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SERVANT LEADERSHIP — LEADING FROM THE HEART



Perhaps, like me, you feel increasing concern and unease that society, nations and the corporate world are currently facing crises in leadership and in governance. With the apparent rise in world leaders who deal in opaque control, misinformation, fear, self-aggrandisement, and destruction of relationships, there is an enormous need in every facet of society for genuine leaders — servant leaders.

A servant leader is genuinely interested in being an example of ethical conduct and unconditional giving to enrich the wellbeing of others — there is no higher calling. A vast majority of observers, irrespective of religious connection or belief, would consider Jesus Christ to be the model servant leader. Jesus, the “King who led with a Towel” (John 13:1-17), led by example through love, compassion, service and a tremendous fortitude to “stand up and be counted” when necessary.

Socrates encouraged us to think for ourselves in questions of morality — and of corporate governance, too — lest we simply go along with the crowd. Aristotle argued that human nature is not only rational and social, but naturally virtuous. Ancient Greek historian and teacher Plutarch pointed out that, because humans are social, we constantly observe the people around us and imitate them.

Leading scholars have now identified various attributes of good (servant) leaders. Good leaders have a capacity to apprehend what it means to be a member of the group they lead and a developed intuition to know what is genuinely in the group’s best interests. They model good behaviour and ethical values; competence and integrity; honesty and fairness; appreciation and respect for others; listening, persuasion and encouragement; and stewardship, which includes looking after others’ property and wellbeing. Servant leaders are also transformative; their visionary, thoughtful, pioneering spirits help individuals and organisations develop in new ways.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Fiat Lux* which highlights just a few examples of the many remarkable Emmanuel College alumni and students making a difference through their servant leadership, whether in official roles or just quietly in giving.

Finally, as we celebrate and give thanks for the servant leader Emmanuel “God with us”, may you all have a blessed and safe Christmas.

Professor David Brunckhorst
Provost and Chief Executive Officer

GILL STUDENT CENTRE OPENING

We were delighted to welcome back Professor Stewart Gill OAM, Emmanuel College Principal 2005 to 2016 and current Master of Queen’s College at The University of Melbourne, for the official opening of the Gill Student Centre on 7 August 2017. After unveiling the plaque, Professor Gill said, “I’m proud to be back here and thankful to those who decided to name this space the Gill Student Centre, because students are at the heart of everything I’ve tried to do in colleges.” Guests included Council members, Honorary and Academic Fellows, staff, current student leaders, and a large number of alumni, spanning the past 70 years, who enjoyed catching up with Stewart.



(l-r) Alums Dr Phil Terrill, Dr Daniel McDiarmid, Jacinda Euler, Chris Cooper, Tamaya Peressini, Adjunct Professor Iyla Davies, Benjamin Driscoll, Patrick Walsh and Professor Stewart Gill OAM





MAX GAYLARD — ONE OF OUR GREATS

Emmanuel alumnus Graham Thomson AM, Pam Thomson, Emmanuel College Provost David Brunckhorst, Shireen Brunckhorst, Madhuri Bose and Max Gaylard at the UQ Courting the Greats alumni awards | photo courtesy of The University of Queensland

by **Michelle James**, Marketing and Communications Officer

The University of Queensland's Courting the Greats annual alumni awards ceremony always draws a large crowd of UQ alumni and friends who come to see the University honour its best and brightest. During the evening, alumni are recognised in eight categories for their achievements professionally and in the community, both at home and abroad. On 11 October 2017 around 300 guests attended the ceremony in UQ's Great Court to celebrate exceptional alumni. This year's winners were an inspirational group, not the least of whom was Emmanuel's very own Max Gaylard (EMC 1964-66). Max received the 2017 Colleges' UQ Alumni Award for his outstanding contribution to and positive impact on Emmanuel College, UQ, and communities around the world in his work as a diplomat, human rights advocate, and humanitarian.

Born in Nambour in 1946, Max lived at Emmanuel College from 1964 to 1966 while studying for a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History at UQ. After graduation, Max trained as a diplomatic cadet and was then conscripted into the army for two years of national service. He later earned an Economics degree from the Australian National University. After serving in the Australian Army, Max went on to work with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the United Nations (UN). His career took him across the globe, dealing with complex international challenges in places such as Mexico, Myanmar (Burma), Singapore, Solomon Islands, London, Iraq, Kurdistan, Sudan, Somalia, South Africa, New York, Israel, Palestine, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Max served in a number of distinguished diplomatic and humanitarian positions throughout his career, including Australian High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, and Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process.

Max and his wife, human rights advocate Madhuri Bose, are deeply invested in humanitarian issues and passionate about cultivating future leaders. "The humanitarian situation on our planet is the worst I think it's been in my lifetime, but, today, we also have a wave of young people who are brighter, more enthusiastic and better educated than ever to rise up and meet the formidable challenges. Both Madhuri and I remain delighted to do what we can to help and hopefully inspire the coming generations, including, of course, the students of Emmanuel. We both feel that we have been blessed with our own careers and what we have been able to do, and now is the time to give back. I am greatly humbled to receive the Colleges' UQ Alumni Award," Max said.

Emmanuel College Provost and CEO Professor David Brunckhorst said, "Max Gaylard has made a profound contribution to communities around the world. He has mentored and provided advice for Emmanuel students studying International Relations and Politics, including, despite their very busy schedules and international obligations, giving MasterClasses along with Madhuri. Emmanuel alumni continue to do us proud. Following on from Dr Heather Smith PSM (EMC 1984-86) winning the award in 2016, this is the second year in a row that an Emmanuel alumnus has won the Colleges' UQ Alumni Award."



Max Gaylard and Madhuri Bose chatting to Emmanuel College students after their "Diplomacy, Humanitarianism and the United Nations" MasterClass in October this year



ALUMS HELP NETBALLERS AIM HIGH

After a visit from the Students' Club Sports Convenors, Director of Advancement Margy Chatburn sent out the call to Emmanuel alumnae for help with purchasing new netball uniforms for our women's team. Sacha Hennessy (EMC 1990-91) led the fundraising charge and, in a short space of time, four more alum netballers had put their hands in their pockets to come up with the funds which saw our women impressively kitted out for Inter-College Competition Netball. Thank you to Sacha Hennessy and Place West Real Estate; Lyndel Brentnall, née Smith (EMC 1990-92); Kara Chudleigh, née Evans (EMC 1990-92); Bettina Clark, née Girle (EMC 1987-88); and Andrea Strevens, née Davies (EMC 1986) for their generous support. Sacha said, "We were thrilled to be able to contribute to another fantastic part of College life — particularly given what we used to wear during our college netball days!"

Netball convenor Kate Upton said: "Emmanuel's 2017 netball season was one to remember, with the team unveiling a brand-new uniform sponsored by College alums. The old netball skirts, first introduced in 2012, were showing their age. With the majority of other colleges upgrading to dresses, Emmanuel was able to join the trend and purchase a set of our own thanks to generous alums. Not only did the netball attire see a change this season, but the support from fellow Blue Dogs was greater than ever before through both the highs and the lows of the competition. The season saw us win four games and lose three, which included tight games against St John's and Grace College. The girls were competitive in every single game and we finished in fourth place. Overall, it was a fantastic season for Emmanuel netball."



SPORT REPORT 2017

by **Joseph Herrmann** and **Colina Grant**, Sports Convenors

Emmanuel sport has been extremely enjoyable this year. Our most successful sport was ICC Cross Country. Held the morning after the ICC Ball, many Blue Dogs showed great College spirit and ran their hearts out, despite feeling a little worse for wear. Through the immense efforts of the squads in their respective relays and the terrific participation from the cohort, our men placed 1st overall and our women tied for 2nd.

Under 20s Fresher Rugby had one of the most successful seasons in recent years. Due to a convincing victory over St Leo's College, Emmanuel men finished 2nd overall. Rowing can be a very taxing sport, given the training requirements, yet our gents stroked harder than ever to tie for 2nd, while the ladies motored through their races and came 3rd overall.

Our women's AFL team had a really successful season, finishing in 3rd place. And the netball girls were ecstatic to hit the courts in their new uniforms — a massive thank you to Sacha Hennessy and other alumnae for their generous contributions. The annual Rugby 7s tournament was held in late September with a triumphant Emmanuel men's team taking gold by beating King's College (22-17) in the grand final.

Thank you to all staff, participants, convenors, coaches and supporters for making 2017 a sensational and successful year of sport. Emmanuel men and women finished 3rd and 4th respectively in the overall ICC Sports Standings.



Sports Convenors Colina Grant and Joseph Herrmann at the Sports Awards Dinner



Emmanuel men's team beats King's to win Rugby 7s

CULTURAL CUP CHAMPS, AGAIN!

by **Gianni Balatti-Hill** and **Lizzie Schluter**, Cultural Convenors

After the triumphs of Choralfest, Debating and Bandfest in semester one, we faced the semester two cultural performances with a mixture of optimism, enthusiasm and nervousness. From Oratory through to Dancefest, we couldn't be prouder of the increased engagement, enhanced participation and elevated audience numbers present from one cultural event to the next.

Theatre Restaurant, this year written by former Collegian Sheridan Galvin Scott and titled *Outwitted Out West — A High "Steaks" Murder Mystery*, allowed us to find an amazing cast and create an ambitious musical production like no other. After the 2.00 am rehearsals and the numerous hours of practice and set/prop construction, we are proud to know we directed and produced a show that not only built a number of new friendships and hearty times for both cast and audience members, but also headed a very financially successful Theatre Restaurant, breaking all kinds of attendance records.

ICC One Act Play brought together five incredible performers to headline a winning act: *All By Myself*. From the music to the stage direction, each element of the 25-minute production was refined perfectly by convenor Kieran Walsh. For five consecutive

years, the second-place curse had hounded us; finally, in 2017, it was the year of the Blue Dogs to take first place and increase our lead in the overall ICC Cultural ladder.

ICC Dancefest was the final event on the cultural calendar and Emmanuel knew we had to produce something special to obtain an overall win and take home the ICC Cultural Cup for a second consecutive year. Presenting a Cinderella-themed performance, including acting leads, costumes, story, and lighting, we solidified our dominance with a silver placing, so cementing Emmanuel College as the superior college cultural force — the cup was won!

Emmanuel College has seen a phenomenal cultural year. We are forever grateful for all those who involved themselves in events, whether they convened, participated, or supported. Through the big wins and the narrow losses, the Blue Dog spirit remained incredibly strong and we could not have asked for more as ECSC Cultural Convenors.

Emmanuel College's YouTube channel features videos of these performances and more — www.youtube.com/UQEmmanuelCollege.



Theatre Restaurant — Campbell Lennox, as DI Dandric, and the ensemble cast of *Outwitted Out West — A High "Steaks" Murder Mystery* performing "Seize the Day"



Dancefest — Rebecca Smith, as Cinderella, takes centre stage



Cultural champions! Fraser Gray, Chris Roche, Callum Schalch, Kate Upton, Angela O'Connell, Catherine Gerrard, Emma McLaughlin, Tessa Neivandt, Lizzie Schluter (holding the ICC Cultural Cup), Daniel Fitzmaurice, Gianni Balatti-Hill, Islwyn Wilson, Matthew Diamond, Jack Ramaswamy, Kai Matsumoto, Kieran Walsh and Connor Wright at the Emmanuel College 2017 Cultural Awards Dinner



One Act Play thespians (clockwise from bottom) Kieran Walsh, Jack Ramaswamy, Islwyn Wilson, Connor Wright and Tamara Mellish



Nathan Geno, Craig Chudleigh, Kara Chudleigh and Nick Mooney in the Emmanuel College quad

by **Margy Chatburn**, Director of Advancement

Emmanuel is indebted to alumni and friends of the College who choose to gift us with their “wealth, work or wisdom”. Our scholarship, mentoring and work experience programs are the richer for their contributions. The College and our students are particularly grateful to those who support Emmanuel through scholarship funding. This year, scholarships to the value of \$470,000 were awarded to students excelling in a number of areas — academic, sporting and cultural — and philanthropy was the source of 20 per cent of these funds.

Emmanuel alumni Craig Chudleigh (EMC 1986-88) and Kara (née Evans) Chudleigh (EMC 1990-92) have chosen to support Emmanuel students through scholarships for several years. They fund a scholarship for Indigenous students and the Evans Family Scholarship, which is named in honour



80s flashback: Craig Chudleigh (left) with College friends at an Emmanuel sporting event

of Kara’s family and is designed to help talented students competing in sport at an elite level to cope with the demands on their time and finances.

As the College leadership continues to build a culture of philanthropy within the Emmanuel community, it is timely to talk with Craig and Kara about their commitment to philanthropy and the benefits it brings. For both of them, the opportunity they were given to obtain a university education was a prime motivator.

“The most powerful thing given to us by our families was a good education. To be able to give this opportunity that we benefitted from greatly, to young people who might not otherwise have the chance, can be transformative,” Craig said. “I came to Brisbane from the country to start university and I didn’t know anyone here. Having Emmanuel to settle into as a supportive community is like having family here; that’s great for people who are living in a big city for the first time.”

And why give in the particular areas they have chosen? “We’re not elite sportspeople, but we both played a lot of competitive sport growing up and understand the commitment that takes,” Kara explained. “You want to be the best you can, and we understand the amount of training that takes. Very talented young sportspeople have to make difficult choices and sacrifices, so we wanted to help a young person who has those sporting dreams to do that, and still be able to complete a university education.”

Second-year Biomedical Science student and champion soccer player Nick Mooney, this year's recipient of the Evans Family Scholarship, says he is chasing two dreams of sporting and academic success and wants to be a source of pride for his parents. "Thanks to the support I've received, I have been able to pursue my academic and athletic ambitions and take my studies and sports to the next level. I have played against the Brisbane Roar, been offered a job as assistant goalkeeper coach at Brisbane Olympic, and am currently hopeful of a laboratory placement for the summer break. These achievements, made possible by the kind support of Craig and Kara, have helped me take my first steps in becoming a truly independent, successful young man," Nick said.

Another Emmanuel student benefitting from Craig and Kara's generosity is Nathan Geno, who is proud to represent his Torres Strait Island culture and his family. Nathan is studying physiotherapy at UQ and his ultimate goal is to provide more sporting opportunities for youth within Torres Strait Islander communities. "My dream is to develop a foundation which focuses on the sustainable development of a range of junior sports at a grassroots level and, in the process, help to decrease the incidence of chronic disease in young people in my community. Gaining this scholarship has meant I can concentrate solely on my studies to try to achieve this goal without the financial burden that living away from home presents."

"As far as Indigenous students are concerned," Kara said, "we believe that quite often they don't have a support network here in Brisbane and they may also sometimes come from a more disadvantaged background, so we thought it would be

good to help." Craig added, "If every Indigenous child could have a safe and nurturing environment, a good education and opportunities in the workforce, that disadvantage could be over in a generation."

"It's a great example for our kids to understand generosity and giving because they don't always 'get it' when they're growing up."

Do they have a philosophy of giving? "Our kids are very fortunate that they have access to a very high standard of education; not everyone in society has that advantage. We feel it is only fair to bring other young people along with them. I think generosity is contagious and one of the things about having kids is that they're looking at you and seeing how you're acting, so you want to be a good role model for them," Craig said.

"It's a great example for our kids to understand generosity and giving because they don't always 'get it' when they're growing up," Kara said. "If we can get our kids to think about the long-term effects of giving, and if we can encourage one or two other people to do the same as we're doing and then they encourage others, it really has a lasting effect."

"We feel privileged to be associated with not only the young people we support, but also the other students we meet at Emmanuel College. I'm blown away by the things they're achieving, the things they're fitting into their lives. We hope our kids turn out like that — involved in charitable and other extra-curricular activities. We're inspired by these young men and women — and also proud that we're involved in some way in their lives," Craig added.

Emmanuel's scholarship program has the support of other generous benefactors, such as alumni Yvonne West (EMC 1986-89), Mark Sowerby (EMC 1989-92), Alastair MacLeod (EMC 1964-67) and Brian Maher (EMC 1978-79). Thank you to all who support Emmanuel, whether it be through wealth, work or wisdom.



90s flashback: Kara Evans (front row, seated) with College friends on the Emmanuel river bank taking a break during a rowing regatta

Please visit the Emmanuel College website — www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au/scholarships-bursaries — for details of our scholarships and bursaries program, or contact Director of Advancement Margy Chatburn — 07 3871 9342 or m.chatburn@emmanuel.uq.edu.au — for more information.

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BLUE DOGS GO GREEN

Emmanuel students, ably assisted by Professor Brunckhorst's Westie Seamus, held a "planting party" in September to extend and connect the habitat corridor for wildlife, particularly the Blue Wren, along the riverbank on the College's southern boundary. Community Service Coordinator Susanna Connolly said, "The planting party was a great success with over 40 students working hard to plant 280 native seedlings in under an hour along the river near Martin wing. Our aim was to revegetate the undergrowth habitat for Blue Wrens. Hopefully, in a few years' time, we will be able to come back to Emmanuel and see the plants all grown and more birds around campus."



GAMSAT TUTORIALS "THE GOLD STANDARD"

Emmanuel College's comprehensive academic program was expanded further this semester to include a six-week intensive course to prepare students aiming to study graduate-entry Medicine for the GAMSAT. The GAMSAT (Graduate Medical School Admissions Test) is a rigorous five-and-a-half-hour exam testing students' competency in three main areas: Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences, Written Communication, and Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences. For the Emmanuel students studying towards Medicine — more than 10 per cent of the student body this year — help in gaining admission to the highly competitive Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at The University of Queensland was welcomed.



Tutor Brynn Bellinge (standing); med students and tutors Adrian Mok, Timothy Liu, and Arash Arabshahi (seated left); and students Maria Cobain and Emma Thielemans (seated right) at a GAMSAT tutorial in one of Emmanuel College's new tutorial rooms

Emmanuel offered four GAMSAT tutorials every week in the six weeks leading up to the exam on 13 September 2017. Each week, Emmanuel's team of tutors targeted subject areas including Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Humanities Reasoning. The College's tutors — three of whom are current Emmanuel students studying Medicine at UQ — all have first-hand experience of the GAMSAT and have scored highly. Emmanuel's tutors gave unreserved support for the program, describing the GAMSAT initiative as "the gold standard" for assisting our students achieve excellence in their studies.

Reviews from our students were very positive. Emmanuel College scholarship awardee and Bachelor of Science student Emma Thielemans said: "These tutorials have been incredibly helpful in preparing me for the GAMSAT. My tutors have given me confidence in approaching each section of the exam. I'm really grateful for the opportunity that the College has provided to help me achieve my best score."

BANNOCKBURN: CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

by **Michelle James**, Marketing and Communications Officer

Inspiring lifelong commitment to community service is one of Emmanuel College's values and our continuing focus. The annual Bannockburn Community Awards Dinner recognises our students' service to Emmanuel and the wider community. Established 30 years ago by then-Principal Angus Edmonds, Bannockburn, as our dinner is known, also celebrates Emmanuel's Scottish connections. On 19 September, students, staff, and guests went "a wee bit Scottish", kilting up or wearing a touch of tartan, and enjoyed a performance by the Emmanuel College Highlanders pipe band, a traditional address to the haggis by Society of St Andrew of Scotland Queensland Chieftain Mr Doug Porteous, a meal of cock-a-leekie soup and haggis with neeps and tatties, and sang traditional songs such as "Scotland the Brave" and "Auld Lang Syne".

The spirit of service — one for the other — was celebrated at Bannockburn with awards for outstanding contribution to the College community, such as the RA Busch Memorial Prize and the DM Fraser Memorial Bursary, which is sponsored by the Society of St Andrew of Scotland Queensland. This year, a new award was initiated to honour a special Emmanuel College alumnus.

The Graeme Wilson Prize for all-round excellent contribution to the College and the wider community is in memory of Emeritus Professor Graeme Wilson, resident at Emmanuel from 1936 to 1939. He completed a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons) and was awarded a University Medal in 1940. A talented sportsman, Graeme represented Australia at the British Empire (now Commonwealth) Games. He enlisted with the Australian Army and began military service with the AIF. Graeme was a Rhodes Scholar, completing his PhD at Oxford and progressing to Professor of Agriculture. Later in life, Graeme became the President of the Rotary Club of Brisbane and was awarded Lord Mayor's Senior Citizen of the Year in 2013 for his volunteer work. Graeme passed away last year at the age of 99.



Students celebrating Emmanuel College's Scottish connections by going "a wee bit Scottish" at the Bannockburn Community Awards Dinner



Director of Advancement Margy Chatburn and Lindsey File, recipient of the inaugural Graeme Wilson Prize

The inaugural Graeme Wilson Prize was awarded to Lindsey File, second-year Environmental Management student and Emmanuel's International Student Coordinator. In addition to volunteer activities within College, Lindsey contributed to many causes in the wider community throughout the year, including tutoring students as a PASS leader at UQ; Student Coordinator for the UQ Refugee Tutoring Club teaching high-school students throughout Brisbane; Secretary for the UQ Red Cross Society promoting blood donations and writing letters to vulnerable people; and Session Coordinator for the UQ Yoga and Meditation Club, fostering a caring community for students at UQ as well as supporting people who might be struggling with mental health issues.

Lindsay said: "Graeme lived his life as an intelligent environmentalist who aimed to serve others in order to make this world a safer and more caring place. Much like Graeme, I am passionate about environmental conservation. I also believe the most important way to create a truly positive outcome in this world, as Graeme did, is by the little things you do each day of your life — whether by smiling at a stranger or giving time to help a friend in need. I feel honoured to be the first recipient of the Graeme Wilson Prize; I hope that one day I will become a person who is truly caring in all aspects of my life and to the people that surround me, as reflected through his legacy."

Emmanuel College congratulates and thanks all of our students who have gone beyond the call of duty in true servant leadership; such dedication is critically important to the entire collegiate community.

MODEL UN AT ANU

by **Raushan Ali Firaq** and **Laura Whitaker**



Model UN SPECPOL committee with Raushan Ali Firaq (front row, left) representing India and Laura Whitaker (back row, second from left) representing the UK

In late September we visited Canberra for the National Capital Model United Nations (NCMUN), a student-run Model UN conference held at the Australian National University. UQ sent a delegation of 14 people, which included Emmanuel College students Laura Whitaker, Raushan Ali Firaq and Islwyn Wilson. Laura and Raushan represented the United Kingdom and India respectively in the fourth committee of the United Nations General Assembly (SPECPOL). The topics addressed were “The question of harmful cultural practices” and “The question of the remaining colonial possessions in the Pacific”. Islwyn represented Egypt in the first committee of the United Nations General Assembly (DISEC), focusing on disarmament.

Our first day began with a visit to a chosen international embassy in Canberra. Laura visited the High Commission of Canada and Raushan visited the German Embassy. They were fantastic experiences where we both had question and answer sessions with diplomats about important issues in their countries and discussed their experiences working in foreign affairs. The visits were so successful that the Japanese Embassy sent diplomats to observe the conference.

In the afternoon we began the conference, which took place over three days. NCMUN gave us a chance to meet like-minded people from universities around Australia and to improve our public speaking skills — to the point that Raushan lost her voice on the third day. In the first two days in SPECPOL, we explored the issue of harmful cultural practices around the world and what different countries’ foreign policies are on these pressing issues. The final draft resolution encompassed all of the productive debate and took steps to address female genital mutilation, child marriage and harmful beauty standards. It was passed almost unanimously, with only China voting against it.

The UQ delegation performed extremely well in this conference and swept up many awards, with Raushan and Islwyn winning best delegate in their respective committees.



Islwyn Wilson (standing) representing Egypt in the DISEC committee at the Model UN

NEW SCHOLARSHIP HONOURS GRAHAM THOMSON AM

Emmanuel College is delighted to announce the establishment of a new scholarship honouring alumnus Graham Thomson AM (EMC 1947), pictured with his wife Pam Thomson. A former headmaster of Brisbane Boys’ College (BBC), Graham’s significant contribution to education and to the broader community over many decades was recognised in 1995 when he was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia.

An inspiration for many students, Graham continues to engender deep respect for his achievements. This inspiration and respect have been major catalysts in the founding of the Graham Thomson Scholarship at Emmanuel, an initiative of the College which has been warmly embraced by BBC Old Boys John Wylie AM and Michael Wood.

John’s and Michael’s generosity has made Emmanuel College life, and the benefits it brings, a game-changing possibility for a BBC student who wants to study at university and live in a nurturing environment, but does not have the means to live away from home. The Graham Thomson Scholarship will be awarded to a former BBC student who shows sound academic ability and performance, exhibits leadership qualities and positive peer support, has a keen interest in sport and/or cultural activities, and has made a contribution to the community.

Graham said: “In my professional career I have been offered the opportunity and the privilege of playing a part in the development years of teenage boys and girls. It has been my passion and, in itself, my reward. However, I am honoured and humbled to have my name associated with a new scholarship which will offer a past student of Brisbane Boys’ College the opportunity of studying at The University of Queensland while in residence at such a fine institution as my alma mater, Emmanuel College. I wish to acknowledge my deep and grateful appreciation to Professor Stewart Gill OAM, who conceived having a scholarship in my name, as well as to John Wylie AM and Michael Wood, who gave their generous support to the establishment of this prestigious award.”



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VALEDICTION FROM THE 2017 ECSC PRESIDENT ANGELA O'CONNELL



2017 President of the Emmanuel College Students' Club Angela O'Connell and 2018 President-elect Ben Tickell

Life at Emmanuel in 2017 has been a hoot and a half! A year shared with an incredibly diverse, talented, exciting and, at times, outrageous group of people who made it one to never forget.

Although we may complain about the leaf blower at 7am or the "mystery meat" every Sunday night, we are privileged to have called this place home. Emmanuel College is rich in history and traditions, and was founded with community as its hallmark. I strongly believe that it is, first and foremost, this sense of community that allows for the personal and professional growth of young people in such a stable and caring environment.

They say that your time at university is some of the best years of your life. In my opinion, it is our time at college and, in particular, Emmanuel College that we will remember fondly. Emmanuel has a vibrant student culture, and our traditions are what make us unique and provide us with a sense of belonging. From Theatre Restaurant to the ICC Rowing Regatta, Bandfest to Emmanuel Ball, many experiences and memories are shared within the whirlwind of a 32-week academic year.



2017 Valedicts

On behalf of all students, a massive thank you to our parents. Thank you for supporting us in our ambitions; thank you for helping us achieve our goals; thank you for paying our fees; and, most importantly, thank you for allowing us to have the collegiate experience.

To my fellow Blue Dogs, thank you for an absolutely incredible three years. I am truly humbled to have served this amazing community as the 2017 President of the Emmanuel College Students' Club. It was an extraordinary blessing, for all of us, to be surrounded by such quality people. Be confident, take the opportunities presented to you, and rest assured that the Emmanuel community will always be part of you and support your efforts. May your blood always run blue!



Collegian of the Year Claudia Farhart, guest speaker alumnus Scott Robinson (EMC 2011-14) and SD Gill Award recipient Nicholas Buckeridge at the Valedictory Service and Dinner

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