

**Anne Green (BARWICK: 68-72)**  
BSc (Melb) PhD (Syd)



Women's College alumna, astrophysicist Associate Professor Anne Green was appointed the first female head of the School of Physics at Sydney University in February 2007. A member of the teaching and research staff and Director of the Molonglo Observatory for the past decade, Anne was the first female PhD student to be enrolled in the Physics Department, originally working with Professor Bernard Mills. Anne is an active member of an international team which is planning to build the next generation radio telescope known as the Square Kilometre Array (SKA). She chairs a working group of the IAU General Assembly at Prague in 2006, which voted to classify Pluto as a dwarf planet. Anne's research centres on the ecology and structure of the Milky Way. She produced the most detailed panoramic low-frequency radio maps of the Galactic spiral structure that exist and discovered more than a quarter of the known relics of exploded stars, known as supernova remnants. In these remnants a new class of masers (microwave lasers in space) were found. She is a member of the early discovery team as well as a member of the team that discovered a new outer spiral arm. Anne now leads a group looking for new sites of massive star formation, which play a major role in determining the evolution of a galaxy. As Head of School, Anne has also scored another first with her appointment as Director of the Science Foundation for Physics, founded in 1954 by Professor Harry Messel. Recently at College for a luncheon with fellow former students, Anne spoke fondly of her time at College as tutor under Miss Langley, and on the remarkable twists and bends of her career since that time.

**Robin Fitzsimons MB BS BSc (Med) PhD FRACP (68-72)**



Robin Fitzsimons has been the University Senate appointee on Women's College Council since 1999, having first been elected to Senate in 1997. After graduating in medicine, Robin became a 'junior resident' within the Professional Unit at Sydney Hospital. She completed neurology training in Sydney and a PhD in Sydney University's Department of Medicine, before being awarded a Copleston Travelling Fellowship to the Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge. She later worked for the UK Medical Research Council as a Visiting Senior Scientist at The Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, London. Her research has focused on muscle pathology and biochemistry in relation to muscular dystrophies. She collaborated with Professor Alan Bird of Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, in a study which established a general relationship between retinal blood vessel abnormalities and facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy. This is leading to more basic research, and also screening for symptomatic retinal disease in young patients with this dystrophy. While in England, Robin's writing took a turn to print-journalism. She began to write on British political issues and to undertake interview-profiles for publications such as *The Canberra Times*. After interviewing Chris Patten early in his governorship of Hong Kong, she continued to write on Hong Kong political and human rights issues, and has contributed to numerous international and Australian publications, including *The Times* (London), *The International Herald Tribune*, and *Quadrant*. She says that although people often seem surprised by the combination of scientific and journalistic interests, these occupations actually have much in common. Both depend on accuracy, research, chasing the right clues, and asking the right questions. But journalism allows more latitude in style. Robin enthusiastically supports the University's mission to position itself among the world's leading international universities, and believes that residential Colleges such as Women's add immeasurably to the cross-disciplinary perspectives and experience of their students.

## Keeping in touch

### 1940s

**Hazel Pither** (McINNES: 46) OAM managed her family property in partnership with her husband. She was awarded an OAM in 1996 for her services to the community, particularly with the Equestrian Federation, Pony Club and Riding for the Disabled. Her biography, *Go West Young Man*, was published in 2002.

### 1950s

**Pamela Brown** (WHEELER: 58-63) MBBS FACD is a dermatologist in a private practice in Mona Vale, the VMO at the Royal North Shore and Mona Vale Hospitals, and director of the Australasian College of Dermatologists. She is also active in the conservation area, enjoys photographing nature and landscapes.

### 1960s

**Roslyn Jehne** (BROADBENT: 67-69) BA worked as a curator at Historic Places in the ACT for the past three years and is now the curator at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

**Belinda Oakman** (SHELDON: 66-68) BPharm is a pharmaceutical advisor at the Pharmaceutical Services branch of NSW Health. She is looking forward to semi retirement and having more time for leisure and adventure travel pursuits.

**Annabelle Wadsworth** (HEALY: 67-68) BA DipEd has published a children's book and has also founded a wellness centre on the north coast. She is a keen environmentalist and divides her time between Sydney and the north coast.

### 1970s

**Christina Clyne** (MACNEIL: 74-75) DipPty is the sole physiotherapist working in Moree as the principal of a private practice.

### 1980s

**Fiona ALLAN** (85-88) BMus (Hons) is currently living in Cardiff and is the Director of Programming and Communications for the Wales Millennium Centre, the national performing arts complex for Wales. Before leaving Sydney she was CEO of the Sydney Film Festival and an adjunct lecturer for the MBA program at UTS.

**Jane BOADLE** (87-90) BA Grad Dip Tourism Management worked in Germany for five years as a tour wholesaler and then in Australia as a tour organizer. Her latest role is as production manager for an Australian and New Zealand student exchange program. Her son Jacob was born in May last year.

**Margaret Curtis** (STUBBINGS: 82-84) BVSc DipVetClinStud PhD MPH has recently moved to Indiana, USA with her husband and children, where she is working as the manager of International Regulatory Affairs and Established Product Support for Elanco Animal Health.

**Victoria FARRAR** (89-92) BEng (Chem) MEngSc works as an engineer and recently competed at a world championship ironman triathlon event in Hawaii where she was the first Australian over the line in her age category.

**Rhonda FARRELL** (89-92) BSc (Physio) MBBS (Hons) FRANZCOG is working as a gynaecologist and completing her surgical subspecialty in gynaecologic oncology in Perth. She is married with two children and plans to return to Sydney this year.

**Fiona Gallagher-Horne** (HORNE: 83-84) BDent is self employed and works in a private general dental practice in Sydney's southern suburbs where she deals primarily with cosmetic, implant and reconstructive dentistry. She was married in 2004 and had a daughter, Sophie, in 2006.

**Genevieve PEACOCKE** (89-91) B Pharm DHP MPH (Hons) works as a drug safety associate for Pfizer Australia. Her second child was born in July 2006.

**Kate Whelan** (HARPER: 80-81) BA LLB LLM (Cantab) is currently working as an executive search consultant with Eban, a financial services executive search firm based in London, after having spent 12 years in investment banking. She also lived in Paris for two years with her husband where she studied French at the Sorbonne. Her son Charlie was born in August 2005.

### 1990s

**Sarah Brooks** (TOMLINSON: 94-98) BAppSc (Occupational Therapy) works at Upper Hunter Community Health as an occupational therapist. She is currently on maternity leave with her first child.

**Rebecca Cuschieri** (MASON: 96-95) BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) is on maternity leave from Opera Australia where she has been working in the corporate sponsorship area. She was married in 2004 and her daughter Annalise was born in May 2006.

**Melissa Hartman** (O'DONNELL: 97-99) BA BComm is involved in strategy management at Ipac Securities. She recently moved back to Sydney after living in Brisbane for three years and is expecting her first child in 2007.

**Rachel Fergusson** (WILKINSON: 99-01) BEd worked at Scone Grammar School for three years and is now permanently employed at Bredbo Public School – a small two teacher school near Cooma.

**Sally KOROKNAY** (98-99) BComm LLB is currently working as a lawyer in the Employment Law group of Blake Dawson Waldron.

**Zoe LENARD** (95-98) BVSc moved to Perth with her husband and has completed specialty training in veterinary radiology. She is currently working at the Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital as a clinical radiologist.

**Veronique McCONNELL** (95-98) BAppSc (Physiotherapy) is currently studying fashion design at Parsons The New School For Design in New York.

**Georgia Powell** (BASSINGTHWAIGHTE: 90-92) BSc Dip Opera is on maternity leave from her role as chorus member for Opera Australia and part time L&D manager at Michael Page International after the birth of her first child last year.

### 2000s

**Linda GIBBONS** (00-04) BA (Hons), LLB (Hons) has recently left for the UK to take up a graduate position at Herbert Smith law firm in London. She was previously working as a tipstaff to a judge at the Land and Environment Court in Sydney.

**Victoria GORMAN** (00-01) BA Dip Events Management, Marketing has returned from living in Europe for the last four years where she was working for Contiki travel tours. She is now marketing and public relations manager for Hannover Fairs Australia.

**Megan HAY** (00-02) BMedSc (Hons) moved to Melbourne in 2004 to work in clinical research for Bristol Myers Squibb.

**Emma Maloney** (MOFFATT: 00-02) has spent the past two years working as a nurse and midwife in Armidale and Glen Innes. She married in December 2006 and moved to Queensland in January 2007 to commence a Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Queensland.

## Vale

**Enid Coralie Davis** (HOLMES: 33-35) BS Hons (Social Work) 3 November 2006

**Mary Helen HUTCHINSON** (48-49) BA 5 January 2007

**June Ida Wyndham Masters** (FISHER: 44-51) BSc MB BS 24 October 2006

**Marian Elizabeth BATE** (64-67) BSc MSc DipLib (NSW) 21 May 2006  
Marian's friends, family and colleagues recall:

*Marian had a wonderful childhood with much freedom. She was able to read at a very early age and as the house was filled with books she had plenty of opportunities to fulfill her love of reading. She excelled in everything she did. At the various schools she attended, she was always dux of her year. While at Sydney University studying Pharmacology Marian lived at Women's College. Here she met many students who would become her life-long friends. After graduating Marian went overseas to work for two years, making London her base, and spending time travelling with friends.*

*When she returned to Sydney she did a postgraduate diploma in librarianship at the University of NSW, completing the course in first place. After working at the National Library in Canberra she was appointed to the University of NSW Library in 1977. The culmination of her career was attaining the position of University Librarian. Marian was instrumental in creating the Australian Digital Theses Project, for which she won the ETD Leadership Award in 2005. She was an extraordinarily visionary leader of library and information services in the higher education sector, and a wonderful boss. She knew the names of all 200 UNSW Library staff and their roles, and she knew the names of their cats and their children. And she knew the things that mattered to each of them. Her colleagues felt blessed that she chose librarianship "because she could have done anything." In recognition of her services to the University and her profession she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2001. Marian's passion for fine food, for classical music and for travel to exotic locations is fondly remembered. She loved cats, and tended an award-winning garden. She had an insatiable thirst for knowledge.*

College friend Jenny Chillingworth (CHAPMAN: 64-67) writes: *I first met Marian in 1964 when we both landed at Women's College as two very naive, shy country girls starting out in the big wide world. We shared a room in that first year. On first meeting Marian you were struck by her bubbly personality, her brilliant mind, incredible memory and wicked sense of humour. Who else could, the evening before a major chemistry exam, play cards, read two novels and then speed-read the lecture notes, and still pass with flying colours. The friendships forged in those early years have endured, and more friends added as she moved through life. Marian was a loving and caring friend.*

**Ralda Everard Nash** (HERRING: 42-44) BA 6 January 2006



Ralda's son Jeremy Nash writes:

*Ralda attended the local convent school in Batlow, and went on to Tumut High School. She spent some time boarding at Methodist Ladies' College, before attending the University of Sydney, where she lived in Women's College under the benevolent but formidable Camilla Deepwood. Camilla, who spoke in a very deep voice and with a lisp, told my mother that she had never made this recommendation to anyone else, but that Ralda should pursue a career upon the stage. Whenever I heard stories of Sydney University, they were mainly about acting with the Sydney University Dramatic Society. At this time my mother was a beautiful, slim redhead whose energies were totally spent on acting.*

*After the war she left for England on one of the first converted troop ships, and spent the winter of 1947 in London working for a repertory company. Ralda married John Nash in Oxford, where she played Miranda in the hugely famous production of The Tempest produced by Neville Coghill. She also came within a whisker of being in the film Brighton Rock starring opposite Richard Attenborough—unfortunately she was 3 inches taller than him. After Antony was born she decided not to pursue her acting career, as it seemed incompatible in those days with being a mother and the wife of a merchant banker.*

*My parents returned to Sydney for a while, but the lure of Europe was too strong for our father, so the family returned to London in 1954 and purchased the lovely house at Cheyne Walk, where family and friends were welcomed from all around the world and Ralda hosted dinner parties and generally ran us, and the household. One memorable night mother was taken reluctantly to a casino in Normandy by my father and, determined to lose all her money quickly so they could return home as agreed, she took her chips to the roulette table. Instead of losing as she had planned, the chips kept coming back at her—and that was the beginning of the Chalet in Switzerland—possibly her greatest homemaking achievement and our holiday base from the time I was 12 years old.*

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# Journal

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## Debating champions

Women's College has raised its debating profile with two students receiving laurels in national and international competitions. In January Julia Bowes and Anna Garcia won the World Universities Debating Championships in Vancouver, Canada. Julia, a third-year Arts Law student and Anna, who tutors at College, are only the second team of women in the championship's 27-year history to have taken the title. The victory is even sweeter since the pair very nearly missed out on competing. Initially they were not selected in the Sydney University contingent for Vancouver, but when Canada invited extra teams they were included as a 'G' ranked team. They beat every team they debated against in the week-long tournament, which hosts over 1200 debaters from more than 30 countries. This coup prompted the *Sydney Morning Herald* to dub them the "G whizzes."

Debated in British parliamentary style, which presents the argument from four teams of two speakers, the final debate



'G whizzes' Anna Garcia and Julia Bowes in Vancouver (Courtesy Sydney Morning Herald)



Julia Bowes shows her World Universities Debating Trophy to Julia Fetherston and Principal Yvonne Rate AM

## Katharine & Thyne Reid Scholarships

From 2007 three Women's College students will be annual recipients of the Katharine & Thyne Reid Scholarship. Established with funds donated by Katharine Reid in 1987, the Thyne Reid Memorial Fellowship was originally set up to fund postgraduate students to attend the University of Sydney. Trustee of the funds John Reid AO recently advised the University to convert them into merit-based scholarships to benefit



Scholarship recipients Aarna Hanley, Alison Cranney and Hannah Wurf with John Reid AO

considered the motion "that economic growth is the solution to climate change." The pair took the world title over arch rivals Oxford, Cambridge and Queensland Universities. "Sydney hasn't won in years and it is the highest title a debater can ever achieve," remarked elated fellow debater Fiona Roughley. "Both of them are enormously giving people and there are few people who have done as much to help other debaters as these two."

Only a few months earlier second-year Economics Law student Julia Fetherston took top ranking place in the Australian Women's Debating Championships, held at the University of Sydney from 29 September to 2 October. The tournament brought together 27 teams from around Australia to argue topics of social and political importance, showcasing women's debating talent at its best. The event culminated in the Grand Final Debate on Monday 2 October 2006 in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney. The debate was given to Julia Fetherston and her team mate Naomi Hart, with Julia named best speaker for the tournament overall.

## Bridging the gap: snapshot of 2007 freshers

The gap year has become increasingly attractive to school leavers as students embrace opportunities for work and travel abroad before settling down to university studies. The trend is benefiting the workforce too—people who take a year off to explore the world are increasingly sought by Australian employers, who believe these experiences make more confident, worldly, and mature employees with greater leadership potential. This year one third of our College freshers have had a gap year.



Freshers Alex Lewinski, Miranda Marshall, Sarah Whitney, Elizabeth Middleton, Ali Best, Pip Best and Jill Lawrence

During her year abroad Sarah Whitney worked as a nanny in Italy and Paris for the family of the Australian ambassador. She learned Italian and taught English, and is now studying Italian and French with the intention of working as a diplomat after her Bachelor of Economics/Social Science. Elizabeth Middleton deferred a Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology) and travelled to Greece to get in touch with members of her mother's family and her heritage. She believes that it was a life changing experience. Alexandra Lewinski spent five months of her gap year with twin sister Jaqui in Poland. She says her interest in culture and religion has been heightened by her travel experiences and when she completes her OT degree, she wants to return to Eastern Europe.

Jillian Lawrence spent last year working at a girls' school in South Africa coaching sport, and undertaking voluntary work at rural and suburban veterinary centres. After completing her Veterinary Science degree Jillian wants to return to South Africa to be involved with conservation programs. Miranda Marshall's gap year was taken up working two jobs in hospitality in her home town of Tamworth, saving for her university studies. She is now studying a Bachelor of Social Work/Arts. Miranda was voted Fresher Representative of the College Students' Club in March. Twins Alexandra and Philippa Best chose very different locations for their gap years. Alex spent three months as a volunteer teacher at a school in Ghana living with a local family. Pip went to Summer Camp in Connecticut, USA. They later met in Europe and spent several months travelling together. Whilst not all gap year students choose to travel overseas, all agree that the year away from study has greatly improved their self confidence and self reliance, and benefited their readiness to "hit the books" for their university studies.

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## From the Chair

2006 saw the retirement of Dr Janet McGredie from Council after a momentous 37 years of dedicated service. Janet will be sorely missed, however she will continue to maintain close associations with College. It is gratifying to see the University awarding Janet an Honorary Fellowship for her contribution to The Women's College and generations of medical students at the University. In turn, we welcome Camille Blackburn to Council and Finance Committee. Camille's extensive financial and legal background will be an asset to College. Council is keenly concerned to keep College affordable for current and future students. The list of prize and scholarship winners at this year's Chancellor's Dinner shows one of the ways in which we meet that challenge, and Council is proud to be in a position to offer so many scholarships, particularly new scholarships. In addition to the Katharine and Thyne Reid Scholarships, donations from family members have seen the Lady Cohen and Marjorie Dalgarno prizes made into scholarships this year. These awards continue to be possible because of a robust investment portfolio, a dynamic Finance Committee, and the foresight of our many donors and friends. We keep striving to maintain the balance between affordability and keeping the physical conditions of College at their optimum. Over the Christmas break the kitchen and dining room underwent a major overhaul. The results have exceeded expectations and I would like particularly to acknowledge Louise Cox, our Chair of Building and Development Committee, who was fundamental to the success of the project. My thanks also to staff who worked hard to ensure summer conferences progressed with minimal disruption. 2007 sees the College welcoming a diverse group of young women studying a wide variety of disciplines. I'm sure, with the support of Council, staff, parents and the wider Women's College community, they will enjoy another successful year at University. – Lucinda Warren

## From the Principal

Women's College continues in its quest as a place for the pursuit of knowledge, the interchange of idea and as an academic community with visiting speakers providing new perspectives of thought and enquiry for students. At Chancellor's Dinner our students were challenged by Justice Santow to consider "What is truth?" He commented that we often have to make decisions in circumstances of uncertainty. How courageous one must be however to admit mistakes if one is later provided with additional information that changes one's perspective. The truth remains the truth, however inconvenient. From this year the University will record Women's College scholarships and prizes on academic transcripts, increasing the prestige and recognition of these awards. We continue to attract extraordinarily talented young women to our College. The majority of this year's freshers are in the arts, commerce/economics, science and health science faculties. The majority are from rural areas and this year there has been unprecedented demand for scholarships with so many families affected by crippling drought. I am pleased however that education for daughters of such families remains a priority and where possible College has provided financial assistance to these students. In our annual surveys we receive valuable information from our students which we use to improve our facilities and services. The comments of one student are reassuring: *I have loved my college experience and I could not have imagined a better four years when I came as a first year girl from the country. I have learnt so much and I don't mean in terms of course work. I feel so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community. We introduced a survey of exiting students' parents this year and were told: Financially it was a burden for us to pay the fees but the benefits certainly outweighed this fact. A wider range of scholarships/bursaries would be helpful. I'm sure that the positive social and learning atmosphere at the Women's College has helped to give our daughter a wonderful start into adult life. – Yvonne Rate AM*



## Making news

### Convocation medal



The Chancellor with Fiona Roughley

The University of Sydney awarded the 2006 Convocation Medal to Women's College student and Resident Assistant Fiona Roughley. Fiona graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with 1st Class Honours and the University Medal. She has an impeccable academic record with numerous awards and prizes. She has participated in many student clubs and societies, including the University of Sydney Union's Debates Committee where she served as the Deputy Chair. In 2009 Fiona will take up a position as Associate to Justice Hayne of the High Court of Australia. Mentor Justice Jane Mathews AO remarks: "Fiona is clearly an extraordinarily talented girl. There are only seven judges on the High Court (the highest court in Australia, which deals only with extremely significant cases). Their associates have a major role to play in conducting legal research, and in the drafting of judgments. Each judge usually has only one, or at most two associates each year. You can imagine the competition, amongst the top law graduates in the country, to obtain a High Court associateship. The vast majority of applicants never even get to see the judge with whom they are seeking a position. It says much about Fiona's great talents and skills, not to mention her wonderful personality, that she has obtained this highly coveted position." Fiona has followed up these remarkable achievements with a summer of mooting with the Sydney Law School. After finishing Runners-Up in the national competition in Canberra, Fiona's team scored a spectacular win in the Phillip Jessup International Mooting Competition in Washington. "Jessup is an intense and often bruising experience for some of our brightest students," said Sydney-based Barrister and Team Coach Justin Hogan-Doran. "The Sydney team not only impressed other Universities with their mooting skills and obvious intellects, but also by the friendly spirit in which they competed."

### Honours students



Three Women's College students received first-class honours at the end of 2006. All three completed honours in Arts, and all were College Resident Assistants. 'An Entertaining History of the Fiction Reading Public in the Letter Part of the Eighteenth Century' was the title chosen by Bernadette Cantrall for her thesis, which focused on how fiction and readers of fiction were depicted in a selection of novels, plays and pamphlets. Bernadette is the recipient of this year's Janet Elspeth Crawford Memorial Prize at College and was present at Chancellor's Dinner on 26 March to collect the award. Bernadette entered College as a "Fresher RA" in 2006 and says of her time at Women's: "I couldn't imagine a better place for me to have lived last year. Convenience aside, I made more friends than I would have thought it possible to make in such a busy year." Bernadette is currently working full time and is looking to continue her postgraduate studies overseas. Fellow Resident Assistants Louise Prowse and Sarah Hamby also received first class honours. Sarah's thesis was titled 'Creating Britannia: The Construction of Gendered Identity in Masques at the Court of Charles I of England', and Louise worked on 'Modern Masculinities 1936-1945: The Modern Man, Married Men and the Australian Type.' Both Louise and Sarah were thrilled with the results of their hard work. Louise said "the research I did was great fun. I used sources like MAN magazine and the Australian Women's Weekly from the 30s and 40s. I had to stop myself reading all about Clark Gable! My research developed into an argument only after pushing a lot of boundaries and late nights in the library. It was not easy but it really was a memorable experience."

## Cambodia house-building project

In November 2006 College students Sian McLachlan, Nicole Bartos, Anna Bosch, Fiona Walter, Millie Maxwell, Pip Moorehead and Catie Tobin travelled to Cambodia with five students from St Paul's College to build houses in small poverty stricken communities. The project was run by the Tabitha Foundation, which aims to help poor Cambodians work towards self-sustainability. Students funded their own trips, with donations and some help from College going towards building materials. Writing home during the trip, Pip Moorehead said that the six houses they built were

for families suffering extreme poverty as well as medical conditions such as HIV and blindness. "The sheer lack of infrastructure and resources in both Phnom Penh and Siam Reap really does reinforce the luxurious life we have at college! The experience has exceeded all our expectations and it was unanimously thought that this tour would be a worthwhile part of the college calendar for the future." Fiona Walter said that after the rewards of volunteering, a highlight was the last few days spent cycling along shady tropical streets from one ancient temple to another—"it was visually spectacular."



Pip Moorehead with a grateful Cambodian family

## Emmi continues trend abroad



Emmi (centre) with two Tibetan women in Dharamsala, India

Other students continue to seize opportunities to challenge themselves by travelling abroad on gap year, summer break or university exchange programs, or by taking a higher degree. Emmi Okada has returned to College this year as Resident Assistant after completing a masters program in Religion at the University of Tokyo. Emmi, who is Japanese/Australian, lived at College in 2001-03, achieving first-class honours in Government and International Relations and receiving the University Medal. She also co-founded the student-run Grassroots Empowerment Movement (GEM) which aims to train university students to set up community service projects on issues relating to ethnic groups, the environment and poverty alleviation. Emmi's masters was funded by the Japanese Ministry of Education, and centred on Buddhist non-violent movements, in particular the Tibetan liberation movement in India, and a Japanese Buddhist movement called Nipponzan Myohoji. She undertook field work in India interviewing exiled

Tibetan government officials including the exiled Prime Minister, and marching with the Tibetan men and women on their uprising days. She also had the opportunity to shake hands with Dalai Lama. "It struck me how well aware the people were of the international situation—those in NGOs and government were very eloquent. Their whole lives are dedicated to the cause of Tibet and they have a long-range, selfless vision of the struggle—they are working for their grandchildren's children." Emmi also spent three weeks marching with Japanese monks, walking part of the way with them from Tokyo to Hiroshima and Okinawa on their quest to promote world peace. Back in Sydney to finish off her Law degree, Emmi is thinking about doing a PhD in Development. She says "it's nice to be back in a familiar place—College is a place to ground myself after recent travels."

Other students who have recently returned from abroad include Allegra Day, who attended the International Youth Leadership Conference in Prague in January, and Naomi Cook, who undertook a law internship at the South Asian Human Rights Documentation Centre in New Delhi from December to February. Margaux Harris spent semester two 2006 on exchange in Paris, and represented France and Sciences Po at a conference on the globalisation of university education, held in Oxford. Budding investigative reporter Sarah Saleh spent her summer in Dubai writing articles for the student section of the *Gulf News*.

## College improves inside and out

College has completed major renovations to its commercial kitchen and continues to enhance its gardens and courtyards as part of the conservation management plan. Over the summer the old kitchen was completely gutted, remodelled and refitted at a cost of more than a million dollars. Existing equipment, cool rooms and storages spaces were demolished to make way for a bright and modern space designed for better efficiency and hygiene. The Dining Hall was also given a facelift. Facilities manager Danny Wetherall says "it's a great improvement for the College, and it was a real team effort planning the refurbishment and tackling all the logistical issues. It was a huge project but the result is fantastic—the College will continue to benefit for many years to come."

University gardeners have also been working to beautify College surrounds and courtyards. Landscape architect Jane Irwin has developed a masterplan for the College's green spaces which preserves the integrity of the old gardens, keeping them in sympathy with the architectural character of the buildings, and maintaining a coherent style across the College grounds. Councillor and former student Elizabeth Elliott (75-78) contributed to the cost of planting three maple trees which now grace the Maples garden, shading a seat placed in memory of her mother Jane Wentworth Elliott (THOMPSON: 47-52). The Williams and Menzies Courtyards have both undergone pruning and planting, the latter in readiness for a sculpture to be unveiled at the Louisa Macdonald Dinner on 25 May.



Blues winners Sarah Phillips, Georgia McCaughan and Melissa Hammond



Kate Beasley, Charlotte Walters and Georgia McCaughan display medals from the 2007 National Championships

## Louisa Macdonald Oration



Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC, Governor of Queensland and former Principal (97-03), will make her first trip back to College after her appointment as Governor in 2003. Ms Bryce will present the Louisa Macdonald Oration at the dinner on 25 May. A human rights lawyer

## From the Alumnae President

As I write the Alumnae Website is adding a Find a Friend page. Every student who entered College will be included. The site will have a search facility by surname (current and College name), first name, and year or years of residence. The search results will enable those who would like to be contacted to have a secure email function active for their listing. This means that if someone has lost touch with a friend she can send a 'blind' email (the recipient's email address does not appear) and the recipient can choose whether to respond. Please be sure to update your email address through the Keeping in Touch page [www.thewomenscollege.com.au/keeping-in-touch](http://www.thewomenscollege.com.au/keeping-in-touch) and then contact Community Relations Officer Eliza Newton community@thewomenscollege.com.au to activate

## Mentoring continues to flourish

The 2006 Women's College Mentoring Program, offered to senior college students in third year and above, had a very successful start and interest in the program increased as the year progressed. A few of the successful mentoring partnerships from last year stand out. Fourth-year law student Rebecca Barry, who was paired with Nancy Dolan (General Counsel of Sydney University), has recently been offered a graduate position at a top Sydney law firm. Natalie Barnes found her mentor Nola Watson (Corporate Risk Services, Insurance Australia Group) to be enormously helpful with graduate applications. She has recently taken up a position with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Wen Qin Qui undertook work experience at her mentor Cassandra Kelly's finance company, and has subsequently taken up a placement with Macquarie Bank. Wen Qin says "the mentoring program was an absolutely wonderful and invaluable experience to me. My mentor became one of the most inspiring figures in my life and has taught me many important lessons regarding career choices. The program gives students first-hand contact with someone who has gone a long way in our chosen career paths—I think this is really unique."

The College mentoring program is up and running for 2007— new mentors are continually being sought out to add to our database as more students apply for the program. With the increased exposure of the benefits of mentoring, it is hoped the program will be able to expand further still. Should you be interested in being part of the program, please contact Eliza Newton Tel: 9517 5008 or email community@thewomenscollege.com.au.

and the first woman to lecture law at the University of Queensland, Ms Bryce was former Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, inaugural Director of the Queensland Women's Information Service, Office of the Status of Women, and Chair and Chief Executive of the National Childcare Accreditation Council. The Louisa Macdonald Dinner will be a double celebration: in addition to giving the Oration, a tradition begun during her principalship (former speakers include Dr Dale Spender AM, Dr Liz Dennis, and Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO), Ms Bryce will also announce the first recipients of the Women's College Alumnae Awards. The Women's College Alumna Award and Young Alumna Award (for a woman 35 years or under) will recognise the achievements and service of College alumnae in their professions, community, arts, sport or family life.

Current Principal Yvonne Rate AM says: "The judging of these awards will be so interesting, because so many of these women have done such extraordinary things—it will be a real challenge narrowing the field." A specially commissioned sculpture will be unveiled in the Menzies Courtyard the same evening, created by sculptor, psychiatrist, and Women's College alumna Margaret Sheridan. The alumna awards aim to reflect women's leadership, vision, creativity, innovation and initiative. The Nominations Committee has stressed that the recipient of the awards may be a quiet achiever or a prominent professional, but each will embody in some way the College's vision of its students as "women who shape the future".

as we bring together Christians, Jews and Muslims to discuss the way forward. I wish you all a splendid and highly communicative 2007. - Penny Cameron



Fiona Copeman, Amelia Walkley, Zoe Fitzherbert-Smith and Kate Macfarlane with Alumnae President Penny Cameron

## Diary Dates

**1957 Reunion Lunch** Saturday 5 May 2007. Contact: Penny Cameron Tel: 9810 6498 or email [pccameron@iprimus.com.au](mailto:pccameron@iprimus.com.au).

**Leadership Seminar: Securing Your Future, with Governor HE Marie Bashir AC CVO chairing afternoon Youth Panel** 9.30am-4pm Saturday 26 May 2007.\*

**Women's College UK Reunion** Saturday 12 July 2007, Oxford and Cambridge Club, 71 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5HD. Tel 020 7930 5151. Time: 7.30pm for 8pm Tickets: £35 Contact: Pauline Lyle-Smith [paulinelylesmith@hemscoff.net](mailto:paulinelylesmith@hemscoff.net).

**Alumnae Winter School Study Day: Faith and Social Cohesion** Saturday 14 July 2007 Menzies Common Room. Contact: Penny Cameron Tel: 9810 6498 or email [pccameron@iprimus.com.au](mailto:pccameron@iprimus.com.au)

**Alumnae Annual General Meeting and Celebration for Lunch of Biographical Register Volume 3.** Saturday 28 July 2007.\*

**Women in Law Dinner** Monday 6 August 2007.\*

**Wisteria Lunch** Sunday 16 September. Invitations will be sent.\*

**Orange Reunion Lunch** Saturday 13 October 2007. Venue to be announced.\*

**1970s Christmas Lunch** Sunday 2 December 2007.\*

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## Camille Blackburn (NEAVE: 87-90) BEc LLB MCom College Council 2007-



Camille is Assistant Director at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). She is responsible for a team of lawyers overseeing Financial Services applications and Mergers and Acquisition transactions. Her career with ASIC started in 2004 in the Regulatory Policy Branch. Last year she was a key speaker at an APEC

conference in Malaysia for Financial Regulators about new and complex financial products. Formerly the Associate Director - Regulatory Risk for the Treasury and Commodities Group of Macquarie Bank, Camille managed a team that provided regulatory advice to the trading floor about a diverse range of financial products and services. She chaired the national Regulation Committee of the Australian Financial Markets Association from 2002-2004, a period of extensive regulatory reform in Australian financial markets and services. Camille has also spent 3 years teaching in the School of Business Law and Tax at the University of NSW, and provided consultancy services to Corporate Governance International, an independent advisory group. She is married to Tom, who she met in her final year at College when she was senior student. Their nine year old daughter Nicola attends Glenmore Road Public School in Paddington and currently aspires to be an astronaut or designer with four children. Camille says she really loves her work 'as it brings her into constant contact with very different people across the community - consumers, the business sector, and markets. The work also has an important international component with the convergence of international capital and boardless transactions.' She says she is constantly running into people she knows from Women's in her work, and she keeps in touch with her crowd from College days (Camille was Senior Student in 1990). Of coming onto the Council she says: 'with the 20th anniversary of my fresher year arriving I thought it was important to move from a passive observer of College, to active contributor, and to use some of the business knowledge gained over those years for an institution that we all care so passionately about.'

## Elizabeth Elliott MD FRACP FRCP FRCPC (75-78) College Council 2003-Scholarships Committee, Nominations Committee



College Senior Student in 1977, Elizabeth specialised in paediatrics, completing a Doctorate of Medicine in the UK developing oral rehydration therapy for treating gastroenteritis. Since returning to Australia in 1991 she has juggled motherhood

to 3 children with a career in clinical work, research, teaching and international child health. Elizabeth is currently Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Sydney and Consultant Paediatrician, Children's Hospital at Westmead. She is Founder-Director of the Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit, which facilitates collection of national data on high impact childhood conditions. In 2006 she was awarded \$1 million from the National Health and Medical Research Foundation (NHMRC) to expand this unit. She is President of the Paediatric Research Society of Australia and New Zealand, and a member of the Polio Expert Committee, Paediatrics and Child Health Divisional Committee (Royal Australasian College of Physicians), and the Advisory Board of the National Centre for Immunisation Research. She leads a team responsible for delivering an educational program on child and maternal health for health professionals in the remote Dien Bien Province, Vietnam, and is author of over 200 publications on Scientific Writing and Evidence Based Paediatrics. Recently Elizabeth was awarded a 5-year Practitioner Fellowship from NHMRC to support her research on fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), a condition caused by alcohol use in pregnancy. Her research documents FAS epidemiology, health professionals' and women's knowledge about FAS, treatments and diagnostic services, and government policy in Australia and internationally. She is a vocal advocate for affected children and their families and a member of the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs Working Party on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and the NHMRC Committee to review the Australian Alcohol Guidelines. This work is timely in light of rapidly increasing rates of binge drinking and alcohol use by young Australian women.