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Building hope and faith

St Martin's College – A History Silver Anniversary Edition

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Forward to Silver Anniversary Edition

For two decades St Martin's College has played a critical role in supporting students undertaking courses at the Wagga Wagga Campus of Charles Sturt University. St Martin's has a well-earned reputation for its focus on the pastoral care of students in the broadest sense. Many students reside in the College for the full period of their candidature; an indication of the level of support and service they experience.

The University's partnership with St Martin's is an example of how student focussed solutions can be forged when parties come together with a clear focus on enhancing the student experience, especially although not solely, for students for whom affordable access to a university education may otherwise be more difficult.

Charles Sturt University is proud of its relationship with St Martin's and congratulates the Board on the occasion of the silver anniversary of the College and looks forward to a continued, prosperous relationship for many years to come.



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Forward to first Edition

As St Martin's College approaches its Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Weekend it is with a great sense of joy and achievement that I am able to sit down and write a forward to this brief history of St Martin's College.

The preparation of a history of the early years of the College is something the College Board has been seeking for a number of years. It has been a line item in the College budget since before I started as Head of College in 2006.

There are a number of people who need to be thanked for the part they played in enabling this project to be completed. The St Martin's College Board need to be thanked for their commitment to the project and for keeping the project in the annual budget. Ms Lara Belford and Mr Glenn Maytum both began to write the history but due to personal circumstances were unable to complete the work. I would like to thank both Lara and Glenn for the sorting out of documents and background work they did in preparation for this book.

Most of all I would like to thank Mrs Angela Armstrong for bringing this project to fruition. Angie has an amazing

gift of patience and perseverance. There were the endless emails, Facebook messages and phone calls attempting to get contributions – often with little or no response. She also managed to balance the sorting through endless “exciting” Board minutes and documents whilst caring for an inquisitive, busy and sometimes demanding toddler and husband! This book only exists because of Angie's devotion and commitment to the project.

Thank you also to Monique Shepherd and her amazing team at CSU Marketing for the wonderful job they have done in editing and preparing the book ready for printing, and to the staff at CSU Printery for their wonderful patience and cooperation in getting the book published in time for the launch at the Twentieth Anniversary weekend. This support and cooperation is testament to the wonderful ongoing partnership and collaboration that has always existed between St Martin's College and Charles Sturt University since the beginning of the College. I would also like to thank all those people who did take the time to prepare contributions to the book – your efforts, stories and memories are testament to the success of the college since its inception.

This book should definitely be viewed as a “First Edition”. As with any organisation, there is much of the story that has been lost or hidden away. We apologise for any errors of fact or for omitting any important parts of the journey of the college – it is sometimes hard to discover all there is to know about an organisation, especially when working to deadlines. If as you read this book you discover errors or know that important parts of the journey are missing please send the information you have to us. We would also welcome your stories to add further personal reflections to any subsequent editions.

In his paper to the 2005 CSU Student Experience Conference Dr Bill Anscombe summarised St Martin's College as follows:

St Martin's is a partnership between the Church, the university, the Board, the wider community and most importantly the students. The student experience is multi-dimensional and inter-dependant. It is life-affirming rather than life-denying. It is as much about giving, as getting. It is inter-dependant in the areas of physical, social/relational, mental/emotional and spiritual. Whole people require whole-person experiences.

Hopefully as you read this history of the first 20 years of St Martin's College these words will ring true and you will join with us in thanking God and celebrating this amazing ministry of the Anglican Church.

Rev'd Jenny Willsher 14th January 2012

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2009 aerial photo of St Martin's College (Courtesy CSU)

Chapter 1 – In the Beginning

The story of Saint Martin's College begins in the person of George Tassell. The following two contributions help to illuminate the character of George Tassell.

From Bishop Barry Hunter

George lived an exemplary life of Christian witness and service in the town of Moulamein and as a member of the congregation of St. Martin's. He was also a Synod Representative for the parish of Balranald/Moulamein from 1957 to 1990, and his death occurred on the day before the Synod for that year was held in Barham.

George was for a long time a member of the Diocesan Council and regularly drove three and a half hours to Narrandera and three and a half hours back for the meetings. He was a Lay Reader in Moulamein, Churchwarden for the parish, sacristan for St. Martin's Church, pastor and friend to the people of Moulamein and a most loyal friend and supporter of the parish clergy, who lived 50 miles away in Balranald.

Rob Holland, a nephew of George, gave a short account of his life at George's funeral, part of which reads:

"In his youth he was a member of the local Boy Scout movement, obtaining success as a Patrol Leader and later being awarded the King's Scout Award (the highest award in the Scout Section), attended an International Jamboree, became Cubmaster and also Secretary. Later he became Scoutmaster and was subsequently made a Patron of the Moulamein Group on June 29, 1973, and he opened the new Scout Hall in April 1981.

He was head of the Anglican Youth Association. He was a Patron of the Girl Guide and Brownie Association. He was Superintendent of Sunday School for approximately 25 years. He was an original executive committee member of the Moulamein Easter Sports. He has conducted local Anzac services.

He has been responsible over the years for collating names of all servicemen who lived within the boundaries of Wakool Shire, who served in both the Second World War and the Korean War.

During the war years he was employed as a Postal Clerk at the local Post Office. He was your local cheerful milkman for many years.

On leaving his dairy in 1951 he became a junior clerk with the Shire Council and worked his way up to Deputy Shire Clerk; his local knowledge was always sought after by his fellow colleagues, irrespective of their own position."

George Tassell never married, and he left the whole of his estate to the Diocese of Riverina, giving the Bishop of the Diocese entire discretion as to its distribution. Its value came to about \$250,000.



Testimonial to George Tassell on the wall of Cottage 376 – George Tassell House

From Shirley Hunter

George was a faithful, humble man who lived all of his life in Moulamein, N.S.W. He served the Wakool Shire council for 35 years as an accountant, where he was generous with his time and knowledge. George was also a man who was devoted to his community, not just his neighbourhood, but to his faith community at St Martin's, Moulamein. He was involved with the local Scout Movement and was himself previously a King's Scout. This was no small achievement, which anyone involved in the Guiding or Scouting Movements would know.

George died a bachelor with no children, and after spending his life serving others, he left his estate to the Diocese of Riverina to be spent at the Bishop's discretion. This was another example of George's foresight and generosity. By allowing the Bishop the choice of where the funds went, he allowed for a flexible and adaptable legacy, and the building of the Kingdom of God.

George Tassell was a man I had the privilege of working with for many years during our time with the Wakool Shire Council. George was the Accountant/Deputy Shire Clerk and I began my employment there as the Junior Typist. It was a long and endearing working relationship during which I was to learn about and appreciate this unassuming and gentle man, whose life was devoted to his church, his job and the community.

Over the ensuing 20 years, George taught me just about everything one could learn about local government as he believed he had a duty to pass on the knowledge he had gained and he instilled in me that same principle. This learning process from George was often challenging because he encouraged me and other staff to use our mind to work things out for ourselves, but always with a guiding hand steering us in the right direction. George was a thorough gentleman, generous and thoughtful and it was a privilege to know him and work with him.

Shirley Hunter.

Chapter 2 – Planting a Seed

Planting a seed

With the death of George Tassell on June 17th 1990, The Diocese of Riverina found itself with a bequest of approximately \$240,000. George had placed no stipulations on the spending of the money, leaving it entirely to Bishop Barry Hunter's discretion. Initially a sum of \$20,000 was set aside in trust to earn money for the diocese, but this still left a significant amount of money.

Not long after the publication of these events, Glenn Maytum came to see the Bishop. Glenn was the Chaplain at the Wagga Wagga campus of Charles Sturt University. He suggested that the Diocese establish an Anglican Residential College on site. George had been very active in his local residential and faith communities, often working with children and young people, and Bishop Hunter thought that such usage of his bequest would honour George's memory.

A Bevy of Bishops

The Wagga Wagga campus of Charles Sturt University actually lies within the boundaries of The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (the boundary between the two Dioceses is Pine Gully Rd) and so with due courtesy an approach was made to the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn - Bishop Owen Dowling regarding establishing a residential college. Meanwhile, in the neighbouring Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Archdeacon Stephen Williams the rector of Wagga Wagga, had been looking into taking over Tulloch Lodge in Wagga Wagga to form an Anglican student residence for university students. The idea of establishing an Anglican Residential College on site meant that this was no longer needed, and instead Archdeacon Williams became chairperson of first, the Interim Board (who worked on establishing the college), and then the Foundation Board (who began running the college).

As well as negotiating with the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, the University itself had to be approached. Glenn Maytum and Bishop Hunter met with the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Cliff Blake to present the idea of a residential college on campus and to gauge the response. Thankfully the Vice-Chancellor heartily approved of the idea, and became a keen and practical aide in establishing St Martin's. Following this success, an Interim Board was set up and met for the first time on Friday 19 October, 1990 at St John's Anglican Rectory in Wagga Wagga. Among many things decided by this inaugural group, was the original vision for the college - 12 cottages able to house 8 students each, a community centre, a residence for the head of college and worship space.

The starting point for the college was to be a single cottage (housing 8 students) and another building to provide accommodation for a chaplain or tutor together with a small chapel. The design for the cottages was based upon one already used by the University and this aided in the construction which was managed by the University management, as the University itself was currently furthering their own accommodation options. Half of the sum remaining from George's bequest, after the initial investment and a small sum was spent for a permanent memorial in George's name in the Riverina Diocese, was set aside to fund the erection of the two buildings.

Dollar for Dollar

In April 1991, Archdeacon Williams formally advised the University of the Anglican Church's commitment to establish a residential college on campus. When Bishop Hunter had first met with the Vice-Chancellor of the University, a "handshake" agreement had been made that the University would match dollar for dollar the contribution of Anglican College budget for the building. Also at that time, land was chosen and reserved for the growth of the College to its full vision of 12 cottages housing 96 students, the community centre, head of college accommodation and a chapel. The land chosen was close to existing and proposed accommodation of the University in order to capitalise on the support facilities already in place (such as roads, parking spaces and a general store and post office).

It is obvious when reviewing memoirs and minutes of those early meetings, that St Martin's college would not have become the entity it is today without both the flexibility of the University, and the hard work of all involved.



Plaque of St Martin donated to the college by the Mayor of Saint-Avertin. The Plaque had originally been a gift from the Mayor of Kolozsvari in Hungary (the country of St Martin's birth) to the Mayor of Saint- Avertin.

What's in a name?

St Martin's was the name of the church where George Tassell worshipped in Moulamein, and in honour of his generous bequest, the college adopted this patron saint.

St Martin is a saint from the fourth century born in what is now known as Hungary, and is best known as the Bishop of Tours, France. Notably he cared for the poor, fought for truth, spread the good news of Jesus Christ and lived simply.

St Martin was conscripted into the army when he was just 15. It was while he was in the army that on a bitter winter day, during a severe frost, Martin saw a beggar dressed in such poor rags that the man was nearly naked. The man was shivering violently, and was blue from the cold, yet nobody passing him paid any attention to his cries for help. Horrified, Martin took the cloak from his own back and cut it in two, giving half to the beggar, and wrapping the remainder around himself.

That night while he slept, he had a vision. In his vision he saw Jesus Christ wrapped in the piece of cloak he had given away. He heard Jesus say to the angels around him; "See this man Martin . . . he has clothed me with his garment".

Striking the Sod

In early 1991 a sub-committee was formed meeting monthly to plan for the furnishing of the buildings as well as formulating what were to become the "rules and regulations" for the life of the college. Whilst members were keen to maintain an Anglican ethos, it was agreed that future students would not have to be Anglican. Students would be accepted from other denominations, other faiths, and even those who were without any sort of faith. It was also determined that the college would place special emphasis on housing students from remote and rural communities when choosing the successful applicants for accommodation.



Bishop Barry Hunter Blessing the Foundation Stone of Cottage 376



The completed George Tassell House

The foundation stone of the first building was laid on October 22nd, 1991, but when the work was well underway, it was discovered that initial Government subsidies had been withdrawn. With the building still continuing and bills mounting, it was decided that the full remainder of George's bequest would be committed to the project. Given the source of the majority of funding for the initial cottage, it was decided to name it 'George Tassell House', and a framed, illuminated text describing the life and work of George along with a photo of him was hung on the wall in the main living area.



Commissioning of Glenn Maytum as Chaplain

Just four months after work commenced the official opening and blessing of the college, along with the commissioning of its first Chaplain - Glenn Maytum took place. These offices were carried out by Bishop Hunter on February 17th 1992, and St Martin's College was officially 'born' in time for the beginning of the University's academic year.

The First Fleet

The first students to occupy the College in 1992 were: Bill Backhouse (Lake Cargelligo) - First semester only, Crispin Dass (Fiji), Lachlan Graham (Woodstock), Andrew Hatty (Matong), Nathan Penny (Forbes), Coralie Taprell (Griffith), Narelle Wilcox (Leeton), Vicki Whately (Moulamein), and Emma Mansell replaced Bill Backhouse in the second semester.



Chapter 3 – Building the Dream

It was noted in February 1993 that the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Chaplaincy was now fully funded, and that local parishes were still contributing to this regardless. With permission from the Bishop of Canberra Goulburn, letters were sent to those parishes to ask them to divert their funding to the University Chaplain instead.

In March 1993, it was agreed by the board that the college should become an incorporated body from the 1st of July that year. From then on, the College Board managed its own bank accounts and became formally known as Saint Martin's College Incorporated. At the end of the year, Glenn Maytum resigned as the Chaplain, and while the Board was looking for a suitable replacement, Dolly Seow, a student, was appointed as Residential Leader with Helen Markland as her Assistant Residential Leader for 1994.

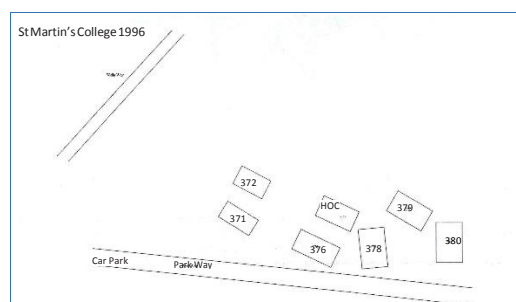
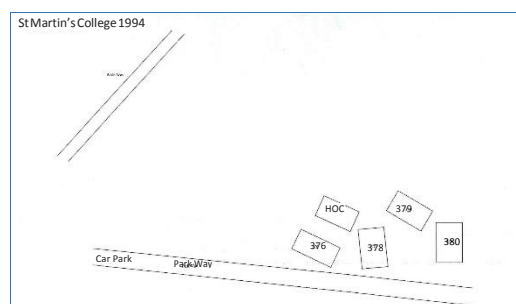
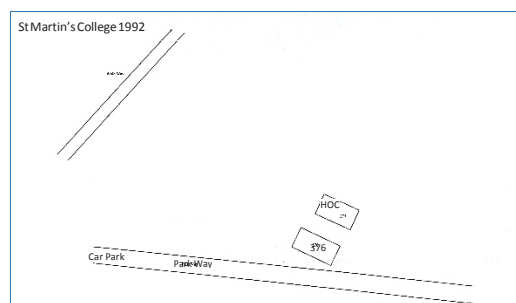
At this time it was also decided to progress with the development of the college site. There were not enough funds to begin building any more cottages, so the Board approached the University about leasing three recently completed University cottages adjacent to the St Martin's site. The leasing of cottages 378, 379 and 380 was designed to lift cash flow to help finance future developments. Thus from 8 beds in the first two years of the college, the number of beds available increased to 32 in 1994.

Letters were sought from prominent members of the community, including Bishops from both Dioceses and from representatives of other denominations as well as from the academic community of the University itself. These letters were to be in support of a fund raising campaign directed by Downes, Venn and Associates, a professional fund raising company. This appeal eventually raised around \$140,000.

It was also about this time that the roles for two distinct forms of chaplaincy were outlined. The first was a chaplaincy to the college itself, and the second was to the university.

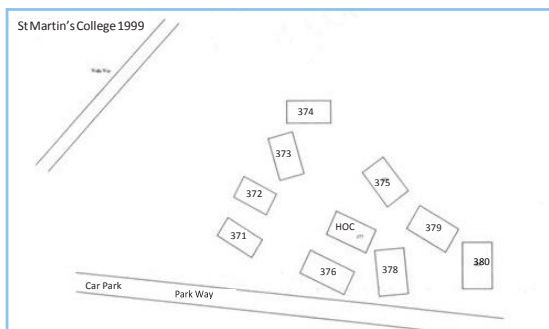


Construction of Cottages 371 & 372. Cottage 371 later became known as Huddersfield House

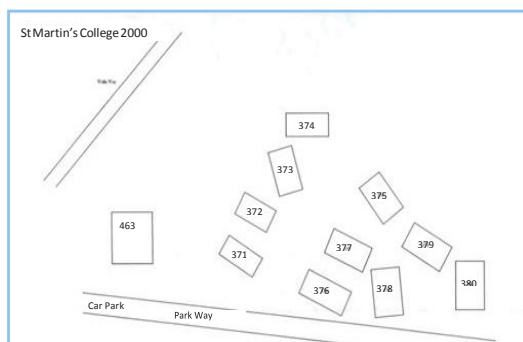


By 1995 the Board's exhaustive search had unearthed Ian Armstrong, who was appointed to the Residential Leader's position, and in 1996 he was assisted by Rhys Bailey who held the position of Business Manager. Two new cottages were opened in 1996, one of which was substantially funded by a generous anonymous donation. One of these cottages, namely 371, became known as Huddersfield House. Once again, as it had in the beginning, the University contributed to both buildings on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The official opening of Stage 2 of the College (commenced with cottages 371 and 372) occurred on February 20th that year. This now brought the total number of residents to 48.

In 1997, the Reverend Karen MacKinlay was appointed as the College Warden, a position she held until the end of 1999. During this period, her position was renamed to the Head of College which was the first time this title was used. During 1998, construction on Stage 3 of the College - cottages 373, 374 and 375 - commenced, and they were officially opened on March 13th, 1999. There were now 72 students residing in the College.



In March of 2000, Peter Savage was appointed as the Head of College, and his commissioning on May 7th, coincided with the opening of the new Head of College Residence. It is important to note that until the completion of the Head of College house in 2000, Residential Leaders and Heads of College had been accommodated in half of Building 377, with the other half of the building being used as a chapel, meeting space, offices or storage at various stages.

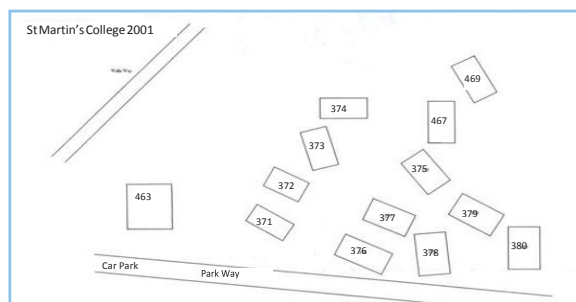


In the following February (2001), stage 4 of construction was completed, consisting of two further cottages (467 and 469) and they were officially opened on March the 3rd, the total number of students now climbing to 88. This saw the end of building for some considerable time as the college consolidated its standing. In 2003 the Board began considering options for the construction of the final cottage and the community centre that the students were clamouring for. With so many students now residing at the college, it was difficult for gatherings



Looking towards Cottage 465

- either formal or informal - to take place and the sense of community built over previous years was beginning to show the strain when the community was not able to come together as a whole.



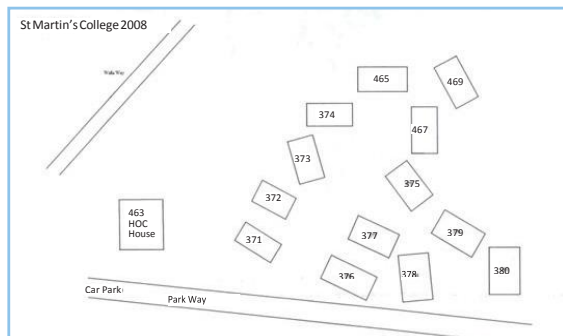
Up until this time, the University had generously matched dollar for dollar the contributions of St Martin's College. The nearby Roman Catholic St Francis College also benefited from this arrangement. However, with increasing requests from various religious groups for the same kind of generosity for their own developments, the University regretfully decided to cease this practice. At this stage, St Martin's owned 8 cottages, the Head of College house, and St Mary's chapel and flat and was still leasing 3 cottages from CSU. In the meantime the College began to save for the further construction needed. The Board also decided in 2005 to make provision in its budget for university chaplaincy. This provision was hoped to contribute to the establishment of a Chaplaincy for the University itself, a separate role to the Head of College.

2006 saw the beginning of a new era, with the arrival of Reverend Jenny Willsher and her family as the new Head of College. Reverend Willsher had previously worked in the higher education residential context in theological colleges in both Fiji and Australia, and brought a wealth of knowledge to St Martin's. In that year Donna Ruschen, the first part-time Administration Officer was farewelled, and her replacement Elizabeth Pennesi commenced.

Although the students needed a place to gather, there was a greater need for more accommodation. The annual selection process saw many more applicants than places were available, and so in 2006 work commenced on the final cottage (465). The College continued to grow both in its sense of community and in reputation. It was never necessary to advertise for applicants, because there were always more than enough.

The following year, 2007, saw the beginnings of the St Martin's College Alumni Association enabled by Ms Fiona Tucker and Board Member Mr Paul Worsfold. It also saw the introduction of the student community garden, which has proven very popular with the residents. On August 13th, Cottage 465 the final cottage of the original vision was officially opened by Bishop Barry Hunter. With the accommodation of 2 students in the old Head of College flat, this took the total number of students to 98. The

College website was also redesigned and re-launched by Reverend Jenny Willsher's husband, Reverend Dr David Willsher.



By 2008 the three “grey cottages” (378, 379 and 380) had been leased from the University for nearly fifteen years, and the decision was made to approach the University to purchase them formally. Having come to a mutual agreement on the cost, they were officially purchased by St Martin's College and became a permanent part of the St Martin's College campus.

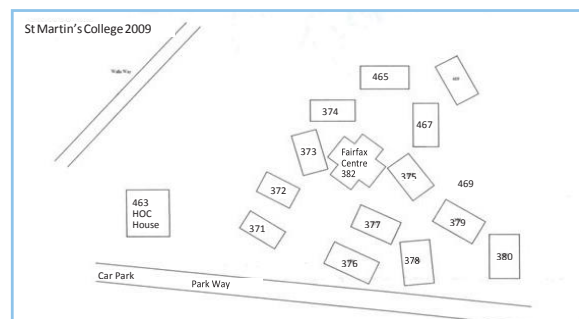
This was accompanied by the renewal of the Deed of Agreement and Lease between the College and the University compiled for a further 21 years. With the immediate future ascertained, it was time to look inward, and the College Motto “Building Hope & Faith” was formulated and added to the Logo.

There was still one piece of the picture missing from the original vision, and that was the much-awaited Community Centre for the college. Rev'd Jenny Willsher began an extensive submission programme to a range of philanthropic organisations to seek funding for a community centre. One of the organisations to which a submission was made was the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation. Following numerous phone calls, a visit by some of the trustees to the college, and work on the submission the VFFF offered \$500,000 toward the building of the Community Centre. This was followed by several other bequests and donations of significant amounts of money to the point where the projected cost was covered. In acknowledgement of this generosity, the Community Centre was named ‘The Fairfax Centre’.



The Fairfax Centre

Finally, in 2009, the original vision of the College was achieved, with The Fairfax Centre being open for use in January and officially opened, blessed and dedicated in May 2009. The opening of the Fairfax Centre then allowed the St Mary's Chapel to resume its role as a chapel – rather than community meeting space and college office. Having achieved the initial goal, the College Board continued its planning process to determine the future vision of St Martin's College. This was no time to rest on laurels, and the beautification of the College commenced. Landscaping and pathways were completed in 2009, and the annex on Cottage 377 was enclosed as storage space for the College. In 2010, an electronic key system was introduced for The Fairfax Centre, and for the St Mary's Chapel, and in 2011 a chapel garden was begun, to enhance the worship space of St Mary's. The prayer garden and new chapel banners created by student Rachel Scane were blessed by Bp Doug Stevens as part of the 20th Anniversary celebrations.



The college has now begun a renovation programme with 376, 379 and the flat having internal renovations including new wardrobes and kitchens. All cottages now have reverse cycle air conditioning, rather than evaporative cooling and gas heating, with each student room having its own unit – no more arguments about the temperature of heaters or noisy cooler fans!!

The start of 2017 has seen the installation of a 30kW solar array on the rooftops of 374, 467 and the Fairfax Centre to reduce our carbon footprint, with the university agreeing to credit excess produced by the college against our quarterly power bills.



Google Earth view of St Martin's College retrieved February 2017

Chapter 4 – From the desk

From The Desk of Andrew Callander – Board Member 1991-2011



In regard to the start of the college, I recall meeting with the Principal of RMIHE (Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education) and Bishop Hunter. The meeting was in the principal's office over a cup of tea. The bishop had asked for a meeting and Cliff Blake asked me to attend as the Bishop had

indicated that he wanted to talk about accommodation for western NSW students. The principal had involved me earlier in a review of chaplaincy and knew I was involved in "Christian Things". We talked about a small college. An offer was made by the bishop to put funds to starting a college. Cliff offered a dollar for dollar subsidy and a handshake agreement was made for the college to be allocated land and to do the building of an eight bedroom cottage and a small building with a living unit and a chapel. We copied University designs to minimise costs. The University was building cottages so it was agreed to build a few more for St Martins. The Bishop and I went for a drive around campus and we agreed on a location which is where the college is now. I remember waving arms about and thinking that we needed about so much land for a college and where we could build the initial cottage and then the main building.

I recall being questioned by the Bishop on a number of occasions as to my suitability to be involved with the college design and start up. I am not sure what he thought, but I recall with fondness talking about a wide range of things particularly the education and engagement of University students. The idea was to build near the current residences to utilise the community support already in place and as the site already had utilities and services located well to access and reduce costs.

Over the years things have not changed much from what the college looks like today. Originally I had suggested that a college should be of 250 students to be effective. The Bishop, however, thought that about 100 students would be better, especially in terms of forming a community. I then recall being appointed by the RMIHE to look after the project and to act as a liaison and aide to the Bishop. This was the start of my involvement with St Martins.

St Paul's Turvey Park Parish decided to donate Hymn books in the early days and also an electronic keyboard. I also recall a parish near Ardlethan, which I think had closed some years before, from where Bishop Hunter

arranged for church furniture items to be loaned to the Chapel on the understanding that if required they could be returned. I took delivery of the furniture altar, lectern, prayer stool and a brass cross that went with the altar. I cleaned and restored the furniture and my wife Sue made a number of banners and altar cloths. Sue also made other hangings and things for the chapel at the time.

The College agreed to supply chaplaincy support to the Institute on an unofficial basis. The good side of this was that lots happened to the College's benefit that could not occur today. The down side was that everything relied on good will and fitting in with the College. Overall I see that we would not have seen the College grow as successfully as it did without the friendly handshake approach that characterised the early days.

I recall being visited by an esteemed delegation from a worldwide organisation of Anglican university affiliated colleges. The group had come to Australia to work with colleges at UNSW (University of NSW), in Sydney. They made several approaches and sent an application form for the College to complete and which would also allow them to assess membership. As secretary of the College for a number of years it fell to me to respond. I informed them on a number of occasions of our size and scope and that a visit may not have been worthwhile at that stage. Never the less they came. The group travelled to Wagga to meet with the new College they had heard about and to look at our programs and offerings. They allowed three days for their visit so they could get to know the College and the staff. I will not mention any of the esteemed names in the group. I was the only one available to see them. After twenty minutes I think they began to appreciate that whilst we had a bright future, we were at a modest beginning and that three days was perhaps a little too long an allowance. I remember hosting them for an evening and they left the next day.

I also remember arranging and attending a number of meetings with Bishop Hunter and the Principal to solve issues that had arisen in the early days. These were very informal held over a cup of tea and usually resolved to address many issues most frequently to the College's benefit. Many times I can recall receiving instruction to look after our religious friends as they added something important to the University and were a partner in the mission to support the community.

On a personal note I think I ended up helping out in all ways imaginable for the college. I agreed to join the advisory group when the college first started getting going. I found myself as secretary for more years than I can remember. When I spoke to The Vice-Chancellor Professor Blake about the management group, I can recall his reaction to hearing that Pat Stephenson and Marie Thompson were involved. Professor Blake made a statement to the effect that the college was in safe hands as these women knew how to get things done and that I could learn a thing or two from watching them operate. I

remember helping move furniture into new cottages and planting a garden around the chapel.

In the early days of the college all 'day to day' admin was done as part of the accommodation office at CSU (Charles Sturt University). This made for some interesting times and experiences. Over the years I had to balance my responsibilities as a University employee and as a college supporter. I think I managed these responsibilities honestly and well.

It was a wonderful experience to be involved with St Martins from when it was first being considered. I have enjoyed seeing how something can develop and grow as we have seen. I also believe that I have received more from my involvement than I could ever have given.

From The Desk of Bill Anscombe – Board Member 1993 - Present



I joined the St Martin's Board in 1993 within a few months of commencing my employment at Charles Sturt University as a lecturer in Social Work.

St Martin's College of 1993 consisted of one eight bedroom cottage, the St Mary's Chapel and the two bedroom flat, a part-time Chaplain (Glenn Maytum) and a newly-formed and inexperienced College Board. We had a vision from Bishop Barry Hunter of the Riverina Diocese to grow the College physically to twelve eight-bedroom cottages and a central community building. We had a desire to see St Martin's contribute to the academic, social, sporting and spiritual development of young people at University many of whom would graduate and serve their communities in rural Australia. We wanted to contribute to the lives of individuals, the University community and the Church communities through St Martin's College by providing excellent quality accommodation and pastoral care that built community.

The early years were characterised by a small number of students and needing to get in place a range of infrastructure matters. Along with another Board member, we wrote the mission, vision and objectives for the Board. The Board put in place a constitution and got the necessary State and Commonwealth Government, University and Church authorizations to operate in a sustainable way. We struggled to find a way to develop the College to the attainment of the vision from a very small student base (8 students), and precarious finances that would not provide the infrastructure or financial capacity to develop without having very substantial and unsustainable financial debt. At a Board meeting, where we were struggling to consider a growth trajectory from a small base, we suggested that we ask the University to lease us three existing cottages. This would give us the

critical mass' to practice managing a residential college and would also provide a base from which to work.

The then Vice-Chancellor (Professor Blake) offered to lease us three cottages providing at the end of three years we built three cottages. The University offered to match our contribution on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Board enthusiastically took up the challenge and by the end of three years we had built three cottages and the University agreed to re-lease the other three to us for a further three years. A fund-raising programme was marginally successful and we were able to borrow from both Dioceses to support the College. In 1993, I considered that the growth of the College to the original physical vision (12 eight- bedroom cottages, the Chapel and a central building) was a 15 year project. I cannot tell you how delighted I was to see the 12 eight-bedroom cottages completed and the Central building completed in January 2009.

Praise God and His generous people (and the University's generosity of the early years of dollar for dollar matching of accommodation) that this has all been achieved in a way that means that we have no debt. I have been overawed by the generosity of so many people. The original bequest of George Tassell enabled the building of the first cottage and the Chapel. The generosity of the Percy Allen Trust substantially contributed to the development of one cottage. The Huddersfield House Cottage was built on a substantial donation by a person who preferred to remain anonymous. The Fairfax Family Foundation was asked for \$400,000 to help finance the central community building that bears the name the Fairfax Centre - and they distributed \$500,000 to the College. I was amazed at the generosity. The Richard Johnson College rang to ask if we could use a donation of \$400,000 - that effectively eliminated our already manageable debt levels. At a personal level, it has been an amazing journey for me in the way that God provides. We have been careful and cautious stewards and have had a long term vision. I could never have envisaged the way it was fulfilled.

While building the physical and financial viability of the College, we have also been developing the academic, social, sporting and spiritual community aspects of the College. As a Board, we are conscious that we cannot allow the finances and the buildings to dominate over the central purpose of building a community of people that can contribute for the remainder of their lives to vocational, academic, social, spiritual and sporting communities across Australia and across the world. Measuring that kind of goal is far less tangible and far longer-term than pointing to buildings and financial balance sheets. At a personal level, I consider that we have been blessed at the College in having many students who develop academically, socially, in sport, in community and spiritually and who see St Martin's College as an important contributor to that development.

There are many, many highlights and far too many to write here. Confirmations at the College, the Saints Ball, the Saints Cup, the various 'Marties' sporting teams, the Occasional Lectures, the Annual Dinners, the support for students undergoing health and other concerns, the trips away, the contributions of students to the local churches, the development of relationships that result in marriages, commitment to engaging in Bible studies, 'Muffins and meditations' and serving in other ways have been wonderful and memorable. I think of the quilt that was developed by students in the College for a fellow student undergoing a life-threatening illness. I think of the way students have supported the Cancer Council and the Relay for Life walk. I think of the yelps of joy when a student was awarded the Helen Faulkes' scholarship and as she declared how that would enable her to give up her morning job of milking cows and that she could now concentrate on her primary school studies. I think of the young student who was quietly and deeply grateful at being supported by the College following the death of a parent. I think of the evening when over 30 students listened to Bishop Bruce Clarke lead a lecture/discussion on euthanasia - and the allied health students who were deeply concerned to integrate an authentic faith with the realities of suffering. I think of the students' contribution to the sustaining of the environment through the electricity monitoring and the development of a St Martin's community garden. I think of the Fiji mission trips and the way that has furthered the idea of Christian service while also meeting the international objectives of the University.

The St Martin's community is not only a community of students but has also included a succession of able, gifted, and talented Chaplains/Heads of College. It has been a privilege to work with each of them as they brought their differing talents to the College at the different times of its development. As the College has developed, so the skill mix required to operate the College has changed. The complexity of the College has grown and we are now a mature college with the demands and advantages that organizational maturity brings. We are very well served by our current Head of College who has the right skill mix for this time in the College's life.

But St Martin's also consists of the Board and it has been a singular delight to be part of the Board over a very long period. We have been well served by people of vision, talent, diligence and prayer. For the most part it has been a happy Board devoid of self-interest and one where there has been a real commitment to serving both God and the student/Church community. We have been supported by the two dioceses in many more ways than simply financial. The Riverina Diocese has St Martin's at its annual Synod with a report while the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese also receives a report at Synod. St Martin's is included in the cycle of prayer within the Church.

And there have been other special contributions to the life and work of St Martin's College. While it is dangerous to name a few, as these are personal reflections, I recall with enormous gratitude the contribution of the late Charles Houen as the College's voluntary solicitor in the lengthy dealings with the University to get in place the latest 20 year lease. Charles was also enormously helpful when we needed employment contract advice. The late Marie Thompson served on the Board with characteristic enthusiasm, energy, diligence and a 'can-do' attitude. I have been so grateful for the long term commitment of Andrew Callander, Professor Ross Chambers and Pat Stephenson, and of course the extraordinary skills of our current treasurer, James Hamilton. My experience is that some Boards of Management can be places of destruction and tension – St Martin's Board has had diversity and occasional disagreement – but always in the context of harmony and shared vision. It has been one of the best community involvements that I have ever had.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my long-term association with St Martin's College. It has been a privilege to be part of a dynamic and vital organization – to work in the present with people of passion in the formation of a new and future generation of citizens built upon a firm foundation established by people of passion and commitment from the past.



Dr Bill Anscombe congratulates 2016 CSU / St Martin's College Graduates Peter Menhinick and Gemma Hehir

From the desk of James Hamilton – Board Treasurer 2003 - present



During the latter part of 2002 my journey with St Martin's College (SMC) commenced when Andrew Bowcher resigned as Treasurer because he was the Treasurer of The Riverina Anglican College and he had to focus on TRAC because of major projects happening at TRAC.

I was approached by Bill Anscombe and Bishop Godfrey Fryar (the Assistant Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn) about the possibility of becoming treasurer for an interim period of six months only commencing early 2003. I accepted the role as interim treasurer for 6 months

knowing that SMC strives to assist regional and rural students with affordable and quality accommodation and appropriate pastoral care for students with the understanding that for some students it would be their first time away from their home environment for any lengthy period.

The first board meeting which I participated in was February 2003 and at that meeting there was a little initial confusion about whether I was an appointment of Diocese of C&G or an appointment of SMC board. It was settled at the next meeting that I was an appointment of Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn. Peter Savage was the Head of College (HOC) and Donna Ruschen was the Administrative Officer when I was introduced to SMC. There were 90 students in residence. The computerised financial package used was MYOB and it is still used today. My first major task in February 2003 was to compile a document on proposed capital works for one additional cottage and the multipurpose centre incorporating at least four scenarios coupled with various interest rates, different length of periods for loans, and different student occupancy levels.

Bringing my personal experience to bear, I arranged for the creation of an induction package for new board members and I helped develop Policies and Procedures for the Board. This was necessary for the protection of the Board Members and SMC in case of any future legal action. Such action was not anticipated, but should be planned for as part of normal risk assessment.

The main aspects of the Treasurer's job are to compile annual budgets, monitor the financial situation, report directly to SMC board members, and undertake special projects in relation to financing of projects. The three major projects which I was involved in during my period with SMC were the acquisition of the three grey cottages from CSU, the construction of the 12th cottage and the construction of the multipurpose community centre. Prior to my time, the CSU funded dollar for dollar any construction costs for accommodation for students. This financial arrangement certainly enhanced the development of SMC which owned 8 cottages, HOC cottage and St Mary's Chapel and flat at time I came to the treasurer's desk. St Francis College, our sister college, benefited from the same financial arrangement with CSU. The financial arrangement ceased by CSU because of the increasing requests from various religious groups to finance buildings on campus. I was elected to the Building committee and Remuneration committee where I am still a member. I was also a member of the selection panel for the HOC when Peter Savage opted not to renew his contract as HOC.

When construction work commenced on the Cottage 465 at the top of the designated land area, it was discovered that a major water pipe had been laid some years earlier and it went straight through the centre of the proposed cottage site and the proposed multipurpose building site.

The water pipe had to be redirected around the cottage site and placed in the services corridor so that the future multipurpose building site would be available for construction purposes. Fortunately, CSU paid for the relocation of the water pipe. Loan monies were organised with both Anglican Development funds (Riverina and Canberra & Goulburn) to finance part of the new cottage cost plus acquisition of the 3 grey cottages.



Fairfax Centre building works in a dust storm 2008

When the board commenced examining the possibility of constructing the multipurpose centre the financing of project had to be determined once a ball park amount had been determined for such a type of building. SMC Board consulted the Diocesan Bishops of Canberra & Goulburn and Riverina with the purpose of ascertaining whether the multi- purpose building should be built for parish based ministry or to serve the needs of SMC only. It was decided that the multipurpose building should serve SMC students and to a lesser extent CSU students only. Projections based on various interest rates had to be determined so as to inform the board of the various scenarios that may arise depending on economic circumstances. Architect Plans and structural engineer's plans were developed and approved by the CSU and WWCC. Fortunately, at the time of examining the possibilities of funding the project a funding request for \$400,000 was submitted to the philanthropic organisation "Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation" for a grant of monies towards the multipurpose community centre. The request was within the guidelines of the trust to assist organisations in "The future of children and young people is of particular interest as are the special needs of Australians living beyond the major metropolitan centres particularly in rural and outback Australia. In our work we are also concerned about the spiritual health of the nation and the relevance of Christian faith in action".

The trustees of the VFFF visited the SMC site and they were very pleased with the philosophy of SMC and the planned intentions of the multipurpose community centre to service the students. SMC board received advice from VFFF stating that they will donate \$500,000 toward the multipurpose building. This large gift toward the project ensured the viability of the multipurpose building project. Other funds received were from individual donations, Richard Johnson College, Percy Allen foundation, a bequest from Marie Thompson, both

Anglican Dioceses of Canberra & Goulburn and Riverina, and CSU in kind for water pipe and electricity relocation costs.

The facility would enhance community building for students and the building of relationships because the facility aimed to have ample space to house all SMC students at the one time. Tenders were called for the construction project and Nash Brothers constructions were successful. The building project commenced in 2008 and it was ready for occupation in January 2009.

The College has continued to grow in terms of the community. There has been gratifying levels of student involvement as evidenced by participation in the Relay for Life, College sports, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and the multiple nominations for the Board position elected by students and the applications for Senior Student roles. The informal morning teas that occur each day are now in the Fairfax Centre and the staff and students meet together informally. While the cottages maintain a very strong allegiance, there is a developing allegiance to the wider community of St Martins which has been enhanced by the multipurpose centre.

St Martin's College, in part, is a place of accommodation for students from regional and rural areas but it is more than merely a place of accommodation. SMC has a strategic role in the Gospel and the Church by providing an opportunity for young people of Christian persuasion, and of no faith persuasion, to encounter the risen Lord Jesus during their formative years at University. This is our mission and this is my mission.



Board Members with the \$500,000 donation from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation 2008

From the desk of Prof. Ross Chambers CSU Board Representative 1992 -2012



It was a great, inspiring and enjoyable privilege to serve as the CSU representative on the Board of St Martin's College from 1992 to 2012. I very much valued the opportunity to be part of the College community from its beginnings through to its present

well-established and flourishing state. The College made, and continues to make a wonderful contribution to the life of the University at Wagga Wagga, especially to the students studying there. The College seems to me to have more than realised the hopes and vision of its founders for a community on campus which would draw on the Christian tradition and the best traditions of residential university colleges but also develop a distinctive identity shaped by the contemporary needs and experience of regional Australia. As someone who spent much of their childhood in a very remote part of Australia I also very much welcomed the attention of the College and its founders and supporters to the needs of students from rural and remote communities.

Set out below are some reflections on the College's first 25 years.

The College now seems a "normal" part of the University and its life. It is well integrated with the life of students at the Wagga Wagga campus, engages thoroughly with university life and is a well-accepted accommodation option. It is easy then to overlook just how unusual the College is in the context of contemporary Australian university life. St Martin's and St Francis' Colleges at Wagga are the only residential colleges to have been created at an Australian university in the modern (post-1989) era. Moreover, they have flourished at a time when many older residential colleges at universities have either struggled financially or have struggled to be more than residential accommodation for students from wealthy or elite backgrounds. This uniqueness reflects a unique set of circumstances: the commitment of the Anglican community in Wagga Wagga and the Riverina to supporting the higher education aspirations of regional students and the generosity of members of that community in supporting St Martin's in financial and many other ways; the readiness of the church and the University to engage with each other; acceptance by the University that a college based in a faith community was a valuable accommodation option for students and that such a college might contribute to enriching student experience; and, perhaps most importantly, the fact that students did indeed welcome the option of such a College.

There were also some very important personal elements in this unique story. The Vice Chancellor of CSU at the time of St Martin's establishment, Professor C.D. Blake AO, had been the Deputy Principal of St Andrew's College at the University of Sydney and had a very positive view of the role of church affiliated colleges on campuses and in student life. CSU broadly, and Professor Blake in particular, viewed the churches as important elements in CSU's regional communities and had developed very good relations with them. The early 'nineties saw the establishment of the CSU School of Theology and the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Canberra –

Goulburn. Bishops of the Riverina Diocese had long served on the advisory boards of CSU and its predecessor institutions. Professor Blake came from a dairy farming background in the Hunter region and had a strong commitment to providing opportunities in higher education for regional students and a view that supportive and accessible accommodation was a key element in this.

At the time of St Martin's establishment CSU was significantly extending its course profile at Wagga Wagga and the size of its intakes. Expansion of student accommodation was a priority in this context. As a result, the University was willing to make land on campus available for the establishment of St Martin's as well as to share establishment costs. In Professor Blake's words, "We are getting student beds for half price".

St Martin's has also been very well served by its leadership at many levels. It has attracted wise and effective heads of college who have also become valued members of the broader university community. It has had some outstanding student leaders. It has had a Board which has not only been strongly committed to the vision and success of the College but has also brought a wide range of skills to the College, including legal, financial, pastoral and practical. Andrew Callander, the head of student residences at CSU served on the Board for many years but as a representative of the Anglican community rather than a CSU nominee. Andrew brought to the Board great knowledge of the operation of student residences (CSU was by the late 'nineties one of the largest providers of student accommodation amongst Australian universities) and, importantly, ensured that the College and the university residences were seen as complementary rather than in competition.

The contribution of the long serving chair of the Council, my colleague at CSU, A/Professor Bill Anscombe, is especially noteworthy and important. Bill has been an ideal link between the University and the Anglican community and the College community. His understanding of all issues to do with colleges is, in my experience, unparalleled. He has helped steer the College through complex legal arrangements, especially around its leasing of land; has managed the inevitable complexities which arise as a result of the College being linked to two (not one) dioceses; has proven very gifted in financial planning; and has helped shape a College ethos which promotes mutuality and care; accountability and opportunity; community, inclusion and the valuing of each person; and engagement with learning and the full range of student life.

The past 25 years have seen many important developments. For me these include: the steady growth of the College with additional accommodation being developed and careful consideration being given to the ideal size (about right as it currently stands in my view although the addition of accommodation for post

graduate students might be considered); the successful bid for funding from the Fairfax Foundation which enabled the construction of communal space at the heart of the College and the strengthening of collegial life; the development of practices of worship and prayer within the life of the College; the emergence of College traditions and a distinctive College identity, accompanied by the steady increase in College alumni and their continuing engagement with and support for the College.

Central to the life and success of a college are its students. Peer support and engagement are very important in student learning and success. Friendships made at university are often the most enduring and play an important part in personal formation. St Martin's and its students have successfully provided and promoted a mutually supportive environment and created a space in which people can be themselves whilst taking on the challenges and new experiences which university and preparation for the professions bring. St Martin's has also attracted a diverse student body in terms of course enrolments, home location and interests. The literature on student success identifies opportunities to encounter diversity as one of the factors which is both valued by students and which promotes successful learning. St Martin's students have a well-deserved reputation for engagement in student life (another key factor in student success) alongside a commitment to their studies. Staff frequently commented to me that they felt that St Martin's had an impact on the ethos of the Wagga Wagga campus out of proportion to its student numbers.

The past 25 years have seen remarkable achievements at St Martin's. While these are to be recognised and valued in their own right it is also important to view them as firm foundations for the future. Churches, and their colleges, like universities, should see themselves in the perspective of centuries and have long term hopes and aspirations. I congratulate all who have helped create and establish St Martin's and, from a CSU perspective, thank them for the many ways in which they have enriched the life of the University. I look forward to CSU and St Martin's continuing to grow together and to contributing to each other's success and flourishing.



The Board farewells Professor Ross Chambers

Chapter 5 – The best crest

Saint Martin's College Crest



The Crown

The Crown relates to the establishment of the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn by Letters Patent in 1863. As Goulburn was the last See created by this means anywhere in the Anglican Communion, it is a significant part of the Diocese's history. The fact it is a feminine crown reflects the creation of the Diocese during the reign of Queen Victoria.

The Present Arms

The Present Arms feature "Azure in chief a Pastoral Staff and a Sword point downwards in a saltire formation and surmounted on a representation of the Royal Crown proper". The crossed sword and pastoral staff represent "the co-existence of temporal and spiritual authority". Saltire formation is also known as St Andrew's Cross.

The Four Rivers

The four rivers represent the four rivers of the Riverina Diocese – the Murrumbidgee, Murray, Darling & Lachlan Rivers.

The Sturt Desert Pea

The Sturt Desert Pea represents the links with Charles Sturt University.



Building Hope and Faith - The College Motto

From its very beginning, St Martin's College incorporated the spirit of working together and this is embodied in its motto: Building Hope and Faith. This motto, suggested by Board member Mr James Hamilton and adopted by the College Board in 2008 expresses the College's desire to enable the development of young people who will hopefully become leaders in their local churches and communities.

25th Anniversary Logo



In 2016 the College invited students to participate in a competition to design a logo for the Silver anniversary of the college with a \$50 cash prize. The winning entry was design by Eliza Thomas and incorporated the phrase "25 years of excellence in student accommodation".

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Chapter 6 – A bevy of Bishops

Recollections of Bishop Barry Hunter



The story of Saint Martin's College takes root in the person of George Tassell. George was a faithful, humble man, who lived in Moulamein, New South Wales, all his life. He was leader of the Anglican community there, serving as a Lay Reader and a Pastoral Assistant, and with his quiet efficiency and innate pastoral sense ministering to many, and making sure

that the worship and service of God was done in that place.

When George died on 17 June 1990, we discovered that, being a single man all his life, he had left his Estate to the Anglican Diocese of Riverina, about \$240,000. It was left entirely to the Bishop's discretion to use the money as he decided to do. A sum of \$20,000 was immediately set aside as a bequest to earn money for the Riverina Church Fund, and to make for a permanent memorial of George's name in the Diocese.

Shortly after news of George's bequest was made known, I was approached in a way somewhat reminiscent of the way St. Martin of Tours was approached some 1600 years before. The "beggar" in this instance was the Glenn Maytum, who at that time was Diocesan Education Officer and part-time chaplain at the university. Glenn did not come to see the Bishop on his own behalf, but pleaded that moneys from George Tassell's bequest might be used to establish a residential college for students on the Wagga Wagga campus of the Charles Sturt University. At the time, the Australian Government offered generous financial assistance for such projects, and the Chancellor of the University, Dr Blake, was actively supervising much building activity on the campus. I agreed that this would be a very worthy thing to do, so that George's ministry could continue for the benefit of the students at the University. We felt this would have pleased George, because of his previous service with the Boy Scout movement in Moulamein, where he himself had earlier been a King's Scout, and because of his love for the Diocese.

With Glenn's help, we were able to visit Professor CD Blake AM, then Vice-Chancellor, and he heartily endorsed this initiative and maintained thereafter a practical and helpful interest. He was keen to see Christian Colleges established on campus. It was decided that we should initially fund the erection of one "cottage", to house eight students, plus another building to provide accommodation for a chaplain or tutor, together with a small chapel. The "cottage" design was according to the pattern already well in use on the University campus, and this facilitated the actual building, which was done through the University management. I felt that we should

spend half of the remaining sum of George's bequest, leaving the rest for other possible uses in the Diocese. That half should be enough for our initial project with the help of Government subsidies.

When the work was well advanced, Dr Blake informed us that the Government subsidies had been withdrawn, so I had to make the (then) painful decision to release the whole of the rest of George's bequest for the project.

In 1991 we formed a small committee which met monthly to make plans for the furnishing of the buildings, and also to make policies and rules to be followed in the administration of the College. We decided to name it Saint Martin's College, because George's parish church had been St Martin's, Moulamein. We tried to keep student costs as low as possible, and while we sought to maintain an Anglican ethos, some students of other Faiths or none would also be welcomed. Another "plank", given George's life as a citizen of a remote rural township, was that some preference would be given to selecting young men and women from outback areas.

It is important to stress that this project was to be a joint one, including both the Diocese of Riverina and the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The campus lies within the borders of the latter diocese. We were particularly fortunate in having Archdeacon Stephen Williams, who was the Rector of St John's, Wagga Wagga, on our committee, where he was enormously helpful. I remember also the practical help of Mrs Rhonda Tonacia of Coolamon, and Mr Andrew Callander, who was on the University staff.



Bp Barry Hunter Commissions Mr Glenn Maytum as Chaplain to CSU and Chaplain to St Martin's College 1992

The College was blessed on 17 February 1992, in time for that year's enrolments. The first eight students were Bill Backhouse (Lake Cargelligo), Narelle Willcox (Leeton), Vicki Whateley (Moulamein), Coralie Taprell (Griffith), Nathan Penny (Forbes), Crispin Dass (Fiji), Lachlan Graham (Woodstock) and Andrew Hatty (Matong). Our first resident chaplain was Glenn Maytum.

The first cottage was named George Tassell House (GTH) and contains an illuminated text about George Tassell on the common room wall.

Since that small beginning, Saint Martin's College has grown rapidly, very much with the help of the University authorities, and with great diocesan co-operation.



In 2007 Bp Barry Hunter returned to the College to bless the 12th Cottage – Cottage 465

Bishop Barry Hunter died on 28th July 2015 and this sad loss was acknowledged by the university with flags hung at half-mast on the day of his funeral and the College Board passing the following motion at their August meeting:

The Board of St Martin's College notes with sadness the death of the Right Reverend Doctor Barry Hunter – formerly Bishop of the Diocese of the Riverina – on 28th July 2015. Bishop Hunter was the key person in the initial development of St Martin's College on the Wagga Wagga Campus of Charles Sturt University. Bishop Hunter appointed an Anglican Chaplain to the University in 1989 and this appointment also led to the establishment of chaplaincy at the Albury-Wodonga Campus. He was also instrumental in the establishment of St Martin's Residential College in 1992, at the Wagga Wagga Campus. These two initiatives laid the foundation for a lasting partnership between Charles Sturt University and the Anglican Church. Bishop Hunter was awarded a Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) by the University in 1995. The Board of St Martin's College acknowledges with gratitude to God the lasting contribution of Bishop Barry Hunter and gives thanks for a life lived well in the service of God.

Recollections of Bishop George Browning



That the College exists is a testimony to virtues of vision, leadership, generosity and trust.

The vision was clearly articulated by Bishop Barry Hunter. If the Riverina was to be blessed through the leadership of able young men and women of

Christian, and hopefully of Anglican, commitment in the future, they would need to be trained and nurtured at home in the Riverina. There was more than enough evidence to show that when youngsters of talent went to the metropolitan centres for their tertiary education, they did not subsequently return in great numbers to serve in regional Australia. The Bishop had a great passion for regional Australia and the Riverina in particular. When Bishop Hunter received the initial benefaction from George Tassell he generously committed it to the Wagga campus, outside the boundary of his own diocese, and so began a partnership between the two Dioceses and the University. The College would not have begun without the initial benefaction, nor would it have begun without Bishop Barry's vision generosity and trust.

But that is not the complete story, the other partner being the University itself. The University was and remains keen to attract students from outlying areas and even from overseas, and to achieve this goal, residential accommodation was essential. The University's commitment through a dollar for dollar subsidy for the building of the college was crucial. Finally, being within the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn there needed to be more than tacit support from the host Diocese. This was provided in spades by the then rector of St John's Wagga Wagga, Archdeacon Stephen Williams who was a foundation member of the board and a most enthusiastic supporter of the college.

When I arrived as bishop of Canberra and Goulburn in 1993, the College had just begun. One cottage in a very large space nurtured by the always enthusiastic Glenn Maytum its first (part-time) head of college. It was clear to me that the college had enormous potential and that its master plan of several cottages surrounding a central multi-purpose recreational/worship centre was ideal. (I believe this model is far more appropriate than the more traditional cloistered colleges).

It struck me that for the college to be a meaningfully sustainable community it needed to reach 'critical mass' in the shortest possible time. The components of this I considered to be:

- a sufficient number of cottages to create a viable community and to provide sufficient income that would enable the critical components of college life to be provided.
- a full time head of college (preferably an ordained Anglican priest) in accommodation that would be of Diocesan standard and attract a high quality leader and perhaps visiting scholars or research fellows
- a significant multipurpose area where the community could gather for recreation, community building and worship.

That all of this has now happened is a tribute to the board and its leadership; the various heads of college, Glen Maytum, Ian Armstrong, Karen MacKinlay, Peter Savage and especially Jenny Willsher; the University and the wider college community.

As the Bishop of the Diocese for most of the College's life I am very proud of what others have achieved. I am very grateful to the Development Fund of the Diocese for investing in the College and for the trust that has developed between the two Dioceses; in its own way a significant catalyst for what became the Tri- Diocesan relationship between Riverina, Bathurst and Canberra and Goulburn. Much can be achieved when leaders have the courage to think and act outside the square. God took a terrible risk in creating humanity and spent heavily in our redemption! Courage to act similarly seems to have divine sanction and to be rewarded one hundredfold.

May the graduates from the college significantly influence the values and direction of the Riverina into the future. May God's richest blessing continue to cover the college and may the trust that dared to reach across boundaries in its foundation find other channels for 'risky' Christian cooperation into the future.



Bp Bruce Clark, Karen MacKinlay and Bp George Browning inspect new cottages being built 1998

Recollections of Bishop Bruce Clark



When I first arrived in Riverina Diocese I discovered that the diocese was directly involved with the embryonic St. Martin's College within Charles Sturt University at Wagga Wagga in Canberra Goulburn Diocese. At that time St. Martin's supplied housing for eight students.

If I am really honest, in my early days in the Diocese, when drought and significant lowering of interest rates triggered a critical financial situation, I found myself thinking, "Oh, Bishop Hunter, why did you give that George Tassell bequest to St. Martin's?" – but only for a moment! Bishop Hunter, the Reverend Glenn Maytum, (University Chaplain at the time), and Charles Sturt University, rightly saw the need for student on campus accommodation. The remoteness of towns and communities of the western areas of the diocese presented distinct challenges for young people seeking to access tertiary education, and I quickly recognized it was important to pursue the vision of St. Martin's to provide a safe, caring, Christian environment for students. In later years I found a bond had formed across the diocese between families whose young folk were, or had been, in residence at St. Martin's.

When I left in 2004, the College had reached Bishop Hunter's vision of twelve houses accommodating ninety six students and planning for the multi-function centre was well under way. The fundamental philosophy of St. Martin's was that it would be open to any student whether from overseas or local, no matter of what faith, culture or race, to live in community, underpinned by the Christian values as expressed through the Anglican Church. The Board faced the question as to how, in this mix, Christian ministry would be best supported – through a chaplain, the residential leader, students, from the Head of College or neighbouring parishes? In 2004, meaningful ministry was being provided by the Head of College with local parish support.

The St. Martin's College Board was chaired by the Archdeacon of Wagga Wagga, with representatives from Canberra Goulburn and Riverina Dioceses, Charles Sturt University and the student body. Continuing financial support came through low interest loans from the Development Funds of both dioceses, generous subsidies, support from the University and fund raising programmes, gifts and bequests. The Registrar of Riverina, Mr Ray Highfield continued as Secretary/Treasurer until the college had grown sufficiently for its own business manager to be appointed. After the blessing of new cottages bringing the number of

students accommodated to forty eight, Ray wrote, "These cottages represent an investment in the future of our young people who attend the university, and are a way of providing Christian accommodation for the students from the western areas of New South Wales and provide the benefits of a Christian, caring environment at the heart of Charles Sturt University".

Naturally, Board members were called upon to grapple with the challenges which inevitably accompany growth. Their goodwill and dedication was outstanding and contributions invaluable. It was always a great pleasure to visit the college community both for the formal occasions such as the dedication of new buildings as well as more relaxed worship services, discussion groups and the splendid annual dinners.

As the college grew, the students made it clear that they needed a common gathering area. They felt that this was important to help them maintain a real sense of family and fellowship. At the same time the Board saw the need for a chapel and worship area. Because funding for a separate chapel was difficult, planning began to blend both the sacred and secular activities into a multi-purpose centre –an exciting project which I thoroughly supported - and which was my last involvement with the College.

St. Martin's College took its place as a significant development within the on-going life of the Tri-Diocesan Covenant, (this being a commitment undertaking by the diocese of Riverina, Canberra Goulburn and Bathurst to share their resources, deepen their fellowship in Christ and to meet together the challenge of Christian witness in contemporary society). Evident in its growth is the mutual trust and generous co-operation between Charles Sturt University, the three dioceses and the community. The 20th Anniversary celebrates the growth from the original vision in 1991 to the present College, and the efforts of all those who have made this possible over the last twenty years.

May God richly bless the staff, graduates, students and members of the Board as they all make their contribution to the life of the College, and as it in turn, enriches the life of the University and the wider community.



Bishop Clark confirmed Cameron Senior November 1994

Recollections of Bishop Doug Stevens



St Martin's College began with a vision. In any organisation the vision articulates the organisation's fundamental purpose, what it wants to become and why it exists. Vision however is more than a picture of what the organisation will be like at some future point in time.

The vision acts as a symbolic statement which then dominates the organisation's thinking and acting, motivating people towards its achievement.

The vision that created and which continues to motivate St Martin's, is that young people from the country and particularly the Riverina, could be enabled to study in the country and be encouraged to remain in the country after graduation. The vision took form in the establishment of an Anglican residential community at Charles Sturt University. The vision was first articulated by Reverend Glenn Maytum and enabled by the generosity of Mr George Tassell and the decision of Bishop Barry Hunter to direct Mr Tassell's bequest into the achievement of that vision. St Martin's was thus established to provide students with the opportunity to live within a community formed by Christian values and vision.

The particular Christian contribution to the understanding of community is via the Greek expression *koinonia*. *Koinonia* describes the experience of the 'common life', the 'shared life' and it begins with the relationship of the shared life and love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; this fellowship of love is the divine Trinity. Christian *koinonia* is therefore the human fellowship that reflects the community life of the Holy Trinity.

Koinonia for St Martin's students is the opportunity to participate in one another's lives and in the wider life of the university within the broader framework of Christian values and the Anglican Church.

Such is the richness of the concept of *koinonia* that no one word can adequately describe it. Theologians in recent years have explored the dimensions of *koinonia* and also described it using the expressions partnership and participation.

The college has thus been an expression of the *koinonia* of the Dioceses of Riverina and Canberra-Goulburn, a participation in one another's lives in Wagga Wagga, at the point where the Diocese's meet. From its inception, St Martin's has also been enabled to grow securely through partnership with the university administration. The two Dioceses and the university have partnered to provide dedicated people to form the St Martin's board of management. The board has worked closely with

successive Heads of College to help realise the vision and build the college. The day to day care and guidance of the students has been provided not only by the Heads of College but by domestic and administration staff. All participate generously to make the St Martin's experience what it is.

Over the years several generous benefactors have also participated in the life and growth of St Martin's. This participatory fellowship has resulted in the construction of more buildings and a stronger financial base. During the past few years the twelfth accommodation cottage has been constructed together with a new community centre. The cost of the cottage has been underwritten by the Dioceses of Canberra-Goulburn and Riverina through low-interest loans. The cost of the community centre has been covered by a generous foundational grant from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation together with subsidised borrowings from the parent Dioceses. The accumulated borrowings for both the cottage and the centre have since been substantially reduced by very generous donations from the Richard Johnson College and the Percy Allan Foundation. This partnership generosity has also resulted in the creation of several resident scholarships to extend and enrich the St Martin's experience.

I began with the issue of vision and that's where I shall conclude. St Martin's has a vision statement and an important dimension of that statement concerns Christian formation. St Martin's has yet more growth to experience and we acknowledge that the growth of Christian community within St Martin's is more important than the development of more buildings. We pray that our young residents will enjoy an experience of Christian community and have a secure base for engaging in study and vocational formation. Our vision too is that, as greater numbers of St Martin's alumni settle into post-university life across the country, they will be inspired to assist future country students to experience university life as members of the St Martin's community.

Bishop Stuart Robinson

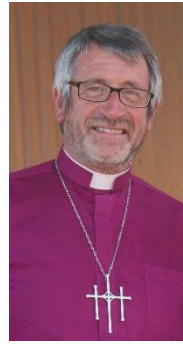


Bishop Stuart Robinson confirmed Liz Jones, Sarah Lindsay and Yazmin Crossingham in 2010

Bishop Stuart was appointed to the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn in 2009. Since that time he has kept a keen interest in the college and been a wonderful supporter and friend of the college. He presented one of the

Occasional Seminars in 2009 and was guest speaker at the 2011 College Annual Dinner. He was also able to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the College as well as be part of the Blessing and Dedication of the Fairfax Centre in 2009.

Greetings from Bishop Rob Gillion



I want to congratulate St Martin's College on its Silver Anniversary and commend the spirit which has engendered important pastoral care for its students. We all need a haven of peace and security especially when we face new and often challenging experiences. University can be quite a culture shock, especially for those who have come from isolated rural communities. St Martin's I believe provides this home away from home. The opportunity to combine the needs of body mind and spirit in the context of a Christian community is I believe invaluable. The Chaplaincy has been at the very heart of this endeavour and has contributed to the well-being of the students immeasurably. I have much enjoyed my visits to St Martin's to engage with the College as a member of the Board, to act a critical friend and in my capacity of Bishop of Riverina.

I am always eager to find partnerships in the Gospel. To work together with the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn to support St Martin's College is a significant mission opportunity to serve young people in the name of Jesus Christ. May the College continue to flourish for many years to come.

With every Blessing

+ Rob Gillion
(Bishop of Riverina)



Bp Rob Gillion performed his one person play "The Christmas Visit" at St Martin's College in 2016 as a special Christmas in July event.

Chapter 7 – Leading by example

From the desk of Glenn Maytum – Chaplain Tutor 1992 -1993



When Bishop Hunter rang and asked me to come to Narrandera and speak with him because he “had a problem”, I was intrigued. A few days earlier I had been speaking with people at CSU (then called RMIHE - Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education) about the

possibility of re-starting Anglican Chaplaincy.

Bishop Hunter’s problem was, as he said, “a good one”. He had been left substantial funds in the estate of a faithful parishioner from Moulamein, Mr George Tassell. The Bishop asked what my suggestion might be for spending the money- it was earmarked for youth.

My suggestion was to see if it could be possible to commence an Anglican Residential College on the campus at Wagga Wagga. And, to that end, Bishop Hunter started the ball rolling and the rest, as they say “is history”.

We commenced with one cottage (named “George Tassell House” after the benefactor), the Chapel (under the patronage of St Mary) and the attached Chaplain’s flat.

We were a small, pioneering group, who certainly had an interesting time. The first eight students built a strong, cooperative community. This was added-to each holiday period when other, mainly overseas, students would come and stay. We had many visitors from the University residences!

We were the ones who lived through the era of no room telephones- and the wall phone often didn’t work, either; no heating or cooling for substantial periods as the motor on the roof plant kept malfunctioning and it took ages for maintenance to make it over to us; a mice plague, where Vicki had the “gold medal” trap; flooding, as storm-water rushed down the hill unabated; taps built-in with hot and cold reversed! It took considerable effort to get the University to recognise and then repair the problems.

And, although the situation was of pioneering, we were able to have great fun and the students were focused and successful in their studies (even though I was often asked by one student to say she was studying if her parents rang and she wasn’t in). Socially, we organised the first ski trip. An amazing day out with our Fijian resident experiencing snow for the first time.

We had dinners to mark special occasions. Overseas students would cook their home-style meals (Fijian, Sri Lankan, Chinese, Malayan, Thai) in the holiday times. When Lachlan had completed his Cocktails Course, we had a cocktail party to mark my birthday.

The students took part in the campus sports competitions of touch and netball- sometimes a problem when there were literally no substitutes.

And, as we were an Anglican college, we had a church service every Sunday in the Chapel, during term time (and, in some of the short holidays). This also attracted local residents from Estella and University staff members from Wagga. Our musician, Melissa, travelled over each week from Coolamon, to play.

As these services were relaxed, families brought their young children and the students would often play with the children on the floor. We had morning tea for which the students catered, after each service.

The services also led to children of locals and staff being baptized, University students being confirmed, others prepared for marriage, and we had memorial services for staff-members’ relatives and University students who had died.

A tree was planted outside the chapel and marked with a plaque to remember Jennifer Goldsby’s mother, who had died of cancer Mrs Rhonda Tonacia of Methul provided the plants and some residents of Estella provided labour with some of us to build the prayer garden that was outside the chapel’s big doors, which we looked onto during our services. As pioneers, it was very humbling to see how much was donated to us: sacred vessels, wall-hangings, 50 hymn books, all from people and parishes who were supporting us.

As the chapel was dedicated to St Mary, whose feast day is 8th September, it was easier to hold Patronal Festival at that time, rather than for St Martin (whose feast day is 11th November- when students were doing exams).

We held a Eucharist and Address and I was able to invite Bishop Bruce Wilson of Bathurst to the first one. The next was The Very Rev’d Richard Hurford, Dean of Grafton, and the next was Bishop Donald Robinson, former Archbishop of Sydney. Each of these was well-attended and we held the Eucharist and the Dinner in the Chapel! We hosted Rev’d James Park from Korea who stayed with us for some weeks. He held a Eucharist in Korean and the singing was amazing!

Some students stayed in St Martin’s for a short time (finding that the self-catering was not their forte) while others remained there for their whole time at University, and it is always good to hear how former students are going- now in Canberra, Sydney, the Northern Tablelands, Deniliquin, and even Matong!

From the desk of Karen Economou (Mackinlay) – Head of College 1997-1999



I can't really think of anything of historical significance... the growth of the College will already be well documented. I just have some memories and reflections that all seem to involve people (& sometimes, as they are university students, food!):

- the emptiness of the buildings during the breaks (apart from residential school students) and it coming to life again when students returned from breaks. - The students really do make the College.
- Robyn and Cathy's laughter. Wonderful sound.
- The knocks on the door late on a weekend night - a student wanting to pay fees then.
- three of the students drove over the hill as one had to submit an assignment. They decided to continue on driving into Wagga. Then they thought they'd keep driving to Albury... they ended up going all the way to Melbourne. They went to the Casino then turned around and drove back to the College.
- The Daffodil Ladies from St John's provided meals on several occasions (in return for a donation). Students would arrive in the Chapel on the allotted night with plate and cutlery in hand and pile up their plates of home-cooked food. Arriving looking starving and leaving very satisfied.
- The first All Saint's Ball was held in 1998. This was an initiative from some of the students. Everyone looked forward to the event and a great time was had. Everyone went to great effort in dressing up for the occasion.
- Siblings of past residents attended the College.
- Several couples who met while residing at the College have since married.
- A cottage - 376 (said to be 'haunted', in a friendly way, by George Tassell) sometimes had roast dinners where each person contributed a component of the meal. For example, one student provided the lamb that had come from her farm (her father had performed the task of killing the lamb).
- A student in the early days planted strawberries beside 376 which other students used in later years.
- Regular BBQs - Wayne Taprell's father made a BBQ and donated it to the College.

- The first year student who went home at the end of O Week to be told by his shocked mother that he'd lost weight. She sent him back with a lot of Italian meals which he shared with other residents.

Thinking back I'm struck by the threads of continuity, relationships, and sharing that the College has.

From the desk of Peter Savage – Head of College 2000-2005



I suppose I first heard about St Martin's in 1992, the year the College opened. Some members of St Paul's Parish, Turvey Park attended services in the chapel run by the Chaplain, Glenn Maytum.

Later on in 1997, Karen Mackinlay was appointed Head of College and she attended St Paul's, the church that I attended, so we got to know her quite well and were aware of the St Martin's ministry. At the time I was Quality Assurance Manager at Riverina Wool Combing, a large wool processing plant in Wagga. In 1999 I had been at the plant for nearly 18 years and I was starting to feel that I needed a change and had been praying about what God might be calling me to do.

Late in 1999 we had a CMS deputation at St Paul's and we went along to an evening meeting, where the visiting missionaries encouraged us to think about whether God was calling us to be missionaries. For some reason, I was really moved by what they had to say and I wondered whether God was indeed calling me to head off to Africa or some other far flung region to work for him.

That Saturday we bought the local paper, which we normally never do, and there was an advertisement for the Head of College at St Martin's. We had known that Karen was thinking of moving on but this was really a bolt out of the blue and I had the strong conviction that God was calling me into ministry at St Martin's and that he didn't want me to head off overseas but instead to minister to university students here in Wagga.

I knew Bill Anscombe, who was on the board of the College and asked him if he thought that I might stand a chance of obtaining the position and he was enthusiastic, so I applied.

In December 1999 I went for an interview with Bishop Godfrey Fryar, Pat Stephenson (President of the Board) and Andrew Callander and was offered the job.

As I had to give three months' notice to Riverina Wool Combing, I was unable to start at St Martin's until 20 March 2000. Fortunately, a young friend of Bill

Anscombe's, Garth Norris, was able to fill in and be the person on the ground until I could start. I was however, able to be present at the student selection committee for 2000 and so I knew at least some of the names of the new students. I was also able to attend on the day that the new students arrived and went to several social functions both in Orientation Week and early in term 1.

On 7 May 2000 I was commissioned as Head of College by Bishop Bruce Clark and Bishop Godfrey Fryar. The official opening of the Head of College Residence was also held that day.

In 2000, St Martin's consisted of 9 cottages (6 owned by the College and 3 rented from the University), the Chapel and the Head of College flat. A total of 72 students were in accommodation. A new Head of College residence was in the process of being constructed and we were able to move in June of that year.

At the same time, two additional cottages were being built to bring the number of students up to 88 at the beginning 2001. These cottages were officially opened by Professor Cliff Blake on 2 March 2001.

When I started work at St Martin's, we employed a part-time clerical assistant, Debbie Healey, who worked one day per week. Debbie however, resigned in April to move to another position, so we advertised for a replacement. As the GST was to come into force in July 2000, I felt that we needed to have a clerical assistant for more than one day per week and it was agreed by the Board to employ someone for 3 days or 18 hours per week. In June we appointed Donna Ruschen to this position.



College staff 2005: Cathy Kelleher, Peter Savage, Donna Ruschen, Robyn Buchanan

Also on the staff at the time I commenced duties were two cleaners, Robyn Buchanan and Cathy Kelleher and they helped me enormously to settle in. Both cleaners, in addition to their cleaning duties, contributed greatly to student wellbeing and were in many cases surrogate 'Mums'.

We also had two Senior Students, Tim Banner and Theresa Nardi who helped me to run the College. Their roles included social, sporting and spiritual aspects of the college.

During the first few months I was certainly on a very fast learning curve with the end of Term 1 at the end of April and consequently Residential School students to accommodate (we did all the arranging at that time) and full-time students moving out, changing courses etc. Then on the management side, the introduction of the GST brought its own problems. However, it was always the contact with the students that provided the upside of the job for me and it was a pleasure (mostly) to get to know them and see them grow and develop over their time in college.

As usual the social and sporting calendar is always very full at a University College and St Martin's was no exception. There were pizza nights, cottage crawls, trivia nights, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, wine & cheese tasting, the college ball, Melbourne Cup, touch football and other sports with St Francis College and other areas of University accommodation. Probably the crowning night of the year is the Annual Dinner, where departing students are honoured, others showcase their talents, the cleaners have their say and there is an inspirational speaker.

Toward the end of the year, Senior Student interviews were held and for 2001, Emma Jolliffe, Fiona Reid and James Turtle were appointed to these roles. We felt that we needed an extra Senior Student as the number of students would increase in 2001 with the addition of the two new cottages.

Throughout the year there are always a constant stream of maintenance issues and it was great at the end of the year to have the men from St Paul's Chain Gang come and carry out a variety of jobs to ensure that everything was in order for the following year.

Also throughout the year there is a constant flow of prospective student visits and interviews and this culminates with the student selection process in January. During my time at St Martin's there were many more applicants than available places (and also many more girls than boys) and this made the job of selection a real challenge.

Orientation Week is always a great time (also very hectic) and it is a real pleasure to see the new students settling in and making friends. The Senior Students have an invaluable role over this time in helping the new students adapt to University life.

In 2001, as well as the usual social events, we started the Alpha Course at St Martin's. With the help of parishioners from St Paul's who provided the food and Fiona Reid's leadership, the course ran successfully for the next two years. It was to run again in 2004 and was supplemented by various bible studies at other times.

Also in 2001 we tried, at Glenn Maytum's suggestion, a trip to the Murrumbidgee Farm Fair at Yanco where

James Turtle and I staffed a stall advertising St Martin's. I also went to Griffith with the University road show to set up a display at the Yoogali Club. However, in general there has been little need to advertise the College, as applicants have always far outnumbered available places.

Senior Students for 2002 were Emma Jolliffe, Fiona Reid and Jeff Wheeler.

2002 began with the usual whirlwind of activities, particularly in relation to student applications and selection. Also in March, Pat Stephenson decided to step down as President of the Board and Bill Anscombe was elected. We also received a donation from the Ces Toy Trust to go toward improving the facilities at St Martin's.

In 2002 we introduced discussion nights with the aim of helping students to extend their ideas outside their areas of study. Mark Beresford (on Christianity) and Bishop Bruce Clark (on Euthanasia) were presenters. These were of varying success but encouraging enough to continue into the future. Chapel services were also introduced and were attended by a small number of dedicated Christian students.

In 2002 we were able to offer a scholarship for part of the accommodation fees at St Martin's for a student who was undergoing particular financial hardship, through the generosity of the late Helen Faulks from Narrandera.

Senior Students for 2003 were Bronwyn Evans, Amanda Gough and Aaron Pegram.

The Rev. David Luck and the Rev. Mark Short held chapel services during 2003, which were a great encouragement to the students. Three discussion nights were held with Mark Short speaking on 'War and Peace' (particularly in light of the US invasion of Iraq); Stuart Gamble spoke on stem cell research and Bishop Godfrey Fryar spoke on the refugee issue (again a topical issue for 2003).

In February 2003 the College received a donation from the Percy Allan Foundation to go towards improving the facilities at the College.

Senior Students for 2004 were Heather Mayberry, Matt Jeffery/ Angela Corcoran (half a year each) and Tim Seager. Chapel services were conducted by the Rev. David Luck, the Rev. Mark Short and the Rev. Daphne May. Four discussion nights were held, with Karen Kime speaking on Aboriginal Issues, Stephen Pickard on Christianity, Bishop George Browning on 'Terrorism, religion and truth' and Emma Lomans (a friend of a current student) who spoke on her recent experiences in Uganda.

The supporters of our sporting teams were given a boost by the production by some of the students of a St Martin's banner, appropriately with the name "Martinis" emblazoned on it. The banner was waved enthusiastically at each event.

A College magazine was produced for the first time in 2004 and this was repeated in 2005 with great success. A DVD on the College was also produced in 2004 by TV Production students and gave a really great insight into life at St Martin's.

Senior Students for 2005 were Heather Mayberry, Tim Seager and Lauren Friedlieb. Chapel services were conducted by Mark Short, Daphne May and Archdeacon John Stead. Discussion nights included Rob & Leanna Haynes on 'Life as Missionaries on Groote Eylandt', Dr Barry Richardson on the environment and two sessions by philosophy lecturer Graeme McLean on the topics 'Can we know anything at all?' and 'How we can know anything at all.'

An Open Day was also held in May 2005 so that local community members could get an idea of what St Martin's was about and to look around the facilities.

Students participated in the Relay for Life (to raise money for cancer research) for the first time in 2005.

I got to know over 300 students during my time at the College and most of them have gone on to have very successful careers (many of them indeed had jobs before they graduated). The Christian students too have in most cases continued their faith walk and it was certainly a privilege to have been involved in part of their journey and to serve God in this way for nearly six years.

The various Board Members also who have served the College ought to be congratulated for their contribution to the success of the College over the last twenty years.

After much soul searching, I decided that I would not apply for another three year term at the College, as I believed it was time to move on. We left St Martin's on Friday 30 December 2005.



From the desk of Rev. Jenny Willsher – Head of College 2006 - Current



commence my 18th year of ordained ministry.

My prior lives before St Martin's College were a mixture of science (winemaking, forestry and the pharmaceutical industry) and then ministry based (Anglican Parish based ministry & ethics & ministry lecturing) – all of which I now realise were preparation for the unique ministry of the Head of College at St Martin's College.

Not only were the Willsher family a little fearful about what lay in wait for them as they arrived but so were the staff and students as they wondered what this Priest was going to be like and was the College suddenly going to become 'all religious'!! All previous Heads of College were lay people (although Glenn Maytum and Karen MacKinlay are now both ordained Anglican clergy) - so having a priest in charge was something new and strange. The first few months were a bit of a 'dance' as students, staff and HOC – gently stepped around each other, testing the waters and trying not to tread on one another's toes. The ice was broken at the end of the first mid-semester break as I was doing key collection for returning students. I was walking across the 'dirt patch' in the middle of the college – which is now our wonderful Fairfax Centre – when there was an almighty hissing noise right behind me and I jumped a mile high and swore at the top of my voice s**t! I have a tendency to occasionally use colourful, 'un-priest-like' swear words after having worked in male dominated wine and forestry industries for a number of years. Unbeknown to me a hot air balloon was travelling really low over the college – it ended up landing on the CSU paddock on Pine Gully Road – and it vented gas straight above me. The look of stunned amazement on the many student faces – I think the whole college must have heard me – was definitely quite amusing, I don't think they had ever heard such a word from a Priest before . . . but dare I say, we all became a bit more relaxed with one another after that time.

The ministry of Head of St Martin's College is one that is quite challenging - one day can include a range of activities ranging from fixing a gas heater to bereavement counselling, then dealing with 20 emails, replacing a fluorescent light tube, celebrating the Eucharist, unblocking a toilet, giving academic advice, proof-reading an assignment, disciplining students who have

One of the most important facts of my life is that God works in amazing ways and my journey to, and with St Martin's College is just another example of the 'awesomeness' of God. It was with some trepidation that my husband David, my son Joshua, and I headed down to Wagga Wagga to

had an illegal party, typing reports, tearing your hair out as you deal with CSU IT - yet again, through to discussing theology, "life the universe and everything", with one or more students. Every day is different, every day is a challenge, and every day is a joy!!

What have been the highlights of my eleven and a half years so far? The time has been so full and varied perhaps the easiest way to reflect on the college, in this my 12th year, is under the following headings:

St Martin's College Board

One of the Strengths of St Martin's is the College Board. This devoted group of volunteers meets six times per year and are responsible for the finances, oversight and policy of the College. Their generosity of time is amazing, and I have to say that their support of me as Head of College has been what has sustained me in my ministry in the college. I have particularly appreciated the incredible support, encouragement and time commitment given to me by the Chairperson Bill Anscombe, as well as the perceptive insights of Andrew Callander and the wisdom & wit of Pat Stephenson in the early years of my time as Head of College.



Board Members 2008: Pat Stephenson, Jenny Willsher, Bill Anscombe, James Hamilton and Ed Byford with \$500,000 cheque from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation

Buildings

One of the great joys in the past few years was to see the completion of the original dream for the College with the building of a twelfth cottage and a community Centre. The twelfth cottage was completed and opened in 2007 and blessed by Bishop Barry Hunter. It was a similar design to the other cottages but to the student's delight had a TV aerial socket in each room – how times have changed – students are definitely more affluent with almost all now owning a car and many in that era having individual televisions – now in 2017 with technology changes those wonderful aerial sockets are no longer coveted by students as most watch TV on their computing devices!

The next challenge was to try and get the long-time dreamed about community centre for the college. This was a priority for me as it was more and more difficult not

having an office for the Head of college. When I first arrived I shared a little 'cubby hole' with the Administrative Assistant in the chapel/flat building 377. This meant I generally worked in the actually larger room but made it difficult to do counselling, and every time I 'left the office' I had to pack computer and documents up so I wasn't leaving confidential information in a public area. When the two students who had been living in the flat left, the Board generously allowed me to use the flat as an office and storeroom on a temporary basis. This worked well but it was a bit frustrating when trying to do worship services in the office and having people walk in on the worship to ask questions. So I set to work and started writing submissions to all sorts of funding agencies in the hope of getting funding for the project. I accidentally didn't read the conditions for funding for the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation and sent a submission off to them. I was at home preparing dinner one evening when I received a phone call from their CEO Geoff White who basically said to me, "The Foundation doesn't normally fund capital projects and buildings so convince me why we should support your project!" We then chatted about the ethos of the college, the challenge of creating a supportive family community when for community events when had no space to gather the whole community together, the challenge of trying to provide spiritual space for students where they could have time out alone to think and pray. Geoff and Sally then came for a visit to the college and Bill Anscombe and I sat down with them and we shared home-made muffins I had prepared and talked some more. The Foundation put a number of challenges to the Board and after much hard work we were given a donation of \$500,000 toward the project – suddenly our dream had become a reality. I always believe that God was definitely involved in the whole process, as I had not submitted any applications to any agency that excluded capital building projects and had somehow missed this criteria in my submission to VFFF, I hadn't realised they had such a strong and committed Anglican faith and background and such a passion for youth.

The Fairfax Centre was officially opened in May 2009 by Mrs Sally White from the VFFF and blessed by Bishop Stuart Robinson and & Bishop Doug Stevens and it was a day of great joy and celebration – the dirt patch in the centre of the college was now a stunning building and the landscaping and gardens soon followed. The centre did meet all our hopes and dreams in so many ways – it became the heart of the college with the constant stream of students coming and going to play table tennis and billiards, to study, to photocopy, to use the student computer, to cook roasts in the huge kitchen to have a chat with the staff at morning tea, to use the BBQs. Proper office space allowed the college to function more efficiently and I love the constant visits by students to my office – just for a chat in the comfy chairs. The stage area and audiovisual facilities have enabled us to minister to the wider community through seminars, and group use

for conferences and training days. College Community events are a wonderful with space for everyone.



The building of the Fairfax Centre also enabled building 377, the original chapel, to become dedicated chapel space. Using odds and ends of furniture the St Mary Chapel was resurrected and is used frequently for study groups, worship and as a quiet place for students to sit with God. This 'God-space' is a great need for the Wagga Wagga campus as well as the college and by the time this history of the first 20 years of the college is launched the chapel will have been renovated and a new garden of prayer and reflection built on the east side of the chapel.

None of these new buildings were erected smoothly – I had a very steep learning curve in how to read plans and inspect buildings and deal with some very sexist contractors. We seemed to be 'jinxed' with CSU provided plans not showing water mains and other service lines clearly and both building projects saw contractors dig through high pressure water mains creating stunning rivers through the college in the middle of the drought! We were blessed with a great building committee of Board members and the wonderful support of Mr Rod Kendall who had oversight of the building of the Fairfax Centre.



The Fairfax Centre provided a much needed venue for community events

God's blessings continued when in 2009 we received a generous donation of \$100,000 from the Percy Allan Foundation, and in acknowledgement of that donation Cottage 465 was named Percy Allan House. Then at the

start of 2010, completely 'out of the blue' the college received a donation of \$400,000 from Richard Johnson College. This incredibly generous donation was put towards the remaining debt on the Fairfax Centre as well as enabling the establishment of two scholarships for the college – a Christian Leadership Scholarship as well as the Community Leadership Scholarship. In acknowledgement of this donation cottage 467 was named Richard Johnson College House. Other generous donors who contributed to the Fairfax Centre project were community members, Charles Sturt University and the Dioceses of Canberra Goulburn and Riverina. The major donors are acknowledge on a donor Board that hangs in the Foyer of the Fairfax Centre.

Staff

One of the joys of St Martin's College is the great team of people I have been able to work with over the years. The Administrative support was initially offered by Donna Ruschen who finished with St Martin's in the middle of 2006, and then by Liz Pennesi who took over from Donna.



College Staff 2013: Robyn Buchanan, Rev'd Jenny Willsher, Liz Pennesi, Suzi Steiner, and John Phillips

Liz retired at the end of 2013 and the college then welcomed Marisol Kroiter to the office administration role. With the growth of the college and changes to CSU Session times the administration demands began to grow to the point where, as Head of College, I was struggling to do maintenance around the college – even with the help of my able assistants David & Joshua!! In 2013 the College Board agreed to the appointment of a part-time janitor John Phillips in time "proved his worth" so in 2015 his appointment was made a full-time position. As the administration workload continued to increase and the amount of pastoral and academic support required by students increased, the College Board made the decision to increase the administration position to a full-time role. Marisol was working with Anglicare as well as St Martin's so could not take on the full-time position after almost 12 months from the initial board decision, Alison Churchill finally started as the first full-time administration officer in October 2016.



Marisol Kroiter



Alison Churchill

The cleaning staff have been at the heart of the success of St Martin's College. Robyn Buchanan began working in the College in 1994 and continues to keep our students in line, ensuring dishes are done, and our cottages are spotless. She was joined by Cathy Kelleher in 1999 and this wonderful duo worked together until Cathy moved to Sydney in 2010. In 2011 Suzi Steiner joined the cleaning team followed by Cheryl Bulmer in 2015. Our cleaners go above and beyond the call of duty, taking on the 'Mum' role on many occasions – helping with a bit of sewing (especially around the time of Saints Ball), cooking advice, romance advice, 'tidy your room' advice, 'pick up your shoes & do your dishes or else' threats!



Dr Bill Anscombe awards Robyn Buchanan her 20 year Service Medal at the 2013 Annual Dinner



Current Cleaners Robyn & Cheryl

The other members of the leadership team are the Senior Students (or Residential Advisors or RAs). These students have to apply for the position and sit for formal job application interviews. This process operates under the thoughtful and careful guidance of Bill Anscombe who is assisted by the Head of College and a student representative who is either an outgoing RA or the Student Representative to the College Board. The RAs who have worked with me over the years have all been amazing, I particularly enjoy seeing them grow into the role of leader over the year and especially enjoy taking them out to dinner at the end of the year when they are given the opportunity to reflect with the incoming RAs on the highs and lows of this task. The RAs I have been privileged to work with so far are:

- 2006 – Lara Belford, Sam Robinson, Carolyn Scott
- 2007 – David Jarrott, Mark Lee, Rachael Kelly
- 2008 – Brendon Finn, Lauren Irvin, Keloug Assaad
- 2009 – Lauren Irvin, Phillipa Swinbourn, Kyle Strano
- 2010 – Andrew Firman, Sarah Lindsay, Emma Nealon
- 2011 – James Knight, Emma Nealon, Rowan Sinden
- 2012 – Paige Evans, Hazell Johnston, Hannah Suddull
- 2013 – Josh Celi, Cheryl McKeller, Alyssa Neal
- 2014 - Josh Celi, Kelsey Deaves, Lachlan Mitchell

2015 – Kelsey Deaves, Tanian Naude, Adam Windel
 2016 – Sophie McClelland, Kaitlyn Rea, Adam Windel
 2017 – James (Jimmy) Iversen, Grace Juhasz, Kaitlyn Rea

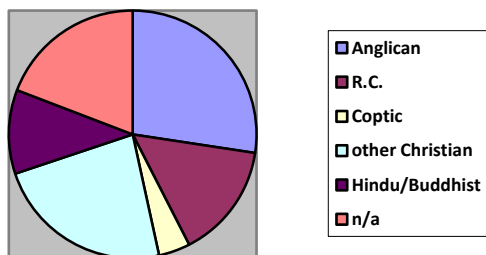


25th Anniversary RAs:
 Kaitlyn Rea, Grace Juhasz & Jimmy Iversen

Spirituality and worship

What many people often don't realise is that the college has a vast diversity of spiritualities represented in the student community. This is because the terms of the College Lease with CSU indicate that the college needs to be an inclusive community and that selection of students needs to reflect this inclusivity. The religious background of students in the college is predominantly Christian, as that is a reflection of Australian society but one of the strengths of the college is that all students Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Bahai, Islamic, atheist or agnostic are all welcome and respected in the college. This respect for each other's spirituality is an essential ingredient for the success of St Martin's College as all residents need to be able to relax in their own home without being bullied, judged for their faith. Occasionally, some of our Christian students forget that the greatest form of evangelism is our personal day to day living of the Christian faith, as well as the ways that we practically love and care for those around us – no matter who they are.

The spiritual diversity of students in 2017 is as follows:



From 2006 there has been a variety of activities to support students in their spiritual journey. These have included a regular Eucharist – at the start of my time this was held in the Chapel office area and then for a time when my office was the Flat in building 377 in my office. This was never a satisfactory arrangement as phones would ring, people would come to the door or want to photocopy in the middle of worship. So it was a great joy in 2009 when the Fairfax Centre was opened, to be able to set the original Chapel space up as a dedicated chapel. This Chapel space continued to be used for weekly Eucharists, Ecumenical Ash Wednesday, Good Friday & Easter worship, ecumenical O-week worship, Muffins and Meditation services, Taize worship, Memorial services and healing services. In 2016 we started an interfaith Tuesday evening drum therapy meditation.



In 2016 Heidi Bochenek, Jenny and Joshua Willsher undertook drum therapy training to assist in leading drumming meditations in the college chapel

A College Baptism & Confirmation service was held in 2010 and saw Bp Stuart Robinson from Canberra Goulburn Diocese joining us as Sarah Lindsay was Baptised and confirmed, and Yazmin Crossingham and Liz Jones were confirmed. In 2011 we had another Confirmation with Bishop Doug Stevens from Riverina Diocese confirming Gemma Hehir.



The chapel space is also regularly used by students for quiet reflection, to sit and think, light a candle or just have some time out. The college has also welcomed the Christian Fellowship and Coptic fellowship members to use the space for leadership meetings, worship, prayer and Bible Studies. As the use has increased it was decided by the College Board as part of its planning to renovate the chapel and create a prayer garden which was completed as part of the 20th Anniversary celebrations in February 2012.

With the completion of the Fairfax Centre in 2009 other possibilities for worship and spirituality opened up and one highlight for some students has been the Seder Eucharist in Holy week each year. Members of the



Seder Eucharist and meal

community gather around the table to re-enact the Last Supper/Passover that Jesus shared with his disciples and we have Roast Lamb as well as foot washing and Holy Communion gathered around the table. I have taken on the task of preparing the Roast dinner, the Passover foods, the dessert and leading the worship – generally it has all been pretty edible except for the year we got so enthused in our talking and discussion and I burnt the apple strudel that was cooking for dessert!! Luckily we had plenty of Turkish delight so no one left hungry.

In 2007 the College began its Occasional Seminars series. The aim of which was to minister to the college, the university and the wider community by bringing speakers of theological and academic excellence to the university. The inaugural seminar was given by Professor Robin Gill of the University of Kent on Health Care Ethics. Over the years other speakers have included Professor Cynthia Crysdale of the University of Sewanee, Bp Stuart Robinson, Bp Doug Stevens, Archdeacon Bernard Thomas from Wales, Rev'd Canon Dr Scott Cowdell, Michael Hardin from Chicago, Dr Graeme McLean, Dr Ann Evans from Canada, Dr William Storrar from Edinburgh and Rev'd Glenn Maytum. With the development of a new college website in 2016 copies of these seminars were posted on the website.



Occasional Seminars offered quality speakers, wine and cheese and conversation

During the time I have been at the college there has been a regular Eucharist, Good Friday worship when students are around, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, Muffins & Meditation, Taize worship, and in 2011 in partnership with St John's Anglican Church Wagga Wagga a Celtic Prayer Circle liturgy. Worship has also included memorial services for friends and family as they have been needed and other pastoral services for healing and at times of disaster. We have also experienced a range of study group options – these vary as the student community and their needs vary over time – they have included dessert nights at HOC house to discuss theological issues; Dinner, movie & discussion nights which have proved popular; student led bible studies and 'Thank God You're Here' was a time of special theme night spirituality discussions.

In 2009 the College Board trialled a one day per week Anglican Chaplaincy to the CSU Wagga Wagga campus and Karen Kime led this ministry. Like all part-time ministries it was extremely effective in some areas but, due to time constraints and other outside ministry demands, did not operate as effectively as it could, and so was discontinued. Currently Anglican chaplaincy to the wider university community is done by myself, as Head of College, with involvement in the Commencement Ceremony Prayers, Scholarship Ceremonies and Graduations. Invitations from the university have also included saying Grace at farewell for Head of Campus and to act as Chaplain to the State Country Party Conference. Along with St Francis College, the Indymarra reconciliation site and the Islamic centre, St Martin's College provides a physical spiritual presence on the Wagga Wagga Campus. There is a challenge to the wider Anglican Church to provide chaplaincy to the Wagga Campus but for this to work the role needs to be a full-time chaplain either Anglican or Ecumenical.



Community Focus

The College has always taken seriously the responsibilities it has to serve the wider community and this responsibility has been undertaken by both the student community as a whole as well as individuals within the Community. Annual Fund-raising events include Biggest Morning Tea, Relay for Life, Jeans for Genes, Breast cancer fundraisers including a Masterchef competition, and Movember. A recycling programme was introduced in 2006 and continues to the present.

In 2007 a student vege & herb garden and associated composting project was established to support college students on a low budget. The College participated in a CSU research project on reducing the CSU carbon footprint and the St Martin's Cottages achieved a significant decrease in power and gas usage as they took up the challenge to be responsible in their power usage. This "green" focus continued in the college and in 2016 a new college award was established – The Green shield – which encouraged residents to save power, participate in composting and be involved in recycling. The inaugural winners were cottage 469 who each won an Oxfam gift voucher and chose an ABM project of a Community Library in Ethiopia for the Board to which the Board made a financial donation.

In 2007 a pancake breakfast was held to fund-raise to enable Freyr Colvin to represent Australia at the 2007 InterPacific Rally in the under 21 Horse eventing team. In 2008 the student community again undertook fund-raising to help David Gale go to the WCC Ecumenical Summer School on Water at the Bossey Institute in Geneva.



Cat Tuckwell was presented with a quilt from college residents as a support for her as she dealt with chemotherapy

The college faced some challenges in 2009 when one of our students was severely injured in a car accident on Pine Gully Road and then another student had to undergo chemotherapy for cancer. The college community rallied together to support these students with prayer, regular gift packages, the sewing of a quilt, and the establishment of the College Blood Drive which is now an annual event.

In 2010 a new activity was the trip to St Christopher's home in Fiji to do volunteer work with the Anglican nuns who run the home. This volunteer programme was able to occur with the support of CSU Global and a funding grant from St Paul's Turvey Park. Six students and the Head of College ventured to Fiji for a week, travelling in a cockroach infested bus and spent the week renovating and painting the toilet area of what was to become the kindergarten for the



grant from St Paul's Turvey Park. Six students and the Head of College ventured to Fiji for a week, travelling in a cockroach infested bus and spent the week renovating and painting the toilet area of what was to become the kindergarten for the

home. These students also took gifts from the entire college community of linen, underwear, schools supplies and college can coolers. This project continued in 2011 with the Head of College accompanying three students to the home where they undertook a range of tasks



including planting the vegetable garden for the home, sorting out the library and dispensary, tutoring and offering homework help to the children in the home, helping with the preschool and helping lead the family prayer time each evening. From 2011 the college had an annual fundraising programme selling chocolates so that we could take a gift of money to the home to support special projects. We were well supported by staff at the local Anglican High School – TRAC who owe their weight gains & chocolate cravings to St Martin's College. Over the years these special funds helped projects such as: paying for the university fees of one of the young people from St Christopher's Home who was studying medicine, buying computers and setting up Homework kits, buying paint and tools for work around the home, buying plants and vegetables for the garden at the home and employing a special education teacher to work with children with intellectual disabilities. This volunteer trip was continued



through until 2016 when time demands that year made it difficult to organise the trip. Over the years some special friendships were made with the orphans & children at risk housed at St Christopher's Home and the trip changed the lives of many Marties students.

Marties students are also involved in the RAS programme at Wagga Wagga High School and provide tutoring and homework help to Refugee students at the school. Students also make an annual end of year donation of food, clothing and goods to Anglicare Riverina and the Anglicare Christmas Appeal.



Marties residents helping clean up St Mary's Preschool after floods in North Wagga in 2012

Social and sporting activities

College life would not be college life without the many social and sporting events which help build community and create long-term friendships. These events happen as a result of the hard work and creativity of each year's RAs. There are the annual events that are part of the ethos of the college – who can forget Toga, Trivia night, Scavenger Hunt, Cottage Crawl, pizza and discussion nights, Ski trips to Falls Creek, Saints Ball, Melbourne cup parties and sweeps, Ag Race day brunches, BBQs and one-handed cricket against Frannies. In more recent years favourite activities have included a college Talent night, a "bring and share" Multicultural night, and River Floats down the Murrumbidgee.



Other events have included beach volleyball, tennis, table tennis and billiard competitions and regular participation in the CSU residences Monday sports comps with Marties making the finals of touch and Frisbee most years. In 2009 the combine 'Saints' team (Marties and Frannies) won the CSU Inter-residences Sports day and definitely had the greatest support crew and cheer squad of all teams.



In 2009 Marties challenged Frannies to a rugby league match at the end of the year which was won by Marties. This evolved into the Saints Cup which currently consists of mixed netball, indoor soccer and touch has now been won by Marties four out of the six years it has run. This competition alongside Saints Ball and O week activities continues the ongoing friendship between the two denominational colleges on Wagga campus.



CSU made some significant changes to its academic calendar that came into effect from the start of 2010, these changes had a huge impact on social and sporting activities with 5 weeks removed from the Academic Calendar and students not starting university until March and finishing at the end of October. This means that Melbourne cup is now a thing of the past. Ag race day clashed with exams and had to be moved to another time of the year – although it was cancelled in 2010 due to floods! The new Academic Calendar has seen an increase in student stress and workloads so this limits the time students have to socialise as well as the number of events that can be held. This combined with the building of the Fairfax Centre has also changed some of the events held - cottage crawl is now a thing of the past as it is impossible to fit 98 students in cottages and the damage done to cottages was increasing. New events have been created and in recent years some of these events have included Fairfax Fridays, community building days doing the high ropes at Borambola sport and recreation centre, paint ball, footy trips, a Christmas in August dinner, and who can forget 'The Event' held in 2011. The Fairfax Centre foyer was transformed into a passenger plane, with the study common becoming an immigration & Customs hall. Students travelled on Marties airlines to Mexico, China, Italy, and England, enjoying fine food on their adventure, and finally crash landed in Hawaii enjoying Pina Colodas to end the evening. Marties Talent nights have also become a highlight of the social calendar.

This change in the academic calendar also brought with it increased stress loads for students so in 2012 a college gaming group started to help students de-stress. This has evolved into the regular Wednesday Pizza & Games night which is a time of great hilarity and relaxation and numbers occasionally reach 50-60 people.



The key event for the year is always the college Annual Dinner which is a time to celebrate the success of the college as well as giving the opportunity to farewell graduating students. The dinner continues to be held at CSU Convention Centre and it is always an excellent evening. The Annual Dinner has also transformed over the years. The Board introduced a number of awards in 2008 – The College Dux, the Charles Houen Citizenship Award and the Marie Thompson Award for Outstanding

Excellence. In time these awards have been added to with the Cottage of the Year Award, the Blood Donation Award and 2016 saw the addition of the College Green Shield. When I first arrived the cleaners made some fun awards



Tanian Naude receives the "Loser Award" in 2013 – a pair of binoculars to help him find all the items he lost – phone, computer, key, student card...

at the annual dinner. Over time they handed this task over to me as Head of College and it was a great challenge to identify people for various awards over the years. These have included Miss Forgetful & Mr Messy awards, the time traveller award for those who get their holiday dates confused, lockout awards, Bug phobia award and "the Most Likely to Receive an Oscar" award, just to name a few. There was also an award each year for David & Joshua Willsher, to acknowledge the amount of time and energy they put into the college and the support they give me in my role as Head of College.

The RAs always have fun choosing college merchandise including mugs, champagne glasses, beer glasses, lanyards, magnetic calendars, can coolers, and a vast array of clothing that changes from year to year.

In February 2007 on the 15th Anniversary of the college a celebration weekend was held that saw the beginnings of an Alumni association under the guidance of Fiona Tucker and Board member Paul Worsfold. This is has been slow in developing with Lara Belford assisted by



15th Anniversary dinner

Fiona by starting a St Martin's College Facebook group. Sarah Lindsay took on the co-ordinating role looking whilst she was in college. Currently the Board has a committee who hope to develop the Alumni and start a "Friends of St Martin's" group as part of the Silver Anniversary celebrations. The Facebook page continues to be the most effective form of communication with Alumni.

O-Week and student selection

Like everything in a living organisation even student selection and O week have undergone changes over the years. St Martin's College continues its policy of providing student accommodation for rural students moving away from home for the first time and the majority of students continue to be from rural Australia.



Students are still required to be interviewed by the Head of College as part of their application process. For many years a Selection Panel comprising of the Head of College, and Board members Pat Stephenson and Bill Anscombe had the difficult task of sorting through 80-100 applications for the approximately 25 vacancies each year. The Selection Panel would try to balance a range of criteria such as getting a diversity of courses, special needs, a 60% female 40% male (because that was CSU's enrolment balance) ratio, as well as identifying students they believed needed the supportive community of St Martin's and who would contribute to that community. The 2012 intake was the beginning of a new era as, due to changes in how CSU offered its accommodation, St Martin's began to offer early entry places as well as main round places. Further changes occurred with government changes to the Higher Education Sector in 2014. As a result of the government removing the cap on the number of places universities could offer in each course regional universities saw a decline in their numbers with an increase in students in metropolitan universities. 2014 saw St Martin's College, and other accommodation providers on Wagga campus, commence the academic year with vacancies for the first time in history. Available statistics show a 20% decline in on-campus students from 2014 – 2016 for CSU Wagga Wagga. The current process is still to interview students but then if selection criteria are met students are offered a place in St Martin's College following their interview. These changes have also seen a change in the demographic of the college population over recent years with an increase in the number of female students, and increase in the number of mature age students and also in the number of international students.

O-week is one of the major events in college life as a good experience can make the start of university exciting and enable students to settle in to their new life, or a bad experience can see a student struggling to cope or even leave their course.



Marties O-week dance 2016

The St Martin's Head of College and RAs have always worked hard to make O-week a positive experience that gives student the best start possible to university. The games and meals are not only fun but an essential component of beginning the community building that is at the heart of St Martin's College. In 2008 it was decided to start O week on a Sunday instead of Mondays. This was to enable students more time to move in and settle in as well as allowing a day of orientation into St Martin's before the CSU O-week programme started. At the same time we started having a family BBQ to welcome students' families to the College and allow them to meet other families involved with St Martin's College. Further changes were made in 2011 when CSU changed its O-week programme and students now move in on the Saturday of O-week. This is the week where our RAs always earn their money – they cook meals, they deal with tears, they organise games, they help set up computers and phones, they answer endless questions from parents, they escort the newcomers to all their session, they cope with late nights at social events, they award the prizes such as 'pick up cup', 'lockout key', 'aussie battler', 'social butterfly', 'blonde award', 'joker' and so on.

Local church support

St Martin's College is also blessed with ongoing support from the local Anglican churches from both the Riverina and Canberra Goulburn Dioceses. Not only do all the local churches welcome St Martin's College students into their congregations but they also help in very practical ways.

The "Chain Gang" – a group of retired men from St Paul's Turvey Park for many years assisted with minor maintenance around the college. The St Paul's Foundation has also assisted financially with the volunteer trip to St Christopher's Home in Fiji.

Local churches also cook meals for students during the end of year exams – especially St John's Wagga, South Wagga Anglican Church and Community of the Redeemer at Ashmont. These meals are greatly appreciated by the students at such a very stressful time. They particularly appreciate the prayer cards that are often attached to these meals.

St John's Wagga have also assisted with worship by establishing a Celtic Prayer Circle liturgy on occasion, clergy and parishioners joined students for Shrove Tuesday pancakes including pancake races, they provided wine and cheese and clues for the 2011 O-week Scavenger hunt and in the past have offered Marties students good discounts through their Op Shop.

In 2012 South Wagga Anglican Church (SWAC) started a ministry to Marties students - the "Welcome Back to Uni" dinners which happen on the first Thursday evening of each term. Parishioners prepare home-cooked meals – a welcome change from the 2 minute noodles enjoyed by some students – and come along for a time of fellowship with college residents.



CSU Partnership

St Martin's College would not exist without the generosity, support and goodwill of Charles Sturt University. I have always treasured that relationship – even if at times it has contributed to a few grey hairs! There are so many aspects to this relationship and so many people who have contributed to this relationship. Significant people I have had the joy of working with during my time at St Martin's College and who have offered incredible support include: Professor Lyn Gorman, Chancellor Lawrie Willett, Professor Ross Chambers, Adrian Lindner, Barry Turner, Terry O'Meara, Peter Bell, Andrew Callander, David Griffin, Simon Cole and his gardening team, Allen Cochrane and Martin Dooner and the Campus Services staff, Chris Nesakumar, David Millar, the wonderful Karen Jameison who has such a wealth of knowledge, the amazing security staff, Maureen Salmon, Shiralee Hillam, David Stormonth, Lisa Twigg and Gai Kirkman – I have probably left off just as many as those I have named.

St Martin's College always worked closely with CSU in providing accommodation for Residential Schools although this activity ceased in 2010 when the new academic calendar was introduced as we could no longer staff these with the shorter breaks. With some vacant cottages in 2015 we again started taking in residential school students but this time bookings were organised by the College. The college has also been used for the Milliners workshops, Delaware University student accommodation, Midwifery Residential Schools, Humanities & Social Science staff writing retreats, CSU Marketing training & meetings and Wiradjuri language res schools. I have particularly enjoyed attending and being included in Graduation ceremonies, Scholarship ceremonies, the Town and Gown procession, and the Commencement ceremony.

In recent years we have been working closely with the CSU International Student Support staff – especially Jacquie Blomfield and Chris Roche – to provide accommodation for international students in the Australian Awards programme doing their 3-4 week Introductory Academic Programme. Most of these students are commencing postgraduate studies with CSU. St Martin's has welcomed each intake of students with an "Aussie" BBQ and in 2017 we also produced a "Survival Guide" to assist these students to settle in to Australian culture. St Martin's has also worked to link them to local churches for worship as many are Christian. This ministry has also led to an increasing cultural diversity in the college as some students have continued to be accommodated in St Martin's College following their IAP.



2017 IAP students came from Kenya, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Zambia and Ghana

CSU also assists the college in training the Residential Advisors each year and we have had the opportunity to return that generosity by making the Fairfax Centre available for that training when needed. It has also been a privilege for me personally to be invited to be a member of the university's Human Research Ethics Committee.

This ongoing relationship between the university and St Martins College is to be treasured. As the previous Chancellor, Lawrie Willett, and Professor Ross Chambers regularly remind us, it is a two way relationship that benefits both institutions as the university greatly

appreciates the ministry and support the college offers to its students, and it is well known that there is a greater retention rate for students in the college accommodation when it comes to degree completion.



The future

Being Head of St Martin's College has been a mix of celebrations and challenges.

In my almost 12 years of ministry I have definitely been challenged in many ways: a mouse plague; dust storms; hail storms; hairy panic grass plagues; locust plagues; drought; 45 degree heat in summer; floods; students falling through cottage windows; students ripping doors off hinges; students putting a hole in the wall of the Fairfax Centre (under my supervision) whilst trying to break a pinata; police pulling up the Head of college when she was driving the bus for the college ski trip for not having a 'commercial taxi licence' they realised their mistake when they saw I was driving for love of my students; students breaking the HOC house fence when playing football; administering two Australian Census' to young people completing Census forms for the first time in their lives; having CSU change the college street name from Park Way to Dargin Way (the Wiradjuri word for hairy panic grass seems appropriate) without any consultation creating hours and hours of administrative paperwork as a result of the change of official address for our "business" premises; dealing with CSU's constantly changing "masterplans" and their impact on the college; and the minority of rude and difficult students . . .

In the midst of the challenges there are the joys and the realisation that St Martin's College is an amazing ministry of the church and I have the privilege of sharing my life each day with some amazing young people. The joys have included helping so many young people complete their studies in the midst of tremendous academic and personal struggles; helping those with eating disorders find their way and discover new meaning in life; helping so many young people grow and develop their faith and spirituality; seeing the original vision of the college fulfilled and the site transformed to a place of beauty; sitting and dreaming with some incredibly amazing young people who will be doing some amazing things in the future.



Rev'd Jenny Willsher at the 2015 College Annual Dinner with Cassie Bayliss and Larissa Holliday

As to the future? The future dreams of the college are in God's hands, and will involve some listening to God by the College Board and student community. There will be some challenges as the Higher Education Sector continues to grow and change but whatever lies in the future it will be a consolidation of what the college generally does well – caring for and supporting young people moving away from home for the first time to study at university by creating a 'home away from home'.



Chapter 8 – Senior moments

I was a Marties Senior Student in 2006, taking on the 'Social' portfolio. I have many, many fond memories of my four years at St Martin's, particularly as an SS. Not always a glamorous job, there was nothing like a break from university assignments to change the loo roll in a cottage or fetch the vacuum cleaner after a kitchen disaster - generally from those unfortunate cottage members who had the impossibly hard-to-reach top food cupboards.

I enjoyed the challenge of being part of the Saints Ball organising committee, having never organised more than a college barbeque, organising a ball for more than 150 people including a three course meal, entertainment and transport was certainly a learning experience! Speaking of college barbecues, they were a catering feat for the RA's and their roped-in house-mates - chopping 5 lettuces, 10kg of tomatoes and cooking 12kg of mince for college taco dinners, now that's a catering challenge...who has a wok??

A particular highlight for me was sitting next to the chancellor of CSU at the 2006 St Martin's annual dinner, terrifying but fascinating at the same time.

*Lara Belford (St Martin's 2004-2007)
RA 2006*



2006 RAs – Lara, Sam and Caz

I was lucky enough to be given a place in St Martin's mid 2008 after seriously considering a move back to Sydney due to homesickness. Within minutes Jenny made me feel at ease, and when moving day came, walking into the cottage the vibe of home was flooding around me.

Over the next 18 months St Martin's was my literal home away from home. I had a family in my cottage, we shared meals, cottage dinners, movie nights, in addition to college events. Leaving my door open for drop ins, randomly settling in for an hours long chat when you did your washing, debating the politics of washing up etiquette, midnight dance parties in our Pjs...I was happy and settled, and my parents were also very happy I'd found 'home' in Wagga.

So, when at the end of 2009, expressions of interest for RA came up, I thought 'why not? Why not see if I can make this place a real home away from home for

someone else!' Genuinely surprised to get to interview, and even more so when I got the job, I was excited for the adventure.

It was an honour being an RA at Marties, I loved welcoming the 1st years and getting to know a bit more about the ins and outs of the college. Planning events, having *post-man* duty, pastoral care responsibilities and the joyous job of 11pm lock-out calls in the depth of winter wandering around in my Pjs and ugg boots to let in- I loved (almost) every minute! I like to believe I did my bit for those who felt homesick, that I was able to welcome them to the Marties family, and not just as someone who happened to share a bathroom, kitchen and a wall. Even though I was now on the side of supporter, not once did I feel unsupported by Jenny or the College Board. God was forever present, and watching as we all found our feet in the role, at times more challenging than it appeared from the outside.

While I have not been as active in the college happenings since graduating, I still feel a part of the college, and love seeing the FB posts, as well as seeing where 'my little 1st years' and fellow Marties alumni are at now. St Martin's made it possible for me to stay in Wagga. Made it possible for me to struggle through a few dark times and come shinning out the other end. I am in debt to the college for the joy it gave me during my time there.

So to Jenny and the board, thank you.

*Sarah Gummerson
(nee Lindsay)
St Martin's 2008 -2011
RA 2010*



As I reflect on being a Marties RA it reminds me that it is so good to be a part of the Martie's family, a family that embraces anyone and everyone and helps you to become the true you, your real identity that you can own yourself. As an RA I came to realise that there isn't a better way for first years to make the transition to independent living because there is always a net of support that can help you out and keep you going if you fall. I will always cherish the great times, amazing friends, the sense of belonging and the stress-free home that was Martie's and particularly the privilege of being a Marties RA.

*Tanian Naude
St Martin's 2013 – current
RA 2015*



2015 RAs Tanian and Adam

RA. Residential advisor. Friend, peer, mentor, advisor, counsellor, leader, and tutor. These are only some of the roles you take on as an RA. I have been asked before, what does an RA do, and to put it simply, that is a hard question to answer because the role itself is whatever is required at that time. Over the course of a year, an RA is any number of those names listed above just to name a few. Being an RA was one of the toughest, but also one of the most rewarding experiences I could have imagined. To me, being an RA was an opportunity to make a difference, especially to those that had just moved out of home and into college and needed someone there to support them, just like I needed back in first year.

In my time as an RA of St Martins during 2016, one of the most important things I learnt was what community really meant. Not just the rallying together during events or Saints Cup Sport Matches, but the coming together, the inclusion of everyone and the support and friendships that came along with it. The sense of community at Marties is more than simply that. Those that you live with and others in the college become more than just friends. They become family. Family who support each other through the highs and excitement, but also the lows and stress that university and living on campus brings.

Having completed my time on campus, it is these special relationships that I have taken away as the most memorable and meaningful aspect of attending CSU and living in Marties. Marties is such a special place to live, and I would not have loved my time at uni as much as I did, if I wasn't part of the college. Living away from home, you learn to become your own individual, how to live with people that aren't your own family and how to balance work, social life, uni, finances and anything else that comes your way. You learn to be an adult. It is one of the most exciting times as everyone ventures into the world and I am privileged to have been an RA and for the opportunity to be part of so many Marties students journeys through university.



Sophie McClelland
St Martin's 2014-2016
RA 2016

For me, being an RA works on two levels, the first level, and a much deeper purpose. On the first level you have the privilege of hanging out with students, helping to run events and investing in other's lives, which is so much fun, but there is a deeper purpose behind this. Being an RA is a tangible way to get into people's lives, a chance to have the opportunity and privilege to hear their stories, their

challenges, and ultimately where they are at. It is such an honour to sit down with another person, and to just listen, I mean to really listen, to people's struggles, their pain, their joy, their hope, their life. So often young people don't get a chance to have their story heard. In the mix of this, sometimes you get the opportunity to share, to share your own challenges, joys, hope and faith with these people, which again is another awesome privilege. You see, RA is such a privilege because it is a key that allows you to build relationships with people, real relationships – it is a stepping stone that helps you to firstly get into people's lives. As I reflect, that is the biggest privilege of being an RA, it places you in an initial position to begin to really invest, listen and build real tangible relationships with those around you. In this there are moments when you wish you could take away the pain from someone's story, or celebrate with them in moments of joy, but ultimately that is what it really means to really listen to people's stories, the good and the challenging times. I thank God for the honour and privilege it is to listen to people's stories, the blessing it is to sit down with a young adult and say "so tell me about your story?" and to really listen.



James (Jimmy Iversen)
St Martin's 2016 – current
RA 2017



2017 RAs Kaitlyn, Grace and Jimmy

Chapter 9 – Memory lane

Best Wishes

It was a singular privilege to be involved with St Martin's College from its inception. It would not have happened without the willing participation of CSU, whose vision helped the College achieve its original aim of just under 100 beds. I was delighted when it reached the size envisioned, and am further delighted that it is there, and doing what it was intended to do. I wish the current administration well, as well as the current residents and all who use its facilities.

Ray Highfield

(Registrar of the Riverina Diocese and Administrator of the early College)

A brief recount of St Martins College cottage 373 in 2001, 2002 & 2003.

Cottage 373 residents: Nikki Fisher, Melanie Murphy, Emma Amery, Luke Robertson, Sam Roberts, Kaisey Gordon, Jason Cappello, Pip Dean and Ben Hardman.

First of all we had the gum tree out the back which is where we use to have the occasional BBQ picnic. There was an old hair-dryer that had been thrown up and stuck in the tree probably some years before we arrived. We termed it the "Appliance Tree".

Several members of our cottage decided we should add more to this so an old kettle cord + base as well as part of a fan were lodged up into the tree. This took a long time and lots of throwing before they finally became securely lodged!

A favourite cottage pastime (or entire college for that fact) was to scare our cleaner (Cathy Kelleher) at every possible opportunity. The reaction – namely a loud scream/shriek - would keep us in stitches for ages! She however was often one step ahead and short-sheeting the perpetrators beds or some other 'punishment'



Unfortunately the "Appliance Tree" is now a thing of the past as for safety reasons it had to be removed in 2015

usually awaited. Cathy was in fact for many of us our most solid rock for our University stay. She is the most lovely, funny, kind, and most of all caring person we could have wished for. It was worth going to Uni just to meet such a great friend as she is. She was always available for a chat and a laugh and whenever it was someone's birthday and we had a cake, she coincidentally usually happened to arrive at our cottage for a slice! Actually, in all seriousness, it was likely her to have made it. Our other staff were also fantastic. Peter (head of St Martin's at the time) was also very caring and a great role model. Donna in the office was always up for a laugh and a chat. And Robyn was a great counterpart in many of Cathy's pranks. They were such a great group of people to have as leaders for our college university life. We have great admiration and respect for them all.

I hope that past, present and future generations of St Martin's College residents have an equally incredible time while they are there. It was a character building time of our lives and to have such a firm foundation made it remarkable and truly rewarding.

Luke Robertson

St Martin's 2001-2003

How does your garden grow?



For me one of the most fulfilling and community engaging activities I was able to be a part of whilst living in St Martin's was the Community Garden Project. The

visionaries for the garden were well ahead of my time and their negotiations with the college, university, and local sponsors and supporters paved the way for this project to get off the ground. I always saw the garden as an opportunity for students to: get some fresh air by going for a walk up the hill to have a look at the garden's progress; contribute to a community project; have a study break by pulling out some weeds; eat fresh vegetables grown close to their house; and to engage socially at the planting and picking times. May this garden grow and develop for many years to come.



Dave Gale

St Martin's 2007-2010, 2014, 2016

Appendix A

List of Students 1992-2017

Christina Adams 2001-2003
Naomi Adams 2008-2010
Stephanie Adams 2012-2014, 2016
Madeline Afford 2015
Manaf Al-Momani 2009-2011
Kathryn Aldred 2008
David Alexander 2000-2002
Razma Alim 2015-2016
Sharon Allen 2001-2003
Georgia Ambler 2017-
Sarah Anderson 2015-
Walfrieda Angmai 2017-
Kate Archibald 2004-2007
Reece Archibald 2008-2009
Shumaila Arif 2014-2015
Nicole Armfield 2003-2005
Ian Armstrong 1995-1996
Kate Arnell 2007-2010
Hannah Aspinall 2010-2012
Keloug Assaad 2005-2008
Laura Austin 2011-2014
Tyler Austin 2014-2015
Rebekah Bachelor 2009-2011
Bill Backhouse 1992
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Tess Bailey 2009-2011
Komal Bairmaradgi 2015
Tim Banner 1999-2001
Alexander Barfoot 2011-2013
Courtney Baker 2011
Matthew Barker 2008-2010
Emily-Taylor Barnett 2010-2012
Joel Bartholomaeus 2006-2008
Kate Bartholomew 2013
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Claudette Bateup 1999-2000
Emily Batterham 2010-2012
Cassandra Bayliss 2014-2015
Matthew Beaver 2001-2003

Samuel Beckman 2010-2011
Evangeline Beech 2014
Michelle Beggs 2013
Lara Belford 2004-2007
Emily Bender 2012
Fiona Bennett 2009-2011
Eliza Benson 2014-
Jade Berg 2003-2005
Candice Bergamin 2003-2007
Tegan Berger 2013-2015
Rachel Berlehner 1994
Lisa Berry 2014-
Eve Bewley 2003-2006
Arundhita Bhanjdeo 2016-
Sheri Bishara 2016
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Louisa Booth 2010-2012
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Michael Bourke 2000-2001
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Demelza Brand 1999-2000
Michael Brayshaw 1999
Kira Brettschneider 2001-2002
Oliver Brewin 2013-2014
Jane Briggs 2005
Kate Briggs 2003-2006
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Mathew Britton 2009-2012
John Bromfield 2003-2005
Kristen Brown 2003-2005
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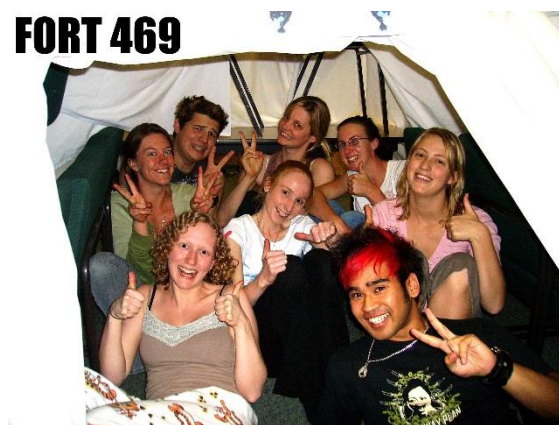
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Narelle Swift 2001-2003
Phillipa Swinborne 2007-2010
Raya Syed 2015
Laura Sze 1994
Anthony Tadros 2010-2013
David Tadros 2009-2012
Tony Taliano 1999
Shannon Tallon-Maxworthy 2012, 2014-2015
Carri Tamlyn 1997-2000
Jesse Tanner 2015
Coralie Taprell 1992-1993
Meagan Taprell 2002-2004
Wayne Taprell 1997-1999
Kerolos Tawfik 2010
Anna Taylor 2005-2008
Jarrod Taylor 1998-2001
Cedric Teng 1997
Rebekah Teo 1996
Steven Thai 1998
Muraleetharan Thamothersampillai 1994
Nimal Thenuwara 1999-2000
Julie Thirlway 1994-1995
Anne Thomas 2001-2003
Eliza Thomas 2015-
Rebecca Thomas 2001
Arnaud Thomasse 2001
James Thompson 1996-1999
Michael Thompson 2008-2011
Natalie Thompson 2006-2008
Nicole Thornhill 2009
Gemma Thornton 2006-2008
Caroline Thwaites 2003-2006
Belinda Tidd 2008
Emily Tilden 2011-2013
Samantha Tilden 2015-
Andrew Todd 2004-2006
Stephanie Todd 2008-2010
Melanie Toomey 2001-2002
Amanda Tovo 2009-2010
Mark Towfiles 2014-2015
Chloe Treacy 2014-
Pria Trefilo 2002
Simone Trumbull-Ward 2014
Lauren Tubby 2016-
Fiona Tucker 2003-2005
Catherine Tuckwell 2007-2012
Rebecca Turnbull 2005-2008
Martin Turner 2011-2013
James Turtle 1999-2001
Emma Ulm 2004-2006
Ellice Urmston 2004-2006
Joe Valenzisi 2000-2001
Judith Vassallo 2004
Sarah Venz 2002-2003

Dao Vichakyothin 1996-1997
Veronika Vivic 2014-2015
Rani Victor 1999-2001
Natalie Viljevac 2008-2009
Simone Vincent 2009
Tu Anh Vo 2001
Marina Wahba 2017-
Daniel Wait 2003-2006
Hayley Waite 2001-2013
Kaylee Walsh 2002-2005
Mandy Wang 2007-2010
Joanne Ward 2009-2010
Kristen Warner 1999
Amy Warren 2017-
Christopher Watson 2009-2011
Geraldine Watson 2007
Lucinda Watt 2011-2012
Lauren Watts 2011-2013
Penny Webb 2007-2010
Stacey Webb 2009-2011
Tim Webb 1999-2001
Catherine Weenink 1995
Simone Werner 2016
Michelle West 1995
Lisa West 2000
Vicki Whateley 1992-1995
Christine Wheeler 1998-2000
Jeff Wheeler 1999-2002
Michelle Whitaker 2001
Gabrielle White 2017-
Rebecca White 1994-1995
Rebekkah White 2012-2013
Rachel White 1999-2000
William Whiting 2010-2013
Catherine Wiencke 1994
Laura Wiggins 2017-
Rachael Williams 2013-2015
Narelle Willcox 1992-1993
Meg Willis 2007
Anna Wilson 2009
Katya Wilson 2014-
Kendra Wilson 2013-2015

Adam Windel 2013-
Rhys Windel 2002-2003
Blake Wiseman 2013-2014
Amelia Withers 2009-2012
Amanda Woollams 1995-1996
Ian Wolstenholme 1994-1995
Seng Yip Wong 1994-1995
Simon Wong 2015-
Laura Wood 2017-
Natasha Wood 1995-1996
Ryan Woodford 2017-
Benjamin Wotton 2010-2012
Aimee Wright 2004-2006
Gabrielle White 2017-
Iain Wright 2008-2009
Jayne Wright 2001-2002
Mengchao Wu 2015
Tuttu Wudtison 1997-2000
Natalia Yap 1994
Sarah-Jane Yacoub 2013
Jaime Zanotto 2006-2008
Guy Zerbst 2008
Yan Zhao 2015-2016



Appendix B

List of Senior Students

1994

Helen Markland

1995& 1996

Kerry Chapman

1997

Alexandra Hickson

1998

Alexandra Hickson
Lynda Kelly

1999

Christine Wheeler

2000

Tim Banner
Theresa Nardi

2001

Emma Jolliffe
Fiona Reid
James Turtle

2002

Emma Jolliffe
Fiona Reid
Jeff Wheeler

2003

Bronwyn Evans
Amanda Gough
Aaron Pegram

2004

Angela Corcoran
Matt Jeffery
Heather Mayberry
Tim Seager



2005

Lauren Friedlieb
Heather Mayberry
Tim Seager

2006

Lara Belford
Sam Robinson
Carolyn Scott



2007

David Jarrott
Mark Lee
Rachael Kelly

2008

Brendon Finn
Lauren Irvin
Keloug Assaad



2009

Lauren Irvin
Phillipa Swinbourn
Kyle Strano



2010

Andrew Firman
Sarah Lindsay
Emma Nealon



2011

James Knight
Emma Nealon
Rowan Sinden



2012

Paige Evans
Hannah Suddull
Hazell Johnston



2013

Cheryl McKeller
Alyssa Neal
Joshua Celi



2014

Kelsey Deeves
Lachlan Mitchell
Joshua Celi



2015

Kelsey Deeves
Tanian Naude
Adam Windel



2016

Sophie McClelland
Kaitlyn Rea
Adam Windel



2017

Grace Juhasz
James (Jimmy) Iversen
Kaitlyn Rea



Appendix C

Administration & Support Staff

Administration

1992-1996:

administration work handled by Ray Highfield, Diocesan Registrar of Riverina in Narrandera.

March 1996-October 1998:

Business Manager Rhys Bailey (part-time).

December 1998-March 1999:

Marcy Kendell

June 1999-April 2000:

Debbie Healey

January-March 2000:

Garth Norris, acting Head of College

June 2000 - May 2006:

Donna Ruschen

June 2006-December 2013:

Elizabeth Pennesi

January 2014-June 2016:

Marisol Kroiter

June 2016-September 2016

Kathryn Allen

October 2016-Current:

Alison Churchill



College Cleaners

1994-Current: Robyn Buchanan

1999-2010: Cathy Kelleher

2011-2014: Suzi Steiner

2015-Current: Cheryl Bulmer

Maintenance

2013-Current: John Phillips

Appendix D

Board Members



Foundation Board Members 1992

Interim Board Members 1990-1991

Stephen Williams, John Cohen, Allan Ewing, Colin Wellard, Ray Highfield, Glenn Maytum, Tina Rice, Andrew Callander, Graham Hornibrook, Joy Labawy, Charles Houen.

Board Members

Brad Addison 2012-current
Bill Anscombe 1993 -current
Ian Armstrong 1995-1996
Rhys Bailey 1996
Bill Barwick 2013-current
Eve Bewley 2005
Genieve Blackwell 2012-2015
David Bond 2007-2008
John Boulos 2004
Andrew Bowcher 2000-2002
John Brennan 2002-2006
Lachlan Brown 2013-current
George Browning 1993-2008
Ed Byford 2005-2010
Patrina Byng 2010-2011
Andrew Callander 1992 – 2012 (Emeritus 2012)
Joshua Celi 2011-2012
Ross Chambers 1994-2012
Kerry Chapman 1995
Bruce Clark 1993-2004
Lisa Coates (nee Adams) 2012-2014
Ted Coupe 1997-1999
Pam Cowie 2015
Natalie McDermott (nee Cross) 2009-current
Ken Day 1994-2006
Owen Dowling 1992-1993
Trevor Edwards 2016-current
Alan Ewing 2004-2009
Joe Formosa 2010-2012
Godfrey Fryar 1999-2003
David Gale 2013-2014
Robyn Galloway 1998-1999
John Gibson 2002-2006
Andrew Gillett 2008
Rob Gillion 2014-current
Amanda Gough 2002
Renee Green 1997
Emily Grover 2011
James Hamilton 2004-current

Rob Harris 2014-2015
Corey Hemopo 2006
Ray Highfield 1992-1996
Barry Hunter 1992-1993
Leonie Hunter 2008-2009
Melissa Hyde 1995
Kristie Jenkins 1996
Emma Joliffe 2003
Clive Jones 2007-current
Grace Juhasz 2016
Don Kennedy 2002-2006
Adrian Lindner 2012
Aileen Lucas 1997-2001
Karen MacKinlay 1997-1999
Helen Markland 1994
Darrell Martin 2013-2016
Natalie Mayberry 2009
Glen Maytum 1992-1993, 2000-2001
Sam Moi 2017-current
Robert Murphy 2016-current
Sarah O'Brien 1998
Tony Parkinson 2000-2001
Nathan Penny 1993
Kristina Peters 1999
Christina Petulla 2007
Stuart Robinson 2009-current
Peter Savage (student) 1997
Peter Savage (HOC) 2000-2005
Dolly Seow 1994
Shannon Smith 2009-2010
Pat Stephenson 1993-1998, 2004-2013 (Emeritus 2013)
Denise Stevens 2009-2012
Doug Stevens 2005- 2012
Graeme Sturt 1993-1999
Phillipa Swinbourn 2009-2010
Marie Thompson 1993-2004
Emily Tilden 2013
Rhonda Tonacia 1992-1997
Frances Tsoukalidis 2010-current
Colin Wellard 1992-1993
Vicki Whateley 1994
Adrian Whiting 2017-current
Narelle Willcox 1993
Stephen Williams 1992-1997
Jenny Willsher 2006-current
Paul Worsfold 2005-2008



Board Members 2012

Appendix E

Scholarships and Awards

College Scholarships

The St Martin's College Helen & James Faulks Scholarship

Mrs Helen Faulks was, up until her death in 2000, a long-term benefactor of St Martin's College. Her substantial donations over the years helped to finance the building of Cottage 371, which was named 'Huddersfield House', after her family property in the Riverina.

In her will, Mrs Faulks made provision in the following terms "I give the Board of St. Martin's College Incorporated situated in the grounds of Charles Sturt University in the sum of (money) to be invested and for the income to be used to provide rental assistance for a student (or students) in necessitous circumstances and who is a resident of St Martin's College Incorporated, as far as is practical, use the money from this bequest to provide residential assistance for country students of the Anglican faith." The Scholarship was first offered in 2003 with the following guidelines:

Students must be current residents of St Martin's College. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial hardship. Students will only receive the award once. The scholarship will be awarded for one year.

The scholarship is only available for the payment of accommodation fees to St Martin's College.

If not awarded in any year, the amount set aside for the scholarship will be returned to the principal to be reinvested. Students who are not Anglican are also invited to apply.

Recipients have been:

2003 Melissa Smith
2004 Margaret Marchese & Kaylee Walsh
2005 Aimee Wright & Ben Hardman
2006 Caroline Thwaites
2007 Ebonie Schirmer, Naomi Hanger & Christina Petulla
2008 Sheree Morris
2009 not awarded
2010 Clare Ferris & Judy Ngyuen
2011 Kate Cowdroy-Ling & Jarrah Prior
2012 Brianna Iemma, Hayley Maguire & Emily Tilden



Helen & James Faulks on their wedding day

The St Martin's College Helen & James Faulks Scholarship

In 2012 Mrs Helen Faulks' husband, Mr James Faulks, in his will, made a similar provision for scholarship funds for students of St Martin's College. The generosity of both Helen and James Faulks enables the college to offer scholarships annually to students using the following guidelines.

Students must be current residents of St Martin's College. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial hardship. The scholarship is only available for the payment of accommodation fees to St Martin's College. If not awarded in any year, the amount set aside for the scholarship will be returned to the principal to be reinvested. Should the scholarship panel identify more than 2 suitable recipients part scholarships may be awarded. Students who are not Anglican are also invited to apply.

Recipients have been:

2013 Isabelle Scopelliti, Emily Tilden, Clare Ferris, Jacinta Mayne

2014 Michelle Holland, Stephanie Adams, Mark Tawfiles

2015 Michelle Holland, Gemma Hehir, Machael Khair, Larissa Holliday, Katya Wilson, Caitlin Scamby

2016 Samantha Tilden, Sophie McClelland, Mary Matthews

2017 Emma Camilleri, Heidi Bochenek, Rebecca Owen



2016 Faulks Scholarship winners – Mary, Sophie and Samantha with Dr Bill Anscombe

Richard Johnson College Scholarship

Richard Johnson College was established in Wollongong in 1993, and like St Martin's College, it was an Anglican Residential College at a Regional University that aimed to provide pastoral care and support to students in residence. The College ceased to offer residential accommodation to students in 2006. The College continues to operate as an organisation committed to supporting students and academic work within a Christian framework in other ways.

Richard Johnson College was named after the Reverend Richard Johnson, an Anglican Priest, who volunteered as Chaplain to 'The First Fleet' and who conducted the first Christian Church Service in Australia on the 3rd February 1788 in Farm Cove. His sermon that day was based on Psalm 116 verse 12, "How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me?" Richard Johnson not only tirelessly 'lived

and shared' the Gospel of Christ, but was also the pioneer of education in NSW and was concerned for the education of all children establishing schools in Sydney, Parramatta and on Norfolk Island. Rev'd Johnson also established a fund to care for orphans, was well known for his care of sick and dying convicts and his friendship with the 'first' Australians. The memory of his life continues to challenge us to find ways to offer gratitude to God for all God's blessings in our lives.

In 2010 St Martin's College received a generous donation of \$400,000 from Richard Johnson College. This money was put toward the college loans as requested by the donors but was also used to establish some scholarships. The Richard Johnson Scholarship, an amount of \$1,250 was first awarded in 2010 to Lara Stoll, Hannah Aspinall, Kate Lawrence and Lauren Irvin. This was an interim measure whilst the Board decided on how many scholarships and criteria for the scholarships was established.



Cottage 467 was named Richard Johnson College House in acknowledgement of the significant bequest received from Richard Johnson College. The "Awards Wall" has a frame with background information about Rev. Richard Johnson as well as Richard Johnson College.

The Richard Johnson College Christian Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship exists to enable the development of Christian Leadership for Rural Australia. The Richard Johnson College Christian Leadership Scholarship was established in 2011 with the following guidelines:

If more than one student applies the amount may be shared among more than one student project. Students must be current residents of St Martin's College. The scholarship will be awarded for one year and students will only receive the award once. The scholarship will be awarded to a student or students who can demonstrate: The need for financial assistance to assist with current Christian ministry whilst undertaking their studies with Charles Sturt University. Training or projects to enable them to develop their Christian leadership skills for future Christian ministry. If not awarded in any year, the amount set aside for the scholarship will be returned to the principal to be reinvested.

Recipients have been:

- 2011 Todd Daniels and Cat Tuckwell
- 2012 Natalie Hoogers
- 2013 Lauren Reilly
- 2014 not awarded
- 2015 Lauren McGrory



2011 Cat & Todd

The Richard Johnson College Community Leadership Scholarship

The donation received from Richard Johnson College supported by smaller donations by members of local churches and communities has enabled the establishment of the St Martin's College Community Leadership Scholarship which was first offered in 2011 with the following guidelines:

If more than one student applies the amount may be shared among more than one student project, as determined by the St Martin's College Scholarship Committee. Students must be current residents of St Martin's College. The scholarship will be awarded for one year and students will only receive the award once. The scholarship will be awarded to a student or students who can demonstrate: The need for financial assistance to assist with current community leadership or volunteer work whilst undertaking their studies with Charles Sturt University. Training or projects to enable them to develop their rural community leadership skills for the future. If not awarded in any year, the amount set aside for the scholarship will be returned to the principal to be reinvested.

Recipients have been:

- 2011 Bianca Rees & William Whiting
- 2012 Ann Frizell
- 2013 Katelyn Braine
- 2014 not awarded
- 2015 Lauren Reilly, Caitlin Chandler



2015 – Lauren and Cate

The Richard Johnson College First Year Scholarship

The Richard Johns College Scholarships were reviewed by the College Board in 2015 and it was decided to change the terms of the scholarship from 2016 to build on Richard Johnson's concerns for orphans, first Australians, and those living in rural and remote areas by enabling them to gain a university education. It was identified that a scholarship for first year students would perhaps be more helpful and the guidelines for this first year scholarship were:

Applicants must be commencing their first University degree on CSU's Wagga Wagga Campus in 2017 and must intend to be residents of St Martin's College for all of Sessions 1 & 2 for at least their first year of study. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that: (i) they have been residents in Anglicare operated Homecare or (ii) they are from a rural/regional area of Australia and able to demonstrate financial hardship. The scholarship is only available for the payment of accommodation fees to St Martin's College and is not transferrable to other accommodation. If not awarded in any year, the amount set aside for the scholarship will be returned to the principal to be reinvested.

Recipients have been:

- 2016 Hayley Fairfull, Francesca Smith
- 2017 Grace Ramsay, Montanna Schollick



2016 Hayley & Francesca

College Awards

In 2008 the St Martin's College Board decided to establish some awards to acknowledge the gifts and talents of students of the college. These awards are presented each year at the College Annual Dinner.

The Charles Houen Citizenship Award

This award is to honour a student of the college who has been actively involved in serving others in the wider community. It honours the memory of Mr Charles Houen who served for many years, in a voluntary capacity, as the legal representative for St Martins College. Charles was an example to us all of generous service to others by giving his time to Apex, Rotary, Riverina Australian Rules Football Club, Wagga TAFE, Wagga City Council, Wagga Art Gallery, the Scouts Association, Salvation Army, Wagga School of Arts, Wagga Law Society, Riverina Anglican College, the Forrest Centre, and the Anglican Church in both the Diocese of Riverina as Chancellor and the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn. Charles died on the 11th March 2008.

2008 Rebecca Turnbull: Rebecca was part of a CSU study tour to study indigenous communities in the Northern Territory with her investigations focusing on mental health of indigenous communities.



Rebecca receives her award from Mrs Margaret Houen

She was elected as the CSU representative to the Australia India University Youth Forum on Sustainability. She was also President of the CSU Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society, was a member of the National Rural Health Alliance, has assisted with health programmes on campus at CSU Wagga especially with Mental Health Week activities and was also Ganmain Showgirl for 2008.

2009 Lauren Irvin: Lauren has done volunteer work in her local community particularly giving musical performances in nursing homes and at community functions, she has been an after school carer for a disabled child, and co-organiser of the biggest tennis racquet project for Barellan. Lauren has also been an RA for two years and deeply involved in the St Martin's College community.



2010 David Gale: David is someone who has given a great deal of his time to both the St Martin's College community as well as the wider CSU community, as a result of his great love for God and our created world. He was the founding co-ordinator of the St Martin's College garden project and was responsible for the



David returned to the college in 2016 with his wife Libby to complete his Masters degree.

development of the garden, as well as ongoing encouragement of students to be involved in the garden. He also instigated the placement of compost bins in the St Martin's College cottages, spent many hours enthusing students to use them, emptying them when others were too lazy!! As well as carting the compost down to the CSU compost area. He has worked with the CSU environmental committee to develop green projects for the CSU campus. Alongside his love for the environment Dave is also a person of great faith and his faith has also led him to serve the community in other ways. He has held leadership roles on committees in his home church back in Terrigal as well as being on the local Uniting Church council here in Wagga for a time. Dave is a great supporter of social justice issues and caring for others and was a little disappointed when Jenny advised him at one stage that he probably couldn't have a foster child whilst living in St Martin's.

2011 Ann Frizell: Ann has participated in Rotary Youth



Camps, has been a guest speaker at a number of Rotary Youth in Agriculture camps, and has organized and led retreats for the LaSallian Youth Leadership Programme. She is an active member of the Cattle Show Team and is the senior assistant for the

O'Connor Catholic College's Devon Stud. She also participates in the Australian Wool Fashion Awards and has been a prize winner for two years with her designs selected for the catwalk. She also serves her local community by supporting Legacy, Anzac Day marches, and the Scouts and Guides Associations. She volunteers her time as a Junior Guide leader for the Turvey Park Girl Guides. She is a wonderful example of a young person who volunteers much of her time to assist her local community in many ways.

2012 Hazell Johnston: Hazell was nominated by some of her fellow students who wanted to acknowledge her role as an outstanding citizen of the St Martin's College Community, the CSU community and the wider community. She was a role model for other students whilst living in St Martin's; she is



generous with her time and always offers a listening ear and a quiet hand to help out anyone. She has also represented the Charles Sturt Community at the 2012 International Livestock Congress in Calgary Canada and was one of 3 Australian students chosen to attend the congress because of her passion for the agricultural industry and for being a woman who excels in this industry.

2013 Lauren Reilly: Lauren is a quiet achiever who has given generously of her time to the community in a number of ways. Her award acknowledged the time she has given to the St Martin's College volunteer programme in Fiji –2013 was her second



visit with the College to St Christopher's home but her care and support of the young people in the home doesn't stop with the college trips, as she has continued an ongoing mentoring and friendship role with some of the senior girls at St Christopher's. She is also involved in the local high school refugee tutoring programme.

2014 Jess Smith: Jess is another quiet achiever who has given generously of her time to the community in number of ways. She volunteers at least once a week, if not more, at the Wagga Wagga branch of Riding for the Disabled. She is also an active member of the Wagga Show Society Committee and in that role undertakes much of the planning for the local show as well as a number of responsibilities during the actual show. She has also been part of the organizing committee for CSU's Agriculture & Animal Industry Careers Fair for 3 years. This role involved planning the careers fair contacting & organizing companies to attend, inviting & organizing panel members and promoting the event. Jess has also been one of the key organizers of our St Martin's student community garden.



2015 Kelsey Deeves: Kelsey is an enthusiastic hard worker who has given generously of her time to both the college community and the wider community in number of ways. She is always willing to help others whenever she can and has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her role as a Senior student. She seems to spend half her life driving others around – dropping them off, picking them up, taking them to hospital. She is also always available for a chat when it is needed. She has volunteered her time in two of her 5 years at St Martin's to assist with our annual programme at St Christopher's Children's Home in Fiji.

In her local community she is a member of the Leeton Mini-Trotting Club and helps out organizing events, is a supporter of the Leeton show and is involved in the setting up for the show and assisting the show committee, she is a committee member of the Leeton Touch Association and helps run the junior competition during touch season. She has also been part of the Leeton Tennis club and Leeton Youth Committee. Kelsey is also very involved in her local Anglican church at Leeton and is an altar server and active member of the congregation at St Peters.

2016 Tanian Naude: Tanian is an enthusiastic, hard worker who has given generously of his time to both the college community and the wider community in number of ways. He has been involved with the Christian organisation Red Frogs since he arrived at CSU in 2013. Red Frogs make it their mission to provide a positive peer presence in alcohol-fuelled



environments, to educate young people on safe partying behaviours, and to promote and provide non-alcoholic and/or diversionary activities that engage young people in these environments. In 2014 he took over the role of coordinating and managing on campus Red Frog events at CSU Wagga. Some of his responsibilities include liaising with local businesses to confirm and collect their food donations, managing the storage of red frogs, noodles, pancake mixes and event prizes, and organising teams of volunteers every week for Crow Bar and campus-residences events. Tanian's role also includes training and equipping other volunteers to organise and run events, thus ensuring the continuation of this service for university students in coming years.

Tanian has also given his time and energy generously and joyfully to the St Martin's College community serving as an RA and enthusiastically participating in College sporting events always willing to put his body on the line for our college. This community service also extends to his participation in the wider sporting community where he is a member of the Aggies Rugby team and was also 2016 Brumbies Provincial Championships Player of the Tournament.

The St Martin's College Dux



Henrietta & Mark Dennison from the Australian Bedding Company – sponsors of the College Dux Award

This award is a donation towards textbooks and is sponsored by the Australian Bedding Company. The Dux award is awarded to the student who has the highest grade point average in the 3 semesters prior to the College Annual Dinner and whose personal character reflects the ethos of St Martin's College in their day to day life.

Recipients have been:

- 2008 Katherine Lawrence
- 2009 Yazmin Crossingham
- 2010 Yazmin Crossingham
- 2011 Rachel Scane
- 2012 Clare Ferris
- 2013 Clare Ferris
- 2014 Clare Ferris
- 2015 Samantha Doherty
- 2016 Catriona Stevenson



Clare Ferris with Henrietta Dennison



2015 Sam Doherty



2016 Catriona Stevenson

The Marie Thompson Award for Outstanding Excellence

This award is for a student of St Martin's College who has shown outstanding achievement on a National or International level. The Award honours the memory of Mrs Marie Thompson who was a member of the St Martin's College Board from 1993 until 2004. Marie was an exceptional person who had a great love for young people and for this college. She was honoured by Charles Sturt University with an Honorary Master of Education for her outstanding achievements in education advocacy and service to Rural Education, Juvenile Justice, P&C Associations on a regional and state level, and especially her work with the Disadvantaged Schools programme. Marie was also a member of the Order of Australia.

2008 David Gale: David was privileged to be one of 20 young people selected from applications from around the world to attend the first ecumenical water network Summer school on water at the Bossey Institute in Switzerland.

2009 Rebecca Gray: Was named as Australia's most popular country music DJ at the 2009 Australian Country Music People's Choice Awards in Tamworth.



Rebecca Gray receives her award from Dr Bill Thompson

2010 Andrew Gillet: Andrew was a member of the CSU Inter-Collegiate Meat Judging Team for 2010. Membership of the team involved training sessions at CSU as well as at Cargill and June abattoirs and Knights meats. The team travelled to Armidale for the 2010 Australian Inter-Collegiate Meat Judging Competition, competing against teams from around Australia as well as from Japan and the USA. The CSU Team was placed 3rd overall and Andrew was placed in the top 10 of all competitors. This placing meant became part of the Australian Inter-Collegiate Meat Judging Team.



Andrew, Bill Thompson & Libby Ellis

2011 Cheryl McKellar: Cheryl has a great interest in Photography and is a member of the Australian Photographic Society. She has a particular interest in nature photography and is a member of the Society's Nature Division. She received 1st & 2nd Places in the Digital Youth Section of the 2010 National awards as well as 2nd place in the 'Print Youth Section'. She has also been a monthly 1st prize winner in the Nature Division Web



Bill Thompson, Libby Ellis & Cheryl

Folio and 1st prize winner in the 'Open Print Folio' Sections. With this National recognition of her work she was chosen to have her works featured at the 2011 Australian Photographic Society's National Convention as the representation of the 'Future of the Nature Division'.

2012 Katelyn Braine: Katelyn excels in the area of meat judging and was part of the 2011 CSU team that participated in the National Competition, being placed in the top 10 finalists. She was then selected to be a member of the Australian National Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team and competed as part of that team in the USA in January 2012 at a number of competitions. The CSU team was placed 1st in the North Western Pork judging competition and our recipient came 4th in the individual competition. In 2012 Katelyn also co-coached the CSU team for the Australian National Competition and was awarded the Dr Tom Carr award for Coaching Excellence.



Katelyn receives her award from Ms Pat Stephenson

2013 Stacey Slater: Stacey excels in her role as an air force cadet. She volunteers her time to lead the local Wagga air force cadet unit. She has reached the highest national rank attainable in cadet staffing and is a Cadet Under Officer. In this role she is in charge of organising all of the training and exams of the cadets and their parades, camps, bivouacs and other activities. Being of the highest Rank she is also responsible for staffing promotions courses on the Wagga RAAF Base



2014 David Gale: David was awarded one of the prestigious 2014 Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarships. He was actually the inaugural winner of this award in 2008. He left St Martin's after completion of his first degree with CSU and whilst working with the DPI he also served as a Board member and



Company Director for the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW, as Secretary of the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Youth Group and was Vice -chair of the NSW Farmers Association Young Farmers Council. David spent time in Vietnam 2014-2015 to undertake field trials for his PhD which aims to improve living conditions of subsistence farmers by alleviating their dependence on costly synthetic fertilizers through the use of compost. It was the potential of this project to improve food security & reduce poverty in developing nations that led to his being awarded the Prime Minister's postgraduate scholarship.

2015 not awarded

2016 Grace Juhasz: Grace has a great love of dancing and



is an amazing talent in this field. She began dancing at three years of age and has excelled in over 50 individual and team competitions at state and National level. In 2006 her team

won the National Team Championship. In 2010 she was ranked in the top 10 dancers in Sydney for her category and went on to make the semi-finals at the national level. In 2011 her team placed 5th in Australia. In 2013 she made the semi-finals in individual competition at the national level, placing her in the top 50 dancers in the country. Grace has performed at the Sydney Royal Easter Show from 2009-2014. Last year she was the zone winner for Riverina Elite dancers. In 2016 Grace qualified for the National Elite competition and was also placed first in the local Wagga competitions.

The Cottage of the Year

A plaque and a Meat Tray for a cottage BBQ awarded to the cottage that has actively participated in college community activities, worked to enhance college life, and kept itself and its surrounds clean and tidy.

- 2008: 467
- 2009: 376
- 2010: 379
- 2011: 465
- 2012: 380
- 2013: 379
- 2014: 467 & 469
- 2015: 469
- 2016: 467



2015 winners 469

College Blood Drive

The St Martin's College Blood drive competition started in 2010 after two of our students needed numerous blood transfusions, one whilst receiving Chemotherapy the other following a car accident and multiple surgeries for her injuries. The winning team receives a BBQ pack to revitalize their red blood cells!!

- 2010: Emma's Cottages 371, 375, 376, 378 & the flat
- 2011: James' Cottages – 379, 380, 467 & 469
- 2012: Paige's Cottages – 371, 372, 373 & 374
- 2013: Alyssa's Cottages – 379, 375, 467 & 469
- 2014: Kelsey's Cottages – 373, 374, 465 & 469
- 2015: 467
- 2016: 465 + Chloe Treacy for most donations



2011 winners

The College Green Shield award.

This award was developed to encourage a student lifestyle that respects the created world and helps us to care for our environment. Points are awarded each month for the most energy efficient cottage, for recycling batteries and toner cartridges, for recycling, composting and helping in the college garden. Points are deducted for leaving lights and air conditioners on when no one is around and for using clothes dryers on sunny days. Members of the winning cottage each receive a \$30 Oxfam Gift Voucher and the College Board will donate \$150 to an Anglican Board of Mission Project chosen by the cottage.

The inaugural winners of the Green Shield are Cottage 469 who chose to support an ABM project supporting a Community Library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



Appendix F

College Donors

Whilst St Martin's College is grateful and keen to acknowledge all those who have contributed to the College, it is possible that records have been lost or poorly kept in those early hectic years. Please be assured that if your name, or the name of an organisation who has donated is missing from the following list, that no disrespect or ingratitude is intended.

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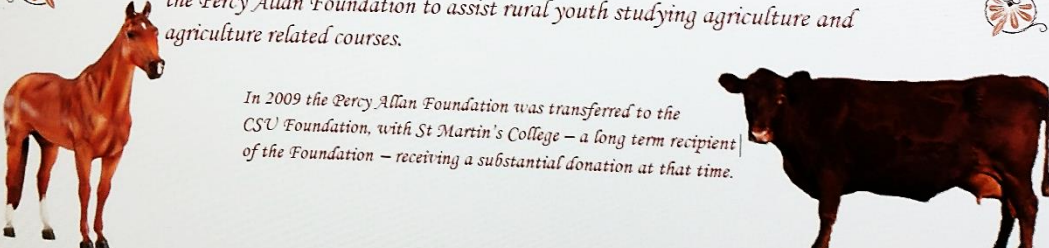
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Percy Allan Benefactor of this House

was born on Oxley Island in the Manning River District of Taree NSW in 1888.
Mr Allan owned hotels in Sydney and ran a dairy farm and cattle stud at Richmond.
He bred and exhibited Australian Illawarra Shorthorn cattle.
He ran sheep and cattle properties near Mudgee and Willow Tree before moving to the ACT to buy two sheep and cattle properties there.
Mr Allan also bred & raced Thoroughbred horses in Sydney & the ACT.
In 1962 he sold his properties to buy a small orchard at Pialligo in the ACT.
He died in 1979 aged 90 leaving a large part of his Estate for Public Education.
The Trustees of the Estate – Rita and Lindsay Bromfield – established the Percy Allan Foundation to assist rural youth studying agriculture and agriculture related courses.

In 2009 the Percy Allan Foundation was transferred to the CSU Foundation, with St Martin's College – a long term recipient of the Foundation – receiving a substantial donation at that time.



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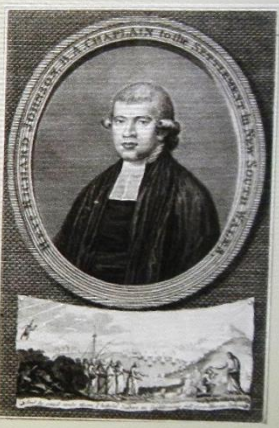
Richard Johnson College is the Benefactor of this house

Richard Johnson College was established in 1993, and like St Martin's College, it was an Anglican Residential College at a Regional University that aimed to provide pastoral care and support to students in residence. The College ceased to offer residential accommodation to students in 2006. The College continues to operate as an organisation committed to supporting students and academic work within a Christian framework in other ways.

In 2010 St Martin's College received a donation of \$400,000 from Richard Johnson College that was used to assist in reducing the building debt of St Martin's College and to establish the Richard Johnson College Scholarship.

Richard Johnson College was named after the Reverend Richard Johnson, an Anglican Priest, who volunteered as Chaplain to "The First Fleet" and who conducted the first Christian Church Service in Australia on the 3rd February 1788 in Farm Cove. His sermon that day was based on Psalm 116 verse 12, "How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me?" Richard Johnson not only tirelessly "lived and shared" the Gospel of Christ, but was also the pioneer of education in NSW and was concerned for the education of all children establishing schools in Sydney, Parramatta and on Norfolk Island. Rev'd Johnson also established a fund to care for orphans, was well known for his care of sick and dying convicts and his friendship with the "first" Australians.

The memory of his life continues to challenge us to find ways to offer gratitude to God for all God's blessings in our lives.



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