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Stories
from
graduates
of the
1930s to
the 1960s

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Foreword from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Dr Michael Spence

Welcome to this special volume recounting the memories of our alumni. As the title *Golden Yearbook* suggests, the stories in this book have been shared by members of the University of Sydney community who graduated at least 50 years ago. Many anecdotes are, however, even older than that.

In order to know who we are, it is important to look from whence we came. Our past challenges and triumphs are the experiences that shape and define us. Our histories are always unique, and as varied and fascinating as the individuals to whom they belong.

The stories in the following pages span generations, countries and faculties. Arts and economics alumni have shared stories alongside medical and engineering graduates. Stories from home sit with those from abroad. Stories from alumni of the 1930s come together with stories from alumni 30 years on.

In the intervening years, lifetimes have been spent on research, running businesses, teaching, heading organisations, saving others and otherwise changing the world. But there are several threads that run through this book – common human themes with which we can all identify.

The indelible imprint of a solid education, the lifelong friendships developed during university years, and the importance of family have all been key factors in lives well lived. This is the very stuff of life, both then and now.

While it is important to look to the past, it is vital to remain anchored in the present and focused on the future. At the University of Sydney, we honour our past and our current place within the social, political and cultural landscape of our city and nation while looking forward with hope to the future we imagine, and to our rightful place as a leader in research and education.

I thank and congratulate every contributor to this book. I hope you enjoy reading the anecdotes of the remarkable graduates who have helped to make the University of Sydney extraordinary.



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Cover image: Interior of MacLaurin Hall with examinations in progress, 1964, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_1087

Left: Aerial view of the University from above Derwent Street, Glebe, 1930, *Sydney Morning Herald* image, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2647



Message from the Chancellor

Belinda Hutchinson AM

Staying connected is vital on both a personal and a professional level. It reminds us that we are part of something greater than ourselves.

The people and places that made us remain with us for life, and I am proud that the University of Sydney holds such a special place in the hearts of our alumni. It's the reason so many want to give back to the University community through sharing their stories, volunteering or mentoring, by supporting events on campus and in so many other ways.

This book is the product of many hours of work, much of it provided by volunteers, all of whom are alumni of the University of Sydney. These dedicated people wrote, edited and interviewed our alumni contributors across weeks and months. And now we have this important and permanent record of the history of our University community.

Special thanks are due to Mr Angelos Fanos (LLM '13), Mrs Janet Flint (BA '56) (page 70), Ms Joanne Golack (BEc '84 LLB '86), Ms Joan Grant (BSc '64 DipEd '66), Mr Peter Lazar AM (BA '54) (page 96),

Mrs Ann Sutherland (BA '79) and Ms Miranda Adams (BA '14 MMedPrac '15), all of whom gave generously of their time and expertise.

While the stories in this book come from alumni of myriad different backgrounds and perspectives, it is clear that friends, family and the value of connection are essential to them all.

As the oldest university in Australia, the University of Sydney has a proud heritage, and one that is often passed on through the generations. It is a lovely thing to see the families of alumni receive their own degrees. This is something I have enjoyed on a personal level when I watched as my own children graduated in the Great Hall.

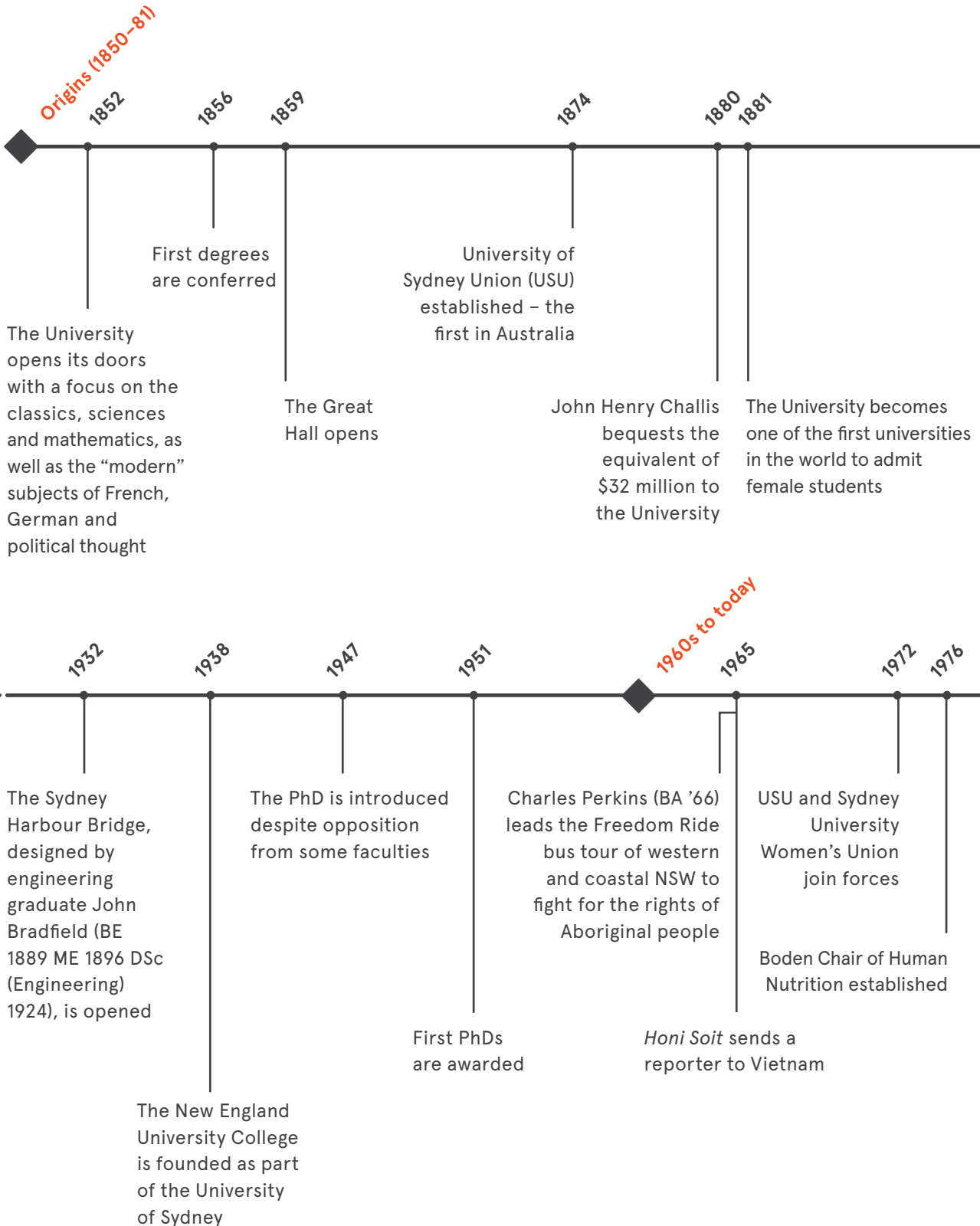
As members of the University of Sydney community, our connection is far more than a framed testamur. It is visceral – something we carry with us throughout our lives, and we can all identify with the stories in this book.

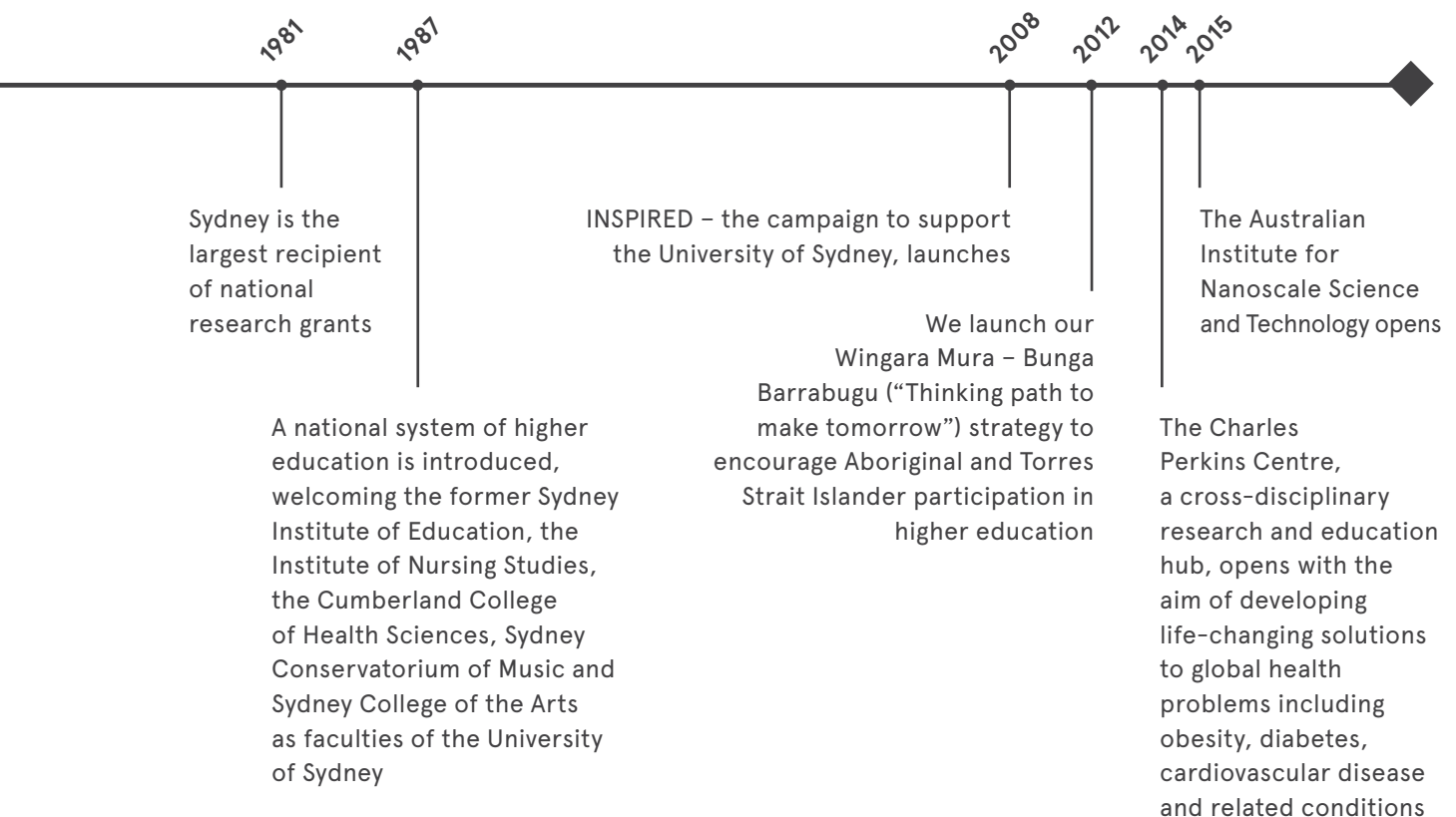
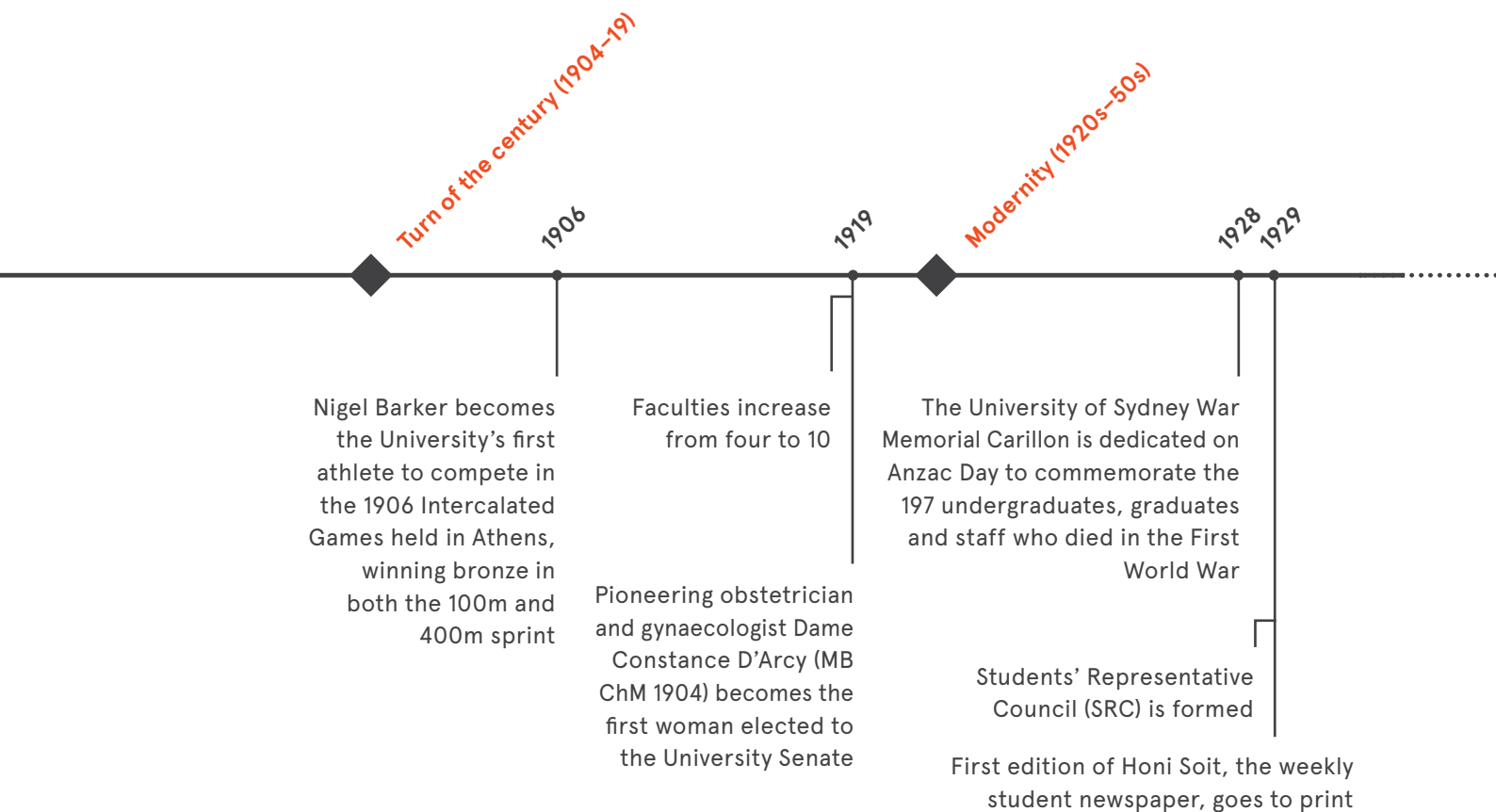
I hope you enjoy reading this wonderful collection of memories, reaching deep into our collective soul.



Belinda Hutchinson AM (BEc '76)
Chancellor
The University of Sydney

Timeline of significant events at the University of Sydney







The 1930s



The Great Depression

The world fell on hard times during the 1930s with the Great Depression causing widespread unemployment, poverty and hardship. Australia was not immune: immigrants who had arrived in the 1920s, attracted by Australia's promise of employment, good wages and opportunities, faced economic distress, unemployment and poverty by the 1930s.

The White Australia Policy was in force, and the non-European population declined, with no support for passages and a restriction on wives and children entering Australia.

Racism surfaced under the guise of protecting Australian jobs and business. Anti-foreigner riots broke out on the Kalgoorlie goldfields in 1934, followed by strikes demanding preferential employment for Australian-born workers. However, young British men were encouraged to migrate to work as "farm boys". In addition, orphans from poor and neglected backgrounds in the UK were resettled in Australia.

Men from southern Europe took unskilled labouring jobs in isolated rural areas. This continued throughout the Depression and helped develop Australia's rural industries and transport systems, roads and railways. Skilled Italian stonemasons, mosaic and terrazzo workers contributed greatly to the construction of Australian cities and public buildings. Cafés owned by Greek settlers became common in hundreds of country towns and cities throughout Australia.

Southern Europeans brought a love of music, and folk tunes had a big influence the development of a unique sound in Australian music. Scottish dancing and pipe bands were popular in the 1930s, as was the music of Australian composer Percy Grainger and the jazz of drummer Billy Hyde. Home entertainment was often a sing-along around the piano or pianola.

In September 1931, the first full-length, Australian-made "talkie" films were produced and, in 1932, *The Sentimental Bloke* was released. In July of the same year, the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) was established. In the sporting arena, Phar Lap, winner of the 1930 Melbourne Cup and national treasure, died in the United States on 5 April 1932.

In NSW, Labor premier Jack Lang decided to withhold interest payments on British loans in open defiance of the federal government. This led to his sacking by then Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, but not before Lang opened the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge in March 1932, designed by engineer and University of Sydney alumnus, John Bradfield (BE 1889 ME 1896 DSc (Engineering) 1924). A University of Sydney float representing education, along with a marching party of students, followed the official opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

In September 1930, Challis Professor of Philosophy John Anderson became president of the Society of Free Thought at the University. In July 1931, he gave the inaugural address defending free thought in politics, attracting the attention of the media and politicians – and the University Senate.

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Previous page: The Quadrangle and MacLaurin Hall, 1935, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2717

Left: Sydney Teachers' College, Section 208, 1938, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2812_1

Graduates of the 1930s



Eleanor McSwan OAM

BA '39 DipEd '40



Eleanor's passion for history is evident. Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in History (Honours) and a Diploma of Education, Eleanor began teaching at Maclean District Rural School in 1940 and later taught at Portland before returning to Maclean, in NSW's Northern Rivers district. Inspired by Professor H S Roberts, she taught history at Maclean High School from 1954 until her retirement in 1974.

Eleanor also completed a Graduate Diploma in Local and Applied History at the University of New England. Undertaking research with the Maclean District Historical Society, she was awarded Citizen of the Year for Maclean Shire in 1986.

Eleanor has written books on local history for the Maclean District Historical Society, where she was a foundation member, and helped to establish the Maclean District Museum. In 1995, she was honoured to receive an OAM for Services to Local History.

In Maclean, Eleanor met and married local farmer Colin McSwan, with whom she had three children. Now 97, Eleanor most enjoys spending time with her family, which includes nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

"I would have liked to study anthropology and worked in South Africa," she says. "But just getting to university was a fulfilment of my ambitions. My time doing research for the Historical Society was incredibly fascinating and rewarding."

Her fondest memory of the University: Eleanor became a member of the Scripture Union, attending meetings and camps.

Above right: Eleanor McSwan and friends on graduation day 1939

Above left: A recent photo of Eleanor

Left: Students in the Carnegie Collection Room at Sydney Teachers' College, 1937, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2265_1



Dr Allan Stewart
graduating from the
University of Sydney in 1936

Dr Allan Stewart

BDS '36



With an older brother already in dental practice, dentistry seemed a natural choice for Allan.

Allan is married with six children, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. In his early 90s, Allan graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New England, a six-year course that he completed in four-and-a-half years. In 2012, he graduated with a Master of Clinical Science from Southern Cross University.

“I was named the World’s Oldest Graduate in the 2006 edition of the *Guinness Book of World Records*,” he says.

Allan recommends moving ahead with purpose in a sometimes rapidly changing world. He hopes for peace on Earth, freedom, and alleviation of poverty.

Allan has great respect for the family unit and is passionate about sport, in particular, cricket. In London, he played first grade cricket for Australia House.

Today he enjoys visits to and from family, gardening and playing bridge with his local club.

Allan’s fondest memory of the University: the students versus profession inaugural match. Allan was a member of the student rugby team that won the competition. He was also awarded a scholarship to Northwestern University in the United States in 1938.



Dr Lloyd Whitten FACVSC

BVSc '38

Lloyd graduated with honours in veterinary science, and for the next two years worked for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

In 1941, he joined the Wallaceville Animal Research Station in New Zealand where, except for two 2-year terms overseas, he worked until retirement.

At the CSIR, Lloyd demonstrated a previously unknown photosensitivity reaction to phenothiazine among cattle, and identified the mechanism and the metabolite concerned. Later, he showed that lameness in sheep, associated with dipping in non-arsenical dips, was caused by soil organisms that affected the soft tissues of the hoof. As a result, the condition was eliminated.

From 1955 to 1957, Lloyd was a member of the staff of the Institute of Parasitology, at McGill University in Canada. His work during this period, which included studies on the parasites of reindeer and hydatid disease in groups of eskimos and Indians, earned him a PhD.

From 1965 to 1967 Lloyd was seconded to the Food and Agriculture Organization to help establish a sheep and goat disease laboratory at Pendik, Turkey. During this period he helped train parasitologists from several Middle Eastern countries, organised by the Near East Animal Health Institute, with the cooperation of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt.

Lloyd is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists and served as its president in 1973. He has been closely associated with the *New Zealand Veterinary Journal* since its inception and was the honorary editor from 1969.

Lloyd has published more than 70 papers, and as leader of the Parasitology Section at Wallaceville he was instrumental in creating strong teams engaged in research into animal parasites of major economic importance.

Top left: Archie Sinclair, John Keogh and L K Whitten, 1998

Top right: L K Whitten, front row, third from right



The 1940s



Australia at war

A decade defined by the Second World War, the 1940s was a time of social, political and economic change for Australia. The federal government was united on a declaration of war and mobilised troops to fight in Europe and North Africa. Australia became a war economy, with rationing commencing in 1942.

In November 1941, *HMAS Sydney* and all 645 hands were lost, sunk by the German raider *HSK Kormoran* and in December, Japan launched its Pacific offensive, resulting in Australia declaring war on Japan. In May and June 1942, the war was brought home to Australians when three Japanese midget submarines were discovered in Sydney Harbour. Australia looked to the United States for security upon the threat of Japanese invasion when towns along the northern coast of Australia, including Darwin, were bombed, resulting in more than 200 deaths.

The federal government imposed censorship and rationing, which continued into 1948, and directed all major resources to the war effort. As a result, women entered the workforce to replace enlisted men. Between 1941 and 1945 about 27,000 women entered the defence and civilian workforces to replace men who were fighting at the frontline.

From 1942 universities were engaged as institutions in the war effort. Between mid-1940 and early 1943, about 35 known members of University staff joined the military or worked in government departments related to war work, some of which was research related to intelligence. University research was seen to have practical application in the defence of Australia.

Previous page: School of Architecture, 1948, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2790

Left: Student editorial staff of *Honi Soit*, 1949, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0024

With victory over the Pacific in August 1945, the war was at an end. About 550,000 Australian men and women (one in 12 of a population of some 7 million) served overseas; 39,000 died, including 8000 who were Japanese prisoners of war.

Housing shortages, strikes and government attempts to nationalise private banks while continuing rationing defined post-war Australia, along with the resettlement of European refugees through the assisted immigration program.

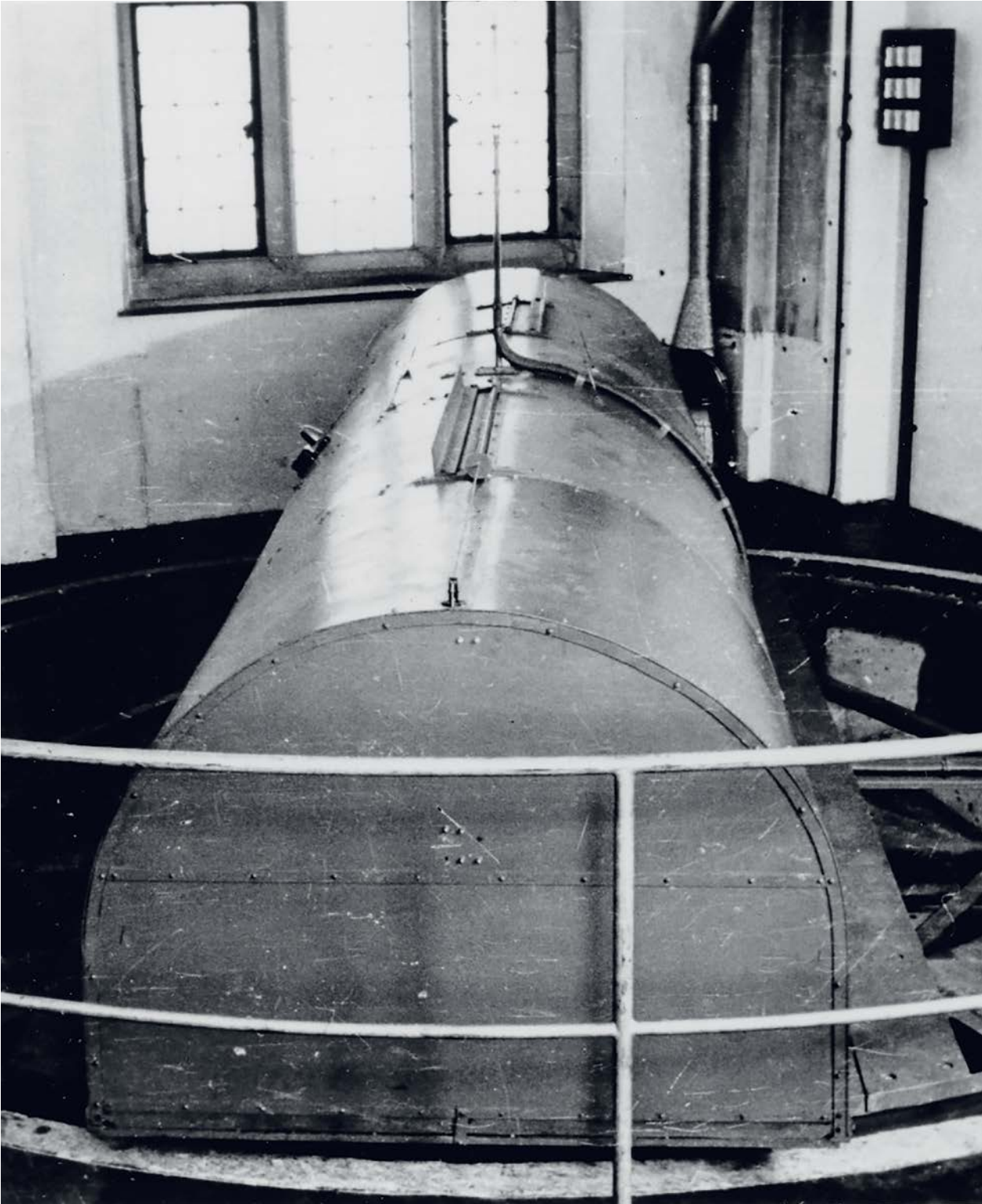
Construction of Australia's most sophisticated engineering feat, the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme, began in October 1949, employing thousands of European immigrants – and some engineering graduates from the University of Sydney. About 170,000 of 1 million displaced people were accepted into Australia to begin a new life.

The 40-hour work week was introduced in 1948 and, in the same year, the first Holden motor car rolled off the assembly line.

At the University of Sydney, there was an influx of service men and women back from the war, eager to recommence their lives and resume studies. During the inter-war years, enrolment in the professional faculties constituted more than half the number of students at the University, most within medicine. The student population doubled in the decade of the 40s, with the majority of students receiving financial and scholarship assistance in the post-war years. After 1945, pressure for change in teaching and the curriculum emerged as a result of increased student enrolments.

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**Graduates of
the 1940s**



Beverley Anderson

BA '46

Some of Beverley's career highlights include two-and-a-half years as a librarian at the British Film Institute in London and two years as a librarian for the first Royal Commission into the building industry.

Beverley's mother had a positive influence on her life and Beverley is proud of her marriage and children. She is interested in archaeology and palaeontology, passionate about her church and enjoys visiting her two children and four grandchildren, seeing films, reading, gardening, studying Spanish and knitting toys for children of her friends and relations.

Beverley is happiest when attending Mass and singing in the church choir. She loves a beautiful day and accomplishing a difficult task.

Her motto for life comes from Shakespeare: "This above all to thine own self be true, and thou canst not then be false to any man."

Her fondest memories of her time at the University: the friendships, the lectures – especially psychology and Italian – the Commemoration Day parades and the films shown on campus, which were always hilarious.

Jean Ashton

BSc '49

Jean's first job after graduating was as a chemical/drug analyst for the Australian Jockey Club (AJC), helping to set up its Queensland laboratory.

"It was rare to find horses that tested positive," Jean says. "But while my boss was overseas I discovered two positives in one week and I think that was a record at the time."

Jean went to England on behalf of the organisation to establish the English Jockey Club in London. On returning to Australia, she married and worked as a librarian in Mosman Library before moving with her husband to East Gippsland, Victoria.

When her children were 10 and 12, Jean undertook a course that enabled her to teach part time. She subsequently taught in every school in Gippsland.

Jean enjoyed teaching English as a second language and has taught literature; however, she enjoyed her time at the AJC most, from its start in a borrowed laboratory to seeing the new lab built in 1956.

Although blind in one eye, Jean still likes to read and play bridge as well as maintain contact with her friends, including friends from university.

Her fondest memories of the University: Professor Lyons, a chemistry lecturer who made a great impression, and the widely respected principal of Women's College, Betty Archdale, who made it possible for Jean to stay in college by helping her find a scholarship. "I loved the Chemistry Department," Jean says. "It had high expectations, but I was very happy there."

Left: Professor Cotton's centrifuge in the Anderson Stuart Building, 1940, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2397_2

Dr Alan Barcan AM

BA '46 DipEd '47 MA '54 MEd '58

A co-editor of *Honi Soit* in 1946 with fellow student Jack Redrup, Alan's interest in politics stretches back to his days at Sydney when he was in the Labor Club. A notable figure in the National Union of Australian University Students in the 1940s, Alan recalls the opportunities he had to travel to other Australian universities for debates on student issues. This brought him in contact with like-minded and equally passionate students, including Donald Horne, who would become a social critic, public intellectual and author of *The Lucky Country*.

An author of, and contributor to, 11 books, Alan gained his PhD from the Australian National University and was a lecturer from 1949 to 1987, including serving as an associate professor at the University of Newcastle.

Now living in Newcastle, Alan is the father of four children from his first marriage and he has two stepchildren with his second wife. He says family gatherings bring him great joy and he feels fortunate that his blended family comes together from as far afield as Perth.

His fondest memory of the University: sitting in the sunshine in the Quadrangle, talking about the world's problems.

Dr Peter Benson

BDS '47 MDS '73 DipClinDent(Sedation/Pain) '93

When Peter's family was in dire straits during the Second World War, he received a Commonwealth Scholarship to attend university. The war caused a shortage of doctors and dentists in Australia, so but for that scholarship, university would have been out of the question for Peter. His father's oft-repeated axiom "It's better to be lucky than rich" has great relevance for Peter.

Peter owned, managed and worked in the country's largest dental practice, in which he employed more than 100 dentists. Enjoying postgraduate studies, he obtained an MDS and a Diploma in Clinical Dentistry, both from Sydney. His thesis on hypnosis is housed in Fisher Library's rare books section. Peter has been recognised through Fellowships in the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons and of the International College of Dentists.

Through his life's work with hypnosis, Peter realises the great influence of the mind on the body. He says a first degree is "only the beginning", and advises graduates to start these studies while still young. He thinks the University must teach tolerance for all, the importance of ethics and decreasing religious influence as necessities for a well-functioning community. He hopes the world will pay urgent attention to the environmental crisis.

Peter feels richly rewarded by a happy family life and good health. He is concerned for the welfare of others, enjoys travel and his membership of Probus (a club for retired and semi-retired business people and professionals) and the Ingleburn Garden Club, of which his father was a founding member.

Margaret Burkitt

BSc '48

Raising six children and being able to support them all through tertiary education has been a proud accomplishment for Margaret. She is particularly delighted that one of her grandchildren was awarded the University of Sydney Medal in Pharmacology in 2012.

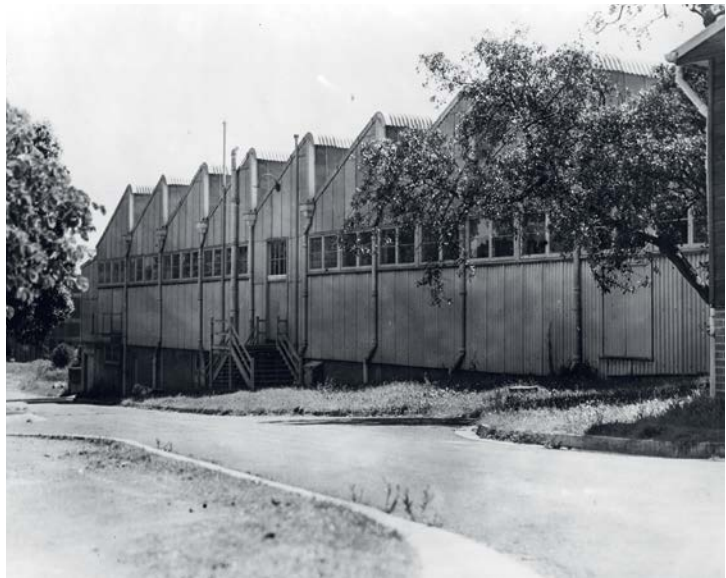
Margaret feels indebted to her parents for paying for her tertiary education, particularly when many parents weren't willing to support their daughters to study.

If Margaret had chosen another degree it would have been law because, she says, it would have been interesting and useful. She advises today's students to "be ambitious".

Margaret hopes the University will increase its research in medical fields to find cures for cancer and other incurable conditions as well as the study of climate change and how to deal with it.

Her fondest memory of the University: the social life – people seemed equal and accepting of others.

Top: Chemistry Department buildings, known as "The Tramsheds", Manning Road, 1949, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2109



Howard Carey

BSc '49 DipEd '50

At Sydney, Howard was an active member of the Sydney University Rover Scout Crew. During his career he was involved with school science curricula and resources at both state and national levels. He was on the Harry Messel School Science Book writing team and also devised in-service activities for school teachers and school principals.

Howard unfortunately has found that recuperating from his "optimistic attempts at playing golf" is now quite time consuming, and his previous hobbies of camping and bushwalking have had to give way to less strenuous activities.

Howard's children, grandchildren and great-grandchild are his main source of happiness. He particularly values waking up each morning to greet his wife.

Neville Davies

BSc '49

Neville worked with the forestry commissioner in the NSW Government and became chief manager of forestry planning.

He married young and has three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. While he considers music to be the best alternative degree for him, he would also consider a Bachelor of Arts as he enjoys writing.

His advice is to never give up, as "the downs in life will pass".

Neville also enjoys singing, spending time with family and going to church.

His fondest memory of the University: friends and academics, in particular Professor Erich Kaspi.



Dr Marie Josephine Delaney (née Crowe)

BSc '49

Completing her undergraduate science degree at Sydney, Marie continued on to study medicine and surgery at the University, becoming the first female junior resident at St Vincent's Hospital upon graduation.

Completing further study overseas, Marie considered specialising in obstetrics before completing a Doctorate of Child Health instead. This led her to a long and rewarding career in paediatrics.

One of Marie's greatest passions was helping to educate children and teenagers about the dangers of smoking and the importance of maintaining proper physical and emotional health.

Residing in regional NSW for part of her life, Marie decided to donate her homestead to the community to be used by a charity very close to heart, Pathfinders Australia, assisting teenagers in need to gain confidence through learning and applying important agricultural skills.

Now 95, Marie resides in the eastern suburbs of Sydney. A mother of four, she continues to support Pathfinders and other worthy causes.

Eryl Dow

BSc '48

Upon graduating, Eryl commenced work as an industrial chemist for Australian Paper Manufacturers in 1948. There she met her husband, also a Sydney graduate, who was undertaking practical chemical engineering work experience.

Eryl was put in charge of a laboratory of about 15 men, and was sent to Melbourne twice a year for meetings which, she says, “was good for a woman in those days”.

She then took the role of medico-legal chemist at the Coroner’s Court of New South Wales. “In one case, I found arsenic – a policeman had neglected to mention a bottle of weed killer found by the body. It resulted in the body being dug back up and they wanted me to work on it.”

Eryl says she “wouldn’t have minded doing medicine” and, given her time again, she would also like to study art or languages.

Eryl loves to see her daughter and granddaughter, who both live in Wales, and her son who is a pathologist and has three children. Both are graduates (one in medicine from Monash University; one in science from the University of Melbourne). Eryl enjoys reading, armchair yoga, games, a good meal and a nice glass of wine. She is also still friends with a gentleman who started work with her on the same day in 1948.



Helen Dufty

BSc '48 DipEd '49

Being the first person in her extended family to go to university, Helen says that the ambition to do something was important. As a woman going into science, Helen strived to be different from the pack.

Upon graduating, however, she found it hard, as a woman, to get a job in science. After applying for many jobs and receiving polite replies saying they wanted a man, Helen decided to undertake a Diploma of Education.

Helen taught high school science for 40 years in Australia, Pakistan and the United States. Her science degree from Sydney allowed her to work overseas due to the biology and physiology subjects she had taken as part of her degree.

“I loved all my subjects,” Helen says. “I did genetics in its first year as a brand new subject at Sydney. They didn’t know very much; we didn’t know the chemical nature of DNA, for instance – a lot has been discovered since I was at university.”

At 88, Helen likes to spend time with her family and is writing a life history about herself and her husband. She hopes to make a book for her family and close friends.

Her fondest memory of the University: Helen took medical subjects as part of her science degree as well as zoology for three years and physiology for two years, which she found most interesting.

Hilma Ellis (née Gladys Hilma Vaughan)

BSc '45 DipEd '46

Hilma completed two years of agriculture before realising that her future lay in teaching science. “I had a Teachers’ College scholarship, with a bond to teach for five years,” she says. “I met my future husband, Clem Ellis, there – he also had a scholarship. Neither of us, and most of our fellow students, would have gone to university without scholarships.”

Their first year at university was an anxious time. “In 1942 Japan was waging war in the Pacific,” Hilma says. “Students were required to help in the war effort and I rolled countless bandages, while Clem became an air-raid warden. On the night the Japanese submarines entered Sydney Harbour and sank the Navy training ship *Kuttabul*, he rode his bike in from North Strathfield to his post at the University.”

Hilma and Clem kept company through their four years at University, became engaged, and married in 1947. “Our happy married life lasted 68 years until Clem died aged 91 in 2015,” says Hilma. Clem taught science at Maitland, was deputy principal at Wyong and Maitland and principal at Karabar and Queanbeyan, all in regional NSW.

“I taught science for five years at Maitland Girls’ High School, left to bring up five children and returned as a casual until retiring in 1983,” Hilma says. Hilma and Clem’s children all graduated from the University of Newcastle; two became teachers, the others an engineer and architect, accountant and biometrician.

Hilma taught physics, geology, chemistry and biology for 60 years. She has volunteered on various committees and was a National Trust guide.

Hilda encourages the University to promote sustainable energy, gender equality and equality among people of different ethnicities and religions.

Patricia Elliston

BA '49 DipEd '50

Patricia worked in the Faculty of Engineering doing radio research during the Second World War, and was already well acquainted with the University when she commenced as an undergraduate on a Teachers' College scholarship.

Patricia studied at the University under what she describes as “unusual circumstances” – books were scarce, space was scarce, and the prevailing mood among the ex-servicemen and women was one of impatience. Patricia's friends were all ex-service and they had a common goal: to get their qualifications as quickly as possible and to get on with their lives, which had been disrupted by the war.

Upon graduation, Patricia began teaching, and taught English for more than 25 years in high schools throughout Tasmania. She reads widely, studied anthropology by correspondence for a year, and still thinks fondly of her time at Sydney.

“One of the things I loved most was walking through the Vice-Chancellor's garden into the Quad, especially when the camellias were out,” Patricia says. “I knew about the University, my mother had taken me up there and told me about it, so it wasn't strange to me – I loved every minute of it.”

Her fondest memory of the University: leaving campus with her friends one day when she bumped into British actors Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, who had just been visiting the University.

Alwynne Fairweather

BSc '48

Alwynne persisted in her decision to attend university against the wishes of her father, and was triumphant in gaining a scholarship.

She achieved high distinctions in both botany and geology in her first year. She says the entire Department of Geology comprised fantastic mentors who nurtured and took a great interest in their students.

Although she would have liked to complete an honours year, this was not an option on her scholarship.

Today Alwynne volunteers at the National Herbarium of Victoria and the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne. She is proud of her three children and spends her time catching up with family and friends, watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow, spending time in her garden and getting out into the bush.

Her fondest memory of the University: the kind interest of the lecturers and the friendships with other students. Alwynne also met her future husband, who took the same geology class, and who became a mining engineer.

Leslie Free

BSc '46 BE(Mech&Elec) '48

Leslie was most proud of three of his many achievements: his involvement in bringing television to Australia; his role in launching a communications satellite; and his contribution to the debate around the introduction of digital technology in Australia.

After a childhood affected by the Great Depression, and later graduating from Sydney with a major in Communications, Leslie started work in the new industry of broadcast television, and was soon transferred by music recording giant EMI to England.

By the mid-50s, Leslie had moved back to Australia with his small family, where he became assistant chief engineer at TCN9 in Sydney and by the 60s, chief engineer of GTV9 in Melbourne, followed by head of research and development for Consolidated Press Holdings, where he remained until his retirement in 1990.

Leslie was part of the Australian telecommunications industry from the start of TV broadcasting in 1956 through to the introduction of colour TV in 1975, and finally to the development of satellite communications, HDTV and pay TV in the 80s. He was instrumental in enabling broadcasting of the moon landing in 1969.

After “retirement”, Leslie was appointed research associate then adjunct professor at Queensland University of Technology, where the digital age awaited him. He was elected as a Fellow by the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers in 1994, and later promoted to Life Fellow.

All was not work – Leslie was also a champion bridge player and loved cricket and horse racing, becoming part-owner of many horses. His greatest passion in later years has been to “see my horse first past the winning post”.

Stan Gibbs

BA '49 DipEd '50

Stan was a boarder at St Andrew's College and recalls the experience of culture shock as a shy boy from the country coming to cultural mixing pot.

“Teachers' College was a little different. A lot more like school, there was a women's quad, and a men's quad. I got caught in the women's quad by 'Rigormortis' Braithewait,” says Stan of his student days.

Stan taught at schools in Cootamundra and Crookwell near Goulburn, then became a lecturer in teaching and drama.

Stan loves to read the University's *SAM* magazine and hear about the new and exciting research being undertaken.

“I think [the University] does a pretty good job at the moment. I hope they keep up their standards, so many people go to uni now.”

Vernon Gilbert

BSc '49

Vernon studied science at Sydney, was involved in sports and social occasions, and a member of the Students' Representative Council for a year. After graduating he moved to Canada, where he gained a Master of Education from Toronto University, followed by a stint at Bristol University in England, where he was awarded a PhD in educational administration.

Vernon became a school teacher, rising to principal, in Canada where he still resides with his wife, Eleanor. He prides himself on being one of a small group of high school principals who changed the structure of the Ontario secondary school diploma requirements.

Now retired, Vernon spends six months of each year with his wife at their summer cottage. He swims, lazes around, gardens, attends summer theatre and socialises with a great group of friends. He says that, at 88, his greatest passion is to "stay alive".

Pamela Heydon

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '49

Prevented from studying science as she had hoped, Pamela studied pharmacy, revelling in first-year chemistry and botany, which took her closer to her real dream of being a geologist like her father.

Having accompanied renowned geologist and explorer Sir Edgeworth David on geological expeditions, Pamela's father was very encouraging of her scientific ambitions; however, others couldn't be persuaded. After many trials to secure a place, Pamela found being admitted to science simply beyond the realm of possibility for a woman in the 1940s.

More than 65 years later, Pamela has pursued her passion, despite obstacles, having spent four to five months of each year exploring outback Australia with her late husband.

Today she can be found cataloguing the film and field diaries she made during their trips as well as indulging in her other hobbies, including watching science documentaries, embroidery and spending time with family and friends.

Emeritus Professor John Hickie AO

MBBS '48 MMedHum '07

A number of mentors have had a huge influence on John's career, including the physicians at St Vincent's Hospital who impressed him with the way they regarded their patients and offered an excellent model to follow as a doctor.

John is proud of receiving the highest marks in his final exam and for his time as president of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand, and president of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

John has been happily married for 64 years and has 19 grandchildren.

If he were to provide some advice to his 20-year-old self, it would be to engage in all aspects of university life and not to restrict himself to medicine.

His fondest memory of the University: playing wet ball on the roof of the obstetrics hospital. John's first year at the University was marked by the outbreak of the Second World War.

Helen Horton OAM

BA '47

Helen credits her time at Sydney with teaching her the skills of research and collating that she would use time and again throughout her life as a writer on her native Queensland's flora and fauna.

Helen was the editor of the Queensland Naturalists' Club (QNC) News for 29 years, has published books, and was part of establishing the Queensland Writers' Centre. In 2011, she received the Queensland Natural History Award from the QNC for her service to natural history in Queensland.

A beloved mother of four children, Helen, now 90, is still contributing to botanical knowledge in Queensland as a member of the editorial committee of *Brisbane Botanics*, and as a guide at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens.

Her fondest memory of the University: English lecturer Mr Maxwell's "deep actor's voice" bringing life to the old English ballads and writings of Chaucer.

Joan Kelly

BA '42 DipEd '59

Joan planned her Latin honours year in 1942; shortly after, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, her Latin professor was called up for special duties, and the rest of the male contingent of the Faculty of Arts left for war. This left Joan and one other female student in the Latin honours class, so they decided to take their pass degrees and find jobs.

Joan taught French, Latin and music in private schools for 15 years before returning to university to get her DipEd in 1957. She won the Peter Board prize for best results among graduation students and continued teaching in state high schools until her retirement as a deputy principal in 1980.

During university, Joan joined the newly formed Voluntary Aid Detachment, taking classes and exams in home nursing and first aid, and volunteering at hospitals in the holidays. Joan spent one vacation at Sydney Hospital, two summer vacations at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and one at the camp where the University Regiment was stationed.

"After I joined the Voluntary Aid Detachment, we would spend late afternoons practising marching around the Quadrangle, directed by an officer of the University Regiment," she says.

After retirement, Joan travelled extensively, first with her husband, Hugh Derricks, who passed away in 1997, then with various friends or alone. She remarried four years ago.

Her fondest memory of the University: knitting socks and scarves for soldiers or victims in the UK during the Second World War. There was some competition for the back rows in lectures, because enterprising knitters could continue unnoticed.

Peter Philip Kidd

BSc '49 DipEd '50

Peter has had a long and exciting career in teaching mathematics, including at a boarding school in India, and as principal at Katoomba High School in the NSW Blue Mountains.

One of his proudest moments was having a student he had taught receive the University Medal in Mathematics. He still enjoys mathematics, and does the HSC mathematics papers every year. He also teaches maths to his nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

When he's not doing maths, Peter plays bowls and is a state bowls coach.

Peter says he has no regrets and would do everything again exactly as before.

His fondest memory of the University: the weekly Evangelical Union meetings, lasting friendships he made and vacation house parties.

The Hon. Dennis Mahoney AO, QC

BA '45 LLB '48 LLD '02

Completing a law degree following his arts studies, Dennis gained first-class honours in law before commencing his legal career.

Appointed a Queen's Counsel (QC) in the early 1960s, Dennis went on to become a Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1972 and a Justice of the Court of Appeal in 1974. Assuming the position of President of the Court of Appeal in 1996 and Acting Chief Justice the very same year, Dennis' many achievements in the legal field have earned him an honorary Doctorate of Laws.

Greatly influenced at university by renowned Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, Professor Julius Stone, Dennis has twice funded the Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory, awarded by the University of Sydney's Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence. The prize, awarded to a superior piece of scholarship advancing the sociological and justice-oriented approach to jurisprudence, was offered for a third time in 2016.

Now 92, Dennis lives in the eastern suburbs of Sydney and is enjoying what he terms his "fruitful survival".

His fondest memory of the University: student activities at the Law School.

Dr Eleanor Mallinson (née Richardson)

MBBS '47

During university Eleanor was influenced by Professor Shellshear, who controlled the dissecting room, and Professor Hayes, whose teachings came to the rescue when Eleanor helped to deliver a baby in the frank breech position in a small country town. Fortunately mother, baby and Eleanor survived.

Eleanor vividly recalls a visit by penicillin pioneer Sir Howard Florey to the University in 1946, who gave a lecture about the early days of penicillin to the students in the clinical years of medicine, dentistry and veterinary science that ended with a standing ovation.

The Dean of Medicine, Harold Dew, coped extremely well with wartime shortages and always found time to help his students.

Eleanor's fondest memories of the University: the year Frank Fowler (a student in Eleanor's year) was elected the first student senator; taking the final practical chemistry exam in the first week, aiming to pass and also save the short supply of chemicals.

Audrey Mathers

BA '49 DipEd '50

A classicist, Audrey came to Sydney to study Latin and Ancient Greek. One of her Greek professors, a “thespian on the side”, encouraged Audrey and her classmates to perform the pieces they studied in front of live audiences in the Sydney University Dramatic Society's Cellar Theatre so they could “get a real feeling for the theatrical elements of the work”.

“I loved all the people I met while I studied at the University, from the professors who taught me in Latin and Ancient Greek, to my peers who kept me engaged and interested in all my studies,” Audrey says.

After graduation, she wrote for the Jack Davies shows on 2GB then took time off to raise a family. Once her children went to school, Audrey did too, teaching Latin in the local high school, eventually moving into the role of Assistant Director of Personnel in the Department of Education.

Audrey is committed to accessible education, and volunteered for several years dictating university textbooks for the Royal Blind Society. She believes universities should continue to make education, such as the one she gained, available to a wider audience, and to less privileged students in particular.

Her fondest memory of the University: being part of a group of students who travelled to Newport on Sydney's northern beaches every semester for reading week.

Top right: Students marching in the Student Voluntary Training Corps, 1940, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0931

Bottom right: Air raid precaution trenches being dug by Sydney Teachers College students, 1940, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2380



Dr Robert Munro FRCS (ED)

MBBS '48 MD '72

As a medical student, Robert's greatest influence was Professor JL Shellshear, who taught anatomy. After graduating in 1948, Robert spent two years as a resident at St George Hospital, Kogarah, in Sydney's south, before going to England in 1953 to study surgery.

He obtained fellowship to the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh in 1955 and was a surgical registrar for two years. On returning to Australia he spent four years practising surgery in Lidcombe, in Sydney's west. In 1962 he joined the Anatomy Department of the University as a senior lecturer, later becoming an associate professor and, through research that he counts as his greatest career achievement, obtained his MD in 1972.

In 1974, Robert married Corinne Adams and both now live in an aged care facility. With limited mobility, Robert now occupies himself with reading books by Jeffrey Archer, Agatha Christie and Bryce Courtenay, and is simply happy to be alive.

Robert believes in helping others as much as possible and hopes one day wars will be a thing of the past that young people only read about in books.

Robert enjoyed mathematics at school and if he were to do another degree it would be mathematics.

He also believes the University can make the world a better place by continuing its tradition of teaching and research. He advises young people to think carefully about what to do with their lives, particularly in terms of work, to strive towards that end wholeheartedly, and not let anyone change their mind.

His fondest memory of the University: working in the old medical school.

Dr Bruce Noake

MBBS '48

Spending his career as a surgeon, Bruce recalls the support and mentorship of Dr Vernon Barling, honorary surgeon at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, who helped to nurture his and many other young surgeons' careers as they started out in medicine. Now retired, his medical career only pales in comparison to his greatest achievement – marrying his wife in England in 1956.

Believing in the value of hard work, Bruce's advice to his 20-year-old self would be: "If you work hard, you can achieve whatever you wish."

Now aged 90, Bruce's favourite activities include gardening, playing bridge, completing crosswords, doing jigsaw puzzles and reading. He is most happy in the company of family and friends.

His fondest memory of the University: being part of the University Athletics Club, which was one of the premier athletics clubs during that period, and earning five University Blues.



Gerry Nutter

BA '49

Gerry graduated from Sydney with first-class honours in Latin, thanks to the support of two important teachers, Professor Smith, who taught Latin and English Literature, and Professor Trendall, who taught Greek.

Gerry worked as a guardian of the Nicholson Museum on campus. During this time, he was asked about his future and given the application form for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This was the first step in his decision to attend the diplomatic school.

Gerry's career as a diplomat was one of his proudest accomplishments. He started in Germany and travelled to Japan, India, London and Italy. His education at the University was instrumental to his achievements and helped him cope with the demands and dynamics of the job.

While Gerry was guardian of the Nicholson Museum, he also

gave lectures. He developed a great love for archaeology and the skills he learnt through this subject were instrumental to his work overseas – and in approaching new people. These days Gerry likes to go swimming and enjoys being around the beach.

“It is important to have a good understanding and ability to accept and live with people from different cultural backgrounds – this would also help Australia develop into a peace-loving and prosperous country,” Gerry says.

His fondest memories of the University: “I loved the University buildings. Most of my classes were in the Quadrangle and I enjoyed having lunch on the lawn and the general atmosphere there.”

Sadly, Gerry passed away before this yearbook went to print. We extend our condolences to Gerry's family and acknowledge his legacy.

Peter Reuben

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '49

Peter takes pride in having graduated as a pharmacist.

These days, Peter's great family, travel and good company make him happy. He enjoys spending time with family and playing lawn bowls.

“Study hard and listen to advice,” says Peter.

He hopes that in future there is more understanding of international students, and less tension and more tolerance in the world in general.

His fondest memory of the University: new friendships, responsibility, new knowledge and learning a new profession.

Above: Manning House, 1953, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0178

Beryl Ricardo (née Gray)

BA '49

A lover of history, Beryl taught at Singleton High School, north-west of Sydney, from 1950 to 1987. In addition to teaching, she has also undertaken a great deal of historical work for her community, producing a short history of the high school in 1990 as well as writing the centennial and 150th anniversary edition histories of her church.

A project particularly close to her heart was a compilation of her history with her husband Bruce, with whom she shares a family that now has about 50 members. Beryl also enjoys keeping in touch with friends and has travelled to a number of the historical sites about which she teaches.

Now 89, Beryl still drives to places of interest to her, as well as singing in the local choir, a lifelong hobby that she also enjoyed while at university.

Her fondest memory of the University: Singing with the Teachers' College, playing hockey and tennis, and refereeing hockey games.



Dr Donald Richards

BE(Mech&Elec) '47

Donald's studies at the University were interrupted when he joined the Air Force for four years during the Second World War. Upon returning to university, married with kids, he continued his studies full time until he graduated.

The greatest influence on his life during university were his friends Harold Porter, Johnny Parker and Barry White, along with G Faunce Allman from the Conservatorium of Music. Donald later pursued his interest in music and gained a PhD in Music from the University of New South Wales, 50 years after his engineering degree. Prior to his PhD, Donald also gained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New England.

In retirement, Donald spends a lot of time with his family, which includes four children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His passion, however, is Mozart and music.

Margaret Miller Robinson (née Whitwell)

BSc '49

Margaret's Scottish mother was determined to educate her daughter and, along with the devoted teachers at St George Girls' High School, prepared Margaret for tertiary studies and helped her gain a scholarship to the University of Sydney.

Margaret completed a Bachelor of Science and worked as a clinical dietitian; industrial bacteriologist; secondary science teacher and finally, as a lecturer and senior lecturer at the University of Canberra. "I am proud that my initial qualifications allowed me to contribute to society over a number of years," she says.

In 1979 Margaret studied at the University of California, Berkley, graduating with a Master of Public Health, which enabled her to develop further courses at Canberra. After retirement, she indulged her interest in languages and graduated with a BA in French language and literature from the University of New England.

She hopes that her grandchildren will be able to obtain the best education possible and that they

can contribute to the "huge job of making this planet habitable and peaceful". To this end, Margaret would like to see the University continue to produce graduates qualified to attack the challenges facing the world: climate change, world poverty and inequality.

Margaret's love of music and theatre sees her indulge in concerts and performances. She also spends time gardening, reading, attending book group and supporting the University of the Third Age (U3A) in Canberra, where there is a "very active and vibrant chapter". "In the past, I have offered courses and participated in many covering history, politics and languages."

Her fondest memory of the University: singing in the University reviews, joining the Sydney University Musical Society and the choir led by Dr Faunce Allman, and Bach Cantatas sung from the gallery of the Great Hall. Margaret studied singing at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music along with studying science.

Enid Sefton

BA '49 DipSocStud '50

Enid met her husband at the University and followed him back to Victoria when they finished their degrees.

"We had to spend about two years apart due to a financial situation keeping me in Sydney. But the moment that was sorted I went straight to Melbourne and we worked together at his veterinary practice for the next 60 years."

Enid loved her degree and learned how to be a learner, as well as how to have a profound and deep connection with the world around her.

Her advice for today's students is: don't try and fix other people's problems, let them fix them for themselves.

Her fondest memory of the University: meeting and falling in love with her husband.

Walter John Stamm

BE(Mech&Elec) '48

Pavlova, champagne, success with a new product, cricket and tennis feature heavily in the life of Walter Stamm. Born in Bowral in the NSW southern highlands in 1926, Walter is a dux of Moss Vale Public School, where legendary cricketer Sir Donald Bradman was a former pupil. “The Don set the standard of behaviour to which we should all aspire,” says Walter.

Growing up on a stud sheep property, Walter worked with his father on all manner of farm equipment and, at a young age, stripped down the family car – a '27 Chevy. When his father asked what he was doing, he replied, “I’m fitting the new rings you purchased”. Walter reassembled the engine and it worked perfectly on the first attempt. “When I volunteered to work on my mother’s sewing machine, however, I was told very firmly to keep my hands off it.”

Experiments on farm machinery led him to formalise his engineering knowledge at Sydney and he praises his professors for their knowledge and capability to impart it.

Walter believes that engineering is “the best basic training” and advises students to focus on product design, manufacture and accounting. He is grateful to Sir Walter Scott, who founded Australia’s first management consultancy firm, for his advice to study accountancy. As for marketing, Walter says: “If you can’t sell it, don’t make it.”

Walter’s first job as a cadet engineer in Orange, NSW, provided experience of “a wide range of production processes. This proved quite a challenge for a new and immature young engineer, but I certainly learnt a great deal very quickly”.

Walter was sent to Westinghouse in the United States to study the manufacture of motors and appliances. There he met his wife, Helen, and she returned to Australia with him. His greatest passions are his family and his workshop, where he still makes new appliances and repairs old ones.

Ian Stevenson

BSc '49 BE(Mech&Elec) '51

Ian was 21 when he returned to Sydney after a three-year posting with the RAAF throughout Australia and the East Indies. He enrolled in mechanical and electrical engineering and, as a serviceman, attended university free of charge.

After completing his degree, Ian went to work for a manufacturing company called Standard Telephones and Cables (STC), which made valves for radio transmitters.

The American-owned company supplied the radio valves for the first computer built in Australia – at the University of Sydney. However, the valves had a short life and failed regularly, and Ian was sent in every few days to supervise the failures.

In 1952, transistors were invented and STC went into their manufacturing. For six months Ian learned about the physics involved in making transistors at the CSIRO. In 1954 he went with his partner Meg to Somerset in England to work in transistor manufacturing.

“I’m glad I chose engineering,” he says. “I had a passion for maths and physics, and I have enjoyed the career path it gave me. There were lots of jobs coming out of university,” he says.

Being passionate about his own career, Ian’s advice is to take up a broad career that provides plenty of opportunities.

Until a few years ago, Ian played golf regularly and still plays bowls. He also plays snooker and has an interest in climate change and environmental trends.

His fondest memory of the University: the extracurricular activities.

Malcolm Stewart AM

BSc '49

Malcolm was part of the original group that set up the University of Sydney Bushwalkers in 1946. He was also a member of the Junior Science Association, which enabled students in the faculty to meet.

“Once I had settled into the academic side of things, it let me explore the University socially,” Malcolm says. “I realised that University was more than just academia, more than just learning from books and tutors; it was learning and developing with, and through, your peers.”

Upon graduation, Malcolm moved into the surface coating industry, and went on to lead one of the largest acrylics companies in Australia. He became a well-known technical salesman in the surface coatings industry, a fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and national president of the Surface Coatings Association.

Outside of work, Malcolm loved and continues to love surfing and swimming and, of course, going for bushwalks.

Malcolm received a Medal of the Order of Australia for founding the Ménière’s Research Fund in 1998. His wife, who lives with Ménière’s, a disorder of the inner ear, founded the Ménière’s Support Group NSW in 1994.

Malcolm offers this advice to today’s students: “Move beyond academics, get involved in the activities that are happening in and around the University. Also travel. Other than the learning experiences offered by university life, travel has afforded me the most varied learning experiences.”

Malcolm’s view is that the University can make the world a better place by continuing to do what it does best: leading Australia as the first and best, and encouraging students to get involved in extracurricular activities.

His fondest memory of the University: “Rag days”, when many students would dress in full academic regalia, ride into the city, and run amok through Martin Place.



Dr Neville Webb AM

BA '49 DipEd '50 MEd '79

Neville was only nine when he attended an evening presentation of Shakespeare's *The Twelfth Night* in the Great Hall and "fell in love with the University". Taking the Leaving Certificate at 15, he won a scholarship, which set him on a career in languages and education.

Arriving on campus in 1946, he found a "brave new world" containing both women and "a large contingent of mature, ex-service students". By 18, Neville had earned his BA, won an intervarsity blazer for baseball and happily embarked on his teaching career. An introduction to university theatre led him to the University's Summer School of Drama in 1959 and the lead role in a production opposite the beautiful actress who became his wife.

Elected to represent the Faculty of Arts on the University's Standing Committee of Convocation, Neville served for nearly 30 years. As lecturer in French at Sydney Teachers' College, he undertook higher degrees at the University of New England before returning to Sydney to complete a Master of Education. He was awarded the Ewing Scholarship to pursue PhD studies at the University of Oregon.

In 1982, Neville became dean of undergraduate studies at what became the Sydney Institute of Education – serving as president in 1987, and working to negotiate its incorporation into the University.

Appointed Esquire Bedell by the Senate, Neville recalls his first experience as mace-bearer at graduations: "My feet barely touched the ground as I felt part of a tradition of seven centuries." As president of convocation, he was a delegate to the Australian University Alumni Council, later becoming president, speaking and writing on behalf of generations of alumni. In 2005, Neville was awarded an AM for service to Higher Education and Alumni Affairs.

Upon retirement Neville was asked to donate one of his own paintings to the University. His artwork still hangs in the Old Teachers' College Building today.

Neville is still interested in acting, literature, physics, philosophy and psychology. He and his wife were delighted to witness their elder daughter Caroline's graduation at Sydney, with first-class honours in English. An Associate Professor at the University of Newcastle, she is continuing in Neville's footsteps.

Emeritus Professor Neville Wills

BSc '41 BEc '47 MSc '48

Neville has had a lifelong interest in Australia's manufacturing industry. Appointed first chief economist of BHP, he also established the first graduate school of business in Australia, the forerunner of the Australian Graduate School of Management at the University of New South Wales (now known as the Australian School of Business).

Neville's professional life has been shaped by some notable people, including professor John Andrews, senior lecturer in the Department of Geography, FR Bland, Professor of Public Administration, Sir Ian McLennan KBE, former chair of BHP, and Sir Philip Baxter, former vice-chancellor of UNSW.

One of Neville's proudest accomplishments is finding his life partner and carer, Ian Fenwick. Neville is passionate about learning and in his spare time he likes to read (especially history), listen to classical music and keep abreast of current affairs.

Neville hopes the future will have greater economic equality, and tolerance and acceptance of minorities. "I hope for peaceful settlement of international disputes and for a more humane, tolerant and civilised Australia – a scientifically aware Australia that accepts the realities of climate change."

His fondest memories of the University: the Department of Geography, the organ music in the Great Hall, and, "just being there".

Dr Ivan Wilson

BSc '49 MSc '50

Ivan counts Professor LeFevre and many companion students as inspiring him during his studies. Ivan has never stopped learning regardless of whether within a formal institution or otherwise. He advises students to be patient and to keep moving forward.

Ivan's greatest accomplishment is having a part in helping men and women move away from abuse of any kind and towards more worthwhile living.

"I have far less anxiety and sense of being driven than at any earlier stage," he says. "My wife and three sons and many colleagues bring me joy."

He credits his parents with his ability to be thankful, especially in hard times.

His fondest memory of the University: the many students who became worthy members of their professions, regardless of whether these professions would count them as successes.



The 1950s



The 1950s: populate or perish

The Australian Government committed to a vigorous and sustained immigration program after the Second World War. The ambitious program aimed to meet labour shortages, protect Australia from external threats and create prosperity. In 1955, Australia recorded its one-millionth “New Australian” and in 1959 the population hit 10 million.

Boom economic conditions enabled the Australian economy to thrive and the new migration program included incentives for non-British settlers to migrate to Australia. Post-war refugees from Greece, Italy, Poland, Germany and the Netherlands established substantial communities. The overwhelming majority of refugees were Eastern Europeans fleeing persecution from Soviet communism. Victor Chang, pioneer of modern heart transplant surgery and Sydney alumnus, migrated from China, arriving in Australia in 1953.

The 1950s saw the birth of the “suburban dream” – owning a house on a quarter-acre block. It was an era of full employment, a good standard of living and family-focused values. Australia became influenced by American culture with the introduction of television and pop music.

The Cold War dominated politics and anti-communist fears in Australia led to the split of the Australian Labor Party. Prime Minister Robert Menzies polarised the country with his attempt to ban the Communist Party while it played a major role in campaigning for workers’ rights. Compulsory military service for 18-year-old males was introduced in readiness for another war.

Australia made international news with the inaugural visit by Queen Elizabeth II in 1954 and the Olympic Games held in Melbourne in 1956. Young people were dancing to *The Wild One* by Johnny O’Keefe and *Rock Around the Clock* by Bill Haley and His Comets. Commuters could catch new diesel trains.

The CSIRO released the myxomatosis virus into the Murray Valley as part of its ongoing attempts to eliminate rabbits. The program was successful, killing 90 percent of the rabbit population. In April 1955, the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories began mass production of the poliomyelitis vaccine, with a free mass-vaccination campaign in the following year, reducing new cases of polio to 125, down from 4735 in the previous three years.

In the 1950s nuclear power came to Australia with government atomic testing beginning in 1953 for 10 years, and construction of the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor and research centre, 30km south-west of Sydney, which became operational in 1958.

Universities meanwhile, were seen as institutions for “public good” and the report of the Murray Committee in 1957 gave government support to “liberal universities” as a necessary measure to confront communism. In 1951, the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme was introduced, enabling a large demographic of new students to attend university.

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Previous page: Reading room of Fisher Library, now MacLaurin Hall, 1950, University of Sydney Archive, G3_224_1273_1

Left: Scenes from Orientation Week, 1959, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0416_2

Graduates of the 1950s



Gladys Jessie Agius (née Camilleri)

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '59

Gladys says the greatest influences on her career were the pharmacy employer to whom she was apprenticed during her degree and afterwards to a career in retail pharmacy and the chief pharmacists at Hallam's Pharmacies.

Gladys is proud of succeeding in her profession and owning her own pharmacy, as well as representing her company at Pharmacy Guild meetings.

She spent two years in the Northern Territory before moving out of retail pharmacy and joining AC Nielsen Market Research, focusing on the company's drug index measurements in retail pharmacies.

In 1986, Gladys had a career change to interior design and ran her own design business until 2007.

Dr Eleanor Clara Gyrfas,
the first PhD conferred at
the University of Sydney,
1951, University of Sydney
Archives, G3_224_2112

Gladys has returned to the University of Sydney where she is in her second year of an arts degree, majoring in history and ancient history. She still finds time to entertain friends, enjoys baking for friends and family, reading politics and literary fiction, and spending time with her "almost adult" grandchildren. She would also like to return to pottery making.

Her fondest memory of the University: "The awesome feeling of being part of a prominent university and the immeasurable volume of learning it harboured in wonderful sandstone buildings."

Helen Barker

BA '50

As the only student at the University from Mudgee High School that year, Helen's mother made several special dresses for her to take with her. Helen met her future husband, a former naval officer in the Royal Indian Navy, in Fisher Library in 1948, and the library quickly became a favourite place for them to study together.

Having also completed a master's degree in ancient history at Macquarie University, Helen says she would also have loved to study archaeology all on its own.

A mother of four, Helen still lives in Sydney where she enjoys spending time with her adult children, reading, gardening and going to church. A prolific knitter, Helen has contributed more than 50 knitted rugs to the Wrap with Love charity, which distributes warm rugs throughout the world to people who need them.

Her fondest memories of the University: playing hockey for the University team and admiring the old buildings on campus.

Dr Peter Barnard OAM ADM, JP

DSc '54

Peter has a long association with academia, holding a BDS, MDS, DSc, MPH and PhD.

He taught preventative dentistry and public health dentistry at the University to 204 full-time students from 41 countries. He has supervised more than 230 postgraduate theses and 25 of his graduates have become national dental directors in 21 countries. He has presented 138 major papers in 20 countries, published 260 papers and 171 major reports to many government and dental associations. He has also received numerous awards for teaching, research and service.

Peter's father, Colin Barnard, was a great influence on his life. He set an environment of hard work, investigation and research. Peter first stepped onto the stage of the Great Hall in 1936, when his father received his Doctor of Science.

Other influences include Noel Martin who was part of the teaching staff, Dr Ken Easlick from the University of Michigan and Dr Erling Johansen from the University of Rochester who taught experimental dental care.

Peter's spare time used to be limited due to working extreme working hours, but now he enjoys Sudoku and jigsaws. He is passionate about chocolate and happy when he finishes a project.

His fondest memory of the University: residing at Wesley College, which exposed him to different faculties, students, regions, nationalities, sporting facilities and influence from mentors. Peter advises today's students to "get accommodation with others from different social and ethnic backgrounds".



Dr Bruce Barnes (Geoffrey's second son) at age two, practising his teaching skills on his older brother

Dr Geoffrey Barnes

BSc '51 MSc '53

A Wesley College student, Geoffrey was encouraged to continue with research by his honours supervisor, Dr Frank Dwyer, and later, with the support of his PhD supervisor Professor AE Alexander (then of UNSW and later of Sydney), he went on to post-doctoral research with Professor VK LaMer at Columbia University, followed by research with Professor R Sanger at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. Geoffrey gained his PhD from the University of New South Wales in 1958.

These experiences led to teaching and research at the University of Queensland between 1962 and 1974, where Geoffrey reached the position of reader. Since 1975, he has continued research at UQ as honorary research consultant. Geoffrey was an Alexander Memorial lecturer for the Royal Australian Chemical Institute in 1995 and in 1998, he was an O'Donnell Schools lecturer for the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. He was an editorial board member of the *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* and on the foundation editorial board of *Langmuir* (American Chemical Society). Geoffrey's publications include the book *Interfacial Science; an Introduction with I R Gentle*. As a scientist, he believes that agnosticism is preferable to religious intolerance as an approach to the supernatural.

The centre of Geoffrey's life for more than 60 years was his wife Elizabeth 'Beth' Taylor. A student at the Women's College and a violin player, Beth caught Geoffrey's eye and, some years later, became his wife. After his retirement, Geoffrey travelled extensively with Beth until her passing in 2015. Geoffrey's health no longer allows him to travel and the family he and Beth created, the friendship of his former colleagues, and the activities of social groups including National Seniors and Probus (a club for retired or semi-retired business and professional people) have taken priority.

Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

MBBS '56 MD '02



Marie Bashir credits her loving parents' steadfast belief in the power of education as a driving force in her own career. Marie's parents encouraged all of their children to reach their fullest potential through education, and to use what they've learned to benefit the world. It was this gentle guidance that steered Marie down a path towards medicine at the University of Sydney.

Marie was a resident of the University's Women's College during her studies, and cites College Principal Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Archdale as a great influence on her life. Affectionately called "The Admiral" in light of her service with the Royal Navy in the Second World War, Marie says that Ms Archdale instilled a sense of pride and commitment among all the college girls.

A memorable chapter of Marie's student life involves her experiences studying alongside students from Southeast Asia, who came to the University as part of the Colombo Plan Scholarship Program.

"We embraced these students during their time here, and many, on return to their home countries retained enormous loyalty to the University of Sydney. It is my hope that this level of international commitment continues into the future."

A defining moment in Marie's distinguished career was the establishment of the Rivendell Child, Adolescent and Family Unit in Sydney, which is still active today. With a focus on providing consultative services for young people with emotional and mental health issues, Marie takes pride in how the service has helped in the "regeneration of wonderful young Australians".

As a former chancellor of the University of Sydney (2007–12), Marie is well placed to remark on how the University can make the world a better place.

"Since its inception, the University of Sydney has produced outstanding scholars from across many disciplines, whether they've achieved fame or not," Marie says. "The University has always maintained high standards and is a place of great humanity. The University will, I believe, continue these standards, producing graduates who go on to benefit our world."

Clearly an optimist, Marie is made happy by all the wondrous things she has witnessed throughout her lifetime. Her advice to young Australians is to "do what you can do to help those in need – that's the Australian way".

Fond memories of the University include: "Being invited to the medical faculty balls, with the boys dressed in black tie and the women in gowns. Most of the graduates from my time would remember these events with fondness."

Dr David Samuel Bell

BSc(Med) '52 MBBS '55 DipPsychMed '59



In first year, David was spurred on by the constant refrain that “60 percent must fail”. In 1951, passing top of his year in anatomy gave him the opportunity to undertake a Bachelor of Medical Science in Physiology. “Four of us took up the extra year of study,” David says. “We were lucky. Professor Peter Bishop had just returned from overseas and he took us under his wing and taught us the discipline and routines of research.” Peter’s first students went on to different specialties: neurosurgery, surgery, orthopaedics and, for David, psychiatry.

After the compulsory year of internship, David joined what became the Psychiatric Research Unit at Sydney’s Callan Park Mental Hospital, spending seven years in clinical research. “My first mentor, Professor William H Trethowan, taught me how to write a polished paper, and together we published my first papers on amphetamine addiction,” he says, having stumbled upon the beginnings of what became a worldwide epidemic. “My proudest accomplishment remains buried in obscurity, the thalamic contribution to the formulation of speech.”

David has written more than 200 scientific papers and two books – *The Assessment of Traumatic Head Injury* in 1992 and *Welcome to the Loony Bin: 55 Years in Psychiatry and the Law* in 2015.

He was a member of the World Health Organization Panel of Experts on Drug Dependence, and occupied many editorial posts. “The frustrations of public service eventually drove me into private practice,” David says.

For decades David enjoyed harmonious teamwork with the neurological and neurosurgical service at St Vincent’s Hospital before retiring in 2016. He is content with the choices he has made and his policy of “taking up whatever opportunity chance opens”.

Right: Badham Building, Science Road, 1950, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0139



Dr John Beston

BA '50 DipEd '51

John is a self-described “country hick” who did his Leaving Certificate at Parkes High School, won a Public Exhibition scholarship for the first 100 students in the state, and became “the youngest Sydney graduate ever to get honours I in English”. Achieving this at age 19 was the reason John’s lecturer, Guy Howarth, supported an application for a Fulbright Scholarship that took John to Harvard for his PhD. “People didn’t get PhDs in Australia then,” says John.

The Public Exhibition enabled him to choose whatever subjects he wished, and he opted for languages and psychology. “I got scholarships all through my studies – a gift from God,” he says. “I did absolutely nothing to deserve it, but used it very well.”

John decided to educate himself in French after a tough few years in the classroom. “We had 97 in French I [first year], of whom 33 passed (including me), then 10 in French II, and six in French III.”

Perfecting his comprehension of the spoken language through visits to France, John later published extensively in French and in English. He also taught himself German and Spanish, suggesting Spanish as the best language to learn. “It’s easy, elegant, and will get you through the fascinating Central and South American countries. And, should nuclear war eventuate, as I think it will, it gives you one of the safest areas in the world to escape it.”

He is the author of two books and 150 articles. If he were to continue his education today, he would study music or psychology. Living in Coffs Harbour, John likes to listen to classical music, write difficult academic articles, garden, look after his pets and help people “academically or career-wise”.



Dr James Biggs AM

MBBS '55

A high achiever academically and in his career, James considers having five wonderful children and eight grandchildren among his best achievements. University gave him a sense of freedom and knowledge in many new subjects, and he went on to pursue a doctorate at the University of Oxford.

James established a department of clinical haematology with a strong emphasis on research. At St Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney, he established the first allogeneic bone-marrow transplant program in Australia. He also worked on many grass roots programs in the Pacific region and Vietnam over many years. In 1999, James received an Order of Australia for Contribution to Medical Research and Overseas Aid.

James has taught many medical students and concerned himself with national and international issues, but time with his family and friends is his first priority. James met his first wife in his final year of medicine. She passed away in 1997, and James met his second wife, who migrated from Europe in 2002, at the Centenary Institute, a world-leading medical research institute.

Climate change, world peace, poverty, prevention of disease, better global health and education, and reduced reliance on fossil fuels are among the big issues humanity faces, says James. He would like to see more Sydney graduates debating important issues such as climate change, care of refugees, reducing disadvantage, the humane treatment of animals and addressing extinction of species.

Although in good health, James has set aside his youthful pursuits of cricket, football, surfing and tennis in favour of more sedate interests that include theatre, concerts, walking with his dog, a labrador, and dinner parties with family and friends.



Dr Patricia Birch

MBBS '53

Practising medicine until the age of 76, Patricia spent her early career at Sydney Hospital before she and her first husband travelled to London to continue their medical careers. Visiting schools and talking to students about health issues, including smoking and sexual health, Patricia's medical interest soon broadened to psychology, and she spent the last 25 years of her career as a counsellor.

Now retired, Patricia still helps others, teaching English to a Korean friend and assisting schoolchildren with reading.

A mother of four with eight grandchildren, Patricia's family is an ongoing source of joy in her life, as is her second husband, who she met playing table tennis.

Patricia still plays table tennis and pursues her love of gardening. She is also involved in a medical art group, through which she attends exhibitions and chats with artists.

Peter Bishop

BScAgr '57

"My time at Sydney University and St Paul's College from 1953 to 1956 has informed every day of my life since," says Peter, an agriculture graduate.

Peter recalls SILLIAC, an early giant computer built by the University, had just been installed in the Physics building. Consisting of banks of thousands of vacuum radio tubes, each emitting different notes when operating, SILLIAC was operated by punch cards (see photos, pages 61, 149).

"In their first access to this modern miracle of science, our physics students programmed a series of punch cards which, when fed into this priceless machine, caused it to hum *Waltzing Matilda*," Peter says. SILLIAC occupied an entire wing of the building and had less computing power than Peter's iPhone 6.

"We boys wore coats and ties to lectures, staged civil disobedience actions for traffic lights on Parramatta Road, and almost all of us served time as National Service trainees in the army, navy or air force during summer holidays," says Peter.

Television was still a rumour, many students were on Commonwealth scholarships to cover their tuition fees, the Olympic Games were staged in Melbourne with a minimum of fuss, and wool growing was "an unbelievably profitable industry".

His fondest memories of the University: "The friends I made there have stayed friends all my life. But the real gift of Sydney University was the awareness of the possibilities bestowed on us all. We were privileged to be there, and we knew it."

Dr David Bliss

BSc '51 BE(Chem) '52 MBBS '66
BA '92

David graduated from degrees in science and engineering, but really recognised the value of study when he started medicine, for which he was awarded first-class honours in 1966. Many tutors had an influence on David's life and helped to give him an understanding of the value of knowledge.

David is passionate about his love for his family, his hope for education for all and adequate world health. The achievements of his family make him happy, along with his studies and the University's influence on his broad attitude and experience of life. A strong advocate for education, David would like to study, read and fly more – and finish his PhD in the field of philosophy, particularly the thinking of European philosophers.

“Never be put off by the challenges that you see ahead,” David says. “When you analyse them, they are not as threatening as you think and can be overcome with effort. There is much to learn about life at university, apart from the actual studies. Enjoy your time as an undergraduate.”

His fondest memories of the University: graduating from various degrees, especially medicine, his fellowship in the University football team and participating in the Students' Representative Council.

John Alexander Brown

BE(Civil) '53

Throughout his career, John was team leader on a number of different studies, including mathematical modelling of the hydrology of the Nile Basin; a national water master plan for Botswana; and the Red River Delta master plan study, Vietnam.

John earned first-class honours in Latin in his Leaving Certificate, undertook an intensive French language course in France, and picked up Indonesian during his many assignments there. He has a great love of history and biography and has accumulated a library of more than 3000 books.

John believes the University should encourage students in the technical faculties of engineering, medicine and dentistry to take subjects from the Faculty of Arts and says linguistics and history would have been interesting subjects to study.

John's advice is for people to engage actively in their chosen career, but to also develop outside interests, marry and have “at least three children!”

He keeps fit through body surfing and going on mountain treks. John also enjoys reading, photography and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He would like to see an end to conflict in Africa and the Middle East and hopes that conditions for the deeply impoverished people of India and many African and South American nations greatly improve.

His fondest memories of the University: Being a student at St John's College; winning an Exhibition scholarship to the University in 1947 is among his proudest accomplishments.

Marie June Brown (née Sheldon)

BSc '50

Marie June Sheldon (known as June) was born in January 1930 and attended Earlwood Public School and St George Girls High School (1942-46) before enrolling at the University of Sydney to complete a science degree. June graduated in 1950 and went to the Royal Newcastle Hospital to study dietetics, working for the NSW Department of Health. She travelled between mental hospitals, investigating food service across New South Wales.

June married in 1953 and resigned in 1955 when her first son was born. In 1959, she returned to the University to study pharmacy. There were very few mature-age students in those days – especially women. June graduated in 1962 (as Marie June Steley) and opened Steley's Pharmacy and Dietetic Centre



Marie June Brown
on graduation day

in Kingsgrove in 1963. June now resides in Queensland and attends the University of Sydney Golden Oldies each year.

Three generations of June's family have attended the University of Sydney: her father, Mervyn Leslie Gilbert Sheldon graduated with honours in agricultural science and taught in the Biology Department of the Teachers' College, becoming deputy principal; and her nephew, Dr Mark Gilbert Sheldon, graduated in 1988 in medicine. June's brothers, Dr Bruce Henry Gilbert Sheldon (page 130) and Professor Donald Mervyn Sheldon (page 230) are also graduates of Sydney Medical School.

Dr Malcolm Bulluss RFD ED

BDS '51

During the Second World War, while serving with the air force in India, Malcolm considered dentistry as a profession after he saw a dentist working on the footpath in Calcutta.

After graduating, Malcolm became involved in forensic dentistry. He says the proudest moment of his career was when he was awarded Honorary Life Member of the Australian Society of Forensic Dentistry in 1996.

In retirement, Malcolm enjoys being with his family.

His fondest memory of the University: "Meeting the girl at a University function whom I married."

Sue Camden

BSc '52 DipEd '53

After graduating, Sue moved with her husband Bill and three-month-old baby to Victoria, then Vanuatu. Bill, having studied linguistics, worked to translate the New Testament into Bislama, while Sue worked on the phonemic statement (a transcription of how words sound). When Vanuatu gained independence in 1980, Bislama became the national language.

Sue considers her proudest accomplishments to be her children. She keeps busy reading, spending time with her family, including nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and teaching English as a second language.

She would have liked to continue her study of linguistics and included some anthropology. Her faith, friends and “picking pansies from my balcony garden” make her happy.

Her fondest memories of the University: the Sydney University Musical Society practices, camps and performances. At these catch-ups they would sing Bach motets and cantatas and many carols. Sue also remains friends with many people she met through the Evangelical Union.

Max Carey

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '51

The greatest influence on Max's life was Tom Moore, the local Taree pharmacist. After Max finished his intermediate school certificate he asked Tom for a job – which he got – but on the condition he return to school. Max worked with Tom for two years before coming to the University to study pharmacy, attending classes in the morning and working in the afternoon.

Max established a successful pharmacy of his own in Taree in 1957. He travelled by ship to England in 1967 where he worked in various pharmacies before travelling around Europe with his wife, Joyce.

Max has worked on medical facilities in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. He was chairman of Taree's Mayo Private Hospital from 2004 to 2007, overseeing a doubling of its capacity.

Max counts 60 happy years of marriage to Joyce as his proudest achievement, along with their two children and five grandchildren. He is still involved in the local community through the Rotary Club, he coordinates Taree's Bowelscan program, he was an alderman of Taree Municipal Council for nine years and served as Deputy Mayor for three. Max enjoys golf, gardening with Joyce and using his computer.

His fondest memory of the University: graduating with the Kodak Prize for Dispensing.

Dr John Yok Hong Chong

MBBS '59

John studied medicine and undertook his surgical fellowship in 1963 in London. He was the first surgeon to practise liposuction in Sydney (and possibly Australia), in 1981.

John feels proud to have started “from nothing” to become financially successful and able to donate to his chosen institution. If he were to study another degree, John would do science and research which, he says, “is the way of the future”.

The greatest influence in John's life during university was his father, and after university and currently it is his wife, Anne. John's family (his wife, children and grandchildren) and good health makes him happy. He is glad to be financially secure and he enjoys a good round of golf.

“Have a goal and try your best to get there,” John says. He believes in moderation and the importance of physical and mental health. In the future he hopes for better education, ethics, and tolerance.

His fondest memories of the University: the camaraderie with other students and his time as an intern at the now closed King George V Memorial Hospital for Mothers and Babies in Newtown.



Graeme Clark, right, with Rod Saunders, who received the world's first cochlear implant, 1978

Emeritus Professor Graeme Clark AC

MB '58 MS '69 PhD (Medicine) '70 MD '89

Inventing the bionic ear for adults and children has been Graeme's greatest life achievement.

"Ninety-nine percent of people said the cochlear implant wouldn't work," Graeme says.

"I have the unbelievable joy of seeing adults, and children in particular, being able to hear the world of sound and communicate. It is also wonderful feeling the gratitude of parents and grandparents."

Undertaking medicine, a PhD, and a Master of Surgery in order to achieve his work, Graeme has fond memories of Sydney, including Professor Peter Bishop, a physiologist responsible for bringing sensory neurophysiology to Australia and paving the way for the bionic ear.

"There was the excitement of discovering, learning and studying botany, zoology, and medicine, through to the clinical field and learning about people and how to help them."

Graeme believes interdisciplinary studies are very important and would like to see a combination of medicine, physics, maths and engineering.

His advice for today's students is pertinent: "Pursue your ideas and inspirations as quickly as possible. There was a race between Australia, the United States and Europe to create the first multi-channel cochlear implant and, though we won, I would like to have achieved it earlier."

Graeme is passionate about science and faith and the relationship between these two areas. He would like to see a world of equal opportunity for everyone, whatever their talents, and believes, with the advent of supercomputers, that we have the opportunity to do this.

"We've got to be able to use science and the humanities to create a more harmonious world," he says. "One of my greatest passions is to understand human consciousness. There has been lots of progress in genetic engineering, but no one knows what human consciousness is."

His fondest memories of the University: "The friendships I made and being involved with committees and bodies. I was very interested in the Student Christian Movement, of which my wife, Margaret, was co-president."

Dr Neil Conn AO

BEC '58 MEd '64

The greatest influence on Neil's life during and after university was economist Dr HC (Nugget) Coombs, who was governor of the Commonwealth Bank at the time Neil worked there as an undergraduate.

Neil says his proudest career and life accomplishments are graduating from Sydney with first-class honours in economics, followed by a Master of Economics.

Neil then graduated from Duke University in the United States with a Doctorate in Economics (Phi Beta Kappa), serving as principal administrator in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris for two years, as deputy secretary of the NSW Treasury for four years, and chief executive of the NT Treasury for 13 years.

In 1996 Neil was admitted as an Officer of the Order of Australia, serving as administrator of the Northern Territory for four years, as territory director in 2000, and gaining a Doctorate in Economics

(Honoris Causa) of Northern Territory University in 2001. Neil was also chancellor of St John Ambulance for six years, admitted as a Bailiff Grand Cross of the Order of St John in 2012, and served as the first Australian to become Lord Prior of the International Order of St John.

In retirement, Neil likes to spend time with his family, improve his computer skills and recapture his previous golf handicap. If he were to do another degree, Neil says he would possibly choose arts/law to give himself different perspectives on the world and work.

His fondest memories of the University: stimulating lecturers, undergraduate friends, teammates in representative tennis and squash teams, and fellow soldiers in the Sydney University Regiment; and 14 years teaching in the Faculty of Economics.

Dr Thomas Connelley

MBBS '52

Switching from dentistry to medicine while studying, Thomas spent his career as a physician, influenced by the work of a number of mentors and colleagues around Australia and throughout the world. However, he still retains his interest in dentistry, mostly because of the intricate work involved.

While being a doctor often meant a limited social life, Thomas and his wife, Joan, were blessed with a bustling family of seven children – four boys and three girls.

A devout Catholic, spirituality is at the forefront of Thomas's life. He also enjoys a wide range of activities in his spare time, including swimming at the beach, walking, drinking wine, playing golf and cooking.

His fondest memories of the University: spending time in the Quadrangle and some of the other wonderful buildings on campus.

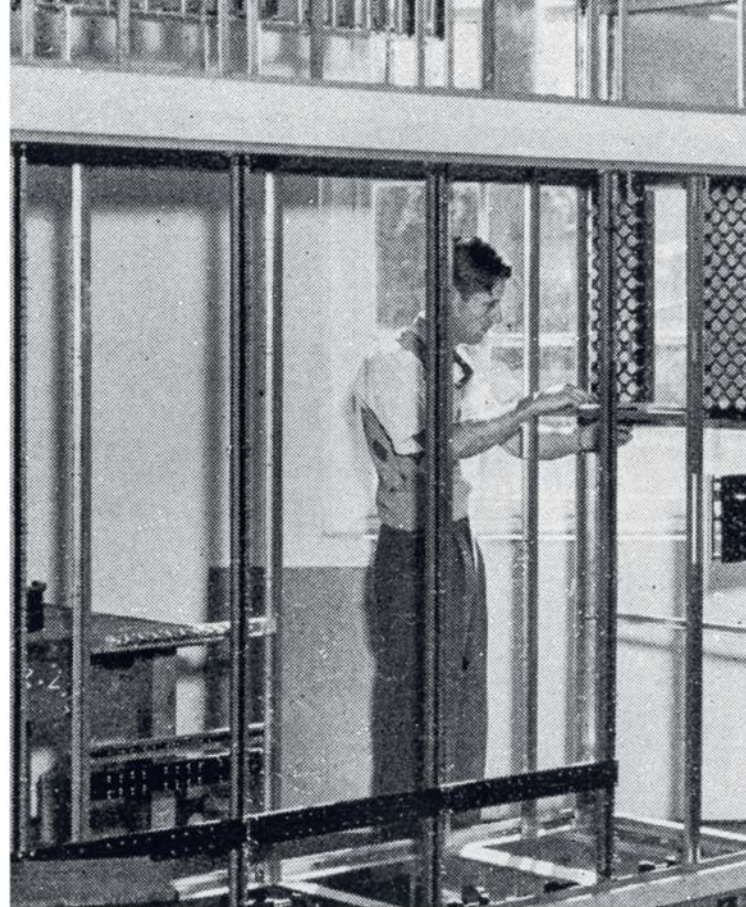
Marion Corrigan

BA '51

While Marion's parents were the greatest influence in her life, she enjoyed meeting new friends at Sydney and learning about some of the great works of literature and historical narratives. Marion raised five sons in Canberra before returning to work to help educate them.

One of the first women graduates to join the Commonwealth Public Service, Marion first worked in the Department of Health in Canberra and, many years later, at the Australian Archives, followed by the Australian War Memorial. She believes in keeping an open mind and continuing to learn. She supports the University's high standards.

She is happy with her friends and with God, and is at peace with her family, as she would like the world to be at peace. She spends her time with her family and her hobbies of pastel and watercolour painting, playing bridge and walking.



Above: Assembling the framework to hold the SILLIAC computer system, 1956, University of Sydney Archives, G77_1_2125



Students on the 1947 Commemoration Day float, From left: Ken Glass, Robert Cumming, Alan Hewson, Lou Goldman, Laurie Georgeson, Robert 'Dutchy' Holland (later Professor of Physiology at the University of NSW) and George Repin

John Costigan

Materia Medica (Pharmacol) '52

John was a member of the Students' Representative Council (SRC). With two fellow students, Bob McTaggart in engineering and Peter Aumn in medicine, he ran the Centenary Commemoration Day Procession.

"It was our goal to have 100 floats, which we subsidised with a grant from the SRC," John says.

"We had to visit police headquarters, where Superintendent Allan laid down the law in a ferocious manner and informed us we would be arrested if there were any infringements.

"On the morning of the procession, the floats were lined up in front of the old medical school. When the police escort arrived to censor the floats, I almost had a heart attack at some of the floats, but lo and behold, Superintendent Allan was sick that day and had been replaced by Superintendent Salmon.

"With trepidation, I broached the subject that some floats may be 'a little ribald' and was greeted by his reply, 'Don't worry Johnno, I was in the navy for years before joining the police'."

"The procession of more than 100 floats wound its way down George Street to Martin Place, and they survived the day without being arrested."

Now 85, John is proud of his daughter, Catherine, who graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing and his son, John, who graduated with a Bachelor of Laws.



John Crocker

BE(Mech&Elec) '53

As an engineering student, John was influenced by Professor David Myers and later by Albert Gluckman, chief executive of Bernard Smith Pty Ltd, his second employer in the heavy engineering sector in Alexandria, NSW. John gained the esteem of his peers, and chief executives and engineers of the clients he worked with in the mineral processing, petroleum, petrochemical and power generation sectors.

Now retired, John spends his time on family, hobbies and in involvement in organisations such as the University of the Third Age (U3A), which specialises in offering educational opportunities to people who are in retirement).

John feels lucky to be enjoying good health at the age of 86. He feels the University could help make the world a better place by continuing its pursuit of excellence. His passion is supporting people in need and he hopes for a world dominated by democracies that prioritise sustainable and prudent use of Earth's resources and respect for all living entities.

His fondest memory of the University: Starting university straight from school where the majority of his cohort were mature ex-servicemen.

Dr Joan Croll AO (née Holiday)

MBBS '52

Joan was a member of the first intake of the Faculty of Medicine after the Second World War. She graduated the same year as her brother Richard, along with another brother-and-sister team, Merran and John Nelson, the first brother-sister combinations in the history of the faculty.

Joan commenced her career as a pathologist in the Northern Territory in 1953. She returned to Sydney to teach pathology and by 1978 was appointed foundation director of the Sydney Square Diagnostic Breast Clinic. The clinic became a world-renowned teaching centre for both Australian and international radiologists. By the 1990s, Joan was a Fellow of the Australian Society of Breast Physicians and helped establish Australia's breast cancer screening program.

Joan married a fellow student Frances (Frank) Croll FRACP, a member of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand, and they had four daughters. It was on camping trips with Frank and their girls to Perth, Darwin, Alice Springs and the tip of Queensland that Joan discovered her great passion for the environment.

In the 1970s she was a member of the Battlers for Kelly's Bush, a group whose advocacy saved significant green space in Sydney's Hunters Hill. Joan is a frequent letter writer to the *Sydney Morning Herald* and she led a team to save Sydney's evening ferries.

Joan enjoys visits from her two-year-old great-grandson, family dinners, her holiday house at Myall Lakes, bridge, lunch with friends, and planning makeovers for her garden.

Her fondest memory of the University: playing the University organ, knitting and doing crosswords at the back of the "barn" during lectures while occasionally taking notes.

Douglas Cullen

BA '53 DipEd '54

Gaining a Bachelor of Arts in 1953, Doug continued at Sydney, completing further studies in education before beginning his lifelong career as a high-school language teacher.

Doug had two wonderful children with his wife, enjoying a happy marriage and family life until her passing.

Now 83, Doug has spent the past 16 years enjoying the companionship of fellow Sydney graduate, Betty Smith (née Redman) (page 134), who he first met at the University in 1952. They met again in 1998 after the passing of both their spouses.

Currently residing on the NSW central coast, Doug and Betty have five grandchildren each and like to spend their time reading, walking or watching television when not with family and friends.



Associate Professor William Cumming AM

MBBS '54

During his years of clinical studies, William was mentored by John Loewenthal, and during his postgraduate study by Gordon Kerridge, both of whom he regards as remarkable men, surgeons and mentors. This paved the way for his professional achievements, which include the establishment of the first orthopaedic psychomotor skills laboratory and the foundation and progression of Orthopaedic Outreach.

William still consults on a part-time basis and remains involved in the activities of Orthopaedic Outreach, particularly in Indonesia, where he has been more than 70 times. He is passionate about assisting and reducing the number of people around the world with significant physical disabilities.

William enjoys spending time with his wife and family of whom he is very proud, and with friends and colleagues who share his interests. Exercising and reading a book by the fire are also part of his usual routine.

William hopes the University will “progress the stimulation of formative and original thinking, particularly among undergraduates”. He remembers Sydney as a place of study with educational protocol and standards that helped him greatly. He also hopes for a world where “man’s inhumanity to man” diminishes.

Dr Arthur Davies

BEC '54 PhD

An ex-serviceman, Arthur studied economics as an evening student under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme, completing his studies with second-class honours in 1954.

Upon graduation, Arthur moved into local government then academia, obtaining a master's degree in economics from the University of London. He was made a senior lecturer in public administration at the University of New England in regional NSW in 1963, where he obtained his PhD in 1972, and was an academic visitor to the London School of Economics and Political Sciences from 1956 to 1987.

Now 91, Arthur once again resides in Sydney where he enjoys reading, writing and caring for his wife.

Arthur says his biggest passion in life is communicating with others and his hope is that the world will be a more peaceful place by 2050.

His fondest memories of the University: stimulating lectures, reading *Honi Soit* and the evening students' journal.

Russell Davis

LLB '50

Enrolling amid the intake of returned serviceman, Russell progressed in his study of law, completed his degree and practised law throughout his career.

Russell has never regretted studying law, but if he could give one piece of advice to his 20-year-old self it would be to concentrate on one thing and be single minded, not distracted.

Today Russell enjoys spending time with his wife, children and grandchild as well as listening to music, playing piano, reading literature and watching rugby and golf. He is happy to be healthy and he is proud of his children, two of whom are medical practitioners, one a professor at the University of Western Australia, and one a district court judge.

Russell would have liked to undertake a degree in history, knowledge he believes would have been useful when he was writing the two historical books he has had published: the first titled *Bligh in Australia: a history of William Bligh* and *A Concise History of Western Australia*.

His fondest memories of the University: the good friends he made and the joys of learning.

Patricia Degens

BA '52 DipEd '53

Patricia's greatest career achievements include becoming a district school counsellor, becoming the inaugural president of the Australia-Japan Society of Coffs Harbour and writing several books on the history and genealogy of NSW and the ACT.

Patricia loves learning and encourages learning in others. Given another opportunity, Patricia would have loved to study architecture.

She loves to spend time with her family, writing books, socialising and reading. She is happiest when with her family. She hopes the world will become a much more peaceful place.

Her fondest memories of the University: the Student Christian Movement, "hilarious lectures with Malcolm McCallum in History III", being immersed in learning, and making great friends, particularly with Wendy Sturgeon, Patricia Thompson and Muriel Thomson while on a teacher's scholarship, and with Daphne Degotardi while boarding at a hostel in Marrickville.



Patricia Thompson, Muriel Thomson, Daphne Degotardi and Wendy Sturgeon, Graduation Day, May 1952

Kenneth Dobinson

BE(Civil) '51

Having studied management and law after engineering, Ken made many substantial contributions to the greater Sydney area during his 20-year leadership of the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). Among his achievements is the delivery of the M1, Australia's first freeway through the Hawkesbury River Valley, as well as the Sydney Harbour Tunnel and the Sydney Orbital Freeway.

Still passionate about the city, Ken says he would like to see greater focus on "lifestyle" and how we can create a healthy, liveable city as Sydney continues to grow, change and develop.

Ken has been married to his soulmate, Audrey, for 66 years and is the father of three girls. He enjoys being active with family and friends, and loves cruising.

His fondest memory of the University: studying engineering and making new friends, especially one whose friendship has lasted for 67 years.

Dr William Vytas Doniela

BA '54 MA '56

Arriving in Australia from Lithuania as an indentured migrant after the devastation of the Second World War, William studied under Challis Professor of Philosophy John Anderson and gained first-class honours in his Bachelor of Arts degree, and a Master in Philosophy.

He followed this with a PhD cum laude from Freiburg University in Germany before going on to teach at university. Following Lithuania's secession from the former Soviet Union, William became a Member of the Reconstituted Senate of the University of Kaunas, where he lectured in philosophy and aesthetics.

Having witnessed the geopolitics of post-war Europe and the "mutual brutality" it involved, William hopes for a better world, but at the same time he remains a realist. He is passionate about knowledge, increased understanding and creativity, and retains his interest in philosophy. He enjoys reading, writing and research into philately.

His fondest memory of the University: philosophy lectures at Sydney caused William to reflect on his experiences in pre-war Lithuania and the Soviet/Stalinist occupation, the administration of (West) Germany by the French, the Americans and British, and their various lifestyles.

Valerie Donlon

BA '53

Coming to the University of Sydney changed Valerie's entire outlook on life. She was inspired by her lectures and developed a lifelong love of learning after exposure to the depth and breadth of scholarship by Sydney academics. At 82 she is learning Chinese. If she could go back to University, she'd study Latin and Greek, and would love to try her hand at classical archaeology.

Valerie went into a career in children's entertainment, for a time as a producer of *Play School*, which she says was "an absolute joy". She produced several records and cassettes that became gold and platinum sellers. As a producer on the radio program *Kindergarten*, she beat out TV to win the Hoso Bunka Japanese Prize for Best Children's Program.

Valerie enjoys studying and reading for pleasure. "There are so many wonderful writers," she says. "What idiot said 'the novel is dead'?"

She is happiest when seeing her grandchildren, staying in touch with faraway friends and family, and reminiscing about her University days. "Remembering friends I was lucky enough to meet at uni who are no longer here, although tinged with sadness, provides many, many happy memories," she says. "What a lucky life I've had."

Her fondest memory of the University: sitting in Manning House, drinking cups of coffee and chatting with fellow students.

Br. Francis Donohoe

BAgr '59 BE

Graduating from Sydney with a degree in Agriculture in 1959, Brother Francis obtained a Bachelor of Education from Melbourne in 1963 before completing a Master of Educational Leadership and Doctorate in Education from Notre Dame in Western Australia. A Christian Brother for more than 63 years, he spent his working life as a science and mathematics teacher.

Today, Brother Francis lives in country Western Australia where he enjoys reading books on Australian history, especially on the First World War; cooking and farm work; and meeting up with family and friends.

He is also passionate about olive growing, working with a small grove to produce homemade pickled olives and olive oil. Brother Francis hopes that wealth will be distributed evenly in the future, with sufficient food, water and medicine for all, and he believes that the University can assist by continuing to engage in research and offering a wide range of scholarships.

His fondest memories of the University: the friendliness of the staff and students, being one of three Christian Brothers studying a three-year course, and trips to northern and southern NSW.

Mary Doughty AM

DipSocStud '53

Mary was a social worker for the Medical Benevolent Association of NSW from 1964 to 2007, winning the Melba trophy in 1956. She was made a Member of the Order of Australia in June 1997 and has been a member of the Order of Australia Association since 1998.

From 2001 to 2003 she was chairman for NSW and is now its document archivist. Mary was also a board member of the Epilepsy Association of NSW from 1994 to 2000. She has hosted the Retired Social Workers' Group at her home twice a year for the past 35 years.

Mary has four children and seven grandchildren. Family, along with music, reading and her Catholic faith, are Mary's passions.

"I like to sing at St Patrick's church hall every Sunday," she says. "I like to read every day. I am still involved with my old school, orchestral concerts, opera discussion groups and the Order of Australia Association. My husband was involved in an accident 38 years ago, so life has been interesting and outside interests help my sanity."

Her fondest memories of the University: the social work course, the undergraduate classes and music camps, new friends, leisure time in Manning House and studying in Fisher Library.

Dr Kenneth Doust OAM

MBBS '52

Planning initially to study geology, Kenneth's parents encouraged him to do medicine instead. He worked with medical personnel to rescue casualties in South Vietnam in 1967 and '68, before going into public service and living in Canberra for 10 years. Kenneth moved into general practice in the 1980s and retired at age 55.

Looking back, Kenneth would have liked to stay longer as a reserve medical officer. "I would have travelled the world and there were also study opportunities," he says.

Kenneth enjoys fixing old cars and collects King George stamps. He is happiest when sitting outside looking at the trees, listening to the magpies and just being calm and at peace with the world.

The University holds a special place for Kenneth: it's where he met his wife.

"I saw her playing hockey on the physics lawns," he says. "We would sit there and drink a bottle of Coca-Cola. She was from the Teachers' College."

His fondest memory of the University: driving his Austin Mini down the steps of the Union building after someone had parked it up there as a prank.

Dr Barrie Eggins

MBBS '50 DipTropMed&Hyg '57

Barrie says his greatest influence was his father, who was "a constant source of support and encouragement".

Today Barrie enjoys reading and "getting the right answer", and his greatest passion is learning. He believes the University can help the world by "inculcating ethics and producing honest graduates" and he hopes the world will become more peaceful and thoughtful.

Barrie's greatest accomplishments include getting married and having children who all became good people. He is also proud of developing a philosophical view of human behaviour and he would study philosophy if he had the opportunity to undertake another degree.

He advises today's students to work consistently throughout the year.

His fondest memory of the University: teaching him to become fair and thoughtful.

Dr Robert Everson

BSc '50

With a philosophy of “always surprise yourself and don’t rule out any possibilities”, Robert, while head of Biological Sciences at Queensland University of Technology (QUT), changed the name of the biological science division to environmental science and prepared the department to move in the direction of environmental science. As a result, QUT became the first institution in Queensland to offer environmental science courses.

In later years, as associate dean of the Faculty of Science, Robert launched a cooperative program with industry, the first of its kind in Queensland.

Robert’s passions are philosophy and education. On moving to Brisbane he was part of a small group that established a new independent primary school.

“Universities have always made the world a better place,” he says. “It’s one group of better places in the world. We need to be informed and to learn to think properly.”

Robert enjoys music and quiet reflection, seeing scientific achievements, and reading anything on cosmology, philosophy and bioengineering.

He met his wife, a social worker, at the University of Melbourne, and he has two sons, one daughter and 10 grandchildren.

His fondest memories of the University: an excursion to the Warrumbungle mountains and field excursions to Broken Hill; “notorious sherry parties” where students and staff would mix on informal terms.

Dr Ruth Annette Fink

BA '54 MA '56

Ruth’s parents, Dr Lotte Fink and Dr Siegfried Fink, were of great inspiration to her. Jewish refugees from Germany, they relocated their family to Australia in 1939. With her awareness of the importance of lineage, Ruth undertook research in an Aboriginal community, first in Brewarrina then in the Murchison District of Western Australia. She also taught anthropology students in both Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Ruth hopes the University will continue to maintain its academic standards and “not turn into a degree factory. Our generation reaped the benefits of Commonwealth funding of university study and the Colombo Plan allowed Southeast Asian students to study alongside Australian students,” she says. She believes this meant her time at university was much more than just “a necessary step to be completed before entering the workforce”.

Being married to a Tongan historian since 1966, Ruth has come to understand the importance of history, and she would study history if given another opportunity. She would also like to see a solution to climate change and global warming, and hopes that the impending crisis can be averted.

Her fondest memories of the University: Professor AP Elkin, Professor William O’Neil and Dr Ian Hogbin for their mentorship, and the close interaction with lecturers and professors who inspired and engaged her in intellectual pursuits and a search for knowledge.



Dr Frank Fisher

MBBS '55

Frank made lifelong friends in his first year of medicine at the University – the seven of them caught up for lunch at least once a week over the decades. While there are now only three left, including Frank, he still meets up with them.

Frank loved medicine and still does, and would not have undertaken a different degree. His interests have broadened over the years, however, and he has more time for current affairs, and US and Chinese politics.

The advice he gives is “simply keep doing what you’re doing”.

Long retired as a specialist intensive-care doctor, Frank is still busy. With four adult children and 10 grandchildren, Frank has been married for 55 years and is “immensely proud” of his family. Spending time with family and friends makes him happy.

His fondest memories of the University: Frank had a terrific sporting career, playing rugby with St Andrew’s College and becoming captain of the ski team.

Janet Flint

BA '56

Janet fondly recalls her time at the University, including being a part of the Sydney University Musical Society, going to intervarsity camps in Frankston, Victoria, and Tallebudgera Creek, Queensland, and meeting other students.

As a first-year student, Janet learned to dance the can can with Lillian Roxon. Lillian was a member of the Students’ Representative Council and part of ‘The Push’ (a left-wing intellectual subculture), who went on to become a music journalist and write *Lillian Roxon’s Rock Encyclopedia*, a cult classic. “I remember with sadness the announcement of her early death in the 70s in New York where she was a journalist,” Janet says. “She had quite an impact on us.”

Janet was part of a protest group on Parramatta Road requesting that a footbridge be built so that students could cross in safety.

Janet resided in the Women’s College with the widely respected Betty “The Admiral” Archdale as principal, and vice-principal Phyllis Nicol, an inspiring physics tutor. She dined each night in academic dress on allocated seats at a table with mixed faculty members and year groups, “so you learned what the architects, science, veterinary science, agriculture and medical students were studying”.

She also recalls coffee in the evening with some of the senior students, including former Chancellor of the University and former Governor of NSW Marie Bashir, and Judith Robinson-Valéry, a distinguished French scholar who became a world expert on French poet and philosopher Paul Valéry.

Janet became a librarian, establishing the library at professional services firm Price Waterhouse Coopers (now PwC). She pursued a Diploma of Education and a Diploma of Children’s Literature and was librarian at Trinity Grammar School for 18 years. After receiving a Fulbright scholarship in 1989, she went to the United States, looking at school libraries throughout the US. In 1994 she became secretary of the Fulbright NSW Alumni Association, a post she held for 17 years.

One of Janet’s proudest moments was being awarded honorary lifetime membership of the Fulbright Alumni Association in 2009 by Mrs Harriet Fulbright, widow of Senator J William Fulbright, who established the exchange program that bears his name.

Dr George Franki

BDS '53

After serving in the navy during the Second World War, George returned to the service after completing a degree in dentistry at Sydney in 1953, working for the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps between 1953 and 1965. With postings in Japan and Korea under his belt, George decided on a career change in 1965, undertaking a Diploma in Librarianship at the University of NSW, where he headed up their biomedical library from 1970 until his retirement in 1985.

A keen historian, George has written a number of books and booklets about soldiers from Sydney's lower north shore who died in the First World War, and co-authored *Mad Harry: Australia's Most Decorated Soldier* about war hero Harry Murray,

which was published in 2003 and sold 6000 copies. He has also written about the history of dentistry in NSW for the Australian Dental Association's NSW Branch.

A father of two daughters and a son, George's wife, Therese, passed away in 2014, but not before they shared 56 wonderful years of marriage.

These days, George enjoys spending time with his children, exercising with old friends and volunteering. He has a strong interest in current affairs, reading the *Sydney Morning Herald* every day.

His fondest memory of the University: friendships.

Dr Lester Fuller

MBBS '53

A local GP, Dr King, not only inspired Lester to study medicine but also supported him during his years at the University. Lester came from a family of limited means and Dr King helped with his study expenses, for which Lester remains forever grateful.

Lester has also gained great satisfaction from being trusted and liked in the communities where he practised. His aim was always general practice and he worked initially in a country practice then in an outer-suburban practice.

Lester's wife and family have been a joy to him. Today he enjoys reading and musing on diverse topics, is an active member of his Probus club (for retired and semi-retired business people and professionals) and plays lawn bowls. He sailed for many years and was involved in yacht clubs. Walking makes him happy, along with being independent and encouraging ageing people to be more active.

His advice to students? "Focus on the degree at hand."

His fondest memories of the University: the comrades of his clinical group during senior years and the immense relief of having his name read out in the Quadrangle when he graduated.

Professor Katherine Georgouras OAM

MBBS '55 DipDermaMed '63

As the only Australia-born child of a Greek migrant family, Katherine was proud to graduate in medicine and to realise a lifelong dream. She was the first woman of Greek background to achieve a higher qualification in medicine, namely dermatology, and the first Greek-Australian woman to be elected to the University Senate, of which she was a member for almost 15 years.

Gaining an academic appointment at the University of NSW, Katherine became the first woman professor of dermatology in Australia. She was also a founding member of the Chancellor's Committee. In 2014 she was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for Services to Dermatology.

"I believe research in medicine such as stem cell and genetic research can cure, or at least ameliorate, many diseases that plague humanity today," she says.

Despite officially retiring 15 years ago, Katherine still runs a clinic at the Anglican Retirement Villages at Castle Hill, having done so for 41 years. She is a keen gardener, gaining satisfaction from seeing her roses bloom. She also loves writing poetry and listening to classical music.

Her greatest joy, however, is her family and she loves spending time with her children and grandchildren. "Lunch at home with all the family is a wonderful experience," Katherine says. "Children and grandchildren give me the greatest joy – a loving cuddle from a grandchild is paradise!"

Her fondest memories of the University: Katherine sang the Bach Cantatas under eminent organist and choirmaster G Faunce Allman with the Sydney University Musical Society, joined the Debating Society and competed successfully in inter-faculty debates (but was always beaten by the law students, she says).

Dr Clifford Kwan-Gett

BSc '55 BE(Mech&Elec) '57 MBBS '64

Clifford graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1955 and a Bachelor of Engineering in 1957 before embarking on medical studies. It was freshman week in 1954 however, that holds the fondest memories for him: seeing his future wife Joo Een Tan on campus for the first time. Not only did Joo Een become his wife, she was also fundamental to the completion of Clifford's medical studies and early career. After their marriage in Singapore in 1961, Joo Een worked as a librarian to support Clifford during his last two years at medical school and was instrumental in his being accepted for entry to the United States following rejection of his visa application, as the 'Chinese quota' was filled, even though Clifford was born in Emmaville, NSW.

In the US, Clifford was engaged in a number of research and surgical appointments at the University of Utah. For many years, he worked on developing an artificial heart, producing the prototype "Total Artificial Heart" that became the first permanently implanted heart by Dr William DeVries in 1979. Clifford counts this, as well as becoming a cardiac, thoracic and vascular surgeon, among his proudest achievements.

Along with Bill Lew, Warwick Harvey-Smith and Michael Marsh, Clifford was a founding member of the Sydney University Graduates Union of North America (SUGUNA). He and Joo Een have raised a son and daughter who are wonderful, talented and giving.

Clifford would like to see a world more tolerant of differences in others, where greater value is placed on knowledge, integrity and appreciation of music and the arts.

Professor Emerita Faith Gibson (née Alleyne)

BA '51 DipSocStud '52 DipEd '53

Upon her graduation, Faith commenced work as a social worker in the NSW Child Welfare Department before going to work as a research assistant in the Department of Social Studies at the University.

Encouraged by her mentor, former head of department Norma Parker, to pursue postgraduate studies abroad, Faith was awarded a Fulbright scholarship in 1958, beginning a Master of Social Work at the University of Chicago.

It was at the University of Chicago that Faith met her husband of more than 50 years, Norman Gibson, an economics academic from Northern Ireland. Settling in his home country, both Faith and Norman took up academic positions at the

University of Ulster, where Norman was the foundation Professor of Economics and ultimately Pro-Vice-Chancellor, with Faith becoming Professor Emerita of Social Work.

After the passing of her husband in 2014, Faith returned to Sydney to be closer to her children and grandchildren, one of whom is currently studying at the University in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Her fondest memory of the University: living at the Women's College greatly enriched Faith's life and her years as a student determined her direction in life.

Dr Keith Godfrey AM

DBS '50 MDS '52

Keith entered the Faculty of Dentistry immediately after the end of the Second World War in a period that required some large adjustments. He witnessed the changeover from vulcanite to acrylic dentures, impression plaster and impression compounds and pastes to alginates.

“Then, it was ‘stand-up dentistry’; ‘extension for prevention’ was the rule; chlorophyll toothpaste was a panacea; and, by today’s standards, infection control in dental practice was woefully inadequate.”

Keith’s career was assisted by a ‘hobby’ that began at the Dental Hospital. He and a colleague operated a recycling start-up, stripping the hospital’s spent periapical X-ray films to recover the lead foil backings and used them to cast large sinkers for rock fishing.

Through his professional mentor, Dr Norman Benson, Keith became involved in a dental hospital program for children with disability. “I had a unique experience throughout the 1950s, witnessing great innovations in general anaesthesia practices and opening up of cleft-palate care.”

At the end of the 1950s, the Department of Preventive Dentistry was established at the University, headed by Professor Noel Martin. During this time, Keith replaced Dr Benson as the first full-time lecturer in orthodontics.

The Department of Preventive Dentistry covered pure preventive dentistry, dental public health, children’s dentistry (paedodontics), periodontics and orthodontics. With Noel’s encouragement, Keith accepted invitations in international academic and consultancy activities well beyond orthodontics.

“The combination of these outside activities came with widely distributed friendships, particularly in Asia, [and these are] most rewarding up to the present day.”

His fondest memory of the University: the way the University and faculty helped prepare Keith to follow his life’s path. “I would do it all again, but try to do it better,” he says.

Dr Douglas Golding

BA '54

After university, Douglas was appointed the inaugural lecturer in journalism at Deakin University in Victoria in 1968, followed by the University of Technology, Sydney, in 1975.

He was part of the 'battle of Queen Street' over the 'Anglican Press', and spoke about it, and his experience of Sydney in the 1950s and 60s, as part of the Festival of Sydney.

Douglas's career was directed by two passions: the media and theology. He taught journalism in many institutions as well as working as a minister.

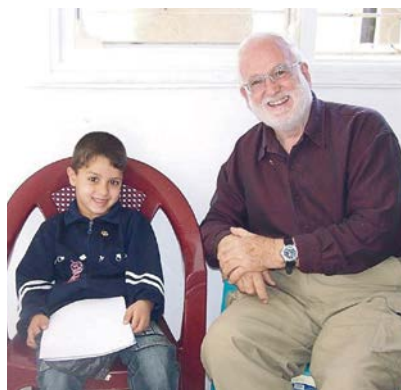
Douglas pursued his education at the University of Hawaii with a PhD in Media Studies in 1980 and at the University of Queensland with a Master of Theology in 2007. His dual interests melded in his personal life, with Douglas preparing adult education lessons in religion and history, as well as sermons for his parish.

He loves social interaction and discussion-of-life issues with friends and students.

His fondest memories of the University: As an evening student, Douglas was inspired by his first English Professor,

Alexander Mitchell, who taught him "to love the language, not merely to use it".

This inspired Douglas's passion to win the evening student prize in English and he went on to contribute to the Australian Government's iconic *Style Book for Editors, Authors and Printers*. Douglas fondly remembers his 18th birthday while at University, doing what he loves most, exchanging ideas with fellow students and fellow journalists.



1. Graduation, April 1954. Douglas with his father, mother and fiancée. Douglas's father was in charge of the laboratories in the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

2. Receiving a community service award, 2015, with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

3. Douglas meeting one of his World Vision-sponsored children, Bethlehem, 2012

Dr Veronica Goldrick (née Medak)

MBBS '57

Veronica had 23 years in solo general practice; years filled with joy, sorrow, love and friendship; all of which sprang from her setting up rooms and hanging out her name plate.

Influenced by great physicians such as Ken Noah, Ken Hughes and Sir Lorrimer Dodds, Veronica is also grateful for the guidance, support and encouragement she received from her husband, Dr Robert Goldrick, who she met when she was a student and Robert a junior resident at Sydney Hospital.

If Veronica were to undertake further study she is sure it would be medicine again as she would love to “relearn all that the years have changed”.

Veronica has a great passion for music, regularly playing with both chamber groups and orchestras. She also loves reading (“history mainly”), friends, her dog, and her family, including three daughters and eight grandchildren.

Her advice to her younger self is simply do what you love and never abandon your desires and hopes.

Her fondest memory of the University: the people she met.

Phillip Goldwyn

BA '59 DipEd '60 MA '69

After surviving a labour camp in Ukraine during the Second World War, Phillip’s greatest achievement was to come to Sydney, successfully pass all exams for a degree in economics, and complete a master’s degree in political science.

“Attending the University gave me the opportunity to earn a living and it broadened and stimulated my knowledge,” Phillip says.

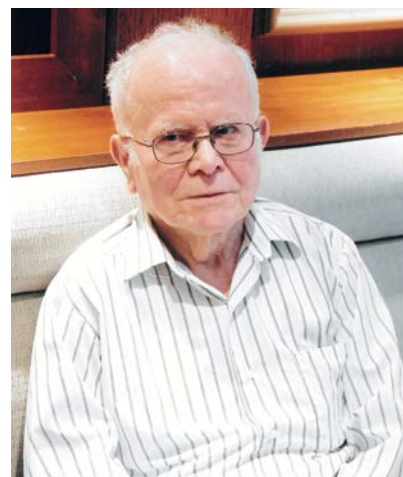
Given another opportunity, Phillip would complete a degree through which he could help people. “I’ve used the knowledge I acquired in economics to get into the stockmarket, was successful, and have helped others by establishing scholarships at different institutions,” he says.

Phillip advises “*festina lente*”, Latin for “make haste slowly”. “Don’t rush, and consider the consequences of your actions – make sure you don’t adversely affect other humans.”

Phillip hopes 2050 will be a world without terrorism and one with more justice and opportunities for lower income groups. “By then I hope refugees will be successfully integrated in their countries of destination.”

Phillip is passionate about good music, a good book and stimulating conversation. He enjoys walking, socialising and reading; in particular, biographies and books on history and politics.

His fondest memory of the University: meeting people from different backgrounds. “I met one of my good friends, Victor Argy, who later became a professor of economics at Macquarie University.”



Ronald Goodwin OAM

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '55

The great influences on Ronald's life during University were his boss, Mr Philip, his registered assistants in Glebe, and his fellow students, particularly Bernie Doohan. After university, it was his parents who assisted him to acquire his first pharmacy.

Ronald is proud of graduating in pharmacy in 1955, graduating as a Fellow of the Australian College of Pharmacy Practice in 1992, and being awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2005.

Ronald now enjoys social activities, riding his bike and globe-trotting with his partner, as well as spending time with his eight children and 17 grandchildren. He hopes the University will continue to produce graduates who are "imbued with tolerance and compassion".

His fondest memories of the University: botany excursions to Cronulla and the national parks, being amused by lecturer Dot Large and impressed by the knowledge of Sid Wright. Ronald also enjoyed visiting the Union or Manning House, and his social life with university friends during the holidays.

Dr Raymond Gordon

BVSc '54

Enrolled in engineering, Raymond received a telegram just prior to attending the University, advising that he was accepted as a trainee in veterinary science with the NSW Department of Agriculture. While he knew nothing of the faculty, choosing the course, he says, was the best decision he ever made.

Raymond established his own veterinary practice (with his wife as business manager), the NSW practitioners' branch of the Australasian Veterinary Association and the North Shore Veterinary Practitioners Group.

Raymond and his wife raised four children. He played tennis and studied French, and would have loved to learn German and Italian. Now retired, Raymond keeps active through his association with the Australian Veterinary Association, the University of Sydney and two Probus clubs, which keep him physically active.

Staying active and having a partner to share life with is most important to Raymond.

"I have lost one wife and one partner, and have just married my partner of six years," he says. "It's essential to have someone with whom to share your life and thoughts."

Dr Owen Graham

MBBS '57

When Owen was a student, times were tough. Most students left school at 15, very few would complete high school, and even fewer went on to further study, which was often in short courses such as teaching or finance.

“My doing medicine was so rare because I did not come from money and it was a six-year degree,” Owen says.

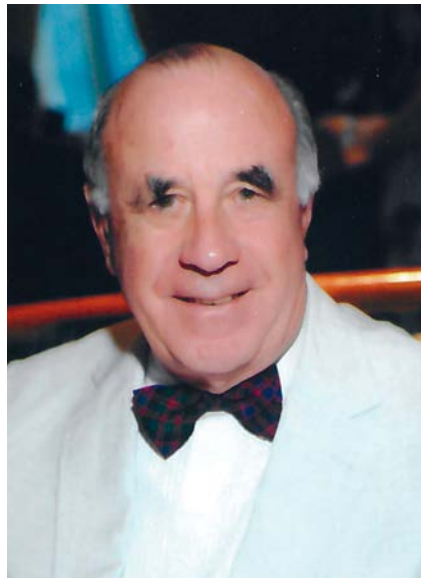
Owen would have liked to specialise, but this option was not on offer within Australia at the time, and he did not have the funds to go overseas. Over the course of time however, Owen has had many opportunities as a GP to develop his skills.

“Medicine is not just about the money, it is a way to help the world.”

Owen thinks the University should focus on helping less privileged students through providing lunches, subsidised rent and other financial assistance, but acknowledges that it is doing “a phenomenal job keeping up with the exponentially changing world and staying on top of digital advances”.

Although retired, Owen enjoys keeping up to date with medical journals.

His fondest memory of the University: Owen feels “very lucky” to have been able to study medicine – the Commonwealth scholarships had just begun, allowing him to follow his passion.



Dr James Grainger

BDS '57 MDS '72

Dr Neils Jorgensen from Loma Linda University, California, was one of the greatest influences on James's life. Dr Jorgensen pioneered intravenous techniques to relieve pain, accompanied by compassion and empathy. Freedom from pain and anxiety became one of James's greatest passions, which he pursued in his own practice.

After almost a decade working in the UK and developing techniques to relieve pain and control anxiety, James became President of the International Federation of Dental Anaesthesiology Societies and was bestowed with two awards – the Horace Wells Award and the Yasuya Kubota Award. He was the only Australian so recognised.

James is also proud that his three children are all graduates.

His fondest memories of the University: close relationships with fellow students that allowed the interchange of ideas; playing hockey for the Second XI team; doing national service with other university students; and joining the Sydney University Regiment.

Dr William Greenhalgh

BScAgr '55 MAgr '63

Influenced by Dr FT Bowman, a lecturer in horticulture, William won a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Cornell University from 1964 to 1967, where he gained his PhD.

A career highlight was becoming the Foundation National Chairman of the Australian Society for Horticultural Science.

William encourages today's students to study agriculture, and to keep in touch with fellow graduates within their profession. He would like to see Australia become one of the food bowls of the Pacific region by 2050.

William enjoys gardening and horticulture as well as golf and writing history. Having a project to complete keeps him active and motivated.

His fondest memory of the University: classmates of the years 1951-54.

Robin Gregor

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '56

"This photograph [below] was taken in 1953 in the middle term, in our first year of pharmacy," Robin says. "The men are demonstrators in chemistry and they challenged us, or perhaps vice versa, to a basketball match.

"Being part-time students, we had very little opportunity to really get to know our fellow students or to take part in uni social life, which was my great regret.

"I had really wanted to do medicine and was awarded a University Exhibition scholarship, but my family could not afford for me to be a full-time student.

"I was apprenticed to a pharmacist in the city, a wonderful man who had been at school with my father; he was a great boss and taught me a lot," Robin says. "I ended up working at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and, ironically, several times was a demonstrator to medical students in their pharmacy practicals."

Below: Robin Firth (Gregor) with other students including Kathi Shanahan (Roche), Jeanette Beekman, Barbara Aldrich (Jackson), Robin Firth (Gregor) and Sue Davies (Atwill)



Valerie Grogan AM (née Jenkyn)

BA '56

Valerie commenced her career as a teacher, later becoming a judge's associate of the NSW Supreme Court. After marrying Peter, Valerie devoted her time to charities, and her work was acknowledged by an Order of St John in 1990, a Member of the Order of Australia in 2000, and a Centenary Medal in 2003.

Valerie's major volunteer work was with St John Ambulance and she became vice-president of St John Ambulance Australia, NSW in 2004, holding, among other positions, president of St John First Aid Services, national chair of Community Care, chairman of State Council and Executive Committee, and president of NSW District St John Ambulance Brigade.

Valerie has been a member of the International Commission of Jurists, Australian section, since 1991; the Australian representative for the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, Windsor Castle, from 1989 to 2014; president of the Australian Committee of Vrindavan Research Institute, India; a council member of the Dermatology Research Foundation, University of Sydney, from 1989 to 2007; and trustee of the Australian Refugee Foundation from 1999 to 2008.

She was also an executive member of the NSW Charity Awareness Committee from 1992 to 1993; a member of the Advertising Standards Council from 1986 to 1994; a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors since 1995; a member of the Sydney Opera House Appeal Fund Ladies' Committee from 1960; parish councillor, St Swithun's Anglican Church, Pymble, from 1980 to 1981; and council member of Pymble Ladies' College from 1977 to 1994.

Valerie was founder and president of the Australian Section Tibetan Friendship Group from 1968 to 1993 and has been Vice-President of the Australian Tibetan Society since 1975, meeting with the Dalai Lama on several occasions.

Valerie spends time archiving her lifetime collection of documents and enjoys time with her daughter Mandy and two grandsons.

Her fondest memory of the University: residing at the Women's College under widely respected principal Betty Archdale, who was the greatest influence on her life during university, along with Peter Grogan, who later became her husband.

Robyn Gupta (née Williams)

BA '56 DipEd '57

A teacher intermittently from 1957 until her retirement at age 60, Robyn was nearing the end of a four-year working holiday in the UK when she met her husband-to-be, Ram Gupta, a lecturer in Hindi at the University of London.

Remaining in England, the couple married in 1965 and, in 1968, established the Vrindavan Research Institute, which carries out Ram's passion for preserving texts and manuscripts from his native home in India that may otherwise have been lost.

Giving birth to sons Ravi and Kamlesh, Robyn returned to teaching once her boys started school, undertaking a Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, and teaching adults who had limited English. From there, Robyn began a difficult but rewarding job teaching English to patients from abroad at London's Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital School.

Robyn still resides in the UK with Ravi, now a lawyer, and Kamlesh, a psychotherapist, and volunteers in support of the bereaved at St Luke's Hospice, London. She describes herself as a "keen theatre fan" and although she has reservations about her singing voice, is a member of the Harrow Choral Society.

Her fondest memory of the University: singing with the University choir and the Madrigal Group.

Margaret Gutman OAM

BA '50

After graduating with an arts degree, Margaret found work in radio and media, an area in which she has stayed involved throughout her professional life. Margaret worked for the United Nations on scholarship, after which she stayed in New York, meeting her husband there. On returning to Australia, she became involved in public relations and community work.

"My interests tend to be international interests, in 'causes', in trying to make things better and happier, for a variety of people and communities," Margaret says.

She believes support is needed to make it easier for people with an artistic or philosophical bent to find their paths.

Margaret is a volunteer guide at the Sydney Jewish Museum, where she has been a member of the board for six years.

"I feel very privileged to be involved, because it's an educational approach to combat bigotry, racism, intolerance, and bullying; helping people to understand that evil rises very quickly sometimes, and one has to be alert to defend lifestyles, like the one we have in Australia," Margaret says. "We have to be alert to dangers that can threaten democratic society."

Her fondest memories of the University: her history professor's wisdom, encouragement and world view, and her love of history. "I was always interested in international affairs, particularly modern history, and he helped me to clarify many of my views and attitudes."

Dr Patrick Harvey

MBBS '55

With a successful medical career, Patrick was influenced by “two wonderful mentors”, the first being Dr Alan McGuinness FRACP, a physician and “teacher supreme” at Sydney Hospital, where Patrick was registrar for two years, holding the position of fellow gastroenterologist.

“He and Dr Edward Hirst, senior pathologist and histopathologist during my five years of postgraduate training at Sydney Hospital, made a great impression on me,” Patrick says. “Both these men were top of their specialties, both highly knowledgeable, very hard-working, inspirational teachers and wonderful all-round men.”

Patrick became a consulting physician to Sydney Hospital and later to Westmead Hospital until his retirement, when he was appointed Consultant Emeritus.

Today he enjoys being active and constructive, keeping happy company, listening to classical music and jazz, eating fine food, drinking fine wines and maintaining contact “with those of my friends who are still alive”. Patrick still attends concerts and plays, but now finds surfing and travel outside his physical ability.

Yet the spirit of youth remains with Patrick as he recalls a stunt that he and another first-year conducted – climbing the slate roof of the Nicholson Museum one dark night to plant a chamber pot decorated with blue ribbons atop the building’s spire. Patrick blames “youthful enthusiasm”.

His fondest memories of the University: successfully completing a six-year medical degree, and life as a resident of St Paul’s College, where Patrick was elected senior student in 1953. He is equally fond of his membership (1951-55) of Sydney University’s First XV, the premiership-winning rugby union team. Patrick was awarded a University Blue for rugby; chosen in the Australian Universities combined first XV, and played one game as a Waratah.

Dr Allan Healy

BA '53

Allan, who admits to being hard to influence, had useful interaction at Sydney with Dr Ian Hogbin and Dr Edward Vere-Hodge. But, he says, university was largely a “long, hard solo slog”. Though he won an Exhibition scholarship to Sydney at age 16, for which he is eternally grateful, he had to work to support himself throughout his studies, taking seven years to complete his degree as a result.

Following graduation, Allan went to London for postgraduate study, which he also pursued on a part-time basis. Allan is proud to have achieved “real learning” and to overcome what he describes as “the parochialism of a confined upbringing”. He undertook research around the world, developing, and passing on, a universal perspective.

In 1955, Allan joined the British Army Service in Kenya during the Mau Mau push for independence. He found this a life-changing experience and pioneered mixed-race discussion groups, helping to enable Kenya’s independence. On returning to Australia, Allan joined the Australian National University where he researched and wrote a thesis critiquing Australian policies, which was subject to wide criticism, and his thesis subsequently became unavailable. However, he feels exonerated by a mission to Papua New Guinea, led by Hugh Foot (former British statesman), which agreed with Allan’s position, recommending immediate and radical policy changes.

Allan left his research fellowship at the ANU and took an Up-Country Extra Mural Tutorship in Sierra Leone. On returning to Australia he joined the University of NSW, where he was asked to lead a movement for Wollongong College to gain university status.

Despite the vicissitudes of his personal life, Allan believes in telling the unvarnished truth, supported by argument, regardless of personal repercussions.



Dr John Kevan Healy FRACP

MBBS '57

John won the McMahon Tennent prize for Biochemistry in his third year and the HJ Ritchie Memorial Prize for Clinical Medicine in his final year, before going on to “survive” two years as registrar in the Renal Unit of Sydney Hospital, with the “only artificial kidney for the whole of NSW, we achieved an improved survival rate of 63 percent from acute renal failure”. John was encouraged to pursue research by Chev Kidson, who also had a distinguished research career.

In the 1960s, John completed research in renal physiology at the Renal Unit in Georgetown University, Washington DC, supported by the postgraduate committee of Sydney Medical School.

Returning to Australia, John continued research at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. His work was published in physiology and clinical journals in the United States, the UK, Europe and Australia. In 2014, at the age of 80, John published a review in US journal *Hypertension*, following on from some of his earlier renal investigations, which led to an explosion of knowledge of renal processes.

John encouraged many young doctors to consider research as a career, one of whom went on to become a professor, prominent in research in the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne.

John’s greatest passion is solving medical research problems and he spends considerable time reading medical journals and literature, participating in church activities, travelling and photography.

His fondest memories of the University: a psychiatry lecturer who described a patient with a “deluded belief” that he was followed everywhere by a wallaby. After a psychiatric explanation of this, the patient was brought into the lecture room, followed by a live wallaby! In his second year, John came second at bike riding in the research lab, producing “one horsepower”. He also enjoyed afternoon surfing in Manly with classmates Geoff Harrington and Jim Field, both of whom are now deceased.



Vince Helby

BA '51

Vince came from a poor, Depression-affected family and university felt like a “hopeless dream”. Fast-forward to 1980, and Vince was appointed chairman of the NSW Housing Commission 30 years after completing his degree in economics, with his major in economics “clinching the deal” in an era when only a few public servants had degrees.

Vince remembers that if he hadn't saved enough for lunch and a tram fare to Petersham, his wife, after evening lectures, would wheel their firstborn in the pram along Stanmore Road to meet him at Newtown.

His three children are now retired or about to retire. He is proud that they all enjoyed success in their chosen fields. His chief pleasure is seeing his grandchildren graduate, knowing that for them and their parents there never was any thought other than of a university education, and never any impediment. He has the same expectation for his great-grandchildren.

His fondest memories of the University: the Refectory (in the Holme Building); the crowded lecture theatres – standing room only for latecomers to the Wallace theatre; the friendships.

Left: Sir William Slim, Governor General, 1953-60, during his visit to the University, 1953; University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0401_4

Dr Alan Hewson AM

MBBS '52

Completing his medical residency at the Royal Newcastle Hospital, Alan went on to postgraduate study in the United Kingdom, where he studied obstetrics at the University of Oxford.

Upon returning to Australia, Alan became the first fully trained obstetrician in the Hunter Valley and has since made many contributions to health in the Hunter region. He was involved in the development of the university medical school in Newcastle and the Hunter Postgraduate Medical Institute, as well as the renowned John Hunter Teaching Hospital.

A father of three, Alan is now remarried after losing his first wife to illness. Living by the motto “fortune favours the brave” and ever seeking new challenges,

Alan commenced a PhD in history at the age of 85. Now in his 90th year, he has completed his thesis and is enjoying the achievements of his family.

His fondest memory of the University: “The camaraderie that developed among the 700 of us in that first year after the Second World War, half of whom were ex-servicemen, some still in jungle greens in first year, and getting malaria attacks when they forgot their Atebrin [medication].”



Professor Paul Hockings

BA '57

Paul's greatest influence on his career was David Mandelbaum, his PhD adviser at Berkeley.

During his career, Paul has written and edited two dozen books. If he were to undertake further study, he would choose comparative literature. Paul still writes books and edits an international anthropological journal.

Paul believes the University should promote biology, medicine and environmental studies. He enjoys walking in the woods.

His fondest memory of the University: "The Sydney University Art Group, founded by Don Levy, Ruth Hansman, Robert Hughes [who became a distinguished art critic and wrote the seminal history of modern art, *The Shock of the New* (1981) and a renowned history of Australia, *The Fatal Shore* (1986)], myself, and one or two others around 1954."

Greg Hodgson

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '52

Greg always wanted to be a pharmacist – and with his dual interests in chemistry and the world of business, pharmacy combined these two areas. Greg became a pharmacist and is a life member of the Pharmacy Guild, a fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, and chair of Pharmacy Cricket for Australia.

Greg and his fellow students had only restricted social lives at the University, being under the supervision of the pharmacist who employed them.

However, he was undeterred and advises today's students to "set your sights on the goal you wish to achieve, and do everything within your power and your ability to achieve it".

Greg enjoys cricket and music, in particular soprano Greta Bradman, granddaughter of Don Bradman. "She has a beautiful voice," Greg says. "I first heard her at the funeral service for her grandfather in the Adelaide Cathedral. She sang from the Andrew Lloyd-Webber requiem, *Pie Jesu*."

Greg's wish is for good health, to live in a safe environment, listen to good music and watch cricket. He is most happy when his wife looks at him and smiles. "She's got a lovely smile," he says. "She's still a beautiful girl."

His fondest memories of the University: Sydney Wright, head of the School of Pharmacy, who was very helpful. Another lecturer, Dot Large, once spent a whole lecture talking about the absorbency of cotton wool.

Dr Jann Hunt

MBBS '58

Jann completed her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and, at 81, she still loves her field and considers herself lucky to have received her education from a great university such as Sydney.

She says that despite the hard work and stress involved in the course, the great companionship she enjoyed with her peers made up for it.

Her medical career included the role of superintendent of Orange Base Hospital from 1979 to 1993. There, she was heavily involved with fundraising for a dedicated palliative care unit.

Her greatest influence was her husband, Stuart Barrington Porges. She is dedicated to her family and passionate about the environment. She advises young people to "keep going – it's worth it". Music is another course she would have chosen and she believes the University should continue with its great research and try to understand the needs of each student as a unique person.

Jann would like to see the world as a much more peaceful place than it is at present. She loves a good laugh, gardening, and spending time with her friends and family. She is also still involved with several community committees.



Colonel John Hutcheson

BE(Civil) '51

Professor Miller and Brigadier W Wearne (POW, Malaya) were John's greatest life influences.

John says being awarded the Military Cross for "minefield reconnaissance under enemy small arms fire" has been his greatest career achievement.

However, he hopes for a world that is free from military and commercial conflict. John would have liked to have studied law and these days he helps people in need, particularly ex-servicemen.

John enjoys photography, summarising military history and renovating property as well as spending time with his wife and family.

Dr Ray Hyslop OAM RFD

MBBS '57 DipGynaeObste '61

Ray built a successful obstetrics practice, helped develop a successful and efficient maternity unit at Liverpool Hospital and ran a medical team at 2nd Division Headquarters. At Sydney, his studies were helped by several professors including Bruce Mayes and Sir Harold Dew. As a resident, Ray was mentored by Dr George Cummins.

Ray is proud of his four wonderful children, two of whom are also Sydney alumni: his younger daughter graduated in biochemistry with a Bachelor of Science and a PhD, and his eldest son with a Bachelor of Arts.

Ray now looks after his garden, attends Probus, Musica Viva events and opera, listens to interesting speakers at his club, goes boating on Lake Macquarie (near Newcastle, NSW), and enjoys family meals and watching his grandchildren play sports.

His fondest memories of the University: the Commemoration Days of 1951 and 1952; travelling through the city on the back of a truck representing medicine; and carrying a lot of animal bones around inner city streets crowded with office people on their lunch break.

Emeritus Professor Laksiri Jayasuriya AM

BA '57

Becoming a professor of social policy, Australian multiculturalism and ethnic affairs at the University of Western Australia (UWA), Laksiri's time at Sydney was fruitful: he achieved first-class honours in psychology and was awarded a University Gold Medal. Completing his PhD at the University of London in 1960, Laksiri became Dean of Social Sciences at the University of Ceylon in Sri Lanka before taking up his post at UWA.

Now an Emeritus Professor and Senior Honorary Research Fellow, Laksiri was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1985 for his service to community relations. He was awarded honorary degrees from both the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka and UWA, and has been involved in many government bodies and committees, particularly around the area of multiculturalism.

Still residing in Perth, Laksiri enjoys engaging with family and reading.

His fondest memory of the University: the formation of the Australian-Asian Association.

Mr Kenneth Johnson AM

BE(Civil) '50

Kenneth came to Sydney as one of a group of ex-servicemen who enrolled in 1946 following the conclusion of the Second World War. He was fresh from a couple of years serving in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and noticed a particular drive among his fellow veterans, who did very well both at the University and in their subsequent careers.

The same is certainly true of Kenneth. He started work with the Irrigation Commission, where he had held a cadetship prior to joining the Royal Australian Air Force, before going on to a career as a lecturer and later as an engineer, designing dams, tunnels and power stations for the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme. He spent much of his career at the River Murray Commission, where he became executive engineer and oversaw a period of growth for the commission.

"I retired in 1990 when I was 65, but I continued with the commission for another 18 years in a part-time role – until they realised how old I was!"

His contributions to the commission earned him a Member of the Order of Australia and Kenneth's passion for engineering in retirement is as strong as ever. He receives newsletters from the American Association of Civil Engineers and gets a weekly update from his former colleagues at the River Murray Commission, where he still puts in his "two bob's worth" from time to time.

His fondest memory of the University: the friendships he formed with his fellow ex-servicemen, with whom he felt a real sense of community.

Dr Owen Johnston

BVSc '50

Surprising his father with his desire to become a veterinarian, Owen says that even when he was studying at the University he never actually wanted – or indeed expected – to become a practising vet. Instead, he had his sights set on working for the Pasture Protection Board, which he did upon graduating, noting that paradoxically, “after spending many years learning how to save animals, my first project was to help thin the numbers of rabbits in the pastures”. They did this by introducing the myxomatosis virus into rabbit colonies, dramatically reducing their numbers.

Coming from a small country town, university was a big change for Owen. “One distinct memory I have from the University comes not from my eyes or ears, but my nose. I remember walking into the Veterinary Sciences building and almost being knocked off my feet by the smell of the formalin that the faculty used to preserve animals.”

Owen now resides on the Sunshine Coast, and believes that the University has “a responsibility to educate as many people as possible, to engage them in the wider world, and to assist them to make a difference”.

His fondest memory of the University: “Although I enjoyed my time at the University, I must say the feeling of graduating after many years of study was the highlight!”

Dr Ronald Keir

BDS '50

Dr John McIntyre, the Principal of St Andrew's College, Dr A Lawes and Ron's father, have all had a great influence on his life. After graduating, Ron practised dentistry in the same practice for 46 years.

Ron is most proud of his involvement in getting the water in the Hunter Valley fluoridated. Today his greatest passions are his wife and his garden. If he were to choose another degree, Ron would study medicine, as he enjoys being involved with, and helping, people.

Ron's one piece of advice to his 20-year-old self would be “work hard and help others”.

His fondest memory of the University: his time at St Andrew's College and the friends he made at the University.



Mr and Mrs
Alan Kennedy

Patricia Kennedy

BA '50

Patricia's greatest influence was the encouragement of her family which, although poor, made it possible for her to study at Sydney after the Second World War. After gaining her Bachelor of Arts at Sydney, Patricia went to Canberra and gained a Master of Arts before spending two years in New York.

Appreciating the value of learning and access to knowledge, Patricia enjoyed a career as a high school teacher and encourages students to give their all towards their studies. Nonetheless, she believes young people should also reach out to their friends, as life is not just about university.

Patricia believes in high standards, along with reaching out to people and being loving to as many people as she can. She is happy to be able to stay in regular contact with four people in particular. She reads theology, particularly the life and times of Jesus, and keeps in touch with a religious sister.

Her fondest memories of the University: study and lectures, being a student and enjoying the companionship of the good friends she made at Sydney.

Alan Kennedy OAM

BScAgr '50

Agricultural Science was a small faculty in Alan's day, with students (including ex-servicemen), lecturers and staff "like a family". Holidays were spent doing agricultural work, including picking fruit, carting wheat, growing tomatoes and cutting burrs.

Alan worked for CSIRO in soil conservation, a job he enjoyed greatly. He was also in partnership with his brother in farming and grazing. He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2004, and is proud of his wife for also receiving one in 2011 before she passed away in 2015.

Alan derives happiness from his children and grandchildren, and their wives and husbands. His social life revolves around them, his friends and his dog.

Alan enjoys trips within Australia and overseas, swims nearly every day, plays golf, tends his garden and does voluntary work for the St Vincent de Paul Society. He still remembers his father's advice: "the older you become, the wiser your parents become".

His fondest memories of the University: Alan spent a year studying genetics and cross-breeding fruit flies. Teamed up with a female lab partner, one of Alan's abiding memories was walking in late one day, only to have his lab partner yell: "Come on Alan, are you ready to mate?" He also remembers classmate Margaret Campbell, as being "the best hockey player for Agricultural Science in inter-varsity competitions".

Robert H Kerrigan

BScAgr '59

Robert made lifelong friends at the University and he reflects fondly on the times he shared with his classmates.

After graduating, Robert went on to enjoy a long and successful career as a consultant and considers his experience as an expert witness in the field of law to be one of his proudest career achievements. Reflecting his keen interest in this field, Robert says that if he were to undertake another degree, he would choose law.

Today, Robert is semi-retired and still accepts challenging professional projects. Clients who enjoy great success each and every year in response to his professional advice make him happy, and his greatest passion in life is being a successful, in-demand consultant.

Robert (Bob) King

LLB '50

The first lawyer to give a strata title to vacant land, Bob was a part-time student and well remembers juggling work with study. He recalls all of his professors, who he admired for their knowledge and skills in the field. In particular he recalls his conversations with Margaret Hay, the secretary of Law, who he thought was lovely.

Bob is still passionate about the law. "I think it's important that the University encourage its students to be different and to think outside the box so they can contribute to society in ways that have never been done before," he says.

Bob spends much of his time researching family histories. He enjoys sports and classical music and was a volunteer for Marine Rescue NSW for 16 years. He also cares for his companion, who is legally blind.

His fondest memory of the University: everything that happened!

Dr Donald Kinsey AM

BSc '55

Donald is thrilled to have spent his working life in the field of marine science, completing a PhD in oceanography from the University of Hawaii as a mature-age student. Donald was honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1993 for his service to reef ecology and to the conservation and management of marine environments, he was instrumental in helping to set up the ASEAN Australia Cooperative Agreement in Marine Science and the Cooperative Research Centre for the Sustainable Development of the Great Barrier Reef.

Now retired, Donald is a passionate advocate of the University of the Third Age (U3A) movement, working as a tutor in marine science. The movement encourages retired and semi-retired people to take up studies in a field of their choosing for the pleasure of learning something new.

Married to fellow Sydney graduate Barbara (née Costello) for more than 55 years, Donald lives on Magnetic Island in Queensland, where he enjoys taking on DIY projects, fishing, snorkelling, and building model aircraft.

His fondest memories of the University: "I just loved the whole atmosphere of the University and was fascinated by the newly evolving science of biochemistry."

Jocelyn Kirby

Materia Medica (Pharmacol) '52

Outside university, it was Jocelyn's family, as well as the many pharmacists for whom she worked, who greatly influenced her life. Jocelyn worked as a pharmacist for 50 years – full time before she was married and part time afterwards. Pharmacy enabled her to experience the best of both worlds.

Music has also been a large part of Jocelyn's life, including playing the piano and the organ.

Jocelyn says given a second choice, she may have studied medicine, finance or psychology. "Always be adventurous," she says. "Be of service to others, within and outside of the profession."



She hopes for a peaceful world by 2050 and that the University will assist this goal by educating young adults in professions that will still exist in 30 years' time.

Family and music are her two greatest passions. Jocelyn still works voluntarily, undertaking data entry and editing work. She also enjoys time with her family and friends. She played golf until an injury cut short her leisure activity and she now spends time on her computer, exploring and learning.

"When my family and friends are OK, I am happy," she says.

Her fondest memory of the University: Dr Sydney Wright, senior lecturer in pharmacy.

Rodney Knock

BA '54

Rodney undertook an arts degree, which included French, history and music. Having a "ruthless professor", he was relieved to pass all his first-year French exams, as failure in one would have meant failure in all of them. He remembers his excellent professor of history, John Ward, who was later tragically killed with his wife in a railway accident.

Rodney studied music under Professor Donald Peart, the foundation professor of music at Sydney, played violin and was in the Pro Musica Orchestra when they performed Benjamin Britten's *St Nicholas* in the Great Hall during a thunderstorm. Rodney recalls the lightning lighting up the stained glass windows and the crashes of thunder momentarily drowning out the roar of the rain.

Along with one year of Latin and three years of English, Rodney's time at Sydney prepared him for a career in teaching. He taught at Sydney Grammar School, where he stayed until his retirement.

Norman Lamerton

BEc '57

Norman met his future wife, Wendy, at university and remembers meeting an old school friend on graduation day, John Thornett, who later captained the Australian rugby team. The greatest influence on his life during his time at University was his parents and, afterwards, the staff of the United Nations International Labour Organization.

Norman is proud of working overseas, first in Peshawar, Pakistan then in Jakarta, Indonesia lecturing in finance in Singapore and working in financial management in Geneva, where one of his children was born. He also worked in financial management in Australia and New Zealand.

In his spare time, Norman likes to garden, swim and play golf with his friends and his son. He enjoys reading, sport and exercise.

His fondest memories of the University: the character and charm of the buildings, making new friends and meeting an old friend, John Hunt. As first years, Norman and John were runners up in the tennis competition.

Dr Joyce Law

MBBS '52

Joyce's father arrived in Australia in 1921 from a small alpine village in the Dolomites. He spoke three languages, was passionate about education and instilled that passion in his children. "Without his vision, I would not have gone to university," Joyce says.

Joyce started at Sydney in 1945 as a wide-eyed 17 year old from the country, overwhelmed by the vastness of the campus and the number of people. She lived at Sancta Sophia College where she met other young women studying across all faculties. "We pushed boundaries and thought we were very clever, but the nuns prevailed and I am very grateful to them," Joyce says.

Joyce worked in private medical practice with her husband, in hospitals and government roles, until she turned 80. She is proud that her three children are educated and that their children are now at university.

Joyce loves history, literature and theatre, and shares her father's passion for languages. "A medical degree opened a world of health science, but an arts degree can open up the world," Joyce says. She believes that society's best chance of overcoming hatred and ignorance is through education and communication.

Joyce continues the activities she loves, commencing each day with sudoku and crosswords. She plays bridge, subscribes to theatre and ballet, and five years ago, she took up French. She enjoys walking, gardening and getting together with her family and their partners, her grandchildren and now great-grandson.

"So many things make me happy," she says. "I know I have been blessed."

Her fondest memories of the University: the amazing and diverse people Joyce met, many of whom became lifelong friends, clever young men and women studying medicine and brilliant professors who were passionate about it.

Trevor Lawton

BEd '59 DipEd '60

Coming from the bush, and having experienced the related educational constraints, Trevor was proud to gain entry into the University of Sydney. However, successive family tragedies, including the passing of his mother and his father's heart attack, marred his first year. Breaking up with his girlfriend at the same time, Trevor's luck soon turned around as he befriended the girl who would later become his wife of more than 50 years, Lynne. She played a pivotal role in helping him through a difficult period.

A father of three sons, Trevor spent his career in the senior public service in Canberra, holding a variety of research roles with a strong emphasis on education and welfare. He served on the National Library Advisory Committee before it was disbanded and was on the front steps of Parliament House during the Dismissal of then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in 1975.

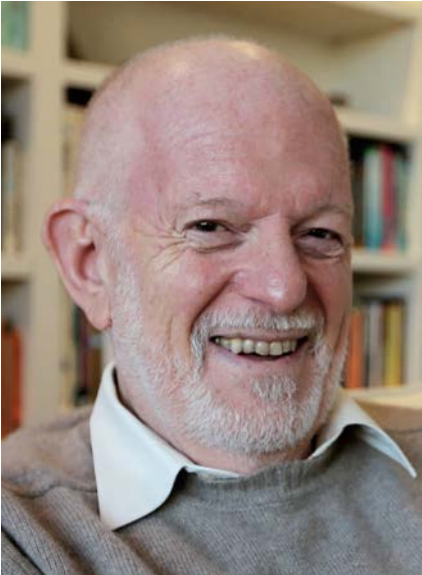
With an unwavering interest in history, Trevor considers uncovering the experiences of Australian soldiers during the First World War to be his greatest passion, retiring at only 51 years of age to contribute more to recorded knowledge in this area.

Still residing in Canberra, Trevor and Lynne have travelled extensively throughout Western Europe as well as within Australia, with Lynne completing a 795km trek at the age of 77.

Having spent many years playing cricket, squash and tennis, Trevor is no longer able to be as physically active as he once was, but enjoys spending time with his family and having a glass of white wine.

Right: The Duke of
Edinburgh's visit, 1954,
University of Sydney
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Peter Lazar AM

BA '54

Peter's Viennese family escaped the Holocaust in 1938. Two hours after his father was jailed, the postman brought the family's visas for Australia. Given 48 hours to leave Austria, taking only what they could carry, Peter arrived at Double Bay Public School in 1939, aged eight, unable to speak English. He attended North Sydney High School, topped the state in geography, won an Exhibition scholarship to the University and enrolled in arts/law.

Peter listened to the advice of Professor George Mackaness "to enjoy as many extra-curricular activities as possible, but to avoid the political and religious clubs", His time at Sydney included directing Orientation Week, writing, performing, directing, and producing revues and plays, representing the University in two intervarsity sports, winning a soccer Blue, founding

Sydney's Table Tennis Club and co-editing student newspaper *Honi Soit* in 1950, the University's centenary year.

"The experience I gained through university activities has been invaluable in my career," says Peter. "I gave up law and took five years to complete arts, but university gave me a great start to a career in communication."

Today Peter is Chairman of Australasia's largest PR consultancy, which specialises in health education and provides strategic communication services to corporate, government and not-for-profit organisations.

Peter is one of Australia's earliest television performers, presenting a University Revue on ABC TV, and appeared as panellist and moderator on ABC panel programs.

In the 1960s, as director of the University's Dental Health

Foundation, Peter helped persuade the state government to fluoridate Sydney's tap water.

On Australia Day 2007, he was awarded Member of the Order of Australia for his services to dental health, communication and aged care.

An Honorary Fellow of the International College of Dentists, he continues to advise the Faculty of Dentistry and is a Director of Dental Health Australia. Peter serves on the Chancellor's Committee, on the Council of the Friends of the Sydney International Piano Competition and is the author of three books.

Peter married twice and now enjoys watching his large family making a success of life. He believes "communication is vital to every aspect of life", and encourages today's students to improve their ability to communicate.



Judy Lee

BSc '55

Reading Nobel-prize winning chemist and physicist Marie Curie inspired Judy to study science. Judy also considered studying medicine and would have loved to become a GP or social worker, but her parents disapproved of medicine for a girl and, in those days, a teenager “obeyed her parents”, Judy says. However, she considers “marrying the best bloke in the world and having four kids and nine grandchildren” to be her proudest accomplishment.

Judy hopes there will be more cooperation throughout the world in future and a simpler life in which people are more altruistic. “I also hope there will be more awareness about climate change and the impact this will have on generations to come,” she says.

While Judy’s passions are her children and grandchildren, she also adores the theatre and ballet and spends her time between family, volunteering (particularly in the University’s gift shop, and with the outreach program Courage to Care), golf and bridge.

Her fondest memory of the University: meeting her husband, who became a senior physician at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, in their second year of university. “We had the same interests and he was my mentor,” she says.

Dr Jean Valerie Leyendekkers (née Hudson)

BSc '59 DSc '90

As well as a Commonwealth scholarship, with a double certificate in shorthand and typing from Stott’s College, Parramatta, Jean earned a little money from stenography and nursing at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where she was awarded a Hospital Medal.

Other proud accomplishments include teaching physics at Sydney Technical College for four years, working at CSIRO Division of Fish Oceanography, Cronulla, achieving a PhD in Ion Exchange Electrodes Solution theory, writing books on thermodynamics and mathematics with Professor Tony Shannon, and publishing more than 100 papers. Jean is also proud of her Centenary Medal.

Jean considers the great influences on her life to be her husband Joost Leyendekkers, an artist; Professor Robert Hunter, who specialised in physical chemistry; Professor AG Shannon AM, a mathematician; and Neil deNett, an environmentalist.

Jean’s enthusiasm and passion is number theory, restoring and preserving bushland and interacting with friends.

Her fondest memories of the University: doing experiments in the chemistry laboratory, chatting with friends from arts and science in the Quadrangle, being taught by wonderful people such as Dr Hans Freeman and Dr George Humphrey (CSIRO), and the thrill of graduating.



Professor Anthony William Linnane AM, FAA, FTSE, FRS

BSc '52 MSc '54 PhD '57 DSc '72

Tony forged his career in the fields he calls his “greatest intellectual passions” – biochemistry, molecular biology and clinical medicine. He was professor of biochemistry at Monash University in Melbourne from 1965 to 1994 and was made director of the Centre for Molecular Biology and Medicine in 1983.

Remaining director when the centre shifted away from the University in 1996, Tony is still involved with the centre today, and has a wealth of knowledge,

having spent more than 60 years in the field. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and the Royal Society in the UK.

Currently living in Melbourne's inner east, Tony enjoys reading, horse racing and savouring great-tasting wines.

His fondest memory of the University: the challenge of undertaking a PhD.

Margaret Lowe (née Davidson)

BA '57

From a poor family and commuting from Westmead, Margaret came to Sydney in the mid-1950s to study philosophy among other subjects. In doing so she became the first person in her family to receive a university education, a tradition that lives on proudly in her family today. She is the mother of five children with a tertiary education.

In fact, it is her family – which includes four doctors – that make her think that if she ever studied again, she would choose medicine.

Now nearly 80 and living on the far north coast of NSW, Margaret is happily independent. An avid reader, she also gets great joy from looking out at both the coastline and countryside near where she lives and finds happiness in loving and being loved by her wonderful children.

Her fondest memory of the University: “The jacaranda in bloom,” she says. “Sitting in the old Fisher Library above the Quadrangle discovering the magic of Elizabethan dramatists like Marlowe. The sound of the Carillon, and the gargoyles.”

Dr Noel Lucas

MBBS '54

Noel was part of the first surgical team to visit Vietnam in 1966 and 1967 and has had many career highlights. They include being an outpatient department registrar at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney and a surgical registrar at the Remote Area Health Corps. He taught nurse education at both Bathurst District Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital in that town. He has covered a wide range of medicine during his career, including surgery, obstetrics, general practice, and positions of honorary medical officer and visiting medical officer in Bathurst until his retirement at age 73.

Noel is passionate about participating in the contributions of his family as it grows and develops. He has many hobbies and enjoys swimming, surfing, skiing and sailing with his family. He also enjoys gliding and power flying, woodcraft, model aircraft, tennis, golf and camping. It gives him satisfaction to see other people happy and fulfilled, particularly his family members, who continue to achieve their goals and contribute to the success and happiness of others.

“In the future I hope the world has a positive view to universal world peace,” he says.

“I also hope there is a positive response to climate changes, a tolerance of cultures and religions, and equality of individual opportunity. It is important to appreciate the richness of our lives, and not the material side,” he says.

His fondest memories of the University: studying basic sciences and the study of embryology, physiology, pathology and pharmacology and the sporting events, including boxing and rugby.

Dr William James (Jim) Mackie

BDS '54 MDS '60

Jim ascribes his successful career to “being in the right place at the right time”. Born 84 years ago to parents who experienced the First World War and the Great Depression, Jim was too young for the Second World War and too old for Vietnam. Matriculating in 1948, he enrolled in dentistry the following year despite a vocational guidance report that suggested “dentistry might be a little ambitious”.

Fortunately Jim opted for the course, spent four years at Wesley College and distinguished himself in the college cricket team, later as an Old Collegian, and the University's cricket club, winning a University Blue in 1954. Graduating from dentistry in the same year, he was appointed resident dentist at Royal Newcastle Hospital and became interested in orthodontics.

Cricket and orthodontics continued to guide him as he travelled to Sydney each week to attend postgraduate courses and cricket practice. The two activities proved serendipitous; William met Dr RY (Bob) Norton, a prominent orthodontist and distinguished cricketer. Bob invited Jim to join him in the practice as his preceptor. This invitation led to a successful relationship in both the practice and on the cricket field.

Jim served the University cricket club as vice-president, president and eventually as patron, and says that “cricket has allowed me to visit several other countries in association with international orthodontic congresses”. He became the Australian Orthodontic Society secretary, vice chairman and chairman of the 1987 Congress, and was honoured with life membership before retiring.

Jim married in 1957, and he and his wife have enjoyed long and lasting friendships through the congresses they have attended.

Arch Mackinnon

BSc '53

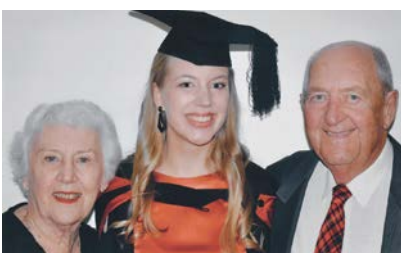
Arch attended the University in the later years of the New England University College. He commenced his studies just before his 16th birthday and lived in the residential halls with about 250 other students. Studying science, he fondly remembers playing chess and card games with fellow students in his spare time, as well as tennis and table tennis. Working as a lecturer early on in his career, Arch eventually moved into IT administration, negotiating the purchase of the first computer in western Victoria.

His biggest success, however, is his “amazing family”, which includes his four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as wife of 60 years, Iris.

Now living on the NSW south coast, Arch is happiest playing lawn bowls, reading and seeing family and friends.

His fondest memory of the University: running a book on races, starting with the 1950 Melbourne Cup.

Below: Iris and Arch Mackinnon with their granddaughter, Alexandra Ball, on her graduation in midwifery from Canberra University in 2013. She is wearing the gown and trencher Arch wore at his graduation on 1953. These were also worn by Alexandra's mother when she graduated from the University of New England in 2003



Dr Peter H Makinson

BDS '51

Peter was a dental student in the post-war years, and the ex-servicemen undertaking their studies at the same time defined his student experience.

Professor Alwyn James Arnott led the Faculty of Dentistry and had the unique challenge of managing the growing student population of the time. Peter recalls being taught by people who had graduated only a few years before him, and of graduating alongside hundreds of classmates.

During his studies, Peter operated at the United Central Hospital (now known as Sydney Dental Hospital), during the construction of the new Central train line. He remembers regular inspections of the progress of blasting by the Dean and how every so often someone would lose dentures down the big hole outside the hospital.

Peter considers his time at Blacktown District Dental Hospital, where he helped with accident work, to be one of his proudest career achievements.

Peter enjoys life “just as it comes” and likes to keep in touch with younger generations. He also enjoys time with his wife, connecting with relatives and researching family history.

Peter hopes for a future that is peaceful and democratic, and believes the University has a role in providing students with a higher education that will benefit the wider community.

John Mandelson

BE(Chem) '50

John was immediately impressed with his first boss Maurie Ward, Chief Engineer at Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand, Ammonia Synthesis (Haber Bosch) Plant in Melbourne. Maurie told John that he would teach him everything he knew, and on that basis if John was able to replace him then good luck to him. John thinks one could not get a better glimpse of loyalty than that exchange.

As a young engineering graduate, John thinks there was no more diverse industry. He converted chemical substances and gases into things like anhydrous ammonia, nitric acid, explosives and ammonium nitrates, and recovered power from high-pressure gas.

John regards physics and the study of matter as interesting subjects to study for a degree. He is happiest when he is with his family and practising his pastime of painting and drawing.

Dr Richard Manning

BEc '58

Richard's greatest passion in life is teaching and says his wife, Judith, has had the most influence for good on his life, career and family. He believes that without her determination and support, he would never have studied or worked overseas.

After graduating, Richard worked for the World Bank, spending three years in Indonesia and being part of a team of senior managers that created the Australian International Development Assistance organisation (later called AUSAid and now based within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade).

Richard went on to further study, gained a PhD, and held the position of principal agricultural economist in the World Bank's training division, running programs in many countries including Africa, China and India.

He hopes for a more peaceful world by fostering a more inclusive global approach that builds on the best of what each individual, group, ethnicity, township, state and nation can offer.

He counts himself as "very fortunate to have had a mentor" when he was 20, who told him that there was nothing he could not do if he put his mind to it. "It may sound clichéd, but every young person needs to be told this by someone they respect," Richard says.

Since his retirement Richard, in addition to many other community service projects, is a crew member of his local unit of Marine Rescue NSW and enjoys being surrounded by family and friends.

His fondest memory of the University: the wonderful teaching, stimulating opportunities for personal research into Australian economic history and the camaraderie of the Sydney University Regiment.



Richard and Judith Manning

Vasilia Margetis

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '53

Vasilia served on the Students' Representative Council as the pharmacy representative, gaining valuable leadership skills that would hold her in good stead when she later started her own pharmacy.

Running her business for more than 40 years, Vasilia made many friends in the local community. She joined her local musical society, where she was lead soprano in many productions. She also put her great voice to good use as a wedding singer.

Living in Sydney's north, Vasilia enjoys grappling with challenging problems, including contemporary politics; as well as meeting with friends, listening to music, reading and gardening.

She likes to stay up to date with current developments in pharmacy through the Pharmacy Guild.

Her fondest memory of the University: "During a prac class to make pills, Professor Wright came around to look at our efforts and remarked that mine looked good, but would I like to play billiards or golf with them?"

Geoffrey Andrew Markham

BE(Civil) '58

Geoff served in the Royal Australian Engineers (RAE) for five years and undertook design and construction of roads, military buildings, bridges and an airstrip, in Sydney, Brisbane and Papua New Guinea.

After leaving the RAE, he joined the consulting engineering practice of Taylor Thomson Whitting (TTW). Dick Taylor, the founding partner of the practice, was a mentor to Geoff in his early days and he served with it for 28 years, gradually working his way up to become an associate, director and finally managing director and chairman.

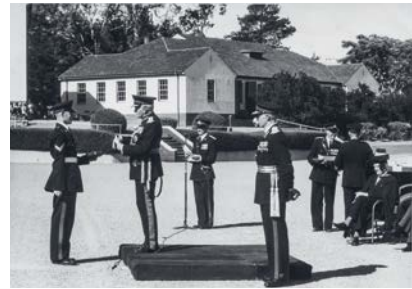
NSW Parliament House, the redevelopment of the NSW State Library and the earlier modern stages of the Art Gallery of NSW were just some of the projects Geoff undertook while at TTW.

Shortly after completing his honours year, Geoff married his wife, Margaret, who is also a

graduate of the University, having completed a Master of Education. He is proud of his twin daughters, one graduating with honours in science before undertaking a PhD in Canberra in organic chemistry. His other daughter graduated as an architect with honours from Western Sydney University and is currently practising in Melbourne. Two of Geoff's granddaughters are also studying at the University of Sydney, one in marine biology and the other in biomedical engineering.

Now retired, Geoff enjoys family functions, keeping his mind active and travelling. He also enjoys tennis and keeps active by going to the gym and walking.

His fondest memories of the University: "Surveying on the Nepean River at a place called Yarramundi – during star observations, we saw the Aurora Australis. Another memory was a professor who locked out students who were late for his lectures."



Top: Geoff is presented with the Engineering Prize at Duntroon by Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Governor-General of Australia (1953-60)

Second from top: View of NSW Parliament House from the Domain

Above: State Library of NSW

Left: Graduation Day, 1958



Barbara Ivy (Murphy) Marks

BDS '53 MDS '61 MA '94

After taking her Leaving Certificate at Fort Street Girls' High School, Barbara became a dental assistant at Ashfield. In 1953 she became one of only seven females to graduate in dentistry.

“The practice focused on removing badly decayed teeth, with five technicians kept very busy in making prosthetics,” Barbara says. Barbara persuaded her parents to let her undertake dentistry at the University of Sydney in 1949 – “a fortuitous decision” – studying at the United Dental Hospital under the “feared supervision of Dean Gil Arnott”.

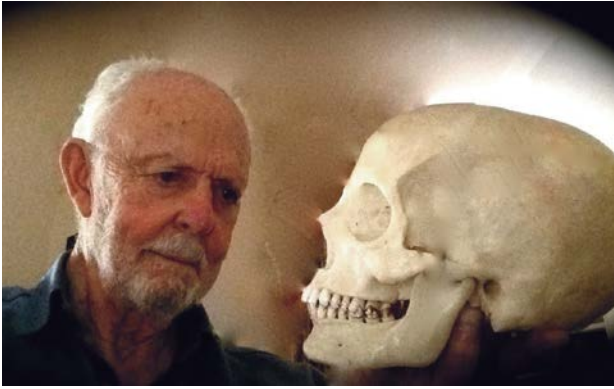
It was the era of the late 40s and early 50s that ushered in preventive dentistry – and fluoridation of tap water. As a result, Australians now have 50 percent less tooth decay. University of Sydney dental graduates led the charge by forming the Dental Health Foundation, which actively promoted these public health measures.

On graduating, Barbara was offered a tutorship in prosthetics, progressing to lecturing, and gaining her master's degree in dentistry along the way.

“These were the days before maternity leave, so I resigned with the birth of my son in 1964.” For the next 10 years she tutored, lectured and established a specialist practice as a prosthodontist. “It was always my aim to help people to eat, speak and laugh, as one can do with a natural dentition.”

Retiring in 1990, Barbara returned to the University to study arts, with Professor Alan Crown (of Dead Sea Scrolls fame) as her mentor.

Her fondest memory of the University: Gil Arnott was renowned for quietly stealing up behind a student and criticising whatever he or she was doing. In one famous incident, the dean observed a student mixing an amalgam by grinding the material in one hand with the thumb of the other. “Good Lord!” said Arnott, “What about the bacteria?” The quick-witted student replied: “It's OK, I'm grinding 'em to death, sir.”



Dr Albert McKay

MBBS '57

As a boy from the bush, the first impression the University made on Albert was architectural. He admired the stained glass windows, vaulted ceilings and the spires of the University's grand buildings. Given the chance again, Albert would study architecture, and dreams about constructing cathedrals from glass. Twenty years ago, he built a bridge across a man-made lake – the bridge is still there today.

Instead, Albert studied medicine, working as an ophthalmologist in several teaching hospitals in Australia and abroad, while concurrently serving as Group Captain in the RAAF. Albert has seen many developments in medical research in his lifetime, from the eradication of smallpox and the discovery of the structure of DNA to heart transplants and cochlear implants.

In his spare time Albert enjoys gardening, writing poetry and spending time with his family. His children and his grandchildren are his greatest accomplishments. He retains an enthusiasm for learning, assuming the role of student again at Corpus Christi College, Oxford – at the age of 80.

Having seen so much progress, Albert doesn't know what to expect of the future. "One thing is for sure, the University will be there in 100 years, as it is today, at the forefront of scientific acclaim."

His fondest memory of the University: the day in Manning House when he met the woman who would become his wife.

Lloyd Melhuish

BA '50

Lloyd attained a Bachelor of Arts from Sydney and a Master of Economics and Public Administration from Canberra. A statistician at heart, Lloyd spent much of his working life as a computer programmer for the Australian Bureau of Statistics. "Statistics is fascinating once you get into it," he says.

However, Lloyd has also been enjoying his time after retirement. He has recently completed a physics course at the University of the Third Age (U3A) and will soon be starting courses on astronomy (which he finds intriguing), chemistry and literature. He counsels young people to "be careful" with their academic decisions.

Other than studying, Lloyd enjoys reading literature, including the works of Thomas Hardy and Boris Pasternak, and watching DVDs of plays.

"The older I become, the more I think it is important to have good food, good health and good personal relationships," he says.

His fondest memory of the University: Lloyd was part of a closely knit group within the French and German departments. They organised bush walks, parties and other social gatherings.

Josephine Mercer

BA '55

Josephine 'Jo' Mercer says Signora Tedeschi of the Italian department had the greatest influence on her life during and after university, inspiring her with a love of the language and culture.

"I was nominated for an Italian government scholarship by the department, which took me to Rome for two years. This led to 11 years with the Australian Department of Immigration, the Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications and eventually a law degree from the University of Queensland."

Today she lives in Adelaide, enjoying "a smile on my husband's face, a baby's laugh, a glass of good red, catching a fish and seeing the moon on the water".

Jo loves visiting Sydney to catch up with her sister and family – most of whom are also University of Sydney graduates. "We grew up in Coogee and I like to be within hearing distance of the waves," she says.

"Refugees are my current concern," says Jo, whose passion is to share wealth equitably. "Not just economic wealth, but all the riches we have inherited, with those in deprived circumstances. That is our common humanity."

Jo believes the University could make the world a better place "by increasing the availability of courses which bring greater understanding and respect for other cultures and other people".

Jo is currently studying Mandarin. "Language opens the mind to another culture, another way of thinking," she says. "I find it fascinating – difficult, but worth the effort."

Her fondest memories of the University: tutorials with Signora Tedeschi, lectures by Professor Mitchell on Victorian poet Gerard Manley Hopkins and by Professor Milgate on Chaucer, coffee at Manning House, being on the Students' Representative Council, going to balls, basking in the sun in the Quad, and keeping warm in Fisher Library.

Emeritus Professor Jacques Miller AC FRS FAA

BSc(Med) '54 MBBS '56 MD '86

A distinguished research scientist, some of Jacques' greatest accomplishments include discovering the immunological function of the thymus, which was published in the *Lancet* journal, and identifying the two major lymphocyte subsets of T and B cells. This discovery was published in the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*. His landmark findings in immunology are considered crucial to the understanding of diseases such as cancer, autoimmunity and AIDS, as well as processes such as transplant rejection, allergy and antiviral immunity.

During university, Professors Rodney Shearman and Patrick de Burgh influenced Jacques, and afterwards Professor Sir Peter Medawar (Nobel Laureate, London) and Professor James Gowans (London and Oxford) were positive influences on Jacques. In Australia, Jacques became a research group leader at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, at the invitation of then director, distinguished biologist and Professor of Medical Biology, Sir Gustav Nossal (see page 111).

If he were to study for another degree, Jacques would choose astronomy, as he is "very interested in physics and space exploration". Jacques is passionate about science, although his hobbies include art, classical music, Shakespeare, travel and photography, and he has exhibited his own art in Melbourne.

"Do not worry about criticism from others if you have reported your own data properly," says Jacques. "I also hope that in the future people will have understood that violence never achieves its goal and that we must take great care of planet Earth, our only home."

His fondest memory of the University: his science year with Professor de Burgh.

Dr Philip Minter AM

BSc '51

Professor Anthony Woodhill was one of the greatest influences on Philip in his honours year, suggesting that Philip's thesis could be on *musca vetustissima* – the common bush fly – as only one other person had studied it. Philip gained a PhD in agricultural extension. He accepted a directorship from the United States Department of Agriculture and stayed in the US for most of his professional life.

Some of Philip's proudest accomplishments were being elected president of SUGUNA (Sydney University Graduates Union of North America) for three terms as president of the British Officers' Club of Philadelphia. He was the only Australian to be elected in its 97-year history. He was also director of the Royal Heritage Society, which manages an historical house in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, where Philip organised an exhibition of the Australian Bicentenary. After serving as president of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Philadelphia, Philip was elected national president of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in 14 cities of the US.

In retirement, he enjoys writing.

His fondest memory of the University: at the end of his second year in the Department of Zoology, his class was taken to Brampton Island off Mackay to study marine life. While there, the group wrote a daily paper called the *Brampton Echinoderm* and had a lot of fun.

Betty Moore

BSc '56 MSc '57

Betty was the first person in her wider family to go to university and her time at the University of Sydney opened up a whole new world of knowledge to her. She loved her time with the Chemistry Department, and would have liked to do a PhD, but research jobs for women were scarce at the time "because they were going to get married and leave to have babies".

During her time at the University Betty discovered she was a very good athlete. She and her friends reconstituted the Sydney University Women's Athletics Club and she went to intervarsity meets every year from 1952 to 1956, as well as being selected to represent Australian universities against New Zealand. Accompanying her husband to Manchester for his PhD in 1957, she competed for Great Britain in international athletics, winning two silver medals at the 1962 Commonwealth Games and breaking the world record

for the 80 metre hurdles. She still loves athletics, serving as a technical official at Athletics NSW every weekend from September to March.

"I coach young athletes to become faster, stronger hurdlers, who love the thrill of the race," she says. "I would love every young person to realise they can achieve anything if they really apply themselves."

In her spare time, Betty attends church activities, reads, and volunteers at a playgroup for young mothers who are new to Australia. She is very close to her family and still makes time for a big family dinner every Sunday.

Her fondest memory of the University: Betty and her friends entered Sydney's first team in a prestigious interclub competition – and moved from D-grade to A-grade within a year.

Right: Students entering Veterinary Science Building, 1950, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0848



Left: Betty with her parents at graduation
Right: Hurdling in 1960





Ian Muir

BEC '59

Ian was the founder and chief executive of OzTAM, a leading market research and media audience measurement firm. He later continued in television and other media and is most proud of the memoir *Media Matters*, published in 2013.

Today Ian enjoys travelling both domestically and overseas and watching his grandson grow up. He plans to keep travelling for as long as his body holds together.

“Young students should do as many degrees as possible and not be fixed on where and what field you would like to work in,” Ian says. “Life is a series of accidents – not a plan you can make and deliver.”

“There is no point in wondering how different decisions might have changed things. It’s important to be happy in the moment and to be thankful for what you have.”

His fondest memories of the University: meeting new friends. While he found it challenging to balance his studies with full-time work, the dual streams of influence of both the ‘real world’ and academia were rewarding. Henry Mayer was also influential on Ian. As a lecturer in government, Henry’s enthusiasm and energy inspired Ian to think and engage in the topic.

John Mulford

BEC '52

John’s career highlight has been establishing his multicultural manufacturing and distribution business, Mulford International. The business had offices in Australia, New Zealand, China, Indonesia and India.

John’s father was a great source of inspiration. He had been deprived of a university education due to being enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) during the First World War. Although he lost his leg at only 19, he had a highly successful life and he made it possible for John to attend the University in the days before Commonwealth scholarships, after the Second World War.

John’s advice for today’s students is to strive for balance in all things. “Work hard on being organised and allocate time and priorities carefully,” he says.

His fondest memory of the University: becoming friends with a number of fellow students, many of whom were repatriation students rebuilding their lives and careers after serving in the Second World War. They were very committed and, as the youngest student, John received a lot of mature guidance from them.

Dr Edward (Frank) Munro

MBBS '54

Graduating in 1954, Frank followed his degree with work at a country medical practice before moving to the remote Kimberley region in Western Australia to practise medicine there. Leaving the Kimberley for Darwin, he went on to work in the war zones of the Middle East and Cairo, before becoming the Director of Health Service in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Now 78, Frank resides on the lower north shore of Sydney where he enjoys spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren, and indulging in his hobbies of sailing and model-making.

He hopes the world can achieve some degree of peace by 2050 and would be very happy to see his longevity continue.

His fondest memory of the University: "The extremely hard work that the University demanded of me."

Alex Neil

BA '50 DipEd '51

Alex is particularly proud of preparing a Sunday school syllabus for teaching children (aged six to 12 years) much of the Old and New Testaments. This included 246 lessons; each with a suggested outline for the teacher to follow and 246 illustrated work sheets for pupils to use.

In addition, Alex produced a 250-page scriptural analysis of 33 chapters of Christian knowledge summarised into the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Challis Professor of History J M Ward (who would become Vice-Chancellor from 1981 to 1990), was a great mentor for Alex "for his academic brilliance, phenomenal memory and unfailing courtesy in thanking those who assisted him in any task".

Alex enjoys exercise in order to maintain his physical health and reading to exercise his mind. He also likes to visit isolated people in aged care and helping to maintain his son's garden.

Alex's advice to his 20-year-old self would be to "read more widely, especially historical explorations of the various continents and countries".

His fondest memories of the University: sharing experiences with other students over lunch and the privilege of hearing the lunchtime organ recitals in the Great Hall.

Marjorie Niccol (née Rider)

BA '51

Marjorie began her university studies when the Menzies federal government was reforming funding of the higher education sector, paving the way for more people like her to afford a university education.

Marjorie had a great thirst for knowledge and enjoyed the University as it offered an atmosphere of learning and encouraged thinking. She hopes the University will continue to insist on high standards and fight against censorship of free speech and the resulting political correctness. She would like to see a world "less like George Orwell's *1984*".

Having raised four children, Marjorie would like to see a strengthening of the traditional family unit and for parents to develop a greater awareness of their responsibilities in raising children, especially in the early years.

Marjorie spends her time reading, filing newspaper cuttings on social change, playing tennis, maintaining her close involvement with her family and socialising with old friends.

Alison Nicholls

BScAgr '57

Alison graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) and worked as an entomologist on protecting Australian stored grain from insect infestation.

Following company training with Cooper, McDougall & Robertson in the UK, Alison started the first grain protectant trials in all Australian states (except Tasmania).

Alison's family has had a long association with the University; her mother completed a Bachelor of Science degree during and after the First World War, and her daughter and son are both graduates in agriculture from the University. She hopes the University will continue to nurture students as well as it has always done.

Alison has taken to learning about her elusive ancestors, "to bask in the glow of the various exploits of folk previously unknown to me". One relative, she says, arrived in Boston from Scotland with only one penny – that being donated by a fellow immigrant. This distant relative became a community leader and great benefactor in his adopted country.

Alison now enjoys spending time with her eight grandchildren and marvelling at their achievements.

"I have huge respect for self-sown plants in our garden," she says. "One of my great grandfathers dared to grow 'love apples' in his Hampshire glasshouse in the early 20th century. Our love apples come in various shapes and sizes, from Tom Thumb to Roma varieties of tomatoes."

Her fondest memories of the University: Dr Tony Woodhill, a lecturer in entomology, and Oliver Murch, an English veterinary surgeon at William Cooper & Nephews (Australia).

Marie Christina Nicholls

BArch '59

Graduating with an architecture degree, Marie married in the same year, and started her own architecture practice, PI & MC McClland, with her husband, Phillip. The practice, which operated until their marriage ended in 1994, undertook a wide range of projects, continuing the Nicholls family's contribution to Australian architecture and design. Marie's father, Eric Milton Nicholls, was a partner of Walter Burley Griffin (renowned for designing Canberra), and through this partnership became the architect of Caltex House on Sydney's Kent Street. He was also the driving force behind the founding of Glenaeon Rudolf Steiner School, of which Marie served as board director for 28 years.

A proud mother of four sons – Philip, Neil, Glen and Graeme – Marie has nine grandchildren, including one currently studying music at the University, and another studying psychology. She also has three great-grandchildren who she adores.

Although she feels there's never enough, Marie's countless hobbies include going to art galleries, lectures and family activities; reading, knitting and gardening; and outings with friends.

Marie hopes the future will be a time of developed human consciousness that will strive to fulfil basic needs for all. She advises today's students to listen to their intuition.

Her fondest memory of the University: the camaraderie and many pranks that interspersed the lectures and practical work.

Dr Rita Niedra

BDS '58 BA '81

Rita is proud of producing and raising two successful children and for completing an arts degree later in life. She would consider doing a further degree in comparative linguistics.

Her greatest piece of advice to her 20-year old self would be: “don’t miss opportunities”.

In keeping with her broad philosophy, Rita’s passions include reading, gardening, crossword puzzles, family and friends.

Her wish is that the University of Sydney make the world a better place by continuing advocacy for the benefits of education.

Her fondest memory of the University: the camaraderie of her fellow students.

Sir Gustav Nossal AC CBE

BSc(Med) '53 MBBS '55 DSc(Honoris Causa) '85

Gustav is proud of graduating with first-class honours, graduating first in his year and being awarded the Mills Prize for Distinction over the whole course.

He is also gratified by his 30 years as Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, where scientists undertake research in a range of areas, preventing and treating diseases including breast, ovarian and blood cancers, type 1 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, coeliac disease and malaria.

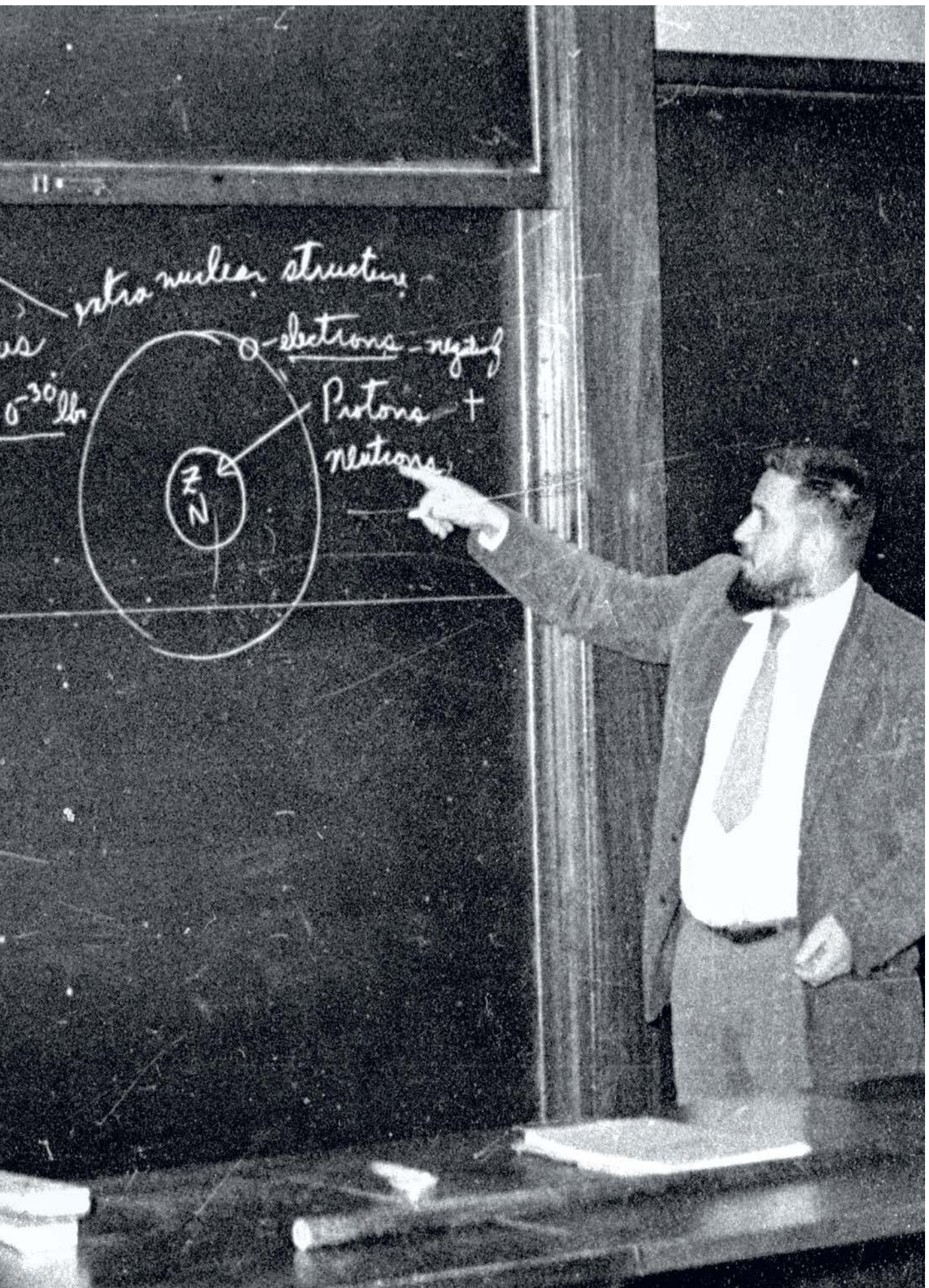
Gustav cites Sir Macfarlane Burnet, a virologist who pioneered research in microbiology and immunology at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, as his greatest influence.

He would have also liked to undertake a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in philosophy.

Gustav advises today’s students to “strive to learn rather than to shine and to be tolerant of the foibles of others”. He urges the University to continue striving for excellence and never lower its standards.

He looks forward to a world that is peaceful, multicultural, tolerant, exciting, innovative and forward-looking.

Gustav is passionate about scientific research and his family, including nine grandchildren. He enjoys investing, solving a tough problem and being with all his loved ones.



Dr David Nott RFD

MBBS '56

Inspired by his father, Dr Lewis Windermere Nott, a First World War veteran, doctor and two-time of parliament, David graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in 1956, becoming a surgeon.

Passionate about historical records, he edited and published a book of letters that his father had sent to his mother during the First World War, entitled *Somewhere in France*, in 1996. He also campaigned about two newly proposed war memorials in 2011.

Residing in Canberra, David's hobbies include sailing, travel and spending time with family.

His advice to his 20-year-old self is to live like there is no tomorrow. If he were ever to study again, David would choose to learn French or Spanish.

His fondest memories of the University: college life, University sport and learning to be a doctor.

Left: Professor Harry Messel, Head of the School of Physics, 1952-87, in 1950, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2092

Gretta O'Brien (née Sculthorp)

BEc '57

Gretta was the first person in her family to complete school, let alone university. Her mother had never gone to school, instead spending her childhood travelling with Gretta's grandfather, a shearer.

She remembers catching the 6am "Riverina" train from Wagga Wagga, with five shillings for tram fares and a sandwich, to attend orientation at Sydney.

"I had no family, no advice except that my HSC did not qualify me for medicine, and I could not find the Law School," she says. "The economics 'tent' was closest to the uni gates and I had only 20 minutes left to catch the train back to the bush."

The typical economics student, according to Gretta, was "male, recently demobbed from the Second World War and career-motivated". However, with half the units taught from philosophy, Gretta learned about the connection between economics, numbers, and people.

As a graduate of economics and with rural experience, Gretta took up a position in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. She recalls being paid 70 percent of the male salary for the same position, and losing her job the hour she was married.

Gretta believes that the inclusion of an arts year in any degree should be compulsory and she would study music given the chance again. Caring for others through music and teaching has been her passion and Gretta now spends her time listening to and playing music, writing, dressmaking, and playing with her grandchildren.

Her fondest memory of the University: being the only full-time female student in the economics faculty, Gretta was drawn into a group of European migrants, still some of her best friends today, and found herself immersed in a culture light years away from her rural, Anglican background.

Dr Kevin Bridson Orr

MBBS '51

Kevin credits his wife, who he met at university and married two weeks before final-year results were posted, as being the greatest influence on his life.

After graduation, Kevin went to Vietnam as a medical volunteer. He spent five years working at various hospitals in the UK and gained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS). On returning to Australia, he became one of the first tutors and eventually senior surgeon at St George Hospital, Kogarah, and later obtained the position of Honorary Medical Officer.

These days, Kevin enjoys reading, writing and watching ABC news and SBS documentaries, and has developed an interest in the world's religions. He loves watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he is happiest when seeing a laughing baby.

His fondest memories of the University: gaining an athletics Blue, playing cricket and rugby union for a short time; playing table tennis with friends, ward rounds, pathology bottles, and post mortems.

Diana-Rose Orr

BA '55

Studying at the University in the early 1950s, Diana-Rose describes how the scholarships of the era sponsored a teeming campus, dubbing the diversity, enthusiasm and activities across all faculties as “the experience of a lifetime”. Her first-year economics lecturer, Sir Hermann Black AC (Chancellor of the University 1970-90), was a particular influence – he possessed a wisdom and practicality that is still with her today.

Completing her studies in 1955, Diana-Rose went to work for the United Nations in New York and for the BBC in London. Now based in the central west region of NSW, her greatest passion in life – classical opera – has taken her on a number of trips back to Sydney to see performances at the Sydney Opera House.

Spending time with family and taking pride in Australia's rural and regional areas is also a great source of joy for Diana-Rose.

Her fondest memory of the University: coming to it as a student on a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Associate Professor Douglas Parbery

BScAgr '59

During his career, Douglas made a great discovery of the natural source of kerosene fungus that was plaguing oil companies, airlines and railways from the 1950s to the 1970s. He is also proud of the successes of his postgraduate students and the warmth and gratitude he has received from his students.

Douglas counts many people as positive influences. These include Professors Russ McMillan and Neville White at the University of Sydney, Dr Ray Langdon at the University of Queensland, Dr S C Ducker at the University of Melbourne, Wentworth Brown at Shell Oil Company, F C Deighton at the Chartered Management Institute in the UK and Dr Jack Warcup at the University of Adelaide. And, of course, Douglas's wife, Betty.

Douglas also appreciates the guidance he received from his parents, grandparents and wider family. The company of his wife, family and friends makes Douglas happy, as well as knowing he is well respected by his students. He enjoys reading well-researched historical novels.

Douglas offers this advice: “Go where your heart leads you, succeed best in doing what you love.”

His fondest memories of the University: participating in the inter-faculty regatta in 1954. Douglas also recalls the camaraderie of their year – 19 of the graduates still meet with each other every couple of years.

Dr Howard Peak OAM

MBBS '59

According to Howard, the late Reverend Ted Noffs, founder of Sydney's Wayside Chapel, was his greatest influence.

Graduating with an MBBS, gaining his Fellowship to the Royal Australian College of Practitioners (FRACP) and FACC, establishing cardiology in Canberra and being awarded an OAM for his work in medicine have been career highlights for Howard.

He also has a Master of Arts (Theology) and is now studying for a second master's degree.

"Always be truthful, no matter the consequences," he says.

He hopes to see many technological advances as well as a calmer world in future, where the value of human life is accepted widely. He sees the role of the University as "tackling difficult questions by providing trained experts in many fields".

His greatest source of happiness is his family.

Keith Pearson AO

BA '50

Keith had a long and successful career within the public service, working with many prime ministers, including a position as private secretary to Harold Holt (who was PM from January 1966 to December 1967, when he disappeared at sea, presumed drowned), and assistant secretary with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Additionally, Keith was director of the National Archives.

Commencing university when he was only 16, Keith says one of his greatest achievements was that he didn't fail any units, even though he worked full time during the day within the public service and studied at night as an evening student.

Given another opportunity, Keith would have liked to complete a Bachelor of Laws. During his career, he visited Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) to help decide whether the elections they held were free and fair. He was also given a grant by the British Government to study democratic processes and was invited to a conference held by then US president Ronald Reagan about how to make elections as free and as fair as possible. Keith also became an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO).

His favourite memory of the University: "My brother was one of the servicemen who returned from war, and it was my duty to help him take notes for his classes. To do this, I used carbon paper to make copies of the notes. To make time for me to change the carbon paper on to the next sheet without missing any notes, and knowing the lecturer was deaf, I would yell out, making the lecturer pause to check if there was a question, while I scrambled to change my notes."

Virginia Pearson-Smith

BArch '57

Virginia Pearson-Smith is perhaps one of the best people to ask “what do you hope the world will look like in 2050?” Graduating with a degree in architecture in 1957, she shared a small architecture practice with her former husband for more than 40 years, has travelled the world extensively in the study of new and older forms of architecture, and has a discerning eye for art.

It is little wonder then that Virginia is in touch with the future of our cities. A return to green space, and “swapping uninspiring high rises for buildings that match style with substance”, she says, should be part of Australia’s evolving architectural future. “Where new buildings are needed, we should only accept the highest standard and try to retain as many old buildings as we can,” she says.

Her passions for architecture, art and history are still a source of great joy to Virginia, who enjoys travelling around NSW, visiting historical buildings and absorbing artistic works, both on canvas and in concrete.

Philip Peters

BA '50

Inspired by many of his professors at university, particularly those from the Department of History, Philip’s passion has always been history and languages. He is proud of his career working in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which he joined after completing university.

“I was the Australian Ambassador to Turkey, Laos, Thailand, Japan and Zimbabwe,” Philip says. “One moment in my career I’m particularly proud of was my work with the Turkish government to establish the ANZAC Cove memorial.”

On retirement from diplomatic life, Philip lectured on radical Islam at the University of the Third Age (U3A) from 1992 to 2014. How the world will be in future, he says, is dependent on a variety of issues.

“This includes the resolution of some powerful forces that are active at the moment such as radical Islam, Russia and China.”

Philip’s passion in life is crisis resolution and world politics. He believes more effort should be placed on crisis resolution and how to deal with difficult issues. Having these skills, he says, is of benefit in a multitude of settings including corporate, political, legal and personal life.

Philip loves golf but has recently had to give it up. He also enjoys painting landscapes, loves food and was a master at the Canberra Wine and Food Club. He likes to spend his time discussing topical issues and meeting old friends.

His fondest memory of the University: being a member of the Evangelical Union. It was through this union that Philip made many lifelong friends. It also opened his mind to different concepts, something he believes is needed in today’s society.

William Pitty

BA '52

As a clinical psychologist, William has worked to help people throughout Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and NSW, both in private practice and at university, and counts Jackie Jarrett, Gordon Hammer, Bill O'Neil, Bert Wylie and Alec Reichel as his own positive influences during his time at university.

At 18, William joined the RAAF during the Second World War. He is proud to have contributed to the Pitty family, and with his wife Janet, a school teacher, has four children, all who have university degrees – Keith, a mathematician, Roderic, an Associate Professor of International Politics at the university of Western Australia, Hugh, a teacher at the university of New England and Alison, studying law at UTS.

William loves to read, watch his favourite sports, express his love for his wife of many years and keep in regular contact with his children.

“I won my grade of golf at the Royal Hobart Golf Club with the help of a hypnotic session with a friendly dentist who had given me the label of “One Putt Pitty”. I had taught him the skills of hypnosis when he consulted me about coping with anxious patients.”

William also has fond memories of gaining first class honours in psychology, and his time as a teaching fellow.

His fondest memory of the University: teaching the use of hypnosis in appropriate circumstances, and involvement in Alex Reichel's group regarding human issues.

Johanna Platt (née Bishop)

BA '57

In 1948, Johanna's father was homesick for Australia and brought his family from England to Sydney when Johanna was 13. At school she felt like a square peg, but at university everything changed, particularly at the Women's College.

After a year's teaching, she returned to England where she taught and married Norman Platt, a singer and director of opera and a member of the Deller Consort, a group dedicated to historically informed performance.

They moved to a farm and oast house in Kent with three children under five years: Benjamin, Rebecca and Lucinda. In 1969, they established England's first professional regional opera company using the oast house as the headquarters. Kent Opera took productions to regional areas and the company grew, touring southern England annually. They visited the Edinburgh Festival, five European countries and Singapore.

Some of its principal singers, including mezzo-soprano Sarah Walker OBE and baritone Andrew Shore, were at the beginning of stellar careers. Norman fought the Musicians Union to get permission for Australian singer Jonathan Summers to sing *Rigoletto*, which kick-started his career at Covent Garden.

Johanna became head of education, editing the *Friends of Kent Opera* newsletter, writing libretti for children's operas and programs for students.

In 2001, Norman's book, *Making Music*, was published by Boydell & Brewer, and was dedicated “with love to Johanna, without whom neither Kent Opera nor this book would have existed”.

Since Norman's death, Johanna has written a play that was performed in the National Portrait Gallery, linked to one of its paintings. She is organising events for Kent Opera's 50th anniversary in 2019.

Her fondest memories of the University: academic life and the “extracurricular delights” such as singing in Sydney University Medical Society, acting, going to the theatre and dances; the inter-college debating team that won the annual competition for three years out of four.

Ann Poidevin

BA '54

A friend of renowned TV journalist Bill Peach, Ann planned to pursue a career in journalism. However, she returned to the family property to care for her father and three brothers due to her mother's poor health.

Married a year later, Ann regards her accomplishments as the raising of her five children, along with hundreds of sheep, cattle and horses. She has weathered recurring droughts and rural downturns on the family property, Braemar, near Goulburn, NSW, which the Poidevins have owned for 95 years.

While at Sydney, Ann was politically motivated, being a friend of Greg Bartels, who went on to become secretary of the NSW Liberal Party. She believes they formed a necessary counterbalance to what she regarded as "an extreme Labor group" that included Clive Evatt, who became a prominent barrister and member of the NSW Legislative Assembly.

Although Ann completed an arts degree, she is deeply proud that as a grazier for the past 61 years she has helped feed and clothe the nation. She is happiest when there is "a good season, the cattle are fat and prices hold up".

She still lives in, and looks after Braemar, a 26-room property, leaving little time for hobbies. But she enjoys pleasant gatherings with her family, one of whom is son Simon Poidevin, a former rugby union player who represented Australia. Ann maintains close connections with the University: her daughter-in-law, Professor Anna deFazio, is the Sydney West Chair in Translational Cancer Research.

Her fondest memory of the University: the great times there, particularly college life at Sancta Sophia, which offered plenty of opportunities for formals and a variety of sports.



Graduating with her classmates in 1954



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Dr Graham Pont

BBA '58

Graham spent 30 years teaching the General Education program at the University of NSW, introducing new and unique courses, including Philosophy of Music, Philosophy of Technology and the world's first academic courses in gastronomy.

Graham produced Australia's first Opera Gastronomica: *Les Goûts Réunis or Apollo in the Antipodes, Opera Gastronomica in Tre Atti* (1976). He also went on to become an internationally recognised expert of the music of George Frideric Handel.

Graham spends his time outside academic pursuits dreaming of Europe; he would advise his 20-year-old self to take a year off in Europe and learn Italian and German and wishes he could spend six months a year abroad and six months in Sydney. He currently spends six days a week researching and publishing works about Baroque music, alongside restoring Victorian houses.

Graham's greatest passions in life, he says, are "wine, women and song".

His fondest memory of the University: sitting in the Quadrangle with peers discussing ideas and the privilege of being taught by Challis Professor of Philosophy John Anderson, even though Graham preferred Pythagoras while Professor Anderson favoured Heraclitus. He also recalls his introduction to table wine at the Florentino Restaurant (known as "Filthy Flo's") in Sydney's Castlereagh Street.

Frances Pulford OAM

BSc '50

The daughter of an engineer father who was based in Melbourne, Frances studied science at Sydney and particularly enjoyed classes with Dr Braff, her taxonomy professor. At Sydney, Frances belonged to the Student Christian Club and went on holiday camps organised by the club.

Following graduation, Frances took a job in Canberra, married and had five children. She also spent 17 years as a senior tutor at Sydney. In 1986, Frances was awarded an OAM for her services to the community and to the Young Women's Christian Association.

Her advice to young people is to "love what they do and grasp all opportunities". She values professional biologists highly and believes society and governments should take greater responsibility for the health of the environment and the planet, and "consult the views of biologists more often".

Frances feels she has lived creatively. Now living in a retirement home in Sydney, she stays in touch with one of her 22 final-year classmates and spends a lot of time surrounded by her friends and family. She likes to walk with friends, read and knit, and still enjoys a good joke and good conversations.

Her fondest memory of the University: student life and the agriculture and chemistry excursions.

Dr Eva Raik AM

MBBS '59

Eva became the first female president of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) and has had a lifelong commitment to quality in health, as evinced by her presidency of the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards and her contribution to the establishment of laboratory accreditation under the National Association of Testing Authorities/RCPA scheme.

Eva is grateful to her husband, Ivor Bitel, for his unfailing support of her career and his own commitment to social justice and kindness to all. Eva is also proud of her two children, who have grown into good citizens and great parents themselves.

Eva would have also liked to study languages and counsels today's students to be patient. She is passionate about high quality affordable healthcare for all.

Eva now enjoys the theatre, ballet and playing games with her friends and family.

"Since my husband died I am never truly happy," she says. "The nearest is when I am with my children and grandchildren."

Her fondest memory of the University: Sydney Hospital, where Eva spent the last three years of her degree. "At last there were real patients to see and much to learn from most of our tutors."

Reverend Barry Rainsford

BE(Mech&Elec) '55

Barry had a practical bent at school and for that reason chose engineering over science at the University of Sydney. Following his chemistry teacher's observation that science was theoretical, he found the practical experiments more enjoyable than most lectures and tutorials. His graduation date of 5/5/55 encourages Barry to "be innovative each year on May 5".

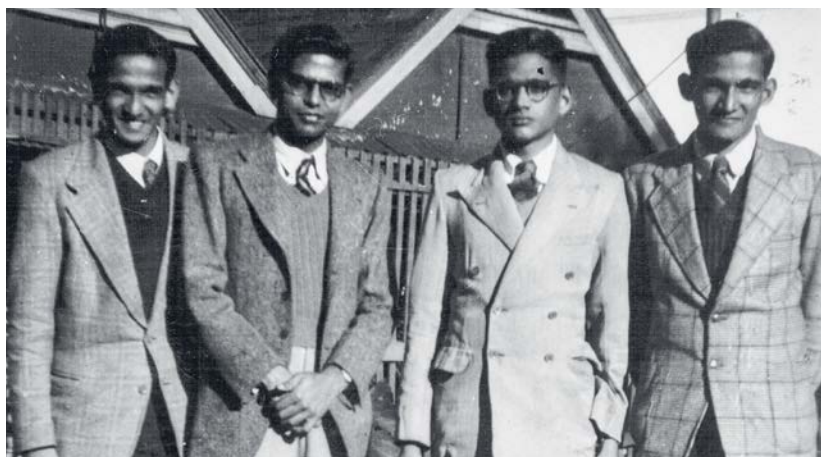
Barry was also interested in religion and was influenced by the members and mentors of the Evangelical Union, of which he was a member. After five years as a design draftsman in the Public Works Department, Barry turned to the study of theology for four years at Moore College and gained a licentiate in Theology.

Soon after, Barry met and married his wife, Jenny, and went on to serve in five parishes: the most challenging being Coober Pedy in South Australia's outback, which was supported

by the Bush Church Aid Society. Barry regards his faith as a privilege, a source of pleasure and stimulation and a way to find out more about people and the principles that govern the way things function. He says that whereas modern science provides the 'how' of life, his faith shows the 'why'.

Barry believes the world needs to become a fairer place, with discoveries being shared more widely to solve the challenges of population growth and the effects of climate change.

Family celebrations are top priorities for Barry and he often spends time with people at his church, community radio station, Probus and Neighbourhood Watch, as well as on the usual pastimes of reading and gardening.



Dr Hari Narayan, second from left, flanked by the three Ramrakha brothers: from left, Shiu, Karam and Ramchandra

Karam Ramrakha

LLB '55

Karam says 1950 was a crucial year: “The western powers inculcated the 1950 Colombo Plan to educate the intelligentsia of Asia against the evils of communism and offered lavish scholarship to Asians.”

Karam arrived in Australia from Fiji in 1950, attending Marist Brothers High School in Darlinghurst before undertaking a four-year law degree at the University.

Karam and his two brothers were pioneer students from Fiji, which was “fearful of sending non-white students to Australia because of its White Australia Policy”. However, Karam’s brothers, Ram and Shiu, would make history by becoming the first twins to begin and finish medicine together (1950-55). “On this occasion they feasted on their rice rations and chicken curry cooked with mum’s curry powder from Fiji,” Karam says.

The University charged student fees at the time, with the Australian Government promising a bonus for raising funds. “We three brothers paid £1700 in fees,” says Karam, comparing the payment to the purchase of a terrace house by his father in Annandale, in Sydney’s inner west, at the time for £800.

Karam recalls a “homogenously white Australia”, and was distressed to find Aboriginal people lacking rights. “In Fiji we railed against restrictions on non-whites and fought for equal rights,” he says. “The incarceration of [Aboriginal artist] Albert Namatjira left us profoundly shocked.”

Students on a visa could not work, he adds, and would be sent home if they did not pass their exams.

Karam and his brothers appreciated the “oasis” that was the University: a place where academic excellence and effort

would be rewarded. “Sydney gave us a new lease on life,” he says. “We met students from India, which was our ancestral home, but of which we had very little knowledge.”

Australia would open many doors for the brothers. Ram married an Australian woman and started a surgery in Balmain in 1960, while Shiu (now deceased) became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 1959, and later, Fiji’s permanent Secretary for Health.

Karam, meanwhile, was admitted as a barrister on his 22nd birthday, returning to Fiji to practise law and enter politics. He was one of the “Founding Fathers of Free Fiji”, drafting large sections of Fiji’s Independence Order 1970 and the Constitution of Fiji.

Karam says Australia “always had a good heart and the makings of a successful multi-racial community”.

Anna Jane Ranken

BA '59

“My father was an important influence because he encouraged all his daughters to go to university,” says Anna, who had a career teaching English to adult migrants.

Proud of raising a family and working at the same time, Anna began studying oral history at the University of New England, inspired by the people to whom she taught English. Teaching people primarily from China, Vietnam, the Middle East, Italy and Greece, Anna is fascinated by their stories: why they came to Australia, their process of settling in, and the friendships they form.

Anna believes people should spend “more time discussing world affairs and be more involved in how the world’s problems are addressed”. She hopes for world peace and equality, with people’s attitudes “becoming more liberal”.

“When I read *SAM* (the Sydney Alumni Magazine), I am reminded that the University’s researchers, students and alumni are making a difference in the world,” she says.

Some of her greatest loves are family, particularly her grandchildren, travel, theatre and the arts, and she enjoys volunteering for the National Trust and transcribing old letters at the State Library.

Her fondest memories of the University: the lectures by professor of history, Marjorie Jacobs; the camaraderie and the lifelong friends she made.

Brian Rathborne

BE(Chem) '58

Professor Tom Hunter, who taught chemical engineering, had the most profound influence on Brian who, after graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering, became technical director of BOC Group for Asia and the Pacific. Prior to this role, he established successful joint-venture manufacturing companies in Thailand and Indonesia.

Brian advises today’s students not to hold back and to give it their all.

He hopes Africa and India will become prosperous and peaceful, and believes the University can make the world better by helping Africa.

Brian’s passion in life is rugby and he likes to spend time with family and dining with friends. He also enjoys travel, bridge and theatre. He is happiest seeing his family happy and doing well.

His fondest memory of the University: the camaraderie, lunchtime at the Union, chemical engineering undergraduate dinners, Commemoration Day, and the student protests that blocked Parramatta Road, leading to the construction of the much-needed pedestrian footbridge.



Harris Redhead

MBBS '54

A doctor in a small country practice in the central west of NSW for 40 years, Harris graduated from the University in 1954, becoming a junior resident at Ryde District Hospital. From there he moved to Camperdown Children's Hospital (now Westmead) and Crown Street Women's Hospital (now closed) before coming across an advertisement in a medical journal looking for a doctor to join a small practice in Blayney, in the central west of NSW.

After just three months of the six-month trial period, Harris and his wife were convinced that they wanted to stay in Blayney, accepting the invitation of Dr Bruce Jones to join his practice as a full-time partner in April 1956.

Retiring in 1996, Harris and his family remain in Blayney, enjoying the lifestyle, activities and friendships that a small country town has to offer.

Dennis Reed

BEd '57 DipEd '58

A Justice of the Peace for 50 years, Dennis recalls the "relaxed, down-to-earth" manner of his economics lecturer, Sir Hermann Black AC (who became Chancellor of the University from 1970 to 1990), referring to him as a "sage teacher" and a key influence while at the University.

Throughout his life, Dennis has held various roles, proudly serving as a RAAF officer, an associate of the Australian Society of Accountants and as an executive of the Institute of Industrial Engineers in the 1980s.

A keen lawn bowler of 48 years, Dennis lives in the Blue Mountains (west of Sydney)

where he keeps a small orchard. His passions include gardening, computing and researching his family history – leading to his recent discover of four siblings he didn't know existed from his father's first marriage. He is exploring more of his family's history in Australia and the UK.

A father of three, Dennis loves to meet up with his family, including his grandchildren, who range in age from six to 25 years old.

His fondest memory of the University: its squadron in the city arcade, next to the June Dally-Watkins centre, a personal and professional development school for young women.

Dr George Dimitri Repin AM

MBBS '52 GradDipPHlth '68

“My older sister Stella graduated in medicine in 1941, and was a good role model,” George says. “Her commitment to working in the hospital system during the Second World War while male doctors were in the services inspired me.”

George completed his medical studies with honours, despite some major obstacles. “In my fourth year I was treated for a potentially life-threatening illness and my father died some months later,” he says. After completing his degree, George left medicine for 16 years, during which time he worked to rehabilitate the family business and prepare it for a successful sale. Given his experiences, George says he would also be interested in studying law.

George advises today’s students to embark on a significant area of study and carry it through to conclusion. “Never leave anything unfinished,” he says.

George hopes that humanity will learn from its mistakes and not repeat them. He hopes to maintain the ability and capacity to enjoy cultural activities such as music, art and the theatre.

George writes a fortnightly article titled “Reflections” for the Pittwater Online News and speaks at meetings of the University of the Third Age (U3A) and other community groups on topics of interest. From an early age, he found photography a satisfying hobby.

His fondest memory of the University: the people who became his friends, and establishing lifelong friendships.

Reverend William Robertson

BSc '55 DipEd '56 Med '62

Possessing a strong passion for science, William founded the Science Teachers' Association in 1956, becoming its first membership secretary, before lecturing at the University's Teachers' College in the 1960s. Crediting the college's head of physics as a key influence, William went on to hold various leadership positions in the Department of Education. He has also worked with the ABC to produce scientific programming for schools.

Ordained in the early 1990s, William has been central to various communities as a minister, helping many branches of his church across Australia. He was also heavily involved with local council issues and is a passionate supporter of 20 charities, including World Vision.

Today, living on the mid-north coast of NSW, William's hobbies include gardening, growing vegetables, keeping chickens and volunteering for Landcare NSW.

His fondest memory of the University: successfully using a dry cell battery to generate 40,000 volts to power an electron microscope in 1954.

Dr James Barry Roche OAM

MBBS '56

The study of medicine runs in James's blood; his mother graduated in medicine in 1926 and James realised the great advances in the field between his mother's graduation and his own, 30 years later. With continuing progress in medicine, particularly through stem cell research, James hopes human longevity will be accompanied by greater quality of life.

Benefiting from his association with Dr Robert Macbeth of the Women's Hospital, Sydney and Professor Edward Han (Yale, United States), who he met in 1959, James had a successful career in obstetrics and gynaecology. Supported by the Women's Hospital, he was appointed Research Fellow under Professor Han at Loma Linda University for three years, studying foetal electrocardiography. James trained in ultrasound at University College Hospital, London in 1970, and later as Director of Ultrasound, he arranged for the use of ultrasound equipment at the Women's Hospital, the second Australian hospital to use this equipment.

Along with research interests, James studied for higher degrees, but did not complete them due to numerous commitments, including membership with the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (RAAMC) and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG), and his role as deputy superintendent at the Women's Hospital. He maintains a lifelong interest in the history of medicine and has donated numerous books, paintings and instruments to the University and RANZCOG.

James loves being with his 14 grandchildren and telling them about the great times he had with his brother and sisters. He is a keen reader, especially on the history of medicine and he is currently researching the genealogy of his family.

His fondest memories of the University: St John's College and attending dinners at the union with students and academic staff, bushwalking with university groups and being on the Commemorative Day floats.

Dr John Vincent Roche OAM

MBBS '51

Dr John Roche is a household name in the Southern Highlands of NSW. He and his family continue to serve the local community and uphold a family tradition of service. John's mother (MBChM '26) strongly influenced him to study medicine while his wife of more than 60 years, Kathleen, graduated in pharmacy, practising in Berry, Gundagai and Moss Vale.

John, as the local doctor in Moss Vale, was recognised in 2000 with a Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to country general practice. John took up cell therapy for Down's syndrome during his medical career and collected medical stamps called "Challenges in Medicine". On his retirement, John's son, Vincent, a Sydney medical graduate in 1980, took over the practice. John takes pride in his elevation to Emeritus status at Bowral Hospital, where he still attends weekly X-ray meetings.

John's student life was not all about studying and he recalls the flour fight, 'Butchers v Greasers', at the School of Engineering and the University Procession in 1947, when he was part of a Med III float. He is also proud of being in a "more serious kind of academic procession" and taking his place on the graduation dais three times in 1951.

Today he keeps fit with a daily swim, likes doing farm work and writing letters to his fellow graduates of 1951. His advice to the young is "don't worry if you don't get into the quota – I didn't, being under 18 but stick to it, work and play hard".

John would like the University to make the world a better place by undertaking research to find a cure for cancer.

His fondest memories of the University: dissecting in the old med school, walking through the Quadrangle to the Union building and, together with five or six med students, climbing through the railing fence to get to zoology.

Walter 'Mick' Ryan AM, FTSE

BE(Civil) '55

Inspired by his father's lifelong friend – "Uncle Ray" Priddle – to study engineering, Mick could not imagine loving anything more than his work as a civil engineer, and is proud to see his grandsons both studying engineering.

Developing an interest in concrete early in his career, Mick followed jobs in structural design and local government with work as a concrete control engineer on the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme before taking a position at Ready Mix Concrete. From 1965 to 1975, he was chief concrete engineer at Ready Mix, undertaking research and development projects, and was later a senior manager, completing the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 1980.

Becoming a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 1987, Mick has subsequently been an adjunct professor in the School of Building at the University of NSW. In 1999 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia "for services to civil engineering, particularly in the field of concrete technology, and to people with disabilities".

A proud father of sons David and Stephen, Mick has an extraordinary partnership with his wife Heather for 60 years and remains as in love with her as ever. Together the two have been prolific in fundraising and assisting the care facility, Inala, in Sydney's northwest.

Graeme Sanders

BSc '57 BE(Elec) '59 ME '73

An electrical engineer, Graeme taught at the University from 1972 to 1985, following the completion of his Master of Engineering. During his early years of teaching, he briefly worked alongside one of his own mentors, RB Robinson, who had taught him electrical engineering subjects in the late 1950s.

Following his time at the University, Graeme went to work in the mining industry, designing specialist electrical equipment.

Now residing in Bowral in the Southern Highlands of NSW, Graeme enjoys spending his time with family as well as travelling and making things with his hands. A wide reader, he says if he were to study again, he would take history and philosophy of science, particularly the concepts and models in cosmology and fundamental physics, which he says appear to be “breaking down” in present day theory.

His fondest memory of the University: “Just the thrill of mastering a new topic so that the understanding was truly my own.”

Gordon Sanson

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '56

As with many University of Sydney alumni, Gordon has fond memories the late Sir Hermann Black AC, who was Chancellor of the University from 1970 to 1990. Gordon shares his encounters with him over the years.

Growing up in rural NSW in the 40s, Gordon enjoyed Sir Hermann's weekly radio broadcasts at school. Gordon wrote a letter (via his teacher) to tell him as much, and to give thanks. Sir Hermann duly replied to the young schoolboy; alas, the teacher did not pass this reply on.

Ten years later, Gordon was a pharmacy student at Sydney, and one day skipped a botany lecture to attend one of Sir Hermann's acclaimed economics lectures. On making himself known afterwards, he was told that his letter did indeed receive a reply.

As a member of Apex Burwood in the 1960s, Gordon hosted a visit from several businessmen

from Japan, one of whom wished to meet the Professor of Economics. Gordon was able to arrange a meeting, and Professor Black impressed everyone by conversing in fluent Japanese.

In the 70s, while on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of NSW, Gordon, the chairman of the society's centenary organising committee, was tasked with organising the Centenary Banquet in the Great Hall. The society's then patron was the State Governor, Sir Roden Cutler, who was invited to attend, along with the Chancellor. On the night of the Centenary Banquet, with mobile caterers in the wings, Gordon, then Society President, and Sir Hermann, Chancellor, presided over a wonderful and most successful evening in the Great Hall.

Gordon appreciates meeting with and sharing these experiences with such a great Australian as Sir Hermann Black.



Pharmaceutical Society of NSW centenary banquet in the Great Hall

Dr Donald Scott-Orr

MBBS '59

Though not a Christian himself, Donald shared a close association with the Student Christian Movement via his parents and five siblings. Through it, his parents, eldest sister and he all met their partners.

Having drifted into university and medicine, for “lack of any preferable alternatives”, Donald says his experiences played a part in his later choice of psychiatry as a specialty. The psychiatrists he worked with in Hobart and Perth, as a resident doctor, also played a large part.

Donald was also influenced by his father’s general medical practice being located in the family home and his older sister becoming a school counsellor.

His fondest memories of the University: While undertaking his degree, Donald was a member of the Sydney University Musical Society (SUMS), cricket and baseball clubs. State and interstate conferences, camps and competitions brought him into contact with students in other cities. “Some of my fondest memories relate to people I met in these activities – the fondest being meeting my wife, Sue.”

Nigel (Leonard) Seton

BE(Civil) '50

Nigel went to university with his brother, studying together and sharing books. He also joined the University choir with his future wife and liked to play tennis on the weekends.

Graduating in April 1950 in civil engineering, Nigel went directly into the Commonwealth Public Service to work within the Department of Housing and Construction, as it was then known.

“It was just after the war and they were looking for engineers,” Nigel says. “We virtually decided where we wanted to work and got a job there. It made life easy.”

Nigel worked mostly in Sydney, in the NSW branch of the department, which was responsible for organising and managing – or designing – the capital works of all the Commonwealth departments.

When Nigel retired he spent a lot of time playing golf. A religious person, he is devoted to the church and is passionate about bringing up his family as a “wholehearted lot of Christian folk in a troubled world”.

His fondest memories of the University: Professor Miller, a Scotsman, and Jimmy Vogen, a “very interesting” lecturer in railway engineering and concrete. Professor Chong, a mathematician, was also memorable for his manner of presenting and quick wit.

Dr Bruce Henry Gilbert Sheldon

MBBS '55

Bruce was born in June 1932, brother to Marie June Brown (page 57) and Donald Mervyn Sheldon (page 230), and attended Earlwood Public School and Canterbury Boys High School. He enrolled at the University of Sydney in the Faculty of Medicine in 1948, graduating in 1955.

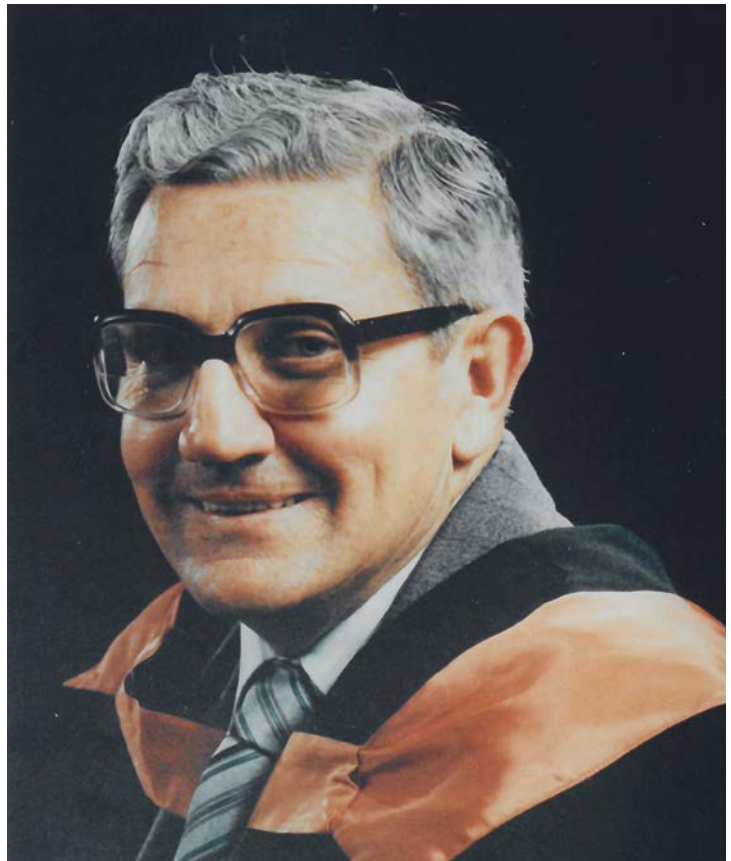
Bruce worked at Sydney Hospital in Macquarie Street followed by Crown Street Women's Hospital before becoming a general practitioner from 1955 to 1967 in the Illawarra District. He then became an obstetrician and gynaecologist from 1968 to 1970 at the Royal Women's Hospital, Paddington. From 1971 to 1973,

he was senior registrar and acting specialist at Darwin Hospital, with a break in 1972 when he went to London to complete exams and became a member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG).

In 1974, Bruce set up a specialist practice as an obstetrician and gynaecologist in Campsie, working at Canterbury, Bankstown-Lidcombe and St George Hospitals in Sydney. In 1979 he became a Fellow of RCOG and in 1989, a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (FACOG). Bruce passed away in May 2010.



Dr Bruce Henry Gilbert Sheldon with family on Graduation Day



William Shelley OAM

BEC '58

Attending the Teachers' College before enrolling at the University, William married his wife in his second year. It was his wife's devotion, spending time alone while William attended University at night and studied on the weekends, which helped him gain his economics degree in 1958.

William has been a prolific volunteer, including many years of volunteering for junior football and cricket clubs. He was also a pensioner volunteer during the Sydney Olympics and was recognised for his contribution to the community with a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2005.

His two wishes for the future are for alleviation of global poverty and that the world can become a more peaceful place.

William enjoys spending time with his wife and family and taking in the natural beauty of the countryside where he lives.

John Barry Simpson

BA '53 LLB '57

John enjoyed his studies at Sydney and says his proudest moment was being admitted as a barrister to the Supreme Court of NSW. He would have liked to undertake further studies in law at Cambridge University in the UK if he had the opportunity and believes that the University is best placed to improve education by attaining higher educational standards than other universities.

John wishes for peace between all nations. He is passionate about music and spends much of his time listening to classical music and reading widely. He also enjoys maintaining good health.

His fondest memories of the University: “My grandfather Alfred Simpson, who paid all my university fees. He also paid for my residence at St Paul’s College. And the University staff, to whom I dictated all my examination answers, as I was unable to write them clearly.”



John Barry Simpson

Sheena Simpson

BA '54 MA '89

Sheena majored in history in her first arts degree. “Professor John Ward had a significant influence on my way of thinking. I was also inspired by a series of lectures on China delivered by Professor Charles Fitzgerald,” she says, having also achieved a master’s degree in Asian History.

Sheena established, maintained and managed an online technical information database on cement, concrete and building materials, first accessed by building consultants and students within Australia. Three years later, in 1998, the database was uploaded to the internet.

Sheena advises young people to “do more study when they’re young” and says she would study geology given her time again.

She hopes the Middle East will be a more stable region in future, along with a greater balance of power between countries in the world and respect for different ways of life.

Sheena’s greatest passion is travelling. “I love wild, remote places and seeing the natural world,” she says. “There are so many climatic regions on the earth and it’s fascinating to learn how the people cope with daily living in these environments.”

She also enjoys spending time at home with her family, walking, golf and reading, good health and helping people.

Her fondest memories of the University: a feeling of being free after formal schooling. “I enjoyed sports and played hockey and tennis. I resided at the Women’s College, which was a marvellous experience. I met and made friends with people from different backgrounds and faculties.”

Dr John Skalla

MBBS '50

Having missed out on second class honours by just one mark, John graduated with a credit, and went on to operate a busy and satisfying medical practice before working in a specialist practice.

John is proud of his happy marriage and his three adult children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John would have also liked to study food technology in order to join his father's food producing factory.

His fondest memories of the University: the friendships he made with several fellows. Getting engaged at graduation was also a rather notable moment for John.

Joan Smith

BSc '50

Graduating in 1950, Joan used her science degree for a career in biochemistry, working as a biochemist on and off for seven years while juggling family responsibilities.

Joan is most passionate about seeing her children – she says they are her greatest accomplishment – progress happy and well into the future.

Residing on the NSW Central Coast, Joan volunteers for a number of community organisations and is involved in her local church. She enjoys attending theatre productions and reading, and her last trip overseas was to Borneo, to see the orangutans.

Still passionate about science, Joan says if she were to do another degree, she would choose something related to science such as medicine, dentistry or veterinary science. Her advice is to “take every door that opens and see what happens.”

Her fondest memory of the University: playing sport, including cricket, netball and hockey.



At the Student Union Alliance Française Ball, 1952

Betty Smith (née Redman)

BA '54 DipSocStud '55

A social worker in the health sector for 55 years, Betty enjoyed a happy marriage (until her late husband's passing). They shared three children together, and began a family tree that now boasts five grandchildren.

Reconnecting with fellow University of Sydney graduate and widower, Doug Cullen (page 64) in 1998, after her husband's passing, the two have spent the last 16 years together, with Betty paying tribute to their "renewed love, friendship and companionship". It came some 46 years after they first met in a psychology class in 1952.

Living on the NSW central coast, 83-year-old Betty is a keen knitter and gardener. Influenced by her own grandparents while at university, she loves to spend time with family and friends, and hopes to keep enjoying the immense richness they bring to her life for years to come.

Stephen Smyth

BA '55

An evening student, Stephen remembers the high quality of the lectures he attended, at a time he says, when academics believed lectures were more important than research. Scholars including “Professors Mitchell, O’Neill, McDonald and Ward, economics commentator Sir Hermann Black AC (University Chancellor, 1970-90), Dr Oliver and the exuberant newcomer Gerald Wilkes (who would become Challis Professor of English Literature 1966-96), were all experienced, confident, able and eloquent; their lectures held students’ attention throughout”. Professor Black’s inspiring lectures would be reason enough for studying economics if Stephen could have his time again.

These lecturers were a role model for Stephen, who became a teacher then high school principal in Tasmania. He was also greatly influenced by his own primary school teacher, Brother Barnabas, then his parents, until his marriage and afterwards by his wife and family. Stephen believes the University should continue to prize scholarships.

In retirement, family life and the accomplishments of his extended family are the source of Stephen’s greatest joy and he is passionate about recording their achievements in a family history series of annuals. Stephen says his greatest personal triumph was “marrying an outstanding Queenslander in 1957 and sharing rich parenting with her in Tasmania”; and if he had his time again he would have proposed to this “top Queenslander” much earlier than he did.

With extensive travel behind him, Stephen spends his time with family, compiles family history, collects stamps, enjoys photography, reading history, quick crossword puzzles and chess problems.

Stephen is hoping for a world “free of malcontents, whingers, whiners and disrupters; and where the various ‘hostile ’isms’ no longer exist”.



Dr Ronald Speechley

MBBS '56

After graduating, Ronald specialised as a gynaecologist and obstetrician, influenced by the wonderful work of Dr L Gleadell, senior gynaecologist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

A husband and a father, Ronald counts meeting and marrying his wife (now deceased) among his greatest achievements, along with his medical practice.

Retired and living in Victoria, Ronald enjoys gardening, reading literature, theatre, art and music, as well as the company of like-minded friends. He hopes for a future with less war and problems related to war, and he finds happiness seeing his adult children content in their careers and relationships.

Associate Professor David Standen AM

BArch '52

David studied together with returned servicemen and, like big brothers, he would constantly learn from them. "Teaching staff taught me, with no great duty to influence me. Those ex-servicemen influenced me, with no great duty, if any, to teach me," he says. "But teach me they did."

David reflects on the great privilege of learning alongside those ex-servicemen. Although he went on to receive multiple awards within the Australian and New Zealand architectural profession, he recognises the gratitude from clients as a major cause for pride.

David is now focused on his family, and keeping it as "happy a place as possible". He also indulges in watercolour painting, reading his old books, and avoiding television. He thinks that the University should start an inquiry into the effects of population change.

His fondest memory of the University: as an architecture graduate, David highly regards his time amid the sandstone architecture at the University. This recollection sits with memories of the Union pictures at lunchtime and the pole-sitting contest to name a few, among many.

Dr Edwin Sullivan

BSc '50 MSc '51 PhD '54

Edwin was the first returned soldier of the Second World War to receive a PhD from the University of Sydney. He credits Professor LeFevre, his supervisor and mentor throughout his science degrees at the University – including a master's degree and a PhD – as being his greatest influence. “Professor LeFevre was a wonderful supervisor who inspired me to become an academic,” says Edwin. Professor LeFevre, along with his wife, Dr Catherine LeFevre, remained wonderful mentors to both Edwin and his wife, Eva.

While Edwin is proud of having been a soldier for Australia in the Second World War, being accepted as a student in 1946 at the University of Sydney upon returning was an equally great achievement, as were the subsequent academic positions he says he was “fortunate to enjoy”. These included lecturer in chemistry at the University of Malaya, Singapore; teaching fellow in the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Sydney; lecturer in chemistry at Newcastle University College; lecturer in chemistry at Sydney, reader in spectroscopy at the University of Wellington, New Zealand and senior lecturer in physics at the NSW Institute of Technology in Sydney.

“I was fortunate that all these positions were permanent positions,” says Edwin. “I became an honorary associate at UTS and was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Physics.”

Edwin also feels blessed to be a husband, father and grandfather.

His fondest memories of the University: the kindness and ability of both academic and non-academic staff; the friendship of fellow students; the aesthetic experience of sitting in the beautiful Quadrangle on a quiet day; meeting wife-to-be Eva in 1961, when he was a lecturer in chemistry; the graduations of their son, Gregory, and daughter Kim, also from Sydney.

Leslie Sullivan

BA '50

Leslie is passionate about writing and has had two books published based on personal experiences. An avid reader and ex-RAAF, he enjoys reading about the history and particularly military history of the Second World War.

His books, *Not to be Shot at or Exported* and *Proceed on Posting* were awarded first prize in 1994 and second prize in the 2008 RAAF Heritage Awards (Literature), respectively.

Leslie shares his formative years with former Prime Minister John Howard, who was in his Year 3 class. He advises young people to “take advantage of every opportunity to advance yourself and open doors”. He also believes that opportunities for university education should be open to everyone. “No one should be declined an education,” he says.

Moving to Melbourne to be close to his two children, what makes him most happy now is meeting people with similar interests, talking to his grandchildren and keeping up with the world today. “I do not want to be left behind,” he says.

His fondest memory of the University: “The friendships I made, especially the ones with my fellow servicemen. I was a part-time student and a full-time teacher at the time. I would teach primary school in the morning and go to class at night.”



Leslie at his graduation in 1950

Professor Francis Graham Swain AM

BScAgr '56

Graham's greatest achievement during his lifetime has been his role as a professional agricultural scientist and making a difference for his fellow scientists. He also says helping his four sons and enjoying time with his wife of 59 years are his passions in life.

Graham had many mentors who influenced him during university and beyond: Professor Frank Crofts influenced him during his honours degree in 1955; and Harold Jenkins and Bill Hudson at the Wollongbar Agricultural Research Station from 1956 to 1966. Other major influences include Professor Maurice Decker of the University of Maryland in the United States, while Graham was undertaking a Fulbright scholarship from

1958 to 1961; Professor Alec Lazenby, Head of Agronomy at the University of New England (UNE) from 1972 to 1993; Fred Butler, NSW Department of Agriculture; and Sir William Vines AC, Foundation Chairman of Hawkesbury Agricultural Council. They were all inspirational for his career.

Some of Graham's proudest career and life accomplishments were developing and leading a foundation regional research team at Wollongbar Agricultural Research Station, which adopted a new approach to regional research and assisting in the development of an applied Department of Agronomy at UNE under the leadership of Professor Alec Lazenby.

Francis also led the restructure of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, initially as a self-governing, multi-purpose centre of advanced education from 1972 to 1988. In addition he was a foundation federated member of the newly established University of Western Sydney (known as UWS – Hawkesbury). Graham held the dual post of deputy vice-chancellor of the University of Western Sydney and chief executive of UWS Hawkesbury.

Graham was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1991.



Dr Margaret Tebbutt

BSc '50



Margaret graduated with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in geology and geography. After completing her degree, she was appointed demonstrator in the School of Geology, to act as a librarian and research assistant to Professor MacDonald Holmes. Margaret moved overseas after getting married in 1952, and filled various teaching positions in primary and secondary schools in London.

Margaret was employed as a research assistant by Professor Encel, to produce a second edition of *Women in Australia* by Norman Mackenzie (1962). The book was published as S. Encel, N. Mackenzie & M. Tebbutt, *Women and Society: an Australian Study*, in 1974. Professor Encel was instrumental in introducing Margaret to sociology, and she decided to undertake her PhD in this area.

Margaret was proud to finish her PhD at the University of NSW, despite undergoing a radical mastectomy for breast cancer, and she became a senior lecturer at Cumberland College of Health Sciences.

Margaret and her husband are passionate about climate change and preservation of the environment. They engage in raising awareness about environmental issues associated with marine life around the Lake Macquarie water front, near Newcastle, NSW. Margaret believes that the University can raise awareness about climate change through research.

In her free time, Margaret enjoys going to the local gym and aquatic centre with her husband, where she rides the bike and he swims.

Her fondest memory of the University: as part of her role as demonstrator and research assistant, she had the opportunity to travel to Australian deserts and the tropical north, which was unusual for a young woman in those times.

Byron Theodore

BArch '52

Acclaimed landscape painter Lloyd Rees, a lecturer and tutor in art history and freehand drawing in the School of Architecture (1946-86), was a great influence on Byron during university. Rees's sensitivity and love of his subject encouraged Byron's latent ability in drawing, which he has maintained and amplified today. Byron also held George Molnar, the *Sydney Morning Herald* cartoonist who taught architectural design, in high regard. Molnar was slightly contemptuous of the Sydney scene, as his cartoons would suggest, and this gave his students a different perspective.

Byron has many passions, including music, especially the human voice, drawing, painting and writing, which has occupied his time for the last two decades. He writes about past and present art, including Aboriginal art, the failure of democracy, criticism, drawing penmanship, literature and language, and finds it an enjoyable way of occupying his retirement.

"Develop a cautious scepticism, but maintain your idealism," says Byron. "Be aware of and avoid personal politics in the workplace, even though they will seek you out."

By 2050, Byron hopes we will have "control of the world's ills, religious conflict, political corruption, environmental degradation and unemployment. [This] can only be achieved in manageably sized political and production social units".

His fondest memory of the University: the gradual development of a feeling for design so that after many years Byron still thinks of himself primarily as a designer. This allows him to analyse his surroundings accordingly – what works, what aspires to beauty and what maintains cultural continuity.

(Thelma) Madge Thornton

BSc '50

Madge's brother, a physicist, encouraged her to undertake a science degree at Sydney. Her husband had returned from war and also went to university as part of the group of ex-servicemen and women studying at the time.

Madge enjoyed the excursions they attended as part of the botany course. "Heading out to Silverton, near Broken Hill, we'd spend the days working hard, and at night gather around the camp fire to sing songs, and talk the night away," she says.

Madge is proud of raising three children, but loved research and teaching and tutoring new students.

She believes the University can make the world a better place by encouraging students and the community alike to "to be interested in the world – to focus on those around them and be involved in what is going on".

Her fondest memories of the University: lectures by Professor Ashby in the Wallace Lecture Theatre. A born lecturer, he inspired Madge to learn. "There was also a funny moment when we accidentally poured some acid down the sink, which caused the pipes to burst and a chunk of ceiling on the floor below to break off and almost hit a professor's microscope."

Reverend Father Brian James Hume Tierney

BSc '57 DipEd '58

In his retirement from the parish ministry, Brian enjoys devising science experiments to teach physics and chemistry and developing hands-on discovery techniques for helping those who find mathematics difficult. As Brian now lives with a home-schooling family outside of Goulburn, his help is much appreciated. He also enjoys collecting and cutting wood for the cold winters.

Brian cites Catholic chaplain, Father Roger Pryke, as one of the greatest influences on his time at university and afterwards, of home-schooling families, where he could help with solving their mathematical and scientific problems.

His fondest memories of the University: working in the physics laboratory, the geology excursions, University camps, and marking applied maths workbooks for first-year science and engineering students.

Dr Charles Toh

MBBS '55

Mentored by Dr Horace Joules of Central Middlesex Hospital while in the UK, Charles specialised in cardiology, having led a long and distinguished career at hospitals and medical centres across Singapore. President of the Singapore Cardiac Society from 1962 to 1971, he helped develop the cardiac department, coronary care unit and intensive care unit during his tenure at Singapore General Hospital.

Serving as chairman of Singapore's National Medical Research Council from 1994 to 2000, Charles has also been a member and, since 2010, Deputy Chairman of Singapore's Public Service Commission.

Speaking a variety of languages and dialects, Charles remains in Singapore, where he is a specialist at the Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre. Besides cardiology, his greatest passion in life is enjoying the "great game" of golf.

His fondest memory of the University: Wesley College, where he lived for six years, and being cox in the rowing team for two years.



Geoffrey Travis

BEC '51

Graduating with a Bachelor of Economics, Geoffrey founded an accounting practice with his father, who was his greatest mentor, and worked there for 50 years. He was also a director of Brickworks Ltd, a public company, for about 20 years.

Geoffrey played rugby for the Eastwood Club in first grade until he was injured, and competed against many young men who represented Australia for the Wallabies. Geoffrey now enjoys spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Geoffrey studied for his degree at night, which left little time for socialising. If he were to give his 20-year-old self some advice it would be to “forget accounting and do a degree in law”.

Richard Turner

BSc '54

After gaining his science degree, Richard went to work for the Department of Forestry on the northern tablelands and north coast of NSW, managing the forests that produced timber for the people of NSW. Richard enjoyed logging, preferring the outdoors, being close to the forest and seeing it from year to year.

Since retiring, Richard has been active in the Australian plant society, in Birdlife Australia and other bird clubs, and has been supervising tree planting in the Capertee Valley between Lithgow and Mudgee.

“We plant 6000 trees a year to encourage the critically endangered regent honeyeater,” Richard says.

“With the planting, we’ve seen four regent honeyeaters return to the planted area.”

His fondest memory of the University: “I was fortunate to get a scholarship so I could study full time rather than part time. I was enthralled with botany and majored in forestry.”

John Valder CBE

BA '53

John is proud to have gained his Bachelor of Arts “way back” in 1953, in the minimum period of three years despite being a part-time student and attending a mix of day and night lectures.

While gaining his degree, John worked as a cadet journalist at the *Sydney Morning Herald*. The degree distinguished him from other cadets who did not have any formal qualifications, and boosted his journalistic career to include a three-year posting at the newspaper’s New York office in the mid-1950s.

His favourite memory of the University: “We had night lectures in the Wallace Theatre at a time when there were regular power blackouts,” he says. “If my memory serves me correctly, we had candles on our desks to take notes. What a monumental fire risk that must have been.”

Professor Paul Vincent

BSc(Med) '56 MBBS '59 MD '76

Graduating with first class honours in both science (medicine) and an MBBS, Paul was awarded a CJ Martin Fellowship and an Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship. He was appointed director of the Kanematsu Institute at Sydney Hospital, and later appointed a professor.

Paul says his wife Kerry is his greatest influence and he urges today's students to "go for it". He believes the University could strive for greater international significance.

Paul likes to spend time with his family, as well as play chess and paint. In past years he played golf and wind surfed, and tried his hand at wood turning. Paul is passionate about the dawn of another day.



Judith Wallace

BA '55

Although limited in career choice at the time, Judith has written a best-selling book and set an alternative test for the HSC, among other achievements. She undertook postgraduate studies in industrial sociology, which led to several research jobs, including a two-year appointment at Trinity College, Oxford. She co-authored, with Roderick Martin, a book titled *Working Women in Recession: Employment, Redundancy, and Unemployment*.

Judith also married "a very distinguished computer scientist", and, being passionate about preservation of the environment, spent time in retirement looking after two badly degraded marine reserves.

She enjoys reading, particularly ancient and modern history, as well as gardening, travelling with close friends and listening to classical music – live if possible.

"I am pretty happy with the decisions I made," Judith says. "The people I met at Sydney influenced my whole life, my outlook and my values."

Her fondest memory of the University: a student named David Ross, son of Lloyd Ross, who was the secretary of the Railway Workers Union and a friend of Ben Chifley. Through her friendship with David she met many of the student leaders of the time, who were active in *Honi Soit* (the student newspaper), student politics and arts.

Jenny Wanless OAM

BSc '54 DipEd '55

Great friendships, a love of science and Scottish country dancing are some of Jenny's greatest passions, which emerged during Jenny's time at Sydney. Her simple advice to her younger self would be "do what you did". Jenny recalls many great friendships, particularly with Barbie Graham and Jenny Gilham, with whom she is still in contact today.

A proud University of Sydney graduate who achieved further degrees at the Australian National University (ANU) and the University of Canberra, Jenny is a proud mother of three science graduates. Two of her children are current professors of science at ANU, while the third works for the Wilderness Society of Tasmania.

Jenny is a long-term volunteer at Questacon (the National Science and Technology Centre) in Canberra, and loves to ignite the interest of "visitors to the Earth". She feels the "need to make sure that the world will be a sustainable one".

Today, she is more a "Scottish country dancing onlooker", but she still loves the sound of bagpipes.

Her fondest memories of the University: lunches on the botany lawn, geology excursions and long walks from Kilandra to Mount Kosciuszko are among the highlights of her time at the University.

Emeritus Professor Geoffrey (Peter) Webber

BArch '54 DipTCPlan '59 MTCPlan '68

Following his graduation, Peter went on to postgraduate study in the United States, studying at Columbia University in New York, and branching into planning. A former commissioner of the NSW Planning and Environment Commission and government architect of NSW, Peter is now an Emeritus Professor at the University of Sydney, covering a wide range of fields related to architecture, planning and urban design.

Married with five children and 12 grandchildren, Peter's

academic career sees him regularly writing and reviewing academic journal articles as well as delivering papers and consulting. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with family and being part of activist campaigns to save heritage buildings.

His fondest memory of the University: "Playing in the first-grade all-conquering basketball team, we were fortunate to have John Raschke OAM (later national coach) as captain and coach."

Joan Westerholm

BA '55

After graduating, Joan completed a librarian course, married and brought up three children, who bring her much happiness and who she still guides through their lives. The friends she made at the University are still her friends today; they socialise, play bridge and tennis; they brought up their children together.

These days, Joan likes gardening, going to the ballet and listening to music. She believes those lucky enough to study at Sydney have a chance to play an important part in filling positions of leadership and guidance for the future. At the same time, she suggests that young people enjoy every single moment and take every opportunity offered. She hopes for a world that is more peaceful and friendly, and that her grandchildren will enjoy happy lives free of the threat of war.

Her fondest memories of the University: the Sports Association and playing University hockey for five years. Joan was in the University Revue, dancing the can-can with Women's College residents. College formals also gave Joan pleasure.

Dr Marguerite Weston

MBBS '58

Marguerite graduated with a degree in medicine in 1958 and believes her tutors at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and, later, the physicians at St Vincent's Hospital, have had the greatest influence on her life and career.

Medicine was a male-dominated profession when Marguerite undertook her studies. During her one year of live-in residency, at St Vincent's in 1957, there was no provision for female doctors, and she was required to stay in the nurses' accommodation.

Marguerite moved to London to continue training in neurology at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, but on returning to Sydney decided to specialise in respiratory medicine. She became the first female physician at St Vincent's Hospital and continued to practise for nearly 50 years, until her retirement in 2007.

Marguerite counts this, along with having three wonderful sons, as her proudest career and life achievements.

Her greatest passion is "knowledge and its acquisition" and she says that if she could give her younger self advice it would be "to always look for the good in people, praise others' accomplishments and don't wait until it is too late to tell people how wonderful they are".

In 2014, following the death of her husband after a long illness, Marguerite enrolled in an arts degree at Sydney, majoring in archaeology, which she is thoroughly enjoying. She believes that although today's technology is better, people through the ages are basically the same and need to learn how to live in peace with tolerance of each other's beliefs and ideologies.

Now 81, Marguerite suspects she may be the University's oldest undergraduate and is looking forward to her first dig after graduation.



Dr Judy White (née Crossing) AM

BEc '56

Mother of five sons and two daughters, and grandmother of 19, Judy lives in the Hunter Valley, and is the author of 11 books.

Judy attributes much of her success to graduating in Economics, where she shared the Economics Prize with Dr Brian Scott. She is grateful for the influence of Sir Hermann Black AC, her economics lecturer (University chancellor 1970-90), who regularly commented on radio about the issues of the day.

Judy represented the University in two sports – tennis and hockey. However, her love of academia led to postgraduate success with an MLitt, an honorary MA and finally her PhD from the University of Newcastle.

She continues to serve on many economic boards in the Hunter Valley, contributing to the work of the Hunter Economic Development Corporation, the Hunter Valley Research Foundation, the Hunter Institute of Technology, the Foundation Board of the University of Newcastle, the Hunter Community Foundation, and as chair of the Hunter Valley Horse Expo.

Judy's community service earned her a 'Women 1988 Award' for services to the Bicentenary and she is a Member of the Order of Australia.

In Sydney, Judy serves on two theatrical boards – the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust and The Seaborn, Broughton and Walford Foundation. She is interested in preserving archives – having created the Belltrees archives, and worked on the the National Institute of Dramatic Art archives and others.

Judy says her greatest passion is to create happiness around her – in her family and her community. She wants the world to be peaceful and for the University to continue to encourage and educate students, as it is doing now. Her advice to young people is this: whatever you set your mind to accomplish that will come to pass.

Joan Wilcox

BA '56 DipEd '57 DipNumAnalAutoComp '77

For more than 35 years, Joan has worked in the field of education, first as a mathematics teacher, then as a teacher educator. In 1992, she received the Award for Excellence in Teaching. The following year, Joan was awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the Mathematical Association of NSW.

Since graduating in 1956, Joan has obtained a Diploma of Education and a Diploma of Numerical Analysis and Automatic Computing from the University of Sydney. She has also completed a Bachelor of Theology and a Master of Theology with honours from the Sydney College of Divinity.

Joan's greatest passion is helping those in need, especially through the church and in the local community. Joan was chosen as Epping Woman of the Year in 2009. Today, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to the theatre and reading.

Joan advises others to "always do your best, and make the most of every experience which comes your way".

Her fondest memory of the University: being a participant in the activities of the Student Christian Movement.



Joan receiving an award for Excellence in Teaching

Oscar Allen Wilson

BE(Civil) '51

Oscar was conscripted into the army (shortly after his 18th birthday), before studying at the University. His future wife served in the air force as a wireless operator intercepting Japanese messages while stationed in Townsville in 1945. Oscar studied civil engineering under Professor WA Millar and in his third year he was chosen as treasurer of the Engineering Undergraduates Association, serving for two years.

Following graduation, Oscar was appointed as an engineer with the NSW Department of Main Roads under CA Hawkins, chief engineer, before taking up a Federation of British Industries Overseas Scholarship from 1953 to 1955. This was followed by an appointment as an engineer in the Public Works Department in Tasmania, in charge of the construction of the Murchison Highway. His other appointments in Tasmania included materials and research engineer, road engineer and consulting civil engineer.

Oscar's studies became the basis for his interest in ancient civil engineering works and ancient history. He hopes the world will learn to work together to solve the problems that now divide us. He enjoys working with groups that try to make life better for the community, and he is happy to see his family involved in assisting those who need help to get the best out of life. Oscar spends his spare time with family and his hobbies of stamp collecting, computers and books.

His fondest memory of the University: marrying his wife at the end of his first year. Realising that he could not dance, he had to sit out dances with women whose partners were dancing with his wife, who was an excellent dancer.

Patrick John Wilson

BA '55

Patrick was a state high school principal for 20 years. He considers himself to be the last graduate of the New England University College of the University of Sydney. Patrick received his degree from the Chancellor, Sir Charles Bickerton Blackburn, who then handed over chancellor duties for the newly established University of New England (UNE), which became fully independent in 1954, to Sir Earle Page. Sir Earle bestowed the first UNE degrees.

Patrick credits his wife Bonnie, whom he met at university, as his greatest influence. He most enjoys reading to acquire knowledge and travelling. In his spare time, he also enjoys time with his family, military history and cycling. He hopes for a cleaner, more peaceful and socially conscious world in future.

His fondest memory of the University: "Walking among the apple orchards at the college, courting my wife."

Professor George Wing AM

BDS '56 MDS '58 DSc '62

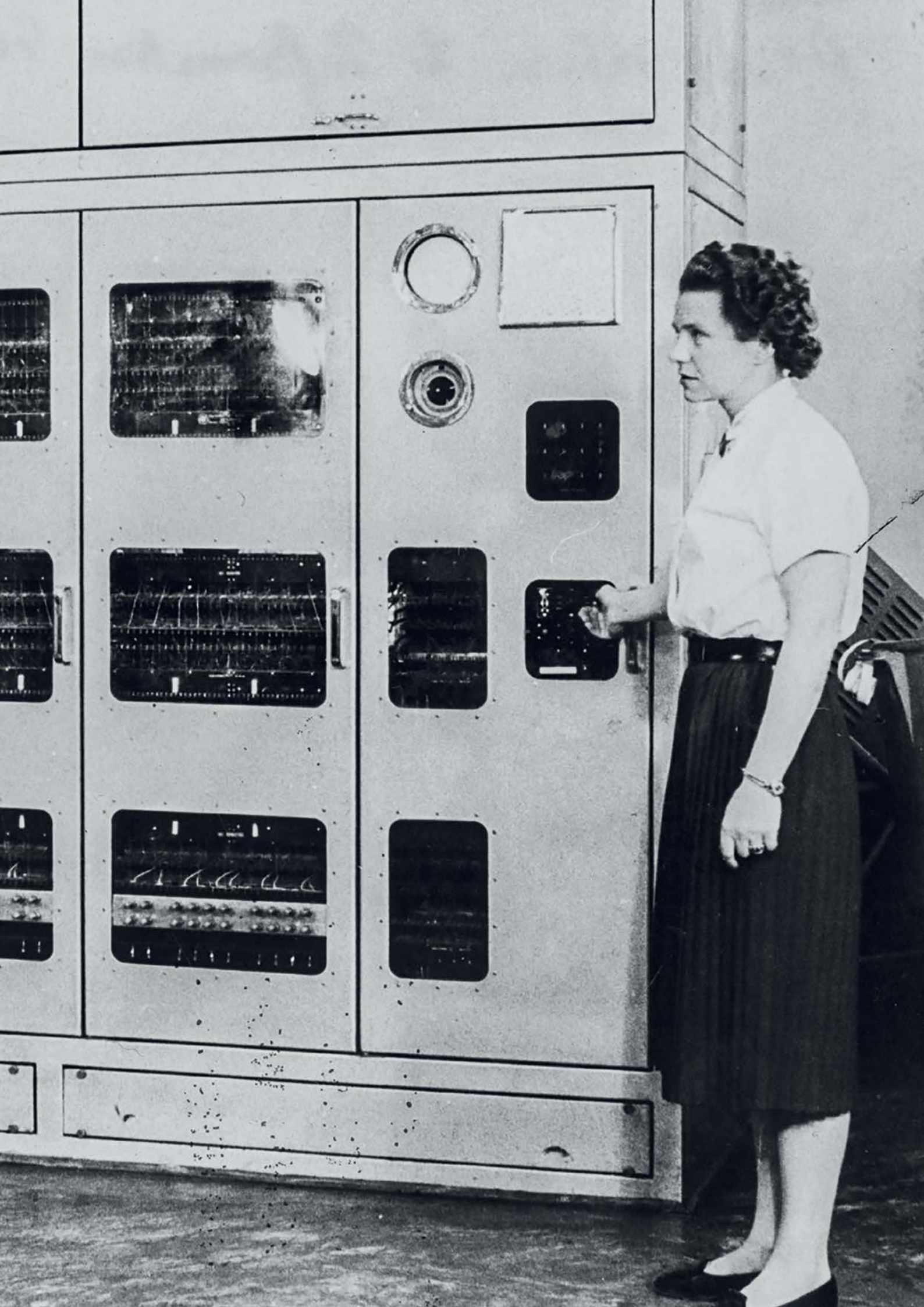
Coming under the early influence of Professor John S Lyell, George continued to a master's degree followed by a Doctorate in Dental Science. He was a Fulbright Scholar and spent time at Marquette University in Wisconsin, US. George's career included being appointed to the University staff where he served for 31 years.

Throughout his career, George took many opportunities to undertake research, teach, encourage others and help young colleagues become top academics. He served as president of the Australian Section of the International Association of Dental Research and president of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. He also became a life blood donor, providing more than 600 donations.

George's interests include mathematics, philosophy and Chinese language. He holds the University in high regard, quoting Sir Hermann Black AC, Chancellor from 1970 to 1990, who said "this is a good place to be".

Gardening, woodworking, collecting, playing golf and "being an expert in the history and rules of golf" occupy much of George's time, as does his honorary associate professorship at the University. His family, including his wife of 58 years and five children, are a great source of happiness for George, as is sunshine, being alive as an octogenarian, and "still being able to remember".

Right: SILLIAC was an early giant computer built at the University of Sydney that was operated by punch cards (1956). University of Sydney Archives, G77_1_2117



Audrey Woodland

BA '50 DipEd '51

By attending university in the late 1940s, Audrey became a pioneer within her family. Feeling overwhelmed at first, as there were a lot of older students just back from the Second World War, she maintained contact with her friends from the local church. She also made new friends from the University choir and religious clubs. She studied hard and attained her arts degree, majoring in history. This led her to become an English and history teacher, spending two years at Young High School on the south-west slopes of NSW, teaching the top English class, all of whom did well.

Back home, she became involved in her local church, where she met her husband. Convinced that education is paramount to a fulfilling life, Audrey encouraged him to undertake further study, which led him to a science degree and the profession of optometry. Her passionate belief in higher education ensured that she encouraged their four daughters to undertake degrees.

Audrey's relationship with her grandchildren gives her great joy: "I am the link with the past and the entrance to the future," she says, and their traditional annual holiday holds special meaning for her. Her spare time is taken up with visiting friends, especially those now living alone, and cooking for church fundraisers.

Dr Thomas Woolard OAM

MBBS '55 GradDipPHlth '63

A physician in rehabilitation medicine for most of his life, Thomas retains the same great passion for medical science that saw him graduate with a medical degree from Sydney in 1955. He went on to complete his Diploma in Public Health in 1962, under the tutelage of mentor and friend, Sir Edward Ford, dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Fellow of the Senate, 1952-57.

However, while he lists his university degrees among his greatest achievements, it is his wife and his family – now including several great-grandchildren – who have been his proudest achievement.

At 85 years of age, Thomas volunteers at the Newcastle Botanical Gardens, finding it the perfect way to combine keeping physically active with meditation and reflection.

His fondest memory of the University: Finding a quiet place to study on the Vice-Chancellor's lawn.



Dr James Edwin (Jim) Wright AM

BSc(Med) '53 MBBS '55

On graduating from medicine, Jim envied his senior colleagues with their floppy hats getting their doctorates. After 40 years, Jim got one for himself.

“Don’t do as I did,” Jim says. “Seven years in university, three degrees and I was uneducated because I had focused exclusively on my studies. Reach out and take time to indulge in other university activities.” He cites Sir Harold Dew, Professor of Surgery, as his greatest influence.

Given another opportunity, Jim says he would probably do an arts degree first, then medicine or science.

He hopes for peace, that humankind has not been too destructive, that there will be air to breathe, water to drink and food to eat. Jim thinks the University can contribute by doing what it does best – education both general and vocational – and above all, focusing on the environment.

Jim enjoys relating well to people and raising a smile, and adds that he likes to laugh.

“I’ve had many hobbies; though all but writing, limited beekeeping and working for the Friends of the University of Newcastle have had to be abandoned, being beyond the capabilities of an octogenarian.”

His fondest memory of the University: “Arriving as a young country boy in the Quadrangle – when the carillon rang, I was awestruck,” he says.



The 1960s



Activism and protest

In the 1960s, Australia continued to accept Eastern European refugees fleeing communist regimes. However, British immigrants were still the preferred arrivals, most coming as a result of the assisted passage scheme, 'Bring out a Briton', that was launched in 1957.

European immigrants diversified religious observance, architecture and education in Australia. The White Australia Policy remained a guiding force nonetheless, and public opinion began to openly criticise Australia's restrictive immigration policies until 1965, when 'White Australia' was removed from both major parties' political platforms.

Children of the post-war era began exerting their influence and ideologies, reflected by large-scale protests and public demonstrations against conscription, the Vietnam War, and the 'establishment'. They campaigned for independence and equality for women in the workplace, fairer wages, a free accessible system of education, and the recognition of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

University of Sydney student Charles Perkins led the Freedom Ride bus tour of country NSW in 1965 along with 29 other students to protest the treatment of, and fight for the rights of, Aboriginal people.

Commonwealth and state governments reassessed policies that discriminated against Indigenous Australians and in 1967, Australia overwhelmingly voted 'yes' in a referendum to amend the constitution so that Aboriginal people could be included in the census.

Previous page: Footbridge (Union) Theatre and Union steps from Parramatta Road, before the footbridge was built, 1960, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2632

Left: Sydney Teachers' College, Carillon Avenue, 1961, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2343

US influence grew, with television reducing the tyranny of distance. In 1966, the first US president to visit Australia, Lyndon B Johnson, came to boost support for America's military presence in Vietnam. Prime Minister Harold Holt announced the sending of conscripts to Vietnam following the reintroduction of compulsory military service (the National Service Scheme) in 1964. However, an anti-conscription movement was building momentum between 1966 and 1969, with many jailed as conscientious objectors.

Around the same time, women were fighting for gender equality and equal pay, and in December 1969, the Arbitration Commission granted women equal pay for equal work.

In the late 60s, Australian television was connected to the international satellite system. Australians could watch world events televised live, including the first moon landing in 1969. In November 1969, the final section of the Sydney-to-Perth standard-gauge railway line was completed, with passengers able to cross on the Indian-Pacific three months later.

Growing student unrest focused on the curriculum and the power of professors, with students and younger members of staff challenging professors as arbiters of knowledge. There was a call to modernise the curriculum and incorporate new theoretical approaches to subjects and new forms of knowledge. The University of Sydney was at the centre of rows to introduce courses on Marxism and feminism, the controversy culminating in the split of the Department of Philosophy.

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**Graduates of
the 1960s**



Professor Murray Aitkin

BSc '61 PhD '66 DSc '97

Murray says Dr John Dulhunty “opened my eyes to the geological world around and under us, and developed my lifelong interest in this aspect of the world”. Murray became fascinated by geological history, especially that which involved the Australian continent.

In his second year, Dr Harry Mulhall strongly influenced Murray in the study of statistics.

“This was my most interesting subject,” Murray says. “I remember being shocked when the bizarre idea of a sampling distribution was introduced – and the definition of a standard error – ‘the standard deviation of a statistic in its sampling distribution’. It was hypothetical. What could it mean? In other science subjects what you were told was gospel – it was not just current theory, it was *the* theory.”

The outcome of this interest for Murray was two doctorates in statistics and a career of teaching and working cooperatively with people to achieve worthwhile ends.

Murray sees his most worthwhile accomplishment as establishing and directing a new research and consulting centre for applied statistics at the University of Leicester in the UK.

His advice for young people is to “go for computing in whatever you do”. His greatest passion is contributing to the “better teaching of statistics”.

When not working, Murray enjoys playing tennis with his son and writing memoirs.

His fondest memory of the University: his first two years at Sydney, when, as a lad from the country, he lived at Wesley College and made connections with other college students.

Dr Nicholas Anastas

MBBS '60

Nicholas spent five years at St Andrew’s College and enjoyed the intercollegiate functions. He became resident medical officer at Sydney’s Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and afterwards, worked in the Orthopaedic Department of the Royal Perth and Princess Margaret Hospitals.

One of Nicholas’s proudest accomplishments was attaining a Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in Orthopaedics, becoming a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Royal Perth and Princess Margaret Hospitals and performing the first Harrington rod instrumentation for scoliosis at Royal Perth Hospital.

Nicholas enjoys maintaining family bonds and contributing to trainee surgeons. His spare time is devoted to family, football, thoroughbred horse racing and tasting fine red wines. If he were to do another degree, it would be law, as he is interested in the medico-legal aspects of orthopaedics.

Left: On the Fisher Library roof terrace with the Clock Tower in the distance, 1960, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0122

David Anderson

BA '62 MEd '67

It doesn't come as a surprise that David worked as a teacher while studying at the University. Teaching is in his blood – David can name 28 relatives who are, or were, teachers and professors, including two who taught at the University of Sydney.

To balance study with the demands of work, David came to Sydney as a night student, not uncommon among his classmates in the Teachers' College. He taught at a school in Newtown, and remembers leaving the school at 3.30pm and rushing to make a lecture that started at 4pm.

After nine years teaching in primary schools, David moved to the University of Wollongong, where he worked for 26 years, and where he was appointed the first Dean of Education. His passion for education is undeniable, and he never went home from work unhappy or dissatisfied.

His advice for students? "Don't be afraid to try new things. You'll never learn from mistakes you never made."

David is close to his family. He has three children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and makes time to see them all at least once a week. He also enjoys gardening and doing work around the house.

His fondest memory of the University: the students he met, studied and socialised with. Although he has lost touch with his classmates, they inspired and motivated him and David remembers them all fondly.

Alexis Antonia (née McKenzie)

BA '65 DipEd '66

Then known as Lexie, Alexis had the quintessential experience of changing academic passions at Sydney. "Destined for teaching", she enrolled in English, history and psychology as a 16 year old, but it was English that claimed her, along with a deep love of how language develops.

Given the chance to continue her studies in English while at Teachers' College, it wasn't long before a traditional teaching career fell off the radar completely, as Lexie became a Teaching Fellow for Professor Leslie Rogers from the Department of English.

For three years, Lexie continued with her early language study, beginning a Master of Arts, before her husband got a job in London and she had to leave the University behind.

Her fondest memory of the University: "It was a magical time, sharing a common room with people I had been so in awe of; having my own little room in the Quadrangle under the Carillon tower and imparting the mysteries of early English and language to students."

Jan Aveyard

BA '61 DipEd '62

Jan was appointed to a country high school on completion of her studies. At her first posting, a district inspector from the Education Department encouraged Jan to further her skills and development as a teacher. She took this good advice and finished her career as assistant director of curriculum studies for the South Coast, following an enjoyable stint as the principal of a girls' high school.

The skills she learned and applied as a principal have stood Jan in good stead for her post-retirement career in community work. Together with a small band of women in the Eden area on the NSW south coast, Jan has worked to bring the hospital facilities up to requirements. They are currently working to improve the infrastructure in their town for tourism.

Jan initially planned a second career teaching geology, but is now pleased that her daughter talked her out of it. The pleasures of community engagement, the impetus this provides for big ideas, the challenge of setting goals to improve services and facilities in her town and seeing those goals come to fruition have more than compensated for the loss of close encounters with rocks.

Her fondest memories of the University: being brought into contact with a much wider group of people; the fun of parades; and learning to aim high in life, set goals and lay down a plan of principled achievement.

Peter Barclay

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '60

After Peter graduated, Dr Neil Orr, a medical superintendent at Mona Vale Hospital, showed him "what communication with staff really meant". Dr Orr was an inspiration to all the staff at the hospital.

One of Peter's proudest accomplishments was joining the Pharmacy Department at Royal North Shore Hospital. This is where he met and later married his (now late) wife, Helen Francis, a nursing sister who changed his life.

Peter enjoys making and flying model aircraft, listening to good music, and valuing each day with his second wife. It makes him happy to know that Jesus Christ can, and does, forgive, and that death is not the end if we accept Him as our Lord and creator.

He hopes for a world where academic achievement carries more prestige than sporting ability.

"Work hard, do not expect perfection in anybody, as you yourself are far from perfect," Peter says. "And do not be judgemental of others."

His fondest memory of the University: Dr George Eckert, a lecturer in chemistry for the pharmacy students, who held 400 students captivated and made organic chemistry easy.

Barbara Barraclough AM

BA '62 DipEd '63

Barbara's father encouraged her to attend university and, once there, she was inspired by the lectures of Professor Nish, who taught Asian history. "His lectures were always well thought out and opened my eyes to the Asian world and its history," Barbara says.

Barbara has devoted her career to empowering people through education. For nearly 30 years she worked in multicultural education in Australia, primarily with children of refugees and their families. A key element of this was building trust within their communities.

"I am fascinated by history and how today's societies are influenced by each other," she says. Barbara is also interested in archaeology and ancient history "to gain a better understanding of where we come from – if we can understand where we come from, we can understand our modern world better".

She advises young people to have the confidence to be true to themselves.

She also hopes that, in future, people will be less self-serving.

"A broad education is vital, not just a vocational-oriented one." The way forward, says Barbara, is to introduce a basic first-year course that is multidisciplinary.

Her greatest passions are travelling, family and empowering people.

Her fondest memories of the University: wonderful lifelong friends made through involvement in student politics and various clubs and societies, and involvement with the Women's Union board.

"We worked to bring about change and set policies for women," Barbara says.

Professor Roger Bartrop

MBBS '63

Roger came from an extended family who encouraged advancement in education at a time when opportunities were rare. He was helped by a number of his University professors and later came to know many notable community figures including Ted Noffs, Dick Smith, Faith Bandler, Noel Pearson, Charles Perkins, and Don Dunstan.

Roger is proud of making a difference as a doctor, to the health and life of often severely ill patients. He has shared the ups and downs of life with friends and the excitement of sharing a life with his partner from Europe and rearing their family.

Because of medicine's diversity, studying the history and philosophy of medicine satisfied Roger's interest in the humanities. Roger is happiest surrounded by family, friends and acquaintances who love and respect him and to whom he likewise responds.

His fondest memories of the University: sharing rich relationships with friends in medicine and related faculties, sharing time on the playing fields, and at Sydney University Dramatic Society (SUDS) and Sydney University Musical Society (SUMS). Roger retains his love of musical endeavours and sings in the Sydney University Graduate Choir.

Dr Fernando Basili

BA '66 DipEd '75

Teaching is Fernando's passion in life and his greatest influence is his daughter Helen, friends, and students.

Fernando won second prize in an international competition for works on linguistics in 1984 and a special prize in an international competition for literary works in 2003.

Fernando would have liked to study physics, finding it "exciting and intellectually rewarding". He advises young people today to "tackle anything". He hopes the world will be one where the dangers of demographic explosions are rationally attended to, and energy requirements are satisfied by non-polluting natural means.

Fernando would like to see the University provide more assistance to needy students.

Reading, writing and watching the news make Fernando happy and he will resume teaching "if I find a workable hearing aid".

His fondest memory of the University: support and help from the language laboratory and the Department of Psychology.

Associate Professor Robert Bauze

MBBS '64

Born and raised in Sydney, Robert arrived at the University in 1956 and enrolled in medicine. Initially spending much of his time playing billiards and snooker at the Men's Union and drinking coffee at Manning House, Robert was repeating his third year of medicine in 1959 when he decided on a solution that would boost his mixed academic results: to put more structure in his life with a variety of University activities.

Active and content in student life, Robert graduated in 1964, becoming an orthopaedic surgeon.

Happily married for 50 years, Robert is now retired and spends his time with his children and grandchildren, and indulging in his hobby of woodwork. Robert says that his early academic shortcomings at the University taught him that "time is not for wasting" and helped him realise the fleeting nature of opportunities, a lesson he has heeded ever since.

His fondest memories of the University: joining the rugby team, the dramatic society, the choir and the ski club. Robert also became the elected medical representative on the Students' Representative Council, with the slogan, "Bauze for the cause".

Paul Bayliss

BA '61 DipEd '62

Paul has followed a lifelong path as a teacher with a strong belief in the power of religion. That path was defined by contact with his friend and fellow French student, Bob White; the teaching of Dr John Stott, who conducted a Christian preaching mission in the Wallace Theatre, and the powerful influence of American evangelist Dr Billy Graham, who visited the University during a Sydney Crusade.

Paul had a 35-year relationship with the horseracing industry; was rector at Rosehill, and is happy about the recent appointment of a full-time paid chaplain to the industry.

Dr Goesch, a senior French lecturer, instilled a love of the language in Paul, and the proper pronunciation of it by preparing Paul for the role of 'le comte' in a production of the play, *Le Mariage de Figaro*. "The experience built up my self-confidence at a time when my grades were slipping," Paul says.

His early work teaching languages and algebra earned him a Teacher's Certificate after he "brought classes up to scratch by drumming grammar into them".

If he were to continue his studies, Paul would like to learn more about "the teaching of science and religion in its own right. Most secondary-educated Australians would benefit by knowing more about Christianity, Darwinism, Judaism, Islam and Asian religions," he says.

After recent serious threats to his health, Paul thanks his surgeons for a new lease on life and continues to keep his mind active. He practises piano, performs with his clarinetist friend, teaches his grandchildren to sing, is learning Korean and enjoys holidaying with his wife.

His fondest memory of the University: academics at the Teachers' College in his formative years, who impressed on him that trust in God is key to sustaining a good life.

Dr Alison Beard

MBBS '60

Alison commenced as a junior resident at Sydney Hospital. However, after telling the hospital superintendent she was soon to be married, she was not offered a senior year.

Following her graduation from medicine in early 1960, Alison became engaged to David, a new graduate at Manly Hospital, whom she met while completing an obstetrics term. They married in February 1961, after completing their internship year.

She was happy to start a family, and after having four sons, Alison worked for 40 years in general practice.

Alison recalls sitting in the Wallace Theatre at a welcome for new students, being told that only one in three would pass the first year exams and, should they fail, they would lose their Commonwealth scholarship. Alison was terrified at this thought; she knew her parents would never pay for a repeat year if she failed.

"In those days, students dressed very differently," she says. "Men wore sports jackets, shirts and ties; the ladies sported full skirts with cinched waists, and high heels with stockings that needed to be held up by step ins. Students carried leather briefcases, and hand-wrote notes – there were no mobile phones, iPads, or computers to aid them."

Her fondest memories of the University: discussing medical topics and teaching at Sydney Hospital. Alison also enjoyed going on two inter-varsity trips with SUMS (Sydney University Musical Society), the 'in' society of the time.

Right: Fisher Library
catalogue area, 1960,
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Dr Francis Bellingham AM

MBBS '64

Graduating from Sydney in 1964, Francis gained a gold medal in his obstetrics and gynaecology exams in the United Kingdom in 1970, before returning to Australia where he has spent his career working in gynaecology. Today, Francis is a senior physician at Westmead Hospital specialising in colposcopy, abnormal pap smears and cervical pre-cancer.

His aspiration for the future is to see medicine become being more patient-centric again over the ever-increasing focus on technology.

Residing on five acres with his wife, Francis has a new hobby of late: playing croquet, which he is continuing to learn more about. He also enjoys spending time with friends and family, and playing tennis.

His fondest memory of the University: companionship with the group.



Frances Bentley (née Fallins)

BA '65 DipEd '66

Finding it convenient while raising her children, Frances was a teacher, helping to educate and encourage her students and children to be determined and persistent learners, and aiding them in the pursuit of their dreams. A determined learner herself, over the years Frances has gained a Bachelor of Letters and two postgraduate diplomas from the University of New England, and is currently undertaking her PhD.

Her greatest passion – archaeology – is her core focus, with Frances admitting that if she buys an issue of *New Scientist* magazine and there isn't a story about archaeology in it, she is a bit disappointed. Frances even had her mitochondrial DNA tested several years ago, a sign she says that her "feet are firmly planted in the past".

Having lived in the New England district for many years, Frances continues to attend community events as well as meeting with friends and seeing her grandchildren when they come to stay during the school holidays.

Her fondest memory of the University: "The friends I made in those days, who have been lifelong. Many I met through the subjects of anthropology and archaeology."

Dr Jules Black

MBBS '64

As an obstetrician and gynaecologist, Jules pioneered the inclusion of questions on human sexuality in the medicine final exam. He helped to introduce sexuality as an undergraduate then postgraduate subject and advocated raising the consciousness of the profession's responsibility towards the sexual function of their patients.

Jules was well received and appreciated in the United States for his work on human sexuality and sexual dysfunction, for which he earned a worldwide reputation. He is the author of *BodyTalk: An A-Z Guide to Women's Health*, an Angus & Robertson (Australia) bestseller.

Jules recalls many of his professors having a positive influence on his life during university, including renowned physicist and television presenter Professor Julius Sumner-Miller, Sir Douglas Miller, Professor Bruce Mayes, Professor Rodney Shearman, distinguished ecologist and

Challis Professor of Biology Charles Birch, and Professor Charles Ruthven Bickerton Blackburn, pioneer of clinical research at the University. All taught Jules how to think and the mechanisms of disease diagnosis and treatment. Jules was honoured to be asked to toast the Faculty of Medicine at the final-year dinner.

Jules is passionate about accountability, honesty, transparency and responsibility. Married with children and grandchildren, his loved ones make him most happy. In his spare time, he DJs on a local Brisbane radio station and volunteers at a local primary school helping children with reading problems. He loves music, movies and being alive.

His fondest memories of the University: "Being part of Parson Waters and his Ripples Troupe and singing on the Market Street steps; and union nights where Tom, the union secretary at the time, ended the night on piano."

Dr Frederick Blake

MBBS '62

Undertaking medicine at Sydney, Frederick became an orthopaedic surgeon and the first orthopaedic registrar at Sydney Hospital. As a student, he was influenced by Dr Norman Rose, Superintendent at Sydney Hospital, and Dr David Failess, surgeon.

Frederick went to England to specialise and travel. Happily married with two children, Frederick is also interested in arts and sculpture, and would have liked to try his hand at the fine arts.

"We all make mistakes, but don't let go of the opportunities," he says.

Today, Frederick enjoys good food, going on adventures with his wife, wood carving and sculpture.

Judge Brian Boulton

BA '63

Brian completed his degree as a night student at the University. "At the time I was teaching primary classes, then secondary classes at St Patrick's College at Sutherland," he says.

While Brian struggled to find time to study, he was in awe of the quality of the lectures he received and recalls Professor Milgate and Professor Dunstan with affection.

In 1964, Brian taught senior classes at Gregory Terrace in Brisbane and, in 1965, he was transferred to teach the same level classes at Nudgee College, Brisbane, the third largest boys' boarding school in Australia. In November 1967, he was appointed headmaster of Nudgee, a role he performed for six years, until December 1973. During that time he became vice-president then president of the Association of Independent Schools Queensland, a member of the National Council of Independent Schools; and, at the same time, a member of the Commonwealth Committee on Facilities, established by the then Minister for Education and Science, Malcolm Fraser.

In January 1974, Brian left the Christian Brothers Order to study for the Queensland Bar Exams. "I completed these in under two years and was admitted to the Bar on 18 December 1975," he says. Brian went straight to the Private Bar and practised for 12 years, during which time he married and had three daughters, before being appointed a Judge of the Queensland District Court on 22 February 1988.

Brian spent 17 years on the Queensland District Court, retiring at the "compulsory age" of 70 on 13 November 2004, before being appointed an Acting Judge of the NSW District Court for a further six years, retiring again on 30 October 2010.

Nigel Bowra

BE(Civil) '66

"I am a third generation engineer," Nigel says. "My father was an engineer, and I never had any doubt that engineering was the degree I was going to study at the University of Sydney."

Nigel's father led him in the direction of civil engineering, an area he enjoyed greatly, particularly the construction side of the sector. Commencing his degree in Perth, Nigel came to Sydney in his second year. His work took him to London and then into process engineering in mining.

"I've had a wonderful career working in Australia, Singapore, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Process engineering took me into mining and then project development. I even worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme." Nigel went to PNG with his wife and young daughter, working for Thiess and Leighton on projects and power stations using uranium, gas and wind power. He consults in the industry to this day.

Nigel says he also has a strong interest in history and would be interested in undertaking a history degree. He doesn't have any regrets about his career path, however, and advises young people to "look at the scope of the project, and not the organisation you will be working for" when taking on new roles.

He hopes the world will adopt the use of renewable energy. "I think renewable energy will have to be more cost-effective to increase uptake," he says. "Research in this area may potentially focus on intermittent gas power."

Nigel's greatest passion is his family, children and grandchildren, many of whom are also alumni of the University; his daughter studied economics and his grandchildren are studying medicine. He enjoys golf, gardening and reading history.

His fondest memories of the University: "The grounds are just wonderful, filled with tradition. The atmosphere at Sydney and Newtown in the 1960s was memorable. It was a place filled with people from all over the world: Irish, Italians and Greeks. I made friends for life."

Dr John Boyd

BSc '61 BE(Elec) '63

John considered studying law, but coming from a family of engineers, engineering won out. He went on to study at the University of Alaska where he was awarded a PhD in space physics. In 1980, he travelled to the Antarctic where he spent three months at sea and developed a major research program.

John believes the world is “in a mess” because of climate change and what he sees as the possible breakdown of the democratic process and the instant hysteria of the modern media.

John’s interests include politics, writing and attending conferences. He spends his time looking after his two dogs and a large parcel of land that is under conservation protection, which he works hard to protect.

His fondest memories of the University: final year at St Andrew’s College. In his senior year, John was elected president of the Students’ Representative Council.



Dr David Bradford AM

MBBS '65

David’s university experience got off to a rocky start. He started young, barely 16 at Orientation Week, and had wanted to study the classics, having enjoyed Latin and Greek in high school. Instead, his parents enrolled him in medicine.

His time at Sydney and thereafter was largely shaped by two people. The first, ecologist and Challis Professor of Biology Charles Birch in first-year medicine, was a brilliant lecturer. David is grateful that Professor Birch, who wrote widely about science and religion, took into account students such as himself, from conservative Christian backgrounds, who were struggling to accept the truth of evolution. As a resident, David was influenced by Dr Hugh Gibson, Chief of Medicine at Concord Repatriation General Hospital, who provided the example of patient care and kindness on which David has modelled his professional life.

It was 15 years after graduating that David discovered his true passion: working as a sexual health physician. His subsequent career is coloured with successes. As President of the Australasian College of Sexual Health

Physicians, David concluded negotiations to replace the college with the Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine in the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, and he was awarded Life Membership of the Victorian AIDS council for his services to people with HIV/AIDS. “Getting the AM for services to Sexual Health Medicine wasn’t bad either,” he says.

David enjoys reading, writing and listening to classical music, and he is still passionate about understanding human sexuality and promoting sexual health.

His fondest memories of the University: anatomy and the dissecting room, and the feeling of having a breakthrough during introductory pathology lectures.



David, left, on graduation day, 1965

Dr Stuart Braga FACE

BA '61

After graduating from Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts, Stuart followed with a Diploma of Education from the University of New England (UNE) in 1965, a Master of Arts from Macquarie University in 1974, a Master of Education Administration from UNE in 1983 and a PhD from the Australian National University in 2013. He became a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators (FACE) in 1988.

Sydney gave Stuart his first degree, and a springboard for a career in which he tried to put into practice what he had learned, and pass on his enthusiasm for his subject.

Stuart found his honours seminars especially entrancing, and the available range of essay topics opened up his interest in biography.

“There was a sense of privilege in being an honours student that made students want to do well,” he says. “This group of history students graduating in 1961 was highly regarded by the academic staff. Most would eventually earn PhDs.”

Stuart recalls being in awe of Fisher Library. “Most students had come from schools where the library resources were poor and this splendid building, with its grand entrance, high vaulted roof, rows of great wooden bookshelves and desks lit by lamps, put them all into shade.”

He enjoyed his involvement in many of the clubs and societies at the time, including the Liberal Club, the History Club and the Debates Committee. “I formed lasting friendships and was able to test the beliefs, ideas and social norms of undergraduate life,” Stuart says.

His fondest memory of the University: the weekly organ recitals in the Great Hall and matriculation. “In March 1957, the Great Hall was filled with excited, nervous students embarking on what we all felt was going to be a great adventure. There was a procession of academic staff and no doubt Brahms’s Academic Festival overture was played on the organ.”

Trevor Brew

BA '60

Following a Bachelor of Arts at Sydney, Trevor achieved a Master of Arts, followed by a Diploma of Education and Master of Education Administration (Hons) at the University of New England.

Trevor started at university as an evening student and was impressed by the high quality of the lecturing staff, who showed great interest in their students.

He became registrar at the Institute of Early Childhood Development in Melbourne, secretary of the Institute of Education in Wollongong and manager of Academic and Student Services at the University of Wollongong.

His wife, Joy, who Trevor married in 1957, has been the greatest influence on his life during and after university.

His greatest passion now is singing in the local choir and helping others. He plays golf on Saturdays, and drives a mini-bus once a month for a Rotary Club sing-a-long, does a little gardening and enjoys dinner with friends.

Lindsay Brown

BPharm '64

Lindsay was a sole proprietor in pharmacies for more than 30 years in regions across NSW. He cites several senior lecturers as having a positive influence on him during university. These include Dr Tom Watson, Dr Bill O'Reilly, Dr Dick Thomas, Professor Sydney Wright and Dr Reg Coombe.

Lindsay has been married to Carol for more than 45 years and is proud to have raised and provided for his two children, both of whom have university qualifications. He enjoys gardening, golf, bowls and spending time with his family, and in his spare time he participates in sports.

"I hope the University extends training and education to all eligible students and continues to benefit society and communities in future generations," says Lindsay.

He also advises students to work conscientiously towards a qualification and to "enjoy the decade in your 20s after university life".

His fondest memory of the University: the social and sporting events at the School of Pharmacy.

Professor Thea Brown

BA '62 DipSW '62

Thea's career achievements have been in research and its role in the development of new national social welfare programs, such as the Magellan program dealing with child abuse. That program operates in the Family Court of Australia.

Another achievement was the 2012 Family Law amendments regarding family violence. Thea led a group to undertake a research study for the Attorney-General. The group's work was cited as the basis of the new legislation created as a result.

If given the chance to do another degree, Thea would choose finance, having used financial data in her PhD and becoming interested in finance in relation to the funding of government programs.

Thea enjoys work, going to the cinema, reading and travel; she has been to Italy many times during last five years, as well as to the United States, Canada, France and Germany.

Thea is passionate about her family, friendships, being well and healthy and having success in work.

"I am optimistic about gender equality for women," she says. "I also hope for better treatment of gay, lesbian and transgender people. Our daughter is gay and we feel very strongly about same-sex marriage."

Thea's daughter graduated from Monash University in Melbourne. She also has a grandson and is looking forward to their first granddaughter.

Her fondest memory of the University: meeting her husband, Robert Brown, who graduated in science around the same time. "It wasn't until after we left that we met again through common friends and got together," Thea says. "He's constantly supported me throughout my life and my career."



Dr Tony Brown

BScAgr '63

Tony remembers his friendships with fellow students and inspiring, knowledgeable lecturers such as Professor Smith-White, Dr Latter and leading ecologist and Challis Professor of Biology Charles Birch, as some of the markers of his student days. His experiences enabled Tony to complete a PhD at the University of California in 1969, and to publish some 200 papers, two joint monographs, five edited volumes and a tributary chapter in a book on plant breeding.

If he were to ever do another degree, Tony would study mathematical statistics.

Tony believes young people need a wider experience of the world, particularly of countries less developed in agriculture, and that the world needs to have more sustainable practices.

He also feels the University should place emphasis on appreciating and cultivating diversity in student and staff intakes in courses in environmental awareness.

Tony is still passionate about biological research and diversity, conducting research, writing, collaborating with younger colleagues and consulting on conservation and agriculture, while still finding time for music, travel and his family.

Hugh Brownlee

BScAgr '61

Although Hugh would have liked to study history, his father wanted him to study law. However, Hugh saw romance in agriculture and decided to follow his desire to undertake agriculture at Sydney, which he discovered was a broad and interesting course covering the science fields of organic chemistry, physics and botany.

“I was surprised at the breadth of education we received,” says Hugh. “Teaching and research at the high standards the University insists on can only lead to good outcomes.”

Hugh worked as a research agronomist and contributed significantly to wheat farming, followed by involvement with an aid program for Sri Lanka, testing pasture plants and legumes. He made a number of trips to Sri Lanka, assisting small farmers to grow legumes, thereby affording a cow, which in turn provided milk to the community.

“There was lots of civil unrest which affected the program, but it contributed significantly,” Hugh says. “I worked with people at all levels in the Department of Agriculture in Sri Lanka.”

Hugh loves flying and ocean voyages, holds a pilot's licence and wouldn't have minded being a professional pilot or mariner. He now runs a school that conducts flight training.

His fondest memory of the University: Russell and Olive Hinchcliffe from Broken Hill, with whom Hugh went to do practical work in agriculture. “It was a marvellously intellectual experience, they had a grasp of the history, were both Sydney graduates and knew the people who were teaching us,” he says. “They were experimental botanists, and I got an amazing appreciation of arid low rainfall pastoral and agricultural pursuits.”

Dr Robin Burns

BA '65

Robin was elected president of the Australian and New Zealand Comparative and International Education Society in 1983, and in the summer of 1995–96, obtained a place with the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions on the first social science project to be conducted in Antarctica.

Although retired, Robin still writes accounts of her travels to share with friends and enjoys being out in the field among the diversity of plants and animals in different environments. She also enjoys photography, gardening and reading about explorers, Central Asian history and scientists' biographies and autobiographies.

"In future I hope the population will be smaller and our footprint on the planet lighter; that the environment will be healthy and that nations and peoples will be at peace," she says.

Robin thinks the University should maintain and foster a degree program and research that allows curiosity and committed research, not just for economic advancement, but also for solving critical human and environmental problems.

Her fondest memory of the University: Mrs Rosalie McCutcheon, the resident secretary of the Student Christian Movement. She was the greatest influence on Robin's life, both at university and beyond.



Robin in Namibia

Dr Robert Callaghan

MBBS '62

"My father was very supportive," says Robert of his time at the University. Dr Charles Ruthven Bickerton Blackburn, who taught medicine and pioneered clinical research at the University, was also a great influence, he says.

Robert graduated from medicine with honours in 1962 and says that, along with his children, it is his proudest accomplishment. However, he would have also liked to study Australian history and would advise his younger self to "be a little more dominant in decisions about your future life".

Being a doctor, Robert would like to see a world free from disease and wishes people would be more tolerant of one another. "I would like to see equality among people without pushing politics on everybody," he says. He believes that the University has already made the world a better place by educating people and conducting research.

Robert is passionate about his wife, children and grandchildren's health and his grandchildren's ability to pursue education. He enjoys swimming and sports, and all aspects of life.

His fondest memory of the University: "Playing football against the different faculties. I met a lot of friends there."

Right: The Bank Building, Science Road, view from old Geology Building, 1960



David Cameron

BE(Civil) '62

David's greatest influences in life have been his company colleagues – John Forbes and Triston Antico. He remembers his time at university fondly, but if he had to do it all again, he would study harder and undertake economics and commerce, disciplines that were not included in engineering.

He believes the University can make a difference by encouraging good values in students and academic staff.

After the death of Mao Zedong, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, in 1976, David established an operation in China.

David hopes for a peaceful world in future and is proud of his marriage, three children and grandchildren. He loves spending time with his family, in particular, his grandchildren.

Penny Cameron

BA '62

The Women's College played an instrumental role in Penny's life, helping her find both confidence and comfort. Penny credits Betty Archdale, the widely respected principal of Women's College at the time, for the crucial role she played in her university experiences.

Due to her husband's work commitments, Penny has moved regularly. This has allowed her to work as an educator in English as a second language, teach at the University of Houston, and write for Cambridge University. Penny accomplished this while raising three children.

Penny previously served on the University of Sydney Alumni Council and thoroughly enjoyed reaching out to former students. Following the Cronulla riots in 2005, she organised a conference on safe and social collusion at the University. This gave her the opportunity to meet a number of people who share her desire for a world governed by peace and kindness.

Penny's passions have changed and evolved during her life. She loves cooking for her family and friends and is broadening her skills by developing an electronic photobook for a friend's 80th birthday.

Her fondest memories of the University: many friendships with lecturers, tutors and other residents at the Women's College. As a "social animal", Penny enjoyed the parties hosted by the colleges. It was at one of these parties that Penny met her future husband, David Cameron (page 172).

Robyn Cameron

BA '61 DipEd '62

Following graduation, Robyn took up a teaching placement in the country. For the time, as she was also a farmer's wife, it was unusual to find herself both with a degree and a job away from the farm.

If Robyn were to do another degree it would be in Australian history to further her interest and love of the ways in which people, groups and religions interact; interests that were first ignited through her studies in anthropology at the University.

Robyn advises today's students to "get involved and be part of the University community". Her hope is that the University will continue to be a hub of research and learning, and she was excited to learn of the opening of the Australian Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology's Sydney Nanoscience Hub, a state-of-the-art facility on the Camperdown Campus, in 2016.

Her fondest memory of the University: sitting under the jacaranda tree in full bloom in the Quadrangle, watching life and people pass by.

Brian Carlin

BA '62

Brian's Sydney experience was a little different to most students. As a night student, he attended the University in the evenings after a day spent teaching. It was a tricky balancing act – he mostly recalls dashing from school to school, trying to make it in time for class. One of the biggest struggles of being a night student was just staying awake after a long day at work.

He has fond memories of his lecturers. Mr Milgate earned his professorship halfway through the semester, and entered the lecture theatre the following week to resounding applause from his students. Another, Professor Ward, was almost deaf and used to scare himself every time he said something too loudly.

After university, Brian moved from primary education to secondary school teaching. He worked as a teacher throughout his career, mainly within the Kingsgrove area in Sydney's south. Although he enjoyed studying, if he could go back, he would take some of the subjects that weren't open to night students, such as French and archaeology, both of which are passions.

He would also have liked to experience the social life as a day student.

His fondest memory of the University: the annual night students' dinner – the highlight of the night students' social calendar. "I'm not sure if I should admit this, but we used to hide alcohol under the table so that we could get double servings!"



Gilbert Case

BA '62

Gilbert pursued his interests in English and linguistics at the University. “There were two pathways,” he says. “One could specialise in literature or early English literature and language.” Gilbert followed the latter and attained first-class honours.

Gilbert became an educator, maintaining his interest in the English language and doing “spot reading” for the Australian National Dictionary Centre in Canberra. He takes pleasure in noting how language has developed, and how the vernacular changes over time. Gilbert believes it is futile to try to “fix” the language, an idea that was popular, he says, when education was made compulsory in the 19th century.

Gilbert fears Australia is primarily a monolingual society and thinks this “monoculture and mono-lingualism” is an academic, cultural and possibly economic, threat.

“It worries me that university doesn’t require students in all faculties to undertake a course either in linguistics or in a language that they don’t already speak – we should at least be putting a toe in the water,” he says.

“In my day, one had to have a foreign language to matriculate, at least into arts. I had an elderly gentleman on my staff who had never graduated because he’d never completed his year’s foreign language.”

His fondest memories of the University: Professor Lesley Rogers in the English department; a whole host of people in English and linguistics, French, Latin, and even one in the history department, a subject he says he “should never have studied”, although the two lecturers knew their job and made the course “particularly pleasant”.

Left: Students in the Alexander Mackie Library, Sydney Teachers’ College, 1960, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_2343



Associate Professor David Champion

MBBS '62

Following in the footsteps of his father, a GP, David graduated as a doctor in 1962, beginning his working life at Royal North Shore Hospital before undertaking two year-long research fellowships in rheumatism in England and the United States.

Upon his return to Australia, David worked in private practice as a consultant physician in rheumatology at St Vincent’s Clinic in Sydney and founded the Pain Research Unit at Sydney Children’s Hospital, serving as director from 1990 to 2012.

Currently a Conjoint Associate Professor in the School of Women’s and Children’s Health at the University of NSW, his primary area of research is paediatric pain.

David enjoys spending time with his wife, Caroline, as well as his children; going out to dinner and the movies with friends; and travelling. He also has a strong interest in early Dutch history and is particularly happy playing golf.

His fondest memory of the University: “Friends, fellow students and funny times in student hospital rounds.”



Rosemary Christmas

BA '63 DipEd '76 BD '81 MTh '87

Having studied a breadth of subject areas including music and zoology, Rosemary commenced work for the State Library of NSW where she was in charge of a number of branches. She also helped support her husband's legal career while raising their son and daughter, and was the first woman on the Liturgical Commission in the Anglican Church. More recently, she has become an artist with the Mosman Art Society.

Studying at Sydney was a rich experience for Rosemary, full of wonderful academic mentors and staff. She continues to explore the world through the documentaries of the legendary British naturalist David Attenborough and physicist Brian Cox.

Besides spending time with family and friends, Rosemary's many creative pursuits include listening to music, gardening and homemaking, as well as a passion for animals. In awe of the developments of the past 35 years, she hopes the world will develop "towards a global village" with greater mindfulness and sharing of resources.

Her fondest memory of the University: lunching with her friends in the Quadrangle.

Emeritus Professor John Chudleigh

BScAgr '62

John's career was greatly influenced by agronomist Professor Frank Crofts. John became Dean of Orange Agricultural College and received a Centenary Medal for his work in the field of agriculture.

John is also interested in the study of medicine and law but urges today's students to follow their hearts and "do what you love most".

"I have a lot of confidence that despite the gloom and doom of today, technology will still give us a wonderful world," he says. "I hope technology assists and creates a world that is sustainable."

John is passionate about his family and currently manages a newsletter about agriculture. "I do a little volunteering," he says. "I help others where I can."

He takes great delight in the successes of his children and grandchildren. "My wife is very involved in the community so I celebrate her wins too," he says.

His fondest memories of the University: playing tennis and making visits to Camden.

George Clark

BE(Civil) '64

Graduating in 1964, George went on to study in both the United Kingdom and the United States during his career as an engineer, winning the Wynne Prize in the Institution of Structural Engineers exams in the United Kingdom as well as obtaining a master's degree from Stanford University in the United States.

George established his own consulting firm, George Clark & Associates, and he won the Institution of Engineers Australia award for Engineering Excellence in the mid-1980s. He has also received highly commended awards on two other occasions.

Married with adult children, George now lives on Sydney's lower north shore where he enjoys reading and writing. His greatest passions include winemaking and poetry as well as seeing elegant engineering solutions.

When George is not in Sydney, he can be found farming out on the NSW Central Ranges where he enjoys the solitude.

His fondest memory of the University: "Feeling secure in the belief that the University standard was high."

Raymond Clayton

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '60

Following graduation, Raymond spent two years as a pharmacist in London, which he says was a great opportunity and experience. Upon his return to Australia, he bought a practice in Bowral, in the NSW Southern Highlands, where he has been ever since.

Raymond says the basis of his success is "hard work and being kind to people". His philosophy – that it's better to give rather than to receive – has provided him much satisfaction and a good outlook on life.

Raymond sold his practice 10 years ago to an employee who worked for him for a decade. He maintains his registration, however, and still works for about 20 hours a month.

He loves cooking, gardening, travelling and playing golf. He regularly visits his two sons overseas, one in Ireland and one in the United States. A self-confessed anglophile, he loves going back to London. "I have no trouble filling in my retirement," he says.

His fondest memory of the University: "Twenty of us who used to associate on weekends and holidays formed a great bond which continues today," Raymond says. "We try to meet once or twice a year to catch up. University is a great experience and you tend to make friends for life."

Professor Neville Clouten

BArch '63

Neville has a Bachelor of Architecture from Sydney, a Master of Architecture from Ohio State University in the United States, and a PhD from Edinburgh University in the UK. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and a member of several professional art societies. He was awarded the American Institute of Architects AIA Michigan President's Award in 2000.

Neville worked as a researcher for the Sydney Opera House project prior to its opening in 1973, and as an architect in Stockholm, Sweden, before embarking on his 35-year career as a college professor and dean. He taught at the University of Newcastle in NSW and was invited to be the inaugural professor and chair of the Department of Architecture at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, in the US.

From 1990 to 2003, he was dean of the College of Architecture and Design at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan.

Neville is currently Dean Emeritus of Architecture and Design, and

Professor Emeritus of Art and Architecture. He has published 60 articles on architecture, art, science and education, and a book, *Academic Lite: Treasures of Creativity and Reflection from Life as a University Professor*.

As a student, practising architect and teacher, Neville has always carried a sketchbook. A recognised artist, he regularly exhibits watercolours in juried art shows, including the 2004 and 2005 Michigan WaterColor Society annual exhibitions and Travelling Show 2005-06; the All-Michigan All-Media Art Show; and the Polk Art and Technology competition exhibition.

Neville shares his expertise in workshops, including on ocean and river cruises. In 2003 he presented watercolour workshops on the Cunard Line's *Queen Elizabeth II* from London to New York as part of the Festival of the Arts program, and from 2004 on both the *Queen Mary II* and *QEII*. He has also taught watercolour workshops on river cruises on the Volga, Rhine, Rhone, Danube, Yangtze and Nile rivers.



Julie Cole (née Johnsen)

MBBS '61

A country girl from Broken Hill, Julie came to the University after winning one of the five Zinc Corporation R Pittman Hooper Scholarships, reserved for women. This gave her the opportunity to reside at the Women's College.

Julie had planned to study science, but during Orientation Week, an adviser persuaded her she had the potential for medicine. To this day, she is grateful for that advice as she thoroughly enjoyed medicine.

Her proudest life achievements include passing her Pathology College exams and the birth of her two children. Now a grandmother, her husband and family are her greatest passions, and she spends most of her time with them.

"Study hard and follow what you want in life," says Julie, offering the advice she would give to her younger self.

Her fondest memory of the University: the time she spent at the Women's College.

Dr David Collinson

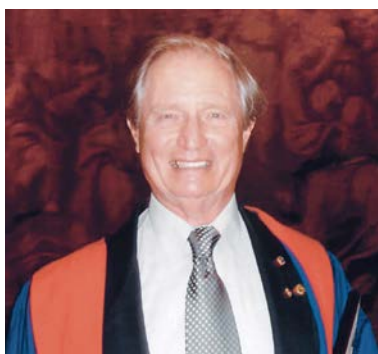
MBBS '62 GradDipSportsSc '86

A GP at the same practice in Sydney's southern suburbs for more than 50 years, David's passion for movement along with general practice saw him follow up his initial medical training with the study of sports science and musculo-skeletal medicine. He has been helping to educate new registrars for nearly 30 years.

David likes to play the ukulele and the guitar; watch sport, particularly rugby and cricket; and play golf.

His advice to his 20-year-old self: your goals in life are always achievable as long as you try your hardest and don't give up.

His fondest memories of the University: playing billiards, passing exams and good friends.



Eunice Condon

BA '60 DipEd '61

A dedicated teacher, Eunice worked in teaching and administration roles for more than 40 years at both state and private schools.

In her first year of teaching she tutored three scholarship students at a small high school to help them complete their leaving certificates. Two of these students are now practising GPs, and the other is an economics lecturer in the United States.

While working as a teacher, Eunice also raised a family of five children and now maintains strong relationships with her 12 grandchildren.

At a young age, Eunice's mother told her she was "wasting her time by getting an education". However, encouragement from her father, aunt and grandmother gave her the support she needed to continue with her studies.

Her fondest memories of the University: meeting some of her greatest friends, many of whom remain her friends today; and being exposed to new opportunities that otherwise wouldn't have been available to her.

Dr Christopher Cooper

BSc '63 MSc '65

Completing his undergraduate and master's degrees in mathematics at Sydney, Christopher married and moved with his wife, Elisabeth, to London in 1965. He gained his PhD in algebra from Queen Mary College at the University of London before returning to Australia in 1968 to become a lecturer at Macquarie University.

Now retired, Christopher's online notes, developed for maths courses at Macquarie University, are used across the world.

Mathematics is not his only passion. The inaugural president of the Australian Bronte Association, Christopher says he has "developed a great love for pre-20th century literature" particularly the Bronte sisters, Charles Dickens and Jane Austen.

Christopher hopes there will be greater care for the environment in the future.

Margaret Cooper (née White)

BPharm '64

Margaret was grateful for her parents' generosity in encouraging her ambitions. As a student from the country, she found the Women's College a haven, where she enjoyed meeting and sharing with students and teaching staff from Australia and overseas. Among them was Doreen Langley, principal of the Women's College from 1957 to 1974.

Margaret met her husband, Noel Cooper, while at Sydney, and together they had three children. After graduation, Margaret practised as a pharmacist in several Australian states.

Her husband's career took Margaret to different parts of Australia and to the United States, where she often represented Australia at functions. She was widowed in 1985 and in 1994, through her pharmacy work, Margaret met her second husband, Anthony Foster.

During her career and throughout life, Margaret has helped others grow, and thinks she would choose psychology if she were to undertake another degree.

Now retired, Margaret's sources of happiness are her family and friends, with whom she enjoys special times, and living in a wonderful country that allows people to grow as families.

She is also involved with Probus, and travels regularly in Australia and overseas. She believes in making the most of each day, working hard and accepting gratefully what one has been given and allowed to achieve in life. She hopes for the same in a world that is safe for her children, grandchildren and future generations.

Barry Craig

BA '61 DipEd '62 MA '70

Barry's lecturers, particularly his ancient history lecturer, Edwin Judge, and anthropology lecturer, Ian Hopeland, were a great influence on his early studies at Sydney. Given the chance again, Barry would like to study a language, particularly German, as he considers it crucial to his interest in anthropology.

Barry has had a successful career that took him overseas. While teaching in Papua New Guinea, Barry enjoyed his work as a translator with Bryan Cranstone from the British Museum. Similarly, during his time working and studying in New York, he was influenced by Junter Koeptke, who taught early Greek history. Back in Sydney, Donald Brook at the Power Institute had a significant impact.

Barry's proudest career achievement is his continued interest in the material culture of Papua New Guinea. This has included writing and co-authoring papers and books, as well as holding the role of Senior Curator in World Cultures at the Museum of South Australia.

Barry spends much of his time contributing and studying within his chosen field of anthropology. He particularly enjoys the challenge of working with tribal cultures.

His fondest memory of the University: the power and influence of good teachers.



Dr Mervyn Cross OAM

MBBS '65

Completing orthopaedic training in 1972, Mervyn received a Fellowship of the Australian Orthopaedic Association in 1974. He specialised in arthroscopic surgery, allowing a greater variety of knee disorders to be treated with minimal invasive surgery. In 1978, he helped establish the Australian Knee Club before being elected as a foundational board member of the International Society of the Knee.

In 1983, Mervyn instituted the North Sydney Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Centre and acted as the National Chairman of the Australian Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons from 1989 to 1995. In 1991, he was awarded a Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the University of NSW for research and publications of knee pathology and treatment. Mervyn was awarded an Order of Australia medal in 1995 for services to orthopaedics and sports surgery.

From 1999 to 2005, Mervyn was appointed to the Board of the National Rugby League and, in 2000, was Director of Orthopaedics for the Sydney Olympics. In 2007, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Orthopaedic

Society of Sports Medicine. Before his retirement, Mervyn received the L O Betts Medal from the Australian Orthopaedic Association, the highest accolade it offers.

In addition to Mervyn's professional achievements, he was also elected a foundation Governor of the Sydney Museum of Contemporary Art.

Mervyn is extremely proud of his son, who also studied a Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and his grandson, who is studying medical science and bioengineering. In 2008, alongside his son Tom, Mervyn established the Stadium Clinic at Allianz Stadium.

Following his retirement in 2012, Mervyn and his wife have been catching up on the dreams they forfeited over the years. These include golf, travel, writing and reading. In his younger days, Mervyn played rugby league.

His fondest memories of the University: second-year anatomy when he began to feel like he was starting to make some great accomplishments, and again when he began working in hospitals.

Dr Beverley Ann Czerwonka-Ledez (née Bird)

MBBS '61

Working for Queensland Health for most of her career, Beverley spent 18 years in child psychiatry and 12 years in adult community psychiatry. Deeply interested in how people think, Beverley says she gained a lot of satisfaction from helping her patients see that life is worth living. Now a volunteer for the Cancer Council, she hopes she can support terminally ill people to believe they can die gracefully.

Beverley is proud of having been able to balance her medical career with raising her four children, who continue to bring an enormous amount of joy to her life, as do her grandchildren.

Living in Toowoomba, Queensland, Beverley is also involved with pastoral care in the local community. She spends her time reading, sewing, doing embroidery and listening to classical music, and remains a lover of the opera and ballet.

Her fondest memory of the University: camping out for tickets to see *Swan Lake* – at the cost of two weeks' board.

Nancy Darby

BA '64 DipEd '65

Nancy was proud to have achieved a degree with honours, followed by a Diploma of Education.

She had many positive influences during and after university, including the lecturers – especially Professor Judge for history and Miss Sharp for women's sport – her friends, cousins and, of course, comfortable shoes.

She is proud of her two sons and four grandchildren. Many things make Nancy happy, including family, friends, Australia and heritage, a good feed and raindrops on roses.

Her favourite quotes are: “make love not war” and “gather ye rosebuds while ye may”.

Her fondest memories of the University: the clock in the Latin room that said *Tempus Fugit* (time flies); sport, including fencing and fencers; films; plays; Fisher Library and the Quadrangle.

Leslie Denham

BSc '62

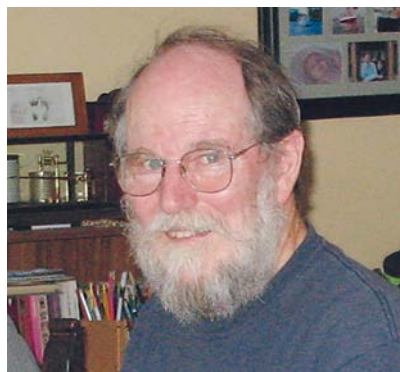
Strongly influenced by geology lecturer Bruce Harris while at the University, Leslie completed a science degree which led him into a career that enabled him to work all over the world, from Antarctica to Greenland, Texas and Indonesia.

Residing in Houston, Texas, more than 50 years after his graduation, Leslie still contributes to science and won the First Place Best Published Paper Award from the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies in 2014 and again in 2015. In recent years, Leslie's work was most influenced by the late Robert E Sheriff, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics at the University of Houston.

Leslie now spends his time working for a start-up company using lightning databases for resource exploration, volunteering for the Geophysical Society of Houston Geoscience Center as a librarian, and for the Girl Scouts as a sailing instructor. “The balance of my time is largely spent with family,” Leslie says.

“I am happiest when unravelling a puzzle; whether that's figuring out and implementing an algorithm to manipulate data in a new way or, as happened this morning at the Geoscience Center, working out how to disassemble a door lock.”

His fondest memories of the University: geology field trips to Broken Hill and Mudgee, and those of the Geological Society to the research area in the Megalong Valley, in the Blue Mountains of NSW.



Joan Dillon

BScAgr '61

Joan is an advocate of lifelong learning and keeping up to date with scientific developments. She believes one's chosen career path should be broad in scope and that both students and academics be constantly prepared to diversify their skills to meet life's challenges and scientific discoveries, which she says will "inevitably come".

Joan spent 18 years teaching tropical horticulture at Northern Territory University (now Charles Darwin University) and believes her time in Darwin and the Northern Territory has made her who she is today.

"Moving to Darwin opened up academic and career opportunities for me that, as a woman, were not available in Sydney at that time," she says. Joan travelled and taught within northern Australia and overseas, including Brunei.

For many years Joan was an active member of Greening Australia and she has a Voluntary Conservation Agreement over much of her 11-acre property in Queensland.

She is an advocate of clean energy and population control and believes that more research into these issues, along with improving food production, is critical to solving issues such as competition for water and resources.

Joan is still active in many diverse areas and at 78 years of age, says that spare time does not exist in her household. She still volunteers with like-minded friends, edits a journal devoted to subtropical gardening and pursues her interest in rainforest ecology.

Her fondest memories of the University: graduating with a passion for ornamental plant pathology; her faculty's field excursions and Commemoration Day pranks.

Carl Doring

BE(Mech) '60

Initially working in packaging manufacturing and research and design in the defence industry, Carl found his ethical beliefs conflicting with some of the tasks he was given as an engineer. Still passionate about design and functionality, he changed direction to work in industrial archaeology in the early 1980s.

Obtaining a master's degree in archaeology from Birmingham University and the Ironbridge Institute in the United Kingdom in 1987, Carl and his wife, Margaret – a civil engineer specialising in engineering heritage – have worked together assessing more than 50 heritage sites of significance to industrial or engineering history.

Residing in northeast Victoria on 72 hectares of native bushland, Carl is a proud parent and grandparent, and a member of the Melbourne University Ski Club.

His fondest memory of the University: "Getting involved with the Sydney University Ski Club, leading to meeting my wife through skiing."



Carl and Margaret at an industrial archaeology site in Wales, 1987



Dr Michael Dowsett AM, FRACDS

BDS '61 MDS '64

When Michael graduated from Sydney, he started work in a private dental practice, though this was not to be where his degree ultimately took him. At the suggestion of a friend, he joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserve and was exposed to a different type of dental practice.

Returning to university, Michael applied for a teaching fellow position at the University where he guided undergraduates through their anaesthesia and oral surgery training while also undertaking his own research into oral pathology.

After completing his master's degree, Michael joined the Royal Australian Navy and served for more than 30 years. This decision led him to practise clinical dentistry in unusual and sometimes dangerous places, including during active service at sea and in Borneo and Singapore.

In addition, with assistance from the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, he established

a tri-service training school to train dental assistants to become dental hygienists.

He attended the Joint Services Staff College in Canberra in 1985 and was eventually promoted to the position of Director General of Naval Health Services. In 1990, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Michael says that if he had any advice for himself it would be to “make the most of your opportunities, think outside the box and if someone tells you something can't be done, take that as a challenge”.

Michael was involved in sport and community service. He is passionate about rugby and has refereed in Australia and overseas. He is still a referee coach in Canberra where Dowsett Field at the Australian Defence Force Academy is named in his honour.

Peter Durham

BVSc '63

Peter's mother and father had the greatest influence on his life. His father was also a veterinarian – graduating from the University of Edinburgh in the UK, and his mother was a registered nurse.

Peter's advice to students today is to “study, look, think”.

Peter and his wife enjoy travelling locally and overseas, particularly visiting their youngest son in Canada and their oldest son in Brisbane.

His fondest memories of the University: participating in the Sydney University Rock Climbing Club; relaxing with classmates at the Veterinary School and playing the violin in the Sydney University Musical Society (SUMS).

Gay Emmerson (née Thomas)

BSc '64

Gay has been a maths teacher and tutor for many years at the University of Canberra. She is also a professional artist, having graduated from the Canberra School of Art in 1979. Gay is currently looking forward to an exhibition she is holding in London called *Australian Landscapes*, showcasing 13 of her paintings.

Gay is passionate about art and nature, and she enjoys painting and drawing, travelling and experiencing life and culture. She loves spending time with her wonderful family – her son also teaches at several tertiary institutions in Queensland – and she finds it a privilege to watch her beautiful grandchildren grow and learn. Family, music, shared joy, laughter and beauty make Gay happy and she finally feels like she has grown into the person she always wanted to be.

“Look beyond your fears and imagined limitations,” she says. “Be kind to yourself too, don’t be too proud to ask for help.”

Her fondest memories of the University: lunch at Manning House with her friends; iced coffee with her boyfriend after physics prac; excellent lecturers such as Challis Professor of Biology Charles Birch, a leader in the fields of genetics and ecology, for zoology; and student newspaper *Honi Soit*, which Gay says was “quite eye-opening for a nice, quiet girl” like her!

The Hon. Justice Arthur Emmett

BA '64 LLB '67 LLM '74 DLaws (*Honoris Causa*) '09

In 1963, in his first year at the law school, Arthur studied criminal law which involved an excursion to Sydney Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst to “spend a day watching a trial before Judge Ron Cross, who was subsequently promoted to the Supreme Court”.

To be admitted as a legal practitioner, it was necessary to serve as a clerk articulated to a solicitor. In between lectures, clerks worked for their master solicitors. Arthur commenced three years as an articulated clerk in 1964 with the firm then known as Dawson Waldron Edwards and Nicholls.

Arthur commenced electives in his second year of law, choosing real property with Professor David Benjafield, who taught from a wheelchair, and constitutional law with Professor Pat Lane, who amazed everybody with his ability to give references to passages of the Commonwealth Law Reports off the top of his head.

In 1965, bankruptcy was taught by the “dashing Laurie [Laurence] Street QC”, who was appointed to the Supreme Court to sit in Equity, subsequently became Chief Judge in Equity and, later, Chief Justice of NSW. Later still, he became Arthur’s father-in-law.

His fondest memory of the University: the Sydney University Classical Society (SUCS). “The highlight of the SUCS year was the performance of a dramatic work in Latin or classical Greek in the Wallace Theatre,” Arthur says. “The work in 1963 was Aristophanes’ *The Clouds*, the satirical comedy about the corruption by Socrates of the youth of Athens.”

At the final year law dinner, the guests of honour in 1965 were Lord and Lady Denning. Lord Denning was then Master of the Rolls and Sydney Law School students thought it a great joke, when his Lordship was introduced, to begin hurling bread rolls at him.

Major Harry Engel

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '60

One of Harry's greatest interests is stopping pain. After finishing university, his major influences were his wife and Lt. Col. David Lloyd.

Harry believes the University should ensure its research is always paramount and of value to humanity. He considers Melbourne's RMIT (which is particularly strong in economics) and Monash University as institutions that are successful in practical teaching.

Harry sees the value of young people studying hard and giving of themselves. Foremost in his hopes for the future is a peaceful Middle East and Israel.

What makes Harry happy is seeing his wife and children happy. He spends his time with family and likes to travel.

Dr Graeme Evans

BScAgr '61 PhD (Agriculture) '65

Plant health has been a lifelong passion for Graeme. During the 1980s and 90s, he took a pragmatic approach to plant quarantine. This meant Australian agriculture had access to many new plant varieties, which has impacted the horticultural industries; for example, grape varieties that form the basis of the Tasmanian wine industry.

Graeme would like to see Australia and the world become more equitable than it is now. "Australia is a much less egalitarian country than it once was," he says. "Quite apart from the pressure this puts on the less well off, disparity is the source of considerable conflict within societies."

Graeme thinks politicians should address the major problems humanity faces, including climate change and population growth, and believes the University is in a position to address some of these issues, thereby making the world a better place.

Now retired, Graeme enjoys time with his family.

He is working on a small property that he is endeavouring to revegetate. "When we acquired it, the block had one native tree and four exotics," he says. "Revegetating the block has been difficult because of the relatively dry climate and late frosts, but we are getting there. I also like to spend a little time making glass lamps in the Tiffany style."

His fondest memory of the University: influential lecturers. In Graeme's final year as an undergraduate student, he was taught by Neville White, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology, and David Griffin, lecturer in mycology. Their influence continued into Graeme's postgraduate years and had a considerable impact on his career.

Dr Neville Exon

BSc '63

Based within the Research School of Earth Sciences at the Australian National University (ANU), Neville is currently the Program Scientist for the Australian and New Zealand arm of the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP), which drills and analyses worldwide samples of the core beneath the ocean floor.

A sedimentologist and marine geologist, Neville completed his doctorate at the University of Kiel in Germany and held government positions in geosciences until 2005, when he left his role as a senior principal research scientist in marine geology and geophysics. A visiting fellow at ANU from 2005 to 2007, his involvement with the IODP began in 2008 when he played a leading role in securing Australia's admission to the program.

A father of two children, Rosemary and Frank, Neville enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Diana, and wider family, and helping his wife in the garden. He also sings in a gospel/folk group and is keenly involved with his church.

His fondest memory of the University: geological excursions in third year with Gordon Packham and Hugh Jenkins.



Dr Neville Exon receiving the Stillwell Award for the best written paper in the *Australian Journal of Earth Sciences* in 2006, at the Australian Geoscience Convention in Perth, July 2008.

Mary Anne Fishbourne (née Meagher)

BA '60

The professors in the Department of Archaeology had a great impact on Mary Anne, both as a student and for the rest of her life, especially for welcoming her into the archaeological community.

Following graduation, Mary Anne worked for four years in the Nicholson Museum at the University. She also worked on archaeological projects in Libya and Italy. She is fascinated by the changes that have affected archaeology over time, such as digital photography, which was not available when she was actively engaged in the field.

She believes young people should “enquire and make the best of everything” and that education, study and the exchange of ideas are vital stepping stones.

Mary Anne loves gardening and travelling and still visits various archaeological sites. She also enjoys a game of golf and playing bridge.

Her fondest memories of the University: staying at Sancta Sophia College. Mary Anne also found Manning House a great place to be because everyone would gather there to talk and exchange ideas over coffee.

Keith Furniss

BE(Civil) '62

For the first five years after graduation, Keith was a cadet with the Snowy Mountains Authority, working on the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme. He has fond memories of his time and experiences there.

He joined a leading consulting company for the rest of his working life, engaging in pure civil engineering for the first 10 years, followed by management of major projects. Largely based in Sydney, Keith also spent a couple of years in Cairns, Canberra and Brisbane on various jobs.

Keith advises taking every chance and every opportunity you can – in your career and social life – and try a diversity of pursuits. “My parents encouraged that sort of thing,” Keith says. “We were all taught music, I was in the boy scouts. I’ve tried to do the same with my children and grandchildren.”

Keith still plays music and is devoted to his family, with eight grandchildren ranging in age from seven to 27.

Since retiring, Keith and his wife have joined Probus, and they are active members of St Vincent de Paul. “We still play sport – tennis and golf,” Keith says. “I play the organ each Sunday at church.”

Keith is also a keen supporter of Australian Rules football and is a member of both the Sydney Swans and the Brisbane Lions.

His fondest memories of the University: inspiring teachers – including distinguished scientist Professor Harry Messel, who was head of the School of Physics from 1952 to 1987; Ken Bullen for maths; and Mr Von Willer, who was responsible for major textbooks.

Dr David Gibb

BSc '62 BSc(Med) '62 MBBS '64

In 2015, David completed the first volume of his memoir *From Birth to Berth – my first 27 years*. Five chapters cover his years at the University; three recalling his experiences as an undergraduate in science and medicine, and two on his years at Wesley College.

David received a Commonwealth Scholarship and worked as a laboratory assistant at the Colonial Sugar Refinery while studying science. Zoology and biology were a highlight in his first year, and in 1957, David’s application to transfer to medicine was accepted. He spent two “full-on” years from 1962 studying medicine while attached to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and undertook an obstetrics residence in 1963 at King George V Hospital.

Embarking on a surgical career, he enrolled in the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 1967, experiencing what he calls an “anatomical epiphany” – a sense that he had finally mastered the subject.

David played for the SU Soccer Club, attending inter-varsity tournaments in Melbourne and Adelaide in 1960. He was on the team that won the inter-varsity championship in 1963.

More recently, David has spent time researching his family history, dating back to the Great Plague of 1665. “I developed an interest in genealogy and was exploring the family tree of my maternal grandmother, Alice Maud Furness,” he says. In 2004, he visited the English plague village of Eyam, with his daughter Sophie, discovering a house built by an ancestor, Richard Furness, in 1615.

David continues his involvement in the Sydney University Soccer Club and holds a University Blue (for competing at the highest level), as does his daughter Heloise. All three of his children are Sydney graduates and club members.

His fondest memories of the University: walking up the Union steps on the first day of Orientation Week in 1957; meeting (by accident) two distinguished academics, Dr Francis Lyons and Challis Professor of Biology Charles Birch; anatomy lectures by Dr Richard Condon; Friday night movies at “the Barn”; and Kabeiroi dinners.

Phillip Gibbs

BE(Civil) '65

The youngest of eight children on a farm in the Tinderry Mountains in NSW's Monaro region, Phillip was able to go to the University of Sydney to study engineering because of a Commonwealth Scholarship.

The University opened Phillip's eyes to another world. He won an Australian scholarship to undertake postgraduate work at Makerere University, Uganda, and worked in India, Europe and Africa. He later taught engineering at the University of Asmara in Eritrea, as part of the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Phillip's fondest memories of the University are too numerous to include them all. He recalls the science rugby union team's triumph against law – who, along with medicine, regarded other teams as second rate. Science's "secret weapon", Ken Catchpole, recruited from his teaching job in chemistry, was the best fly-half in the world at the time (Ken played 27 matches for Australia, 13 as captain). He basically won the game single-handedly, to the great disappointment of law.

Phillip also remembers the day when Mike Willis, president of the Engineering Students Union, entered the lecture theatre with the gorgeous Tania Verstak to announce her as engineering's entrant in the Miss University Quest, to a cacophony of cat-calls and whistles. The rest is history. Tania went on to win Miss University, then Miss Australia, and finally Miss Universe.

Phillip considers himself as having a truly fortunate life, with the journey starting for him at the University of Sydney.

Merri Gill

BSc '61

After 50 years, Merri has returned to soil microbiology. The training she received at Sydney has been extremely useful for working towards this goal. Even though Merri had little interest in microbiology at first, she chose the degree in order to attend the University and the Women's College.

After moving to Weilmoringle, an Aboriginal community in central NSW, with her husband Rens Gill OAM, Merri wrote a book about her experiences: *Weilmoringle: A unique bi-cultural community*.

Apart from microbiology, Merri is a member of the local choir in Moree, NSW, and sang the New Zealand national anthem in Maori at the 2016 ANZAC day event. Merri and her husband also recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, receiving a letter of congratulations from the Governor-General.

Merri's advice is to "keep learning and seek knowledge, enjoy life and live in the moment, without worrying about the past or the future".

"You've got to be happy yourself, before you make anyone else happy – nobody else will make you happy," she adds.

Her fondest memory of the University: living at the Women's College, where she was surrounded by like-minded people, and have the time to enjoy learning. Merri is particularly grateful to Betty Archdale, the widely respected Principal of Women's College, who was instrumental in her academic and career development.

Patrick Goddard

BSc '61

Patrick's favourite subject at university was biochemistry which, a pillar of beer brewing, and rooted in the science pioneered by French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur (1822-95), led him to brewing as a career.

He reached the top of the profession, serving on technical committees, making friends from around the world, and thoroughly enjoying his 37 years of brewing. Patrick was initially inspired by his lecturer Tony Linnane, who, having worked with eminent people in the United States, became the first person to isolate mitochondria from another organism, namely yeast.

Patrick's student experience made him realise that university life should teach one to think broadly to solve problems, rather than being a preparation for work in a narrow field. In this regard, he thinks students should "keep an open mind, listen, and learn from others in different disciplines".

People should never think they are too old to learn, he believes, adding that Sydney should aim to lead the world in research, the application of which should "better the lot of the poor and marginalised".

Patrick now spends his time with his immediate and extended family; he walks, travels and gets involved with drama and music.

His fondest memory of the University: meeting people from different faculties and discussing a variety of matters. This broadened his outlook on life, which led to an "interesting social life".

Dr Barry Gow

BDS '60 MDS '64 PhD '70

Barry's greatest passion in life is to solve problems, which was perhaps his impetus to pursue research as a career. Graduating at the start of the 1960s with a bachelor's degree from the School of Dentistry, he dedicated the following decade to higher research degrees, completing a master's degree in 1964 and a PhD in 1970.

His passion for research continued, and Barry went on to run a research laboratory in the 1980s, which he describes as his proudest career accomplishment. Today, he is an honorary senior research fellow at the University of NSW and still conducts research in his home laboratory. His success is a testament to the value of setting goals and remaining focused.

Barry and his wife live in Wangi Wangi, near Lake Macquarie in NSW, where he enjoys sharing meals and a glass of good red wine with his friends and family. He watches programs on the ABC and listens to classical music. He and his wife are keen sailors, and enjoy staying on their yacht.

His fondest memory of the University: research in the Department of Physiology.

Dr Julienne Grace (née Grey)

BSc(Med) '63 MBBS '66

Professor Hensley and Professor Osborn were a great influence on Julienne during and after university respectively and she is proud to have participated in improving cervical screening and the establishment of breast screening in Australia during her career.

Julienne hopes for sexual equality at all levels in the future. She also hopes for a more peaceful world, less fundamentalism, greater equality, less religious intolerance and more control of climate change. “Set your goals early and never give up on your dreams,” she says.

Julienne’s grandchildren make her very happy today.

Her fondest memories of the University: friends, Donald Brooksband, Douglas Baird and skiing.

Dr Alexander Grady

BSc '62

Following his time at Sydney, Alexander went to New Zealand to undertake his PhD, where he met his wife while she was a student at Otago. “We were married soon after I got my PhD,” Alexander says. “We both went on to successful careers in different disciplines.”

Alexander’s father was killed during the Second World War and Alexander was supported by Legacy to go to university. Progressing through academia, he became head of earth sciences at Flinders University in South Australia, followed by 10 years as head of a small campus of Central Queensland University, before retiring as a professor.

“As the first person in my family to go to university, and coming from a rural area, I have benefited from the opportunity,” Alexander says. “I have a great sense of achievement

in being able to bring university education to people who may not have had the chance.”

His greatest passion is transferring knowledge and helping others, and Alexander is thankful to have done this throughout his professional life. He discovered an enthusiasm for geology and a sense of wonder about the natural world that he carries with him to this day.

Now retired, Alexander enjoys his time with his family, including four children and four grandchildren.

His fondest memory of the University: Dr Bruce Hobbs, for his enthusiasm and enormous knowledge of geology. “He was the sort of person who, when invited to give a lecture, arrived with no notes but enthralled the whole audience,” Alexander says. “He was so on top of his game.”



The Hon. Peter Graham QC

BA '60 LLB '63

Peter's fondest memory of the University was learning from highly skilled lecturers and freedom of association. His greatest passion is service and caring for others, as interaction with fellow human beings makes him happy. He likes to spend time with his family. Peter enjoys pursuing good corporate governance, influencing public opinion, and he is interested in sport and breeding stud cattle.

Richard Gulley AM RFD

BA '62 LLB '67

Describing himself as a traditionalist, Richard says he doesn't like change. "I like preserving values and I see values being eroded," he says.

Richard feels a strong sense of belonging to the University of Sydney, believing it to be "the premier university and always will be – it has all you could want".

At 76, Richard doesn't think he would like to study again, however, he sees a problem in his generation's lack of computer literacy. "We were educated on carbon paper and therefore we are still learning new technology in our 70s," he says. As he owns land, Richard is interested in the study of agriculture.

Richard loves the intellectual stimulation of his work, and distances himself from "idleness". "I didn't come from wealth, so I had to make it along the way," he says. He also loves working with people who are mentally ill – a challenge he accepted late in life – and believes this work keeps him cognitively balanced as he gets older.

Along with his day-to-day work, Richard also does charity work, and works on his farm. "There's no down time," he says.

His fondest memory of the University: "You were allowed to walk on the grass at graduation!"

Dr Robert Gumbrell

BVSc '64

Robert received his first veterinary science qualification from Sydney and later obtained a BVSc (*Honoris Causa*) from Massey University in New Zealand, where he now lives. He counts among his proudest achievements being elected president of the New Zealand Veterinary Association.

Robert studied hard at university, but thinks students should aim for more fun while pursuing academic study and says if he were to do another degree, he would study English.

Robert has acquired a love of understanding and learning. He hopes the University will continue its path of progressive thinking and fostering innovation, and he would like to see a peaceful world free from hunger and the effects of climate change and more control of human and animal disease.

Robert enjoys spending time with his family and helping people to learn.

His fondest memory of the University: the camaraderie of the whole veterinary school and its students and staff.

Louis Haddad

BEc '62

In his undergraduate days, Louis found Syd Butlin, Bruce Macfarlane, Ted Wheelwright (economist, radio host and anti-war activist who taught at the University from 1952 to 1986), Harry Edwards and Henry Mayer particularly inspiring, dedicated and able lecturers. Through them, Louis was inspired to pursue an academic career. He was appointed lecturer in the Economics Department in 1965, where he stayed until 2007. During that time he published numerous journal articles and a book: *Towards a Well-Functioning Economy: The Evolution of Decision-making and Economic Systems* (2002). Louis would like to see society with a ceiling and a floor on personal income and wealth to avoid both poverty and excess.

His other talents include sculpting, philosophy and fine arts and he is proud to have one of his commissioned sculptures, *Ethics and Economics* in the courtyard of the University's Merewether Building (on City Road), and another, *Gnosis*, in the School of Engineering at the University of Technology Sydney.

Louis believes the University should continue to support research, particularly in medical and scientific areas, and to produce informed citizens and ethical leaders. He is passionate about the pursuit of justice, especially for the Palestinian people; he attributes many of the current conflicts in the Middle East and the spread of terrorism to the failure to solve the Palestinian problem, which he regards as a problem of justice.

Louis is glad to be in good health, able to meet with old friends and spend time with his children and grandchildren. He listens to classical music and enjoys fine food and wine, and "eating the fruits of his labour" from his garden. He still creates sculptures, writes, and reads Russian and Arabic literature.

His fondest memories of the University: sitting in the philosophy corner of the Quadrangle discussing issues and having coffee with friends at Manning House.



Caroline and her husband, Ron, in Mandalay, Myanmar, 2015

Caroline Hall (née Kimberley)

BSc '63 DipEd '64

Studying science and education at Sydney, Carol was a high school science teacher for more than 40 years, teaching at schools across NSW and in Vancouver, Canada, before becoming head teacher of science at North Sydney Girls High School.

Passionate about biological sciences in particular, Carol was also a national technical official at the Sydney Olympics and Paralympics in 2000, and an on-field judge of all throwing and jumping competition in the athletics schedule.

Now retired, Carol is enjoying time with her husband, sons and father, who is 103 years old, as well as her four granddaughters. She still officiates athletics at a local, state, national and international level.

Her fondest memories of the University: "All the practical, hands-on sessions in botany, chemistry, physics and zoology as an undergraduate, then the excursions to Heron Island [at the Great Barrier Reef], Gunnamatta Bay [near Cronulla, NSW], Long Reef [on Sydney's northern beaches] and Pearl Beach [on the NSW central coast], as both a student and instructor," Carol says. "Finding an unrecorded species at Bulli Pass [near Wollongong, south of Sydney], was quite a thrill."

Elisabeth Hawkins (née Potter)

BSc '63 DipEd '64

Studying zoology at the University, Elisabeth trained as a high school teacher and has spent the past 20 years volunteering at her local primary school as a reading tutor. She married a fellow teacher and says having children was a “transformative experience” and a great gift that continues to bring untold joy to her life.

Residing on Sydney’s upper north shore, Elisabeth continues to nurture a curiosity about the natural world, a passion she keenly shares with her grandchildren. Besides spending time with her family, her other loves include listening to classical music, reading and occasionally attending the theatre. She also has a young and energetic kelpie.

A member of her local Uniting Church, Elisabeth is proud of the way the church promotes women into leadership positions and pursues social justice. She hopes the University will continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to gain a quality education.

Her fondest memories of the University: lunchtime discussions with friends and the walk to Redfern after a 5pm lecture.



Associate Professor Roslynn Haynes FAHA

BSc '63

Since graduating from Sydney with a science degree, Roslynn has completed an arts and master’s degree from the University of Tasmania and a PhD in the UK, and published extensively. Her work supports and encourages new areas of academic research and interest, particularly in interdisciplinary studies.

With a distinguished career across several academic disciplines, Roslynn says that if she has any advice for current students it would be “don’t be intimidated by those who appear very confident in their abilities – organisation and enthusiasm are worth more in the long run”.

Now based in Tasmania, her hopes for the future include greater equality, transparency and integrity, in both private and public life. She is passionate about encouraging cooperation across nations for mutual development, the elimination of poverty, the protection and care of the Earth and creating a society without greed or exploitation.

She still loves doing research and believes there should be more discussion about the ethical issues arising from scientific research in areas such as genetics.

Apart from her academic commitments, Roslynn loves to spend time with her family and dog, gardening and going for walks in “wild places”.

Her fondest memories of the University: the Student Christian Movement, vigorous lunchtime discussion groups on the front lawn and classes with Challis Professor of Biology Charles Birch, leading ecologist and geneticist, who strove to instil in his students the concept that all life has intrinsic value.

Jeffrey James Hickey

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '60
BA '94

After graduating from Homebush Boys High School, Jeffrey went on to work at the Town Hall Pharmacy after completing his MateriaMedica (Pharmacol) in 1960. Following this, he owned a pharmaceutical store in North Strathfield.

George Eckett had the greatest influence in Jeffrey's life; he has always been there for him in times of need.

Jeffrey enjoys playing cricket, swimming and canoeing, and still goes for a ride on his push bike every Sunday with a group of friends. He also enjoys spending time with his wife; they are always together and he tries to do what he can for her.

His fondest memory of the University: playing cricket and a teacher who supported him through his time at the University.

Helena Hicks

BSc '62

Helena's father was the greatest influence on her life at university. "I was very close to him and I often talked about my future with him – he encouraged me to go to university," Helena says. "Unfortunately he passed away during one of the exam periods."

Helena worked as a biometrician with the CSIRO, but found that after a time she wanted a different career. She became a librarian and volunteers in the Anglican bookshop today.

"I would still do science, but I would like it to have included more maths and language – I love language and English," Helena says.

Helena believes the University can play a role in encouraging more enquiring minds. "I think it is important that the University provide a rounded education, to encourage people to be critical thinkers and evaluate both sides of the coin," she says.

Helena loves music and playing the organ, her work at the Anglican bookshop, and spending time with her friends. "I'm quite happy working still," she says. "I get to interact with people and be around books."

Joy Hicks (née Grant)

BA '61 DipEd '62

Joy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1961 and a Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies in 1962 from Sydney. She was a recipient of a Commonwealth Scholarship at the University, which gave her the opportunity to pursue her degree. Joy's parents were a great influence in her life, encouraging her to go to university.

Joy is passionate about literature and writing, and she has published two books: a biography of her father, who went to England after the Second World War, *Inlander at heart: the story of Arch Grant*; and the life story of a man who spent 45 years in prison in England, convicted of murder in 1968, *Life – 45 years in Her Majesty's Prisons*.

Joy believes the University can encourage young students by offering more scholarships and can be a mentor to universities in less developed countries.

Her proudest moment was meeting some of her former students in a pub in London, who not only remembered her, but also appreciated her as their educational leader.

Dr Paul Tyrrell Hines FANZCA

MBBS '62

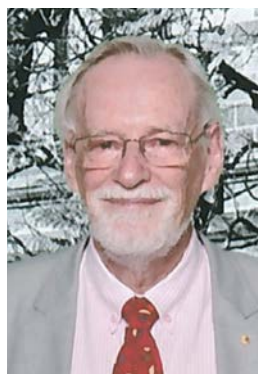
While also leaning towards an agricultural life, Paul's interest in matters medical can be traced back to his school days, resulting in his first aid book being confiscated in science class. A brief hospitalisation set him on a course for medical study and a Commonwealth Scholarship allowed him entry into medicine.

Arriving from the country in 1956, Paul's search for suitable accommodation proved a challenge, and he discovered the incompatibility of bicycles and trams when his bike slipped on a tramline and deposited him in the middle of peak-hour traffic.

Paul gained more satisfaction from his course as he progressed towards his final year. He looked forward to the clinical years spent "just over the fence" from the campus at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and enjoyed the focus "on the practical and learning to take histories and examine patients". Paul learnt an indelible lesson during this time: in the outpatients department, he was among a group of students that was asked for a diagnosis of a large swelling in a patient's groin. The group came up with various hypotheses. When the surgeon pulled up the cuff of the patient's trousers to reveal a large melanoma, Paul believes none of the students will ever forget the edict: "examine the whole patient".

Paul's first appointment on graduation was life-changing because it was there that a "vision splendid" appeared for him, and she became the love of his life. "Sydney [University], I have so much for which to thank you," Paul says.

His fondest memories of the University: a great feeling of camaraderie in medicine where he met many friends. Paul found Mr Alf Harle a particularly inspiring lecturer in chemistry.



Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh AM

BA '62 DipSW '64

Michael finished school in 1955 and, at only 15, started at the University as a night school student. He says he was "too young and wishes he could have started older". Nevertheless, he was associated with the University throughout his long career as a student, teacher and associate professor, and regards himself "in every way a product of Sydney University".

Residing in Wesley College while studying theology, Michael was vice-master of the college until 1970, a Methodist minister while teaching, served as a University chaplain, then took up a position in the School of Social Work.

He is passionate about church architecture, church life and John Wesley, co-founder of the Methodist Church, after whom Wesley College is named. A collector of John Wesley artefacts, Michael now has a world-class collection.

Today he is a High Church Anglican at St James Church in Sydney, where he is a lay reader. Michael also serves as a Judge for the NSW Administrative Appeals Tribunal, hearing four cases each week.

"One of my best decisions was to join the staff at university," says Michael.

Dr John Hosking

BSc '62 MSc '63 PhD '67

John's proudest work achievements centre on his engagement with professional and scientific development bodies, including a considerable period as the national president of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute, directorship of the Western Australian Government Chemical Laboratory and his involvement in the minerals research group, the Gold Institute.

He believes the University can make the world a better place through leadership from the top, promoting the need to share work output and the benefits of teamwork. He sees this as the greatest challenge to university teaching and evaluation.

John is passionate about the project work he undertakes for Rotary and he is currently compiling a family history. He enjoys working out in the gym and spending time with his family.

His fondest memories of the University: Life at Wesley College; John came from the country and he still keeps in regular contact with the friends he made at college. The greatest influence on his life at the University was Professor Green, who taught chemistry.

Edward James Howe

BSc '62 BE(Mech) '64

Edward was inspired by the rare PhD lectures that were available after the Second World War and, after completing his degree, developed machinery involved in metal-casting processes.

He is proud of his successful 45-year marriage, daughter and step-son. To Edward, children's education is paramount.

Edward wouldn't have done any other degree and advises today's students to "make up your mind on what you want to do and stick to it".

Edward hopes for a future with better employment rates and politicians who pay more regard to employment opportunities. In a similar vein, he believes the University could reduce the number of courses and introduce courses that lead to better employment options.

Edward enjoys making himself useful and being involved with his grandchildren – he takes great pleasure in spending time with them. He enjoys looking after the home and garden and eating healthily.

His fondest memory of the University: the academics.

Gary Ireland

BA '62 DipEd '63

Through the student newspaper, *Honi Soit*, Gary mixed with people such as acclaimed poet Les Murray and journalist and commentator, the late Bob Ellis, who were part of his everyday social circle.

Gary became a school teacher, then a head teacher of English and history and ultimately a school principal. He is proud of developing a faculty for dealing with less able and troubled kids.

"I went to a selective high school then on to university, where I was mingling with the best and brightest, so bridging the gap was an important achievement," Gary says.

With a concern for community service, Gary has been active in retirement in Rotary Club, his local church, and as president of the local Meals on Wheels service, which he says is like a job in many ways, as he assists in running the business.

As a consequence of his education, Gary has remained an enthusiastic reader, particularly of history.

His fondest memories of the University: the lecturing staff; Dr Marsh's lectures on Victorian literature and Dr Evans's approach to ancient history. "Instead of giving us all the material, he expected us to read up before we went into the lecture, and if we didn't do this, we wouldn't be able to understand the lecture."

Naelo Jenkins (née Trist)

BA '65

Naelo has had an active interest and long association with Sydney since she joined the staff of Fisher Library, working there for more than eight years while studying part time. Naelo met her husband, a civil engineer, while at Sydney, and her three sons are also graduates of Sydney. The eldest two achieved first-class honours in computer science, with the eldest winning a University Medal and being elected student representative on the University Senate. Her youngest son became an architect.

Upon marrying her husband and travelling to Europe, Naelo had to leave the University. Through her marriage to a civil engineer, and with three sons, Naelo developed an interest in all things mechanical.

An avid reader, Naelo also loves learning and education. The family took an enthusiastic interest in English canals after her eldest son moved to London 16 years ago. Naelo and her husband take canal boat trips on their annual visit to England. Their love of canals has also taken them to the Canal du Midi in France.

Her fondest memories of the University: meeting lots of University staff and undergraduates, and enjoying her time there.

Robyn Jessiman

BA '65

Robyn came to the University of Sydney to study English and her life has been characterised by a strong commitment to education and the written word ever since. Alongside her arts studies, she worked in the fees office, and upon graduation began work as an educator.

She is proud to have become the English/History coordinator at Trinity Senior High School in Wagga Wagga, NSW, a town she still calls home. Although she is now retired, Robyn is still passionate about history and writing. She has developed a strong interest in family history, and is working on books about six branches of her extended family. Robyn is also an avid letter writer, keeping in contact with a vast network of friends and family, a knitter and pattern designer, and a collector of stamps.

At the end of the day, Robyn cares about making other people happy. She enjoys seeing others blossom and making positive comments on their progress – part of what distinguished her as a teacher – and helping others in accordance with her Christian beliefs.

Her fondest memory of the University: English lectures with Dr Gerald Wilkes, especially the MA qualifying lectures on Australian literature. (Dr Wilkes established the Australian literature program at the University and was Challis Professor of English Literature from 1966 to 1996.)

Arthur Johnson

BEc '62

Arthur resided at St Andrew's College and made the most of college social life, socialising with his fellow residents and the girls at Women's College and Queen Mary Nurses' Home. This was a tight-knit group and many of Arthur's friendships endure to this day – as does the Marlborough Hotel in Newtown, one of his favourite watering holes.

Arthur spent most of his career as a stockbroker, including a year working in the UK in 1974. He came back to Sydney after a stockmarket crash and started his own tax accounting and investment advisory business, moving into a consultant role after selling the business. Despite his best efforts at retirement, he was made chairman of the board seven years ago.

A resident of Hunters Hill for 46 years, Arthur is heavily involved in his local community. He has served as honorary treasurer for the Hunters Hill Music Society, the Hunters Hill Tennis Club, and Discover Hunters Hill.

He also maintains his ties with St Andrew's. Between 1966 and 1972 he coached the rugby team, still regularly attends functions and ran their golf day for several years, combining his love for the college with one of his favourite pastimes. "What makes me happy is seeing other people happy, and being able to make other people laugh," Arthur says.

His fondest memory of the University: college social life.

Philip Jones

LLB '62

Following graduation, Philip spent 50 years in the practice of the law, which makes him very proud, as does his home and a family who grew up as Christians. His wife Robyn and his Christian faith are the two biggest influences on his life. A committed Christian, Philip thinks the world would be a better place through prayer and Christianity.

Philip values the friendships he formed with fellow students at Sydney as well as the many professional contacts he has established over the years.

Philip would have also enjoyed obtaining a degree in theology in order to achieve a greater knowledge of the life of Jesus, and his advice to his younger self would be to study and commit himself to Jesus.

Peter Keesing

BA '61

Attending university as an evening student studying psychology, Peter's strong interest in the world and its people initially saw him eschew university education in favour of combining travel and work. It was only later, when he wished to advance in his career that he chose to come to the University of Sydney for those "pieces of paper", working at British Tobacco during the day and studying at night and on weekends.

After graduation, Peter's passion for psychology saw him move into a role in marketing for food and drink company Nestlé, where he was largely responsible for the Nescafé coffee slogan, "43 beans in every cup". From there, Peter worked in an international marketing consultancy before retiring and partnering with his brother as a professional photographer.

Married to wife Ella for 57 years, sadly Peter passed away in 2014 following a struggle with dementia. He is beautifully described by his wife as a "dedicated family man with three daughters whom he loved dearly, and six grandchildren whom he treasured and introduced to a sense of fun".

His fondest memory of the University: definitely not paying £12 for a psychology textbook – a full week's wages!

Our thanks to Ella Keesing and several of Peter's friends for providing us with Peter's story.

Judith Kelly

BA '65 DipEd '66



“My mother had the greatest influence on me,” says Judith. “She wanted to see me educated and pressed for me to finish high school and go to university.”

Completing her degree was a proud moment for Judith, who was career oriented and succeeded in obtaining senior positions in her work. “I was the personnel manager for [health insurer] HCF, then later, senior manager for the ABC, and ANZ Bank,” Judith says. “I was also General Manager of the Women’s Union and the University of Sydney Union from 1968 to 1978.”

Given another opportunity, Judith would undertake an extension of an arts degree, such as a master’s in English. She encourages today’s students to be independent thinkers. “Take no notice of other people,” she says. “Do what you think you can and what you want to do.”

Judith is a big believer in independent thought. “I would like the University to develop

people with better thinking skills,” she says.

An avid reader of fiction, Judith owns a library of books that she has collected since her teenage years. “I’m passionate about architecture, too,” she says. “I would have been an architect had I been able to draw in those days.” She dotes on her miniature apricot poodle, Jed, and is a golf enthusiast.

Her fondest memory of the University: English lectures with Professor Milne and tutorials with Andrew Riemer (who later became an associate professor and chief book reviewer for the *Sydney Morning Herald*).

“I enjoyed Challis Professor of Philosophy John Anderson’s philosophy talks because I was raised a Catholic and I found myself questioning the religious beliefs I had adopted,” Judith says. “I have warm memories of Manning House, where various students and younger academic staff met.”

Wayne Keys

BE(Aeronautical) '66

Wayne’s proudest accomplishment was the completion of a short-service commission in the Royal Australian Navy, including service in Vietnamese waters during the Vietnam War. He spent the remainder of his working life with Defence Quality Assurance.

Wayne advises young people today to be adventurous and “don’t necessarily stick to the beaten path”.

Being healthy, active and enjoying life in the moment provides happiness for Wayne.

His fondest memory of the University: the challenge and pleasure of being a St Paul’s College fresher while completing my final year of study.

Garry Kimble

BSc '62

Garry first pursued chemistry and, in the 1970s, after completing an MBA, worked in business development. Toward the end of his career, he worked with the former Standards Australia, researching and drafting product classifications and testing. Even after retirement, he is still working part time in this area.

Apart from his studies and time on the soccer field, Garry prepared the Science Association newsletter at the University, which he posted out monthly around the University.

However, if he were to do another degree, with his love of history, painting and sculpture, it would be from the arts programs. He appreciates the arts study he took at an early stage, which equipped him for a broader, less traditionally academic approach to life. Garry's passion in life today is developing products aimed at increasing the sustainability of industry and manufacturing. And playing lawn bowls.

While Garry hopes science will assist us to improve travel, communications and sustainability, he also hopes we can preserve the best of our current-day experiences, and that the important things stay "much the same".

His fondest memories of the University: "Professor Harry Messel [head of the Department of Physics, 1952-87] was a great early influence and a breath of fresh air in the teaching of science," says Garry. Dr Tom Iredale also encouraged Garry's interest in chemistry, but the lectures Garry attended for two years in philosophy, given by Challis Professor of Philosophy John Anderson, still influence his approach to life today. He also fondly remembers Lord May, who ran the physics workshop.

Harry Lamb

BA '61 DipEd '62

Harry was a Marist Brother in the Catholic church when he commenced study at the University of Sydney. In 2016, Harry will celebrate 60 years as a Marist Brother.

Teaching mainly secondary school English and history, Harry became a lecturer in pedagogy at the Australian Catholic University. He enjoyed putting on one-act plays at lunch time with the students and for a while joined the Illawarra Theatre Guild in NSW.

Harry believes there should be diversity within primary and secondary education; a variety of schools to cater for a variety of personalities – in particular, for children who may be creative, or who find standard schools confining. To this end, Harry created an alternative class that allowed greater independence and expression within the Catholic system.

Today Harry enjoys sketching and drawing, particularly local architecture. He has travelled around the world and has sketched St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow and the Hagia Sophia Basilica in Istanbul.

Harry visits Port Phillip Prison in Victoria each week to offer conversation and company to the prisoners. He also prepares a quarterly newsletter of encouragement for the members of his Catholic parish, which he delivers by hand, regardless of whether they attend church.

"I believe the church nurtures those who come to church, but perhaps neglects those who don't, so I'm trying to encourage them," Harry says.

Harry has started gardening and enjoys it, along with good company, reading the papers, going to the theatre, nature, cooking and movies.

His fondest memory of the University: Professor John Manning-Ward, a professor of history, who had a very ethical approach to the study of history. He gave it careful consideration, which impressed Harry.

Dr Geoffrey Lane

BSc(Med) '62 MBBS '64

Geoffrey undertook a Bachelor of Science, majoring in microbiology, over the course of seven years. During his degree, he studied the effect of leptospirosis (a bacterial disease) in mice and became adept at injecting medicine into the tail vein of a mouse. According to his professor of microbiology, who Geoffrey says was “highly entertaining”, Geoffrey was “quite good, but not as good as the guy who did it with me last year”. Geoffrey found out later that this “guy” was distinguished biologist Sir Gustav Nossal (page 111).

Geoffrey’s greatest professional achievement was the development of the Department of Cardiology at Fremantle Hospital, Perth, where he started as the only cardiologist in 1977. In 2015, the department moved into a new teaching hospital in Perth, and now includes three surgeons and 10 cardiologists, and undertakes significant research.

Apart from his passion for medicine, Geoffrey is dedicated to his family, including his wife, two children and his granddaughter. He also has a keen interest in ornithology, woodwork, photography and golf – and, being semi-retired, travel. In 2016, he plans to see Canada and Alaska.

“I’m happy if I play a good round of golf and if I make things using my hands,” Geoffrey says. “At the moment I’m making an octagonal pergola for my backyard. Last year I made a rocking horse for my grandchild. Wonderful nature experiences make me happy too – I like photographing nature.”

His fondest memory of the University: Geoffrey enjoyed being in a large cohort of students during his first few years of medicine, where a small, consistent class did not form until fourth year.

Dr Paul Lendvay

MBBS '62

On completing Medicine at Sydney, Paul went to the UK for further training in plastic surgery. There he met Dr Anthony Pelley, a noted surgeon who encouraged Paul to develop his skills in this area. Paul is believed to be the first surgeon to successfully reattach an amputated arm and digits. He attributed this breakthrough to the encouragement he received from Dr Pelley.

Paul’s motto of “maximum happiness arising from being in the right place at the right time” has proven a good maxim for his career development, and for meeting “the best of wives”. His greatest enjoyment comes from tennis, golf and skiing, and from the close relationships he enjoys with his family and grandchildren.

Paul hopes the University will continue the important work it is doing in solar research and its application.

His fondest memories of the University: socialising at Manning House and the hard work that led to graduation.



Dr William Lew at an awards ceremony

Dr William Lew

MBBS '64

William is the founder of the Sydney University Graduates Union of North America (SUGUNA), a non-profit organisation that promotes the interests of the University of Sydney and maintains contact between alumni residing in North America and the University.

William is currently enjoying his retirement and connecting with members who joined SUGUNA.

He is passionate about his family and about promoting the outstanding members of SUGUNA.

His fondest memories of the University: "There are three," he says. "John C Harsanyi, Nobel Laureate for Game Theory; Ron Bracewell, who wrote formulas for imaging – GE used his work to build CT and MRI equipment; and Cliff Kwan-Gett MBBS (page 72), who built the only artificial heart that works in humans, and is a cardiac surgeon in Salt Lake City."

Dr Jim Loke

BSc '62 BE(Civil) '64 PhD '69

Jim's parents were Malaysian and always wanted Jim to take up medicine, but he had other plans, undertaking engineering instead and gaining his PhD in 1969.

Jim is proud to have used his engineering skills to help rebuild Newcastle after the 1989 earthquake. He was part of the team that built the Glasshouse at the Royal Botanic Garden in Sydney; a pyramid-shaped triodetic space structure that was the first of its kind in Australia. He was also part of the team that strengthened the spires of St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney to resist earthquakes.

"As a forensic engineer on inspection sites with building damage, we are doctors of buildings, but our patients cannot talk to us," Jim says. "We have to read the patient and listen to it in a special way."

While he learned the basics at university, Jim found working in the field particularly demanding. However, he still believes the world will become a better place through the contribution of the leaders that universities produce.

Jim learned to play bridge while at university and played for years afterwards. He also refereed soccer and tried his hand at Chinese Kung Fu.

His favourite memory of the University: Jim was president of the Asian Studies Society and has fond memories of his time at Wesley College. He also recalls a mathematics lecturer who came to class with no lecture notes. "He had a great understanding of what he was teaching."

Professor Ray Lowenthal AO

MBBS '65 MD '78

Ray considers himself lucky to have been a co-founder of the Australian Leukaemia/Lymphoma Group. He was later elected president of the Cancer Council of Australia. Lobbying for government funding of cancer clinical trials helped Ray develop a more sympathetic view towards politicians and he believes that many try to respond positively to sensible suggestions.

In the late 1960s, Ray worked in the UK for a physician who was also a hereditary peer in the House of Lords, and who maintained that the most important thing about life was “to get through it without a scandal”.

Many people at university had a positive influence on Ray, including Dr Douglas Piper, who was in charge of the medical students at Royal North Shore Hospital, and who had a memorable way of asking questions, such as: “If a man from Mars came down to Earth and heard a heart murmur, what would he say, Lowenthal, what would he say?”

Ray believes the University should foster more student exchanges and mandate that every student do a year of their degree at an overseas university, speaking a language other than English.

Medicine was a dominant part of Ray’s life, and he continues with research to soften the blow of giving up clinical work. However, he is happy to have more time for his family and grandchildren, playing tennis and rediscovering books other than medical journals.

His fondest memory of the University: discussing philosophy and religion with friends from other faculties in the Quadrangle, which he imagines 19th century students also did.

Dr Clive Lucas OBE

BArch '66 DScArch(Honoris Causa) '11

Graduating with a degree in architecture in 1966, Clive has been the Director of Sydney-based heritage planning and architecture firm Lucas Stapleton Johnson since it was founded in 1970. During this time he has helped restore many of Sydney’s most historic building sites, including the Hyde Park Barracks and Sydney Mint.

The firm has also undertaken projects in other parts of the country, including the Port Arthur historical site in Tasmania. One of the most decorated architects in Australia, Clive’s work is also noted throughout the world, earning him the award of Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1977.

With his greatest passion in life to preserve Australia’s historic buildings – especially British colonial architecture – Clive hopes that in the future the world will better recognise the significance of its built heritage and put greater effort into preserving it.

Residing in Sydney’s eastern suburbs, Clive’s other passion is travelling.

His fondest memory of the University: “Just being at the University with its Gothic-revival buildings and those designed by Leslie Wilkinson,” Clive says. (Professor Leslie Wilkinson was the first Dean of the University’s Faculty of Architecture, established in 1920. His buildings include completing a section of the Quadrangle in 1919; the Chemistry Building, 1923; and the Physics Building, 1926.)

Dr Jan Lyall

BSc '62

Jan holds a number of university degrees and while at the University of Sydney she matured into an independent thinker. She has been greatly influenced by friends in her life and prides herself on being able to complete an additional university course following marriage and having children.

Jan always looks for challenges but thinks the world is in a mess and hopes for some eventual improvement. She thinks the University is on the right track. She values her family and friends, with whom she spends her time, and enjoys good food and wine. Among her hobbies and pastimes, she is happiest swimming, walking on the beach with the family dog, gardening, reading, voluntary work and sculpting clay.



Hugh Mackay AO

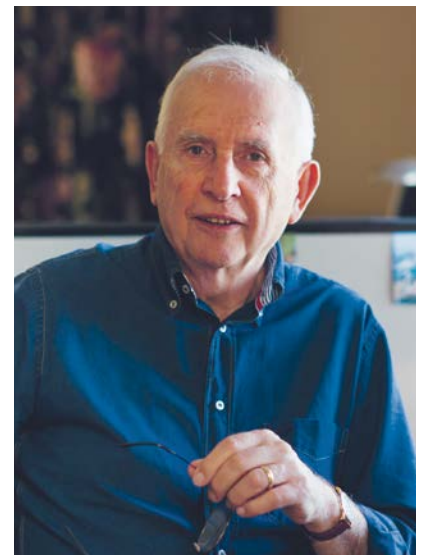
BA '62

As a part-time evening student, Hugh was unable to enter fully into the life of the University, and was mainly influenced by the lectures he attended. “Professors John Anderson [Challis Professor of Philosophy, 1927-58] and A K Stout in philosophy, and Professor Bill O’Neill and John Maze in psychology were all inspirational and highly influential on my intellectual development,” says Hugh.

After university, Dr Peter Kenny (a PhD in psychology from Sydney) influenced his development as a researcher. But the two most deeply inspirational figures were people Hugh never met – British philosopher and mathematician Bertrand Russell, and American psychotherapist Carl Rogers (although Hugh attended a lecture given by Rogers in Sydney).

A well-known social researcher and writer, Hugh applied qualitative methodology to social research in the pioneering Mackay Report (1979-2003). His 11 books in the fields of social analysis and ethics are his greatest career achievements.

Hugh hopes the world will become a more peaceful and harmonious place, devoted to cooperative



solutions to global problems and less rampantly competitive – both geopolitically and commercially. He says the University can help by encouraging students in all disciplines to include liberal arts subjects in their degrees; and by actively promoting peace, harmony and cooperation as hallmarks of its graduates.

Family and friends are now Hugh’s number one priority, although he would “die without music – singing, playing or listening”. He also loves reading and walking, and satisfying his “researcher’s curiosity”.

“For me life’s richest satisfaction, and the source of life’s deepest meaning, comes from personal relationships,” Hugh says. “We are social beings – even our sense of personal identity is a social construct.”

His fondest memories of the University: small-group tutorials in both philosophy and English – especially phonetics tutorials – conducted in a tiny study in the original Blackett building overlooking the Quad “seemed very Oxbridge in the 1950s”.

The Hon. Judge Barry Mahoney QC

LLB '63

Barry credits barrister G T A Sullivan and E P Knoblanche QC as his greatest influences while at the University, with the latter continuing to have an impact on his professional life after graduation. Becoming a Queen's Counsel in 1982, Barry has led a long career in the law, making good on his passion in life "to use whatever talents I possess as effectively as I am able".

Outside of his career, Barry's proudest accomplishment is marrying and raising a family with his wife. He lists enjoying her company and the activities they share – such as swimming in the Minnamurra River in the NSW Illawarra region and attending the opera – as his favourite ways to spend time.

Barry's other hobbies include playing golf socially, going on overseas trips and spending time with his children, grandchildren and friends.

If he were ever to study again, Barry says he would love to study history, having had a life-long interest in it.

His fondest memory of the University: seeing his name on the pass lists after examinations.



Kevin at his graduation in 1961 with wife Marcelle and children, Diana and Rodney

Dr Kevin Marks

BDS '61

Kevin left school at 15 to learn a trade while simultaneously studying for matriculation. He gained a Commonwealth Mature Age Scholarship to study dentistry at the University of Sydney, while his wife Marcelle worked part time to support the family and care for their two young children. At the University, Kevin studied under people who made a difference to the dental health of Australian children. They included Dr Noel Martin who, following his discovery of the effect of fluoride, was instrumental in the introduction of a fluoridated water supply in Australia.

Kevin enjoyed the challenge of study towards a career rather than a trade, allowing him to work at improving the health, ability to eat and appearance of many people. After "ordinary results" in his first year (never having studied physics or chemistry), Kevin got into

his stride and won a number of academic prizes including the Dr B Maxwell Prize in Dentistry, the K P Mackinnon Prize for Clinical Prosthetics and the Dental Alumni Prize for Operative Dentistry, and topped his class in the practical dentistry subjects in his final year.

As a dental surgeon, Kevin taught evening courses for dental nurses, and after retirement he taught dental prosthetics. He also taught the advanced subject of partial metal dentures and wrote the first textbook on the subject. Having acquired the ability to practise pain relief and cure disease of the mouth, Kevin would have loved to extend his knowledge to the whole body.

Now living with Parkinson's disease, Kevin's gardening days are over, walking is difficult and he is unable to drive, but is happy to visit friends with his wife or to go on day trips with his companions from the Care Group, and watch his grandchildren advance their careers.



Roy and Patricia on their engagement in October 1963

Dr Roy Mason

BVSc '63

Roy gained a Tasmanian government Department of Agriculture scholarship to study veterinary science at Sydney. His scholarship came with a return airfare to Tasmania each year, and Roy went home to work on farms, with local veterinary practitioners, and at the Department of Agriculture in Launceston. At a New Year's Eve dance, Roy came in late and asked a girl for a dance. Continuing to bump into each other at dances, they decided to marry.

Roy worked almost his entire career in diagnostic pathology at Mt Pleasant Laboratories in Launceston. "I enjoyed talking with farmers, getting details about the animals they would bring in, before doing a post mortem." By finding out about an animal's life in the weeks prior to its death, and in conjunction with his findings, Roy could work out why the animal(s) had died and provide the diagnosis quickly.

A career highlight was his research into goitre, common in parts of Tasmania, both in the human

and grazing animal populations. Lambs were affected at birth and it was common in children, thought to be due to goitrogens in school milk.

Roy showed that the problem in lambs was not due to goitrogens but to iodine deficiency. With urinary iodine testing, he found that iodine deficiency was also responsible for childhood goitre.

Roy and his wife Patricia enjoyed travelling, particularly with their young family, around Australia and New Zealand. If Roy could give his past self some advice, it would be to travel more and enjoy every moment while fit and healthy.

His fondest memories of the University: moving into Wesley College for the last 18 months of his veterinary science degree; the times he spent socialising and the opportunities it gave him to get to know students outside his field. "We had individual rooms but everything else was communal, and we'd always get together to have a brew."



Dr John Matthews FRCOG, FRANZCOG

MBBS '64

John is proud to be a graduate of Sydney, which he regards as the “best teaching university in the world”. He is also proud to have graduated as a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRCOG) in London and subsequently as a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRANZCOG).

John admits that as an obstetrician his family unfortunately came second to his work – he was away delivering babies most of the time, sometimes working 24 hours a day.

Now retired, John’s life is his family, although medicine is still his continuing interest. He is making up for lost time, particularly with his wife and children. He gardens and has a particular interest in bonsai – he is fascinated by seeing 50-year-old trees in small pots.

John says everyone at the University of Sydney worked towards helping him and the University understood the challenges he faced as a student, giving him “the best of all worlds in tertiary education with a supportive and adult-friendly culture”.

He hopes for a much better Australia with an improved economy and security, and for further advances in science and medicine with cures for cancer and other diseases.

His fondest memory of the University: being taught by Professor Charles Ruthven Bickerton Blackburn (pioneer of clinical research at the University) and all the lecturers at University, and anatomy classes, dissections and the study of the human body.

Peter McGinley

BSc '61 BE(Civil) '63

“My engineering classes were all male until my last year when there were women coming into the faculty as first years,” says Peter.

It was at the University that Peter formed lifelong friendships. He enjoyed the opportunity and ability to learn and feels it was the “golden era” of the University.

Peter has enjoyed a successful career in project management. He started a company in 1978, preceded by a memorable couple of years in Canada.

Peter also thinks it would have been interesting to do medicine, as he would have enjoyed interacting with patients.

He believes the University can make the world a better place through research and continuing to educate students, and hopes that the negative impacts of climate change can be “somewhat reversed” in future.

Peter’s greatest passion in life is learning through travel. In retirement, Peter enjoys volunteering in the community and has a special interest in local arts. He also enjoys bird watching.

Enjoying a play, finding interesting, unusual birds and family make him most happy.

His fondest memory of the University: Dr Barry Rawlings from the Faculty of Engineering and Peter Simpson from chemistry, who was Peter’s teacher and lab supervisor. “Dr Rawlings was a very interesting lecturer and very enthusiastic.”

Diana McIntosh

BSc '61

With a major in geology, Diana worked for the Department of Mines for three years and was the first female geologist – and first woman – the department had ever employed. She set up its information retrieval system before getting married and moving to Bolivia as a missionary.

Diana returned after a year due to her husband's ill health from cancer, and went back into geology information management. Following her husband's passing in 1968, Diana became a teacher and taught chemistry, geology and biology at high school for 14 years.

Diana also edited a magazine for a Christian organisation for 17 years. During that time she married her second husband and moved to the United States in 1995, undertaking a Master of Biblical Studies.

Diana is passionate about searching for truth and living consistently as a Xian (Taoist term for an enlightened person). She enjoys crafts and classical music and has a strong connection to her family.

Her fondest memory of the University: studying philosophy and seeing how arguments are formed, which helped Diana to understand people better. "The zoology people were great, intellectually," she says. "The geology people were good too, because they had hands-on experience – it gave them a different outlook."

William McKenna

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '60

Graduating from the School of Pharmacy in 1960, William's early training was conducted in Berala, NSW, under the guidance of master chemist, Mr HS Williamson. It was a formative experience, setting him up for his career as a community chemist in the Wentworth Falls area in the NSW Blue Mountains.

William's service to his local community has been extensive: serving as a volunteer firefighter, a Rotarian and a Justice of the Peace, among other roles.

Now retired and living on the south coast of NSW, Christianity plays a central role in his life, helping to bring happiness into every dimension of his life. A keen gardener, he also enjoys listening to music, walking, and spending time with his wife and family.

His fondest memory of the University: realising the future started here.

Dr Neroli Merridew

BDS '62 MDS '64

Following a master's degree, Neroli went to London and undertook a fellowship in dental surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons. Living in London for most of the 60s, Neroli relocated to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, in 1968 and lectured at a dental college.

Travelling in England and Europe, Neroli wanted to know more about the art she saw in galleries, and, combined with an interest in history, decided to undertake an arts degree at La Trobe University in Melbourne, majoring in art history. The years at La Trobe were "extremely happy" and Neroli feels fortunate to have had "such a wonderful asset while travelling".

Neroli is interested in women who fly planes and learning to fly herself – undertaking seven solo hours – and now works in a small airport at Lilydale, on the north-east edge of Melbourne. This has been a reinvention of her career. She has undertaken business courses and her son is operations manager. As a result of her career change, Neroli has been able to visit many beautiful and remote places in Australia.

Neroli says her dentistry degree enabled her to travel and see the world at a young age, and she encourages young people to go out and see the world as well.

Neroli enjoys being with friends and family and has developed an interest in bird watching and native plants. She is also happy to have good health at 75, and still be able to travel. She has recently been to Rome for a study tour and plans to do some walking in Croatia.

Her fondest memory of the University: the other students she met. "I'd come straight from school and hadn't really seen anything of life and suddenly I was surrounded with mostly young men – very few girls did dentistry."

Dr William (Bill) Molloy RFD ED KLT

MBBS '61

Bill recalls that he wanted to be a doctor from the age of 12, and if he had any advice for himself at 20, it would be to "follow your dreams".

Bill has had a long and distinguished medical career; graduating in 1961 and retiring from clinical medicine in 2009, he continued to undertake medico-legal work until 2015. During that period he became medical superintendent of St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, training more than 100 general practitioners and 25 specialists.

He has fond memories of his time at the University of Sydney and believes his clinical tutors and St Vincent's Hospital had the greatest influence on his professional life.

Bill undertook national service between his first and second year at University. He stayed on in the Citizen Military Forces (now the Australian Army Reserve), was a Commander of the UNSW Regiment and subsequently director of medical services, before retiring as a Colonel.

Today, Bill is enjoying his retirement by the water at Woy Woy on the NSW central coast, reads military history and loves watching his six grandchildren grow up. He hopes for a future of peace without the current world turmoil.



School of Chemistry, 1965; the surface chemistry and polymers group of the Department of Physical Chemistry. Professor Alexander, middle front row; Dr Parts, senior lecturer, fourth from right; Dr Hunter, lecturer and professor, fourth from left; Carolyn Morris, front row, far right

Dr Carolyn Morris

BSc '62 MSc '63 PhD '67

One of the greatest influences on Carolyn's life during university was Dr Parts, a senior lecturer from the chemistry department – Carolyn undertook both her master's degree and PhD with him. After completing her PhD, she worked in the ICI research lab in the UK, returning to Melbourne after three years to work for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation. Carolyn stayed there for 30 years, progressing to senior roles and studying materials for defence applications (non-metal).

Carolyn met her husband, Dr Geoffrey Guise, when they were class fellows in their undergraduate science degree. Geoffrey also completed his Master of Science in 1963, followed by a PhD in 1967. Parting ways after graduation, their paths continued to cross professionally, and they eventually married.

Now retired, Carolyn is researching her family history and gaining an understanding of their achievements. Her ancestors travelled across Australia and she hopes to understand the social history and conditions of the time that may have contributed to their migration.

"I'm a great believer in doing things that you are interested in, even if other things seem lucrative at the time," says Carolyn. "We spend a significant part of our life in the workforce, and it is important that we make the right career choices."

Her fondest memory of the University: having cake and coffee at Manning House with her friends to recover from their 9am mathematics lecture, which they did every morning for two years.

Dr Francis (Frank) Murphy

BA '64 DipEd '65 MA '75 MEd '87

Frank's passion for music education is self-evident. His studies at Sydney ranged across 20 years, and in addition to his qualifications from Sydney, he holds a PhD, an AMusA (Piano) and a Licentiate of Trinity College, London (General Musicianship for Teachers).

Not only has Frank had a long career as a high school music teacher, he has also written on music and music education for a number of publications. His particular area of interest is improvised jazz from the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

In his senior years, Frank is passionate about being useful to his community. Throughout his career, he has been extensively involved in the Australian Society for Music Education, and he organises musical activities for retirees and volunteers in adult education. He is also still publishing.

Frank is a keen traveller – particularly to the United Kingdom, where he enjoys the choral tradition – and likes to spend time maintaining his home, first built in 1926. He is also close to his family.

“I now have four granddaughters,” he says. “Two are in Sydney, while the others are overseas. We are in regular contact with the ones in the Great Southern Land.”

His fondest memory of the University: the many people he met at Sydney, particularly his mentor in technical writing, Professor Ian Spink (who was eventually Head of the Music Department at Royal Holloway and Bedford), and renowned composer Peter Sculthorpe AO OBE.

Penelope Nelson

BA '63 DipEd '66

Penelope wrote a memoir titled *Penny Dreadful*, an account of growing up in Sydney during the 1950s and 1960s, in which she recalls the “swinging 60s” and her time at the University.

Missing Orientation Week, Penelope found her way to the Wallace Theatre for her first lecture after getting lost “several times”. She enrolled in English, French and philosophy, studying English poetry and Shakespeare. Her most important decision however, was to commence work on student newspaper *Honi Soit*, where she received practical lessons in sub-editing from part-time student and sub-editor for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, George Richards.

Journalism is in Penny's blood; her father, David McNicoll, was moderator of Channel Nine's *Meet the Press*, while her mother, Micky, also a journalist, worked for the *Australian Women's Weekly*. According to Penelope, the Sharpeville massacre in South Africa in 1960 marked an important turning point in student journalism and political awareness. Students held protests against apartheid and other human rights abuses, and *Honi Soit* was there to report on the events.

The beehive hairstyle became the height of fashion, along with “pale lipstick, skirts and tights with flat suede shoes”, and 1960s glamour at the University was “epitomised by Tania Verstak, who became Miss University in August 1960 and Miss Australia in 1961”. In her third year, Penny recalls student journalism turning its focus on film director Bruce Beresford, comedian Barry Humphries (of Dame Edna fame) and American stand-up comedian and satirist Lenny Bruce.

Penny had an ongoing relationship at university with journalist and commentator Bob Ellis and married twice, having two sons during her first marriage to Michael Nelson.

Her fondest memories of the University: philosophy lectures in the philosophy room off the Quadrangle and the philosophical arguments about “whether or not there was a tree in the Quad”; being entertained in ethics classes by Professor Alan Stout; meeting her current husband.

Dr Romney Newman OAM

MBBS '66

If Romney could give himself one piece of advice in his student days, it would be “make sure you get through medicine, because it is a very privileged profession”. Luckily he did, thanks in part to mentors such as Dr Ronald Winton, then editor of the *Medical Journal of Australia* and lecturer in ethics and history at the University. Romney still counts becoming a consultant physician among his proudest career accomplishments.

However, Romney’s time at the University of Sydney wasn’t all study. Although he remembers lectures in the “old Barn” and dissections in the laboratory, he was also involved with the Evangelical Union, which helped develop his faith, and University sport. He played football with his medicine peers and enjoyed representing the University at inter-varsity hockey and cricket.

Both of these passions continue today, as does his marriage to Christine, who he met at University. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2016. Romney played A-grade hockey until he was 49, continues to play in the over-65s, and works with the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Romney hopes to see the health gap between rich and poor dwindle, and would like to keep devoting his energies to working for, and with, the underprivileged. He enjoys his family, his friends, and his faith.

His fondest memory of the University: the relationships he developed in the Evangelical Union and the University sports teams.



Jan Noakes (née Prothero)

BA '65 DipEd '66

Jan undertook a range of subjects from across the Faculty of Arts while studying at Sydney; however, it was psychology that she gravitated towards the most, leading her to a career in employment counselling. Completing a diploma in careers education from the University of Western Sydney in 1985, Jan has worked at all levels of the field, from the largest personnel company in the United States down to the rewarding work of a careers counsellor in high schools.

Married with four children, Jan has also volunteered as a communications director and has been a town councillor in the United States while based there with her husband.

Now a grandmother of 10, Jan says her experience at the University of Sydney inspired her to continue questioning and learning throughout life, qualities she has been keen to share with her grandchildren as they grow up.

Her fondest memories of the University: studying English, history, and anthropology, which “served me well living and travelling overseas”.



Frances Orr

BPharm '65

Frances's proudest life accomplishment is her beautiful family. She would never do another degree, as "one was enough!"

Frances hopes that the world can be a safe place again and she is passionate about leading people to Christ.

She enjoys spending her time with family and friends, camping and travelling.

Frances is happiest when with her husband, children and grandchildren and "knowing who and whose I am".

Her fondest memory of the University: curling up in a lounge chair at Manning House.

Left: Aerial view of University grounds, 1964, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0192

Professor John Overton AM

MBBS '62

Dr Sandy Barrett, John's local GP and a man of immense human compassion, played a big role in his decision to study medicine.

John had a formidable career in anaesthetics, spending 33 years at Westmead Children's Hospital in Sydney, first as a registrar then as an administrator, retiring in 2001.

He is proud to have been part of a team that developed "profound hyperthermia bypass" and improved cardiac surgery for small children. John also worked to establish intensive care ambulances and paramedics, and feels fortunate to have been part of a wonderful team.

John is father to journalist Peter Overton and Dr Rebecca Overton. His proudest life accomplishment is raising four children and nine grandchildren.

John would never consider another degree and would still do medicine today.

"Medicine's both a science and an art, and I think the art is being able to take the histories, to talk to a parent, and to indicate your compassion and care," he says. "Never forget the privilege of caring for others and treat everyone with compassion and dignity."

John feels that the University can make the world a better place through engaging people in the workforce to offer insight into the real world and life beyond university. In medicine particularly, he thinks knowledge of appropriate grief counselling would be beneficial.

John enjoys seeing former colleagues, time with his grandchildren and having wonderful relationships with a broad spectrum of people. He is dedicated to advocating for others – particularly those who don't have a voice – and good health.

His fondest memory of the University: Dr Douglas Piper of Royal North Shore Hospital, a wonderful mentor and teacher and Dr Roger Vanderfield, who inspired John to consider how he could make his mark in medicine.

Associate Professor Lawrence Peak

BSc '61 PhD '64

Lawrence attributes his success at Sydney to the value of perseverance. He recalls a moment watching an exceptional fellow student leave early from a second-year mathematics exam. Lawrence realised that there would always be some things he was naturally good at and some he would have difficulty with. From then on, when he encountered something difficult in class, he would go over it again and again. With this approach, Lawrence went on to complete a PhD on the nature of high-energy nuclear interactions, win the University Medal and embark on a career in academia.

Beyond the sciences, Laurence is interested in music and languages, and although he speaks some French and Italian he would love to become “really proficient” in another language.

He is actively interested in the link between science and religion, and later in life became fascinated by the ways they overlap and complement one another.

“You don’t have to leave your brain at the door when you go into church,” he says. “I’ve just put up a notice in church: gravitational waves – God’s creation? And the point is, if you’re going to believe in a God, you have to believe in a God who created everything, absolutely everything, and that’s a huge statement.”

His fondest memories of the University: learning collaboratively in laboratory classes, where pairs of students would spend a whole year together. He enjoyed discussions, unravelling things and learning together in a less-pressured environment.

Timothy (Tim) Peken OAM

BA '62 LLB '65

“I remember sitting in first-year economics when Sir Hermann Black AC [who became Chancellor from 1970 to 1990] told the class to look to the left and look to the right; that two out of the three of us would not make it past first year. He was right!”

Tim was a member of the Wesley College Rifle Team, winning a College Blue. Passionate about music, he participated in choral and madrigal performances with the Sydney University Musical Society. He also admits to “spending a lot of time at Manning House and the Union building”. This experience may have been behind his term as president of the University and Schools Club from 1993 to 1996.

His advice to students today is “make sure to enjoy your time at university as much as possible and try not to fail”. Tim fondly remembers the challenge and pleasure of being a St Paul’s College “fresher” while undertaking his final year of study.

Later he completed a short-service commission in the Royal Australian Navy, including service in Vietnamese waters during the Vietnam War. He spent the remainder of his working life in defence quality assurance.

Tim advises others to enjoy life in the moment – be healthy, active and adventurous – and offers this advice: don’t necessarily stick to the beaten path.

His fondest memory of the University: John says his time at university coincided with poet, writer and broadcaster Clive James; festival director, journalist and restaurant critic Leo Schofield; and writer and feminist Germaine Greer. “Interesting times – but my fondest memories were found outside the lecture theatre,” he says.

Selga Pesudovs

BSc '62 DipEd '63

Selga had not been able to study chemistry or physics at the girls' high school she attended, and so she completed her Diploma of Education and graduated as a teacher in mathematics and physics, hoping to make a difference in the world.

Selga taught mathematics for four years in NSW schools before embracing motherhood, then for a further three years until her youngest child started high school. She then completed a postgraduate Diploma of Computer Science at La Trobe University in Melbourne.

Happy to finally be a part of the computer industry, Selga programmed small and large computers, wrote code in COBOL, BASIC and fifth-generation programs, right up to HTML (from scratch). With the onset of the Y2K bug, she officially retired but continued to contract on webpage production for several years.

While Selga's family and friends are her main interests, she spends most of her time in the fantasy world of books, reading a wide range of genres, including fantasy, sci-fi, mystery, history, romance, biographies and novels. Good health and a nice glass of wine also make Selga happy.

"I started teaching at 20 and married at 21," Helga says. "I was naïve, but I think that was healthier than being as worldly as young people are today. My advice is be yourself, do everything as well as you can, so you can look back without regrets."

Her fondest memories of the University: a visit to the Nicholson Museum in 1958 while still in high school inspired her to apply for study at Sydney; Professor Harry Messel, Head of the School of Physics from 1952 to 1987, proudly displaying the early computer SILLIAC as it played "Happy Birthday" as a result of punching the tape was fed through the huge computer.



Dr Haralds Petersons

BSc '63 MSc '64 PhD '70

Haralds pursued an academic career in teaching and research for more than 30 years, which led to publications in geophysics and imparting knowledge to countless students.

If he were to do another degree, it would be in theoretical physics. Haralds prefers to follow the advice of Shakespeare: be true to yourself, for then you will have the best chance of a happy and fulfilling life.

Haralds' wish is for a united world with a human population under control to leave enough space for other living things to survive.

"Increase our existing knowledge of the world and use the power that this brings for the betterment of all who inhabit this world of ours," he says.

Haralds has always been committed to giving of himself to others through his work and family life. In retirement, he enjoys learning about the latest discoveries in science, such as the discovery of gravitational waves, the Higgs particle and DNA.

Spending time with family and friends, playing chess and riding his bike also tick the boxes. "What makes me happy is being healthy enough to still enjoy life," he says.

His fondest memories of the University: inspired by Professor Bullen in his first year, Haralds was exposed to the power of mathematical modelling and decided to undertake an academic career in applied mathematics. He taught in both his mentor Professor Bullen's department, and with Professor Brown at the Australian National University.

Dr Arpad Phillip

BSc '61 MSc '62 PhD '65

At Sydney, chemistry was Arpad's life. He particularly enjoyed the practical elements of his honours year, where there were just 12 chemistry students. They formed a tight-knit group and have managed to keep in touch. Three close friends – Ron, Don, and John – were Arpad's version of the Three Musketeers.

Arpad went into a career in chemistry after completing his Master of Science and PhD. In the 60s he undertook postdoctoral research at University College London.

"I had a good degree from Sydney and postdoctoral experience in London, which in those days was the centre of civilised society," Arpad says.

He went on to work at the Defence Science and Technology Organisation for 10 years and was promoted to principal research scientist at the age of 38. Looking for something more challenging, he made the transition to industry and worked for a time with Gibson Chemicals, which was particularly interested in his PhD thesis on chelates.

Although retired, Arpad still works as a consulting chemist and is called in to solve thorny problems for a number of large companies in the chemical industry. He is thrilled to see his research on the agricultural applications of chelates finally trickle down to industry.

"It's the culmination of a lifetime of research," he says. "I can't afford to retire. You hear about how long it takes for a research discovery to reach industry – it's taken 40 years for my research, but it's finally being applied."

His fondest memory of the University: the annual ski trip to Perisher with a group of friends.

Denise Playoust

BSc '61 MEd '67

Encouraged by her parents to study, Denise is also grateful to the Chaplain of the Newman Society, Father Roger Pryke, for encouraging students to get involved in the life of the University – to go beyond attending lectures and laboratory sessions, and engage with other students, be it in music, drama, debating or discussions over coffee.

Denise had a fulfilling career in teaching while balancing it with her life as a wife and mother. "I have experienced many wonderful moments in my teaching career," she says. "Encouraging students to think was a great privilege. My daughter also enjoyed her time at Sydney and proceeded to an academic career."

Denise also undertook a Master of Education and is currently enjoying studying visual art, other cultures and the world of ideas in an unstructured manner.

She hopes that inequalities in access to the world's resources will be reduced in the future and believes the University can assist the community by doing "both pure and applied research which is honest, and teaching so that students are required to think about the 'big questions'."

Denise spends her spare time reading, chatting with her husband, going to concerts and thoughtful presentations, travelling and doing volunteer work.

Her fondest memories of the University: while it was a buzz to walk in the Quadrangle, the real satisfaction for Denise came from engaging with other students and, as an undergraduate, learning how to become an adult.

Right: View from southern cloisters into the Quadrangle, 1966, University of Sydney Archives, G3_224_0125_1



Dr John Pomeroy

BA '60 MA '89 PhD '96

Following a Bachelor of Arts, John gained an MA in 1989, and in 1996 he obtained a doctorate. A strong influence in his life was Lord Trevor Soper, Convenor of the Methodist Church in London. John became a Deputy Electoral Commissioner of NSW (Commonwealth) and was instrumental in establishing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (1990-2005).

In 1972, John ran for the seat of Bradfield in the federal election, an interest in politics that stemmed from university, where he was vice-president of the Students' Representative Council from 1957 to 1960.

John's sang with the Sydney University Musical Society from 1956 to 1959 and was president of the Sydney University Players. John went on to serve as Chairman of the Board of musical a capella group The Song Company.

With an interest in anthropology and all that is human, John believes in the provision of free education to all who seek it, and hopes for a more egalitarian and peaceful world.

John is happy doing research and reading, being in the company of friends and listening to plenty of music.

Judy Potter

BA '65

An early adventurer into the fledgling data processing industry, Judy's career morphed into "full-blown IT" over many years, using her language and mathematical skills.

"I like to think I've helped many people via various charitable organisations, and as a Justice of the Peace to help pursue fairness and justice, both in business and personally," she says.

Judy would have liked to study more languages and literature, with arts in general being her main interest.

She values her relationships, both personally and professionally. She hopes to see Australia become less of a "nanny society" and for the world to have better communication and cooperation.

Judy is proud of her family, including two "wonderfully responsible and productive children".

Only now retiring after 52 years in the workforce, Judy plans to continue to support her family, friends and community, but aims to spend more time doing arts and exercise. She enjoys music, her grandchild and a good challenge.

Her fondest memory of the University: Arthur Delbridge, her English lecturer from 1961 to 1964, who enhanced Judy's love of linguistics and the English language. Along with A G Mitchell, Delbridge produced the first big socio-linguistic study of speech, recording more than 9000 students. Although from the English department, they pioneered the use of reel-to-reel tape, and used the SILLIAC computer for statistical analysis.

Anne Powles

BA '61 LLB '64

Anne worked first as a solicitor then in schools as a child psychologist, and finally as a child psychologist in the court system. She is proud that she has helped some young children cope with the major issues affecting their lives.

One of Anne's most compelling educational experiences was a small course run by Challis Professor of Philosophy John Anderson. Called Philosophy of Education, they discussed values and responsibilities around education, and this has stayed with Anne throughout her life.

Anne's most notable influence was her father, who was a surprisingly ardent feminist. He encouraged Anne and her sister to be or do anything they wanted. Anne is proud of her four children, who have all pursued further education (two with degrees from the University of Sydney) and are all great people with whom she enjoys discussing life.

Anne takes pleasure in reading and writing prose and "bad verse". She believes that more access to education for everyone would help the world and, as Professor Anderson stated in 1959 we must look to the individual, not to the system, and our own goals as to how and what to provide.

Her fondest memories of the University: the Women's College and her friends, many of whom she still sees; the law library as a meeting place, and the cafeteria below that served great coffee; and Professor Julius Stone (Challis Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law 1942-72) – in April 1961, during a lecture, he broadcast the John F Kennedy Bay of Pigs speech from a small radio.



Michael Preston

BA '64

Michael Preston thanks Harry Nicolson, "a highly respected historian and philosopher" for his influence on Michael. "Some of my fondest memories are the informal meetings we had where we tried to second-guess the questions for an exam and how we'd deal with them," Michael says. "Some of these discussions went long into the night."

Michael went from the University of Sydney to Cambridge, where he graduated with an MA (history, philosophy and science) but was "taken aback by how badly history was taught" thereafter receiving "a good practical grounding from his excellent teachers at Sydney". He taught for 34 years at Marlborough College, a private school in the UK and later was head of history at the Kings School, Parramatta, and at Cranbrook School, Sydney.

Michael's proudest achievement was collaborating on the book *The Collapse of British Power*. If he were to continue studying today, he would focus on "man's place in the universe". He advises students to prepare thoroughly for exams.

In retirement, Michael volunteers in the History Department at the University of Western Australia, and with Guide Dogs Australia, reading books onto CDs for the blind. He would like tomorrow's world to have found answers for slavery and pollution, and established government "with the strength to carry out their policies". He hopes the University will "encourage people to be both students and teachers".

Michael enjoys reading the latest trends in history, talking to leading historians, playing golf, listening to classical music and looking after the Trinity College Choir.

His fondest memory of the University: accompanying Aboriginal activist Charles Perkins – who was in the same year – to his first experience of theatre. "We saw [acclaimed actor] John Bell, who was delivering a wonderful rant during a dress rehearsal."

Alan Priestley

BE(Chem) '62

Alan was manager of the Acetate Department at Courtaulds, Tomago, NSW. He is also proud of working with Bruce Steggle at the Steggle processing plant in Beresfield, as a production and logistics manager.

Alan recalls Professor Thomas G Hunter and Dr Bill McManamey (his tutor for his graduation thesis) as his greatest influences during his time at the University. He was granted a credit for his thesis on the solvent extraction of vanadium from mixtures of vanadium and iron sulphates and he was involved with ion exchange resins used to recover zinc from effluent waters.

Alan's greatest passions are his basset hounds. He attends the USA National Basset Champ Show and has travelled to Seattle, Boston, St Louis, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Milwaukee for the events. He also breeds puppies.

His fondest memory of the University: the relationships he developed with his fellow students and staff in Chemical Engineering, dinners in the Union building and the camaraderie between his class mates from 1959 to 1962.

Dr Lyndel Prott

BA '61 LLB '64 LLD '04

Two teachers at the University of Sydney had a strong influence on Lyndel's choice of career: Professor Julius Stone (Challis Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law 1942-72) in international law, and legal philosopher Ilmar Tammelo, on the philosophy of law. "It was only in the last two years of the six-year double degree that I found fascinating work to be done, and I have been in those fields throughout my career."

International law drew Lyndel into a fascinating career, and she was one of very few people interested in developing international controls on the destruction and looting of cultural heritage.

"I never could have foreseen the burgeoning of this field of international law," says Lyndel. Her work in this area included the development of three significant international treaties: UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects (Rome, 24 June 1995); the Second Protocol 1999 to the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (UNESCO) 1954, and the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (UNESCO) 2001. Working for international organisations allowed Lyndel to visit more than 50 countries.

Fluent in French and German, linguistics fascinates Lyndel. "I am drawn to Chinese and I am particularly interested in Australian Aboriginal languages," she says. "To be able to learn an Aboriginal language would be a marvellous way to bind myself to this wonderful country and respect the oldest living civilisation."

Lyndel would like to see children educated on responsibility, civics and compassion for humanity, especially for children and refugees, and hopes for effective worldwide agreement on climate change. Her days are full, with researching, reading and writing, listening to classical music, gardening, yoga and swimming, handicrafts, spending time with her family and walking the dog.

Her fondest memory of the University: the Department of Philosophy fostered a mind-bending experience and trained Lyndel to ask questions and adapt to life changes.

Professor Sandra Rees

BSc '63 MSc '65

Sandra describes her greatest passion as “the pursuit of truth through scientific analysis” and a trailblazing academic career was in her future from her first days at university. She was mentored by academics in the medical school, including Professor Liam Burke and Dr Bill Haylow. After finishing two degrees at the University of Sydney, Sandra completed her PhD at Monash University in 1977, and was awarded the Nina Kondelos Prize from the Australasian Neuroscience Society as a pioneering female neuroscientist.

Sandra found great camaraderie with a band of academic women at the University of Melbourne, who ignited her passion for ensuring that women have an equal voice with men, particularly in the sciences, where they have been underrepresented. This group of women encouraged her to strive for promotion in her own career, and Sandra became the first female professor in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

Sandra has a passion for the arts, and loves going to the theatre, the ballet, the opera, all sorts of musical performances, and to art galleries. In her spare time she enjoys walking, skiing and tennis, experiencing nature, and travel – particularly to exotic destinations.

“Act, don’t just react to situations,” she says. “Be confident, but not overconfident in your abilities; never cease to be curious about the world, people and events; where possible, choose to be happy.”

Happiness for Sandra today is enjoying the company of friends and family, and contributing in small ways to making their lives more enjoyable.

Her fondest memories of the University: her exposure to the arts. She sang in the University choir, acted and even tried her hand at Spanish dancing.

Ingrid Reynolds

BA '64 MA '92

While still a student, Ingrid was employed by Professor Gordon Hammer as his research assistant. This enabled her to earn a living while gaining first-class honours in psychology, which she followed with a master’s degree in 1991. An excellent teacher, Professor Hammer opened Ingrid’s eyes to the world of mental health in which she had a 30-year research career. It covered the areas of lifestyle, economics, knowledge, and empathy. Her aim was to improve society and she saw the usefulness of her degree early on in her work.

Ingrid is proud that her work spread knowledge and had a positive effect on society. Her research, including articles on forms of drug addiction treatments, has been published in leading Australian and international journals. She also published a book titled *Psychosocial Problems of Sydney Adults*, based on a sample of 36,000 participants. Ingrid hopes the University will continue to encourage research and improve society with ethics courses, including in medicine, which she would study if she had her time again.

Ingrid enjoys travelling to beautiful places, architecture, art, photography, ballet, theatre and the company of friends. She spends time caring for friends who are unwell. She is concerned about an overcrowded world and believes in a need for more empathy towards the needs of other people and countries.

Her fondest memory of the University: enjoying sports such as tennis and discussions with other students at Manning House about the purpose of life.

Emeritus Professor Alan Rice AM

BA '65

Having previously completed study at the Teachers' College, Alan commenced at the University of Sydney in 1960. At the time there was a new push for secondary teachers to gain further training in the subjects in which they taught. Attending classes in the evening after a long day at school, Alan studied English, history, psychology and education. Securing a Public Service Fellowship upon graduation, he was able to complete further study at the University of Alberta in Canada.

Earning both a Master of Educational Administration and a PhD in Education from Alberta, Alan returned to Australia where he had a lengthy career in the NSW Department of Education. He was director of early childhood education then executive director of primary and early childhood education.

Finishing his working life at Macquarie University, where he served as dean of the Australian Centre for Educational Studies, Alan was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2004. Now retired, Alan is active on several educational boards and committees.

A father and cricket fan, Alan has been involved in cricket administration for more than 50 years and is President of the Baptist Union of NSW and the ACT.

Vickii Anne Riette

BA '63

A love of French, a strong faith and a passion for reading have been lifelong sources of intellectual sustenance and happiness for Vickii, who gained an honours degree in French from Sydney in 1963, before spending two years studying at the Université Grenoble Alpes in France.

Now residing in Tasmania, Vickii taught French to the "over 50s" in Launceston until late 2015. Since then, she has been able to indulge more fully in her love of poetry, art and music, and share it with her friends and cat.

Her fondest memories of the University: while fellow students and teachers are undoubtedly among Vickii's most treasured memories, she also recalls the chimes of the bells emanating from the Quadrangle and Fisher Library.

Dr John Roberts FRCPA, MIAC, FRACS, MRACMA, ACCAM (Aviation), MASAM (Aviation)

BSc '64

John has amassed a string of professional and educational qualifications, including an MBA in 1994 and a BA from Griffith University, Queensland. He has also learned a number of languages, including German, French, Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese, but says he is not finished yet. Along with his interests in medicine, John is keen on music and has been playing many musical instruments since he was 16. He even toured overseas playing the cornet/trumpet, even though he never received any formal musical training.

During a long medical career, John has held various positions in hospitals, mainly in pathology, in Australia and London. From 1965 to 1969 he was a research scholar at the John Curtin School at the Australian National University in Canberra, where he gained his PhD. While pursuing other career commitments, he acted as a locum GP in NSW, Victoria and Canberra, and has been a deputy editor of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia journal, *Pathology*.

Now living in Melbourne, John maintains his professional interests, has spent a lifetime in community service in medicine and is a Senior Fellow, teaching part time at the University of Melbourne.

John has an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. He enjoys teaching, “bothering” and challenging young minds and still finds time to fit in travel with his second wife Wendy, tutoring his grandsons in French, German and English grammar, and performing at jazz festivals.



Peter Roland

BA '62 LLB '66

Peter worked as a lawyer in both Sydney and Grafton, and was ordained as a Diocesan Advocate, appearing as a legal representative in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse, established in 2013. He was elected president of his local law society and has undertaken legal work for the Clarence Valley Council and the former Roads and Traffic Authority.

“I’ve had a varied, challenging and stimulating career,” he says. Looking back, Peter thinks he could have explored the possibility of further law study or going into the foreign diplomatic service. However, on the advice of his dean, he undertook a postgraduate course at Cambridge University.

“I was in my last year of university before I really got my head down and luckily that got me through to Cambridge, but I could have started earlier,” he says.

Peter met his wife Heather on a jazz boat on Sydney Harbour in the late 60s. “Heather and her sister operated a catering service on the boat, and I went on one night; we met by chance, ended up getting married and we’ve been happily married ever since.”

While not “a radical greenie”, Peter lists climate change and overpopulation among his social concerns. “I think Sydney University is approaching future social, and other issues, very responsibly.”

Peter likes to read history and listen to Bruckner, Brahms, Mahler, Mozart and Beethoven. Now retired, he spends his time at home with his wife and visiting his son who is also a lawyer in Sydney. He enjoys going on overseas trips to the United States and Canada to visit his sisters as well as to Europe and the UK.



Marguerite
on her
graduation day

Marguerite Romer

BA '62

Marguerite met her husband, Joseph, at her first dance at the University – he was dancing the jitterbug at the time. Marguerite later learned he was president of the Jazz Society.

The proudest moments of Marguerite's life were giving birth to her son and daughter after being told by doctors she would not be able to have children. Understandably, her family is her greatest joy, especially her four grandchildren, who are best friends.

Wanting to gain a better understanding of herself and other people, Marguerite has developed an interest in psychology, a subject she would study if she were to do another degree. She still believes in the advice the nuns at boarding school drilled into the girls: *Carpe Diem* (seize the day). She has lived by this motto all her life and it has helped her avoid the problems of procrastination.

Her fondest memories of the University: Marguerite was a country girl who attended boarding school where the girls were not used to voicing their opinions. The association with other university students, who were able to express themselves and voice opinions, rubbed off on her, and she appreciated and learned from this. She loved this new-found freedom of expression and learning new ideas on any topic or subject.



Dr Jim Ryan

BScAgr '62 MAgr '69

Jim obtained his PhD in 1972 and became leader of the Economics Program at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in India from 1974 to 1983. During that time, he commenced a longitudinal survey of villages and households in the rain-fed agricultural areas of India. The study is still being conducted today and represents a unique data set that is being used by academics and scholars all over the world.

Upon his return from India in 1983, Jim was appointed deputy director of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, a part of Australia's aid program, and was made a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science in 1990. In 1991, he was appointed director general of ICRISAT and returned to Australia in 1997.

Jim would have liked to study history or political economy, and to have gained a better understanding of the history of major religions.

“Because of the challenges involved in politicians accepting evidence-based policy advice, I think studying political economy could enhance the prospects of good policies being implemented,” says Jim.

Jim enjoys a good red wine, time with family and friends, reading and watching sport, as well as playing rugby union and golf. He still reviews professional papers and attends conferences for societies of interest.

His fondest memory of the University: under the influence of Professor Keith Campbell, then head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Jim became an agricultural economist. A colleague of Professor Campbell's, Dr Bruce Davidson, also showed Jim how to use simple techniques such as budgeting to address farm-management decisions.

Dr John Saalfeld

MBBS '62

John went into second-year medicine after studying science for two years and was immediately satisfied with his decision – he can't imagine having done anything else. Now a retired urologist, he ranks the welfare and satisfaction of his patients among his great passions and is proud of his professional career.

John is a family man who derives great happiness from spending time with his children and grandchildren. His marriage and family are his proudest life accomplishments. A keen sportsman, John plays golf and sails with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

He is a keen advocate for the virtue of balance – between professional, family, and sporting lives, but also between conflicting arguments and points of view. This is an area in which the University can play a leading role, he says.

“We need to look for the truth and not be bound by preconceived or fashionable concepts,” John says. “Be prepared to consider alternative points of view. Look at the evidence – be open to people who want to learn, study, research and give them the right to express their opinions.”

His fondest memory of the University: his time as a resident at St Andrew's College. Although he came into the college with a group of school friends, John appreciated the chance to meet people in different faculties and different years at the University.

Dr Samuel Sakker MBE, FRACS, FRCS

MBBS '63

As an undergraduate student, Samuel was a national serviceman in the Navy, which gave him purpose and determination. In his postgraduate studies as a surgeon, he developed professionalism, acceptance of responsibility and self-reliance in making difficult decisions under wartime conditions.

In 1966, on the way to Vietnam on the *HMAS Sydney*, under radio silence, Samuel carried out an appendectomy with little surgical experience. He received an MBE in 1968 for his part in the 1966 submarine rescue of *USS Tiru* off Frederick Reef in the Coral Sea. In 1970 he achieved fellowships of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh three months after the primary exams, and Fellow of the Australasian College of Surgeons when he returned home. In 1971-2, he was selected in open company as resident surgical officer at St Mark's Hospital in London, which is world-renowned for its colo-rectal surgery.

Samuel had many positive influences during and after his studies including Dr Henry Thompson, a senior surgeon at St Mark's who, according to Samuel, had the “eyes of an eagle, heart of a lion and hands of a maiden”. John Reimer, Samuel's mentor, also gave him a good start in surgical practice.

Samuel is proud of his six children. He is passionate about music, especially opera, choir and instrumental; sculpting with clay, wood and marble; touch rugby, gardening and acrylic painting.

“Be brave and follow your dream,” Samuel says. “Walk through doors that may open to take you beyond your wildest dreams. Leave serious affairs of the heart until later.”

His fondest memories of the University: friendships and companionship in hospitals and clinics, and in sports, where Samuel played basketball and volleyball; being introduced to obstetrics and the marvel of childbirth.

Dr (James) Ralph Salisbury

BVSc '64

Ralph was a member of the editorial committee for the first edition of the national veterinary emergency plan, AUSVETPLAN. He wrote the first state animal emergency plan in Australia (VADEP) and worked as the team leader of the Eastern Islands Projects (EIVSP) from 1992 to 1995. Ralph was also responsible within Indonesia for running the Eastern Islands project, including managing Australian vets in Kapyong, South Korea; Dili, Timor Leste; and an economist in Bali.

Hugh Gordon, a pioneering Australian veterinary scientist and parasitologist, had a big impact on Ralph's life. Ralph went on to develop an interest in parasitology and to complete a Master of Veterinary Science at the University of Melbourne. Additionally, Dr D M Flynn, former chief veterinary officer in Victoria, provided guidance throughout Ralph's career.

Ralph enjoys listening to music, particularly when his grandchildren play the piano. He enjoys reading a wide variety of books, photography and family activities.

His fondest memory of the University: the New Zealanders he met were a highlight; he is still in touch with a few today.

Professor Emerita Margaret Sankey Sutcliffe

BA '64 DipEd '65 PhD '78

As a student Margaret was greatly influenced by Professors Ian Henning, Ross Chambers, Pierre Fontenay, Bill Maidment and Bernard Martin. "They broadened my horizons," Margaret says. "I was inspired by their passion for their subjects, their creativity and intellectual rigour."

Margaret thanks her late husband, Philip Sutcliffe, McCaughey Professor of Psychology, for supporting and encouraging her career in the Department of French Studies. Philip passed away shortly before Margaret was appointed to the McCaughey Chair of French.

Margaret received her first award from the French Government, the Ordre des Palmes Académiques in 2000 for her contribution to Franco-Australian cultural relations. She was subsequently promoted to Officier in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques in 2008 and, in 2015, received the award of Chevalier in the Ordre National du Mérite.

Margaret fulfilled the role of teacher and researcher in French studies for more than 40 years, teaching "many wonderful students who have gone on to successful careers". She is grateful to the University for supporting her research: initially on *Cyrano de Bergerac* and the French 17th century and, later, on early French voyages to Australia, in particular that of Nicolas Baudin.

"Focus on what you are passionately interested in and

get the best education you can," Margaret says. She advocates travelling widely, living in other countries and learning the language in order to understand other cultures. Having studied Chinese for a year, Margaret would also have liked to study architecture and fine arts.

As an Emeritus Professor of the University, Margaret is working on research projects exploring French-Australian cultural history, including the 'Baudin Legacy' (examining the impact of Baudin's expedition to Australia in 1800-04) as well as other topics, such as the establishment of French missions in 17th century Terra Australis.

Margaret also enjoys learning the piano, spending time with friends and family, keeping fit and visiting art exhibitions. She also volunteers at her local Anglican Church and Friends of Tranby, an Aboriginal college that provides vocational courses for adults.

Her fondest memories of the University: strong friendships; excellent lectures; discussing poetry and politics in Manning House; participating in plays performed by the French Department (*La première famille* by Jules Supervielle; *Pauvre Bitos ou le Dîner de têtes* by Jean Anouilh; and *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand); the vibrant musical culture, including singing in the Sydney University Musical Society Choir; and participating in intervarsity choral festivals.

Emeritus Professor (ANU) Ben Selinger AM

BSc '60 MSc '61

Ben says Dr Gilbert Bogle (of the 1963 Bogle-Chandler case), a brilliant physicist at CSIRO, along with his co-supervisor for the Master of Science, were his greatest influences during university. After this, he says, a range of different people and personalities impacted on him.

Ben wrote *Chemistry in the Marketplace*, a reference book that explains the chemistry we encounter in our daily life. With a sixth edition coming up for print, the book has been in press for almost 40 years. However, he would have also liked to study law, and advises today's students to be flexible and receptive to change. "Don't settle on one area too soon," he says.

He hopes the world will be more environmentally and socially responsible in the future, and says his passion is consumer protection – Ben was on the board of consumer advocate *Choice* for 12 years and is now a life member.

Ben likes to spend his time with family as well as writing and bushwalking, and says "having a wicked sense of humour" keeps him happy.

His fondest memories of the University: student pranks, the Science Society, being an SRC representative, and SUSS – the Speleology Society.



William George 'Haggis' Shackleton

BSc '62 MSc '67

William was encouraged by Ken Glasson, lecturer in economic geology at Sydney, to study for his master's degree. Ken arranged a position for him as a research assistant in the geology department in 1966, while he completed the course. This helped William to be accepted into the postgraduate mineral exploration course at Imperial College London. Apart from his Sydney qualifications, William holds a Diploma from Imperial College London, a Master of Science from the University of London, and a Diploma of Education from the University of South Australia (Salisbury Campus).

William's academic qualifications and industrial experience helped him achieve his goal of obtaining a senior lectureship in economic and applied geology at the Salisbury Campus of Adelaide University, where he rose to head of the Department of Geology. He is satisfied with his career progression, and attributes this to taking opportunities when they arose. He would advise young people to do the same, maintain contact with friends and colleagues and retain memberships of professional associations. William believes universities should concentrate on the educational experience rather than the vocational. "Going to university in the 50s was an end in itself," he says.

William enjoys spending time with his family and friends, cooking a great meal, and the odd bottle of red wine, painting, learning French and travelling.

Professor Donald Mervyn Sheldon

MBBS '60

Donald was born in January 1937 at Dulwich Hill, brother to Marie June Brown (page 57) and Bruce Henry Gilbert Sheldon (page 130). He attended Earlwood Public School and Canterbury Boys High School in Sydney, where he was vice-captain. Donald enrolled at the University of Sydney in the Faculty of Medicine, graduating in 1960 before undertaking surgical training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA). He commenced a year of training with surgeon Rodney Smith before becoming an honorary surgeon at RPA in 1969. Donald topped his primary surgical fellowship exam and won the Gordon Taylor Prize for the best candidate from Australia and New Zealand.

Donald led a surgical unit of volunteer doctors from RPA to Vietnam in 1967, forming the third Australian surgical aid team. He also worked for years to provide surgical seminars in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Donald lectured in medicine at Sydney Medical School and, with renowned surgeon Dr Chris O'Brien, was involved in establishing the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse cancer treatment centre in Sydney. Donald passed away in March 2007, after running a medical centre for 31 years and working at RPA during that time.



Dr Rampal Singh

MBBS '61

Starting life in Fiji, Rampal graduated in medicine from Sydney and, along with friends and family, has served the community as a GP. With the support of his wife, Judith, who was practice manager, Rampal worked in a general practice with two of their children who also graduated in medicine.

Rampal believes in acquiring as much knowledge as possible and using it wisely, but also enjoying sports. He is interested in the arts and the history of the world, and thinks the University could help make the world a better place by producing diplomats suited to a career in world politics – perhaps leading to a less hostile and nuclear-free world.

He is happy to be able to enjoy whatever life throws his way, to be at peace with everyone and to have a healthy, united family. Rampal spends his time travelling, reading and visiting family and friends.

His fondest memory of the University: playing soccer for the University and inter-varsity teams, captaining first grade soccer and being awarded a University Blue in soccer.



Kevin Skelsey

BA '66 MEd '88

While neither his parents nor his two siblings completed secondary schooling, Kevin passed the Intermediate Certificate at 15 and became an apprentice in the building trade. At 18, with the encouragement of his family, he qualified for matriculation, and was granted a four-year scholarship at the Sydney Teachers' College.

Kevin gained his NSW Teachers Certificate and an Associateship of the Sydney Technical College (ASTC). With his course completed at both the University of Sydney and at the University of NSW he taught in country, then city, secondary schools.

In 1961, Kevin studied for a Bachelor of Arts as an evening student, graduating in 1966. "As a Sydney graduate my teaching status progressed rapidly, and in 1970 I was invited to join the academic staff at Sydney Teachers' College," he says.

Until his retirement in 1995, Kevin designed, managed and lectured in education, teaching

techniques and the history of education at Sydney Teachers' College, Sydney College of Advanced Education, the Institute of Technical and Adult Teacher Education, and at the University of Technology, Sydney.

Returning to Sydney in the 1980s, Kevin took courses in historical archaeology, completing his Master of Education in 1988. Upon retirement in 1996, he and his wife, Wendy, established an antiques, old wares and fine arts business in Beverly Hills, Sydney. They were invited by Lady Joyce Black (wife of Sir Hermann Black AC, Chancellor from 1970 to 1990) to become stallholders at the University's annual Antique Fair, which she established in 1996, held for many years in the Great Hall.

Kevin thanks the University for its role in his personal, family and professional life. "Our children have studied at, and graduated from, the University, and we expect our grandchildren will follow," he says.

David John Smyth

BSc '60 DipEd '61

Completing his mathematics study in 1960, David went on to train as a high school mathematics and science teacher, meeting his wife (a home science teacher) in his first year of work. Teaching in the public system for 39 years, David then taught gifted students at Gosford Selective High School for a further eight years.

Still calling the NSW central coast home today, David currently tutors two high school students living on a remote property through Volunteers for Isolated Students' Education, of which he has been a part since 2008. Besides allowing him to continue teaching, the job also necessitates his love of open-road driving, with David and his wife aspiring to cross the Anne Beadell Highway between Coober Pedy and Laverton, WA, in the second half of 2016.

David's hobbies include kayaking, golf and walking, as well as visiting his three children and 12 grandchildren who are spread throughout Australia in Darwin, Mildura, Brisbane, Mudgee and Sydney.

His fondest memory of the University: "The entertainment at Wallace Theatre, especially the day Professor Room leapt onto the back of a retreating interloper who strolled across the stage in the middle of the lecture."

Alma Stearn

MA '65

Working as a high school teacher for 20 years, a highlight for Alma was the time she coached a debating team to victory in the Karl Cramp Year 11 Trophy at the Opera House.

Alma undertook her Master of Arts while pregnant and a mother to three children. Unable to study her first choice of Irish poet and novelist James Joyce, she focused on English novelist D H Lawrence, whom she found “somewhat exasperating”.

Alma now writes novels centred on themes of murder, love and drama. She has recently written about her deceased daughter and hopes one of her books will be published.

Alma is immensely proud of her six children, one of whom was awarded a scholarship to the Conservatorium High School.

“Set high standards for yourself,” says Alma, adding that anyone considering teaching as a profession should study the finer points of pedagogy and learn how to gain respect and authority while still maintaining excellence in communication.

Eric Stockdale

BA '60

Representing the University in both first-grade cricket and baseball during his time at Sydney, Eric supported himself while studying by working as an electrical technician. Bringing his equipment to a lecture one day, he remembers sitting down for coffee after the class with Professor Woodward of the French Department, who he says helped him make peace with his less affluent background, compared with some of the other students.

Going on to a career in teaching, Eric was appointed by a former headmaster of Cranbrook on the basis of his economics training and sporting background. Before his retirement, he also taught at Newington College and the King's School.

Now 90 and living in Sydney's southern suburbs, Eric says his family is his most important responsibility, and he also enjoys seeing proper care being paid to animals and the land.

His fondest memories of the University: every aspect of university life, from playing cricket and baseball to studying and attending lectures.

“The University was a much more memorable experience than connecting electrical wires atop power poles,” he says.

Dr Gerald Stone

BVSc '62

Gerald spent his working life as a partner in a veterinary practice along with his wife of 54 years, Jennifer, also a University of Sydney graduate. A passionate rugby player and fan, Gerald received a Rugby Blue in 1960 and was a member of the “first XV” for the Sydney University Football Club from 1968 to 1971. He also represented the Australian Universities team and competed for Hawke Bay (NZ) against England (in 1963) and the British Lions (1966) after leaving university.

A father of seven, Gerald now has 15 grandchildren and lives in Wellington. His passion for New Zealand spans from its geographical beauty to pride in its international sporting success.

Gerald hopes the world will be a more peaceful place by 2050 with a strong United Nations and a recovering, cared-for environment.

His fondest memory of the University: victory with the Sydney Uni rugby side over the New Zealand Universities team 16 to 14 at Sydney University Oval in 1960.

Ann Sutherland

BScAgr '61

Ann was inspired by friends at the Women's College ("Dot Bell who kept us together after we left"), various lecturers, and her parents and sister. A self-confessed "poor student who worked really hard, but who was poorly organised", Ann says she always liked science, and spent her career as a teacher.

She is "truly proud" of trying to care for the environment, having met many influential people in the process. Ann would like people to see the impact they have on the Earth, take responsibility for their actions and be proactive in restoring a balance.

In future, Ann hopes the world will be greener; that wildlife ecosystems will be restored and the human population will be smaller "of their own volition". She also hopes for peace, with people working for the common good.

Ann believes the University can help in this respect by offering a degree in peace studies and says it "would be great if most students could live and mix with people from different faculties and countries".

In her spare time Ann enjoys the visual arts, having been a painter, and she helps children with learning difficulties. The world of nature and her family make her most happy, along with music that has been inspired by nature.

Her fondest memories of the University: wandering around the grounds taking photos of gargoyles with Di Swan and Robbie Harbutt; music camps and singing in the Sydney University Musical Society and Pro Musica choirs; yarns over coffee breaks with students from different faculties; Betty Archdale, widely respected principal of Women's College from 1946 to 1957 – "an inspiration"; an excursion to Ku-Ring-Gai National Park to see Aboriginal rock carvings; zoological and botany excursions; and rowing practice "at dawn with a magical mist coming off the harbour".

Henri Szeps OAM

BSc '64 BE(Elec) '66

Henri loves life, admits to an infatuation with the miracle of life and would study anthropology if he could to find out how humans have "come to be as we are".

Although graduating with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Engineering, Henri became an actor, best known for his decade-long role as dentist Robert Beare in *Mother and Son* (alongside Garry McDonald and Ruth Cracknell), and was honoured in 2002 with an OAM for services to the arts and the community. Henri has also written a book on acting titled *All in Good Timing* and received the Penguin Award for best actor in a mini-series for *Palace of Dreams*, 1984-85.

Henri has two sons, Amos and Josh, with his wife of 47 years, Mary Ann, and enjoys being with his family for picnics, movies, barbecues and dinners; and discussing life.

"I believe it will actually take a superhuman effort for us humble humans to emerge unscathed from the terrible bonds of tribalism," he says.

Henri is happiest when looking at the night sky and is rejuvenated by the thought of being part of it. "Given that every element is forged inside a solar object, we truly are star dust," he says.

Along with his family, he credits George Sparks (acrobatic teacher and life guide) and his drama teacher, Hayes Gordon AO, OBE (director and founder of Sydney's Ensemble Theatre) as being the greatest influences on his life.

His fondest memory of the University: Professor Messerle stopping him in the corridor and asking, "Henri, did I see you on television last night?" (He had).

Dr Alexander Tahmindjis

MBBS '63 DipCrim '70

At university, Alexander appreciated the opportunity to get to know students from faculties other than Medicine through the Athletics Club. He excelled in sports, and the Athletics Blue he earned at Sydney remains a source of pride.

Alexander graduated from medicine and has had great satisfaction helping others in his medical career. He appreciates his medical training and applying the competencies he learned at the University of Sydney for the benefit of others is one of his great pleasures.

Later in life, he discovered a passion for the humanities, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts at the age of 74. He would love to do a master's degree or even a PhD in the humanities, and thinks basic knowledge of such areas should be a requirement for all faculties. He is currently writing a book, but gets the most satisfaction from the company of his wife and friends.

“My greatest source of happiness has been the presence of a wonderful wife, who stuck with me through difficult times,” he says. He also values the friendship of other people.

His fondest memory of the University: graduating from medicine alongside his fellow classmates.

Nigel Tanner

DipEd '61

Nigel taught English and modern history at Wollongong and Bulli high schools from 1961 to 1972, with classes of up to 40 students. Given another opportunity, Nigel would study theology and had intended to become an Anglican minister.

“Don't fritter away any opportunities,” says Nigel, who follows the adage: *pro bono publico* – to contribute to the greater good of the public. Nigel also believes the University is in a position to contribute to making the world sustainable and would like to see sustainability by 2050.

Nigel currently enjoys gaining enlightenment and useful knowledge from the internet, singing in choirs and playing in an amateur orchestra.

His fondest memory of the University: Joyce Wylie in the Faculty of Education, who was very helpful.



Frances Taylor

BA '66 DipSW '66

Taking up her first social work position at Sydney's Crown Street Women's Hospital (now closed) after graduation, Frances went on to tutor in social work at the University of NSW before assuming a role at the Benevolent Society. Moving across to St Vincent's Hospital in 1985 as the social worker attached to the Heart Transplant Unit, she became head of the Social Work Department in 2002.

Serving eight years in the role before her retirement in 2010, Frances still wanted to give to the community, lending her experience as a community representative to a number of committees.

Frances is mother to four wonderful children who also studied at the University. Her husband, Ken, passed away in 2014 after 45 years of marriage. The pair met at the University in 1962 and married in 1969.

Her fondest memory of the University: for both her and Ken (at right) it was both the place they found their calling and where they found the loves of their lives.

Hon. Judge Kenneth Victor Taylor AM, AM(Mil), RFD

BA '67 LLB '71

Attending the University to study an Arts/Law degree in the early 1960s, Ken also joined the Naval Reserve while studying in 1963. Over the subsequent years, he rose up in both his naval and legal careers, being called to the bar in 1981, appointed a Judge of the District Court of NSW in 1991, and assuming the rank of Commodore.

He has twice been honoured with membership of the Order of Australia. First, in 1995 for his role in helping integrate the Navy and Navy Reserve Force, and secondly, in 2012, for his service to the judiciary.

A long husband and father, Ken's four children have also carved out successful careers – a source of great pride for him and his wife, Frances (page 235, at left).

Sadly, Ken passed away in 2014, leaving a legacy of service to the community and an indelible imprint of love on Frances, whom he met at the University, and his children.

Robin Tobler (née Card)

BA '61 DipEd '61

Originally from an area where few students completed school and where the subjects required for university entry were not offered, Robin's school recognised her potential to succeed at university. During a "momentous visit" to the University of Sydney with a school teacher, she fell in love with the Quadrangle.

At the University, under the guidance of Miss Jacobs in Asian History and Mr Nish in Ancient History, Robin says she blossomed. She also recalls the support she received through the Student Christian Movement and their conferences, which helped her to develop written and presentation skills.

Now in retirement, Robin keeps herself busy with a range of activities including aqua-aerobics, pilates, a stimulating reading group and support from the Autism Association.

Her fondest memory of the University: spending time there and the opportunities, learning and friendships that changed her life.

Ford Topham

BEd '61

Ford never imagined he'd become an accountant, but was influenced by Professor A Chambers, a professor of accountancy and economics, who Ford says was "ahead of his time". Following an honours year with the professor, Ford went into accountancy.

After working in the corporate arena for many years, Ford started his own practice as an accountant, which he says "was the best decision I ever made". His primary purpose was to be of service to others and he looked for every opportunity to develop his skills.

Now retired, Ford spends his time "keeping out of mischief" by volunteering as a trustee of a charitable foundation and auditing for the Uniting Church.

Ford has been happily married for 53 years, having met his wife in South Australia while he was posted with BHP as a cadet.

"The best experience has been living in South Australia and raising a family," Ford says. "South Australia breeds some pretty good people. It's a smaller community and it enables people to give their time to great things, like medical research. Whatever I've been involved in, South Australia has pulled more than its weight."

His fondest memory of the University: Ford formed good friendships and met the best man for his wedding, with whom he is still in touch today. University was a turning point for Ford, who was exposed to a wide spectrum of opinions.



Opening of the Malayan Club in Sydney; from left, Malayan Trade Commissioner Inche Abdullah bin Ali; former Governor-General of Australia Sir William McKell; president of the Malayan Students Association Victor Vadiveloo; and the High Commissioner for Malaya, Dato Gunn Lay Teik

Victor Vadiveloo

BDS '60 MDS '86

Victor is a retired maxillofacial surgeon living in Victoria where he continues to enjoy his greatest joy in life: his family. He fondly remembers the influence of the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Alwyn James “Gil” Arnott, and Professor Noel Martin, whose impact on the study of preventive dentistry is also warmly remembered by Victor’s colleagues.

While enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie of the dental students of his day, Victor also participated in sport, winning a place on the Combined Australian Universities Hockey Team, which toured New Zealand. However, it was not until 2008 that Victor received his Hockey Blue at a Blues Awards ceremony and dinner in the Great Hall.

Victor is justifiably proud of completing his dental surgery

specialisation and becoming a consultant maxillofacial surgeon to the teaching hospitals in Melbourne from 1972 to 2007. At the same time, he admits he would have liked to study medicine and become a neurosurgeon. He says his greatest accomplishment in life was being able to complete his course at the University of Sydney “with the assistance of Professor Arnott” and his subsequent ability to repay the financial assistance he received from the faculty.

That experience led him to encourage the University to enrol and assist disadvantaged and marginalised students to complete their degrees. Today, Victor enjoys life with his family, playing with his grandchildren, spending time on the golf course and playing bridge.

Suzanne Vaughan

BA '62

Suzanne was the first in her family to go to university. Despite being offered a Commonwealth Scholarship, she initially passed up the opportunity to work for a year. However, with the support and encouragement of her co-workers at the biochemistry department, she decided to pursue psychology. She married fellow alumnus Peter Vaughan, now deceased.

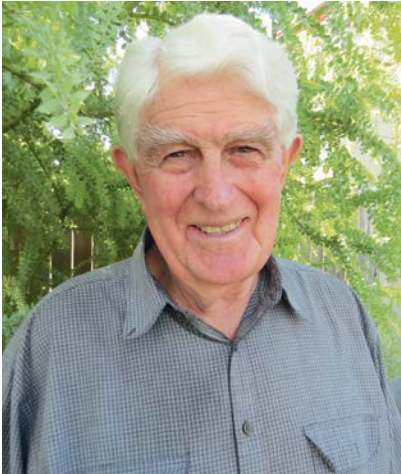
After her studies, Suzanne became the first female psychologist at the Callan Park Psychiatric Hospital in Sydney’s Rozelle before taking on various roles in the United States and Canada. Her time overseas included working as a psychometrist at the University of Toronto and later as editor of the *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science*. During this time she also crossed paths with one of her tutors at the University.

Her greatest passion is language and, given the opportunity, Suzanne would love to study linguistics or anthropology.

Suzanne’s advice to her younger self would be: don’t interrupt your studies for a man.

Today, Suzanne enjoys an active social life that includes yoga, trivia nights, going to concerts, travelling and crossword puzzles. She is also part of the digital club of her local council.

Her fondest memory of the University: Professor John Maze, who taught psychology.



Dr Peter Wakeford OAM

MBBS '62

Commencing in Engineering on a Commonwealth Scholarship, Peter's initial goal was to study Aeronautical Engineering. However, his time with Sydney University Football Club was a lifeline and the friendships he formed there led to Peter starting medicine in 1956.

Peter supplemented his scholarship with vacation work at CSR Chemicals, Mosman Council and Eastern Suburbs Legion Club, and "a spell" in national service.

Upon graduation, he completed training at Sydney Hospital followed by a registrar year at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in the Clinical Research Unit, where he gained membership with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (MRACP).

A highlight for Peter was being awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003 for Services to Rural Medicine.

"Sitting my MRACP was quite traumatic: only 30 percent

passed," Peter says. "But I feel I have seen the best of it medically. In a world run by privilege, wealth, IT and technocrats, people are being increasingly sidelined. I hope people, not systems, rule in 2020."

Peter now enjoys being involved with family, friends and his community, and is delighted by his three grandchildren. He likes to keep things simple after a career in "crisis management" and finds gardening therapeutic along with seeing a memorable sunset or the smell of fresh rain.

His fondest memory of the University: Peter believes education is the key to our national success. "We need people from across the social spectrum studying at university," he says. "Too often we have in authority people without a 'lived life of experience'. The ability to think critically and with compassion is what is required of a tertiary education."

Professor John Walker-Smith

MBBS '60 MD '71

John's fondest memories are of his clinical training in medicine by Dr Dick Harris at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. "He was a formidable, albeit young, physician," John says. "He was of the old school of bedside teachers, as exemplified by Sir William Osler [physician and co-founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital in the United States]. He in fact was portly, and looked a bit like James Robertson Justice in the film *Doctor in the House*."

John received classical instruction in the clinical art, was taught the right approach to the patient and demonstrated the practical techniques for clinical examination: close observation, auscultation (using a stethoscope to listen to the heart and lungs) and palpation of the abdomen (feeling with the fingers).

"From the first, he [Dr Harris] taught us to pronounce the word 'abdomen' with the emphasis on the 'O'," John says. "He had a subtle sense of humour and he helped our clinical group cement together. This medical group proved to be of enduring importance to me through the remainder of the course."





John Ward

BA '65

John studied part time at Sydney as an evening student while teaching at James Ruse Agricultural High School and Vaucluse Boys' High School. John gained a Diploma in Recreation in 1977 while pursuing a teaching career. John enjoyed "every course" he took at the University and was impressed by his teachers, including economics lecturer Sir Hermann Black AC (who became Chancellor from 1970 to 1990), Professor Ted Wheelwright (economist and anti-war activist) and Professor Harry Edwards (federal Liberal MP from 1972 to 1993).

In his final year, John married Pam Coates who, in 1991, graduated from the University with a Graduate Diploma in Education and Health.

John was principal of Randwick Boys' High School from 1987 to 1990, and subsequently principal of Barrenjoey High School from 1991 to 1999. While at Barrenjoey, he obtained an MEdAdmin and a Diploma in

School Management from the University of NSW. John was director of Narrabeen Lakes Fitness Centre (later Sport and Recreation Centre) from 1973 to 1977 and Secretary of Sydney University Sports Union in 1978. He was also the first licensee of the Sydney University (No.1 Oval) Sports Union Bar from 1978 to 1979. He was awarded Active Life Membership of the NSW Teachers Federation in 2000 and became a Life Member of the Metropolitan North Secondary Schools Sports Association in 1999.

John's motto is never give up, reflected in his interest in the University of the Third Age (U3A), and volunteering for the Australian Labor Party. He enjoys social tennis, reading history, trivia, and travelling with his wife to visit their children in Norway and Canada.

John would like to see "a fair go" for East Timor and the posthumous promotion of First World War military commander Sir John Monash.

Amber Marie Wellesley-Smith

BA '64 DipEd '65

Amber is passionate about music. During her time at Sydney, she was active in the Sydney University Musical Society (SUMS) and sang with Pro Musica, as well as representing the University at inter-varsity choral festivals. She helped organise the festival when it was held in Sydney.

Moving to Leeds in Yorkshire after she finished her degree, for more than 40 years Amber has been a piano teacher, committed to passing on her knowledge and love of music – and the piano – to generations of young people. Amber loves teaching, and watching the progress and success of her students is one of her greatest pleasures.

"I would like education to be the birthright of every child, everywhere," she says.

Besides music, Amber enjoys languages, and is studying Hungarian and German. She likes to visit art galleries and exhibitions, both at home and abroad, and follows politics and current affairs. However, she still likes to make time for the simple things – a family meal, a cup of tea, a sunny Yorkshire day, and Hugh, her husband of 46 years.

Her fondest memory of the University: the friends she made.



Dr Harvey Arthur Westbury

BVSc '65 PhD (Vet Science) '76 DVSc '16

Harvey cites several veterinarians who have had a significant influence on his career. They include Steve Hunt, who introduced him to intensive poultry farming and the impact of contagious disease in farming systems, which set the direction of his career, and Beri Sinkovic, who guided him during his PhD at Sydney. "I greatly admired his openness, trustworthiness, good humour, and his never-ending optimism: characteristics that I tried to emulate throughout my career," Harvey says.

Robin Cumming, Bill Snowdon and Suchinta Tangchaitrong were three more veterinarians who influenced Harvey and provided him the opportunity to enhance and expand his veterinary horizons.

Today, Harvey would like to see a culture that recognises all humans are worthy and entitled to respect, equality of opportunity, freedom from fear and exploitation, and the ability to achieve their full potential.

"Get rid of erroneous thoughts and shyness that can inhibit meaningful interactions with humans of all types," Harvey says. "Doing this will accelerate you becoming a thoughtful and mature person able to interact positively and productively throughout life."

The University can assist this goal, says Harvey, by providing community leadership and fearless advice based on knowledge and experience of the respective fields of academic expertise.

Marriage, the rearing of two boys, and a wonderful family life have given Harvey great fulfilment.

His fondest memory of the University: Harvey only ever wanted to be a veterinarian and exhibited considerable tenacity to do so. He has four veterinary degrees and his proudest moment came when graduating from the Doctor of Veterinary Science, as it "provided peer recognition and acknowledgement of my career as a veterinarian".

Lyndsay Westley

BSc '61

When Lyndsay applied to be a pharmacy apprentice, the local pharmacist refused her application because he said that she "wouldn't make enough money as a pharmacist". She decided to do science instead, as her father had a science degree. Lyndsay translated books into braille for the Royal Blind Society and also worked in the haematology department at ICPMP in Lidcombe.

Lyndsay loves to spend time with her family and has many hobbies, including crosswords, playing the clarinet, cross stitch craft and lots of reading. If she were to give advice to her 20-year-old self, it would be to travel before settling down.

"I hope the University can make sure it is an environment that is safe to learn in and study, and where there is no religious or racial prejudice," Lyndsay says.

Her fondest memory of the University: studying in the Women's Union – the top floor had a wonderfully relaxing room that few people used; it was peaceful and comfortable.

Above: Harvey at Uluru National Park

Dr Gregory Whelan AM

MBBS '62

Greg initially considered studying law but he was discouraged by his lawyer father who inspired him to pursue medicine due to his awareness of family ill health. Then, as now, Greg believes in being a “self-directed, self-generating learner”.

During his time at Sydney as a medical student, Greg was most influenced by John Hickie, Professor of Medicine and Cardiology (page 32). Greg has remained involved with the Faculty of Medicine at Sydney and he applauds student programs that assist students to be socially aware, socially involved and adopt an evidence-based approach.

His proudest career achievement was becoming Head of Addiction Medicine at the University of Melbourne, the first of two such appointments within a medical faculty in Australia.

A proud father of three boys, Greg’s greatest passion is his involvement with his sons and grandsons’ sporting activities – he is the scorer of the “dads and sons” cricket competition initiated by one of his sons. Other interests include reading for pleasure, bird watching and amateur astronomy.

His fondest memory of the University: three things stand out for Greg from his time at the University: playing billiards, lunch time on the grass near the library, and being number 625 in the lecture morning roll-call because “if you weren’t in your correct seat, you were marked as absent and 90 percent attendance was a course requirement”.

Wendy Wilkinson

BPharm '65

Wendy’s favourite part of pharmacy was her first-year lectures in genetics with Challis Professor of Biology Charles Birch in 1962.

She met her husband of 50 years, Frank, at the University – they were both members of the Sydney University Settlement volunteer students group. (The Settlement was a University of Sydney and community endeavour providing programs for children, young people and families.) The pair took memorable bushwalks with local children from the Settlement, also taking them for weekends to the Settlement holiday house on the beach at Thirroul, near Wollongong, south of Sydney.

The Settlement children sparked Wendy’s interest in primary school teaching and this eventually led her to qualify in primary school teaching from the University of Western Sydney. She regards universities as places that “help produce people with open minds towards others of different races and religions and who can strive for a greener world for future generations”.

Wendy occupies her time with bushwalking, tennis and golf with her husband and friends, and entertaining their two lovely daughters, Sally and Jenny. She is also a member of Zonta (an international organisation supporting women).

Mack Williams

BA '61 HonFellow '96

Mack's entry into international affairs started at University when he applied to participate in a travelling conference to Japan advertised by the Students' Representative Council in the student newspaper, *Honi Soit*.

"I wasn't going to apply, but mates urged me to on the grounds that I headed the Geography Student Association and the International Affairs Society, I was studying Japanese history and taking basic Japanese language classes outside of university," Mack says.

The SRC selected Mack to go as half of a two-person delegation and the pair developed a good friendship through the trip.

They were subsequently requested by the international non-communist student federation in Holland to travel via Manila to "see if we could assist in bringing three rival national student bodies into some form of union".

"A saga ensued with us being hijacked at the airport by one of the local unions and put into a hotel under guard – 'for your own safety'," he says. "Manila was certainly a wild place in those days."

This was his first practical lesson in the "Asian way" and proved valuable for Mack when he

returned as ambassador years later. "I maintained a number of the Philippine contacts until I returned – by then two were cabinet ministers, one a senior diplomat (later Secretary General of ASEAN, the Association of South East Asian Nations) and a couple were businessmen."

Mack joined the Department of Foreign Affairs, working for about 40 years. In that time he held a wide range of positions around the world, assisting negotiations in Belgium on Britain joining the European Union, moving to the Indochina region, where he led the civil aid program in Vietnam, and from there to Cambodia, where he represented US interests in the region.

Mack was called to Washington for his expertise in Indochina. Based there for nine years, he witnessed the Watergate scandal of 1972 and Nixon losing power in 1974. Mack went to Papua New Guinea to work as High Commissioner for two years followed by a sabbatical to London where he was taught at the London Royal College of Defence Studies, a college focused on up-and-coming generals. He was, by far, the youngest in the room.

Ann Wilson

BA '62

Ann came to university to commence a degree in psychology. She is grateful for the influence of Professor Bill O'Neill, whom she met in first year, and who took it upon himself to make sure all his first-year students had the foundations to succeed. Ann benefited from his diligence, and went on to complete an honours year in psychology.

At the same time, Ann began working for the state government in the area of vocational guidance and, after completing her degree, she remained in the civil service. Ann worked within vocational guidance and similar areas until the department was closed, at which time she moved into private practice.

Ann is enjoying this period of her life, as she finds private practice allows her to move at her own pace and enjoy her work. She still loves psychology, and if she were to do another degree she would like to pursue a PhD.

Her fondest memory of the University: its intellectual atmosphere. "That enquiring, learning, scholarly atmosphere," she says. "I loved being challenged, and in turn challenging those around me."

Paul Wilson

MateriaMedica(Pharmacol) '63

Paul is proud of making the most of his pharmacy degree and for the amount of time, capital and enthusiasm he has put into developing four pharmacies, all of which he is still heavily involved in. Paul credits his master pharmacist, John Betros, to whom he was apprenticed, for looking after him following his move from Newcastle and introducing him to Lebanese food and a little Arabic language.

Paul says his professional achievements pale in comparison to his marriage and four children, who are all graduates of the University. The looks in his 14 grandchildren's eyes when they see their 'Poppy', and the loving kisses his wife gives him are some of the things that make Paul the happiest.

If Paul were to undertake another degree it would be in psychology, having been curious about the many aspects of human behaviour. Paul believes it would give him "a practical insight into relating better with my many family, friends and acquaintances".

His fondest memory of the University: Paul's friends, with whom he had lunch and beers daily, went to parties and attended balls, who made his life away from his hometown of Newcastle "more than just OK".

Adjunct Professor Lindsay Wing

MBBS '62 DipLarynOtor '68

Following his time at university, Lindsay undertook a two-year residency at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA), after which he was a demonstrator in the anatomy department for a year in order to sit for his surgical fellowship.

"That was a good year," Lindsay says. "You only got paid about 10 bucks a week – not a lot to live on, but you could concentrate on studying, learning physiology, pathology and anatomy."

Returning to RPA for general and ear, nose and throat surgery, Lindsay graduated at age 30 and within six months had his own head and neck surgery unit, students and residents. He joined the Federal Council of the College of Surgeons at the age of 40, the youngest person to do so.

Lindsay has come full circle, now teaching in his role as Associate Professor of Surgery.

"All my students call me Lindsay," he says. "In my day, no one talked to the professors, they were seen as gods. You had to come to uni in a sports coat, tie and clean shoes. I remember a professor of surgery who once kicked a student without a tie out of the class. He wouldn't teach someone who didn't have properly polished leather shoes. It was very different."

Lindsay's advice to his students today is to do something you like doing and to invest 10 percent of your income. "As doctors you get paid quite well, you get a lot of money going through your hands, and the clue is to keep it," he says.



Diana Wood-Conroy, right,
with Mary Ann Meagher

Emerita Professor Diana Wood-Conroy

BA '66

Diana has combined an academic career with being an artist, having fostered and developed courses in the visual arts at the University of Wollongong, and supervised nearly 40 doctorates. “My artwork in woven tapestry is held in national and private collections,” she says.

Influenced by her lecturers in archaeology, Diana cites the disciplined scholarship of Alexander Cambitoglou, Professor of Classical Archaeology and former curator of the Nicholson Museum, together with archaeology professors Richard Green and Vincent Megaw, and Associate Professor Judy Birmingham as being particularly significant. “Richard Green’s belief in a place for art in archaeology had a huge influence, and in 1996 he invited me to participate in a core team of people involved with excavating the ancient Paphos theatre in Cyprus,” says Diana.

Working at the Nicholson Museum between 1964 and 1966 while completing her degree in archaeology, Diana was trained by Professor Cambitoglou, a “bright young professor from Europe”, in investigating the contents of storage boxes – some of them going back to the time of Sir Charles Nicholson, the University’s second chancellor (1854–62), who founded the museum in 1860 by donating his private collection of antiquities and curiosities. “It was breathtaking to discover fragments of third-century sarcophagi,” Diana says. “I was just left to get on with it, and the analytical skills stayed with me.”

However, Diana would also have liked to have studied visual arts, combining art practice and art history. Today she is deepening her interest and agency in Aboriginality, and Greco-Roman art, archaeology and philosophy, with both feeding into her ongoing work as an artist and writer.

“Have the courage of your convictions,” says Diana. “Look at your deepest intuitions and quietly persist.”

Diana also enjoys her time with her grandchild, and maintaining rich relationships with family and close friends.

Janice Woodward (née Rutledge)

BA '65 DipEd '66

During university, Dr Rouse, a history lecturer, instilled in Janice a lifelong love of history, while Dr William O'Neil set her on the right path and gave her the skills to achieve a satisfying career. Working as a psychologist in the area of disability has been a highlight of Janice's career, but so too were all the steps along the way, including teaching and counselling.

Family, school and friends were formative influences in Janice's life growing up in the 50s. Her greatest influence however, has been her education. In 1961, as a young woman from a poor family, six years of university was an impossible dream. No one in Janice's family had ever completed school and she fought to continue her education; eventually her parents were very proud.

Her greatest life accomplishments, Janice says, are her family and her friendships. "Enjoy and benefit from every experience you are both offered and can grasp," she says.

Her fondest memories of the University: cross-discipline enthusiasm for lecturers – if a friend had a great lecturer, such as leading geneticist and Challis Professor of Biology, Charles Birch, in zoology or Dr Rouse in history, they would all attend. Going to Manning House to meet boys, demonstrations, Commemoration Day, meetings on the front lawn and the gentle pace of life.

Dr Gabby Zipser

MBBS '61

A specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology, as well as general surgery, Gabby was influenced by tutor Billy Bye, who he says gave "common sense deliveries" of the subject matter.

Winning the inter-varsity boxing championship when he was just 20, and awarded a University Blue for boxing, Gabby says his greatest achievement in life was finding his wife, who he says is "the best wife one could have".

Residing in Sydney's eastern suburbs, family comes first for Gabby, whose other hobbies include playing tennis, golf, and bridge; sailing; spending time with the dog and regularly attending the opera and theatre. Gabby also credits another tutor, Max Lake, for teaching him about fine wine, which he enjoys in combination with fine food.

His fondest memories of the University: "I really enjoyed the camaraderie with my fellow students, some of whom have remained lifelong friends, and I greatly appreciate the freedom I had to follow a variety of different pursuits," Gabby says. "I was an average student more interested in fun than studying, but I appreciate and admired good tutors."



What will tomorrow bring?

For more than 150 years, the University of Sydney has sought to define and shape its public role. And we continue to do so.

Following extensive collaboration, we recently launched our 2016–20 Strategic Plan, which outlines our vision and strategies to achieve this vision over the next five years.

It is our aim to be the leading research-intensive university in Australia, with outstanding researchers, networks and partnerships that improve the lives of our local and global communities. To this end, we are investing in research excellence to attract and develop outstanding researchers.

We are transforming our undergraduate curriculum and transforming the learning experience for our academics and students. We will do this by enabling our academics to foster excellence and innovation in teaching, and by developing a full suite of experiential learning within aligned physical and digital environments.

Our undergraduate education will equip our students for the next generation of careers in demand, creating graduates who are flexible, versatile, adaptable and ready to work in exciting new roles in rapidly developing fields. These range from science and technology to health, music, medicine, engineering and agriculture.

We aim to foster an aspirational culture that enables each member of the University to thrive. We will do this by developing our leaders, embedding our values and breaking down institutional barriers. We are improving the ways

of leading and managing our University; celebrating our performance and our diverse community, and strengthening policies and practices.

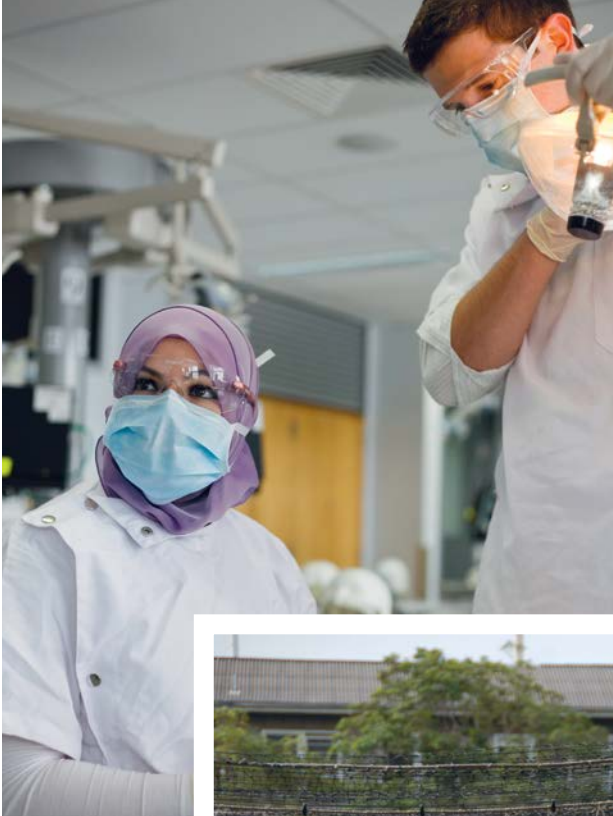
We are proud of our new facilities, including the Charles Perkins Centre which has a pioneering design intended to facilitate both multidisciplinary research and new models of technology-assisted laboratory teaching. The Abercrombie Building provides extraordinary teaching facilities for the Business School, and the Australian Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology has delivered facilities that are recognised as among the best in the world for nanoscale research.

With more than 3400 academic staff and 70 research and teaching centres, we offer the widest range of academic programs of any Australian university. We are attracting the best and brightest students, both in Australia and from overseas, with our range of entry pathways and scholarship programs. Our variety of research grants are also attracting the best researchers.

We are excited about our future. At the University of Sydney we are adapting tertiary education to respond to the needs of changing world markets, new conditions and the variety of ways we work in the 21st century. With Australia's attention on innovation and technology, we aim to create and sustain a university in which, for the benefit of both Australia and the wider world, the brightest researchers and the most promising students, whatever their social or cultural background, can thrive and realise their full potential. Every day, our students, researchers, teachers, staff and associates work towards achieving this mission in all that we do.

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ACCAM	Australian Certificate of Civil Aviation Medicine
AM .	Member of the Order of Australia
AO .	Officer of the Order of Australia
CBE	Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
CEO	chief executive officer
Challis Professor	The first seven Challis professorships were established by a bequest from John Henry Challis (1806–80). To this day, the University recruits Challis professors to academic chair positions to conduct advanced research into the world's most critical issues. Each chair is funded by donor gifts to the University's Challis Bequest Society.
Commem Day	From the 1880s, Commemoration Day featured the annual conferring of degrees ceremony and became a notable academic and social event involving a procession with floats through the city. In the 1920s it was renamed the Students' Festival (or 'Commem'). Known for the students' irreverent, playful humour, it often attracted media attention. The last procession was held in 1975. (see photo, page 62)
FACC	Fellow of the American College of Cardiology
FACE	Fellow of the Australian College of Educators
FACOG	Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
FACVSc	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists
FAHA	Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities
FANZCA	Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
FRACDS	Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons
FRACP	Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians
FRACS	Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
FRCOG	Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
FRCPA	Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia
FRCS	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons
MRACMA	Member, Royal Australian College of Medical Administrators
OAM	Medal of the Order of Australia
OBE	Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
Probus	a club for retired or semi-retired business and professional people
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAAMC	Royal Australian Army Medical Corps
RACP	Royal Australasian College of Physicians
RACGP	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
RANZCOG	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RFD	Reserve Force Decoration
Rotary	an international network of professional, community and business leaders who collaborate to make a positive difference.
SUMS	Sydney University Musical Society
University Blue	an honour awarded to a sports person who represents the University of Sydney at the highest level of competition
U3A	University of the Third Age: a movement that encourages retired and semi-retired people to take up studies for the pleasure of learning something new



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