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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SUPPORTING RESPECTFUL AND SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Calls for transparency and accountability are everywhere. In most respects, this is an admirable element of the evolution of progressive thinking. Such calls have revitalised honesty in human relationships in many western countries, including Australia. This is also true in the college context. Colleges can be hot-houses for intense relationships — of both the friendship and romantic kinds. Supporting respectful and successful relationships is one of the important aspects of our staff's commitment to prioritise students' wellbeing. How we help students to tread a positive path in their relationships with others is a key indicator of our worth as supporters of transition from adolescence to young adulthood.

The bricks and mortar facilities for students are important and, if neglected, can significantly impact the student experience. For this reason we re-invest student fees in Emmanuel's physical fabric. Ultimately, however, we are in the people industry, and the investment in people is what sets colleges apart from commercial student accommodation providers. No matter what field Emmanuelians enter, skillful communication is key.

For most people, life is a mix of highs and lows. It can look rather like a stock market graph. Up, up, up, then down, down, down. To continue the fiscal metaphor, just like superannuation, we strive for more ups than downs. Emmanuel alumni reading this article will have many reflections on how life has panned out, and how different it has probably been from what they would have envisaged when they were in College, whether that be five or forty-five years ago. Frequently, it is highly successful people, such as our alumni, who are most aware of the need for genuine and effective communication. I am often impressed by how many take the time to be kind and nurturing of others, even when they are under extreme pressure from work demands and juggling multiple commitments in very busy lives. When no-one would think twice if they passed up an opportunity to focus one-on-one, many successful people go out of their way for others. Fundamental to an enriched life, as lived by many Collegians, beginning with our founding chairman Reverend Dr Ernest Northcroft Merrington, relationships and good communication oil the wheels of everything — family, business, government, society. As many of our past students have succeeded, many current and future students will go on to achieve success in their chosen fields. Assisting our students to develop communication skills — seeing them as priorities along with endeavours in other areas, such as academic, sporting, and cultural pursuits — is important.

Do students see those currently stewarding the College as effective adults, following through from what we have said we will do, modelling effective relationships and honest communication? Do we set standards of behaviour for students that we meet for ourselves? Do we at all times see students as our primary stakeholders, where the chance to influence can be fleeting? Do we allow ourselves to show vulnerability and to expect to be challenged? Do we embrace such challenge, rather than seem threatened by it? Do we try to develop a bottom-up rather than a top-down approach in our dealings with students, to equalise and share power and responsibility? Do we admit to



Emmanuel College Students' Club Vice President Sally Irwin, alumna Emma Szczotko and Principal Dr Jane Thomson

mistakes, seeing them as the portals of discovery, as James Joyce once famously said?

All of these questions are for others to answer in evaluating what we do at Emmanuel. However, considering these questions in terms of the Emmanuel experience brings us back to transparency. I want us to be honest and real with each other in our immediate community of current students, and also in the wider College community. We can set ourselves apart as a premier university residential college by paying real attention to how we go about helping students. I thank most sincerely those who have gone out of their way for others in 2018. You know who you are and what you have accomplished so far.

Dr Jane Thomson
Principal

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COLLEGES' UQ ALUMNI AWARD: DAVID CROMBIE AM TAKES A HAT-TRICK FOR EMMANUEL

Collegian friends and ECSC Presidents David Graham (EMC 1962-64) (left), Dr John Drewe (EMC 1958-64) (second from left) and Dr Keith Hawken (EMC 1960-64) (right) join David Crombie AM (third from left) for a celebratory lunch in the Stevens Bonnin Room at Emmanuel College

by **Michelle James**, Advancement and Communications Manager

For the third consecutive year, an Emmanuel College alumnus has received the prestigious Colleges' UQ Alumni Award from The University of Queensland. Over more than half a century, David Crombie AM (EMC 1962-65) has contributed tremendously to Emmanuel — as a resident, as 1965 Collegian of the Year, as an Honorary Fellow, as a Council member, and as a mentor — to UQ, to sport, to community service, and to the agribusiness industry. His leadership roles include chair of Meat and Livestock Australia, president of the National Farmers Federation, board member of Grainco and Foodbank Qld, advisory board member of UQ's Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, president of Australian Rugby, and president and chairman of Queensland Rugby.

Speaking at the College's 2018 Valedictory Dinner, David reminisced about Emmanuel's sporting success, particularly in rugby and rowing, in the 1960s, and the decision to become co-ed in the 1970s. "Emmanuel was all very 'blokey', and one of my proudest moments was on the Emmanuel College Council when the College went co-ed. And what a better and more balanced place Emmanuel then became." Some 20-plus years later, David's family benefitted from this decision when his daughters, Alexandra (now Burke) (EMC 1997-98) and Flora (now Wehl) (EMC 2000), resided at Emmanuel.

David spoke to our valedicting students about the transition from college and university to a career, the need to embrace change and what it means to lead. "Emmanuel College has been an important part of my life. It was a place of safe transition and adventure between school and career where all that university had on offer could be experienced to the full. It was a place where enduring friendships were formed across faculties, socially and on the sporting fields. I am always invigorated by the enthusiasm of College students as they make their way, as we did, towards their chosen life streams. Australian agriculture

was a career choice that I made when I was your age, and which I have followed for over 50 years."

Sir William Gunn, owner of Gunn Rural Management, offered David a job straight out of college and university to work in a stock camp in the Northern Territory, where he learned the first lesson of life and of business: the importance of teamwork. David and two partners subsequently bought the company from Sir William and — after realising that businesses need "to find new directions, new ways of doing things" — built it into GRM International. Through "a lot of business learning, plenty of mistakes, a bit of luck, and a lot of hard work", GRM (now Palladium) expanded into projects around the world in agriculture, health, education, water supply, and infrastructure. "Change is a continuum; if circumstances change, be prepared to change what you do."

On leadership, David said, "Leaders set the tone of any business or sporting team. Leadership is all about behaviour and ethical standards. It is about setting clear game plans, communicating the plan to each team member, explaining to them what is expected of them in simple, measurable terms and, finally, securing their commitment. The leader's job is to lead by example, not by force, to support team members through uncertainty, and to encourage individuals to go where they could not have gone themselves."

Principal Dr Jane Thomson said, "We are so pleased and proud that David Crombie's outstanding contributions to Emmanuel and our students, UQ, and the community have been formally recognised with this award. David's leadership in the agricultural sector is more important than ever, given the current drought and the problems facing farming families. David's award, following on from diplomat Maxwell Gaylard (EMC 1964-66) and public servant Dr Heather Smith PSM (EMC 1984-86) receiving the award in 2017 and 2016 respectively, is a testament to the calibre of Emmanuelians."

COLLEGES, CULTURE AND CHANGE: A REFLECTION ON THE 2018 UCA FORUM

by **Louise Hallo**, Deputy Principal

Australian university colleges have been in the spotlight over the past 12 months as the media and society unpack college culture, scrutinise the behaviour of students and criticise the lack of leadership from those in charge. That spotlight is warranted, and the 2018 University Colleges Australia (UCA) Forum focused on the need to address cultural issues and to look at ways we can renew the college culture that we all know can be so valuable in helping our students evolve into extraordinary young men and women.

This year's conference presentations were led by three industry professionals whose knowledge base and expertise run deep. Professor Rufus Black, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, opened the forum with a keynote address that encouraged the audience to unpack the values of their college and to hold on to the rich culture while eradicating the negative and challenging the traditional conceptions of the role of colleges. Elizabeth Broderick AO, Australia's longest-serving Sex Discrimination Commissioner, and Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania, both challenged college leaders to tackle socio-cultural issues as they manifest in college life.

So, where to from here? Specifically, how do the issues raised at the UCA Forum translate for Emmanuel? For the past year, Emmanuel College leadership has been focusing on cultural renewal through reviewing our policies and procedures, working with students through focus groups, conducting whole-of-college surveys, and articulating our values and the standards we accept and want to flourish. As stated by Ms Broderick: "Cultural change



Louise Hallo, second from left, with student leaders

will not occur unless leaders are willing to implement the reform required." We are willing and more than able to do so.

Emmanuel's leadership team strongly believes that our students are the most valuable asset we have and they are the heart of our community, our culture and our future. If we are to succeed in this current climate, we need to ensure all of our students leave Emmanuel as the best versions of themselves with the skills and the desire to contribute fully to the community. Our students must feel that their investment in college was not just a place to sleep and to eat; rather, that Emmanuel is a place where the community and the culture helped them understand the value of respectful relationships and secured friendships and connections for life, giving them a head start into their futures.

PIPE BAND STEPS OUT AND STEPS UP IN 2018

by **Jess Logan**, Emmanuel College Highlanders Secretary

The Emmanuel College Highlanders at the University of Queensland represented the College community throughout 2018, performing at their regular gigs such as Anzac Day, the Australian Celtic Festival and special College events. This year also marked a number of other events and accolades for the band.

The support received from St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital enables the band to meaningfully contribute to the community. The band is honoured to continue its ongoing relationship with St Andrew's, and, this year, in addition to the annual performance for their Anzac Day service, the band was privileged to contribute to the hospital's 60th anniversary celebrations.

Pipe Bands Australia ended the 2018 competition year by recognising the band's two years of accomplishments in Grade 3 with a promotion to Grade 2, which is the highest level of pipe band competition currently represented in Australia. As well as winning three local competitions in Maclean (NSW), Redlands, and Warwick, the Emmanuel College Highlanders defended their title as Grade 3 Queensland Champions for the second year in a row. The band also participated in the biennial Australian Pipe Band Championships, held at Brisbane Boys' College in April, where we were awarded second place.



Emmanuel College Highlanders at the 2018 Australian Pipe Band Championships

In addition to these competition results, the band has a further reason to proudly rejoice in 2018 — this year marks the 20th anniversary of a pipe band being established within Emmanuel College. Founding Pipe Major Andrew McCabe, who remains a playing member and an Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel, started the band in 1998 under Principal Angus Edmonds. This milestone will be (somewhat belatedly!) marked by a special event in early 2019, and all supporters and friends are welcome to attend.

GIRLS TO THE FRONT!



Emma Szczotko, Coralie Liberto, Rachel Crook, Genevieve Beresford, Catherine Irwin, Advancement and Communications Manager Michelle James, Anke Bezuidenhout, Darcy Murgatroyd and Rebecca Rathie at the Emmanuel College Women's High Tea

Alumna Emma Szczotko (EMC 2011-13) spoke to young alumnae and students at the Emmanuel College Women's High Tea on Sunday 7 October 2018. This is an edited version of her speech.

Ladies of Emmanuel, the time is ripe; the world is shifting; girls to the front! We are witnessing global social change. From NZ PM Jacinda Ardern and the Macquarie Group appointing its first female CEO, to the #metoo and #timesup movements, we are in a position where the voices of women are becoming louder. Every day, I am inspired by the intelligent and dynamic women making waves in the world.

Now, tell me how many well-known Emmanuel female alums who are leaders, game changers, in their fields do you know? Unfortunately, I cannot count a real lot — YET. But, don't despair — they're making history now. In fact they're sitting next to you.

Let me tell you about the amazing EMC women I had the absolute privilege of sharing my time with at Emmanuel. My best friend from College Lucinda Bourke (who was Students' Club President) is a policy advisor to the NSW Attorney General, working to change policy and the law for the better every day. Iszy George, our ECSC VP, is a PR specialist and sales representative at a premier New York art gallery. Jordan Cory is a doctor at Royal Melbourne Hospital, working in surgical oncology, and sits on the executive committee of the Victorian Medical Women's Society. I value and cherish my friendships enormously with these and all the women I bonded with at College. It's a very special connection you make.

So what have I been doing since leaving College? I went on exchange to Paris, playing football (soccer) in a French university team and studying art history in the best art museums in the world. I returned home with the not-uncommon post-exchange blues. Fortunately, I lived in a series of share houses with champion EMC alums who motivated me with their drive and energy. I then threw myself into all of UQ's opportunities. I rejoined my football club, which has a number of Emmanuel "old girls", volunteered at the UQ Art Museum and became a careers officer for the Justice and Law Society. I graduated from

a dual law and arts degree in 2016, then worked and travelled for six months through Central and South America.

Last year, I commenced a graduate program at Herbert Smith Freehills, a top-tier global law firm. I did my graduate diploma of legal practice and became admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Queensland. I am now on secondment to Queensland Treasury helping to set up CleanCo, Queensland's new government-owned renewable energy generator company. I never imagined upon leaving College five years ago that I would be so fortunate to have all these wonderful opportunities and experiences.

In an attempt to leave you with some parting wisdom, I have been reflecting on what I wish I knew at College, or what I wish I did. My top five follow:

1. **Embrace diversity.** Difference is beautiful and makes the world a richer place. College students can be rather homogenous, so, when there is difference, it should be nourished. I didn't come out at College because that was just too different from the norm, but I wish I felt that I could have.
2. **Be brave.** If you think something, then say it. Your voice matters. If you want to meet someone, then do it. If someone inspires you, then organise a coffee to meet them. They will be flattered by the gesture and impressed by your energy and initiative.
3. **Make the most of what College life offers.** Academic tutes can make all the difference. And the fact that you have your peers around you 24/7 is completely unique.
4. **Find your people** — those that you can be completely comfortable around and cherish and nourish those friendships.
5. **Support each other.** Women supporting women is essential. We must stand by each other and promote each other. It's good for you; it's good for all of us; it's good for the world.

I wish you all every success and happiness as you go forth and change the world.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ROUND-UP

Kelsie Youman, Sam Skinner, Sabrina Morrison, Lateisha Stam, Eloise Wiffen and Finlay Walton Do It In A Dress for girls' education

by **Lateisha Stam**, Community Service Coordinator

Community service in semester 2 was very busy! In the first week, we took part in National Tree Day by planting native seedlings along the river bank. We then participated in two new clean ups: UQ Lakes Clean Up, which we co-hosted with the UQU Environment Collective in Sustainability Week, and our own Emmanuel College Clean Up, both of which were very successful.

We joined in two month-long fundraisers this year. It was our first time fundraising for the Make A Wish Foundation by participating in Wax for A Wish, a "ripping" fundraising campaign that calls on men to be brave through a few moments of wax-induced pain to help make wishes come true for children battling life-threatening medical conditions. Our second month-long event was October's Do It In A Dress. The Emmanuel

College team surpassed our goal, raising \$3589 to educate girls in Africa. Thank you to everyone who contributed; with your support, we were able to provide education for 11 girls.

Emmanuel also held our first Big Dry Out, an event for students to come to the quad and listen to live music from the Emmanuel Band, play sport, eat food and donate money towards drought-affected farmers. This cause is close to our hearts as it affects many families who have children residing at College.

We also participated in Daffodil Day this semester, raising \$145 for the Cancer Council. And we held an R U OK Day to encourage serious conversation between people to ensure everyone is coping and not struggling silently.

In July next year we plan to send a group of 15 Emmanuel students to Samoa for our first-ever service trip abroad. In the mornings, we will be working in pre-primary schools, teaching English, assisting in classes and running sports events. In the afternoons, we will be working on a renovation project within the village. In addition to the service part of the trip, on weekends we will have the opportunity to explore the country by visiting different parts of the island. This trip will allow our Emmanuel students to make a very significant impact in a community we would not usually have access to or be able to help.

This semester has been a very successful one for community service at Emmanuel. We participated in more events and raised more money for more organisations than any previous year. Any time or energy you contribute to service makes a difference, no matter how great or small, so I hope all of the students at Emmanuel who got involved in community service activities this year are proud of their contributions.



UQ Lakes Clean Up with the UQU Environment Collective



PURPOSE AND VISION FOR EMMANUEL'S FUTURE

by **Stephen J. Howell**, Emmanuel College Council Chairman

During 2018, Emmanuel College reflected on its purpose. As a result, our purpose has been refreshed:

To provide university students with an outstanding collegiate experience. We offer a diverse, vibrant and supportive community in which students achieve personal growth and academic success inspired by our Christian ethos.

This article focuses on the future of our wonderful College. Even though Emmanuel faced some challenges this year, which stretched both our physical and monetary resources, we remain resilient and positive. Our strong Christian values, supported by professional ethics, prevailed during these challenging times, and we turned those challenges into positive outcomes for the College's future sustainability.

Principal Dr Jane Thomson, her dedicated executive team, College staff, and members of Council worked impressively during the year, culminating in the approval of a new strategic directions statement, or strategic plan. The statement incorporates the refreshed purpose and a refined vision for Emmanuel, which is presented at the close of this article.

The strategic directions statement, which has been embedded into the fabric of how we do things at the College and has been shared widely within our community, provides direction and guidance for us all in these exciting times. As Chairman, it is important for me personally and for the life of the College that we have a clearly articulated and achievable strategic direction in order to measure Emmanuel's performance.



Emmanuel College Council members Dr Robert McLeay, Dr Jane Thomson, Stephen J. Howell and Adjunct Professor Iyla Davies OAM

While everyone at Emmanuel is important, we exist for university students seeking a world-class living and learning experience, not just student accommodation. We achieve this by providing the outstanding collegiate experience for which we are well known. The challenge the College faces is to provide university students with that experience in an environment where there are many new providers of student



accommodation, often at low cost. We will continue to meet all challenges by offering a holistic college experience in a diverse, vibrant and supportive community. In particular, we are giving priority to initiatives such as continuously improving student facilities and amenities, the College culture, diversity, student retention and alumni engagement. Our scholarship program is without parallel in the sector, and will continue to provide outstanding opportunities for students.

Understanding our students' needs, the provision of quality facilities and services, and implementing innovative policies and practices are critical to our success. Our strategic directions statement is designed to drive this innovation and success, governed and managed by a Council and executive with the level of skill, talent and competence to achieve our purpose and vision.

Emmanuel College within The University of Queensland is one of the best and highest achieving residential university colleges in Australia. Everyone in our community is very proud of this status. The Council and staff will protect this position, inspired always by our vision:

Enriching lives through a world-class living and learning experience.



ABC Radio National journalist Cathy Van Extel and Professor Heather Douglas (right)

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW”: SIR HARRY GIBBS LAW DINNER 2018

by **Lisa Mahoney**, Marketing Officer

Professor Heather Douglas, a member of the Faculty of Law at The University of Queensland and researcher in domestic and family violence, was the guest speaker at Emmanuel College’s twelfth Sir Harry Gibbs Law Dinner held on Thursday 30 August 2018. The dinner honours eminent Emmanuel College alumnus Sir Harry Gibbs, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1981 to 1987. In attendance were magistrates and members of the legal community, faculty members from UQ’s TC Beirne School of Law, current law students, Emmanuel College students and alumni, and special guests, including Vanessa Fowler from the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation.

In her welcome, Principal Dr Jane Thomson noted this year’s topic — “Domestic Violence and the Law: Achievements and Future Directions” — focused on an aspect of law in the public sphere that had very personal ramifications. As such, the more personal nature of the topic led to a different event format — an on-stage conversation between Professor Douglas and ABC Radio National (RN) journalist Cathy Van Extel. In partnership with RN, the conversation is available to a broader audience by podcast on the *Big Ideas* program.

Professor Douglas opened the discussion by emphasising the immense scale of the issue, the profound harm that is caused, the stress on available services and the fact that domestic violence is a gendered issue with women being overwhelmingly the victims. The conversation encompassed achievements for improved legal responses, as well as emerging issues and challenges. Professor Douglas drew on her research, including interviews with 65 women of diverse backgrounds who have engaged with the legal system in response to domestic violence. She also referred to

her work on the National Domestic and Family Violence Bench Book, a resource for Australian judicial officers in the treatment of domestic and family violence related proceedings.

A number of notable achievements were discussed. The landmark *Not Now, Not Ever* report (Queensland Government, 2015); the new non-lethal strangulation criminal offence in domestic violence situations, as strangulation has been found to be “a red flag for future abuse and fatality”; Queensland’s establishment of a specialist model court for domestic violence and family violence in Southport; and the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme of 2017, an agreement that sees protection orders issued in one state or territory enforceable nationally.



Magistrate Brian Kilmartin, Dr Jane Thomson, Magistrate Sheryl Cornack, and Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Court Coordinator Rob Turra



Vanessa Fowler and Prof. Heather Douglas



Emerging issues include new forms of abuse, such as the use of technology to facilitate abuse, reproductive coercion, the court system as a further means of abuse, inconsistencies in the national definition of domestic and family violence, and differing law across states. Professor Douglas noted that law is not always the answer, for example, private tech companies can play a role. She also stressed the need for magistrates to understand coercive control, the importance of supportive police responses, and the imperative to consider new ideas and effective means to evaluate them.

The engaging discussion between Professor Douglas and Cathy Van Extel concluded with a question and answer session with the audience, with the law students taking the opportunity to ask pertinent questions. During the Q&A, Vanessa Fowler highlighted the importance of education for girls and young women, part of the Foundation's work in proactive responses to domestic and family violence.

While it is deeply troubling to hear the accounts of violence against women, and to consider the magnitude of the issue and the vast change that is still needed, it is also incredibly inspiring that Professor Douglas's important research — built around women's powerful voices in sharing the stories of their experience — is impacting the direction of the law with a goal to reduce violence in the lives of Australian families.

The ABC Radio National broadcast of the conversation on *Big Ideas* aired 10 October 2018; listen to the podcast by visiting the website – www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/bigideas.

The Emmanuel Paper by Professor Heather Douglas is available on the Emmanuel College website – www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au/emmanuel-papers.

A FULL SET OF SCHOLARS

Emmanuel staff and students were delighted that all five of our Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholars were able to attend this year's law dinner: Crispin Scott (EMC 2012-15), Simon LaBlack (EMC 2006-10), Susanna Connolly (EMC 2016-17), current recipient Sam Skinner and Anthony Kung (EMC 2012) (pictured, l-r).



After the presentation, Sam Skinner spoke about the importance of the scholarship to himself and his family and the support he has received from Emmanuel. "I wanted to have the opportunity to study law since early high school. Coming from a rural central Queensland town, this meant I would need to move away from home, from the town in which all my support is and where I have established my roots, in order to pursue this passion.

Emmanuel has made this transition from small country town to city much easier, helping me in so many ways — physically, mentally and intellectually. I have made friendships which will last a lifetime and am constantly surrounded by people who push me to be my best and who help me to achieve my goals.

The Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship has given both me and my family an amazing opportunity and taken a large financial burden off my parents. I would like to thank you all for helping keep this scholarship going, and for making it possible for people like me to pursue their passion for the law."

Established in 2006, the Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship provides a full residential scholarship for a student studying law at The University of Queensland, who is achieving outstanding results and has a desire to make a positive contribution to Emmanuel College life. Donations to the scholarship are welcome through our website — www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au/support-emmanuel-college — or by contacting Advancement Manager Michelle James, 07 3871 9342, m.james@emmanuel.uq.edu.au.

An epistolary report on all things international in 2018

Serving as the Emmanuel College International Student Coordinator in 2018 has been an amazing experience. This year we welcomed a wide range of international students into our Blue Dog family. We have had people from every corner of the world including Belgium, Malaysia, Switzerland, Ireland, Singapore, India, America, Canada, Zimbabwe and the UK — almost every continent! All of our international students brought something new to the Emmanuel culture with their unique personalities, mixing in to make College a fun and exciting environment to live in.



Emmanuel's international students enjoy a day out at Brisbane's Mount Coot-tha

Throughout the year international students at Emmanuel did various things together. As a community within the College, we explored places in and around Brisbane, such as Mount Coot-tha, South Bank beach and QAGOMA. We also played strike bowling and laser tag in the city at the beginning of semester 2 — a very energy packed evening. Here at Emmanuel, we hosted a movie night in semester 1, afternoon tea to kick off semester 2 and a barbecue for internationals at the end of the year to sign things off in the Aussie way.

Students coming here on exchange always intend to go around Australia as much as possible, and College just makes it easier to find a travel buddy with similar interests. Some of our international students explored Australia with the friends they made at Emmanuel, leading to wing leader Budgie's (Catherine Gerrard) observation: "My international freshers have seen more of Australia than me!"

I am really proud to say as much as College has given to the internationals in support, international students have given back and made their presence felt by being part of rowing, cricket, football, rugby, and athletics in sports and Theatre Restaurant and Dancefest in cultural. Some have stayed here for their whole course at UQ and made Emmanuel proud with their high GPAs every year. Ultimately, the most important display of cultural acceptance is shown through the lifelong friendships formed during the year that will continue to live, sprinkled across the planet once students have left Emmanuel.

The world can be a scary place at times with acts of terror or natural disasters, and being away from home in a different country makes things even more intense. Political agendas can create cultural differences. But, here at Emmanuel, these differences are celebrated and enjoyed, showing acceptance and creating a peaceful and joyful environment. Emmanuel accepts international students with open arms, making life at university fun and exciting. I quote Yolk (Emma Blake): "Imagine if you didn't come to College; it would be so boring." College life leaves a mark on your personality and brings out the natural leader in you, making you a more caring, intelligent and compassionate person for the wide world outside university.

To those of us not returning next year, you will be missed, cheers for the journey, hope to see you again in a different part of the world. Overall, 2018 was a fantastic, action-packed year. I will never forget the memories we have made here with each other. No matter where you guys end up, my best wishes will always be with you.

Yours, almost an Aussie now,

Yash

Yash Gupta, International Student Coordinator



Josie O'Boyle, Lili Szabo and International Student Coordinator Yash Gupta



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THEATRE RESTAURANT 2018: THE BOOK OF MORGAN

by **Connie Short**, Communications Intern

With a tradition stretching back over three decades, Emmanuel's Theatre Restaurant — written, directed, produced and performed by students — is a highlight of the College's cultural calendar. This year's production, *The Book of Morgan*, stole the hearts and applause of all.

Including a smorgasbord of Disney musical classics and contemporary songs from highly successful musicals such as *Wicked*, *The Book of Morgan* followed the journey of two rangers, Harald and Siegfried, and their merry company as they take on the woods in pursuit of Little Red Riding Hood and a very misunderstood Big Bad Wolf.

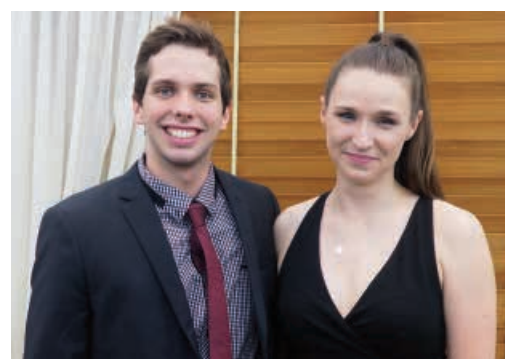
Produced by 2017 Cultural Convenor and now alumnus Gianni Balatti-Hill, *The Book of Morgan* celebrated the edgy humour resounding in musicals such as *The Book of Mormon*, *Avenue Q* and *The Producers* in a plot featuring established fairy-tale and nursery-rhyme characters reminiscent of *Into the Woods* and *Shrek*.

Gianni's passion for producing his own script inspired him to write the 2018 Theatre Restaurant production for Emmanuel. "I wanted to create a Disney and Shrek-like fairy tale of my own. I'm a huge fan of the Disney classics and realised from my time at College that I hadn't seen much inspiration drawn from them in previous productions. So it was a no-brainer to include themes and songs from *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Aladdin* in my own work."

From there, over several months of planning, Gianni scripted the production, before handing his masterpiece over to this year's Cultural Convenors, Tammy Mellish and Islwyn Wilson, to cast and direct. "Admittedly, I was nervous handing my 'baby' over to someone else to direct and work with, but that's all part of the process. You just have to have faith that they'll pull it off — and they definitely did. It's amazing to see how the College has grown so much in cultural talent," Gianni said.

As the only college to host its own Theatre Restaurant, Emmanuel is proud to give our young playwrights, actors, musicians, choreographers, costumers, and prop, set and lighting designers this unique opportunity to showcase their talents. Parents, alumni, staff, friends of the College and, of course, fellow students are privileged to enjoy this spectacular every year.

Visit our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/UQemmanuelcollege) to watch *The Book of Morgan* ensemble perform "A Brand New Day" – www.youtube.com/UQemmanuelcollege.



Gianni Balatti-Hill (EMC 2015-17), writer and producer of *The Book of Morgan*, with 2017 Cultural Co-Convenor Lizzie Schluter (EMC 2015-17)

SUPPORTING YALARI: EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

Community support is an important part of life at Emmanuel and a crucial element in the success of not-for-profit organisations. This year, the College has deepened our connection with Yalari, a charity providing secondary-school education scholarships for Indigenous children (www.yalari.org). Founder Waverley Stanley was guest speaker at our 2018 Academic Awards in April and, in October, Emmanuel students, donors and staff attended the Yalari Brisbane fundraising dinner to celebrate the educational and life journeys of Yalari students from regional, remote and rural communities.

Guests heard inspirational stories of the continued success of Yalari alumni as they venture towards achieving goals in line with their dreams. Waverley Stanley said, “We believe education is the key to generational change and a brighter future for Indigenous Australians and for our nation as a whole. Together we are making a difference. Together we are changing Australia. Together we are united. Together we are brothers and sisters of humanity.”

Yalari is a testament to the transformative power of education and of community support. We wish Waverley and his wife, Llew Mullins, continued success in their endeavours.



Waverley Stanley, Founding Director of Yalari (second from left), with Emmanuel students Danella Mene, Savannah Kanter, Jenna Irelandes and Teneal Hutchin at the Yalari fundraising dinner

NAAUC: SUSTAINED POSITIVE CHANGE

by **Connie Short**, 2018 NAAUC delegate and Emmanuel College Communications Intern

The 50th National Conference of the National Association of Australian University Colleges (NAAUC) was held at UQ's Cromwell College in July 2018. Over 150 residential college students from across Australia attended, six of whom were chosen as NAAUC delegates by the Emmanuel College Students' Club. Sam Skinner, Jim Anderson, Jennifer Stevens, Charlie Slaney, Edward Carroll and I were given the opportunity to gain in-depth understanding of the challenges and opportunities of student leadership, equipping us with skills and ideas to become competent operators of change into 2019 and beyond.

#SustainedPositiveChange was the conference theme, inspiring delegates to be the change their residential college needs across four key topic areas: diversity in residences, representation of residences, mental wellbeing and building leadership. The conference's theme was confronted on day one with journalist and activist Nina Funnell, author of *The Red Zone Report*, as keynote speaker. Ms Funnell's work has sparked intense conversations about issues such as hazing and sexual violence on university campuses. Her presentation was a highlight and inspired us to think beyond the current negative media portrayal of residential colleges, to be advocates of change and remind ourselves of the overwhelming positivity college life provides to so many.

The importance of mental wellbeing within residential colleges was also a key issue. Tom Harkin from Melbourne coaching agency Tomorrow Architects gave special insights into the



NAAUC 2018 National Conference delegates: Jennifer Stevens, Charlie Slaney, Edward Carroll, Jim Anderson, Sam Skinner and Connie Short

power that young people hold in cultivating safe spaces to speak about mental health between one another, particularly in college environments. All delegates were trained in mental health first aid and learnt techniques in how to best foster safe spaces within colleges and between peers to discuss mental health with one another.

In this, its golden jubilee year, the NAAUC conference highlighted the importance of our privilege as Emmanuel College student leaders, and the opportunities we have in creating a home and a culture for 350 young adults in one place at such a formative time in our lives.



SPORTS STARS

Cross Country champions

Emmanuel's sportsmen and sportswomen had a great year, coming 3rd overall in the Inter-College Competition. Cross country, cricket, rowing, men's soccer and women's AFL were just a few of the highlights.

With the dawning of the cross country weekend in March, Emmanuel's expectations were high based on previous performances. Our runners did not disappoint. Emmanuel's women's team won, with 13 runners placing in the top 40 and convincingly taking out the 4 X 1500m relay. Our men's team tied with King's College to achieve 1st place four years "running".



Sportspeople of the Year Rylie Douglas and Sean de Chastel and Fresher Sportspeople of the Year Fraser Stewart and Jessica Bennett



Sports Convenors Sean de Chastel and Eloise Wiffen with alum Jack de Guingand (EMC 2014-15) (centre) at the Sports Awards Dinner

After some tight losses in recent years, our cricketers finished off many close games with superb batting and bowling. Emmanuel was undefeated in the competition, winning six matches from six over the two-weekend tournament, to take out the ICC premiership.

Our rowers put in great performances to see our men's team finish 3rd overall in ICC Rowing. Our women rowers had a fantastic season, placing 2nd ahead of two all-female colleges and bringing home the ICC Women's First IV oar.

In soccer, our men's team were undefeated to claim the premiership and our women's team placed a close 2nd after a one-goal loss to Duchesne.

Our women's AFL players took on some very strong teams over the ICC tournament weekend. Their training and determination paid off, seeing Emmanuel's team going one better than last year and finishing in 2nd place behind Duchesne and in front of Women's.

Thank you to all participants, convenors, coaches, staff and supporters for making 2018 an enjoyable and successful year for sport at Emmanuel.



Cross Country 4 X 1500m relay winners



Soccer premiers



AFL runners up



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Spring!

back to Emmanuel



ALUMNI BBQ 2018

The quad glowed green, the jacaranda bloomed beautifully, and the spring sunshine shone on Emmanuel's alumni, their partners, and families and our students on Sunday 28 October 2018 for the inaugural Spring! back to Emmanuel alumni bbq. Alumni guests spanned 60 years, from Emmanuelians who lived at College in the 1950s to our most recent (young) Old Dogs.

One of the day's highlights was the Oldest College Merch Competition, and, while the t-shirts and caps from the 1990s were impressive entries, the standout winner was the 1982 Emmanuel College "estate-bottled" Riverbank Red brought along by Professor Steve Bottle (EMC 1979-82).

Thanks to everyone who made this event such a success: our alums and their families; our student volunteers who greeted guests, led wing walks, sold merchandise, and wrangled kids; the Emmanuel student band who played an awesome gig; and the Emmanuel College Highlanders whose stirring set thrilled us all.

Our Spring! back to Emmanuel alumni bbq will become an annual event. Invitations will be sent by email, so please make sure we have your contact details (www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au/alumni-connect) and to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/EmmanuelCollegeAlumni) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/emmanuelcollegeuq/).





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