends in the tertiary education sector.

Robb College was no different. Our mix of students at Robb this year are:

57% or 112 resident students are female and
43% or 85 resident students are male.
Of those, 105 are returning students and
92 are “freshers”.

In terms of academic success, our results for 2005 first semester examinations for internal students were:

students awarded greater than a 50% pass
average 87.0%
students awarded a credit average or above
28.8%

Our results for 2005 second semester examinations for internal students were:

students awarded greater than a 50% pass
average 90.7%
students awarded a credit average or above
32.4%
That represents nearly 1 in 3 students achieving
a credit average or above.

During 2006 we have strengthened our academic support to College members through the appointment of Academic Assistants. Academic Assistants work as a *team* to enhance

the generic academic skills of students and *individually* to provide discipline-specific support. In addition, Academic Assistants participate fully in the life of the College, supporting Resident Fellows, senior students and elected bodies in their roles.

From time to time, Academic Assistants may be required to assist in some administrative tasks or to take responsibility for a floor in the absence of the Resident Fellow. Academic Assistant appointments will represent the broad spectrum of academic areas studied by residents of the College. Not all academic areas can be catered for; therefore, an academic support team will be appointed which is appropriate to best meet the student needs in the particular semester or academic year. The position of Academic Assistant is an excellent first step to any student wanting to take on the role of Resident Fellow.

Financially, the College is suffering with increasing costs, particularly catering, together with lower student numbers.

There are students leaving at the end of this semester believing it is significantly cheaper to live in town. For the benefit of all students I completed a review of costs associated with three people sharing a three bedroom home, together with the associated utilities and food costs. The comparison shows a favourable cost differential for living in College. But as we all know, people live differently – meaning, a person can live as mean or as extravagant as they wish. The point I wish to stress to students is the reason for living at Robb should be beyond a reasonable cost.

Interestingly, some of the students spoken to were surprised to hear me say that the College should be run so that it makes a profit. It is like running a business or family on a budget where we need to save today in order to continue to invest in our future.

I would like to advise that the Residential System Working Party (RSWP) recommendations have been accepted by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Alan Pettigrew, with some caveats attached. The important issue to note was the strong support by the VC for the residences. There are a number of projects that need to be completed as recommended by the RSWP – and it is only after one we can then progress to the next stage.

In addition, the residences Strategic Plan must reflect the Strategic Plan of UNE, which is currently under review.

As Master of Robb College I appreciate the continued support of our Alumni and Foundation and I am looking forward to a very positive future for Robb College.

Michael Maas
Master

Rural Focus Dinner Update

Mr Tom Keene (ex Robb), Managing Director, GrainCorp, will be our guest speaker on the 12 September 2006



Jan

This issue is full of alumni news thanks to Sarah Reynolds, Alumni President. Keep it coming folks!!!

Now for Robb news. Robb is not only busy during the residential year but as well host conferences and camps during term breaks.

To mention a few, and in the spirit of 2006 and soccer, Robb College has been the traditional host during term breaks of NSW soccer clinics since 1981. During the first break

the year was also home to the NNSW Soccer Federation State Selection Camp even getting a mention in the press for the great accommodation and food.

Robb also had a visit from the Hunter School of Performing Arts (117 gifted young musicians from years 11 and 12) who concluded a whirlwind east coast tour with a stay for a taste of college life and who also raved about the accommodation and food! Admittedly they had been staying for the past week in dorms and eating sandwiches every day. However, not bad, two raves in the press.

During May 29 - 21 parents descended on college again for the

annual Parent/Student Weekend with Art Exhibition, Rugby, Ball and Brunch. Always a great time for the students and their parents. The Art exhibition was held back in Robb again this year in the upstairs large JCR. It was great having it back on the college grounds which always seem to make it more personal somehow.

The three large trees at the front of the college had to come down this year with some new landscaping in place (see the before picture below). The after pictures will come in the spring when everything begins to grow. We are also hoping to attach the Robb crest on the front of the building which together with the new landscaping should give the great bones of the college better visibility.



2005/06 Scholarship and Award Win-

Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Memorial Scholarship
Sky Gabb

Fellows Scholarship
Fiona Fishpool

Tattersall's Hotel Scholarship
Tom Marriott

Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship
Emily Ford

Resident Fellows' Award
Michelle Thurgood

Robb College Rugby Scholarship
Patrick Williams

Robb College Women's Sporting Association Scholarship
Kerin Worthing

Faculty Scholarships
Mathew Cramp
Ashley Strom

Country Scholarships
Alison Smith
Georgina Sutherland
Rebecca Zaffino

Sports UNE Scholarships
Andrew Glover
Warren Gomez
Kylie Hughes

Sheep CRC Scholarship
Fiona Fishpool

From Sky Gabb, Scholarship Recipient

As a recipient of the Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Memorial Scholarship I am honoured to be the first scholar to reside in Robb College. The college has surpassed my expectations and I am thoroughly enjoying living a busy collegiate life.

The financial assistance that the scholarship provides is wonderful. However, of most importance to me is the honour of being awarded a scholarship that remembers such a distinguished man. Charles Hawker was a respected scholar, soldier, pastoralist and statesman. Harold Holt once stated that 'Charles Hawker was the most inspiring man I had ever known' as he was a man of immense courage and dignity who gained the trust of his peers and the public. Charles Hawker was a 'truly great Australian' and I am honoured to have received a scholarship in his memory. Tragically he died in an aircraft accident in 1938 and his sister Lilius Needham later established a scholarship in his remembrance. Since 1991 the Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Memorial Trust Fund has awarded more than two million dollars to 50 young Australians from every sector of Australian society.

The selection for the scholarship was largely based on an interview conducted in Adelaide where I spoke to the trustees about my aspirations and interest in financially and environmentally sustainable agriculture.

I encourage other students to apply for the Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Memorial Scholarship or other such scholarships as it is important to remember that there are scholarships whose selection criteria are not based on excellence in one specific area such as academia.



Sky with her Art Exhibit at the Parents/Student Weekend

From Judith Burns, President, Senior Common Room



Judith

probably the way in which we SCR members best get to know the students and, given that we tend to join the SCR because we enjoy the company of students in general, and Robbers in particular, we find that we receive as much from our involvement with the scheme as the first year students do. The college has been blessed with a delightful cohort of freshers this year. Those SCR members who have been able to participate in the Link Scheme have been enjoying a variety of activities with their link groups, including barbecues and dinners at home, lawn bowls and ten-pin bowling. Effective co-ordination of the scheme has been made possible by the involvement of a Resident Fellow and a JCR member attached to each group. Their work in maintaining communication channels is very much appreciated.

The SCR, as always, is keen to contribute whenever possible to make life in college as enjoyable as possible. After helping with the introduction of Ausstar last year, we are now looking at providing financial support for another JCR initiative: the purchase of new equipment for the music room.

The SCR is going from strength to strength. We have recently welcomed two new members, Adrian Robinson and Vernon Crew, and there are at least four other people considering membership. Interest in the SCR is a reflection of the strength of the college as a whole. We continue to be proud of the achievements and the conduct of Robb residents, and of the contribution they make to the life of the University and to the community as a whole.

In concluding my report, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of those who lead the college on a day-to-day basis: Stuart Moncrieff and the Resident Fellow and Academic Assistant teams, George Wragge and the JCR and, of course, Michael, Jan and Barbara. This talented and hard-working team, with the support of the whole Robb community, make Robb College the star of the UNE residential system



Stuart

Semester 1 of 2006 has been a hectic yet rewarding start for Robb College. Once again we have been able to attract a fantastic bunch of freshers that have really adapted to the Robb College way of life. The success achieved by the college can be attributed to the collaboration between the residents, the JCR committee and the Resident Fellow team.

Also, at the start of the year saw the Resident Fellow team undergoing a gruelling fortnight of training. The training has proven useful in the areas of conflict resolution, dealing with homesickness and minor emergencies. The residents and parents should know that the training assists the Resident Fellows to develop skills that are important for maintaining a safe college environment.

A great bond has been formed between the JCR committee and the Resident Fellows this year, improving the general day to day running of the college. The bond was initiated during the retreat to Coffs Harbour in early February. Coffs created a great location for close friendships to form and a place for a yarn and a beer or two.

The Resident Fellows have done a fantastic job not only assisting the first year transition to university but maintaining a commitment to JCR functions and weekend sports. The Resident Fellow team of; Tess Worthing, Hayley Walter, Michelle Thurgood, Zyra Familiar, Catherine McConochie, Cary Gardener and Tom Capel have improved the college spirit and maintained a living environment that is both supportive of academic studies and social activities. I have enjoyed the roll of Senior Resident Fellow this semester, which has been helped by the support of the Fellows, JCR and College Staff. I am looking forward to positive academic results for semester 1 and an even better semester 2.

JCR President's Report

2006 started off, like all years, at a frenetic pace with the arrival of first years and the commencement of Orientation Week. The week's festivities were fully enjoyed by an enthusiastic bunch of first years with all reports of a positive nature. This year sees the ratio of 112 female to 85 males, with 92 first years.

The type of affiliation had to be slightly altered due to a record number of applicants seeking affiliation, and still being apart of what Robb has to offer as the premier residential college at UNE.

Unfortunately our first years were unable to turn around the recent years lack of form in both the Rugby and Netball fresher matches, with two narrow defeats. For the men we look forward to a strong and competitive footy season, in a new look competition with the addition of Scone. The women will again be looking to defend their netball premierships as they stamp their authority on the competition.

Participation in MB and PT has been pleasing, the women continue to go from strength to strength by leading the MB points table with the men putting in some

The 2006 season kicked off fairly early for Robb's representative players straight into training as the term commenced and trials in February against Newcastle-Hunter and Central North.

Quite a number of the boys went on to be selected for the representative season with Simon Maloney, Ron Hobden, Kelvin Rushworth, Ryan Francis, Andrew Glover, Jack Sharpe, Sam Mensah, James Jackson, Pat Williams and Luke McWhirter playing for the under twenties. The boys managed to win one game and lose one game so overall it was a tight competition.

Two boys, Andrew Glover and Ron Hobden, were selected for country U20's so congratulations to them.

Hugh Palmer, Sam Gall, Sinclair Steele, Andrew Campbell, Hannes Monaghan and Charles Hufton were all selected to represent New England in the open competition.

Game one saw them go down to Western Plains in Bourke, in game two they beat Far North Coast at home and game three saw them defeat Mid North Coast in Kempsey. Unfortunately Wester Plains went through undefeated leaving New England as runners up.

Robb's 2006 pre season started with a

solid performance to be just off the pace.

SFK results have been a bit slow to get off the ground, but the vibe about upcoming events is good especially towards going one better in the musical production and winning it this year.

The social scene at college was kicked off well by South Court cocktails, a chilly night greeted all which I am sure the lads can attest to. Beach Day proved to be a profitable day for the rugby club with only a few scratches and the odd concussion being suffered. Formal dinners have been well attended by students and SCR alike. We continue to look forward to upcoming dinners and functions such as North Court luncheon, Parent and Student weekend as well as the much anticipated Robb Ball.

Academic results continue to improve even with the hectic social schedule, credit must be given to Stuart Moncrieff and his dedicated team of Resident Fellows for their consistent work and support in and around college together

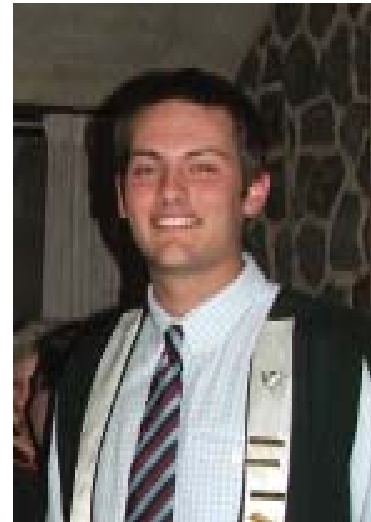
bang as we won the B grade final at the Tamworth tens and the C grade final at the Armidale knock out demonstrating the depth of the club as our rep players were unavailable.

The season proper saw us play Armidale at the end of the holidays. Many boys had to travel long distances and cut their vacations early but it was worth it as the team demolished them 41-6. Next we travelled down to Scone to play the new additions to the comp. They were very strong up front but our forwards matched them allowing our outside back to get round the defence to put 22 points on their 0.

We then moved from one solid forward pack to another when we played Glen Guyra at home. Second grade started the day off well by thrashing them 50-0. It was a different story in first grade as we were forced to grind out a 44-22 win.

Next was parent's weekend with the top of the table clash. Unfortunately we went down in all three grades with firsts being defeated 23-5.

We then had an ego boosting win over the UNE Barbarians 67-5, followed by another routing of Armidale 71-8. Scone troubled us in the wet but the



George Wragge

with the newly appointed Academic Assistants.

I look forward to the rest of 2006 to continue in the fashion it has started, and make it a truly memorable year for all Robbers. I must thank all my JCR team for their continued support in making my job as easy as possible.

forwards showed tremendous courage and spirit as we held them off our line for ten minutes to hold onto a 19-13 win.

As we come up on the mid season break we are set to overtake St Alberts and to continue our very impressive form.

2006 will be a big year for Robb Rugby and I hope to see your support as some of the games.

Up the stropers!!!



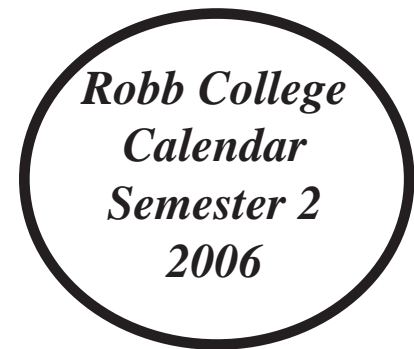
Andrew Campbell
Robb Rugby's Roving Reporter.

**Robb College Fellows &
College Club 2006**

Senior Resident Fellow - Stuart Moncrieff
Resident Fellow - Tom Capel
Resident Fellow - Zyra Familiar
Resident Fellow - Cary Gardiner
Resident Fellow - Catherine McConochie
Resident Fellow - Michelle Thurgood
Resident Fellow - Hayley Walter
Resident Fellow - Tess Worthing

JCR President - George Wragge
Vice - President - Andrew Campbell
West Court President - Lachlan Bassett
South Court President - Tom Marriott
North Court President - Chris Hardie

Secretary/Social - Alexandra Hall
Treasurer - Hugh Palmer
Traditions/Dining Hall - Richmond Steele
Project Officer - Belinda McLeish
Cultural Officer - Gemma Jordan
Marketing Officer - Andrew Glover
Sports Officer MB - Jessie Wythes
Sports Officer PT - Daniel Ham
SFK Officer - Simon Moloney
First Year Representative - William Brennan
First Year Representative - Philippa Friend
Affiliate Representative - Sinclair Steele



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| 8 August | Vice Chancellor's/
Faculty Dinner |
| 12 August
13 August | Robb College Ball
Recovery |
| 24 August | Debating and
Inter-Court/ Public
Speaking Final
Buffet |
| 12 September | Robb College Rural
Focus Dinner |
| 17 October | Valedictory and
President's
Changeover Dinner |
| 31 October | Sports Awards
Buffet |

Robb College Women's Sporting Association Report



Tess Worthing, President

Robb Women have been maintaining our strong sporting reputation during 2006. We once again have seven

netball teams, where Robb is represented in every grade. The girls will be aiming to maintain our exceptional results from 2005.

Robb women have also been represented strongly in the UNE hockey team in the town competition, with several other women competing in mixed teams in the town competition.

Basketball has shown a strong following with the two Robb teams off to a fantastic start against other colleges.

Twilight soccer has once again shown Robb women to be a formidable team, gaining excellent results in this competition.

Robb has fielded a strong waterpolo team, which has been competing in the town competition with pleasing results.

Robb Women's sport has begun this year enthusiastically, with a great deal of girls showing strong commitment to all sports with fantastic results.

Freshers for 2006 have added to the sporting talent at Robb, we are expecting a great deal of University Games representatives from Robb in hockey, women's and mixed netball, soccer and waterpolo.

I am looking forward to all women getting involved in sport throughout Robb, whether it be competitive, for a bit of fun, supporting your mates or helping out on committees.

Congratulations to all women who have been involved in sport so far for 2006, with these efforts and results we will continue to uphold our reputation as the premier sporting college.



Max Webster Art Prize recipient Simone Shannessy with her Mother Betty Shannessy



Ryan Anderson with his



Gemma Wilkinson and her exhibits



Parents and Students enjoying the Art Exhibition

Romance in the Stone found in the front stone wall at Robb College

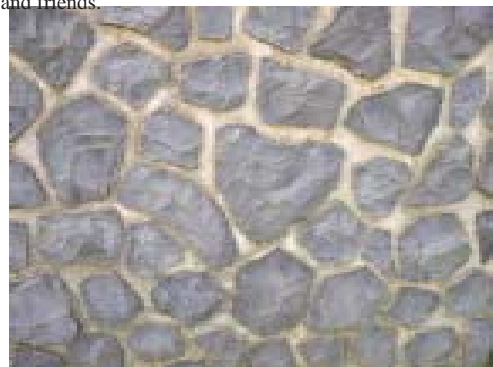
Set into the front wall of Robb College is a heart of stone. The heart stone with a moon on the left has a wonderful history - that of a gentle, tall young man by the name of Peter Battersby who fell in love with a petite brown-eyed blonde by the name of Barbara Moon.

The romance blossomed when Peter was asked to come along to an annual Armidale ball in 1961 to make up a group of boys who were hopeful of partnering the girls that had also decided to attend. After dancing with Barbara most of the night Peter was smitten, she agreed to let him escort her home and from that time the romance was on.

Peter was employed with Rob & Brown Construction to build the stone walls at Robb College. While at work Peter used his spare time - during lunch and while waiting for Barbara to pick him up, to shape stones. When the wall was completed, Peter took Barbara to see the special stones that he had carved and placed in the wall, saying "My heart for you, so you will know it is in stone for as long as this wall stands and for as long as we live". Barbara and Peter married in 1963.

Tragically, 10 years later, Peter drowned while holidaying with his family of three daughters. He had taken the two eldest girls swimming when a 10 year old child playing in the shallows became caught in a rip. Peter, without thought to any danger, went in to help. On reaching the child, Peter held him up waiting for backup from another swimmer who took the boy into the beach to safety. Sadly Peter was unable to follow and his body was found three days later.

The "Heart and the Moon" remains in the wall still, a wonderful reminder of a young man whose love and bravery is remembered always by his family and friends.



The heart and moon in stone

Alumni News

From Sarah Reynolds, Alumni President



Sarah

Matt Sanson and Caitlin Cameron (both ex Robb students) announced their engagement on 21 June 2005. They both reside in Gunnedah where Matt has taken over a partnership in a financial planning/accounting firm, whilst Caitlin is working for Gunnedah Shire Council as the Senior Town Planner.

Chris Reynolds (brother of Sarah Reynolds, Alumni President). He and his wife, Jessica, moved to Chicago in October 2003 following an opportunity to join the largest fertilizer company in the world, PotashCorp. They recently returned from a trip to Zimbabwe to visit Jeccica's sister, Erin, who is managing an orphanage near Bulawayo. A great experience and a beautiful country, but very sad meeting so many children suffering from HIV. They enjoy the US and would love to hear from any other Robbers that are in the US - contact details below:

Chris Reynolds
Manager, International fertilizer Sales
PCS Sales (USA), Inc
email: cpreynolds@potascorp.com

Sam and Caroline Coupland have moved to Melbourne where Sam is opening the Melbourne office of FMRC Legal. He would love to hear from any ex Robbers his contact details are 0402 024 120 or samcoupland@fmrcllegal.com

Andrew McConville has started his own media/communication/PR support business and is open to referrals. He found that starting his own business from scratch was a challenging and exciting exercise.

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Tiffany O'Hara (98-01) is the Assistant Head of an English Immersion Program in Bangkok, Thailand. As the program is growing they are always looking for new teachers and graduates are very welcome to apply. Tiffany can be contacted at tiffhara@hotmail.com

Elaine Margaret Gray (79) appreciates receiving Robb Roundup and reads it from cover to cover.

Brendan (94-95 and Victoria Murray (96-97 nee Larkin) have just had their third child, Hugh - new brother for Claire (5) and Phillipa (2). Brendan is working for agribusiness accounting firm Bentleys in Brisbane.

Donald Bewley, Professor Emeritus, Massey University, NZ was a Foundation Fellow and the first Senior (and Married) Resident Fellow when Robb came into being in 1960 - Ben Meredith was the Master. Don muses that since his daughter, Helen, was conceived at Robb College and spent her first few months at Robb could she be called a Robber? He was wondering if anyone had any news of Sam Faleye and Phillip Kio, both Nigerian, who used to babysit baby Helen.

Bruce (94-97) and Georgie Campbell (93-96 nee Muggelton) are living at the Sunshine coast and enjoying life in Australia after living in London and Scotland for six years. Annabelle Primrose Campbell was born 23rd June 2005 and christened 12th March 2006 and one of the Godfathers is Trent Humphreys (94-97).

Fearn Cholerton (01-03) Bachelor of Agribusiness. Since university Fearn has; 2004 Travelled around East and West Europe, Turkey and Africa, 2005 Worked as a Project Manager for Bovis Lend Lease in Sydney, 2006 Currently working as an agribusiness analyst with NAB.

David Wachira. Thanks so much for the information, more so the update. This is the first time I am being linked to what is happening in and around my very cherished Robb College in which I lived in for the whole of 1977 after which my wife joined me and I obviously had to look for a family accommodation. Last May 2005, my wife and I made a nostalgic visit to Robb, 27 years after we migrated back to our beloved country Kenya. The visit was such an auspicious occasion and it reminded me of those many

nights in Robb College when both young and old shared local and international experiences

Because of the fact that I live in Kenya, it may not be possible for me to physically participate in most of the Robb College activities but when and if there are issues I can be of assistance from this end, please do not hesitate to let me know. As you are aware, in this part of the world, poverty is an issue and because of the extended family set up, most of us have sometimes to support more than you can imagine.

For more than ten years I have been a Board member of various rural projects - a secondary school, health centre, rural electrification, water supply project and a community based education bursary fund - among others. My primary role in these projects is fund raising and enhancing management skills. I might be asking for assistance from you and other former residents of Robb. Recently I received an award from the Group Chairman of Barclays Bank (where I worked for a number of years) in London in appreciation of my efforts to support rural projects.

Currently I am the CEO of Consolidated Bank (a government owned bank), a position that I achieved basically because of the good up bringing in Robb College and UNE in general. However I do find time and enjoy supporting community projects.

Once again thanks for finding me and I look forward to further communication.

Doug Hayter. I am currently living in Guernsey, in the Channel Islands working as a commercial litigation lawyer with a firm by the name of AO Hall. Long story short my contact on the island was a friend (Barney) who I met through Matt Miller and Graydon Staniforth who had played Rugby with him in Sydney - he was also a lawyer in Sydney. Moral of the story - rugby pays off in many ways although after my 3rd shoulder reconstruction last August it probably balances out in the end.....

As far as the Robb connections are concerned - photos next page - Sarah Terry, Toby Moore and myself in Berlin where Sarah is currently living (Oct 05) Rob Berry and Chris Richardson came out to the island at the start of March to catch up and have a look around, I have obviously caught up with young Samuel, Rob Buckley, Prue Bell, Rich Ledingham at the Wales v Wallabies match in Cardiff at the end of last year and in London from time to time ... I have seen Sam on a number of occasions besides that. Spent Easter in Paris with Charlie Martel and am spending a weekend with Stanni and Kate (his wife) in the Lakes District at the start of June so plenty of Robb catch ups going on.

I am coaching the Guernsey touch footy side who are going to the European championships in July - what they lack in talent they make up for in effort (well not quite) but it at least gives me a replacement for Rugby which I feel I may have been forced into retirement from not willingly though Sar.

I am sure my firm would offer work experience places to former Robb students (we do summer placements) - probably paid a nominal amount - £250 (about A\$600) per week, but if someone wanted to travel after they finish a law degree it could be an option for them to get some experience - just trying to open up some possibilities for Robbians you know how it is My contact details are below (in my sign off) - email is probably best doug.hayter@aohall.com

John Warry (91). Met my Welsh wife, Catrina whilst teaching in Japan in 1997-98. Returned to Australia and spent next 5 years working with QLD Police as an Operational Officer and then as a Police Prosecutor. Moved to Wales in July 04 and am currently teaching various programs in probation Services.

IN MEMORIAM

Kathy Howard (nee Harvey). Therese Eddy, a good friend of Kathy's wrote, "Kathy greatly loved her time at Robb and of course made many great friends there - many of whom saw her soon before she died. She was a long time resident of Armidale - giving birth to two of her sons there. Howard, Kathy's husband is also a Robb alumnus.

BABIES

Greg and Chris Brown - baby boy Lachlan.
Hamilton and Tash Barber - baby boy Hamish
Ed and Aryna Turner - baby boy William
Jim and Treen Booker (nee Kerr) - baby girl Annie
Rob and Penny Hadrill - baby girl Lilly
Tim Henry and partner Aimee - baby boy Angus
Catrina Crookes (nee Munro) - baby boy Rowly
Nick Bettington and partner Liesha - baby boy Riley James
Todd and Sarah Ferguson - baby boy Fergus



Bill Godman showing his daughter Anna round Robb College



Doug Hayter and Meg and Charlie Martel in Paris



Bruce and Clare Plasto with little Tom and Mia off on the family holiday



Bruce and Georgie Campbell with baby Annabelle

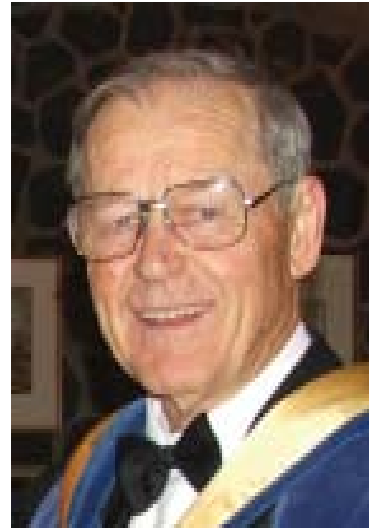


Sarah Terry, Doug Hayter and Toby Moore in UK



Bob Berry and Chris Richardson

Professor Ingrid Moses retired as Vice-Chancellor of UNE at the end of 2005 and our new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Pettigrew, did not take up his position for some weeks. In the interval, because the cat was away, the mice certainly played. There were wars and rumours of wars about the future of the College System (including Robb), but recently, Michael informed me that the report of the RSWP has been accepted by the Vice-Chancellor. This is good news indeed, because Michael put an enormous amount of work into producing the report and, if implemented, it will secure the future of the College system for the foreseeable future. The speed and the extent of the implementation is still under discussion but it is extremely encouraging that the new Vice-Chancellor has accepted the report and is aware of the importance of the College system to UNE.



Associate Professor
Wal Whalley

The best arguments to the University for the support of Robb College are 214 rooms, each with a student in them. Numbers are down a little in 2006 (right across the College system) but we have had periods in the past when Robb was the only full College. Every reader of Roundup can do their bit towards ensuring that the College is full in 2007 by spreading the word about the excellence of the “Robb Experience” as a start of professional life for young people. My son is a dentist, and he tells me that one patient with a bad experience will tell ten others about it, but one with a good experience will only tell one. Therefore, if you or members of your family have had a good experience of Robb, then please reverse this trend and tell at least ten other people about it!

A further suggestion for the Foundation is to implement a scholarship scheme for continuing students who run into financial difficulties and need assistance to remain at Robb. We have yet to work out the details but the Foundation Directors have approved the idea in principle. We will provide more information when the scheme has been thought through and launch an appeal for funds specifically for this purpose.

The Foundation has taken on board the Master’s suggestions for improving the dining hall. These will involve improving the lighting, sound system and data projection facilities etc. We have had a lighting consultant look at our requirements and are awaiting a quote. If any Roundup readers have skills in this area and would like to help, then please contact Michael or me. Hopefully, we can make some progress as the year unfolds.

I wish you all well for the rest of 2006.

R.D.B. (Wal) Whalley
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New Australian Glasshouse Venture



Clinton Buck on site at the 5ha glasshouses in Guyra NSW

Top of the Range Tomatoes is a 5ha glasshouse devoted to producing high quality truss tomatoes. The glasshouse is located in the New England region just outside the township of Guyra. The decision was made in July 2004 to build the first 5ha and construction started in December. I was employed with the company in February 2005, having completed my university degree as a Bachelor of Rural Science. I studied full time internally for 4 years, spending 3 of those years from 2001 at Robb College. I originally lived in Dubbo, completing my HSC there and moved to the New England soon after. I was originally enrolled in Bachelor of Science, but was convinced during 'O' Week by a persuasive Robb Resident Fellow to change to Rural Science for the better. The emphasis on Agriculture and plants, lead me to majoring in Horticulture and irrigation and hence being employed as a Grower Manager, utilising all the main areas of study.

As part of my employment, I was sent, along with another employee, to the Netherlands for 3 months training in an 11ha truss tomato glasshouse. The idea was to expose us to the industry, current technology and labour requirements of a glasshouse of such size; a task which could not be achieved within Australia. In May we joined the rest of the management team in Guyra to help finish construction. We transplanted the first plants into the glasshouse on the 1st June 2005 and finished construction soon after. The first tomatoes were harvested in the middle of August and the glasshouse has been producing tomatoes from the same plants consistently till now. Currently we have produced a record number of tomatoes for Australian standards per square meter and are up in the category as one of the highest truss tomato producers in the world. This has not come at a cost to quality, as our tomatoes have also been of the highest quality, consistently, in the Australian market.

I have been employed as a Grower Manager. This position involves being part of a team of managers who manage all aspects of labour management and production. The specifics involve being in control of the irrigation and setting the irrigation schedule whilst taking appropriate measurements

to make decisions. The position also puts me in charge of OH&S and Return to Work procedures, labour registration and fertilizer use and budgets. The position is very well rounded and involves many other smaller fractions to make a busy day. At Top of the Range Tomatoes, there are currently over 50 employees and countless other tradesmen on site starting the construction on phase 2 of the project, the next 5ha glasshouse. 2007 should see the beginning of phase 3, another 10ha, making it Australia's largest glasshouse production facility.

My 4 years at the University of New England and Robb College were invaluable for achieving the level I have so far. The networks and friends I made have made working and living in the New England much more rewarding and easier. I look forward to living and working in the area for the next few years and hope to continue to expand the glasshouse and add to the wider community.

If anyone would like any information regarding the degree, or my position now, please feel free to contact me on the contact details below.

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