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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“Once a member of College  
you are always a member”

The movie *The Blues Brothers* offers a tongue-in-cheek portrayal of divine guidance. Jake and Elwood Blues, played by John Belushi and Dan Akroyd, are two grown men who have deeply disappointed the nun (“the Penguin”) who raised them in a Chicago orphanage. These men turned out bad. After Jake is released from prison, he returns with Elwood to hear from “the Penguin” that the orphanage will be closed unless \$5000 is raised to pay the tax assessment on the building. Jake offers to steal the money but “the Penguin” will not receive stolen funds, and she chases them out of her office telling them not to return until they have “redeemed themselves”.

Jake and Elwood feel a certain affection for “the Penguin” and the orphanage janitor, the only family they have. They want to help but don’t know what to do.

Then they receive their “call from God” while attending an African-American church service – it is a turning point in their lives. They will reform their band and raise the money through a concert. The anchor for them in a life of uncertainty was their old orphanage.

As with the orphanage, let me suggest that, for many, the College has remained an anchor point. Once a member of College you are always a member and as one of our Valedictorians recently said – friends made in College are for life. From catching up with alumni this year from various decades I believe that this is still very much the case.

I hope that you have fond memories of your time in College whether it was achieving highly academically; competing for the College in sport or



cultural pursuits; embracing the College spirit; cheering on from the sidelines; community service activities or the great socials, including the Ball and the At Home – all reflected in this current edition of *Fiat Lux* as part of the 2013 experience.

As we come to the end of 2013 it will be remembered as the year in which we reclaimed the ICC Cultural Cup.

On behalf of the College may I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

**Stewart Gill**  
Principal, Emmanuel College

## VALE CLARENCE MORCOM MANNING OBE 18 APRIL 1917 – 22 AUGUST 2013

Born in Brisbane in 1917, Clarrie Manning moved to Mackay and remained there until attending Scots College in Warwick from 1931 to 1934. He was not only captain of the school but also captain of the football, cricket, swimming and athletics teams.

Clarrie was resident at Emmanuel College from 1935 to 1938 and completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma in Journalism. While at Emmanuel he was Students’ Club President in 1937 and also captained the rugby team.

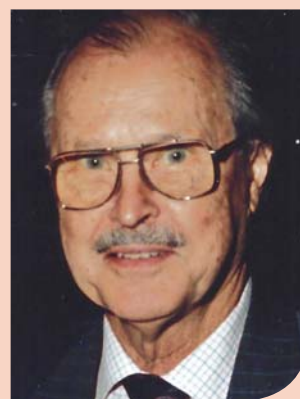
Clarrie worked as a journalist on the Mackay Daily Mercury and The Courier-Mail. The Manning family owned the Mercury and the Gladstone Observer and was involved in regional daily newspapers in Queensland and Australia, most of which were family owned. He was President of the then Provincial Newspapers Queensland and Regional Dailies of Australia (PNQ and RDA).

Clarrie served in World War II from 1940 to 1945. He was in 24 Australian Infantry Brigade headquarters in Africa in Torbruck

and El Alamein and was commissioned as Lieutenant when he returned to Australia. He was an Intelligence Officer in 2/15 Australian Infantry Battalion which ended war service in Borneo. He was twice mentioned in despatches.

Clarrie was awarded the honour of Officer of the British Empire (OBE) in 1988 for his service to the newspaper industry.

Clarrie Manning was an Honorary Fellow and a valued member of the Emmanuel community. He is remembered with great fondness and respect.



# EMMANUEL DOES COMMUNITY WELL

Getting involved in community service is a major part of the Emmanuel student experience. Community Service Co-ordinator Gaby Murrell describes a busy year in 2013:

“This year the EMC cohort has been involved in a range of community service activities, assisting groups from the local area right through to international organisations.

We started the year off with *Global Dinner* in O-week, educating the freshers on the different living conditions of first world, second world and third world nations and treating them accordingly. This was also the beginning of our fundraising for the year, and provided us with \$300 for our sponsor children.

Our second event, *Live Below the Line*, was EMC’s biggest fundraising event for the year. A group of 30 students embarked on a five-day challenge of surviving on \$2 worth of food each day. The week proved to be challenging as blood sugar levels grew low and a staple diet of bread and oats did little to satisfy the taste buds. However, EMC more than pulled through, raising \$7425 to enable people living below the poverty line the chance to receive an education. This total placed EMC as the top college team in Queensland, and second in Australia! Well done to all of those involved!

*Suitcase Rummage* followed providing a relaxed afternoon in the quad surrounded by stalls filled with student-made goodies such as sweet treats, arts, crafts and pre-loved clothing. Live musical performances by students added to the atmosphere and resulted in a great afternoon. All profits went to Second Chance, a charity created by an EMC old girl that provides counselling to child soldiers rescued from gangs.

EMC contributed to the UQ campus effort for *Clean Up Australia Day*, finding a bizarre assortment of things along the riverbank.

We also entered a team of about a dozen in this year’s *Bridge to Brisbane* 10 km run. After a fair amount of training, and waking up at 4.30am on race day, our efforts paid off as we ran along the Brisbane River watching the sun rise over the city. Individual fundraising was undertaken for this event, raising money for a variety of charities.

Throughout the year we have supported *World Vision* by sponsoring two children, Vimlarubini and Dilojan who are both seven years old and live in Sri Lanka. Our donations have allowed both children to have much-needed dental work as well as visits to the health clinic for check-ups and health education programs. EMC has also helped sponsor the *Wilderness Society*, which seeks to sustain Australian land and provide a healthy environment for both its people and wildlife.

The Students’ Club also generously sponsored Director of Advancement Margy Chatburn who, along with Vice-Principal Liza Allen, took part in the 2013 *Moonlight Walk* to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis.

The final activity for the year is *Operation Christmas Child*. Each floor in a wing has a shoebox to fill with small gifts such as coloured pencils, stickers, toys etc. These boxes are then sent to under-privileged children in underdeveloped areas of South East Asia in time for Christmas.”

Our students have certainly been busy throughout 2013. With community spirit abounding at Emmanuel, we are faced with an increasingly difficult challenge each year to select recipients for the Bannockburn Community Awards. This year was no different and we acknowledged more than 30 students who had demonstrated excellent community spirit within the College or the wider community.



**Top:** Jane Prentice MP and Scott Robinson; **Bottom:** Hon Scott Emerson MP and Alice Lane.

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Guest speaker at the dinner was the Hon Fiona Simpson MP. Fiona was elected to the position of Speaker after the LNP Government win in March 2012 and became the Queensland Parliament's first female Speaker in its 150 years. Also attending on the evening from the political arena was Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads the Hon Scott Emerson MP and federal member for Ryan, Jane Prentice MP.

Emmanuel alumnus Don Graham (1987-1989) attended the awards to present the Bob Kippin Memorial Prize to third year student and male Sports Convenor, Josh Partridge. The prize exemplifies the excellent community spirit and leadership qualities demonstrated by Bob Kippin. Bob was a member of College from 1986 to 1989, serving as Vice-President and later as Council member in 1989, the year of his death, which was shortly after his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and graduation in Bachelor of Commerce. Bob was an all-rounder, a genuine leader by example, and greatly loved. He was a top sports person respected as much for his true sporting spirit as for his ability.

There is no doubt that each year the Bannockburn Community Awards evening and the growing list of student fundraising activities leave us with the feeling that Emmanuel does community very well indeed.



**Top:** Don Graham and Josh Partridge; **Bottom:** Jane Prentice MP and Alex Blackburn.

# DR JOHN HOOD SPEAKS ON PHILANTHROPY IN UNIVERSITIES



Our Philanthropy in Education lecture series has proven very successful since its inception in 2011 and part of its appeal has been the calibre of our guest speakers. We have now enjoyed hearing the thoughts of three eminent speakers in the field – John Reid AO, Rupert Myer AM and recently Dr John Hood.

Dr Hood served as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Auckland from 1999 to 2004 and as Vice-Chancellor of Oxford from 2004 to 2009. He is now President and Chief Executive Officer of the Robertson Foundation and Chair of the Rhodes Trust.

During his lecture, Dr Hood covered a range of subjects including the funding of public universities, the manner by which philanthropic decisions are made, donor relations and building development or advancement in universities. He stressed that in a collegiate university, development or advancement has to be owned by the Vice-Chancellor, his or her Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Pro Vice-Chancellors, the Deans and Heads of Schools and Faculties, as well as Heads of Colleges, Museums and Libraries.

In summarising, Dr Hood said it was his experience that alumni, friends and others who engage with our leading universities do appreciate the significance of their university to society and to their lives. They do not appreciate being taken for granted but that with the respect they are due as life-long members, alumni and friends become phenomenal partners.

We thank Dr Hood for sharing his views on philanthropy and believe that the Emmanuel College community was fortunate indeed to be privy to the insights of this very eminent speaker.



**Top:** Dr John Hood; **Bottom:** Guests, from left, Suzanne Bain, Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO and Adjunct Professor Iyla Davies.

# THE ICC CULTURAL CUP IS OURS!

Amelia Bell, our 2013 Female Cultural Convenor, reports on Emmanuel's amazing year in the cultural arena.

“What can be said about the year that has just been? A year of fun and frivolity, strange dancing and wonderful people, exhaustion and creativity, of cultural bonds being forged, of Emmanuelians who found themselves in a whole range of crazy costumes and Emmanuelians who got blue to show their support...the year we won back the ICC Cultural Cup.

In first semester the Emmanuel Band blew us all away with their talent; Alex Stallman crooned charmingly for us in College Idol; we claimed our debating victory for a second year in a row, with our silver-tongued team outshining other colleges in the process; we sang and danced our way through Choralfest; and some beautiful contributions from the Emmanuel cohort secured us a top placing in Art Show.

We started off second semester singing pirate shanties with bellies full of rum – our pirate-themed Theatre Restaurant, written by old boy Sam King, was a raging success. In Oratory, second year law student Crispin Scott spoke beautifully and did us proud; we absolutely smashed Chess; our One Act Play was equal parts touching and hilarious; and Dancefest, well, what can I say? Dancefest was amazing and drove us to top place on the ICC ladder.”

To her fellow Emmanuelians Amelia has said, “Thank you for all of the special moments – when we brought the sass in Choralfest; the shivers we felt when we saw our band performing; your smiling faces and energy at rehearsals, even when they went until 2am; the immense amount of support and encouragement you have all shown each other; the fun we’ve had and the pride we’ve felt, whether we’ve come tenth place or first; the in-jokes; the times you’ve accepted the quirks of your Culturals and the times you have embraced and shared the quirks of your own; the happiness and respectful ‘hurrahs’ when we won Chess, the cheers when we won Debating, and the animalistic screams and tears of joy when we took out Dancefest and first place overall in the Cultural ICC.”

Hearty congratulations go to our 2013 Cultural Convenors Amelia Bell and Alex Buckmaster and also to the convenors responsible for individual aspects of the cultural competition:

Debating	Crispin Scott
Bandfest	Emma Szczotko and James Spruce
Chess	Brendan Baker
One Act Play	Crispin Scott
Dancefest	Iszy George, Emily Moriarty, Steph Taylor and Amy Arase

**An amazing team effort that exemplifies the Emmanuel spirit.**



**Top:** Dancefest characters ham it up before the performance; **2nd down:** Students performing at Choralfest; **3rd, left:** Cultural Convenors Amelia Bell and Alex Buckmaster; **3rd, right:** Bandfest performers; **Bottom:** Some of the winning debating team members, from left, Jamie van Hoff, Crispin Scott, Stuart Dixon, Anthony Kung (coach) and Amelia Bell.



# EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL 7s STARTS THE BALL ROLLING

by Rebeka Powell

In 1988 Emmanuel College won the UQ college 7s championship. In the same year, Emmanuel alumni Craig Chudleigh and Lyndon Basha decided to create and host a Rugby 7s tournament open to all the colleges and universities around Australia.

In celebration of the event's 25th anniversary, the Emmanuel 7s has been relaunched as the Emmanuel International 7s (EI7s), a premier rugby event on the national Rugby 7s calendar welcoming more than 20 clubs from around the Asia Pacific.

One of the highlights of the re-invigorated event was a grudge match between Emmanuel College 1980s Old Boys and St John's College 1980s Old Boys. Fortunately, the Blue Dogs defeated the Jabbas 39-0, a convincing victory. Following the match, alumni celebrated the occasion of the original tournament's anniversary and the inaugural re-vamped event with family and friends in the UQ Rugby clubhouse.

In addition to the traditional colleges' and university competitions, EI7s hosted an international competition which was taken out by the Thunderbolts – Australia's international Rugby 7s representative team. The champions defeated Sunnybank 19-5 in a thrilling final in front of a crowd of over 600 people.

The weekend was fun-filled for the whole family, with kids' entertainment provided by the Queensland Rugby Union including a jumping castle, inflatable field and pass-the-ball competition.

EI7s wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous support of the Emmanuel administration, Emmanuel alumni including the Chudleigh, Sowerby and Whitelaw families, and the current cohort of students, more than 100 of whom volunteered their time to the event.

Planning is already underway for next year's tournament, with organisers looking to attract more teams and consolidate the EI7s position on the premier rugby calendar. The organisers are also hoping to provide more opportunities to get involved through the committee for degree-specific students such as those in marketing, event management, public relations and sports science, so keep an eye out for updates on that!

Finally, on behalf of Emmanuel College, I would like to say congratulations and a huge thank you to all of the following people who made this event possible – the student committee of Alex Blackburn, Josh Partridge, Alice Lane, Scott Robinson, Conor Moore, Jack Larkin, Stephen Bell, Tom Lynch, David Lynch, Hamish Armstrong and Cameron Thompson; as well as Emmanuel Events Manager Jolie Mather, Assistant Dean Shane Drahm, alumnus Craig Chudleigh and Principal Professor Stewart Gill.

Our much-valued sponsors included the UQ Union, Gilbert, Red Octopus, Red Frogs, Emmanuel College Students' Club, Emmanuel College and UQ Sport, and also deserve special mention.

**Bring on EI7s 2014!**



**Top left:** Craig Chudleigh with member of winning 1st division team, the Aussie Thunderbolts; **Top, 2nd from left:** Emmanuel players in action; **Top, 3rd from left:** The winning Emmanuel 1980s Old Boys team; **Top, far right:** Student committee members Hamish Armstrong and Connor Moore; **Bottom left:** Current students' and recent old boys' teams; **Bottom middle:** John's and Emmanuel Old Boys; **Bottom far right:** Red Frogs volunteers.

# EMMANUEL – MORE THAN A MOTEL WITH ATTITUDE

by Stewart Gill

If Australia is going to lead the world, then we need better leaders – ingenious, creative and responsible citizens who question, experience, communicate, inspire and value their place in the community and broader world. For over a hundred years Emmanuel College has been producing such graduates. We cannot think of any area of endeavour that has not had a leader who spent time at Emmanuel. Emmanuel has produced leaders in such areas as politics, diplomacy, the law, engineering, science, medicine, agriculture, theology, education (primary, secondary and tertiary), the not for profit sector and sport.

As we all know, leaders are not born; they are made. When undergraduate university students have inspiring teachers, within the University and College, and well-rounded learning experiences – from study abroad, to problem-based assignments and undergraduate research-based projects, opportunities for work experience and internships – they grow into the kind of people they aspire to become and the kind that our country needs. In fact, students who engage in innovative learning and co-curricular opportunities outside the classroom perform better in their courses. They gain valuable leadership skills that carry them through to graduation and beyond. They are well equipped to imagine, and help bring about, the kind of world in which we would like to live.

In a spirit of leadership befitting the University of Queensland's oldest affiliated College, Emmanuel is constantly reaffirming its founding liberal arts mission expounded by the likes of the Reverend Dr Ernest Northcroft Merrington, our founding chairman. In such a context Emmanuel has always been more than just a "motel with attitude", more than just a boarding house. "Enriching Lives" expresses the vision for Emmanuel itself – a place of remarkable learning experience – and for its students and alumni – creative leaders informed by knowledge, guided by understanding and inspired by hope.

During 2013, the College has continued to work on providing a well-rounded and a balanced education through its tutorial offerings that focus on renewable competencies, such as critical thinking, effective writing and communications, problem-solving, teamwork and ethical and social reasoning. These are competencies for a lifetime, for any job and every citizen. To be sure, almost everything that we do with the students in College has a skills learning edge to it. For example, the International Rugby 7s tournament held in September was run by a student committee with minimal staff and alumni oversight. All of the competencies named above were applied in a practical way in running a highly professional and successful event.

Other examples this year of the College being more than just a "motel with attitude" include:

- Outstanding academic results;
- Tutorials focussed on the importance of critical thinking and communication;
- Mentoring and internships provided by alumni and friends;

- Study abroad scholarships with the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh;
- Community service activities;
- Winning the ICC Cultural Cup;
- The students organising and hosting the first Emmanuel International Rugby 7s Tournament;
- Visitors to the College have included the former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, Dr John Hood, the Hon Justice Pat Keane of the High Court of Australia, Mr Russell Board, Chairman of GHD, The Hon Fiona Simpson, Speaker of the Queensland Parliament;
- A Senior Common Room that is focussed on research and the communication of that research through cross-disciplinary seminars;
- The Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society;
- Scholarships to support and nurture students with potential in academic, cultural and sporting fields;
- Special scholarships to support Indigenous students;
- Partnerships with schools to help provide pathways for University study;
- An International Summer School in partnership with International Education Services.

We want an Emmanuel education to be more than just satisfying degree requirements. We will not be satisfied with mediocrity; in partnership with the University we want it to be an outstanding experience. In order to achieve all that we want for our students we need the help of alumni and friends.



**Top left:** Hon Fiona Simpson MP; **Top right:** Hon Justice Pat Keane; **Bottom:** Adjunct Professor Stewart Gill with Dr John Hood.



# FAREWELL VALEDICTS, STAY IN TOUCH

By Vice-Principal Liza Allen

Another year is drawing to a close at College and yet again we must bid farewell to many of those who have called Emmanuel College home. The time spent at College is one of the most formative periods in a person's life. It is when the transition is made from being a dependant for whom everything is organised and planned and being gradually guided to becoming an independent adult in charge of your own affairs.

In his sermon at the Valedictory service Professor Gill spoke of leaving College as being a turning point for students as they venture out into the world. Speaking from Mark's Gospel Chapter 1 Verses 14 and 15 about Jesus as a turning point in history, Stewart spoke of leaving College and/or graduating from university as a critical time of decisions in a person's life. His advice to all the Valedicts was that armed with the skills to do well independently, all Valedicts should grasp hold of opportunities that come their way, be confident in their abilities, take on all the challenges head on and to 'go for it'.

Our guest speaker at the Valedictory dinner, Emma Forbes, herself an alumna, mirrored this sentiment of taking on challenges. She also encouraged each and every new alumnus that as they enter the next stage of their lives, to challenge themselves to give back to College, as in her experience giving back to College reaps many rewards.

Our Collegian of the Year for 2013 is Emma Szczotko, a student who has followed a family tradition of living at College. Emma has excelled academically throughout her three years at Emmanuel. She has given back to the College during her time in residence in her keen participation in not only sport, and cultural aspects of College life, but also in the area of student leadership.

To our valedicts, we urge you to take up the challenge of giving back to College throughout the next stage of your life, be it as a visitor, a benefactor, a mentor, a tutor, a coach, a parent or grandparent. Emmanuel College will always welcome you with open arms.



Left: Emma Forbes; Right: Adjunct Professor Stewart Gill with Collegian of the Year, Emma Szczotko.

# HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

by Lucinda Bourke, 2013 Students' Club President

In the mid year break, I was fortunate enough to be granted a scholarship to attend an international human rights conference at the University of Connecticut in the United States. For just over two weeks, I was able to have my ears and eyes opened through discussion with students from all around the world about issues that we face in a human rights context.

We covered all kinds of rights violations – child soldiers in Uganda, Mexican immigrant domestic workers rights, women's rights in African nations and educational rights in the Middle East to name a few. But more importantly, we explored the way that key players involve themselves in the fight for human rights and the varying degrees of success that they have had – both in the past and in our contemporary world. We examined unconventional mediums like the failure of the KONY2012 campaign, the role of Youtube in spreading awareness and how a Cambodian human rights activist got his voice heard through the medium of hiphop.

We also leafed through the original documents of the Nuremburg Trials – the War Crimes Tribunal set up to deal with the horrific crimes committed by the Nazis in World War Two. Afterwards, we were split into groups and given roles to conduct our own mock-trials. I was given the (rather tricky) job of the defence lawyer to defend one of the most brutal Nazi generals while some of my peers attempted to prosecute my client and others adjudicated.

One of the most impressive things I found was that we weren't being trained to be 'Human Rights Cheerleaders'. When we visited the United Nations HQ, we discussed the failings of the UN and how the politics of member states so heavily clog the arteries of support provided to those countries in need. We also studied the economics behind human rights supply and demand, the (in) effectiveness of the International Criminal Court and the role of the media with an extremely critical eye.



We saw how rights are dealt with in everyday life by visiting the local immigration courts (where undocumented immigrants were sent back to their country with the bang of a gavel), the American Civil Liberties Union (where the right to free speech is protected at all costs – the Negro man who spoke to us defended the Ku Klux Klan's right to rally) and we were also assigned pretend countries and had to negotiate treaties. In addition to alerting us to the failings of the system, the conference also encouraged us to come up with solutions of our own by assigning us with group projects to present to the Conference at the end.

Overall, it was one of the best experiences of my life. For two weeks straight, I had my morals questioned, my confidence in the world broken and repaired and my head spinning from the lunch conversations around world issues with my new friends from Ireland, Chile and Singapore to name a few. I am incredibly lucky and it is an experience that will stay with me through life.

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# EMMANUEL HONOURS TWO PROMINENT ALUMNI

Each year Founders' Day provides Emmanuel with the opportunity to recognise alumni who have contributed to the life and work of the College or to academic, ecclesiastical, public or professional life by installing them as Honorary Fellows. We have so many alumni who are eligible that it can be difficult to single individuals out.

Our group of Honorary Fellows is a distinguished one, with members diverse in background, skills and achievements. This Founders' Day saw George Chapman AO (1956-1958) and Paul McLean MBE (1972-1974) join this illustrious group as they were inducted during the service in Emmanuel's chapel.

George Chapman was resident at Emmanuel College from 1956 to 1958 while he completed a Bachelor of Surveying. He set up his first surveying practice in 1961 at the age of 23, learning not only about surveying but also the day-to-day running of a company.

Since then, George has gone on to develop several thousand allotments in the Cairns region, the Gold Coast and Brisbane. His ability to deliver complex and innovative developments and community projects, such as Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, Tiapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park and Harbour Lights Apartments, demonstrates his determination in overcoming challenges and his entrepreneurial spirit.

A Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, George received the Queensland Division's Gold Medal Award in 2003 for his outstanding service as a company director, and was made an Officer in the Order of Australia in the 2002 Australia Day Honours List for his outstanding services to tourism, business, education and the community of North Queensland.

Paul McLean was resident at Emmanuel from 1972 to 1974, studying a dual degree Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Economics. He is probably best known as a very successful rugby union player. Paul was capped 31 times by the Wallabies between 1974 and 1982 either at fullback or more frequently at fly half. Widely regarded as one of Australia's greatest fly-halves, he starred for both the Brothers club and Queensland and also had the honour of leading his country on one occasion – against Fiji in 1980.

Paul McLean was known for his composure under pressure and his goal kicking accuracy. He is also widely acknowledged as one of the key figures in re-establishing the credibility of not only Australian Rugby but also Queensland Rugby.

In his career off the field, Paul joined Savills in March 1990 as Director of Commercial Leasing in Brisbane. Following that he was Director – Agency in 2001 and Managing Director in 2002. Paul was appointed Executive Chairman of Savills Australia in July 2006. Following this, Paul became Chief Executive, Australia, in January 2009 and Managing Director of Queensland in January 2013. Paul is responsible for overseeing Savills' national operations, employing more than 800 staff. He is also an Executive Committee member of Savills Asia Pacific Limited.

We were also honoured to have prominent guests help us celebrate the College's founding. Queensland Governor Her Excellency Dr Penelope Wensley AC and her husband, Emmanuel alumnus Adjunct Professor Stuart McCosker, attended, along with The University of Queensland's Chancellor John Story, Deputy Chancellor Adjunct Professor Dr Mary Mahoney AO and Law School Head, Professor Sarah Derrington.



**Top left:** Russell Davies, UQ Chancellor John Story and Don Boyd; **Top middle:** UQ Deputy Chancellor Adjunct Professor Dr Mary Mahoney AO and Dr Patrick Mahoney; **Top right:** Stuart McCosker, Paul McLean MBE and David Crombie; **Bottom:** George Chapman AO (1<sup>st</sup> on left) and Paul McLean MBE (6<sup>th</sup> from left) join a distinguished group.

# THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM: EMMANUEL COLLEGE'S COMMUNITY FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP

By Dean of Academic Studies, Dr Lesa Scholl

At so many of the conferences and forums I've attended over the last few years, the hot topic has been "interdisciplinarity". Academics are intensely aware of the need to communicate with other disciplines: for context; for scope; for making new, relevant discoveries that will impact their professional and social communities. Recently, an interdisciplinary study conducted by plant and medical scientists at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), uncovered a significant link between blue-green algae and Motor-Neurone disease<sup>1</sup>. In an interview for the ABC, Dr Rachael Dunlop (UTS) said that the breakthrough in research came out of a situation in which a medical scientist spoke to a plant biologist – in spite of the clear advantages, this kind of conversation is not a regular occurrence. So often the value of interdisciplinarity falls away into not quite knowing how to bring it about. People are busy; they might not even know the person in the next office or down the corridor, let alone the people in the building on the other side of the campus.

Emmanuel College has an ambitious vision to insert ourselves into identified gaps within the institutionalised system of the university. Apart from the Oxbridge-style tutorials that are increasingly important as university class sizes grow, we also seek to play a role in cutting-edge, relevant research. The Senior Common Room (SCR) fosters an environment for researchers at various levels of their academic careers (from honours students and research, Masters and PhD candidates to lecturers and professors), across a broad range of disciplines. The interdisciplinary focus creates a sense of immediacy and relevance, as seemingly disparate fields of study speak to each other.

<sup>1</sup>See report: <http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2013/09/26/3856265.htm>

In 2013, we have had 33 registered members across over 25 disciplines participating in SCR. We meet on a monthly basis, providing a forum to present our research (primarily conference papers and Research Higher Degree confirmation presentations) in an interdisciplinary context. We began the year with "Methodologies in Terrorist Studies" (Kelly Wade-Johnson) travelled through the Philosophy of Science with "How We Become Human" (Jennie Greenwood), and ended with "The Influence of French on Middle English" (Charlotte Lawrence). These presentations were punctuated with Chemical Engineering (Ubong Ntuk), and an interdisciplinary work on the role of social media in medicine (Marissa Daniels). One of the challenges to the members is to present their work with clarity and accessibility. The members find this process invaluable, both as an opportunity to have a fresh audience for their work, but also to have their work viewed through a diverse range of lenses. In this way, alternative methodologies and theoretical approaches have added new vigour to projects.

One of the major developments we have seen in the SCR this year has been a move into collaborative projects for publication. Amy Clarke (Architectural History), Kelly Wade-Johnson (Political Science) and I will be presenting a panel at the 2014 Australasian Victorian Studies Association Conference in July 2014 entitled "Trafficking Across the Celtic Margins", while a new collaborative project on the legal professional implications of social media between one of our Medical Scientists and our Criminologist is being developed. This foray into collaborative publication gives the SCR a more tangible presence in academia; but most importantly, the group remains a rich research petri dish, fostering and engaging in innovative research.



Postgraduate student Ubong Ntuk presents his paper at Senior Common Room.

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Alan Millis (1969-1971)  
Greg Milles (1981-1984)  
Ken Parry (1976-1978)  
Riitta Partanen (1987-1989)  
Bruce and Jennifer Pearce (1962-1965  
Bruce)  
Plate Marketing (Ian George) (1968-1972)  
Bruce Roy (1959-1960)  
Noel Simpson (1965-1968)  
Patrick Smith (1980-1981)  
Madeleine Taylor (2011)  
Graham Thomson (1947)  
Di Tinkler (Council member)  
Neil Watson (1947-1950)  
Yvonne West (1986-1989)  
Robert White (1955-1958)

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