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Newly elected Student Club Committee celebrating outside Jane's Dining Hall

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From the Chair and the Principal

No overview of 2020 can be complete without mention of the pandemic that has engulfed the world. We've all faced challenges this year and at Jane, unsurprisingly, they have been profound.

Paramount, as always, has been managing student and staff safety. As with so many of you, this has been about physical distancing, hand hygiene, processes for contact tracing and testing. While we had plenty of toilet paper before lockdown, obtaining hand sanitiser was another matter. Yet, somehow with staff ingenuity, persistence and great relationships with suppliers, we found enough.

Behind the scenes, we formed the Emergency Management Committee (EMC), composed of two Council members and senior staff. Members have considered previously unimaginable scenarios: where do we put COVID-19 cases when our bathrooms and dining are communal? What happens if the entire Management Team went down? What government guidelines suit our unique circumstances – aren't we just a large "family"?

Then there was managing the wellbeing of the 90 students who remained at Jane during lockdown. With the support of our energetic, dedicated student committee

members, Senior Residents and staff, initiatives such as a reading library, games nights, chalk drawing, cupcake Wednesdays to celebrate birthdays, more hot lunches and unlimited WiFi were introduced. Many of these have remained in place, post lockdown.

Perhaps one of the biggest headaches was surviving financially. Jobkeeper has been a blessing. So too, was the innovative thinking that lead to the creation of Associate Memberships for students who remained home in second semester, and Jane Connected, our online program of careers advice and discussion groups.

The College also took the opportunity to focus on strengthening its business model. Inevitably this meant cost savings, leading to some difficult decisions about staffing. Sadly, two staff positions, the Chief Operations Manager and Maintenance Officer were made redundant. We take this opportunity for thanking Belinda Sargent and Paul Hniat for their grace, professionalism and, more importantly, their many years of service to the College and our students.

We also implemented other cost-saving measures that will enhance Jane service offerings and provide

greater flexibility. The cleaning contract, for example, was previously outsourced but is now under the Jane umbrella. From 2021, the College will again run its own bus service, using a donation to purchase the bus.

Despite our travails, a pleasing sense of unhurried peace and resilience has pervaded the College this year. Our Senior Fellow, Dr John Kertesz, recently described Jane Franklin Hall throughout the pandemic as 'a sea of calm in the middle of turmoil.' We agree, noting that the true strength of Jane – its community – was its very best in 2020.

We thank all members of the Jane community for their support: our Council members for wise leadership; our team of incredible advisors who have rallied to the Jane cause; our amazing staff; our committed student leaders; our parents for their ongoing understanding and loyalty; and, most importantly, our students, for their perseverance, acceptance and unfailing good cheer. We could not have survived this year without you. We look forward with confidence to 2021.

In the meantime, we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe, healthy new year.

Ginna Webster
Chair, College Council

Joanna Rosewell
Principal

Unorthodox:

the word of the year

Student Club President, Meth Prathapasinghe, spent first semester at Jane, but returned home to Melbourne in second semester, taking our Associate Membership to stay connected to the College. Meth is studying medicine.

"2020 was odd. Hobart went into lockdown, study went online and Jane introduced extra precautions. As soon as it started, it felt like university had ended. I returned to Melbourne, quarantined for two weeks, then ended up back in lockdown. I underwent eye surgery twice. Uni ended and the most I could do was vicariously celebrate via Zoom calls. Needless to say, my time as President was an unorthodox one.

However, as bleak as the entire last paragraph sounded, my experiences between states were actually profoundly enjoyable.

The half year in Hobart was quite busy. Meetings seemed to materialise every second day and careful thought went into looking after the Jane community without trying to enforce too many restrictions. For a while, Uni had to take a backseat (though the grind never stopped). Domestic students disappeared then reappeared,

international students were either stuck in Hobart or at home, and we tried making online and internal events to maintain morale. Though morale never dropped too far.



The Jane community became a brilliant example of 'how to survive a pandemic even when you live in a dorm with over a hundred other people™'.



In fact, there came a point where the Jane community was so well-adapted that we started thinking of ways to look out for our neighbours and struggling students. We even established our very own soup kitchen! But all things must come to an end. COVID cases reached 0, exams came and passed, and I returned to Melbourne.

There were a few reasons for my return to the mainland, however the

most important of which was for me to attend an appointment with an ophthalmologist whom I had been referred to a whole year earlier. It turned out to be quite the eye-opener when I found out I had a fairly nasty eye complication.

Long story short, I was losing my vision in both eyes, and fast. Solution? Surgery. Two mildly uncomfortable COVID tests and completely conscious open-eye surgeries later, I found myself feeling good as new (that being said, if I had lost my vision, not only would I have become a blind guitarist, I would have also used that as an excuse to finally get a dog). So, everything went back to normal – except everything was not normal.

COVID ran rampant in the streets of Melbourne. The one hour of outdoor exercise and single grocery trip we were permitted each day became the best method of confirming that we had not been caught up in one big Truman Show, and that the world outside did still exist. The other 23 hours each day could be dedicated to anything. Time was a construct that only mattered on days where lectures were not being recorded. The most difficult part of online study became trying to learn how to dissect without actually dissecting (my parents decided against me

building a secret underground lab to practise completely legal dissections in Melbourne – must be because we were renting). The sun no longer signified morning, and the moon only reminded us that we had a curfew. Some days I would eat five meals and others I would have two. Routine became a thing of the past – is what I would say but there is a flip side to all of this.

General study became considerably more efficient, meetings were very concise (though the lack of jokes and laughter was definitely missed), I played so many more hours of guitar, I composed my first song, I found that I had an unprecedented amount of free time each day, and I even started eating a variety of fruits regularly. Life was good, one passion paused meant another passion resumed. I dedicated up to five days each week to remain an active part of the Jane community (I definitely still missed physically being there), and if anything, I worked harder in Melbourne than I did previously to be the best possible president for the students of Jane. The story gets pretty basic from here: COVID cases dropped again, restrictions started easing, a brilliant new Student Club Committee was elected, exams happened, Melbourne's cases finally reached 0, I started playing a variety of sports again and I renewed my contract to stay at Jane in 2021. Essentially, the perfect fairy tale ending.

After such an interesting year, I am confident that the students of the Jane community, both near and far, were able to find passion and resolve in a year where nothing seemed to go to plan. The adaptability and care for one another that was demonstrated was certainly admirable and deserves great respect.

It was an absolute pleasure leading the students of Jane Franklin Hall in 2020. I wish all of you the very best in reaching for your goals because if you can beat COVID as a young man or woman (which you have thus far), you will make it in life as a stronger and wiser version of yourself.

Face forward to the future – the present may seem unorthodox – but the best is yet to come."

– Meth Prathapasinghe
Student Club Committee President



Top:
Meth at home after his surgery with his care package from Jane

Bottom:
Meth at Jane pre-COVID, smiling for the camera for his Student Club Committee headshot

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Life at Jane: COVID edition

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Second year Information and Communication Technology and Jane student, Peizhe Ma is from China.

Because of COVID-19 she was unable to get to Australia in 2020. This did not stop her from being an active Zoom member of the Jane Culture Committee and a Jane Ambassador.

“Because of COVID-19 and the travel ban, I stayed in China this year. Without face-to-face classes, I met some difficulties and benefits.

The best thing about studying online is that time is more flexible. I haven't needed to go to the university to attend offline classes. I could arrange my own class schedule. Also, studying online provides me with a chance to stay with my family. However, it also brings some disadvantages for my study. The worst thing for me is that it is hard to focus on my study while studying at home. Sometimes, my phone always disrupts my concentration. To cope,

I started making a plan every day to organize my time more efficiently.

Over the last year, I have really missed Jane! Jane is more like a home for me rather than an apartment. I miss the time that I eat meals with my friends in the dining hall, the formal dinners, Jane's food and Jane's kind staff.

I want to say Jane did an excellent job over the past year. Although I couldn't get back, I still feel I didn't lose my connection with Jane.

I received weekly regularly emails from Jane to know what happened in Jane. I think Jane has thought about every resident and has done its best. It will be my pleasure to meet our Jane family in 2021!”

Top Left:
Peizhe Ma

Top Middle:
Jaiden Popowski

Top Right:
Asha-Lynn Kuemiangon



Bachelor of Science student, Jaiden Popowski, is from Smithton in the North West corner of Tasmania. During COVID-19 lockdown, he returned home – yet still managed to win “Jane’s Got Talent” with a masterful multi-musical instrument performance via Zoom!

“Although I had only spent a few weeks learning on campus, I knew straight away that studying online was a lot harder. The condensed nature of university units meant that I was spending a lot more time at my desk watching lectures and completing assignments.

As a science student, the most difficult thing over this period was doing my laboratory sessions via video demonstrations and not getting the chance to do them myself.

Being stuck at home was hard, and I missed Jane for its sports, people and events. Jane’s support network helped me through this and I was extremely happy when I returned for Semester 2. I am so grateful for Jane because it made my year a whole lot better.”

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Originally from Papua New Guinea but with her family now based in Rome, Asha-Lynn Kuemlangan was a second year Marine and Antarctic Student in 2020.

She was unable to return home during the pandemic.

“I consider myself lucky to have lived at Jane Franklin Hall during the lockdown. The health measures put in place really proved how the safety of Jane residents and staff was always the number one priority.

The Jane community also stepped up to raise spirits by organizing events such as Q-week, implementing Quarantines (the Jane Bar, with social distancing of course!), and maintaining traditions like Dog Days. I was also lucky enough to meet and connect with people that I would not have had the pleasure of meeting if I hadn’t live at Jane during the lockdown.

Overall, being around such a loving and inclusive community during such a difficult time made self-isolating a little less lonely.”



Top Left:
Nikki Squibb

Top Right:
Yuyutsu Sharma



Nikki Squibb was a third year Marine and Antarctic Science student in 2020. From Spreyton on the NW Coast of Tasmania, Nicki elected to stay at Jane during lockdown.

"I have always felt that Jane was a safe and supportive place to live and study away from home. From academic, mental health, and after-hours support, Jane has always prioritised the health and happiness of its residents.

What I didn't realise is how much I would need this support in 2020 during the lockdown period. Like many of my friends, I decided to stay at Jane during lockdown period.

Going into lockdown, I wasn't sure what to expect but the Jane team went above and beyond to make sure we were happy, healthy, and well supported.

Some of the highlights for me were weekly birthday celebrations in the form of Cupcake Wednesday's, physically distanced Intercambio, and a physically distanced in-house bar run once a week by our Senior Residents.

The inclusion of these, as well as a range of other activities and support systems, made the lockdown period at Jane seem like nothing had changed at all."

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From Nepal, but having lived in East Timor with his family prior to attending the University of Tasmania, Yuyutsu Sharma stayed at Jane during lock down. He is studying a Bachelor of Medical Research.

"Although we were extremely lucky to avoid having any community transmission cases of coronavirus in 2020 Hobart, it is every parent's worry and deep wish that their children do not contract an infection and are in a safe environment.

Staying at Jane provided me with food, friends to spend heaps of time with and an encouraging environment with tutorials that helped me keep up with my university studies.

I felt well looked after by Jane from various preventive measures such as having served food instead of self-service to minimize hand to hand contact, caring hospitality from staff and most importantly management of a fully facilitated quarantine system involving SRs and Jane management ensuring very appropriate care was taken if a student was likely to be infected.

Events such as art on the lawn, dog day and other activities let us have a lot of fun as we continued our university studies from our rooms or together with friends in common rooms."

Our new Associate Membership Program

Although not entirely new in the College's history (a similar program was run during the 1980s and 1990s), the impacts of COVID-19 prompted the reintroduction of College Associate Membership.

Aimed at students who studied online at home in semester 2, those who took out Associate Membership were able to tap into our online tutorial program, Jane Connected, College communications and support services.

The package also included a welcome box of Jane goodies and in the event of being able to get back to Jane, offered meals and discounted accommodation.

Law student Sabrina Abdul Gahni returned to Singapore at the end of

Semester 1, enrolling in the Associate Membership as a way to stay engaged with the College.

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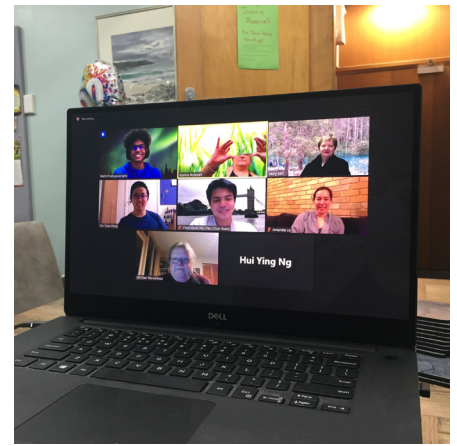
"I also really liked the package sent to me via mail with the free gifts and the ID card - it was amazing."

While the College celebrates a return to face to face classes in 2021, the Associate Membership will also continue, aimed at any student who for one reason or another cannot be resident at Jane.

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Above & Left:
Associate Membership Welcome Boxes



Left: Keilee Lynd and Max Pappin, the Student Club Committee's Sports Representatives for 2020

Above: The first panel discussion of Jane Connected, where students and panel experts discussed the world of medicine

Embracing Jane Connected

Members of the vast Jane community from all around the world rallied this year to deliver a new online careers and discussion program for our students.

Called Jane Connected, the program brought students together with distinguished alumni, Fellows and friends of the College in a weekly Zoom panel session.

Panellists included Her Excellency, Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania; New York-based donor and alumnus Mark Habner; Oxford graduate Dr Nicholas Letchford; alumnus Senator Jonathon Duniam; alumna Devina Ahluwalia, now living in Geneva and working for the World Food Organisation; Speaker of the Tasmanian House of Assembly, the Honourable Sue Hickey MP; Federal Member for Clarke, Mr Andrew Wilkie; and young Tasmanian of the Year and former Rhodes Scholar, Dr Jess Melbourne-Thomas.

A co-founder of the program, Deputy Senior Fellow, Professor Michael Borowitzka, believed Jane Connected was a great opportunity for students to explore career paths with a broad range of distinguished guests.

"The magic of ZOOM provided the unique opportunity to have people from all over the globe, effectively face-to-face, in one place," he said "It is rare for students to have the opportunity to sit down, connect and chat with leading professionals in their field of study."

Third-year medical student, Hui Ying Ng, appreciated the chance to discuss pathways into different specialities she had not previously considered.

"I managed to gain some insight into what some of my peers are interested in, and how the speakers were led to their current areas of focus," she said.

For panellist, alumnus of the College and marine scientist, Dave Ikedife the experience was about offering the expertise of our alumni cohort to support current residents.

"It is important to help pass on any life skills or advice that may help Jane students progress into their careers," he said "Hopefully some of our comments were of use!"

The good news? Because of its success, Jane Connected, will now be cemented as a regular Jane offering – something positive borne of the Coronavirus.

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“My experience with Jane Connected has been amazing, through the program I was able to join a Zoom meeting with several prominent members of the political landscape in Australia including Senator Jonathon Duniam, Andrew Wilkie MP and Sue Hickey MP. It was a pleasure to have a chance to discuss what it means to go into politics, what they believed it means to be a politician for their parties and for the people, and what the political scene has been like during the year of COVID-19. This opportunity is one of the great privileges of living at Jane Franklin Hall and is a wonderful experience brought through Jane Connected.”

- Matthew Diprose,
Arts Student (3rd Year)

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Student Feature:

John Krishnan

Recently, we came across a feature article of Jane student John Krishnan in The Straits Times, and we thought it was too inspirational not to share.

Childhood cancer left John Danesh Krishnan blind. Despite his struggles to adapt to a mainstream school, he excelled and is on his way to fulfilling his dream of becoming a lawyer.

Mr John Danesh Krishnan was just four months old when he was diagnosed with stage four retinoblastoma – a form of eye cancer that commonly affects young children.

The tumour was embedded in the retina of his right eye, but his mother refused to heed the doctor's advice to remove it in order to prevent the spread of the cancer.

"I couldn't believe this was happening to my child. I couldn't bear to know and accept that my child would lose one of his eyes," said Madam Prema Narayanan.

Instead, she took him straight home after the diagnosis and ignored all his medical appointments as she did not want to be reminded of the dreaded news. But things took a turn for the worse.

About two years later, she was forced to rush him to the hospital when she found him unconscious in his baby cot. Doctors said the cancer had spread to the rest of his body, including his left eye, and they found blood clots in his mouth.

"They said he had only a 5 per cent chance to live. I was completely broken," said Madam Narayanan, 46, a logistics officer in a shipping firm.

She pleaded with the doctors at the National University Hospital to save his life.

By then, the cancer had robbed him of his sight in both eyes. Two years of chemotherapy followed, after which the cancer went into remission. However, Mr Krishnan, who is now 21, was completely blind.

More trouble was to follow. His father turned his back on the family when they ran into debt trying to pay the household bills.

"I remember people from the bank would repeatedly paste letters on our door that said the house would be repossessed if we did not pay the bills," said Mr Krishnan, whose memories of his father are scattered and fragmented. "There were times when we would lose electricity for a few hours a day. He could not take it so he left."

Madam Narayanan was forced to let the bank repossess her five-room Housing Board flat in Yishun. In 2008, she moved with her son and mother into a three-room flat in Jurong.

She received a 100 per cent HDB housing loan after she submitted her application for assistance. Madam Narayanan, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2015, also borrowed money from friends to tide them over that period.

Earlier, when her son was six, he started kindergarten at the School for the Visually Impaired, now known as the Lighthouse School. He learnt Braille there and completed his Primary School Leaving Examination in the same school.

It was also where he first borrowed legal thrillers from the school library that piqued his interest in the area of justice and law. But those happy days were shortlived. At Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary

School, every day was a torture, he said. "It was the lowest point in my life. I had no friends and felt very lonely. People my age didn't know how to speak to someone who was visually impaired and I didn't make an effort to involve myself in conversations."

The absence of a social life and his poor grades led him to think many times about dropping out, but the thought of disappointing his mother held him back.

Unable to make the cut for a law diploma course at the polytechnic, he chose to study social enterprise management at Republic Polytechnic (RP). But he persevered through the setbacks.

Though he dreaded going to a new school, he made a conscious decision to change his mindset.

"In secondary school, I would sit out of camps and social activities. But in poly, I decided I did not want to be like that. I started by going for an orientation camp and I managed to make many friends."

His friends helped him in his weaker modules, such as mathematics. "I learnt a lot from them and they were very helpful throughout my three years," said Mr Krishnan. Unlike in Ahmad Ibrahim, he looked forward to school every day.

He would hang out with his friends after class and go for lunch or barbecues together. They still keep in touch.

Mr Krishnan even topped three modules and was inducted into the director's roll of honour in one



Image credit: The Straits Times

semester when he performed exceptionally well.

The polytechnic accommodated his impairment, exempting him from heavily visual-based course modules and customising teaching methods and materials to suit him.

Mr Krishnan, who graduated from RP last May, credits his friends as well as his mentor, Mr Peter Lee, for his smooth journey towards his diploma.

Mr Lee, the assistant programme chairman for diploma in business, said Mr Krishnan confided in him about school-related and personal matters.

Said Mr Lee: "I would counsel him and reach out to him as we worked on the solutions.

"Despite the challenges, John was always positive and displayed a steely determination to excel in his studies.

"His classmates rallied around him and respected him as their peer, while they gave him the necessary support during his learning journey.

"John gradually overcame the challenges and he had never asked to be pitied along the way."

Together with his mother, Mr Krishnan left Singapore on Feb 7 to pursue a four-year degree in law at the University of Tasmania in Australia. She stayed for the first three weeks to help familiarise him with the surroundings.

Madam Narayanan took up bank loans to pay for her son's degree costing \$96,000, as well as the monthly residential college fees.

He was only 1 1/2 weeks into the first semester when the school moved its classes online because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Said Mr Krishnan: "It has been quite easy to adapt to the recorded tutorials and lectures, but I look forward to going to school physically where I can mingle with other students."

He said the school has tentatively decided that its students can attend classes again in semester two in the third week of July when school reopens.

According to The Law Society of Singapore, there is only one lawyer with visual impairment in one eye due to diabetes and does not require special provisions such as Braille or audio texts to practise law. Mr Krishnan is particularly keen on criminal and family law, and hopes

to delve into that area of practice in the future.

"There is a lot of injustice in the world and there are many helpless people. I want to do more pro bono work and be a source of help for them," said Mr Krishnan.

Though learning may sometimes be a challenge for him, he has decided never to give up. "I don't hold it against anyone that I am visually impaired. It has already happened, so there's no point in looking back. Instead, I'm striving to be the best version of myself," he said.

Mr Krishnan hopes that people who are disabled will not lock themselves away as he did in secondary school.

"I feel many able people don't really know how to interact with= those who are disabled, but any form of conversation helps. It keeps them from being lonely and it may even give them a sense of direction in their lives. You'd never know, the friendship or relationship you build with the person may have a positive impact on their lives," he said.

- Amrita Kaur
The Straits Times

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“I chose Jane as I liked the promise of a stimulating environment for academic and personal growth. Even though I found the promise to not be lacking in any way, the reasons as to why I like Jane have nothing to do with this.

Jane treats her students like family not students simply renting out a space. For instance, the fact that we were given desserts, and good desserts at that, during the COVID-19 season and even now when Jane's finances were tight shows Jane's commitment to not being merely a place to sleep at but a home to be lived in.

At the end of the day, the desserts, good facilities, and academics did not bear any weight as to why I am remaining here. The staff and students did.”

– John Krishnan
Law Student (First Year)

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Far Left:
Eve Gowen and Susannah Kingshott preparing care packages for Jane students in hotel quarantine

Top Middle:
Jarrod Mabo and Shanice McLean enjoying the Christmas in July lunch

Top Right:
June Smith and Kaylene Allie serving food during COVID

Middle:
Klaus Bachuber chilling out at Jane during COVID

Right Middle:
Meth Prathapasinghe getting ready to serve soup at the one-off soup kitchen

Bottom Left:
Shione Takata getting all the puppy love during Jane's dog visit

Bottom Right:
Susannah Kingshott, Nicki Squibb and Emma Yin helping out at Show Hope, a local charity supporting international students

2020: The year that was



Jane enters its 70th year full of confidence and hope



Senior Residents and Student Club return to Jane for training | Leaders Dinner | Registration Day | First Year Formal Dinner

January

February

Welcome Weeks kick off | Returning students come back | Commencement: welcoming new students to Jane | Semester 1 begins



First interstate students arrive back in Hobart, doing ISO in hotels | Semester 2 starts

August

July

June

Jane Connected launches | Christmas in July lunch | Soccer and table tennis



Basketball | Second International Dinner | Socially distanced Intercambio continues



The Jane Ball! Socially distanced and dancing allowed! | The Environment Committee takes off | Mid-semester trip to the East Coast

Jane weekend - new Student Club Committee elected | Car rally



September

October

The Jane Play "A Friendly Felony" | Jane's 70th birthday on the 16th September | Jane wins the women's and men's Rugby





Jane wins Intercollege Cricket and Softball | 3 cases of COVID19 diagnosed in Tasmania |
Formal Dinners cancelled | 70th birthday photograph cancelled

March

April

University moves to online teaching | Quarantine for those flying into Tasmania | Buffet in
Dining Hall closes, replaced by served daily hot lunches | College gates close to visitors



The vibe is super chill in spite of exams |
Associate Membership launched | Garden
Club gets ready for winter



International dinner with social distancing |
Online exams and a quiet SWOT-VAC

About 90 students at
Jane | Reading
library established |
Student Club starts
meeting via Zoom |
Cupcake Birthday
Wednesdays kick off
| Easter Egg hunts |
Chalk art | Informal
formal dinners
become a thing



May



Valedictory Dinner | Dog visits in
SWOT-VAC return to Jane



Student Club magazine is published, reactivated
after 16 years!

Kickback to celebrate end of year
and exams



Staff Christmas party

December

Bring on 2021!

Merry Christmas!



Exploring 70 years of Jane

through the eyes of Fellow Emerita and Alumna Doris Banks OAM

The year 2020 has been a memorable one, for many reasons. For Jane Franklin Hall, it has been 70 years since the doors first opened to students in Hobart. To help us celebrate the occasion, we enlisted the help of Jane's second ever student, Doris Banks (nee Ingram).

Welcoming us into her home – surrounded by a beautiful, well-tended garden – we asked Doris to reflect on what life was like at Jane 70 years ago.

Together, we sit in a cosy sunroom surrounded by loving family portraits, with views looking back onto her garden and out to Kunanyi/ Mt Wellington. It is here, in the heart of her home, that she shares her Jane story with us.

Q: You were the second ever student enrolled at Jane. Tell us why you chose Jane?

My parents chose Jane. Really it was the only option. I could have gone to GFS Hostel, where some university students were. That was in lower Davey Street opposite the park. But Jane was just opening and they thought it might be a good thing. And there were only fourteen of us.

Q: How many years were you at Jane for?

I was there from the beginning till about May 1955. I was Vice-

Principal that year, and I was demonstrating in Zoology, and then I left to get married. But I was there for my science degree and honours afterwards.

Q: How did you find your way to university? Was it something that your family all did?

My headmistress said I ought to go to university because I ended up dux of the school. My parents took advice, and I wanted to do science because it was fun (although I wanted to do language and English – all those things), but I ended up doing Science.

When I enrolled, I was very daunted by the Dean of Science saying "you're going struggle" because I was doing Botany and Zoology. There were two compulsory subjects which you had to pick out of three – Physics, Chemistry, and Maths. And I'd done matriculates maths, so I thought that's okay. So, I had to do Physics and Chemistry, which I'd never been exposed to either of them. He said, "you'd struggle if you've not done those", and he was right – I failed physics 1.

That was the best thing I ever did actually, because the year that I was picking up Physics 1 again, I did a couple of other subjects. Ancient [Civilisations] and Geology 1 – that's where I met my husband. So, it was

the best thing that ever happened to me!

Q: What was your experience when you were married? Were you still able to practice?

After I got married, we went to America straight after that. We were at Amherst College, because Max got a Fullbright scholarship and he taught at there. I demonstrated in zoology over there and catalogued the butterfly collection would you believe? It was good. We were there just for the one [year] at that stage, but I've been back to the USA often as two of our children were there, in Ohio and Texas.

Back here, I mostly helped Max with his Geology. I did his typing for him because I taught myself touch type and we both were interested in palaeontology, so I did drawings for him. I was sort of a Geological secretary! Then I demonstrated in Zoology down here in 1964 for six months because they were short of a demonstrator. But in those days, it wasn't the done thing to employ members of the family, even in a different area.

Q: In terms of where you thought you'd be when you finished university compared to where you ended up, where they the same thing?

I don't think I thought that far ahead. Certainly didn't think I'd marry my lecturer. Mind you, I took one look at him and thought "Oh, he's gorgeous!"

Q: Did your children follow you into university?

Yes – Bob is a Professor of Animal Genetics in Armidale. Anne is the Dean of Research at Melbourne University, although she started off doing Economics and then decided it wasn't for her, thank you. She'd do a secretary course and become a super-secretary, which she did. And then she did a post-graduate course in Melbourne in administration.

Susan (the middle child) is at the university here in community health. She has a PhD in that, although she started off in fine arts – she has a degree in fine arts but moved over.

Robin has worked in the disability services for many years. She started off as an architect, but the bottom fell out of employment in architecture, so she never finished her degree because she couldn't get in because she had to have experience and there wasn't anything available. She did Law, so she is now doing a PhD in disability law. She was the anti-discrimination

officer here for 5 or 6 years. David is a civil engineer – he's the youngest. He worked in Bolivia and Texas, and he's back in Brisbane. The grandchildren are all equally as brilliant!

Q: When you think of Jane Franklin Hall, what comes to mind?

Probably Sunday mornings on the front veranda, everybody in their dressing gowns and goodness knows what, drinking coffee and having fun.

Q: What is your fondest memory of Jane?

That's very difficult, there's so many nice things about Jane. The gardens were beautiful back then because nothing else had been built around them. And there were two fishponds. One of the funniest things we ever did was clean out one of the fishponds because it was a mess. So were we when we finished! The poor fish were frantic.

The tennis court was great. There was a summer house in the gardens. That was very popular with people and their boyfriends. I can't think why!

Q: How did Jane support your university studies?

We didn't have tutorials at that stage. They didn't exist at the university at

that stage. But, we supported and helped one another with our work if we could. There were a few girls at Jane studying science during my years there.

We talked over things and made suggestions. We were probably totally unhelpful, but never mind.

Q: What was life like at Jane 70 years ago?

It was wonderful. It wasn't for everybody. Five of us shared a room. I went to boarding school, so it didn't worry me in the slightest. We had one bathroom in Jane – shower, toilet, bath, washbasin, all in one room. It was like King's Cross I think!

I made some very good friends at Jane, it was great. Mind you, I didn't see a lot of them except for weekends and then I played hockey on weekends. I had lectures from 9am till 6pm generally. Technically we had Wednesday afternoons off, but we didn't often get Wednesday afternoons off because there was a lot of work to be done. Particularly if you were prac subjects, which I was. I ended up doing Botany, Zoology and Geology in second year and they were all prac subjects which had excursions. And third year I majored in Zoology and Geology, and did



Left:
The first-ever intake of students at Jane in 1950.

Back row (L-R): L. Slade, V. Barker, D. Ingram, A. Lee, B. Roots, J. Valentine, M. Harvey, E. Campbell, M. Record.

Front row (L-R): M. Smith, S. Grounds, H. Murray, J. Peacock (Vice-Principal), Miss T. Slatyer, B.R. (Principal), J. Robertson, L. Symonds, J. Orr.

honours in Zoology the following year.

I wanted to do honours in Geology, but I thought at that stage [my husband and I] were starting to show an interest in one another, so I thought that it wouldn't be right with him supervising me.

Most of us took cut lunches. Cheese and Vegemite was on offer! We cut our own lunches of course. Sunday night's tea was always cold meat and beetroot.

We had formal dinners every night, although you wouldn't say they were as formal as they are now. We all wore gowns to dinner and were supposed to be there on time. I was frequently slightly late, because if I left university and walked back up again, it was after 6pm when I got in. We had Chapel at 6 o'clock and then dinner. I don't know that Chapel was compulsory, but it was a good thing to attend. Chapel was on the side verandah at that stage. We didn't have a Chapel as such at that stage, in the beginning. But later on, we did.

We worked in the library generally and scattered all over the place in SWOT-VAC.

Q: What did you think of the food provided by Jane back then?

It was fairly pedestrian but having been at boarding school it didn't bother me. The food these days (which I've only seen at Formal Dinners) is wonderful!

Q: What sort of social activities occurred at Jane?

We had to be in by 10pm, if I remember rightly. And, in general you didn't go out during the week. Too busy!

We occasionally exchanged students with Christ College, very informally.

We also got involved with the Old Nick Company. I was in the Importance of Being Earnest in my first year – that was probably contributing to my failure in Physics. That was up at the Phillips Smith Hall, open to the community.

I also took part in the Commemoration Parade, with floats. We also went to the pictures of course, with people. And we went to church. I also played hockey for University.

It was very busy, there really wasn't a lot of free time.

Q: Was there a friendly rivalry with Christ College at the time?

There really wasn't rivalry at that stage because we didn't compete in sporting activities in those days. That came a bit later on. Certainly, after I left Jane and I was back on the council (which I was on the Council from 1958 until 1989). I enjoyed being a part of the growth and change very much.

It was interesting, we had a House Committee made up of the female members of the Council. We made all of the curtains for Jane. Including the great big, long ones in the Dining Room and the Library. The House Committee saw to the general domestic things that needed tending to.

Q: How often did you return home from Jane?

Certainly at Christmas time. I think mostly I went in the term breaks briefly by train and back again. It took the best part of the day. You'd leave [Hobart] at 9am-ish and get up to Ulverstone by 4pm, depending.

My parents didn't come down terribly often. Sometimes my father came down, but my mother didn't like travelling that far. He would drive the distance.

My parents farmed and had a mixed-farming operation. The soil up there is superb. It was a shock coming down here to garden! The red dirt – that's why the sheep up there aren't good for super fine wool as it's hard to get the colour out. You end up with cream wool instead of white. I'm a spinner now and I know where wool comes from.

Q: Do you keep in touch with fellow Jane residents after leaving Jane?

One I keep in touch with. A very good friend of mine unfortunately died last year – she was at Jane. Occasionally we have Jane reunions down here. Now it's not as often as it used to be – we used to have luncheons and gather together. A lot of them have scattered far and wide. But I have attended formal dinners quite frequently.

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom for our current Jane residents?

"You won't appreciate Jane until you leave" – that's very true. [My husband and I] went to the UK with all of our children in 1977 and the two

elder ones (because they weren't at school and the other three were) grumbled all the time we were in England because the weather was foul and there wasn't anything to do... 'we couldn't do this and we couldn't do that'. My goodness do they appreciate it since then. You know, they look back on it and think 'oh, that was wonderful!'.

I gave the valedictory address at Jane one year and I told them to make the most of their time there and to feel privileged that they were there. I'd say [to current Jane residents] to extend themselves, because it's a wonderful experience. And you make very good friends, even if they scatter all over the world, like most of mine have.

Life at Jane Franklin Hall in 1950 in the eyes of Doris Banks: a different time and place, but with the same values that still exist today.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Doris for sharing her Jane story with us. It was been a pleasure to gain her insight into the way life was at Jane in the 1950s. Celebrating 70 years in a somewhat turbulent year, her recollections are the perfect way to reflect on the endurance of the Jane community over time.

Right:
Doris Banks (nee Ingram) in her favourite room of her house, the sunroom.



Valedictory Speech:

Stephen Cronin

Stephen Cronin was at the College from 2015 to 2020, studying an Arts/Law degree. During his time with the College he served as a Senior Resident and as Keeper of the Senior Common Room. He was a founding member of the 2019 Working Party on Sexism and an active advocate of cultural change at the College. This speech was given at the Valedictory Dinner, 12 October 2020.

"Principal, colleagues amongst the Senior Common Room and staff, members of the Jane community, and most importantly this year's valedicts. I would firstly like to pay respect to the traditional and original owners of this land the Mouheneener people, to pay respect to those that have passed before us and to acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community who are the custodians of this land.

Almost 6 years ago now, on a rainy day in February, I arrived at Jane to begin my first year of uni. As someone who had spent my entire life in a regional city, I was nervous about what lay ahead. Am I going to fit in? Am I going to survive law school? Would I learn to set the alarm the morning of my exam instead of my mum ringing me? In retrospect, I perhaps didn't need to worry too much about the first two questions.

I found after only a couple of weeks that Jane was a welcoming community in which you can find your tribe. 6 years, 2 degrees and approximately \$100,000 later, many of my friends I made in my Welcome Week here remain my closest friends and that is a sentiment echoed by many Raiders past.

For those of us who are leaving Jane in the coming weeks, Valedictory Day represents a milestone in each of our lives. Some of us leave Jane after only a year, others leave

after many years of service to the community. This year that divide is perhaps more poignant than most, as we farewell the longest serving member of our community Paul Hniet who leaves after 38 years in the Maintenance Department.

In 2015, Jane was a very different institution to the one that you all know and love. Despite the warm welcome I received, the College had a very different feel. The culture at the time emphasised conformity above all else and adherence to a strict hierarchy and traditions, with harsh penalties for those who dissented.

Now, of course, people can have contrarian views and not be criticised too harshly, and the misogyny of our culture and attitudes has diminished. Residential colleges in Australia have a dark history, as any Google search will show. In Elizabeth Broderick's review of the colleges at Sydney University, one participant expressed the view that "colleges are accepting if you are accepted".

Assisting with our College's cultural renewal has been by far the most rewarding part of my time here, and I hope that college life continues to be richer for its inclusiveness with the passing of time.

We are fortunate to live in a college that values community. I've seen that spirit demonstrated innumerable times over the years – friends helping you to bed so that the poor Senior Resident on duty doesn't have to do it; this year's Jane Players banding together to avoid the wrath of our director; caring friends talking sense into me when I inevitably have the third existential crisis of the week; the list goes on.

Now I don't remember too many

formal dinners – make of that what you will. But I haven't forgotten the words of former Chair of the Jane Council, Professor Michael Stoddart at my commencement dinner in 2015. "In thirty years' time", he said "you probably won't remember your valedictory dinner, many of the parties you attended, or a win in rugby; you will remember the conversations you had at 3am, slightly drunk in a friend's room, that helped to form some part of your outlook on life". This for me is the essence of what college life should be – an experience in which meaningful relationships are made and identities are formed.

As a Senior Resident over the last four years, I've seen some things. I've had to sit through a lot of D&Ms at 3 in the morning, I've slept through a lot of early morning meetings and regrettably I've had to pull a handful of people up for poor behaviour. But I have also observed the continued growth of residents, whether that be an introvert that has come out of their shell and found their place at College; someone overcoming trauma to become a stronger individual; or someone progressing academically and finding a pathway that suits them.

It's important to remember that although Jane is our home, we are merely custodians of a much larger tradition, with 70 years' worth of alumni. Indeed, Jane has a long history of producing valedicts who have contributed to society in extraordinary ways.

Jane's first registered student Enid Campbell, described as a 'quiet, shy 17-year-old' from MLC in Launceston, went on to be described by former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam as one of the greatest role models for those wishing to pursue a legal career. She defied the odds by becoming one of the world's first



Top Left:
(L-R) Stephen Cronin, Chun Huan Yau and Jordan Poland at the Jane Ball



Top Right:
(L-R) Amisha Mammen, Brandon Colgrave and Stephen Cronin at the First Year Formal Dinner

Right:
(L-R) Jordan Poland, Eve Gowen, Stephen Cronin, Esther Tan, Matthew Diprose and Stella O'Neil mid-performance during The Jane Play 'A Friendly Felony'



female law deans and the first female law professor in Australia.

She and the founders of Jane refused to conform to the belief that the only role for women was housewife and childminder. You all have the ability to use your skills for the benefit of others, just as Enid did. As Luke's Gospel puts it, "to whom much is given, much is expected". I strongly believe that a college education gives you an advantage and that by engaging with all areas of college life you are enriched in many varied ways. The so-called soft skills that are required to effect positive change are learnt quickly in a college setting.

Of course, we have not travelled this journey on our own. To the members of the Student Club Committee, management, residential, maintenance and catering staff, thank you for all you do to ensure the continuation of Jane as a community-focused college, and for making our experiences here more positive and inter-connected.

There are a number of particular people I'd like to thank:

- To the team at Uber and Uber Eats, who I should have shares in given my substantial investments over the last number of years;
- To Libby Hopkins, for ensuring I've had an ensuite room each year, so that I don't have to wear thongs in the shower;
- To Jordan Poland, for the fun times on the beers before you inevitably settle down and have 3 kids, and for your support of me in what an ex-friend described as "not a real job".
- And finally, to Joanna Rosewell, thank you for the faith you have placed in me over the past four years and for giving me a voice in the development of our College.

The mantra "you don't have to be crazy to work here, we'll train you" somewhat sums up working for Jo. However, I have seen the extraordinary changes she has made to Jane and the decisions that she has undertaken to ensure

that it is an inclusive community where all residents feel valued.

For those of you who are leaving Jane, I wish you all the very best of luck. I am sure that you will utilise the friendships you have made and lessons you have learnt here to do something meaningful.

For those who are staying next year, remember that although Jane is our home for a short period of time, we are custodians of a much larger legacy. Try to make a positive impact both on this College and on those around you.

I am sure that each and every one of you have very promising futures ahead."



Follow your passion

Be like a sponge

reach out and be ready to help others

focus on what energises you

put your heart and energy into it

Words of wisdom

We asked some of our Fellows what words of wisdom they would give our 2020 Valedicts. Here's what they came up with!

From Senior Fellow, Dr John Kertesz. John is a teacher and academic, lecturing in the College of Arts, Law and Education at the University of Tasmania. He is a former military intelligence officer and a teacher of Japanese.

"Given that we have been in the wars over the past year, it is interesting to consider the applicability of some of the principles of war developed after World War I by the military theorist and historian J.F.C. Fuller. He was obviously reflecting on the Great War, but some of these maxims are useful to help guide us through troubled and unpredictable times.

Selecting and maintenance of the aim – Not only is identifying the right objective important, we need also to focus on the long game and continue working towards it despite obstacles along the way.

Offensive action – In any situation new opportunities arise and we need to be ready to seize the initiative and turn what appears adversity to our advantage.

Flexibility – Rather than throwing up our hands in woe and admitting defeat if our initial plan isn't working out, we need to be ready to consider alternatives – there are always different paths...we just need to identify them.

Cooperation – No good solution is ever achieved alone. There are always people around to help us out of a ditch or provide different supportive perspectives. Reach out and be ready to help others; together we can achieve so much more!

Sustainability – Success is achieved by looking after all aspects and dimensions of our enterprise. In this case, it means focusing not just on studies but also on our broader mental physical health necessary for the journey and future challenges!"

From dual PhD graduate, Fellow and Chaplain of the College, Rev Dr Lesley Borowitzka. Formerly a scientist in the field of biotechnology, Lesley is now an Anglican priest in the parish of Channel-Cygnet.

"What a wonderful and exciting journey now begins for you!

Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do with that lovely new degree. Most people now change their jobs and careers a few times during their working life. Just start somewhere, put your heart and energy into it and see what you learn about this and other possibilities.

Do be guided by and strive to find work that you really enjoy doing, even if the money is not so good.

Whether you know it or not, God loves you and has a unique plan for your life. Your unique set of gifts and enthusiasms will help guide you along the right path."

the future is in all of our hands

God loves you

focus on the long game

be kind

treat everything with an 'experiment' mindset

From Jane Fellow and University of Tasmania Distinguished Professor Rob White. Rob is an internationally-renowned criminologist. He teaches in the College of Arts, Law and Education at the University.

"Follow your passion and you will create your own metrics of performance. Don't be swayed by conventional pathways and standard achievement norms. Do what you think is best for you, and for your community, and for your planet.

Ultimately, people will measure themselves in relation to what it is that you do and what you have done. The world is rapidly changing, with climate change and diminishment of biodiversity the most vital issues of the era, triggering off many more in their wake.

Our disciplines and occupational fields require urgent renovation and innovation to forestall current trajectories and move us in the direction of social and ecological justice. The future is in all of our hands – see, judge, act. "

From Wayne Johnson – an alumnus and Honorary Fellow of the College. A lawyer by profession, Wayne was in private practice before moving to the public service where he is now a senior manager.

"Be kind to everyone and take the time to see things from another person's perspective. If you don't then you will not see things as they are, you will only see things as you are.

Look, listen and learn. Be like a sponge – soak up everything then put it through a strainer to make sure that you only keep the good stuff.

Continue your learning through your career because 'the illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn' – Alvin Toffler."

From Jane Fellow Anna Tayler, who has post graduate qualifications in career guidance and positive psychology, a subject area she champions as celebrating what is right with people and empowering them to make positive change.

"Follow your curiosity and treat everything with an 'experiment' mindset, nothing is ever permanent, and if something doesn't work out – that's ok, what did you learn from it and how will this help your next step.

Remember, don't forget to focus on what you do well, what you are good at and what energises you, if you can find something that allows you to do this at least 70% of the time, you will achieve great things whilst also feeling good. "

Scholarship and prize recipients in 2020

Awarded at Commencement

The Jill and Wayne Habner Scholarship: Oliver Pugh

The Hilary and Alan Wallace Scholarship in Medicine:
Grace Grove

The James Fenton Scholarship:
Jaiden Popowski

Jane Franklin Hall/Utas Regional Scholarship:
Madeleine Bell
Amelia Wickham
Harrison Tait
Annaliese Gulliver

The Audrey Lee Scholarship:
Urvi Sethi

The Kate Gilder Scholarship:
Hannah Simpson

The Fellows Scholarship:
Caroline Grace 1

Senator Jonathon Duniam Scholarship: Nicki Squibb

The Jane Foundation Law Scholarship: Henry Hutchins

The Dr Karla Fenton OAM and Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee Prize:
Theodore Uy

Awarded at Valedictory

Southern Auxiliary Prize:
Ruby Dhadlie
Yuyutsu Sharma

Fellows' Prize:
Ashwin Reddy
Jaiden Popowski

Principal's Prize:

Asha-Lynn Kuemlangan
Gemma Facchin
Lilith Hosken

Arts Awards:

Half Colours:
Jordan Poland
Eve Gowen
Asha-Lynn Kuemlangan
Samuel Tan
Reuben Williss
Yuyutsu Sharma

Full Colours:
Ellen Payne
Matthew Diprose
Annabel Johnson
Daniel Streets

Sports Awards:

Half Colours:
Josie Adkins
Elliot Bagshaw
Madeline Bell
William Cleaver
Jeanmarie Els
Henry Hutchins
Madison Johnston
Will Jones
Nikolaos Kalominidis
Samali Kankanange
Lindon Lin
Keilee Lynd
Robbie McLauchlan
Max Pappin
Tamika Partridge
Will Perrignon
Jaiden Popowski
Milly Wickham

Full Colours:
No Full Colours for sports were awarded in 2020.

Jane Service Awards

Service medals are awarded to returning students who have contributed to Jane Franklin Hall, going above and beyond over an extended period of time.

Victoria Roy – for going above and beyond in her care and support of students at Jane, for always being the first to volunteer to help, for her can do attitude and kindness.

Nicki Squibb – for jumping in and helping whenever she is asked, particularly when it comes to Jane Ambassador requests, for looking out for new residents and supporting them to find their feet.

Meth Prathapasinghe – for unstinting, wise, active leadership of the student body during lock down both at Jane and while based at home in Melbourne

Eve Gowen – for raising our collective consciousness of environmental issues by implementing practical ways for the College to be environmentally more friendly.

Samuel Tan – for quiet leadership, behind the scenes looking out for the interests of all students, advocating for the College and being an active participant in the Jane Ambassador program.

Madison Johnston – for her collaborative strategic work in promoting the College with creativity, professionalism and constant attention to the Jane values.

College community

Welcome to new appointments

Ms Philippa Dawson (Resident 1990–1992) elected to Jane Franklin Hall Council

Mr Bilal Ghazanfar appointed College cleaner

Mrs Judith Layng appointed College cleaner

Mrs Carmel Dearing moved from College Catering Assistant to College Cleaner

2021 Student Club Committee Members

Ms Caitlyn Badcock elected as President

Ms Amelia Wickham elected as Vice President

Ms Alice Breier elected as Secretary

Mr Harrison Tait elected as Treasurer

Ms Wazirah Amber elected as International Student Representative

Ms Josie Adkins elected as Women's Sports Representative

Mr Elliot Bagshaw elected as Men's Sports Representative

Mr Jaiden Popowski elected as Publications Representative

Ms Morgan Clifford elected as Social Representative

Mr Alex Davey elected as Activities Representative

Newly appointed 2021 Senior Residents

Mr Meth Prathapasinghe

Mr Max Pappin

Mr Samuel Tan

Ms Nicki Squibb

Mr Matthew Diprose

They will join Jordan Poland, Eve Gowen and Caroline Grace.

Farewell and Thank You

Professor Chris Carter from position as Honorary Fellow

Mrs Di Carter from position as Honorary Fellow

Mr Jacob Foreman from position of Marketing and Events Co-ordinator

Ms Belinda Sargent from position of Chief Operations Manager

Mr Paul Hniat from position of Maintenance Officer

Ms Susannah Kingshott from position of Receptionist

Mr Stephen Cronin from position of Senior Resident

Ms Avon Li from position of Senior Resident

Mr Yin Tuan Pang from position of Senior Resident

Mr Joshua Facchin from position of Senior Resident

Ms Victoria Roy from position of Senior Resident

We also thank General and Windows Cleaning, especially Cheryl, Sarah and Emma, and Burke's Bus for their service to the Jane community.



Congratulations

Fellow, **Distinguished Professor Rob White**, who has been conferred the title of Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FACSS) in the United Kingdom and was awarded the Sellin-Glueck Award by the American Society of Criminology, recognising international crime and justice scholarship that considers issues outside of the U.S.

Life Fellow of Jane Franklin Hall, **Wayne Goninon**, was awarded a University of Tasmania Distinguished Service Medal "for exceptional sustained contributions to the achievement of the mission of the University that have been of high distinction and have significantly exceeded the scope and commitment of usual expectation".

Senior Residents, **Jordan Poland** and **Eve Gowen**, who married at St David's Cathedral on 21 November 2020.

Fellow, **Anna Tayler** on the birth of baby, Artai, a second son for her and Mauro Pazos, and a brother for Teo.

In 2020, the College farewelled a much-loved member of the maintenance team, **Paul Hniat**, due to cost cutting measures necessitated by COVID-19. Having served the College for 38 years, Paul's departure was a wrench for us all. We know him fondly as a friendly, warm, interested member of the team whose legendary attention to detail ensured Jane and our students were well cared for. A competitive distance runner, world traveller and fan of football (never soccer!), Paul also managed to be on the winning alumni quiz teams for the last three years. He will be greatly missed but we are pleased to congratulate him on gaining a new role delivering maintenance services in the aged care sector: our loss is most certainly their gain.



Left:
Elspeth Hope-Johnstone OAM next to one of her paintings. Image credit: The Mercury.

Vale

Elspeth Hope-Johnstone OAM

Involved with the College for nearly 50 years, educator and artist, Elspeth Hope-Johnstone OAM (6 Jan 1926–19 Mar 2020) was a Fellow Emeritus of Jane Franklin Hall and former member of the College Council.

A graduate of the Melbourne Kindergarten Teachers College, Elspeth was active in the development of early childhood education in Tasmania, including 3 years as Director of the Lady Gowrie Child Centre and 19 years as State Supervisor of pre-school education with the Tasmanian Department of Education. During that time Elspeth was awarded a Smith Mundt teacher education grant and a Fulbright travel grant to study educational administration in the USA. This was followed by informal study of schools in England, particularly in the West Riding County Education Authority.

Elspeth spent 4 years as a lecturer at the College of Advanced Education, Mount Nelson, before retiring in 1976. She also spent over 3 years as a Commissioner of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

As a part time student at the Hobart Technical College Elspeth studied painting under Jack Carington-Smith and continued to practice and study painting alongside her career interests in Australia and overseas. As a painter, particularly of watercolour landscapes, she exhibited regularly and is represented in the collections of The Tasmanian Museum and

Art Gallery, The Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston, The University of Tasmania, State Government buildings in Hobart and Launceston, The Horsham and Hamilton (Victoria) Regional Art Galleries and in other public and private collections in Australia and overseas.

As well as her work as a painter, Elspeth was a keen photographer. She is represented in The National Gallery of Victoria and in the publication *Lake Pedder*. With husband Ralph, who died in 1989, she was prominent in environmental campaigns including for Lake Pedder, the Franklin River and the wild forests. In her capacity as Fellow of the College, Elspeth became a Visiting Fellow at St John's College, University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada.

Elspeth was made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her services to art, education and public broadcasting.

We consider ourselves very fortunate not only to have a number of Elspeth's paintings at Jane, but also to have had a long and happy association with a remarkable woman.

Keith Mackriell

Keith Mackriell (12 May 1930 – 22 Nov 2019) was Deputy Chair of the College Council, Senior Fellow and an Official Fellow.

An Honours graduate of the University of Tasmania, Keith Mackriell spent a number of years with the ABC – initially as an overseas correspondent and later as National Director of ABC Radio, located in Sydney. He covered South East Asia, the United States and the United Kingdom during ABC appointments to Singapore, New York and London over a nine-year period.

In the United States, he completed media courses at both Columbia University and New York University. He taught part time in a unit titled 'Politics and the Media' in the Political Science Department at the University of Tasmania.

Leaving the ABC in 1987, he returned to Tasmania to become Senior Adviser to a State Minister. He then divided his time as the Executive Director of the Optometrists Association of Australia and as a media and government relations consultancy. Keith was the first CEO of Optometry Tasmania and in recognition of his long service to the profession an annual lecture was named in his honour.

Keith loved being involved with the College. His interest in and support of the students was valued with one former student, Tom Middleton, describing Keith as "magnificent".



Alumni news

John Loke (Resident 1983–1985) has over 30 years of experience in the Consumer Electronics, Banking Self Service and Access Solution industries. His experience includes Product Development, Innovation Management, Digital Service Delivery and Internet of Things (IOT). He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science (Industrial Engineering) from the National University of Singapore. He also holds an engineering degree with Honours in Electro-Mechanical Engineering. His previous work experience is APAC Regional Head of Product Development and Digital Service Delivery for a German-Swiss MNC in Access Solutions. He has also held R&D positions of seniority in various European & American MNCs.

David Wright (Resident 1996–1999) I loved my time at JFH. I was also an RA for one of my years, and lived in Aldridge, middle floor, the room furthest from the office. I made so many wonderful friends with whom I continue to keep in touch, although I am sure it would be easier to do so had we been there now.

Since leaving JFH in 1999, I finished medicine and have completed my anaesthetic training. I moved back to the ACT to be closer to my family in 2008 and have been here since. I married a Canadian, Cristy, who is a paediatric nurse, and we have 3 children aged 6 to 13. I am the deputy director of the department of anaesthesia at the Canberra Hospital and am kept very busy at work. I am also an anaesthetist in the army reserve and whilst this isn't a busy role, it is different enough from work to keep me interested.

Lately I have been flat out coordinating the anaesthetic response COVID-19. As most out

there may be able to appreciate, this is a busy job but it has been rewarding.

There's not much more to say, but if anyone wants to get in touch, you can find me on Facebook, on twitter (@passing_gas) or email me at david_wright@hotmail.com.

Bronwyn Smithies (Resident 2010–2011) After leaving Jane, Bronwyn completed her Honours in Hobart and then moved to Adelaide to work for the CSIRO for a year in Wine Innovation Research. She then moved to Brisbane to do a PhD in plant biotechnology. Her research involved developing plants as 'biofactories' for modern medicines in order to grow medicine, instead of making it in laboratories. Now, in her role as an academic editor, Bronwyn supports researchers from all disciplines to improve the presentation of their work. She also visits classrooms across Queensland to promote a STEM culture in Queensland schools.

Claire Sayers (Resident 2009–2010) After leaving Jane and graduating from the University of Tasmania, Claire moved to Melbourne and completed a PhD in malaria biology at the University of Melbourne. In 2017, she relocated to Cambridge in the UK for a postdoc at the Wellcome Sanger Institute. Unexpectedly, her Principal Investigator moved to Umeå University in Sweden, where Claire also moved last year. She is leading a genome-scale screen in a malaria parasite, which is uncovering essential genes that could be targeted to block disease transmission.

Robbie Arnott (Resident 2008–2009) is a 2019 Sydney Morning Herald Best Young Novelist and

won the Margaret Scott Prize in the 2019 Tasmanian Premier's Literary Prizes. His widely acclaimed debut, *Flames* (2018), was shortlisted for a Victorian Premier's Literary Award, a New South Wales Premier's Literary Award, a Queensland Literary Award, the Readings Prize for New Australian Fiction and Not the Booker Prize. Robbie is also a Senior Copywriter at Red Jelly, an advertising agency in Hobart. Before that he worked as a copywriter at AJF Partnership in Melbourne.

Andrew Billing (Resident 2013–2016) is now a community pharmacist and is currently working in a busy pharmacy in southern Tasmania. He is also qualified as an immunising pharmacist, helping to protect the community from vaccine preventable diseases.

Stephen Hosie (Resident 2005–2007) is a Management Consultant with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in Melbourne, specialising in strategy in the Public Sector and Health Care. After graduation, following a short spell as a civil engineer in Tasmania and studying economics at ANU, he joined NAB and had a wide range of roles from foreign exchange markets to group strategy. Since joining BCG in 2015, he's worked on strategy projects across Australia and the Middle East. This has included building and implementing multiple government reform programs, building strategies for gender inclusion in Saudi Arabia, and recently supporting a hospital group manage the COVID-19 crisis. He is married to alumna **Emily Krushka** (Resident 2006–2009).

Nicholas Letchford (Resident 2007–2012) is an Assistant Consultant in the Cross-Cutting Portfolio at Oxford Policy Management (OPM),



From Left to Right:
Bronwyn Smithies, Claire Sayers (experiencing the first snow of the season over in Sweden)

working on projects in international development and Energy and Economic Growth (EEG). Nicholas is a member of the COVID-19 International Modelling Consortium (CoMo Consortium), set up by the University of Oxford, in collaboration with OPM. He is currently involved in carrying out infectious disease modelling to advise stakeholders on limiting the spread of COVID-19. Prior to joining OPM, Nicholas worked as a post-doctoral researcher with the Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium, Imperial College London. He has also worked as an independent consultant, undertaking projects relating to health economics. After completing dual Honours degrees in Mathematics and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Tasmania, Nicholas gained a DPhil (PhD) in Mathematics from the University of Oxford. After his DPhil, he completed an MSc in Health Technology Assessment from the University of Glasgow.

David Long (Resident 1988-1989) has been a primary school teacher for thirty years. He is employed at Trinity Anglican School in Cairns, Far North Queensland. After graduating, for a short period of time, he worked in Victoria before heading up to a more tropical climate. Dave has established a recognised chess program and has developed an enthusiastic field hockey community. David is married to Anna and they have two adult daughters, both of

whom have embraced residential College life at other universities.

Isaac Poole (Resident 2001-2003) is the Chief Investment Officer at Oreana Financial Services, having previously worked at Willis Towers Watson as the Head of Capital Markets Research in the Asia-Pacific. Isaac has worked with institutions including major sovereign wealth funds, government agencies and pension funds. Other prior roles include Chief Economist at NSW Treasury Corporation, and Manager of Economic Risk at Lloyds Banking Group. After graduating from Utas, Isaac earned a PhD in Economics from the University of Sydney. He has also studied at the University of Oxford. Isaac is a Certified Investment Management Analyst® holder through the Investment and Wealth Institute™. Isaac is married to **Ettia (nee Wolfe)** (Resident 2001-2003).

Jo Rann (nee Franks) (Resident 1988-1990) Since graduating with a B.Ed. in early childhood teaching, Jo's work has included early childhood teaching, Launching into Learning, family engagement roles (as Learning in Families Together Coordinator), Support Teacher and Early Childhood Intervention. She is passionate about working with vulnerable children has currently works as a Family Partnership Training Facilitator, and Circle of Security Parenting Facilitator. Jo

completed a Graduate Diploma in Counselling in 2018. Most recently she has developed a passionate interest in Child Centred Play Therapy (CCPT) and has nearly completed a CCPT Clinical Training Program. Jo is married to David and has two teenage children.

Danelle Partridge (Resident 1988-1991) moved to Adelaide after graduation to work at the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO). During her ten years with DSTO she worked on a variety of space-based surveillance and sensors projects before moving to Sydney with husband Scott. Since then Danelle has worked for Thales, NICTA (National ICT Australia) and, is currently a program manager with a new medical devices company that is bringing to market an Australian innovation in pain management therapies. Danelle and Scott have two young boys.

Simon McCulloch (Resident 1985-1988) has left his role as ABC Tasmania's 7pm weather after 15 years to take up a new role at the Bureau of Meteorology. His wife Anne (nee Handley) (Resident 1988-1989) who is now a lawyer at Edge Legal in Hobart. An article by Simon about leaving the ABC can be found at <https://www.abc.net.au/news/about/backstory/2020-07-30/simon-mcculloch-15-years-as-abc-tasmania-weather-presenter/12501858>.

A letter from Alumnus

Dan O'Halloran

From his home in Brisbane, Dan O'Halloran (Resident 2004–2009) writes:

I've been rather lucky to be honest, however some of that luck has come from jumping at opportunities as they arise and hard work. I have become a husband to my beautiful wife Carmen and a father to our little boy Alasdair. Professionally I become a registered pharmacist, Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and completed a master's with the London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE).

After Jane I first registered as a Pharmacist and was fortunate enough to do my intern year in both Hospital and Community Pharmacy at the Mersey Community Hospital and Coventry's Pharmacy in Latrobe. Soon after registering I decided that I needed a new challenge, so I travelled and put my name down with the Emergency Locum Service – I ended up being posted to the Broken Hill Base Hospital. At first, I was told I was going to be their clinical pharmacist. However, when I arrived, I was the only pharmacist for the hospital – with less than one year's registration under my belt. This was one of the most rewarding jobs I've had, I worked there with three Scottish doctors – we stayed in the Nurses Quarters just like at Jane, dined together, socialised together and effectively kept the base operational for about three months.

I never thought I'd end up in Broken Hill but not long after I ended up staying there for over three years, after being asked to undertake a review and restructure of Outback Pharmacies – a community pharmacy group that served almost a third of New South Wales' most remote and regional communities in partnership with the Royal Flying Doctors' Service and Aboriginal Medical Services

(AMSS). This was an incredible experience. To our knowledge we were the first to ever share patient data between the local community pharmacies and local Emergency Department, a solution that saved a patient's life within the first fortnight. We deinstitutionalised opioid replacement therapy to the community, put pharmacists in the AMSSs and established a training program to support youth employment. We won 'Community Pharmacy of the Year for Community Engagement' and I was appointed to the Board of the Local Health District, who was responsible for public health and hospital services for Far West New South Wales – some of the most remote, and in some instances the most disadvantaged, communities in Australia.

Had I not accepted the emergency locum at the Broken Hill Base Hospital in 2011, my career trajectory would look much different – I would not have had the fortune to have had the opportunities that have subsequently unfolded. In 2013, I was offered a role with the Commonwealth Government's first independent public performance reporting agency – the National Health Performance Authority (NHPA). I was recruited to lead Australia's first public reports on the technical efficiency of Australia's largest public hospitals, aimed at identifying variation in healthcare and variation in relative technical efficiency, in a system which at that time consumed almost \$60 Billion each year. This was a huge honour – as waste in healthcare means that others miss out.

It means that the vulnerable and most disadvantaged lose out; and leads to dynamic inefficiencies that impact our children and allocative inefficiencies that impact our labour markets, our economy, our productivity and future prosperity. In 2016, I joined the executive of Queensland Health, where I was the Senior Director of System

Performance. In this role I led the analysis and reporting of the relationships across delivering a safe, effective, accessible and sustainable health system. Soon after, I decided that I again needed to challenge myself, and was fortunate enough to be accepted for a Master's with the London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE), where I completed my dissertation that looked at the impacts of allocative inefficiencies in the health system and what impacts it can have on the labour market, and how it can lead to dynamic inefficiencies and reduced productivity.

Since January 2020, the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have led several analytics and intelligence solutions to support Queensland's preparedness and response to the evolving impacts of SARS-CoV-2. Primarily my role has been to lead, at speed, highly skilled teams to rapidly deploy solutions and analysis to help us prepare and nuance our response; whilst also building solutions that will be available should another pathogen of concern be identified in the future.



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