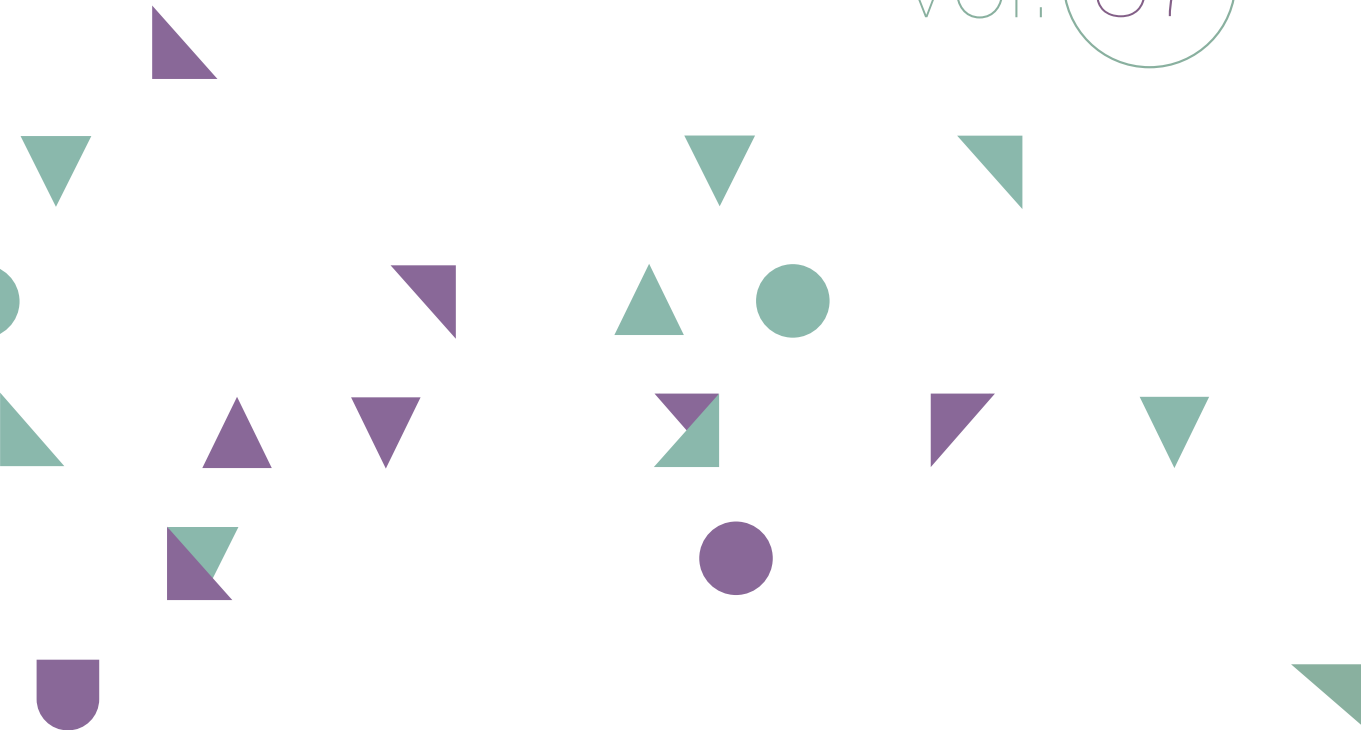


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## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE ALLIANCE AND POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS FROM THE ALLIANCE PRESIDENT

**W**elcome to the 25th anniversary edition of *In Alliance*. It is very exciting to celebrate this milestone with you, our members, and to reflect with gratitude and pride on the achievements of our organisation and of the difference it continues to make to girls' schools. From small beginnings, the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia has grown to over 150 member schools, and its reach and influence continue to have impact and credibility as a leading voice for the advancement of girls' schools.

It has been said that this is the 'Century of Women'. While we do see some advancement, there is no doubt that there is still much to do with regards to girls' education and gender equality. Being in 'Alliance' is a great strength—across sectors and beyond borders across our region, we learn from each other, share insights, harness the latest research and develop our capability to bring the best education possible to girls in all-girl educational environments. A key component of this is providing leadership in girls' education through cutting-edge research and leadership development. We especially value the generous support of our corporate partners as they provide opportunities and experiences for leadership development for both students and staff that, working as individual schools, we could not easily provide.

Our powerful partnerships with Bond University, World Challenge, Circle, AskRight and iVicon enable us to strengthen all our alliances and have helped to make us the purposeful, professional and passionate organisation we are today.

Through the support of World Challenge, I recently joined a group of senior leaders on a 'familiarisation' trip to Cambodia. Representing the Alliance were Jane Elliot, from Clayfield College (Queensland), Helen Carmody from Korowa Anglican Girls' School (Victoria), Kath McGuigan from Mary MacKillop College (South Australia), Dr Kerrie Tuite from Mount Alvernia College (Queensland), Maria Urbano from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College (South Australia), Kay Peddle from Pascoe Vale Girls College (Victoria), Kim Cohen from St Margaret's Anglican Girls School (Queensland) and myself. We set out to understand women's issues and learn more about educational challenges and opportunities in Cambodia.

Beginning our trip in Phnom Penh, we visited the Cambodian Women's Development Agency. This is staffed exclusively by a team of devoted women who provide a range of programs to teach literacy to men and women, reduce domestic violence and educate



those working in the 'adult entertainment industry' to reduce HIV infection rates. From the outset, we could see that there is so much work to do, yet it was inspiring to know that there are passionate women striving to make a difference. Education is a key factor in lifting people out of poverty and giving them hope for a better future. Breaking down cultural and gender barriers is important long term work.

A visit to S21 (Tuol Sleng) and the killing fields (Choeung Ek) in searing heat and high humidity had us trying to process the tragedy of the darkest period in Cambodian history and put into context our visits to Seametry Children's Village and the New Hope for Cambodian Children (NHCC) orphanage for children infected with HIV.

At Seametry, we met the school's Director and Founder, Mouy You, an inspirational educator born, raised and educated in Cambodia, with postgraduate studies completed in France through a scholarship from the French Government in 1972. When the Khmer Rouge came to power in 1995 and sealed the country, this led to 31 years in exile for Mouy. Eventually, Mouy returned to Cambodia to realise her vision of providing poor children with a high standard of education at a very well-resourced school. What she has achieved is amazing.

At the New Hope for Cambodian Children (NHCC) orphanage, run by John and Kathy Tucker, we spent time with animated, excited children. It was hard to believe they were HIV infected orphans. The property is like a small village that includes basic housing, a few buildings which comprise a school, and some farming as a revenue stream. World Challenge has been working at both Seametry and NHCC for a number of years and we learnt more about how those programs contribute to ongoing development work. At the end of our trip, we took a long bus ride to Siem Reap to

visit the Angkor Wat temples and learn more about Cambodian history.

We came back with a good dose of perspective, an understanding of the history of Cambodia, admiration for individuals who have devoted their energies to improving the lives of women and young people in very challenging circumstances, as well as appreciation for the preparation, care and 'risk-management' capability of World Challenge and our courageous group leaders; World Challenge's General Manager, Mark Walters and Program Development Manager, Jodie Burton. Through this experience, we also got to know each other, and learnt so much about

each other's schools and leadership challenges. If there is another familiarisation experience of this nature, I encourage you to consider taking part.

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Another of our corporate partners, iVicon and their exclusive worldwide partnership with the HASSE International Study Program, has enabled us to offer students from our member schools the opportunity to participate in the HASSE space school programs without schools needing to provide a full tour complement of 16-20 students. We had five very successful tour groups from New South Wales complete their missions, and in December, combined school groups from Alliance schools in Victoria, Australian Capital Territory and Queensland will



head to Houston for a two-week study program. The Alliance also offers places for staff to accompany these groups at a substantially subsidised cost. In addition to observing the student program, staff have the opportunity to participate in a unique two-day program at United States Space and Rocket Center. The program provides teachers with the ultimate, once-in-a-lifetime experience in one of the world's most inspiring organisations.

These are just two examples of our great partnerships and they represent just a glimpse of the opportunities that your Alliance can provide for you. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, I hope you will feel inspired, excited and energised by the wonderful achievements highlighted in these pages. It is a privilege to be part of an organisation which has a proud history and a very exciting present that we can take forward confidently to the next 25 years. ▲

FRAN REDDAN

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## HISTORY OF THE ALLIANCE OF GIRLS' SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA

In September 1991 at the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA) conference in Perth, two principals had morning tea together, talking over the issues they faced as leaders of girls' schools. Ros Otzen (Korowa Anglican Girls' School, Victoria) and Sylvia Walton (Tintern Anglican Girls' School, Victoria) both felt that girls' schools needed their own voice and a forum in which to discuss matters of mutual concern and interest.

Two months later, the principals of Melbourne girls' schools were invited to meet at Korowa. By the end of the meeting, the Education of Girls in Girls' Schools Focus Group (EGGSFG) consisted of twenty-two schools. The inaugural conference, *The Education of Girls in Girls' Schools*, was held at Methodist Ladies' College (Victoria) in July 1992 with almost 190 attendees from all over Australia.

In December 1994, EGGSFG ceased to exist and the Alliance of Independent Girls' Schools of Australia took its place. However, in what Ros Otzen has termed "another visionary leap", at the first Annual General Meeting in December 1995, members chose to extend the Alliance to include girls' schools from every sector and to broaden its range to Australasia to enable New Zealand schools to join.

Ros Otzen later recalled the moment that the founding members decided that "Alliance" most aptly described what they wanted to establish and what this term conveyed: "warm relationships", "friendly union" and a "shared commitment and purpose". This was despite the fact that, as she wryly noted, the most serious competitors of girls' schools are other girls' schools and that it would be "greatly to the advantage of some of us if others of us closed their doors". And yet, she wrote, "the inescapable fact is that, rather than turning on each other, we have come together in the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia".

Girls' schools had many shared interests in the early 1990s. Some had been approached by boys' schools to merge and become co-educational. However, principals of girls' schools felt that boys' schools were acting in response to the difficulty of filling senior classes in an economic recession and out of the belief that boys do better in a co-educational environment. "It was always held that boys need girls in their schools, as that made for a better learning experience for the boys" but, as explained by inaugural Alliance president Judy McCowan: "What we learnt was [that] girls without boys were doing much better".

It was also a time of massive social change. Feminists like Dale Spender (an inaugural patron or, as she preferred, 'matron' of the Alliance) were challenging stereotypes of women, while in the public sphere, a new conversation was taking place about gender equality. There was, says Judy McCowan, "an extraordinary debate about how to bring women forward in business and the world". She believes that the Alliance was a group of girls' schools "responding to a new world" where "equality of opportunity was a major social issue".

From the beginning, science, mathematics and technology were key to discussions about how to address inequality in education. After attending a National Coalition of Girls' Schools conference, Science and Girls, in the United States, Judy McCowan realised how important it was for staff of girls' schools to embrace technology. "The core thinking," she said, "was that at a girls' school, girls come first" and this "included encouragement to study maths and sciences".

The first volume of *In Alliance* was published in December 1995, providing members with an important vehicle for creating awareness of the philosophy and practice of girls' schools. Sylvia Walton, inaugural chairman of the Alliance, presented the results of a survey on student feelings of alienation in single-sex and co-educational schools, while an academic researcher presented her findings on the dieting behaviour of girls in single-sex and co-educational schools, thus firmly establishing the Alliance's reputation for providing the latest research on all aspects of the education of girls to its members.

By 1996 membership had grown to 53 schools and the first Alliance staff conference was held at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School (Victoria). The Alliance was not, however, just about principals and staff of girls' schools; it was also considered vital that girls be given the same leadership opportunities as boys. The first Student Leadership Conference was held at Ipswich Girls' Grammar School (Queensland) in 1999. In another first, Lesley Boston of The Mac.Robertson Girls' High School was the first principal of a government school to serve on the Alliance Executive.

By 2001, membership had nearly doubled again to 90 schools and the first New Zealand member, Anne Mildenhall from Queen Margaret School, Wellington, joined the Alliance Executive. The following year, 2002, saw several significant events: the launch of the first Alliance website, the inaugural Biannual Educators' Conference in Melbourne, and the first *Why a Girls School?* brochure was planned after some co-educational schools expressed opposition to the existence of the Alliance. This only made the Alliance more determined to continue as a strong voice for girls' schools. As Ros Otzen explains:

That was a remarkable moment of spine. By that stage we had developed a conversation among ourselves about the matters that were distressing us, and the things we wanted to know about each other, and those things we wanted the world to know about us. We were at last ready with the ideas and arguments.

Today the Alliance has over 150 members, including 22 New Zealand schools. Members also include Miriam College in the Philippines, St Stithian's Girls' College in South Africa and Ohtani Junior and Senior High School in Japan. The Alliance remains firmly committed to the ideals of its founding members to promote the education of girls in girls' schools and to be the leading voice for the advancement of girls' schools. While the educators of today face many new challenges—from anxiety and cyberbullying to the impact of robotics and automation on the jobs of the future—the Alliance's core business remains the same: to advocate for the outstanding role that girls' schools play in producing the next generation of female leaders in business, politics, law, public and community service, the creative arts, music, sports, medicine and health, science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the growing field of entrepreneurship. ▲

JAN RICHARDSON, ALLIANCE RESEARCHER

## ALLIANCE PRESIDENTS

1996-1999

### JUDY McCOWAN



Judy McCowan is a former principal of Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School, St

Catherine's, Toorak, and founding president of the Alliance.

Judy retired in 2000 after 30 years in education, teaching in both the state and TAFE systems before entering independent education as Head of English at Geelong Grammar School in 1984. In 1990 she joined the staff at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School as principal to lead an exciting school committed to the excellent education of girls. With her appointment to Ivanhoe, Judy also joined an outstanding team of women principals within the umbrella of Anglican Girls' Schools.

The commitment and enthusiasm of this circle of highly professional and dedicated educators was especially important at a time when the roles of women were being explored and expanded with a new urgency. The education of girls was very much to the fore and yet the sector was also facing the 'poaching' of female students to boost the financial resources of co-educational schools. As a member of this wider group of principals of girls' schools in Melbourne, Judy sought to create a forum for leaders of girls' schools to explore and promote the unique strengths of these schools both within the existing structures of organisations such as the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA) and more broadly.

It was an exciting time and after contact with the newly formed Coalition of Girls' Schools of the United States, and having invited interest and contribution from principals of girls' schools

across Australia and New Zealand, an inaugural Girls' Schools conference was held at Methodist Ladies College in Melbourne. A particular outcome of this was the establishment of the Alliance with Judy elected as the foundation president. In this role and with the help of her colleagues, she then worked hard to consolidate the organisation, promoting its legitimacy and broadening its reach to include the state sector.

Since retiring Judy has explored her interest in the great walking trails of the world, enjoying expeditions in the UK, New Zealand, France, Japan, and Tasmania and other parts of Australia; the Larapinta track in the West MacDonnell Ranges being a favourite. She and her husband, Ranald, take major expeditions into the Australian outback, savouring its beauty and its extraordinary history. ▲

1999-2002

### DR ROS OTZEN



Dr Roslyn Otzen, a passionate educator for 35 years, was principal of Korowa Anglican

Girls' School from 1991 to 2003. During her principalship of Korowa Ros was a member of both the Victorian and National Committees of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools.

Ros is also a historian, most recently writing the biography of Melbourne City Mission founder Dr John Singleton. She is deputy chair of Melbourne City Mission, chair of the Grants Committee of the Invergowrie Foundation, immediate past president of Whitley College, and inaugural president of the Alumni Council of the University of Melbourne.

Reflecting on the formation of the Alliance Ros said, "25 years! There was not a thought of this longevity in my head in 1991 when I called

the first meeting of the Heads of Melbourne's Independent girls' schools together to talk about our schools and their future. We were under a quite vicious assault from our brother schools as they tried to make up for declining enrolments by adding girls to their schools. With the formation of the Alliance, though, we were thinking well beyond this. We had learned to talk to each other, not as rivals but as allies; we had developed a confident passionate voice; we began to see everywhere why girls' schools are the superb centres of learning that they are. We created extraordinary national conferences. The first, at MLC, attracted hundreds of registrations, and we knew immediately there was an important place for the Alliance. We linked immediately with our counterparts in North American and Great Britain, a very profitable union. And look where we are now: a strong and vibrant group with members from all over the world; a marvellous library of research on girls' schools and girls' learning; leadership conferences for girls and staff alike; *In Alliance*, where we share our successes and discoveries. Congratulations! Can't wait to see where to next." ▲

2002-2005

### BARBARA STONE AM



Barbara Stone was awarded AM for her services to education in 2004. Her professional career started

in Melbourne as a teacher in the secondary school sector, continued in the tertiary sector at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and finally, impelled by an imperative to improve learning opportunities for girls, moved into independent schools as deputy headmistress at Fintona Girls School, Balwyn. In 1990 she moved from Melbourne to Sydney to become the first woman principal of MLC School, Sydney

(previously Methodist Ladies College, Burwood) and retired from this position in 2011.

Barbara's commitment to improving the educational environment took many forms and led her into many rewarding local, national and international experiences. Notable among these, she was national chair of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA) from 2007 to 2009; council member of the International Confederation of Principals from 2007 to 2009; president of the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia from 2002 to 2005; member of the Heads Standing Committee, International Baccalaureate Organization from 2000 to 2011; and Coordinator, Secondary Schools, for Australian College of Educators/NSW Ministry of Education Quality Teaching Awards from 2001 to 2008.

She is currently vice-president of the board of Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and a board director of the Association of Independent Schools (NSW), Kormilda College, Darwin, NT and Newington College, Stanmore, NSW. Professionally, she provides management consultancy to individuals, schools and systems in relation to leadership, organisational improvement and change management.

Barbara said "As president of the Alliance, the executive team and I sought to strengthen the Alliance's global links and consolidate its local activities. Overseas membership increased, most markedly in New Zealand. 'State' activities strengthened, offering more regular and more student focused activities. Annual conferences attracted not only those in girls' schools nationally and internationally but broadened to welcome everyone interested in improving the quality of education for girls.

"The priorities included growth of membership, global and sectoral footprint through annual quality conferences open to all, local

activities inclusive of all sectors and quality local and overseas activities for girls taking leadership roles in girls' schools." ▲

2005-2008

### BETH BLACKWOOD



Beth has always worked, by choice, in schools for girls. As a child of the 60s feminist

movement, Beth has a deep and abiding commitment to equal opportunities for both men and women in our society and believes that, at this point in history, schools for girls offer the best educational environment in which young women can develop self-belief, leadership and authenticity.

Beth was director of the Boarding House at Methodist Ladies College, Melbourne, from 1980 to 1985, moving to the same position at St Michael's Collegiate School in Hobart in 1986. In 1990, Beth became the deputy principal of St Michael's, a position she held until 1997, when she made the move to Western Australia to serve as principal at Presbyterian Ladies College in Perth. In 2016, Beth commenced the role of CEO of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA).

Beth was a member of the Alliance from its founding meeting in Melbourne. She served on the executive from 1998 and served as president from 2006 until 2008.

Building on the strategic planning undertaken under Barbara Stone's presidency, this was a time for strengthening links with New Zealand members. The initial Alliance Conference to be held in New Zealand was hosted by Auckland. Taking a leaf from the United States National Coalition's book, the Alliance also sought to build an on-line repository for

academic research and literature that advocated and supported the benefits of single sex education.

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2008-2009

### SUSAN JUST



Susan Just began her teaching career in government schools in Queensland and has been an educator for more than 20 years.

Since then Susan has had extensive teaching and leadership experience in the independent school sector in Australia. She has been the principal of three independent girls' schools in Queensland and Canberra, and is currently at the helm at Lauriston Girls' School in Melbourne. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts (UQ), a Diploma of Education (UQ), a Masters of Education in Education Administration (UNE) and has completed an Advanced Management Course (Harvard).

Susan's strong areas of interest have been in curriculum and teacher development, and this has led to her participation on a number of peak educational bodies, committees and taskforces. She has been actively involved in the Australian Heads of Independent Schools' Association, the Association of Independent Schools both in the ACT and New South Wales, the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia and the Association of Australasian International Baccalaureate Schools.

Susan's strong interest in the



enhancement of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) in the education of young people has resulted in Lauriston Girls' School establishing the first Fablab@ school in Australia and a working relationship with Stanford University's Graduate School of Education in California. Students from prep to year twelve have access to the digital fabrication laboratory (FabLab). The School's Fablab Co-ordinator works with teachers in the primary and secondary years to develop cross-disciplinary activities that tie in with various aspects of the curriculum. Students undertake hands-on work in the FabLab to create new products, solve problems and combine technology with traditional hand tools.

Lauriston Girls' School ran its inaugural Fablearn Australia Conference for educators in 2015 and a follow-up in 2016 to share best practice in digital fabrication and making.

Of the Alliance, Susan said: "During my participation on the executive of the Alliance of Girls' Schools there was a focus on developing the conference and enhancing the website. The research element was introduced which provides schools with an excellent archive of materials that can be used to promote the education of girls and to inform the education of girls. During these years there was the introduction of the Student Leadership Conference, which has continued to grow and offers a wonderful opportunity for students to network and participate in a broad range of activities." ▲

## 2009-2011 KAREN SPILLER



Karen has teaching and leadership experience in both girls' and co-educational

Anglican schools for over 30 years; she has been principal at St Aidan's since 2000.

Karen is chair of the National Board of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia. She is also vice-president of the Board of Independent Schools, Queensland and is a past president for the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia.

In 2010 Karen was a finalist at the AIM Management Excellence Awards in the category of Not-for-Profit Manager of the Year (Brisbane). Also in 2010 Karen was recognised by the Australian Government as a recipient of the National Award for Excellence in School Music Education 2010: Excellence by a School Leader. In 2010 and 2011 Karen was a finalist in the EOWA Employer of Choice for Women Business Achievement Awards in the category of Leading CEO for the Advancement of Women. In 2011 Karen was awarded a Churchill Fellowship 'to examine strategies for preparing female leaders for the position of Principalship in Australian Schools' and travelled to the United Kingdom and the United States for this study. In 2013 Karen was awarded Fellow of 'The CEO Institute' and appointed a Fellow of Bond University and Principal in Residence.

Karen is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Australian Human Resources Institute, the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and the Australian College of Educators.

As president of the Alliance, Karen recalls: "Providing members and their schools with research

snapshots and punchy information about 'Why a Girls' School?' was always a focus of the board at the time of my presidency. We implemented a new strategic plan, which aimed to provide relevant and useful information to members and also to focus on the leadership development of staff in our girls' schools as well as of the girls themselves.

"We implemented the 'Notable Women' information on the website and continued the great work of previous boards in endeavouring to get information into the broader community of the benefits of an all-girls' education. It was a privilege to serve our organisation on the board and as president." ▲

## 2011-2013 ROBYN KRONENBERG



Robyn retired at the end of 2014 after 40 years in education, including 22 years in leadership

positions in independent Anglican girls' schools. She was head of Middle School at Shelford Girls' School and deputy principal of Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar. As principal of St Michael's Collegiate in Hobart, for over eleven years, Robyn led a change in school structure, improved learning outcomes and increased international connections, while maintaining the school's heritage and strong Christian values. Robyn very much valued her involvement in the Alliance both at the branch level and during her time on the executive. She recently completed an Executive MBA at Bond University and is pursuing her interest in governance.

When Robyn joined the executive of the Alliance in 2007, St Michael's Collegiate was the only member school in Tasmania and she held one of the Victorian -Tasmanian positions on the

executive. Over the next two years Tasmanian membership was increased to five schools and represented 100 per cent of the girls' schools in Tasmania. This created the Tasmanian Branch with an executive position in its own right. With all five schools situated within a few kilometers of each other, the schools were able to collaborate on a number of student-based events, as well as an annual staff dinner.

Robyn took up the position of president in May 2011, following Karen Spiller. Under Karen's leadership a strategic plan was drawn up that included the goal of gaining partnerships for the Alliance. It was during Robyn's time as president, and with the support of the Executive Officer, Jan Butler, that the Alliance gained three partners: Bond University, CIRCLE and World Challenge. This provided funds to keep membership fees as low as possible and provide additional services for the Alliance's membership. It was through these partners that initiatives for members were introduced, including our first Senior Staff Conference in 2013, held at Bond University and conducted by CIRCLE.

It was also in 2011 that the Alliance offered supported membership to indigenous schools and Worawa Aboriginal College in Victoria, was the first to join the Alliance. ▲

## 2013-2015 JUDITH POOLE



Judith Poole was appointed the tenth head-mistress of Abbotsleigh in 2005. She

was born in the United States and completed her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in physics and mathematics before working for the Peace Corps for six years

in Botswana. It was this vital community work in Botswana that saw Judith decide to pursue teaching as a profession.

Judith's career in Australian girls' education began at Meriden as a mathematics teacher, where she moved on to be assistant to the deputy principal and director of Information Technology. Judith has a passion for encouraging girls in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. While at Meriden, Judith completed her master's degree and was the author of a computing studies textbook.

At Abbotsleigh Judith takes a holistic view of education and believes strongly that girls must be empowered to achieve their very best. Student leadership and service-learning have been hallmarks of her headship promoting global awareness and the importance of diversity. Judith has served on the executive of the Association of Heads of Girls Schools (AHIGS) in NSW and currently contributes to enabling programs for girls through her work on the Board of Girls Guides NSW/ACT.

Judith will be retiring from Abbotsleigh at the end of 2016 to enjoy family and review where her next challenge will take her.

Judith says: "During my presidency the executive was keen to build on the Alliance's strong foundational network by extending its reach into Australasia supporting education in girls' schools. Establishing a clear mission statement, modernising the website, encouraging branch activities and professionalising the services to members were activities that strengthened the network. The appointment of Loren Bridge as the Executive Officer to lead this change was a critical factor in our growing expansion of offered services. The delivery of research, conferences and strong publications continue to offer opportunities to prepare educators and students for the challenges of our changing world for women." ▲

## 2015-PRESENT FRAN REDDAN



Elected to the executive in 2012 and re-elected for a second term in 2015, Fran served as vice-president in 2014

before being elected president on 29 May 2015.

Fran is the principal of Mentone Girls' Grammar School where she has served the pursuit of excellence in education for eleven years. Fran's extensive expertise in the education sector spans more than 25 years and includes a variety of leadership positions, serving on several boards, and contributing her expertise in innovation, global learning, creativity, gender and leadership. Fran is recognised not only as an outstanding educator achieving excellent results, but also for her astute skills and understanding of the 'business of a school' with its complexity in stakeholder management and opportunities for innovation.

As one of the architects of the Alliance's current strategic direction, Fran is focused on delivering value for members, maintaining vibrant and diverse branches and harnessing the global potential for advancing girls' education.

In a constantly changing educational environment, Fran believes it's important for the Alliance to remain agile and relevant in its support for girls' schools and to play a strong role in promoting gender equality. ▲

## INSPIRING ALUMNAE

The Alliance's 25th anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate all that unites us with those who have shared our journey over the last 25 years.

In the following pages of this magazine we take a look at some of the inspirational alumnae from our member schools: from groundbreaking scientists, Olympic athletes, political activists and feminists, artists, politicians and leaders. There is something these women all share in common: as role models they show that women can and do succeed in any endeavour or field they choose. Some are well-known, some are not, yet all are proof that girls from girls' schools set high standards for themselves, they challenge boundaries and make an impact.

### SOMERVILLE HOUSE BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

A pioneer in the field of astrobiology, Abigail Allwood has been making waves as the first woman, and the first Australian, to lead a team on a NASA Mars mission in her role as Principal Investigator of PIXL on the Mars 2020 Rover mission.

ABIGAIL ALLWOOD (1990), ASTROBIOLOGY; PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF PIXL, MARS 2020 ROVER MISSION, NASA



Abigail was recently awarded NASA's Lew Allen Award for significant individual accomplishment and leadership in scientific research and technological innovation for her part in developing a micro-XRF instrument capable of analysing rocks and soil

encountered by the rover. This instrument will allow scientists to potentially find evidence of life on Mars.

But Abigail never forgot her beginnings as a Somerville House student in the 1980s, and a graduate of Queensland University of Technology, where she really began to explore her passion.

Abigail says: "I was first inspired by my sister, who at the age of five showed me a model of the solar system. I could never have guessed here at Somerville House, or at QUT, that this is where I would end up. Even if you aren't the top of your class, don't give up on your dreams. The key is to recognise opportunities and grab them."

Empowering girls and women and breaking down gender stereotypes are issues which the Alliance is passionate about and it is fantastic to be able to recognise so many successful women in so many diverse fields. Their talent and achievements are exceptional and we hope that their successes will inspire many more young women to follow their dreams, forge exciting careers and make a difference in their communities and the world.

Thank you to all those members who submitted nominations for this edition. We received many more than we could publish demonstrating the incredible breadth and depth of achievement within our schools. You'll find more stories of inspirational alumnae in our Notable Women Gallery on our website at <https://www.agsa.org.au/notable-women/> ▲

LOREN BRIDGE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Similarly, Abigail has embraced her part as a role model for young women interested in pursuing a career in science.

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"I hope to provide an example of an Australian woman who has done this. Working at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, gender and race doesn't matter—they judge you on your intellect."

Passionate and inspiring Abigail has no intentions of slowing down as she says with a laugh, "There are more happy moments to come." ▲

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### ST MARGARET MARY'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND

Majella Anning has worked as a broadcast and print journalist for 25 years in various parts of the world including Brisbane, Sydney, London and Brussels. She subsequently established her own media consultancy aimed at assisting non-governmental organisations.

Majella studied journalism, French and Italian at the University of Queensland. She began her media career in Brisbane, first in newspapers, then at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC). She then spent four years in Europe—the UK, Italy and France—

working in both the media and music industries before returning to Sydney, where she was a specialist reporter with the ABC concentrating on ethnic and aboriginal issues.

MAJELLA ANNING (1974)  
GLOBAL JOURNALIST



From there she was appointed to Brussels as the ABC's Europe Correspondent, responsible for reporting on political, economic, social and cultural stories across the European continent. Majella was in Brussels when the

Single European Currency (the Euro) was born, and when the European Union expanded to 28 countries. She also reported on the International Olympic Committee's decision to award Sydney the 2000 Olympics and covered the detailed negotiations to achieve peace in the former Yugoslavia.

**MAJELLA SPEARHEADED EUROPE-WIDE MEDIA INITIATIVES ON BEHALF OF A RANGE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, YOUTH MUSIC, WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND REFUGEE POLICY.**

Subsequently, as a communications consultant, Majella headed the media operations for Amnesty International's EU Office based in Brussels. She spearheaded Europe-wide media initiatives on behalf of a range of non-governmental organisations in the fields of human rights, youth music, women's rights and refugee policy.

Majella is a trained musician, and music is a major part of her life. She is now based in London and is a member of the prestigious Bach Choir. ▲

### MELBOURNE GIRLS GRAMMAR MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Rosemary Anne Balmford is a pioneering woman in law and ornithology. In 2012 she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for service to the judiciary, the practice of law in Victoria, and the study of ornithology.

In 1956 she graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Melbourne with the Supreme Court prize for the top-ranked student, and became the first woman appointed to a permanent lecturing position in the Melbourne Law School in 1957.

Rosemary became a partner in the law firm Whiting & Byrne in 1960 at a time when very few city law firms had a female solicitor, much less a female

partner. In 1969 she left Whiting & Byrne to study for an MBA. At the completion of her studies she became the founding executive director (1971–1977) of the Leo Cussen Institute for Continuing Legal Education. She also served as a Senior Member of the Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal (1983–1993), which presided over the milestone Deborah Wardley sexual discrimination case.

ROSEMARY ANNE BALMFORD AM (1950)  
LAW; ORNITHOLOGY; SUPREME COURT JUDGE (RETIRED)



In 1993 she was appointed a Judge of the County Court, and in 1996 was the first woman appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

When Rosemary was admitted to practise as a barrister and solicitor

of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1956, it was unthinkable that there would ever be a female judge of that court. Forty years later, the Premier Jeff Kennett, announced her appointment to the bench.

Rosemary is also a keen amateur naturalist. With a special interest in ornithology, her contributions to this field almost equal that made to the Australian law sector. Rosemary has been an active member of bird organisations and has held the position of Secretary with the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union (RAOU) and the Victorian Ornithological Research Group. She has published books and articles on the subject and has helped pioneer bird atlasing in Australia.

In her memoirs, *A Funny Course for a Woman*, Rosemary tells the story of her life in Melbourne and how changes over that time made it possible for a woman to advance in the legal profession. Today there are eleven female judges on the Supreme Court of Victoria.

**WHEN ROSEMARY WAS ADMITTED TO PRACTISE AS A BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA IN 1956, IT WAS UNTHINKABLE THAT THERE WOULD EVER BE A FEMALE JUDGE OF THAT COURT. FORTY YEARS LATER, THE PREMIER JEFF KENNETT, ANNOUNCED HER APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH.**



## STELLA MARIS COLLEGE SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**K**rystal Barter is an activist, author and founder of Pink Hope. Pink Hope is a preventative health organisation working to ensure every individual can assess, manage and reduce their risk of breast and ovarian cancer, while providing personalised support for at risk women.

KRYSTAL BARTER (2001) CHARITY  
FOUNDER, PINK HOPE CHARITY



Krystal created the organisation from the ground up, initially on a volunteer capacity, while raising three young children.

Krystal's family carries the BRCA1 gene fault and more than twenty women in her family have been

diagnosed with breast and ovarian cancer including her Mum, who was diagnosed with breast cancer at just 36, her nan at 44 and her great grandma at 68.

At age 22, just five years after graduating from Stella Maris College and after years of uncertainty, Krystal underwent genetic testing; the tests returned positive for the BRCA gene. At only 25 Krystal made the difficult decision to break the cycle of cancer that plagued her family and underwent a preventative double mastectomy. Krystal was one of the first Australian women to publically share her story of preventative surgery, giving a face and awareness to prevention.

**KRYSTAL, WHO CARRIES THE BRCA GENE, WAS ONE OF THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN WOMEN TO PUBLICALLY SHARE HER STORY OF PREVENTATIVE SURGERY, GIVING A FACE AND AWARENESS TO PREVENTION OF HEREDITARY CANCER.**

In 2014, Krystal took the next step in her BRCA prevention journey and had her fallopian tubes and one ovary removed to reduce her risk of ovarian cancer.

Having experienced the isolation and lack of information for high-risk women, Krystal decided to be proactive about helping others, which lead to her to create Pink Hope.

Over the last few years Pink Hope has evolved from a community to a premier prevention awareness and education organisation changing and saving lives.

Krystal and Pink Hope have received many government and community awards. Some of these include NSW Finalist Woman of the Year 2012, Finalist Young Australian of the Year 2012, *Harpers Bazaar* Woman of Influence, *Madison* magazine Inspirational Woman and Warringah Young Citizen of the Year.

Krystal became a published author with her memoir

*The Lucky One*. The book draws on love, courage, transformation and the evolution of Pink Hope.

Krystal has made it her personal mission to provide information, resources and support for the high-risk community and potentially help create a future free from hereditary cancer for at risk families. ▲

## ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

**F**rom 2004 to 2012, Selena was the Director of the Preclinical Development Group at the Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Centre, one of the world's top alcohol and addiction research centres, at the University of California in San Francisco. In 2014 Selena launched a Brain Vitality mobile app and presented a TEDx talk about brain fitness and the neuroplasticity revolution.

PROFESSOR SELENA BARTLETT (1982)  
NEUROPHARMACOLOGY; PHARMACY; NEUROSCIENCE  
GROUP LEADER, NEUROSCIENCE AND BRAIN FITNESS, INSTITUTE  
OF HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION; RESEARCH CAPACITY  
BUILDING PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF CLINICAL SCIENCES, QUT



Selena recognised this work has the potential to be transformative and ultimately disrupt the cycle of trauma, poverty and incarceration. Selena is currently working on a book to help people understand the importance of their brain's

health. She is a passionate advocate for people who are marginalised.

Selena's time at All Hallows' had a significant impact in steering the course of her life, with the school's values of compassion and justice instrumental in Selena's desire to help others. As the oldest secondary school in Queensland, Selena believes the school's history built a depth of self-belief she carried into adulthood. In hindsight, Selena recognises she graduated into a world where she would face challenges because of her gender, however her education liberated her to feel part of something bigger and aim for greater things.

**SELENA RECOGNISES SHE GRADUATED INTO A WORLD WHERE SHE WOULD FACE CHALLENGES BECAUSE OF HER GENDER, HOWEVER HER EDUCATION LIBERATED HER TO FEEL PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER AND AIM FOR GREATER THINGS.**

Selena's professional journey was inspired by her year eleven mathematics teacher, who Selina describes as inspirational. Selena initially studied mathematics and then followed in her father's footsteps completing a PhD in Pharmacy. It was at this time that her life took

another direction when her sister was hospitalised with a mental health issue. The impacts to her extended family, and to that of her sister, led Selena to realise how little we knew about the brain and she was determined to do something about it.

Professor Bartlett won the Women in Technology (WiT) Biotech Outstanding Achievement Award, the Biotech Research Award and was an Ambassador for WiT. Selena splits her time between Australia and the United States of America. She has two children and is a role model and mentor to women from all walks of life. ▲

## IONA COLLEGE HAWKES BAY, NEW ZEALAND

**C**atherine Beard is Executive Director of Export NZ and Manufacturing NZ, divisions of Business NZ, New Zealand's largest business advocacy group, representing thousands of businesses of all sizes.

The Business NZ group includes four large regional business associations, the Major Companies Group, Export NZ, more than 70 affiliated industry associations and Buy NZ Made. The group's goal is New Zealand's prosperity through successful business.

CATHERINE BEARD (1980)  
BUSINESS; ADVOCACY; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EXPORT NZ AND  
MANUFACTURING NZ, BUSINESS NZ



In her role Catherine works with government and other key decision makers on issues of concern to exporters and manufacturers. She is required to consult and develop policy positions that are in the best

interests of business and represent those views to politicians, select committees, government agencies and the media. Catherine has recently set up a Chief Technology Officers group, which includes most of the companies making the biggest investments in research and development in New Zealand. This group will give feedback to government on the best policy settings for creating more innovative companies and a more diversified economy.

**CATHERINE HAS SPENT THE LAST 20 YEARS AS AN ADVOCATE FOR A VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES; CLIMATE CHANGE... THE FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE SECTOR AND THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.**

Catherine has spent the last 20 years as a lobbyist and advocate for a variety of industries on a wide range of issues; climate change issues for the energy

intensive sector, all aspects of the fire and general insurance sector; and the agricultural sector, with a focus on dairy. Catherine has participated in Prime Minister led trade missions to Indonesia and China and represents Business NZ at annual Global Federation of Competitiveness Council meetings.

Catherine was also a co-founder of FohFum, a start-up business designing and manufacturing children's nursery furniture, for which two products won national design awards. ▲

## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**P**rofessor Kathy Belov is the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Global Engagement) at the University of Sydney. In this position she takes responsibility for managing the development and execution of the University's global engagement strategy.

PROFESSOR KATHERINE BELOV (1991)  
COMPARATIVE GENOMICS; PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR (GLOBAL  
ENGAGEMENT), UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY; PRESIDENT OF THE  
GENETICS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA.



Key priorities are the development of the capacity of academic and professional staff to support international student learning and international research collaborations, and to achieve educational excellence in the international arena.

Professor Belov also promotes the University's position in the international academic and research community, and identifies and enables strategic opportunities for partnership and collaboration in research and education.

**PROFESSOR BELOV HAS RECEIVED TWO EUREKA AWARDS, THE CROZIER MEDAL AND THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE FENNER MEDAL FOR HER RESEARCH ON COMPARATIVE GENOMICS AND IMMUNOGENETICS OF AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE.**

Professor Belov's research is based in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and her focus is on comparative genomics and immunogenetics of Australian wildlife.

Her team studies Tasmanian devils, koalas, wallabies, platypuses and many other species. She has received two Eureka awards, the Crozier medal and the Australian Academy of Science Fenner medal for her research. She is currently the President of the Genetics Society of Australasia. ▲



## RUYTON GIRLS' SCHOOL MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

One of Ruyton's core values is to teach our girls to be versatile. Kim Brennan exemplifies this spirit. During her years at Ruyton Kim was not only an academically able student—she was Dux in 2003—but also a talented athlete. She specialised in the hurdles, and became a junior national champion. Years later, a run of injuries forced Kim to relinquish the hurdles and she turned her attention to rowing.

KIM BRENNAN (CROW, 2003)  
ATHLETE; OLYMPIAN (ROWING)



Kim represented Australia in rowing at both the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and the London Olympics in 2012, where Kim and Brooke Pratley took out a silver medal in the Women's Double Scull final. The next day Kim also took out a bronze medal in the Women's Single Scull.

AT THE RIO OLYMPICS IN 2016 KIM ACHIEVED A GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S SINGLE SCULLS... IT WAS A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR KIM, A GIRL WHO HAS EXCELLED IN BOTH THE SPORTING AND ACADEMIC ARENAS, AND WHO ALSO EXEMPLIFIES THE TRUE OLYMPIC SPIRIT.

At the Rio Olympics in 2016 Kim achieved a gold medal in the Women's Single Sculls, where she led all the way in the final. It was a fantastic achievement for Kim, a girl who has excelled in both the sporting and academic arenas, and who also exemplifies the true Olympic spirit. ▲

## LORETO COLLEGE COORPAROO BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

Working towards balancing the scales of justice is how a young Lisa Claes envisioned her life's journey as she eagerly pursued a career in law following her secondary education at Loreto College Coorparoo.

Fast forward almost four decades and Lisa is now one of the country's most respected executives and sits at the helm of United States property data giant, CoreLogic, as their recently appointed Managing Director. Lisa runs the Australian and New Zealand operations of CoreLogic, whose business provides

critical property data, analytics and related services to all providers and participants within the Australian financial services industry.

LISA CLAES (1978)  
MASTER OF LAWS, BACHELOR OF ARTS/LAWS  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORELOGIC (AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND)



Lisa knows this market well following her 27 years with ING Direct, recently resigning as the digital bank's Executive Director, Customer Delivery. With a wealth of experience in the mortgage, financial services and wealth management industries, Lisa's expertise lies in formulating financial services strategy, the digital delivery of financial services, building strong customer advocacy and driving operational efficiency.

The inspirational mother of three credits her success and significant accomplishments to her diverse career transitions; from sole professional legal practitioner, to barrister, to general counsel, to wealth and banking executive to Chief Executive Officer; together with the love and support of her amazing children and family.

LISA ASPIRES TO STIMULATE OTHERS AND CHALLENGE WOMEN TO GRAVITATE AND DEMAND ACCESS TO PIVOTAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

Lisa deeply values the opportunity to share her diverse skills and experiences within the not-for-profit sector, generously sharing her knowledge and expertise as the Chair of the Australian Mortgages Industry Standards body 'LIXI', Director of the ING Direct Foundation and board member of Loreto College Coorparoo.

Lisa aspires to stimulate others and challenge women to gravitate and demand access to pivotal development opportunities, as she says, "It is only through the tricky, challenging and uncomfortable experiences that you will truly grow and develop." ▲

## LORETO NORMANHURST SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Having lost her own father to bowel cancer at age 51, Annie Crawford knows first-hand the devastating impact that cancer can have on an individual and their family. With a background in social work and human resources, Annie was fortunate to be involved in a successful biotechnology start-up in the United States before returning to Australia in 2003. An accredited running coach and self-confessed running addict,

Annie was determined to match her passion for running with her determination to make a difference.

ANNIE CRAWFORD AM (1981)  
SOCIAL WORK, HEALTH AND WELL BEING; PHILANTHROPIST; HUMAN RESOURCES CHAIR AND FOUNDER OF CAN TOO FOUNDATION



When Annie first started 'Can Too' in 2005, she had a very clear goal in mind: train 25 people to run at Blackmores Sydney Running Festival and raise \$50,000 for cancer research. And while Can Too has grown considerably in the eleven

years since—now an independent health promotion foundation offering run, swim, and triathlon programs in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, and across regional NSW—the simple vision of getting people fit and healthy and fundraising for cancer research remains unchanged.

To date Can Too has improved the health and wellbeing of 12,500 participants who've fundraised over \$16 million. This has funded 145 early-career cancer researchers through major beneficiary Cure Cancer Australia, and two major research projects through collaboration partner Cancer Council NSW.

Annie has completed over 40 run, swim, and triathlon programs with Can Too. Her passion for giving back to the community extends beyond Can Too. Annie served as non-executive director on the board of Cure Cancer Australia and 10 Thousand Girl Campaign until earlier this year, and is a current ambassador and Council Member for Opportunity International.

AN ACCREDITED RUNNING COACH AND SELF-CONFESSED RUNNING ADDICT, ANNIE WAS DETERMINED TO MATCH HER PASSION FOR RUNNING WITH HER DETERMINATION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

In 2013, Annie was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). She has been nominated for several awards including Australian of the Year, Telstra Business Woman of the Year and Women of Style Awards. She won the Rotary Most Inspirational Woman and the Sydney University Alumni Award in 2011 and was voted in the 100 Women of Influence by the *Australian Financial Review* in 2012. She entered the Business Women's Hall of Fame and *Madison* magazine's Top 100 Inspirational Women (Philanthropy and Community) in 2013.

Annie currently focuses on her role as Chair of the Can Too Foundation, being on the Council of Opportunity International, and engagements as a professional speaker on topics such as empowering individuals, building a strong culture and sustainability in the not-for-profit sector. ▲

## TARA ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Jane Dahlstrom attended Tara Anglican School for Girls in the 1970s, and is forever grateful for the broad based education it provided to its pupils. She says: "Left to my own devices I certainly would not have gravitated towards subjects like design for living (which included learning how to set a dinner table correctly, write letters, sew and cook). The school promoted music, humanities and sport, perhaps more than academic excellence in mathematics, science and economics as it does now."

JANE DAHLSTROM (YEEND, 1978)  
MEDICINE SUB DEAN OF THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL CAMPUS;  
PROFESSOR OF ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ANU) MEDICAL SCHOOL AND CANBERRA HOSPITAL.



Jane, a medical graduate of Sydney University, is currently Sub Dean of the Canberra Hospital Campus and Professor of Anatomical Pathology at the Australian National University (ANU) Medical School

and Canberra Hospital.

After completing her PhD at the John Curtin School of Medical Research at ANU she entered speciality training in Anatomical Pathology and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) in Anatomical Pathology and in Oral Pathology; she also became a founding Fellow of the Faculty of Science. She was admitted as a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in 2014.

JANE SPENDS ABOUT HALF OF HER TIME DIAGNOSING CANCER BY LOOKING DOWN A MICROSCOPE AND ALSO HELPING FAMILIES LEARN WHY THEIR BABY WAS STILLBORN OR HAS A DISEASE.

Jane spends about half of her time diagnosing cancer by looking down a microscope and also helping families learn why their baby was stillborn or has a disease. She is actively involved in research, a spokesperson for breast cancer (as a breast cancer survivor) and a teacher within the university, hospital and community environments. She is also involved in developing pathology programs in underserved areas of the world. In 2007 she was awarded the Carrick Award, a national award for Australian university teaching. ▲

## ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL WAVERLEY SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**T**amara Davis is an astrophysicist whose research uses exploding stars and distant galaxies to learn about the nature of gravity, spacetime, and the fundamental laws of physics. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy), a Bachelor of Science (Physics), and a PhD (Astrophysics). Her research highlights include testing new theories of gravity, measuring time running slower in distant supernovae, and using galaxies to measure the mass of one of the lightest particles in nature (the neutrino). Her main focus is to figure out dark energy, which is accelerating the expansion of the universe.

**PROFESSOR TAMARA DAVIS (1993)**  
ASTROPHYSICS PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND; VICE CHANCELLOR'S RESEARCH AND TEACHING FELLOWSHIP



Tamara has received numerous prizes and awards, including the University of New South Wales Award for Research Excellence in Science for the best Doctoral Thesis of the year, the Astronomical Society of Australia's

Louise Webster Award for the early-career researcher with the highest international impact in 2009, Australia's L'Oréal Women in Science Fellowship, and a University of Queensland Foundation Research Excellence Award for emerging research leaders. In 2011 Tamara received the Australian Institute of Physics' Women-in-Physics Lectureship and the Queensland Tall Poppies Award, and in 2015 was awarded the Australian Academy of Science's Nancy Millis Medal for exceptional female leadership in science.

Tamara and her students have made a number of recognised scientific breakthroughs and she's published over 75 refereed papers, including two in *Nature*.

**TAMARA USES HER KNOWLEDGE TO INFORM A BROADER AUDIENCE. SHE HAS GIVEN OVER 100 PUBLIC TALKS, APPEARED NUMEROUS TIMES ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, AND WRITTEN MANY POPULAR SCIENCE ARTICLES.**

Further to these achievements, Tamara has contributed much on the sporting field and in community service, competing at a high level in six sports. She is a qualified ski instructor, gymnastics coach, and surf lifesaver and received a university Blue and sports scholarship from the University of NSW. Most recently, Ultimate Frisbee has become her sport of choice, and since 2000 she's played

for Australia in four world championships and two world beach championships, captaining Australia three times and winning two bronze medals. ▲

## ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**T**he Honourable Linda Dessau AM was sworn in as Victoria's 29th Governor on 1 July 2015, the first female in the role. Governor Dessau was born in Melbourne in 1953, and was educated at St Catherine's Girls' School, matriculating in 1969, before attending the University of Melbourne, where she gained the degree of LLB (Hons).

**HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AM (1969)**  
GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA



In 1975, she was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria. She signed the Bar Roll in 1978 and worked as a Crown counsel in Hong Kong between 1982 and 1985.

The Governor took her first judicial appointment in 1986 as a Magistrate. She sat in the Children's Court, Coroners Court and Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

In June 1995, the Governor was appointed a Judge of the Family Court of Australia, where she served for 18 years until July 2013.

**ON 1 JULY 2015, THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AM WAS SWORN IN AS VICTORIA'S 29TH GOVERNOR, THE FIRST FEMALE IN THE ROLE.**

Immediately before her appointment as Governor, she was President of the Melbourne Festival, Chair of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Victorian Regional Committee and a national board member of the Trust, a Commissioner of the Australian Football League, a Trustee of the National Gallery of Victoria, a board member and former Chair of AFL Sportsready and Artsready, a board member of the Unicorn Foundation, and a patron of Sports Connect.

In 2010, the Governor was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to family law and the community.

The Governor and her husband, His Honour Judge Anthony Howard, have two sons, both of whom completed Bachelors of Laws and Arts at Monash University. ▲

## CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**P**rofessor Carolyn Evans completed her secondary education at Catholic Ladies' College, Eltham, in 1988. She initially considered a career in medicine, but instead completed degrees in arts and law at the University of Melbourne.

**PROFESSOR CAROLYN EVANS (1988)**  
LAW/HUMAN AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS; DEAN, MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE



Carolyn undertook articles at commercial law firm Blake Dawson Waldron and whilst completing her articles, she was awarded a Victorian Rhodes scholarship, regarded by many as the 'world's most prestigious scholarship'.

This enabled Carolyn to undertake a Doctorate and subsequently to lecture at Oxford University. Her thesis was titled *Religious Freedom under the European Convention on Human Rights*. Carolyn was also awarded a Fulbright Senior scholarship in 2010, which took her to the United States to research comparative religious freedom.

Carolyn is recognised internationally as an expert in constitutional law, human rights law and law relating to religion, in particular as it applies to the role of women throughout the world. She has addressed audiences in the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, China, Vietnam, India, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Malaysia and Nepal, as well as Australia. She has also written or edited six books and numerous articles and book chapters.

As a student at Catholic Ladies' College, Carolyn was always passionate about debating and public speaking, believing that these taught and empowered women to think on their feet, a necessary skill if they wished to be heard and listened to seriously. She has been quoted as saying: "the empowerment of women is a most pressing need for the international community".

**"THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IS A MOST PRESSING NEED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."**

In 2011, Carolyn became the first female Dean of Melbourne Law School at the University of Melbourne; a position which had been held by men since its inception in 1873. This was indeed an affirmation of Carolyn's respected knowledge, vision and leadership skills. She has also been elected as Chair of the Council of Australian Law Deans and is a member of the Board of the State Library of Victoria. ▲

## FINTONA GIRLS' SCHOOL MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**K**ate Fischer Doherty attended Fintona Girls' School and was a prefect in her final year. She is currently a Senior Lecturer and Director of the Public Interest Law Initiative at Melbourne Law School at the University of Melbourne.

**KATE FISCHER DOHERTY (1986)**  
LAW; SOCIAL JUSTICE; SENIOR LECTURER AND DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW INITIATIVE, MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE



Whilst still at Fintona, Kate spent a year in Sweden as a Rotary exchange student, a year she credits with developing a love of travel and an appreciation of different cultures and points of view. After VCE Kate studied a combined

law and arts degree at the University of Melbourne. While she enjoyed the intellectual challenge of law, just as significant was gaining the knowledge and skills to use the law to achieve social justice.

Following graduation, Kate spent a couple of years in private commercial practice, but realised fairly quickly that this wasn't where her heart lay. After a year travelling around the world with her new husband, she returned to Melbourne Law School to begin a Masters degree in law and teach a first year subject. She then moved to a position with a small community legal centre, now known as Justice Connect, and spent ten years in various positions there, her last role managing their community legal education and training program. During this time she had four children, so had periods in and out of the workforce and generally worked part-time.

**WHILE KATE ENJOYED THE INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGE OF LAW, JUST AS SIGNIFICANT WAS GAINING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO USE THE LAW TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL JUSTICE.**

She returned to Melbourne Law School to take on her current role a year ago, and sees it as bringing together her interests in teaching, community legal education and social justice. In her role she coordinates the student law clinic program at the law school and supports and promotes public interest activity generally. Clinical legal education is a form of experiential learning that involves students working under supervision with real clients on real legal matters. Kate really enjoys working with students, particularly as they realise that they do have skills and knowledge that they can use to help those who might be disadvantaged by language, education, disability or some other reason. This is very close to her heart. ▲



## LORETO COLLEGE MARRYATVILLE ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**A**lyssa and Danielle Fitzpatrick are two high achieving sisters who have already reached pinnacles of success, with both being named South Australian Rhodes Scholars; Alyssa in 2013 and Danielle in 2016. Both women are incredibly humble and embody the qualities of successful and compassionate young women, who are driven to make a difference in the lives of others.

DR ALYSSA FITZPATRICK (2006)  
MASTERS OF GLOBAL HEALTH SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD  
UNDERTAKING MASTERS OF PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM

DR DANIELLE FITZPATRICK (2008)  
MASTERS OF GLOBAL HEALTH SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD  
RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER



In 2014/2015 Alyssa, 27, completed the Masters of Global Health Science at the University of Oxford, with Danielle, 25, taking up the same challenge in September 2016. Alyssa is currently undertaking the Masters of Public Policy program with the aim of

gaining a more rounded perspective of the challenges of health policy implementation. It is her hope to pursue clinical work and ultimately combine her clinical experiences with public health work and participation in the development of health policy.

Danielle is currently working as a resident medical officer in obstetrics and gynaecology at the Women's & Children's Hospital in Adelaide. She is also undertaking research with the obstetrics unit at the WCH, looking at foetal hydrops. Her aspiration is to combine her clinical work in obstetrics and gynaecology with a role in maternal health research and the design and management of maternal health programs in Australia.

As students both were actively and passionately involved in social justice activities and programs.

**'HELPING OTHERS' IS A THEME THE GIRLS HAVE CARRIED WITH THEM INTO THEIR WORKING LIVES AFTER INITIALLY DISCOVERING THE POWER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE DURING THEIR TIME AT LORETO.**

Alyssa and Danielle say they were drawn to medicine not only for the scientific and academic challenge it offered, but also for the human component. 'Helping others' is a theme they have carried with them into their working lives after initially discovering the power of social justice during their time at Loreto.

They are the epitome of well-rounded women; both enjoy playing the piano, cello and classical ballet, as well

as a more recent interest in rowing. In addition to their academic achievements, both were involved with the Global Health Group, INSIGHT, while at the University of Adelaide, each holding the role of Chair during their time serving in the group. Danielle also volunteers her time to mentor with the Australian Refugee Association. ▲

## SANTA SABINA COLLEGE SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**P**rofessor Mary Foley AM went to the University of New South Wales on a Commonwealth Scholarship, obtaining a science degree and then English honours. Mary then took an opportunity as an administrative trainee in the Federal Public Service, which provided special entrée to public policy and government administration.

PROFESSOR MARY FOLEY AM (1969) PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY  
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH, WESTERN  
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



Mary served as Director General and Secretary of NSW Health from 2011 to 2016. During her term of office, Mary led a major reform of the NSW public health and hospital system, based on local governance, a new transparent funding model, and strong clinician

and community engagement focused on improving patient care.

**MARY'S STATED PASSION THROUGHOUT HER CAREER HAS BEEN THE PURSUIT OF GOOD PUBLIC POLICY IN HEALTH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION AS A BASIS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY.**

Mary's achievements in public administration in health and education were acknowledged when she was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2016.

Mary held leadership roles within state and federal government, the private sector and not-for-profit organisations. She has written and lectured on health policy and served as an adviser to the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission. Mary's stated passion throughout her career has been the pursuit of good public policy in health and tertiary education as a basis for civil society.

Prior to joining NSW Health, Mary was National Health Industry Leader for PwC Australia and a leader within the firm's global health practice.

Mary was Chief Executive of St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney, responsible for integrating public and private hospitals and affiliated medical research institutes. Mary has also held senior executive positions in private health care, including Director of Acquisitions

for a major health company and General Manager of the company's diagnostic services division.

Mary was awarded the Centenary Medal by the Federal Government for service to Australian society in business leadership in 2003. She was recognised as NSW Business Woman of the Year in 1998.

Prior to her corporate career, Mary was a senior public servant in the NSW public service, following earlier career experience in the Australian Public Service in Canberra.

Mary has held various board appointments including, Deputy Chancellor of Western Sydney University and member of the University's governing board, chaired the University's Strategy and Resources Committee and is an Adjunct Professor with the University's School of Science and Health. Mary was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by Western Sydney University in recognition of her contribution to the Australian community in health and research. ▲

## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**A**bigail Forsyth initially trained as a lawyer, but after practising law in a Melbourne firm for several years, she joined her brother in developing a successful chain of cafes, specialising in healthy takeaway food and drinks.

ABIGAIL FORSYTH (1988)  
MANAGING DIRECTOR AND COFOUNDER OF KEEPCUP



They soon became aware of the urgent need to find an environmentally friendly solution to the millions of throwaway cups and all the food packaging that ends up in landfill. Whilst on maternity leave, Abigail realised she wanted a career change and decided to pursue the idea of developing an attractive reusable cup, similar to her toddler's milk cup, that would fit under a coffee machine. In 2009, after two years of design and development, they launched the innovative KeepCup, the first barista-standard reusable take-away cup.

In creating the now familiar, colourful cups, Abigail was able to combine her passion for the environment and sustainable living with her love for art, which stemmed from her school days. By designing fun, attractive cups, which are enjoyable to drink from, she hoped to encourage a positive behavioural change in coffee drinkers, based on personal responsibility and choice.

KeepCup is committed to making the ever-growing, global coffee industry more sustainable. It has offices in Melbourne, London and Los Angeles and the

cups are sold in more than 30 countries worldwide. This now multimillion-dollar commercial enterprise is underpinned by strong global values and is committed to local production where possible. Corporations and major organisations worldwide purchase the cups as a demonstration of their commitment to the environment.

**IN CREATING THE NOW FAMILIAR, COLOURFUL CUPS, ABIGAIL WAS ABLE TO COMBINE HER PASSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING WITH HER LOVE FOR ART, WHICH STEMMED FROM HER SCHOOL DAYS.**

KeepCup has been awarded many national and international design, innovative product and export awards. In 2012, the company was the HTC Start-Up Award state winner and national finalist in the prestigious Telstra Australian Business Awards.

As the Managing Director, Abigail is committed to maintaining the recycling values that underpin her company and to encouraging an egalitarian and happy workplace, where like-minded staff work as a supportive and collaborative team. In addition, she enjoys opportunities to encourage entrepreneurs who are also producing sustainable products.

Abigail manages the inevitable challenges and pressures of being a busy working mother by being able to oversee a business that fits in with her family lifestyle and by being energised by the significant and increasing contribution KeepCup is making to global sustainability. ▲

## MLC SCHOOL SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**A**nnie Forsyth Wyatt (nee Evans) OBE (1885-1961) was a Boarder at MLC School from 1895 to 1904. As a young adult, Annie Wyatt was passionate about conservation, colonial history, and humanitarianism. She believed women could make a difference in community issues and was often heard in public forums asking the question "What about the women?" She was an early supporter of the United Associations of Women in 1929.

ANNIE FORSYTH WYATT OBE (EVANS, 1904)  
FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL TRUST MOVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA,  
CONSERVATIONIST



**"WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN?"**

Annie is celebrated as the founder of the National Trust movement in Australia. Many of Sydney's beloved historic natural and



built sites remain today due to her efforts in setting up the National Trust in 1945 to protect historically significant places.

In 1946 her new National Trust compiled a list of Sydney's historic buildings and places and launched its first battle against plans to demolish Hyde Park Barracks, the Mint and Parliament House, part of a plan to remodel Macquarie Street. The fledgling Trust, led by Annie, waged a campaign and won, and at the same time awoke the public to the importance of the preservation of old buildings. ▲

## MIRIAM COLLEGE QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES

**A**lice Reyes is the visionary founder of Ballet Philippines, propelling the company into the national arts institution that it is today. In the Philippines, she established regular season concerts, professionalised dance as a career, and played a major role in the development of dance in the country. Alice is known as the 'Mother of Philippine Contemporary Dance' and was conferred the title of National Artist for Dance in 2014.

As the daughter of a distinguished Filipino folk dancer and a voice teacher, dancing and the arts have always played a significant role in Alice's life. She continued her dance training while finishing her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Foreign Service from Miriam College (formerly Maryknoll College). She then studied at the Philippine Women's University and continued her postgraduate studies at the Ateneo de Manila University.

**ALICE GARCIA REYES (1964)**  
DANCER, FOUNDER OF BALLET PHILIPPINES; NATIONAL ARTIST FOR DANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES



Alice's background in ballet, folkdance and jazz was further enhanced when she delved into the exciting realm of contemporary dance. A grant from the John D. Rockefeller III Fund enabled her to undergo extensive training at the

Colorado College under a Hanya Holm scholarship. A subsequent grant from the Music Promotion Foundation of the Philippines supported her further studies at the Sarah Lawrence College in New York where she earned her Masters of Arts in Dance under the tutelage of world-renowned dancers.

After completing her training abroad, Alice returned to the Philippines in 1969 and staged her first modern dance concert *Amada* at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Motivated by her desire to uplift

the culture of dance in the Philippines, Alice decided to stay in the country where she choreographed a series of diverse and highly acclaimed dance concerts. She also fulfilled her dream of forming a professional Filipino dance company. Since its inception in 1969, Ballet Philippines has produced a repertoire of over 500 works. From classics like *Cinderella* and *Romeo and Juliet* to modern Filipino works such as *Itim-Asu*, *Tales of the Manuvu*, and *Rama Hari*, Alice continued to stage timeless performances, bringing about a golden age of Filipino dance.

**ALICE IS KNOWN AS THE 'MOTHER OF PHILIPPINE CONTEMPORARY DANCE' AND WAS CONFERRED THE TITLE OF NATIONAL ARTIST FOR DANCE IN 2014.**

Alice stepped down as Artistic Director and President of Ballet Philippines after serving the company for twenty years. In 2014, Alice Reyes was proclaimed a National Artist for Dance of the Republic of the Philippines by President Benigno Aquino III. ▲

## ST MARY'S ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL KARRINYUP, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**N**amed as one of *Australian Financial Review's* Top 100 Women of Influence for 2015, Jessica is fast being recognised as one of Australia's leading conductors for her generation. Recognised for her ground breaking work on the podium, she is also an accomplished violinist, concert presenter, writer and guest lecturer.

**JESSICA GETHIN (WALKER, 1997)**  
MUSIC CONDUCTOR



Jessica was awarded a music scholarship to St Mary's Anglican Girls' School and was the Music Prefect in 1997. She graduated from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) with a Bachelor of Music

Performance, receiving the Faith Court Scholarship Prize for Performance. Since then, Jessica has performed on stages throughout Europe, America, Asia and Australia. She spent five years training at the Symphony Services Australia Conductor Development Programme, receiving a podium scholarship to study under internationally renowned conductors.

In 2011, Jessica commenced her appointment as Chief Conductor of the Perth Symphony Orchestra and in 2013 as Co-Artistic Director of the Perth Chamber Orchestra. In 2015, she won the prestigious Brian Stacey award for an Emerging Australian Conductor

as well as receiving a nomination for the Western Australian of the Year Award in the Arts and Culture category. In November 2015 Jessica was selected as one of only six conductors internationally chosen from over 26 countries to receive a Fellowship at the Inaugural Institute for Women Conductors with the Dallas Opera in the USA.

**JESSICA IS FAST BEING RECOGNISED AS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S LEADING CONDUCTORS FOR HER GENERATION.**

With a diverse background in genres ranging from baroque, classical, jazz, opera and ballet to musical theatre, contemporary, film score and pop, Jessica has recorded for numerous CDs, television documentaries, live radio broadcasts and television commercials.

Selected to feature in the 2016 *Who's Who in Australia* for her prolific contribution to the West Australian music industry, Jessica has also been named an Ambassador for 'Playing for Change'. Jessica is often engaged as a keynote speaker to talk on leadership and the arts for organisations including the Committee for Economic Development of Australia. Jessica currently lectures in music at WAAPA and adjudicates for festivals and eisteddfods around Australia. Jessica sat as Deputy Chairman and Board Director of the Make a Difference Foundation of West Australia for seven years and continues to be an active member of the community, working with schools and charities across the country and mentoring female musicians in the industry. ▲

## BRIGIDINE COLLEGE BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

**A**fter graduating from Brigidine in 2004, where she was Liturgy Captain in her senior year, Teegan was employed by the College until 2011. She served as the College Yearbook Editor and an Information Technology Aide. During this time, Teegan was studying at The University of Queensland (UQ). She has two double-degrees from UQ; a Bachelor of Arts (Japanese and English) and a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) as well as a Bachelor of Arts (Mandarin Chinese) and Bachelor of Business Management (Marketing).

In 2004 Teegan was admitted to the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law Dean's Honour Roll as well as the Arts Faculty Scholar Program. She was later awarded First Class Honours for her undergraduate thesis in the Bachelor of Business Management in 2012 and was valedictorian for her graduating class. In 2013 she was recognised by UQ with a Gold Medal for Academic Excellence.

**TEEGAN GREEN (2004)**  
SESSIONAL LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND UQ  
BUSINESS SCHOOL



Teegan taught Japanese for her teaching practicum at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace (2008) and later taught in a part-time capacity at her alma mater, Brigidine College Indooroopilly (2011). Currently, she is a sessional lecturer

at UQ Business School. Previously, she has tutored undergraduate and postgraduate students across subjects spanning microeconomics, statistics, business research methods, marketing and introductory management since 2010. Teegan is currently finalising her doctorate, titled *Trust Me, I'm a Doctor*, about telehealth and the practice of virtual medicine from the perspective of service providers.

**TEEGAN'S DOCTORATE, TITLED 'TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR', IS ABOUT TELEHEALTH AND THE PRACTICE OF VIRTUAL MEDICINE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

Teegan has been recognised with various academic scholarships from UQ and the Australian Government, which have seen her travel to Taiwan, England and China to present at academic conferences. In 2012, she was the first undergraduate honours student to win first place at UQ Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition, a title which she went on to replicate in the 2015 3MT competition for doctoral students, taking out first place at the school, faculty and university-wide levels.

In 2004 she was the recipient of the Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs award for the Brisbane North District, and in 2013 she was recognised globally as the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Young Woman in Business, one of just twelve international recipients.

Teegan has previously served on UQ Academic Board (2015) and currently serves on the Ipswich Hospital Foundation Board since 2016. ▲

## LORETO KIRIBILLI SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**K**athryn Greiner has contributed to a wide range of leadership positions in public, private, government and non-profit organisations. Her professional career has focused on health, education and community development.

Kathryn has recently completed a Review of Governance Structures and System Funding of Catholic Schools for the NSW-ACT Bishops. She also chairs the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing for the

NSW Government; the Board of Loreto Kirribilli Ltd; is the Chairman of Mary Ward International Australia, an overseas aid agency; and is a Director of the Bell Shakespeare Company. She was an elected Councillor to the City of Sydney Council (1995-2004).

**KATHRYN GREINER AO (1964)**  
HEALTH; EDUCATION; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Kathryn has held directorships for Australian Hearing, Pacific Power, John Singleton Advertising, the Financial Planning Association and has been a member of the Bond University Council as well as a member of the Advisory Council of L.E.K.

Consulting Ltd. Her non-profit activities have included Chair of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, Chair of Save the Children NSW and Australia and Chair of the Sydney Peace Prize Foundation.

Kathryn has contributed as a board member to a number of NSW and Australian Government inquiries and committees, including the Review of Funding for Schooling (The Gonski Inquiry) and the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board.

**KATHRYN GREINER IS AN EMBODIMENT OF THE BELIEF OF MARY WARD, FOUNDER OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THAT 'WOMEN IN TIME WILL COME TO DO MUCH'.**

Kathryn holds a Bachelor of Social Work (University of NSW), was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (2001) and, in 2014, was awarded a Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) from the University of NSW.

Kathryn Greiner is an embodiment of the belief of Mary Ward, founder of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that 'women in time will come to do much', and she is an inspiration to all Loreto Kirribilli women of today and tomorrow. ▲

## ST URSULA'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

**A**my Hanna completed a Bachelor of Science (Biology and Science) at the University of Southern Queensland 2008. Some laboratory research experience in her final year led her to apply for an honours research project at the John Curtin School of Medical Research at the Australian National University (ANU). Her research focused on the proteins in cardiac muscle that control how the heart contracts and relaxes. In 2014 Amy was awarded a PhD from ANU Canberra.

The aim of her research was to characterise the effects of some chemotherapeutic drugs on the proteins in the heart that control muscle contraction. These drugs are highly effective as a cancer treatment but they cause heart failure as a side-effect which limits how much a patient can receive and who they can be given to. Amy's work is only a small piece of the puzzle but hopefully other researchers will be able to use her findings to increase the safety of these drugs. Her PhD took approximately four years; it was challenging but she learnt that scientific research was what she wanted pursue.

**DOCTOR AMY HANNA (2003)**  
RESEARCH SCIENCE  
POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATE, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



In 2015 Amy was awarded the Frank Fenner Medal at the John Curtin School of Medical Research for the most outstanding PhD thesis submitted to the school.

As soon as Amy's PhD was accepted she moved to the United

States of America to undertake postdoctoral research at Molec Physiology/Hamilton, Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas where she is working as a Postdoctoral Associate. The focus of the research is skeletal muscle diseases including congenital muscle myopathies and malignant hyperthermia.

**IN 2015 AMY WAS AWARDED THE FRANK FENNER MEDAL AT THE JOHN CURTIN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING PHD THESIS SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL.**

Amy plans to stay in Houston to complete her training before moving back to Australia and continuing her research. Amy says, "I'm lucky I've been able to find a career that I really love and have had great mentors at every stage of my career. Not to mention a very supportive family!" ▲

## CAMBERWELL GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**F**rom a young age, Kim Henderson was interested in travel and loved writing. She dreamt of becoming a foreign correspondent and on completing year twelve, she got herself the right score to commence a journalism degree.

Half way through her degree Kim took a class on development studies and all of a sudden, that dream of becoming a foreign correspondent became old news, quite literally. Kim recalls being so overwhelmed by what she learnt in her new class, that she changed the direction of her studies almost immediately.

In 1992 Kim completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government and in 1995 she completed her Masters in Development Studies. From that moment onwards, Kim has been working all over the world for organisations such as the United Nations, AusAID and currently for Oxfam International. There was also a stint as Parliamentary Advisor for Foreign Affairs.

**"FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS EXPOSED TO GLOBAL INJUSTICES AND I JUST WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM. BEFORE THEN I HADN'T UNDERSTOOD THE GLOBAL SCALE OF INEQUALITY. I UNDERSTOOD POVERTY BUT NOT THAT MOST OF THE WORLD LIVED IN POVERTY."**  
**KIM HENDERSON**

**KIM HENDERSON (1987)**  
POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT; GENDER JUSTICE LEAD AT OXFAM



A true international development expert, Kim works day in and day out to make a difference. For ten years she worked for the United Nations Development Programme, calling Bangkok and New York home. Working

predominately in the Policy Bureau, Kim's focus was to develop policy in the areas of democratic governance and gender equality.

Kim says: "I was privileged to work on projects addressing violence against women and girls, and increasing women's political participation—both issues that are significant still in Australia. I also worked on improving women's rights."

At Oxfam, Kim's role as a Gender Justice Lead is very similar to her role at the United Nations. Working on violence against women and girls, as well as women's leadership and women's economic empowerment, Kim develops policy and is also involved in campaigning and political advocacy.

"We know that women bear the brunt of poverty worldwide and that empowering women and enabling them equal access to fulfilling their human rights is also a pathway towards ending poverty and injustice," says Kim.

The most rewarding part of Kim's role is the people that she is fortunate to meet and work with.

"I interact with so many inspiring people who challenge injustice and inequality in their own communities and abroad, often at great personal risk. I find this immensely admirable and inspiring. It also amazes me how connected you can become to others despite many differences," she says. ▲

## QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

**J**udge Carolyn Henwood started her law career working as a court officer at the Supreme Court. It was while working in the court she discovered her passion for the law.

**JUDGE CAROLYN HENWOOD CNZM (1964)**  
LAW AND YOUTH JUSTICE; DISTRICT AND YOUTH COURT JUDGE



Judge Henwood graduated from Victoria University Wellington with a law degree and was admitted to the Bar in the early 1970s. She worked as a law clerk at the law firm Buddle Anderson and Kent while at university.

Judge Henwood then moved to law firm Olphert Bornholdt and Company, where she was made partner.

**JUDGE HENWOOD SPENT 22 YEARS AS A YOUTH COURT JUDGE SPURRING HER INTEREST IN YOUTH JUSTICE BOTH AT HOME AND INTERNATIONALLY.**

In 1985, Judge Henwood was appointed District Court judge in Wellington—the first female District Court judge in Wellington and the third in New Zealand. Judge Henwood spent 22 years as a Youth Court judge spurring her interest in youth justice both at home and internationally. She has been involved with a range of youth and criminal justice issues through attending, presenting and convening conferences and international study. In 1998 Judge Henwood convened an international youth justice conference which resulted in a ministerial task force developing the Youth Offending Strategy 2002. Following on from this, Judge Henwood was appointed as special adviser for the implementation of the Te Hurihanga Youth Justice programme.

In 2004 Judge Henwood established a charity called the Henwood Trust with the mission of effective strategies for young offenders. She has written several publications, including New Zealand's gift to the world—the youth justice family group conference.

Judge Henwood spent seven years as Chair of the Confidential Listening and Assistance Service, which allows people to be heard by an independent panel if they have historic allegations of abuse or neglect while in state care. As a result of her work, she has written a covenant, which commits to protecting children from violence, abuse and neglect and to provide a proper standard of living. In 2016 iwi leaders from 68 tribes around New Zealand signed the covenant.

Judge Henwood has also had extensive



involvement in the theatre and arts sector. She is a founding member of Circa Theatre and the Theatre Artists Charitable Trust. Judge Henwood has also given back to her school as the Founding Chair and Patron of the Queen Margaret College Foundation Trust.

In the 2002 Judge Henwood received a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for her services as a District and Youth Court judge and to the arts. ▲

## ST MARY'S COLLEGE HOBART, TASMANIA

**P**rofessor Hughes-Warrington is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the Australian National University, a role that she has held since 2012. In that position, she has strategic and operational responsibility across academic activities in a university with 23,000 students, in excess of 30,000 edX (open online course provider) signups, 3,700 staff and 3,900 clinical and professional staff affiliates. Those responsibilities range from international research and education and large-scale education innovation to education philanthropy and student fees, accommodation and academic standards.

**PROFESSOR MARNIE HUGHES-WARRINGTON (1987)**  
EDUCATION; PHILOSOPHY; DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC),  
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



Professor Hughes-Warrington's first degree was a Bachelor of Education (Hons) from the University of Tasmania. In 1992 she was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, which supported her completion of a Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy, History and Education from Oxford

University. After completing her doctorate, she lectured in philosophy and history at the University of Washington, Seattle, and Macquarie University, Sydney, before being recruited to the role of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) at Monash University, a ten-campus university with over 70,000 students.

She has a strong global profile as an historian and philosopher who seeks to explain the nature, purpose and limits of history making. In the six books she has published so far, she has argued that written and film histories are not distinctive forms of knowledge; that assumptions about scale limit our understanding of world histories; and that revisionism is a conservative approach to knowledge and sense making. Her current research shows how Aristotelian philosophy has

defined and limited the discipline of history over time. The impact of her work has been broad, with over 25,000 copies of her books having been sold. This research has been supported by \$18 million in grants, and her commitment to the connection of research and education saw her awarded the honour of the Prime Minister's University Teacher of the Year in 2008.

### A STRONG GLOBAL PROFILE AS AN HISTORIAN AND PHILOSOPHER WHO SEEKS TO EXPLAIN THE NATURE, PURPOSE AND LIMITS OF HISTORY MAKING

Her contributions to university philanthropy are well known both nationally and internationally. She has led the achievement of \$107 million (AUD) in gifts for Australian National University in three years, including the largest gift given by an Australian to an Australian university (\$100 million). In 2015, she became the first woman to be appointed National Secretary for the Rhodes Trust in Australia, and the last two years has seen both regeneration in scholarship governance and the securing of \$35 million in gifts to secure the Australian scholarships. ▲

## PERTH COLLEGE PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**R**ishelle Hume is changing the lives of indigenous youth in a quest to continue the legacy of her grandparents. Graduating from Perth College in 1992, Rishelle says she learned from them during her childhood and saw how they fought to ensure basic rights for aboriginal people in the 1970s and 1980s.

**RISHELLE HUME (1992)**  
INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE RESOURCES SECTOR  
SENIOR HUMAN RESOURCES ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT  
CONSULTANT, CHEVRON AUSTRALIA



"They certainly influenced and shaped me into the person I am today. My grandparents, Patrick and Lorna Hume, tirelessly promoted Aboriginal rights and culture and, as traditional Wadjuk elders, taught me what it was to be a role

model and to lead others.

"They taught me to help others be heard, and passed on the legacy of representing our people. For our Aboriginal leaders, the social and moral obligation that comes with community leadership is life-long; those who lead, who have authority, must care for and look after those who come behind."

Rishelle was recognised for 20 years of work in

advancing her culture in the areas of employment, education, justice and health, and for being a role model to aboriginal athletes, when she was named the Western Australian of the Year in the aboriginal award category in June.

Actively involved in the community, Rishelle is the chairperson of the Mandjah Boodjah Aboriginal Corporation, an advisory council member of the Noongar Charitable Trust, and Co-Ambassador of the Yorga Djenna Bidi Leadership Programme. She is also on the board of directors for the Noongar Wellbeing and Sports Association.

As the Senior Human Resources Aboriginal Employment Consultant at Chevron, and a mother of three children, Rishelle is eager to improve aboriginal leadership capabilities.

### "MY GRANDPARENTS, PATRICK AND LORNA HUME, TIRELESSLY PROMOTED ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND CULTURE AND, AS TRADITIONAL WADJUK ELDERS, TAUGHT ME WHAT IT WAS TO BE A ROLE MODEL AND TO LEAD OTHERS." RISHELLE HUME

"Effective leadership is fundamental in helping achieve a better future for aboriginal people. We need to foster and nurture a new generation of aboriginal leaders. We need to invest in their leadership development so we can create a future for my people where we no longer talk about 'closing the gap' because there's no more gap to close."

She says: "Perth College provided me the educational and learning opportunities to grow, be confident and be an advocate and speak up for others. The application of discipline to achieve great results, to push myself and to be the best I could be—Perth College played a hand in instilling all of this in me." ▲

## MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE HOBART, TASMANIA

**E**lizabeth Jordan is the second eldest of ten children, all of who attended Mount Carmel College; the siblings spent a total of 100 years at Mount Carmel.

**ELIZABETH JORDAN (1972)**  
PHARMACY; PHARMACIST, ROYAL HOBART HOSPITAL



From the age of eleven, Elizabeth decided that she was going to be a pharmacist. During her school holidays, she worked at the iconic Corby's Pharmacy in Hobart, dusting the shelves in the dispensary and counting tablets

from big bottles into smaller containers ready for dispensing.

In secondary school, Elizabeth studied the sciences—chemistry, physics, biology and maths—as these were all pre-requisites for studying pharmacy. In addition to the sciences, she studied religion, English, French, four years of Latin and a year of German.

Elizabeth was accepted into Pharmacy at the end of year twelve, graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science (in Pharmacy) in 1976. At the completion of her studies, she was required to do a registration year in either a Community Pharmacy or a Hospital Pharmacy. The latter appealed to her and the Head of the Pharmacy School, Dr Alan Polack, encouraged her to apply for a position at a mainland hospital.

### DURING HER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, SHE WORKED AT THE ICONIC CORBY'S PHARMACY IN HOBART, DUSTING THE SHELVES IN THE DISPENSARY AND COUNTING TABLETS FROM BIG BOTTLES INTO SMALLER CONTAINERS READY FOR DISPENSING.

Elizabeth spent her registration year at the Queen Victoria Medical Centre in Melbourne. At the completion of this year, Elizabeth stepped outside her comfort zone and worked as a pharmacist at a number of hospitals: Mildura Base Hospital, for the Royal Australia Air Force at the Butterworth Base in Malaysia, at a Health Centre in Penang; and as the first pharmacist appointed at the Air Force Base Medical Hospital at Amberley in Queensland. After travels around the world, Elizabeth was invited to become a member of the permanent Royal Australian Air Force, working again at the Amberley Air Force Base and then at the Air Force Health Directorate in Canberra, where she served for six years.

Maintaining her registration as a Pharmacist, Elizabeth and her young family returned to Hobart in 1994 and worked in Community Pharmacy before assuming her current position as Pharmacist at the Royal Hobart Hospital in 2004.

In October 2015, Elizabeth was awarded the Tasmanian Pharmacist of the Year. ▲

## THE GLENNIE SCHOOL TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

**E**mma is an active and passionate music educator, conductor and performer. She is currently employed as the Middle Years Arts Co-ordinator at The Glennie School and is engaged as the conductor for three of the school's choral ensembles.

In 2016 Emma directed a successful choral tour throughout Italy, Austria and the Czech Republic where the school choir performed in various distinguished venues, including St Marks Basilica in Venice, the Smetana Hall in Prague and the Wiener Musikverein.



While in Vienna the choir competed in the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival, and placed third in the treble choir section.

EMMA KANN (2005)  
CHORAL MUSIC  
MIDDLE YEARS ARTS CO-ORDINATOR, THE GLENNIE SCHOOL



Emma was Performing Arts Captain at the Glennie School (2005) before entering the Queensland Conservatorium of Music where she completed a Bachelor of Music majoring in performance (classical voice) and going

on to complete a Graduate Diploma of Education from The University of Queensland majoring in ancient and modern history.

As a student Emma performed in numerous operatic productions including *Saul* by Handel, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Britten and *Cendrillon* by Massenet. While at the Conservatorium Emma also had the opportunity to perform with several community ensembles including Brisbane Chorale, Canticum Chamber Choir, Cathedral Schola of St Stephen, the Queensland Youth Orchestra and the Queensland Pops Orchestra.

She has sung with numerous choirs across Queensland, including the Brisbane Birralees, Resonance of Birralees and she is currently a member of the vocal ensemble Fusion, which has just performed as one of the guest choirs at Choralfest in Melbourne, 2015.

EMMA IS DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE IN CHORAL EDUCATION AND PROVIDING ALL CHILDREN WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND ACHIEVE PERSONAL FULFILMENT AS CHORAL MUSICIANS.

Emma has travelled extensively throughout Australia during her career as a choral singer, including a performance at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in

Melbourne. She has also travelled to the United States to perform at the Pacific International Children's Choral Festival. A particular highlight for Emma came in 2014 when she was invited to represent the Australian National Choral Association at the Brisbane reception for their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Emma is dedicated to excellence in choral education and providing all children with the opportunity to discover and develop their skills and achieve personal fulfilment as choral musicians. She is a strong advocate of all-girls schooling and is proud of her education at Glennie. Emma is delighted to have been given the opportunity to return to Glennie as a teacher. ▲

## SIENA COLLEGE MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Anne-Maree holds a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery from The University of Melbourne, a Fellowship of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, a Masters of Clinical Education from the University of New South Wales and a Doctor of Medicine (Research Doctorate) from The University of Melbourne.

PROFESSOR ANNE-MAREE KELLY (1977)  
SCIENCE; MEDICINE; PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE, FOOTSCRAY HOSPITAL; DIRECTOR OF THE JOSEPH EPSTEIN CENTRE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE RESEARCH; SENIOR CLINICAL ADVISOR TO THE VICTORIAN STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Anne-Maree has practiced Emergency Medicine in South Australia, New Zealand and Victoria. She was the first woman appointed as Professor of Emergency Medicine in Australasia and is an internationally recognised teacher

and researcher as well as a clinician. For the last 20 years she has served the people of Melbourne's west at Western Health. She is currently Professor and Director of Emergency Medicine at Footscray Hospital, Director of the Joseph Epstein Centre for Emergency Medicine Research and Senior Clinical Advisor to the Department of Health and Human Services. ▲

PROFESSOR ANNE-MAREE KELLY WAS THE FIRST WOMAN APPOINTED AS PROFESSOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN AUSTRALASIA AND IS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED TEACHER AND RESEARCHER AS WELL AS A CLINICIAN.

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE GEELONG, VICTORIA

Prue Kenny is a past student of Sacred Heart College Geelong who graduated as College Captain in 2004. Following a gap year as a Communications Clerk at a local law firm, Prue attended Deakin University to study law and commerce.

PRUE KENNY (2004)  
LAW; SOCIAL JUSTICE; LEGAL COUNSEL, WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA



Prue says: "I decided to study law because I was drawn to the idea of being able to find solutions to people's problems by applying the law, where it was possible. I have always enjoyed a challenge too, and I could see that law would provide the challenge I was after in my career."

A lifelong passion for basketball took Prue to Florida where she played and studied at Stetson University, and then Copenhagen in Denmark. Prue completed an internship at the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda, based in Tanzania, before heading to New York City for a role at the United Nations Headquarters in 2013. Following this, Prue worked for an international court based out of Sierra Leone, West Africa, and the Dutch city of The Hague. "These experiences all came about with a combination of initiative, faith and persistence," Prue explains.

Prue returned to Melbourne in 2015 to become the Legal Counsel for World Vision Australia. She is also currently studying her Master of Laws at the University of Melbourne, part-time. "My Catholic education provided me with strength and grace that I believe has enabled certain events in my life to pan out better than perhaps they would have ordinarily."

Recently, Prue addressed guests at Sacred Heart's

annual Alumni Dinner and spoke of her commitment to helping others in the community, and the absolute joy she feels in assisting newly arrived immigrants in Geelong. Prue also touched on the many opportunities we all have to influence other people's lives for the better, even though we don't often fully appreciate or realise the extent of our impact.

"... I THINK SACRED HEART ULTIMATELY INSTILLED IN ME AN UNWAVERING COURAGE TO SEEK MY DREAMS AND AT TIMES, TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH." PRUE KENNY

In her closing statement, Prue proudly noted, "I can honestly say that my education at Sacred Heart was pivotal in allowing me to make it as far as I have to date. In combination with the wonderfully positive influence that my parents had on me when growing up, and their infinite support generally, I think Sacred Heart ultimately instilled in me an unwavering courage to seek my dreams and at times, take a leap of faith." ▲

## ABBOTSLEIGH SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Jill Ker Conway is an Australian-born American scholar, whose research as a historian focused on the role of feminism in American history.

Jill was educated at Abbotsleigh and the University of Sydney, where she took an honours degree in history. After her rejection by the Australian foreign service on the basis of her sex, she immigrated to the United States for graduate work. While earning her doctorate at Harvard University (PhD, 1969), she met and married John Conway. The Conways then moved to Toronto. There she taught 19th and 20th century American history at the University of Toronto, where she also became one of five vice presidents of the university.

DOCTOR JILL KER CONWAY AC (KER, 1951)  
SCHOLAR; AUTHOR; EXPERT HISTORIAN ON FEMINISM



In 1975 Jill became the first female president of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, a position she held for a decade. In 1985 she became a visiting scholar and professor in the Science, Technology and Society program at

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Jill's work on feminism and history yielded books including *The Female Experience in 18th and 19th Century America* (1982) and *Women Reformers and American Culture* (1987).

After editing two anthologies of autobiographical writing by women, she explored the memoir as a literary form in *When Memory Speaks: Reflections*



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on *Autobiography* (1998). Jill wrote her own life story in *The Road from Coorain* (1989), which was adapted for television (2001), *True North* (1994) and *A Woman's Education* (2001). She was also the author of *Felipe the Flamingo* (2006), a children's book.

**JILL KER CONWAY'S RESEARCH AS A HISTORIAN FOCUSED ON THE ROLE OF FEMINISM IN AMERICAN HISTORY.**

Jill was appointed an Honorary Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in June 2013 for her eminent service to the community, particularly women. In 2013, she received the US 2012 National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama. ▲

**ST MARGARET'S ANGLICAN GIRLS SCHOOL  
BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND**

**D**r Krause was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Honours list 2016 for distinguished service to medicine in the field of urology and gynaecology, particularly through surgical assistance to women in developing countries throughout Asia and Africa.

Dr Krause graduated from The University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery in 1991. Early in her career Dr Krause began medical volunteer work. In 1995, while working as a resident doctor in a rural Ethiopian hospital, she witnessed the problems faced by women from low-income communities in Africa and the complications that arise from limited access to obstetric care. The experience encouraged her to specialise in gynaecology.

In 2002, while at the Senior Registrar level in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Brisbane's Royal Women's Hospital, Dr Krause was awarded the Brown Craig Travelling Fellowship from the Royal Australian and New

Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. She was made Fellow the following year. Awarded a Royal Women's Hospital (Melbourne) Postgraduate Research Degree Scholarship in 2004, Dr Krause graduated with a Master of Philosophy in 2006 and became a Certified Urogynaecologist in the same year.

**DOCTOR HANNAH KRAUSE AO (1985)  
GYNAECOLOGY; UROLOGY; CONSULTANT UROGYNAECOLOGIST AND VISITING MEDICAL OFFICER, GREENSLOPES PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE HOSPITAL**



Throughout her career Dr Krause has sustained regular, self-funded volunteer medical missions to developing countries, working for weeks at a time with only minimal resources and equipment. Medical staff operate on eight to ten

women each day, beds are limited and post-operative conditions are cramped. However, the missions treat upwards of 100 women who would otherwise experience extreme adversity and social isolation.

In July this year, Dr Krause travelled to far west Uganda for a two-week surgical camp, treating women with genital tract fistula and up-skilling local professionals in fistula management. She is expected to travel to Myanmar in September before returning to Uganda in December.

**DR KRAUSE HAS SUSTAINED REGULAR, SELF-FUNDED VOLUNTEER MEDICAL MISSIONS THROUGHOUT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WORKING FOR WEEKS AT A TIME WITH ONLY MINIMAL RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT THE ORGANISATIONS BRING WITH THEM.**

Dr Krause has authored and contributed to two books and has contributed numerous articles to peer reviewed professional journals. Affiliated with several professional societies and associations, Dr Krause's medical career is grounded in humble

and compassionate service of women in need with a significant commitment to the advancement of knowledge of her profession. She is currently in the final year of her Doctorate of Philosophy at Griffith University. ▲

**DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

**I**n 2015 at just seventeen years old, young environmentalist and advocate for a sustainable future, Georgia Lala, won the most prestigious secondary student science prize in New Zealand, The Prime Minister's Future Science Prize. Worth \$50,000, the prize is awarded to a secondary school student for their achievement in carrying out a practical and innovative research or technology project.

**GEORGIA LALA (2015)  
SCIENCE; ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP AT DUKE UNIVERSITY, USA**



Georgia won the award for the development of 'Root Aquaponics'; a low carbon footprint aquaponics system for growing edible plants indoors, enabling families to reduce the amount of commercially grown crops that they purchase.

A passionate social entrepreneur, each time a Root Aquaponics unit is purchased, 50 per cent of the profit goes towards funding a unit for a school or kindergarten for less fortunate children. Georgia also spends weekends creating quilts for children at Starship Hospital, donating over 30 quilts in a year.

**AT JUST SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD, YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST AND ADVOCATE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE, GEORGIA LALA, WON THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS SECONDARY STUDENT SCIENCE PRIZE IN NEW ZEALAND, THE PRIME MINISTER'S FUTURE SCIENCE PRIZE.**

Georgia was educated at Diocesan School for Girls, starting when she was five years old. An excellent student, she was named Proxime Accessit in her final year in 2015. She is also a talented musician and artist, and one of her multimedia works is now in the Sir James Wallace Art collection.

Georgia has a strong interest in human rights and is a United Nations Youth Ambassador. She was part of the Australasian delegation at Harvard's Model United Nations held in Boston.

She is currently in her first year at an Ivy League University, Duke, after being awarded a Robertson Scholarship. The highly sought-after scholarship covers

her study and living costs for four years. At Duke she is undertaking a degree in natural sciences. She plans to complete a postgraduate degree in medicine with the aim to work in population health policy in organisations such as the United Nations. ▲

**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND**

**W**endy Makin is a nationally recognised bridal wear designer who also owns three bridal boutiques and wholesales to more than 100 boutiques throughout Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Wendy knew from a young age that she wanted to be a fashion designer. She completed year twelve at St Patrick's College, Townsville, in 1980 and joined renowned bridal house Dundee Fashions as an apprentice designer/patternmaker. Rising quickly, she became head designer for the company in 1984.

**WENDY MAKIN (OFFERMANS, 1980)  
FASHION DESIGNER; OWNER, WENDY MAKIN BRIDAL DESIGNS**



Wendy started her own label, Wendy Makin Bridal Designs, in 1993 and quickly stamped her signature of modern, soft, wearable bridal wear on the industry. Her new look was a revelation in the industry because it was

so different and unstructured. Her look came at a time when brides were looking for a different, more appealing look to the gowns of the 1980s and early '90s. She ventured into retail in 1995 with the opening of her first studio in Townsville, which was quickly followed by her flagship couture studio in Brisbane.

In 1996 Wendy took her signature look to New Zealand and then to the United Kingdom in 2002 with great success. Seeing a need for more affordable, modern and wearable bridal gowns, Wendy developed her BellaDonna Collection in 1999. This collection, once again, became very popular with retailers and brides.

**OVER THE YEARS WENDY HAS WON MANY AWARDS FOR HER DESIGNS AND HER SERVICE INCLUDING FIVE RAQ FASHION DESIGN AWARDS, SEVEN AUSTRALIAN BRIDAL INDUSTRY ACADEMY AWARDS... AND NUMEROUS QUEENSLAND BRIDE DESIGN AWARDS...**

Over the years Wendy has won many awards for her designs and her service including five RAQ Fashion Design Awards, seven Australian Bridal Industry Academy Awards for service excellence in



the industry and numerous Queensland Bride Design Awards, including last year's Supreme, Couture and People's Choice Awards.

Wendy enjoys working with brides in her own studios in Brisbane and Melbourne. This hands on approach helps her to keep in touch with what the market wants and to develop her unique collections which she shows twice a year in Australia and overseas. The overseas travel also helps inspire her collections and the influences of the classic European cities of Paris and Rome are evident in her designs.

Wendy has been married to husband and business partner, Geoff, for 33 years. ▲

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**S**uzanne Mashtoub commenced her education at St Aloysius College (SAC) in 1996 as a fourth grader. An outgoing, happy, cheerful girl, Suzanne soon made it clear that she had not come to be part of a cheer squad. She had arrived to be part of the school action, and at the centre of it if necessary. She eventually became involved in just about all the activities that the school had to offer.

DR SUZANNE MASHTOUB (2004)  
SCIENCE; NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL  
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW; RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR;  
ADJUNCT LECTURER



Suzanne was a member of the choir, a member of the rock band, and also part of the orchestra. She represented SAC with distinction in debating, soccer and beach volleyball. She attended music camps and

played lead roles in drama productions. As a senior student, Suzanne travelled to Argentina as part of a contingent of music students involved in a Mercy Outreach program. She also participated in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

And was heavily involved in the college social justice group. In her final year she was an inaugural participant in, and assisted with the organisation of, a national conference concerning social justice that was held in Adelaide and attended by students from other Mercy Schools in Australia.

Both Suzanne's peers and her teachers recognised her ability to provide strong, willing leadership, and as a result, elected her President of the Student Council in 2004. She occupied this position with energy and

enthusiasm and certainly helped to raise its profile in the eyes of the college community. Upon her graduation, Suzanne received the Catherine McAuley Award in recognition of her commitment to Mercy values.

### SHE HAD ARRIVED TO BE PART OF THE SCHOOL ACTION, AND AT THE CENTRE OF IT IF NECESSARY.

Bearing in mind Suzanne's enthusiasm for music and drama, one could be forgiven for expecting her to pursue one or the other at the tertiary level. This was not to be the case. Instead, she chose science and is now a University of Adelaide PhD graduate and affiliate researcher in the School of Medical Sciences. In 2015, Dr Mashtoub won the University of Adelaide Faculties of Sciences, Science and Technology Award.

Since graduating from university, Dr Mashtoub has returned to St Aloysius as guest of honour at the annual Dux Assembly where she was warmly welcomed and presented to the student body as an inspiration to all assembled students, but especially to those contemplating a career in science. ▲

## SANTA MARIA COLLEGE PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**S**ister Irene McCormack (1938–1991) was a Catholic martyr, a selfless missionary in Peru and a teacher in every sense of the word. Sister Irene was raised on a farm outside of the small town of Trayning in Western Australia. She was a boarding student at Santa Maria College from 1953 to 1954, where she completed her secondary schooling.

SISTER IRENE MCCORMACK (1954)  
MISSIONARY; TEACHER



After school Sister Irene joined the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. She spent many years teaching in schools in country areas. She constantly advocated for country children and challenged the Catholic Bishops to provide more resources for these

isolated children. She saw it as a justice issue.

After 30 years of teaching in Australian schools, Sister Irene made the difficult decision to leave teaching and serve the poor. She felt strongly that she wanted to be part of a more global church. She arrived in Peru in 1987 for missionary work.

Sister Irene's first assignment was in a low income, inner city area of San Juan de Miraflores. She served

there for two years. On 26 June 1989, Sister Irene left to serve in Huasahuasi, in the Andes Mountains about 200 kilometres from Lima. This was a more politically troubled area; she was tasked with distributing food parcels for aid agency Caritas.

### SISTER IRENE CONSTANTLY ADVOCATED FOR COUNTRY CHILDREN AND CHALLENGED THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS TO PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES FOR THESE ISOLATED CHILDREN. SHE SAW IT AS A JUSTICE ISSUE.

Despite knowing the inherent risks of ministering in such a troubled region, Sister Irene continued her work after others evacuated. In addition to distributing food, she visited elderly and sick parishioners in outlying villages and provided reading books for school children.

On 21 May 1991, Sister Irene was executed by the Shining Path Guerrilla group, in the village of Huasahuasi. She was publicly and brutally shot, along with four villagers. She was accused by the Maoist group of dispensing 'American food' and spreading 'American ideas' (school books).

Sister Irene is under consideration for beatification, a process that is being promoted by the Sisters of St Joseph. Congregational Leader, Sister Ann Derwin, said that people in Huasahuasi already regard Sister Irene McCormack as a saint. This year is the 25th anniversary of her death. ▲

## BRISBANE GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

**J**ulie McKay is the inaugural Gender Advisor to Chief of the Defence Force and has recently been appointed to lead the diversity and inclusion practice of PriceWaterhouseCoopers. She previously spent a decade as the Executive Director of the Australian National Committee for UN Women, a role she accepted at the age of 23.

JULIE MCKAY (2000)  
PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY GENDER ADVISOR TO  
CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE



Julie attended Brisbane Girls Grammar School from 1996 until 2000 and went on to study a Bachelor of Business/Arts at The University of Queensland. She has also completed a Master of Public Policy through the Australian

University and an Executive Masters of Business Administration through the University of Sydney.

Shortly after commencing her career in a graduate banking position, Julie recognised that her passion lay in advocating for women and socially disadvantaged groups and left the corporate world for a small not-for-profit organisation. Since then, Julie has worked with a range of organisations to strengthen their gender and diversity outcomes. From strategy development, to implementing specific initiatives and providing gender awareness training, Julie has demonstrated her understanding of the complexity of workplace gender equality. Recently, she has been leading an innovative conversation in the business community about how to drive gender equality through supply chain reform.

Julie has developed successful relationships with key advocates in leading organisations such as the Commonwealth Bank and Aurizon, who are now working actively to advance gender equality and challenge attitudes towards women. During her time at UN Women, the National Committee raised more than \$2.5 million for programs that support the empowerment of women and girls in the developing world.

### JULIE RECOGNISED THAT HER PASSION LAY IN ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS.

Julie was the 2013 Young Australian of the Year and 2012 Telstra Young Business Woman of the Year in the Australian Capital Territory. She has completed a Churchill Fellowship continuing her research into women's leadership in non-traditional sectors, is a Fellow in Ethical Leadership at the Melbourne Business School and was appointed the Chair of the Women's College within the University of Sydney in 2016. ▲

## SACRÉ CŒUR MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**A**ssembling birthing kits for use in third world countries; providing supplies for women and their children in domestic violence shelters; fundraising to provide surgery, employment skills and training for sufferers of obstetric fistula; listening to inspirational talks from young women who are recipients of a range of awards. These activities are just a small part of the volunteer work that has led to Beryl McMillan, Director of Development and Community Relations at Sacré Cœur, being awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Beryl began her career as a secondary teacher, over the years enjoying a range of positions of responsibility in several schools. Along the way, she found time to undertake further study, raise two sons and be involved in their schools and sporting activities.



**BERYL MCMILLAN OAM**  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS,  
SACRÉ CŒUR



When it was suggested by a mentor that she apply for a quite different job, involving administration and delivery of educational leadership programs, she jumped at the opportunity for a new challenge. This period coincided with active

participation in the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL) over several years, culminating in the award of a Fellowship.

Later, she received a Fellowship from Educate Plus, a professional organisation of school and university staff whose roles revolve around fundraising and philanthropy, community engagement, enrolments, alumni, marketing and communications. Beryl continues to be an active member of EdPlus.

In addition to volunteering with groups associated with her professional roles, Beryl felt the need to give back to the community. She discovered the organisation, Zonta International, that would meet this need, and more than twenty years later she remains an active member.

**BERYL SAYS THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED AS MUCH AS SHE HAS GIVEN IN HER VOLUNTEER WORK OVER THE YEARS... SHE HAS GAINED SO MUCH FROM WORKING WITH PEOPLE FROM A RANGE OF CULTURES AND PROFESSIONS. HER OAM IS SHARED WITH THOSE PEOPLE.**

Beryl is a member of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra; she has also had the privilege of serving with others from around the world as a Director on the International Board of Zonta and also on three of its international committees over the years.

Beryl says that she has received as much as she has given in her volunteer work over the years. Many of her lifelong friends are those with a similar philosophy about valuing people and giving to the community, and she has gained so much from working with people from a range of cultures and professions. Her OAM is shared with those people. ▲

## MOUNT ALVERNIA COLLEGE BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

**T**herese Miller has had a 42-year career in the rail industry. When she joined in 1974, what is now Queensland Rail (QR) was a very male-oriented organisation; Therese could not be accepted into train control at first, because of the belief that women were not capable of working in train operations.

**THERESE MILLER (1972)**  
GENERAL MANAGER, RAIL MANAGEMENT CENTRE & TRAIN OPERATIONS, QUEENSLAND RAIL



Nevertheless, Therese qualified as a train controller in 1983, and soon became a role model for women entering the operations field. She consciously adopted the best traits from several managers to equip her with listening skills,

verbal communication skills, and the ability to foster a team environment to achieve goals. In 2001 Therese graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Economy and Society from Griffith University.

Therese is currently General Manager of the new Rail Management Centre (RMC) & Train Operations, a very challenging and demanding role where her responsibilities include master and strategic train planning, daily train planning, possession planning, training, yard operations and incident management in South East Queensland. Over the next few years, Therese will be working on succession planning, completing strategic timetables, and ensuring appropriate operating systems can support the business into the future.

A career highlight has been secondment to the Australian Railway Association (ARA) in Canberra to undertake analysis of passenger transport in Australian rail. Therese's paper, published in the *2004 ARA Yearbook*, formed the basis for the rail industry to lobby the Federal Government for more passenger transport funding.

As one of only two (of a QR workforce totalling 15,000) to receive the CEO's Scholarship to study Public Sector Management, Therese attained a Graduate Diploma from Macquarie University in 2003. This equipped her with the necessary knowledge and skills to become a QR leader. She participated in developing modules for the Safe Working section of the QR/Central Queensland University Master of Rail Operations course, and presents at various rail forums and conferences around Australia.

Therese credits Mount Alvernia with providing her with the opportunity to participate in all elements of school life, and her fondest memory of the college is

forming friendships that have lasted to this day. The strong female friendship and support, Therese feels, helped prepare her for her chosen field.

**THERESE CREDITS MOUNT ALVERNIA WITH PROVIDING HER WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE**

Therese is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD) and sits on the Board of Mount Alvernia College. ▲

## FAHAN SCHOOL HOBART, TASMANIA

**R**obyn has been an actress for more than 50 years after graduating from NIDA in 1960. She has been a director for stage and screen, a theatre producer and played leading roles at all of Australia's major theatre companies, in London's West End and in the United States, including Carnegie Hall in New York. Robyn has also appeared in many of Australia's most important films and telefilms.

**ROBYN NEVIN AM (1959)**  
STAGE ACTRESS



From 1994 to 1996 Robyn held the role of Associate Director at Melbourne Theatre Company. From 1996 to 1999 she was the Artistic Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Theatre Company and took on the

same role at the Sydney Theatre Company (STC) from 1999 to 2007.

Robyn's awards for Best Actress include the Helpmann Award, Sydney Critics Awards, Green Room Awards, a Keating Fellowship for contribution to the arts, the Sydney Myer Performing Arts Award, and a Sammy and a Logie for *Water Under the Bridge*. She also received a Sydney Critics Circle Award for Best Director for her film *The More Things Change* and in 1999 received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Tasmania.

In 1981, in recognition of her contribution to the performing arts, Robyn Nevin was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia and in 2004 Robyn was asked to deliver the Australia Day address.

The sheer volume of credits Robyn has to her name, over 80 on-stage roles, around 35 as Director, and 22 film parts, would stand alone as testament to her talent. Combined with the fact that she has won every theatre award possible and had writers including David Williamson and Geoffrey Atherden create roles

specially for her, it is no surprise she is universally described as 'the complete actor'.

She has said that apart from her immediate family members, Fahan School founder, Miss Audrey Morphett, was the single most influential person in her life and career.

**ROBYN HAS WON EVERY THEATRE AWARD POSSIBLE AND HAD WRITERS INCLUDING DAVID WILLIAMSON AND GEOFFREY ATHERDEN CREATE ROLES SPECIALLY FOR HER, IT IS NO SURPRISE SHE IS UNIVERSALLY DESCRIBED AS 'THE COMPLETE ACTOR'.**

"I believe Miss Morphett instilled in me a confidence to go after my dream and seize every opportunity," said Robyn.

"Now having spent over 50 years in my career as an actress in the theatre I am eternally grateful for the words and guidance Miss Morphett gave to me as a 16 year old girl." ▲

## LOURDES HILL COLLEGE BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

**S**usie O'Neill is one of Australia's most successful swimmers ever, having achieved a record 35 Australian titles, eight Olympic medals and a string of victories at international level.

**SUSIE O'NEILL OAM (1990)**  
ATHLETE; OLYMPIAN (SWIMMING); BROADCASTER; AMBASSADOR FOR FRED HOLLOW'S FOUNDATION



Susie attended Lourdes Hill College from 1986 to 1990, at the same time her swimming career was taking off. Her first major international campaign was during her final year of high school, when she competed at the

Auckland Commonwealth Games, taking home gold and silver medals.

**THROUGHOUT A CAREER STRETCHING FROM 1990 TO 2000, SUSIE NEVER CAME HOME FROM ANY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WITHOUT A MEDAL.**

Throughout a career stretching from 1990 to 2000, Susie never came home from any international competition without a medal.

At the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, she became the first Australian female swimming Olympic gold medallist since 1980, and the first Australian female ever to win the

200-metre butterfly. With a silver and bronze medal to add to her gold, Susie was Australia's most outstanding Olympic performer since Shane Gould in 1972.

In 1998, Susie was brilliant at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, where she won a record eight medals, including six gold.

Susie won a total of ten Commonwealth Games gold medals throughout her career – the most ever for an Australian, while her six gold in Kuala Lumpur is a record for the most gold won at a single Commonwealth Games.

At the Sydney Olympics in 2000, Susie affirmed herself as one of Australia's all time greats, winning one gold and three silver medals. This brought her aggregate Olympic medal haul to eight, equalling Dawn Fraser's Australian record.

Since retiring from swimming after the Sydney Olympics, Susie has served on the International Olympic Committee and has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia.

Susie now juggles her role as a full-time mum with sponsor, charity and media commitments. She enjoys keeping fit and healthy with daily exercise including swimming, cycling, walking and running. ▲

## DOMREMY COLLEGE SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**D**r Yishay Orr, MBBS BSc (Med) Hon FRACS PhD, is a Cardiothoracic Surgeon whose main clinical focus is the surgical treatment of adult and paediatric congenital heart disease. Yishay is currently the only female paediatric cardiothoracic surgeon in Australia.

DOCTOR YISHAY ORR (1992)  
MEDICINE; HUMANITARIAN WORK; CARDIOTHORACIC SURGEON



Yishay is heavily involved in humanitarian work, travelling as part of the cardiac surgery team with a non-profit organisation, Open Heart International, to underprivileged countries, including Fiji, Tanzania, Rwanda, Cambodia,

Myanmar and Papua New Guinea. The team trains local teams to perform cardiac surgery and performs more complex cases.

In 2014 Yishay worked alongside a local surgical team in Mwanza, Tanzania, over five days performing in excess of fourteen cases of surgery and helping to grow a paediatric cardiac surgery unit in Mwanza. She posted: "There has been plenty of learning from both sides... I realize how much I take for granted a continuous supply

of running water, electricity and oxygen. But I never cease to be amazed at how little we need in order to repair the hearts of kids safely and effectively." She continues to be part of this worthwhile project, with her latest, an inaugural visit to India in June 2016.

Yishay is currently working as a Cardiothoracic Surgeon at The Children's Hospital Westmead, Children's Hospital Randwick and Westmead Hospital. She also practices at Westmead Private, Norwest Private and the Sydney Adventist Hospitals.

Yishay continues with her other active clinical interests including adult cardiothoracic surgery, active involvement in paediatric cardiac intensive care and planning for the establishment of a paediatric heart and lung transplant and mechanical circulatory assist program. She is currently the Supervisor of Surgical Education and Training (Cardiothoracic Surgery) at The Children's Hospital Westmead.

**YISHAY IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN HUMANITARIAN WORK, TRAVELLING AS PART OF THE CARDIAC SURGERY TEAM WITH A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION, OPEN HEART INTERNATIONAL, TO UNDERPRIVILEGED COUNTRIES.**

She has been the invited speaker at numerous conferences in Australia and Canada, and has published extensively.

A remarkable, hardworking and dedicated woman, Yishay has devoted her life to a career helping others. In *The Sydney Morning Herald* (30 April, 2011) Julie Robotham wrote of Yishay:

"She loves turning a baby 'from blue to pink in a few hours... It's technically demanding surgery, and one of the most rewarding things is that you can give someone 70 years of their life'. ▲

## LORETO COLLEGE BALLARAT, VICTORIA

**M**ichelle Payne, the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup, was named *The Australian* newspaper's Australian of the Year for 2016. She rode Prince of Penzance to victory in the 2015 Melbourne Cup and is feted both for her grit and determination in the face of discrimination against women in sport, and for the example that she and her brother, Stevie, who works as her strapper, have set in breaking down stereotypes of people with disabilities.

Chip Le Grand wrote in *The Australian*: "Her skilful, light touch in the saddle, followed by her blunt, 'get stuffed' dismissal of all who had doubted women hoops [jockeys] were made of strong enough stuff, shattered a stereotype of women in sport that has endured longer than the Cup itself."

In an exclusive interview with Loreto College, Michelle said that attending an all-girls school was "great" because "nobody was trying to impress anybody, you're able to be yourself". She also paid tribute to her friends from Loreto who she is "still best friends with" and stuck with her "through thick and thin", including when she suffered a serious brain injury after a fall when she was eighteen years old.

MICHELLE PAYNE (2000)  
JOCKEY; 2015 MELBOURNE CUP WINNING JOCKEY



In her recently published autobiography *Life as I know it*, co-authored with John Harms, Michelle again spoke fondly of her time spent at the College: "They were happy days and important days. Looking back I can see

now that the philosophy of the school had an impact on me... The school really believed in the dignity of all people—that everyone matters—and the importance of working hard to develop the talents you were blessed with."

"It was a great school for the group of strong, articulate young women I went through the grades with... As our teachers would remind us occasionally, Mary Ward famously once said 'Women in time to come will do much'. The group of girls I was with were certainly going to give it a good shot!"

**MICHELLE IS FETED BOTH FOR HER GRIT AND DETERMINATION IN THE FACE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN SPORT, AND FOR THE EXAMPLE THAT SHE AND HER BROTHER, STEVIE... HAVE SET IN BREAKING DOWN STEREOTYPES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**

Despite her success and the subsequent attention that has come with it, both of Michelle's feet remain firmly planted on the ground, and in true Loreto spirit she now considers how she may now utilise it to have an impact on the lives of others.

"It would be a privilege if achieving my dream could inspire the next generation". ▲

## METHODIST LADIES' COLLEGE PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**A** chance meeting with a homeless man set ten-year-old Holly Ransom on her lifelong path as a leader of change for the better.

The self-confessed extrovert went up to the man and demanded to know what he was doing. His response was that he was trying to get enough money to eat. He had \$4.20.

HOLLY RANSOM (2007)  
LEADERSHIP; POLITICS; ECONOMICS;  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT EMERGENT



At home that night, while lying in bed in her comfortable western suburbs home Holly made a decision that changed her life. She decided that it was up to her to try and change bad situations and help people reach their potential.

Nine years since leaving MLC, Holly Ransom embodies the College's motto, Per Ardua Ad Alta; through striving to the heights.

**AT THE AGE OF 26, HOLLY HAS SPOKEN WITH PRIME MINISTERS, PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS, BANK GOVERNORS, BUSINESS LEADERS AND THE DALAI LAMA.**

At the age of 26, Holly has spoken with prime ministers, presidents, governors, bank governors, business leaders and the Dalai Lama. She has made presentations at the G20 and World Trade Organisation.

After graduating from MLC as its School Captain in 2007, Holly went on to study law and economics, all the time pursuing her passion to make the world a better place.

As the youngest attendee at the 2020 Summit in Canberra in 2008, Holly caught the attention of all those around her by initiating the establishment of the Australian Youth Forum, which gives young people and the organisations that represent them, a direct line of communication with the Australian Federal Government.

While at university in 2012, Holly was named Young West Australian of the Year and Young West Australian Volunteer of the Year. She also became the world's youngest president of Rotary Club at WA's biggest club, Rotary Crawley, driving an agenda of change to bring Rotary into the 21st century. This work led to her inclusion in the *Australian Financial Review's* 2012 100 Women of Influence.

A regular commentator on the ABC's Q&A, Holly hopes to inspire more young people to become involved in philanthropy and volunteering.

Holly is now the Chief Executive Officer of her company Emergent, which builds on her passion for benevolent leadership and social outcomes, and works with companies, organisations and governments around the world to develop high performing intergenerational workforces. She is also the co-chair of the United Nations Global Coalition of Young Women Entrepreneurs and the youngest female director to be appointed to the board of an AFL club when she joined the board of Port Adelaide in March 2016. ▲



## LURISTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**S**abina is a psychologist, media commentator, speaker, facilitator, coach and change agent who is passionate about normalising the universality of the human experience, and creating personal, systemic and social change.

SABINA READ (BRADFIELD 1988)  
PSYCHOLOGIST



Sabina applies her psychological expertise in a variety of settings including private practice with individuals, couples, children, and families; and with groups and organisations. Sabina comments regularly in the media,

and is the Resident Psychologist on the Afternoons program on Radio 3AW and on The Morning Show on Channel 7. Sabina is a speaker with Saxton Speakers Bureau and a facilitator with Corporate Health Management where she presents on a range of psychological and human behaviour topics to corporate, school, parent and community groups. Sabina is also a coach with Transitioning Well, where she specialises in life-cycle transitions at work with a focus upon the transition from 'Working Person' to 'Working Parent'.

Sabina is a Board Director and Ambassador with The Family Peace Foundation, an innovative not-for-profit who use traditional and digital media to promote strategies to positively strengthen families with the guiding principle that every child should have the right to be raised in a peaceful family home. In addition to her expertise in human behaviour, Sabina is a communications specialist with significant experience working in public relations and marketing roles in Melbourne, San Francisco and London where she worked with a variety of clients across a range of sectors including retail, consumer, telecommunications, health, hospitality, education, the arts, gaming, and professional services.

**SABINA IS PASSIONATE ABOUT NORMALISING THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE, AND CREATING PERSONAL, SYSTEMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE**

Sabina holds a Masters in Psychology, a Bachelor of Psychological Science with first class honours, a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. ▲

## RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**C**ommodore Katherine Richards has served in the Royal Australian Navy for 27 years in a wide variety of sea and shore appointments. The esteem with which she is regarded within the Australian Defence Force comes not because she is a woman but for her professional abilities and positive leadership approach.

COMMODORE KATHERINE RICHARDS (BAYLISS, 1988)  
MARINE ENGINEERING; DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENGINEERING AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TECHNICAL SEAWORTHINESS, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY



As a student at Ravenswood School for Girls, Katherine stood out for her strong natural ability and exceptional work ethic. She graduated in 1998 with a scholarship to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)

and holds a Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours from the University of NSW. She spent much of her early career at sea in the warships HMAS Canberra and HMAS Newcastle and working in waterfront engineering roles. She attended the Royal Navy Dagger Engineer Course (1998) as a Chevening Scholar and read a Masters of Science in Marine Engineering at the University College London.

**THE ESTEEM WITH WHICH SHE (COMMODORE RICHARDS) IS REGARDED WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE COMES NOT BECAUSE SHE IS A WOMAN BUT FOR HER PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES AND POSITIVE LEADERSHIP APPROACH.**

CDRE Richards was part of the commissioning crew of the Leeuwin Class Hydrographic Ships and has served as the Marine Engineer Officer in HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Melville. During her time at sea, she saw operational service in the Southern Ocean (Operation Stanhope), the Solomon Islands (Operation Trek) and the Persian Gulf (Operation Slipper).

On a posting ashore, CDRE Richards attended the Australian Command and Staff College and read a Masters of Management in Defence Studies. In Canberra she served in a wide variety of general duties and specialist staff appointments, including Staff Officer to the Vice Chief of the Defence Force (2004), Marine Engineering Category Manager (2005), Directing Staff at the Australian Command and Staff Course (2007) and the LHD Sustainment Manager (2008-2009). In this posting she was recognised as a Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) by Engineers Australia.

In 2010, CDRE Richards was appointed as the Director of the LHD Systems Program Office in the Defence Materiel Organisation. She subsequently commanded HMAS Cerberus in Victoria from 2012 to 2013 and served as the Training Authority for Engineering in the Royal Australian Navy. CDRE Richards graduated from the Centre of Defence and Strategic Studies with a Master of Arts in 2014. She was promoted to star rank in 2014 and is currently serving as the Director General of Engineering and the Director General of Technical Seaworthiness.

CDRE Richards combines her challenging career with the role of mother to three young children. Her husband is Colonel Bernard Richards. ▲

## WESTLAKE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

**A**llison Roe MBE is a former internationally-known long distance athlete and health advocate. She began competitive long-distance running as a student, being selected for the New Zealand cross-country team to the world championships in Morocco in her final year at high school.

ALLISON ROE MBE (1974)  
ATHLETE; HEALTH ADVOCATE



Although offered an academic and sports scholarship to the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1975 Allison decided to do her studies in New Zealand, and completed a business qualification while she continued to

build her athletics career.

In 1981 Allison's career peaked when she won the Boston and New York Marathons, setting course records at both. The same year, she broke the world record at the New York City Marathon and set a 20 kilometre world record in Japan.

Allison won numerous other running events, including the New Zealand cross-country championships. She diversified into other sports and won New Zealand championships in the triathlon and cycling team time trials. Later, Allison became a television sports presenter and an independent sports producer. She married and had two children.

Allison has been voted New Zealand Sportsman of the Year, Best Female Runner in the World, and Best Female Athlete in the World. The New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame inducted Allison in 2010.

Throughout her career, Allison has been dedicated

to helping New Zealanders with their health and wellbeing. She has been involved in creating and producing a national women's walking and running series 'ASB Step Ahead/Run to Heal' for a decade. The events raised significant funds for breast health and women's health challenges.

**IN 1981 ALLISON'S CAREER PEAKED WHEN SHE WON THE BOSTON AND NEW YORK MARATHONS, SETTING COURSE RECORDS AT BOTH.**

Allison is active in community affairs and is on the Devonport-Takapuna Community Board of Auckland City Council. She has current board appointments with The Wilson Home Trust (disabled children), is chair of the Matakana Coast Trail Trust, and is an elected member of the Waitemata District Health Board. She has set up a charitable trust in her name and has created more than one manufacturing business, as well as running her own television production company.

In 2016 she was named an Ambassador for the World Masters Games 2017 to be held in Auckland, and has set a personal goal of competing in a new sport, rowing.

She is seeking a seat on the Rodney Local Board, part of Auckland Council, as well as a further term on the Waitemata District Health Board in the 2016 local body elections. ▲

## OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**F**ederal Member for Greenway and Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Michelle Rowland is a proud Mercy Girl. After leading the College as School Captain in 1989, she went on to attain an arts/law degree and later became a senior lawyer at Sydney law firm Gilbert & Tobin. She also holds a Master of Laws from Sydney University.

MICHELLE ROWLAND (1989)  
LAW; FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GREENWAY



Michelle has worked to improve local services and infrastructure in a number of roles, including as Director of the Western Sydney Area Health Service from 2000 to 2004, and as a local Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Blacktown.

Through her work at Gilbert & Tobin, Michelle took on a mentor role in the City Job Futures program; an initiative to help disadvantaged women into the workforce. She

has also worked as a pro bono duty solicitor for victims of domestic violence. She is a patron and supporter of many local community and sporting groups and was a member of the OLMC Board from 2008 to 2010.

According to Michelle, a Mercy education teaches students to understand that it's not all about them but about society around them and the person sitting next to them. She says: "Mercy for me means service above self and understanding that people need to be respected. OLMC creates good leaders by teaching students how to balance humility and assertiveness. I think if there were more Mercy Girls in leadership positions in the community, our world might be a bit less egotistical and a lot more hospitable."

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**"MERCY FOR ME MEANS SERVICE ABOVE SELF AND UNDERSTANDING THAT PEOPLE NEED TO BE RESPECTED. OLMC CREATES GOOD LEADERS BY TEACHING STUDENTS HOW TO BALANCE HUMILITY AND ASSERTIVENESS."**  
**MICHELLE ROWLAND**

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"My advice to Mercy Girls who strive to be community leaders is that no one leads on their own—it's ok to rely on others and to delegate. And a supportive family helps!" ▲

## SEYMOUR COLLEGE ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**M**ajor Genevieve Rüeger has succeeded in a field where traditionally there have been very few women; piloting Black Hawk helicopters with the Australian Defence Force.

MAJOR GENEVIEVE RÜEGER (DRUMMOND, 1997)  
ARMY OFFICER; BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER PILOT



As a year eight student at Seymour College, Genevieve was inspired when a Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter landed on the oval. At that moment, she decided that she would one day fly helicopters for Aero Medical Evacuations,

and that when she did, she too would land her helicopter on the College's oval.

True to her word, in 2007, a year after gaining her wings and joining the 6th Aviation Regiment in Sydney, and ten years after graduating from Seymour, Genevieve landed her Black Hawk helicopter on the College's oval, inspiring another generation of young women.

A graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Genevieve has moved thirteen times and lived in

almost every state and territory, performing a variety of roles including Operations Officer of a Squadron in Townsville, second in charge of the School of Army Aviation, Special Operations Pilot, and Safety and Liaison Officer for the Australian Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) detachment in Afghanistan.

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## GENEVIEVE HOPES TO CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND RAISE THE PROFILE OF YOUNG WOMEN ASPIRING TO LEADERSHIP IN NON-TRADITIONAL AREAS.

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She has deployed numerous times on exercises and operations overseas, notably to Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Afghanistan.

Genevieve is currently based in Adelaide in Defence Force Recruiting (Specialist Recruitment Team for Women) where she hopes to continue to inspire and raise the profile of young women aspiring to leadership in non-traditional areas. This is truly important to Genevieve who, as a mother of two, Kayley (five) and Lachlan (three), recognises the changing face of the Defence Force and the requirement to consider family wellbeing as part of the overall recruitment journey.

She was recently awarded a Zonta Women of Achievement Award recognising service and advocacy empowering women worldwide, and in 2015 Genevieve was recognised in the South Australian Government's Women's Honour Roll, recognising that it is possible to pursue and succeed in a non-traditional, active and male dominated field. ▲

## MERICI COLLEGE CANBERRA, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**V**irginia Ryan is an Australian-Italian binational artist with studios in Italy and West Africa. Born in Victoria, Virginia graduated in 1979 from the National Art School, Canberra, and in 1994 from the Post-Graduate School of Art Therapy in Edinburgh, Scotland.

VIRGINIA RYAN (1974)  
BINATIONAL ARTIST



Since 1980, Virginia has worked internationally within the disciplines of painting, photography, sculpture and installation, solo and in collaboration with artists, anthropologists and musicians. Now based primarily in Italy, she has

worked with artists in Alexandria, Egypt (1982–1985); Curitiba, Brazil (1988–1990); during the breakup of the

former Yugoslavia in Belgrade, Serbia (1990–1992); Edinburgh, Scotland (1992–1995); Accra, Ghana (2001–2007); and Abidjan and Grand Bassam, Ivory Coast (2009–January 2016).

In 2004 Virginia co-founded, with the late Professor Joe Nkrumah, the Foundation for Contemporary Art (FCA) in Ghana. As part of her support for younger artists in Africa, Virginia also linked practicing artists of FCA with New York University, and established the art library, which continues to grow at the Dubois Centre in Accra.

Much of her personal artistic research in the years 2000 to 2010 has been concerned with identity, land and memory, resulting in large scale projects such as *The Castaways Project* and *Exposures: A White Woman in West Africa* with sound artist, anthropologist and MacArthur Scholar Steven Feld.

Since 2008, she has shown in the Biennales of Malindi, Dakar and Venice and in 2016 in the first 'Biennale Alto' in the Dolomite region of Italy. In 2008, the city of Spoleto, Italy, honoured her with an anthropological survey at the Museum of Modern Art as an official event of the 51st International 'Festival of Two Worlds'.

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## VIRGINIA HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED THE CULTURAL IVORIAN-BASED NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION 'MAKE ART NOT WAR', WHICH WILL AIM TO USE CREATIVE MEANS IN PEACE-BUILDING AND RECONCILIATION.

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In 2013 Ryan moved her African studio from Abidjan to the historic coastal city of Grand Bassam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Ivory Coast.

She has recently established, in collaboration with young artists who work in her studio, the Cultural Ivorian-based non-government organisation 'Make Art Not War', which will aim to use creative means in peace-building and reconciliation.

Virginia's recent projects have included the photographic cycle *Selling Dreams* (Espace a Louer), collage/paintings *Never-Ending Story*, exploring old cinema posters found in Grand Bassam, Ivory Coast and *I Will Shield You*, to be shown in Montoro12 Gallery in Rome in 2016. ▲

## MENTONE GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**D**r Suzie Sheehy has always been passionate about science. At school she got her first taste of applying maths and science to the real world when her year six teacher invited her to participate in the model solar car program.

DOCTOR SUZIE SHEEHY (2001)  
ACCELERATOR PHYSICIST



Suzie has achieved international acclaim for her ground breaking work in the area of accelerator physics. She obtained a first class honours degree in physics from the University of Melbourne, during which she spent six months working at

CERN (European Organisation of Nuclear Research and home of the Large Hadron Collider). Inspired by that experience, she moved to the United Kingdom and completed a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the University of Oxford. During her PhD she worked on designing a new type of particle accelerator for cancer treatment using protons and light ions, as part of the 'PAMELA' project.

From 2010 to 2015 she was based at the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL), where she worked on designing new and challenging high power proton accelerators for future applications. She re-joined the University of Oxford in April 2015 in a joint appointment with STFC/RAL to continue her research on high power proton accelerators and to teach graduate accelerator physics.

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**I'M ALSO INCREASINGLY AWARE THAT I'M ACTING AS A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG WOMEN. ONLY ROUGHLY TEN PER CENT OF ACCELERATOR PHYSICISTS ARE FEMALE, SO I WANT TO SHARE MY PASSION FOR THE SUBJECT WITH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, BREAK DOWN THOSE OLD STEREOTYPES AND INSPIRE OTHERS INTO THIS FASCINATING FIELD."**

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Alongside her research, Suzie is passionate about the promotion and communication of science, for which she has received a number of awards including the esteemed British Science Association Lord Kelvin Award and the University of Oxford Vice Chancellors Civic Award for her work in presenting science to school and public audiences.

Suzie says: "As a scientist it's important to me to share the exciting work we're doing with the public and young people. In particular, I enjoy presenting science for live audiences in an interactive and engaging way. I'm also increasingly aware that I'm acting as a role model for young women. Only roughly ten per cent of accelerator physicists are female, so I want to share my passion for the subject with as many people as possible, break down those old stereotypes and inspire others into this fascinating field." ▲



## ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

**D**ame Pieter Stewart received the Insignia of a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2012, for services to fashion and the community. Dame Pieter is the creator and owner of New Zealand Fashion Week and has spent more than 21 years promoting New Zealand fashion.

DAME PIETER STEWART (MCKENZIE, 1962)  
FASHION; PHILANTHROPY; OWNER, NEW ZEALAND FASHION WEEK LTD



She founded New Zealand Fashion Week in 2000 and is now the managing director of New Zealand Fashion Week. She founded her own modelling agency and promotions companies in the 1980s and was associate editor

for Fashion Quarterly Magazine from 1985 to 1987. She co-ordinated Corbans Fashion Collections, an annual television special, from 1990 to 1995 and produced and co-ordinated Wella Fashion Collections from 1996 to 1997.

Dame Pieter was chair of St Margaret's College Trust Board from 1994 to 2003 and deputy chair of the Independent Schools Association from 1999 to 2003. She has been involved with numerous charitable and community service groups especially in relation to child cancer.

**"THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG WOMEN IS IMPERATIVE, GIVING THEM RESPECT AND THE CONFIDENCE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND OPINIONS IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD, OFFERING INDEPENDENCE AND THE CHANCE FOR A SECURE FUTURE AND STABLE LIFE." DAME PIETER STEWART**

Dame Pieter says: "St Margaret's has occupied a huge part of my life, from having all my schooling there from Primer 1, my three daughters attending as boarders, and becoming a PTA member, then being on the Board. Being chair of the board gave me the opportunity to work for ten years with wonderful people dedicating their time and energy to the betterment of the school. It was one of the most rewarding things I have done. The education of young women is imperative, giving them respect and the confidence to express their views and opinions in an ever-changing world, offering independence and the chance for a secure future and stable life." ▲

## ST AIDAN'S ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

**F**or the past thirteen years, humanitarian aid worker Lucy Strickland has assisted organisations such as CARE International, Oxfam and UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency), providing aid and assistance to children and communities. It is a job that has taken her to more than twenty countries, through the conflict zones of South Sudan and Northern Iraq, and natural disaster recovery in Haiti after the earthquake and Ethiopia after drought. Lucy was recognised as a Queensland Finalist in the Australian of the Year Awards for 2016.

LUCY STRICKLAND (1990)  
HUMANITARIAN AID; EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST AND REFUGEE ADVOCATE, UNHCR EDUCATION STRATEGY ROLLOUT



She is fluent in Vietnamese and Khmer, and proficient in French, Spanish and Arabic.

Following her years at St Aidan's, Lucy completed a Bachelor of Arts in Languages and Applied Linguistics through the University of Queensland, a Masters in Humanitarian and Development Practice in the United Kingdom and Certifications in Humanitarian Security and in English as a Second Language.

"I help to set up safe and protective spaces in which children, who are often completely traumatised through the often horrific experiences they've had to endure, are fed, have access to play, learning, clean water, psychosocial support and a network of peers which often serves as an important lifeline of support for these children," says Lucy.

**"ST AIDAN'S IS A SCHOOL THAT WAS NEVER JUST ABOUT BOOSTING ITS ACADEMIC PROFILE OR ITS REPUTATION IN SPORT. IT TRIED TO ENCOURAGE A MUCH MORE HOLISTIC UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF ITS STUDENTS THAT WENT WAY BEYOND POCKETS ON A BLAZER OR TROPHIES ON A SHELF." LUCY STRICKLAND**

"I do my work in complete collaboration with affected communities—although it's important to ensure these people have access to their basic needs—it's as important to help facilitate their recovery as quickly as possible. This is not a nine to five job—it's all consuming and it's hard to ever leave."

Attending St Aidan's from years seven to twelve, Lucy attributes her confidence in her chosen career path to freedom to pursue her sense of self during school.

"St Aidan's is a school that was never just about boosting its academic profile or its reputation in sport. It tried to encourage a much more holistic understanding and appreciation of its students that went way beyond pockets on a blazer or trophies on a shelf." ▲

## TANGARA SCHOOL FOR GIRLS SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

**L**ucy Symons is the co-founder of the company Village Infrastructure, and is currently the Public Policy Manager of Open Energi.

LUCY SYMONS (2002)  
CO-FOUNDER, VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE; PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER, OPEN ENERGI



Since leaving school Lucy has studied and worked all over the world. She founded Village Infrastructure in 2011 in order to finance poverty-alleviating infrastructure for customers in poorer regions of the world who are otherwise living off grid without access to energy. Lucy credits much of her passion for the world's poor to her education at Tangara, where as a student she was challenged to think about the world around her and to aspire to make a difference.

**LUCY CREDITS MUCH OF HER PASSION FOR THE WORLD'S POOR TO HER EDUCATION AT TANGARA, WHERE AS A STUDENT SHE WAS CHALLENGED TO THINK ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND HER AND TO ASPIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Currently, Lucy is the Public Policy Manager for Open Energi, a fast growing British tech firm based out of London. Open Energi's unique 'dynamic demand' technology aggregates energy consumption from across its customers' sites to provide a fast, flexible solution, which is equivalent to a power station, as it adjusts demand up or down to meet supply.

In May this year, Lucy accompanied a number of female entrepreneurs to attend a gathering in Silicon Valley, hosted by the British consulate and run by the London Mayor's international business program. The gathering aimed to support the growth and international expansion of a number of emerging organisations with female leaders.

When asked what advice Lucy has for girls currently at school, she says: "A wonderful woman who works for Google told me to 'fall in love with problems, not technology'. I liked this a lot. If I look back, this advice

has guided a lot of my choices. I am passionate about confronting climate change and about transforming the energy system. It is wonderful to strive to work towards something you are passionate about." ▲

## ST HILDA'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**G**iven Dr Danika Thiemt's young age, it is remarkable to consider her achievements as an inspiring leader and advocate for change.

DR DANIKA THIEMT (2005)  
MEDICINE; ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR DOCTORS



After graduating from St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls in 2005, Dr Thiemt pursued medicine at Monash University. She quickly established herself as an active member of the Australian Medical Association, representing national issues such as

medical training, health funding and public health whilst also responding to global health concerns.

**"DANIKA HAS BEEN A TRULY INSPIRATIONAL LEADER FOR CDT... SPECIFICALLY, DANIKA'S LEADERSHIP ON ISSUES SUCH AS BULLYING AND HARASSMENT, GENDER EQUITY IN MEDICINE AND ON WORKFORCE REFORM HAVE MADE THE PROFESSION ALL THE BETTER FOR HAVING HAD HER LEAD ITS DOCTORS IN TRAINING." DR ZORBAS, CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF DOCTORS (CDT).**

Dr Thiemt is the immediate past Chair of Australian Medical Association Council of Doctors in Training, a national body responsible for improving the education and training environment for doctors in training. During her two year term, Dr Thiemt was dedicated to the pursuit of career development, advocacy, clinical leadership and improving workplace conditions.

The incoming Chair of the Council of Doctors, Dr Zorbias, has praised Dr Thiemt.

"Danika has been a truly inspirational leader for CDT...specifically, Danika's leadership on issues such as bullying and harassment, gender equity in medicine and on workforce reform have made the profession all the better for having had her lead its doctors in training."

Dr Thiemt is passionate about making a positive difference for the future of our health system and responding to needs. As a leader, Dr Thiemt sees

opportunities for improvement every day within the healthcare system and is intent on harnessing support from others to improve standards and current practices. Working with a wide cross section of stakeholders, Dr Thiemt has listened to the concerns of her peers and addressed internships, vocational training, medical education, and workforce planning.

Dr Thiemt understands that leadership is about contributing to the medical profession through academic, research and clinical excellence, whilst advocating on behalf of patients to receive the highest quality of medical care. With her energy and passion to make a difference, Dr Thiemt, along with her colleagues, will ensure that our health is in the best hands. ▲

## STUARTHOLME SCHOOL BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

In 2016 Lieutenant Colonel Thompson was appointed as the Commanding Officer of the 6th Aviation Regiment in Holsworthy, Sydney. She is the first female to command an Australian Army Aviation Regiment and an Army Combat Command. The 6th Aviation Regiment provides air mobility and battlefield support to land and Special Forces in a combined, joint or interagency environment in order to defeat attacks against Australia and assist in the defence of Australia's security interests. The unit remains on the highest levels of readiness and has a very high public profile.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FERN THOMPSON (MITCHELL, 1991)  
DEFENCE EXECUTIVE; COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 6TH AVIATION  
REGIMENT, AUSTRALIAN ARMY



Lieutenant Colonel Thompson undertook tertiary studies at The University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology, graduating as a podiatrist. Fern joined the Australian Army in 1997 and was awarded the Army Flying

Badge in 1999. She has qualified on the Black Hawk helicopter in the full suite of mission competencies and as a Special Operations pilot. She has also qualified on both the Kiowa and EC135 helicopters.

Fern is a graduate of the Canadian Forces College, completing the Joint Command and Staff Program in 2012 with a Masters of Defence Studies through the Royal Military College, Canada. She has also completed a Masters of Aviation Management through the University of Newcastle.

Fern has been a key contributor to the modernisation of the Army's rotary wing capability. She was involved in the introduction of the Armed

Reconnaissance Helicopter (Tiger) system into the Army unit responsible for its operation while concurrently managing a civilian helicopter contract as part of the Army's Aircrew Development Aircraft program.

## FERN CURRENTLY COMMANDS ONE OF THE MOST VITAL DEFENCE UNITS IN AUSTRALIA—THE 6TH AVIATION REGIMENT —AND IS THE FIRST FEMALE TO COMMAND AN AUSTRALIAN ARMY AVIATION REGIMENT AND AN ARMY COMBAT COMMAND.

Fern has extensive military operational service. This includes four deployments to East Timor during peace operations in that country and included commanding the Timor Leste Aviation Group, a combat team of Australian Black Hawks and New Zealand Air Force Iroquois. She deployed to Afghanistan in 2013 as the Aviation Officer in Charge in a Joint Operations Centre as part of the United States 4th Infantry Division. She was awarded the United States Bronze Star for her exceptional dedication on operational service.

Fern is a senior Army officer and currently commands one of the most vital defence units in Australia. She has demonstrated the highest standards of leadership and mentorship throughout her career, and is a role model for all in her commitment to her organisation and the people in it. Fern has two children. ▲

## WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND

Professor Marilyn Waring, at just 22 years of age, was the youngest person ever to be elected into parliament, and her contribution to politics, economics and feminism cannot be matched. She was a former Raglan and Waipa New Zealand National Party Member of Parliament and was re-elected three times before retiring from office in 1984.

PROFESSOR MARILYN WARING CNZM (1970)  
POLITICS; EDUCATION ; PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT  
AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



As a Member of Parliament, she served as chair of the Public Expenditure Committee, Senior Government Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and member of the Disarmament and Arms Control Committee.

Between 1978 and 1981 she was the sole woman in the government caucus.

Marilyn was born in Ngaruawahia on the north island of New Zealand. An ambitious student, she was

Dux of the school in 1970. She enjoyed the small class sizes, the sport and music programmes and the quiet expectation that girls could do anything.

A world-renowned political economist, feminist, consultant and author, Professor Waring is known as a principal founder of the discipline of feminist economics. She joined Auckland University of Technology's Institute for Public Policy in 2006. Her work in the research areas of governance and public policy, political economy, gender analysis and human rights has been revered across the world.

Her knowledge and expertise were highlighted in her own documentary in 1995, *Who's Counting?: Marilyn Waring on sex, lies and global economics*, which was selected to show at over fifteen film festivals and has won numerous awards.

Her consultancy work has seen Professor Waring travel to China, Nepal, Canada, Mexico and Kenya along with various Pacific Islands to complete a range of projects for the United Nations and government agencies in New Zealand and internationally.

She has a PhD in Political Economy from The University of Waikato and has held Fellowships at Harvard and Rutgers Universities. In 2012, she was included on the *Wired* magazine Smart List of '50 people who will change the world'.

## A WORLD-RENOWNED POLITICAL ECONOMIST, FEMINIST, CONSULTANT AND AUTHOR, PROFESSOR WARING IS KNOWN AS A PRINCIPAL FOUNDER OF THE DISCIPLINE OF FEMINIST ECONOMICS.

Professor Waring has been the recipient of a number of awards including a Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, a Suffrage Centenary Medal, a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for service to women and economics, an Honorary Doctorate from the Glasgow Caledonian University for her contribution to international feminism and female human rights and, in 2005, she joined the ranks of 1000 women to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. ▲

## ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL HOBART, TASMANIA

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM was sworn in as the first female Governor of Tasmania on 10 December 2014. She was also the University of Tasmania's first female Dean of the Faculty of Law (1992) and first female Law Faculty Professor (1996).

Professor Warner graduated from the University of Tasmania with an Honours degree in law in 1970 and was admitted to the bar in 1971. After working as Associate to the Chief Justice of Tasmania and gaining her Master

of Laws in 1978, she commenced her distinguished academic career.

HER EXCELLENCY PROFESSOR THE HONOURABLE  
KATE WARNER AM (FRIEND, 1965)  
LAW; GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA



An internationally recognised expert in the fields of criminal law, criminology and sentencing, Professor Warner taught and published extensively in these areas for over 30 years. She also has a strong interest in law

reform and human rights and was a foundation director of the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute.

Professor Warner has served as a commissioner of the Tasmanian Gaming Commission and director of the Centre for Legal Studies, and as a member of the Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Council, the board of Legal Education, the Council of Law Reporting and the Parole Board.

## HER EXCELLENCY IS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE AND ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

In 2013 Professor Warner received the Women Lawyers Award for Leadership and in the same year she was honoured with the rarely awarded University of Tasmania Distinguished Service Medal. She was made a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law in 2007 and was awarded a Visiting Fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford University, in 2009. She was also president and chair of the Alcorso Foundation, supporting the arts, environment and social justice in Tasmania, and was a member of its Social Justice subcommittee.

Professor Warner has been nominated as a finalist in the Tasmanian Australian of the Year Awards for her contributions to the law, law reform and legal education.

Professor Warner has published numerous journal articles, book chapters and law reform reports. She first published *Sentencing in Tasmania* in 1991, which has since become an indispensable tool for judges and magistrates. She is a member of the editorial boards of *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*; *Women Against Violence* and the *Criminal Law Journal*. She contributed the annual sentencing review to the *Criminal Law Journal* from 1998 until her appointment as Governor of Tasmania in 2014. Related to her role with the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute, she has written a number of papers and reports for the board.

Professor Warner was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2014 for significant service to the law, particularly in the areas of legal education and reform, and to the community.



As Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency is an advocate for the empowerment of women, gender equality in the workplace and addressing the issues of sexual and domestic violence. Professor Warner chairs the Advisory Committee of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment. ▲

## KOROWA ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**R**owena Webster is a professional water polo player and Olympian. Rowena first started playing water polo with her sister at Korowa Anglican Girls' School, alongside her other interests of surf life saving, basketball and AFL. After graduating from Korowa, Rowena moved to the United States to play water polo for Arizona State University and studied Physical Education Secondary Teaching. She played briefly for the Greek league in 2008 before returning to Australia to focus on making the Olympic team.

ROWENA WEBSTER (2005)  
ATHLETE; OLYMPIAN (WATER POLO)



In 2007 she joined the Junior World Championship team, taking home gold. Rowena went on to compete at the 2009 World Championships in Rome and won silver medals at the FINA World League Finals and FINA World Cup in 2010.

Rowena also competed in the 2012 Pan Pacific Championships, London Olympic Test Event and won a silver medal at the World League Super finals. She was selected for the 2012 London Olympic Games, helping Australia to another bronze medal.

**ROWENA WON A SILVER MEDAL AT THE WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINALS AND WAS SELECTED FOR THE 2012 LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES, HELPING AUSTRALIA TO ANOTHER BRONZE MEDAL.**

Rowena was again selected for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, where Australia finished in sixth position. ▲

## SHELFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

**D**iane Wright is the founder of Anam Cara House in Geelong and Colac; residential palliative care hospices that provide support and respite for the terminally ill and their families. It took twelve years, and the raising of millions of dollars, to realise Diane's vision for these wonderful facilities.

DIANE WRIGHT (RECHTER, 1970)  
COUNSELLOR; CLINICAL FAMILY THERAPIST  
FOUNDER OF ANAM CARA HOUSE IN GEELONG AND COLAC



The Geelong House has offered over 10,000 episodes of care to people from Western Victoria since it opened in 2007. The Colac House opened in 2011 after 9,600 hours of volunteer labour, the assistance of philanthropists and the work of fundraising committees. Diane's

commitment to Anam Cara House is ongoing, with annual costs of approximately \$1 million to keep both facilities operating.

Diane was made a Paul Harris Fellow, given an Outstanding Woman Achievement Award by Zonta International, nominated for a Dame Phyllis Frost Award by The Victorian Council of Women and included on the QV Women's Centre Shilling Wall. In 2013 Diane was admitted to The Victorian Honour Roll for Women; she is the third member of her family to be awarded this honour in acknowledgement of her contribution to community service and advocacy.

**DIANE HAS HAPPY MEMORIES OF SHELFORD, WHERE THE VALUES OF SERVICE, FAIRNESS, DISCIPLINE AND EXCELLENCE HAD A STRONG INFLUENCE ON HER LIFE.**

Diane continues with her counselling work and serves on many boards and committees. She has a private counselling practice and is part of the pastoral care team for Mercy Health Aged Care in Colac. Diane has happy memories of Shelford, where the values of service, fairness, discipline and excellence had a strong influence on her life. ▲



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