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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## EMMANUEL IN THE NATIONAL SERVICE

At the recent Valedictory Dinner I gave as gifts to the Students' Club President and to the Wing Community Leader Coordinator for 2015 A. Scott Berg's biography of Woodrow Wilson, one of the great leaders of the twentieth century. Wilson, prior to becoming President of the USA, was a professor and president of Princeton University. In the latter role he was responsible for initiating many of the reforms that make Princeton one of the world's leading universities today.

In 1896, while still a professor, he was called upon to give the keynote address at the university's 150th anniversary celebration. He titled his address "Princeton in the National Service". He concluded it by saying: "Of course, when all is said, it is not learning but the spirit of service that will give a college a place in the public annals of the nation. It is indispensable ... if it is to do its right service, that the air of affairs should be admitted to all its classrooms. I do not mean the air of party politics but the air of the world's transactions." He went on: "I have had sight of the perfect place of learning in my thought ... there windows open straight upon the street, where many stand and talk, intent upon the world of men and business. A place where ideals are kept in heart, in an air they can breathe; but no fool's paradise. A place where to learn the truth about the past and hold debate about the affairs of the present, with knowledge and without passion." The final sentence of his address was in the form of a challenge: "Who shall show us the way to this place?"

This is a challenge for Emmanuel as we seek to encourage students to think about service leadership through our academic programs, guest lectures, alumni-led careers evenings, our Emmanuel Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society, and increasingly through our publications. The students as a community and individuals



already demonstrate this leadership of giving back through the many community service activities that they are involved in each year locally, nationally and internationally.

We have some outstanding examples of Emmanuel alumni who have taken up this challenge of leadership in the national service and a few are represented in this edition of Fiat Lux. We have articles on our newly installed Honorary Fellows and also on Mark Sowerby, who was recently given a Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award. In a time when we see a vacuum of leadership in so many areas, even at the national level where politicians that are elected to lead act solely as elected officials, it is encouraging to see some of our own take up the gauntlet laid down by Wilson in 1896.

It has been another wonderful year at Emmanuel and I look forward to another cohort of young leaders joining us in 2016. May I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Stewart Gill**  
Principal, Emmanuel College

## AN EXCELLENT ALUM

Congratulations to alumnus (EMC 1989-1992) Mark Sowerby on receiving a UQ Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award. The awards recognise the achievements of alumni who have accomplished outstanding success in their fields and made exemplary contributions to their communities.

Mark is the founder and managing director of Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited. The company, which began in a small New Farm office with just \$200,000 in capital, now manages over \$1 billion worth of assets, has a team of 70 staff and is listed on the ASX with a market capitalisation of more than \$230m.

Through Blue Sky, Mark has made a significant contribution to the economy by driving entrepreneurship through private equity and venture capital, and educating and leading growth in the alternatives sector. "It is a privilege to build a business which makes a genuine and significant contribution to our nation's economy," he said.

Leading by example, Mark encourages everyone to go beyond their comfort zones. In August 2015, after two years of training,

he completed the gruelling English Channel swim in 14 hours and 24 minutes, raising \$800,000 for the Starlight Foundation. Mark's philanthropic support also extends to Emmanuel. In partnership with the UQRFC, he funds two rugby scholarships for EMC students.

Mark was honoured by his alma mater at UQ's Courting the Greats annual alumni awards on 21 October 2015. At Emmanuel, we always knew Mark would go on to great things — he was Collegian of the Year in 1992.



Mark Sowerby receiving the UQ Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award at the Courting the Greats ceremony



# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CO-EDUCATION

by **Margy Chatburn**,  
Director of Advancement

1975: Malcolm Fraser becomes Prime Minister after the Governor-General dismisses the Whitlam government, Medibank is introduced in Australia, Papua New Guinea gains its independence, the feminist movement is flourishing, and women join the ranks of Emmanuel students — life-changing events and interesting times in most quarters. In the previously all-male quarters of Emmanuel College, females now live and study; Emmanuel College has become co-educational.

Forty years on, over a September weekend, Emmanuel alumni and students came together to celebrate this momentous change in the life of the College. Friday night saw guests enjoying a barbecue at the College, a relaxed affair with alumni across the decades mixing with current students and staff. A “40 Years” cake (not 40 years old, thank goodness) was cut by alumnus Dr John Drewe and 1975ers Dr Wendy Jeays and Loren Buchanan and shared with guests, along with John Drewe’s memories from 40 years past.

On Saturday, it was Emmanuel’s current female students’ turn to shine as they welcomed alumnae from the 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s to a high tea, where many a good story was brewed. Three alumnae from the intake of 1975, Wendy Jeays, Loren Buchanan, and Belinda Lee, shared their stories with high tea guests, who also learned about the Emmanuel of the 80s from Ann-Maree Ruffles. The high tea was a warm and convivial gathering, and stories shared spoke of a co-education and a community that generates a lively exchange of ideas and engenders more confident and thoughtful citizens, respectful of gender difference, and mindful that theirs is an enhanced university experience.

We salute the women of the 70s and thank them for paving the way for decades of young women who have contributed to our community and proudly called Emmanuel home.



**Top left:** (l-r) Loren Buchanan (nee Dallosto) (EMC 1975-78), Dr John Drewe (EMC 1958-64; ECSC President 1962; College Council; Honorary Fellow), and Dr Wendy Jeays (EMC 1975-76) **Top right:** Dr Sarah McLeay (nee Croft) (EMC 2002-05; Emmanuel College Council member) and Ronelle Nugent (nee Sorbello) (EMC 1984-86) at the high tea **Centre:** The “40 Years” cake **Centre left:** Emmanuel students Chloe Gash and Godfrey Redoblado performing as a duo at the barbecue **Centre right:** Student Fiona Brunckhorst chats with Kara Chudleigh (nee Evans) (EMC 1990-92) **Bottom left:** Student Phoebe Lewis at the high tea **Bottom right:** (l-r) Students Sarika Suresh, Saumya Kakria and Victoria Bong enjoying the high tea





# HONOURABLE ENDEAVOURS

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

At Emmanuel College's annual Founders' Day ceremony we give thanks for our founders and benefactors and formally induct Honorary Fellows — recognised for their outstanding service or contribution to the life and work of the College or contribution to academic, ecclesiastical, public, or professional life — into the College community.

In this year of celebrations for the 40th anniversary of women at Emmanuel, we welcomed three new Honorary Fellows: The Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO, recognised as a part of the broader College community; alumna Ms Jacinda Euler (EMC 1987-88), Principal of Brisbane Girls Grammar School; and alumna Dr Heather Smith PSM (EMC 1984-86), G20 Sherpa for Brisbane

2014 and Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Heather found time in her hectic schedule to tell us about her career, give advice to Emmanuel students, reflect on women's achievements, and contemplate college life.

**The word “sherpa” suggests an intrepid guide, assisting adventurers scaling mountain peaks. What does a G20 Sherpa do?**

The job mirrors closely what you think a sherpa does in Tibet: try to get a group of people to a summit, which is the purpose of G20. More formally a G20 Sherpa is the Prime Minister's representative and responsible for delivering the policy agenda over the year. Australia was President of the G20 in 2014. The role is to design the policy

**Top right:** Induction ceremony for Honorary Fellows (l-r) Dr Heather Smith PSM, Ms Jacinda Euler, and Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO in the Emmanuel College Chapel

agenda, coordinate across our own government, and work with all the relevant groups that are part of G20. Sherpas also coordinate with their counterparts across the 20 countries, which involves travelling to those countries and talking about what should be on the agenda. The Australian presidency focused on what we can do to raise global growth. We also focused on a financial agenda and what we could do with global trade and energy.

I travelled to almost all of the countries. For me, South Africa is always interesting. We were giving a seminar at the university in Pretoria and a group of young women, who came from very underprivileged backgrounds, came along to hear about the G20. We hadn't advertised to students, but they wanted to know what it meant for them, what role it could play in their lives, what opportunities it could provide for the next generation of South Africans. We were quite taken by that, given the challenges the country faces. So what we decided to do was invite a few of these students and their principal to the G20 summit. It was amazing. They met a number of politicians, including their own President, Jacob Zuma. That was a lovely example of a multilateral institution, which doesn't appear to touch peoples' lives, having an effect on these young women who wanted to know about opportunities in their own country and how the G20 could help.

#### **What advice would you give students who aspire to a high-level public service career?**

A lot of people would benefit from exposure to the Australian Public Service at some stage in their working lives. There are many situations where you can make a difference in the community; it's a huge responsibility, but incredibly rewarding. It's the diversity of career paths that are available — everything from advice to government, to policy implementation, through to service delivery. In my case, I've moved from economic policy, to the intelligence community, to foreign policy and I'm currently leading the government taskforce on innovation. It's a priority for the Prime Minister, so it's a very exciting time to be working on innovation issues.

You have to be prepared to be flexible looking for opportunities. You can work on so many interesting issues that, fundamentally, make Australia a better place and make people's lives much better than what they may otherwise be.

In terms of education, having a doctorate allowed me to acquire the human capital that I have subsequently drawn on when I don't have a lot of time to get on top of things. It helps with judgement and perspective and also in thinking and writing. But it's not a prerequisite. Also, degree structures have changed enormously in recent years. I've been involved in graduate recruiting rounds and the diversity of degrees, the mix in undergraduate degrees, gives students flexibility and agility. The spark of curiosity is important, and that's what I look for, rather than how many degrees you've got.

#### **The College celebrates 40 years since Emmanuel became co-ed this year and we've been focusing on our alumnae and women's achievements. What are your reflections on how far women have come since the mid-1970s?**

We've come a huge distance in some areas with achieving equality, but we've still got some way to go. At Founders' Day, it was a privilege to be in the company of such incredible women as Dame Quentin Bryce and Jacinda Euler, who have achieved so much and contributed in so many ways to the Australian community. Role models are enormously important. I've seen that over my working life, having women in senior positions directly or indirectly encouraging and supporting other women. In some ways it feels like we're at a flexion point and we've moved into a more positive cycle — like with female jockey Michelle Payne winning the Melbourne Cup, you think, wow! another glass ceiling that's been broken — but then, given the terrible domestic violence situation in Australian society, we've got a very long way to go. So there are contradictions still, but I think the overall trend is positive. Again, role models are really important and what our political leaders say and how it shapes community discussion is especially important.

#### **You recently returned to Emmanuel College for Founders' Day. What were your impressions and memories of EMC?**

The impression I had was warmth and familiarity and a sense of community. The diversity in gender and ethnicity at Emmanuel is fantastic — it looks more representative of the modern face of Australia.

I think that the entrepreneurialism that Professor Gill is bringing to Emmanuel — forming connections in the academy, in research, in business, and in government — means that Emmanuel College is at the forefront of what colleges can offer students.

My time at Emmanuel was a great enriching experience. The opportunity to have a few years to live in a community involved in intellectual endeavour and participating in community on multiple levels — where you focus on investing in yourself, and your friends, and your co-ed experiences — is such a privilege. I was quite sporty at College — rowing, netball, and tennis — and it was just a great all-round life-forming experience. You make friends that stay with you for the rest of your life. My dear friend from College, Marea Webb, who lives in Toowoomba, came down to see me be inducted as an Honorary Fellow. I felt enormously privileged and had a great time at Founders' Day. It's important to build on our alumni base and, now that I'm back in the fold, I'm looking forward to being more involved in the life of the College.



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# EI7s – READY TO RUCK!

by **Alice Lane** and **Benjamin Driscoll**, Emmanuel International 7s Rugby Tournament Directors

The year 1988 was a momentous one in Brisbane's history when our river city hosted World Expo '88. It was also a momentous year for the College when another extravaganza was inaugurated by students Craig Chudleigh and Lyndon Basha: the Emmanuel International 7s Rugby Tournament. Twenty-seven years later, over the weekend of 19-20 September, this year's tournament brought 26 teams together across four divisions to compete for over \$15,000 in prize money.

The tournament, solely run by Emmanuel students and recent alumni, provides a unique experience for Blue Dogs to be involved in a number of ways. From participating, to commentating, to marketing and PR, to running the barbeque, over 160 students were involved in contributing to the success of the 2015 tournament.

The Emmanuel teams acquitted themselves honourably in the competition. One of the highlights was the drubbing (21-7) of EMC Men by the Emmanuel Old Boys — a team of recent alums appearing under the moniker of "The Over-35 Auckland Allstars", who took to the field in rather fetching colourful frocks. EMC Women put in a great effort. Undefeated on day 1, they were knocked out of their chance in the grand final by Union College in the semi-final on Sunday morning, finishing 3rd in their division.

In the division 1 men's and women's competitions, Sunnybank Rugby, long-

time supporters of the tournament, took home the cup. In division 2 men's, King's College were victorious over UQ Rugby. Women's College trumped reigning champions Union College in the division 2 women's competition.

It was fantastic to welcome a number of new teams to the tournament this year including Noosa Dolphins and MANA Community Mentoring, as well as witnessing eight women's college teams take to the field. In addition to the on-field action, DJs, a milk chug challenge, kids activities, and the Red Frogs all added up to a fun weekend.

Planning is already underway for the 2016 tournament, with organisers looking to attract more teams and continue to foster a rugby community at Emmanuel College. There are many ways for students to be involved, in particular, marketing, event management, public relations, and sports science, so be sure to keep an eye out for updates.

EI7s wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous support of the Emmanuel College administration team, Emmanuel alumni including the Chudleigh family, and the current cohort of students who ensured the smooth running of the event. To our much-valued sponsors, UQ Union, Red Octopus, Red Frogs, Emmanuel College Students' Club, Emmanuel College, and UQ Sport, we thank you for your support in 2015 and look forward to working with you again in 2016.



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**Above (from top to bottom):** EMC men's teams in action; EMC Women play hard as Blue Dogs cheer them on; To the victors go the spoils; EI7s 2015 organising committee

# POD POWER

by **Jennifer Jasinski**, Assistant Dean of Student Services

After a whole year of running the program I called POD, I finally have a defining answer for what “POD” stands for — Power Of Dialogue! As a life coach, I believe the quality of our relationships, including our relationship with ourselves, is the groundwork for experiencing fulfilment in life; and the nature of relationship is dialogue. When planning for 2015, I knew I wanted to connect with more students and provide a service which amplified the value I could offer. I also knew that small group dialogues could be a powerful forum for deepening personal awareness, motivating actions and holding accountability. What I didn’t know then, and what I happily accept now, is that from one session to the next, anything offered can be a springboard for growth and connection.

During O-Week, I presented to the freshers strategies for getting organised, managing distractions and forging new relationships. As follow up, they were encouraged to sign up for a POD, which was pitched as a small group workshop to develop their personal curriculum for success. Over the first two weeks 90 per cent of the fresher cohort, 153 students, attended a POD; over half attended a follow up POD; and about a quarter continued to attend PODs



regularly through the year. In semester 2, PODs were opened for all Emmanuel students and became part of the process for encouraging leadership development en route to Students’ Club elections and wing leader selections.

As a dialogue facilitator, I establish the context of the POD as a venue for collaborative support and students may be reminded that coming to POD is not a spectator sport. Their attentive listening to their fellow students’ processes is both an opportunity to share experience and gain insight. The topic of the session is determined by what the participants report as challenges when they “check-in” at the beginning of the session. While strategies for managing distractions and motivation are always in demand, the conversations often delve into exploration about values, leadership and purpose. A complement to our established tutorial program and student leadership opportunities, the POD program delivers personal enrichment within our college community.

Here’s what some of our students have to say about the power of PODs:

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“For me, the POD was not about getting help for my problems or giving help to others. To me, it was about being able to become comfortable with talking to people about things I normally wouldn’t. And this has helped in many different aspects of life — spiritually, socially and emotionally. I now find tasks much easier and more enjoyable.” – **Daniel Fitzmaurice**, studying B Engineering

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“If you’ve been working all day, it’s a good break. If you’ve been relaxing all day, it’s a good motivator.” – **Laura Robson**, studying B Biomedical Science

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“POD sessions are a place where I can go, talk about what I have issues with and people give me techniques to try and eliminate my problems. Also, if you’ve procrastinated all day, POD is a perfect opportunity to give you motivation to study. If you’ve studied all day, POD is a perfect opportunity to take a break and try and help others.” – **Thomas Swift**, studying B Business Management

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“PODs have helped me stay focused on my academic goals and keep my motivation levels high throughout the year.” – **Claudia Farhart**, studying B Journalism

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“PODs assisted me in consolidating my goals and the drive I need to achieve them. Additionally, having discussions with like-minded people assisted me in maintaining the motivation and determination to succeed.” – **Stella Setiawan**, studying B Science

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**Above:** Jenn Jasinski, Assistant Dean of Student Services (bottom right), and students “checking in” with each other in their POD



# KEEPING THE FAITH... IN PUBLIC OFFICE

by **Dr Leigh Trevaskis**, Director of the Emmanuel Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society

Among the many voices exploring Faith in Public Office at the first conference hosted by Emmanuel College's Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society (CSSRS) were speakers whose roles have included Deputy Prime Minister, Chief of the Army, Speaker of the Queensland Parliament and Prime Minister's speechwriter.

Questions of what contribution personal faith may make as those who hold public office carry out their duties — and also what is the basis for society's faith in "public office" — were central to the day's discussions at the conference held on 3 September 2015.

The University of Queensland's Dean of Law Professor Sarah Derrington introduced the proceedings, characterising public life as soulless when it emphasises no more than the bones and foundation of the rule of law and rationality. Within a society that banishes personal faith from the public domain, "the aching of the soul finds no relief in secular politics; civic life has become a farcical drama," she said.

Former Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson AO appealed to the extraordinary social advancements secured by the likes of British anti-slavery campaigners Wilberforce and Shaftsbury during their parliamentary careers to justify why faith should not be left at the cabinet door. He proclaimed that a public square must hear all voices and resist the temptation to silence dissenting voices or to establish a common denominator that diminishes the texture of public discourse.

Fiona Simpson MP, former Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, also talked about the need for a multitude of voices to be heard. Fiona discussed the vital role of the Speaker in ensuring the Parliament is a place of open and robust debate.

ABC Religion and Ethics commentator Dr Scott Stephens took a broader view, examining the state of political debate and "public opinion" in Australia today. Scott's assessment of the media's function in forming public opinion was especially penetrating. He

argued that, rather than exemplifying a charitable reading of others, the cynicism of the media erodes trust and hope in our public figures, destroying the bonds that ought to hold us in common.

Lieutenant-General John Murray Sanderson AC, former Governor of Western Australia and Chief of the Australian Army, and Michael Cooney, former speechwriter for Prime Minister Julia Gillard, gave personal perspectives on the challenges facing a person of faith who holds public office. While John Sanderson considered this from the military perspective, Michael focused on the question of retaining personal integrity while maintaining a partisan commitment to the cause of a particular political party. Michael did not deny the virtue of a person who quits a party over matters of personal integrity, but he observed that this was not a *way in to* politics but a *way out of* politics. He argued that the partisan who chooses to remain in office to contribute to the betterment of society will confront moral dilemmas that make for dirty hands. Michael used the



**Above:** Faith in Public Office conference speakers (back row, l-r) John Anderson AO, Michael Cooney, Mark Sneddon, Nicholas Aroney, Leigh Trevaskis (front row, l-r) Fiona Simpson MP, Joel Harrison, John Sanderson AC, Scott Stephens | photo: Geoff Rankin  
**Right:** Professor Sarah Derrington introduces proceedings | photo: Geoff Rankin



# FROM THE PEN OF A PARTY PARTISAN

“suffering servant” as a lens for redeeming this alternative approach to faith in public office. As he cryptically put forward: “It may be good to do the wrong thing by doing the right thing for the wrong reason.”

A number of academics also contributed papers. The University of Queensland’s Professor Nicholas Aroney investigated the nature and grounds of faith in public office by examining the practice of oath-taking in political office. He argued that this practice suggests that a society’s faith in public office rests elsewhere than in the people who hold this office. Dr Joel Harrison of Macquarie University explored the basis for public policy making. He critically analysed the idea of political liberalism — that public policy must be based on principles that all people can share, whether they have religious faith or not.

Next year will be a busy one for the CSSRS. The conference will form the basis of a book scheduled for publication in 2016 and plans are underway for a conference examining the role of faith in media.



A rare insight into the back-room workings of the Prime Minister’s office was on offer when academics, professionals, university students, friends of Emmanuel College and members of the public filled the Stevens Bonnin Room for the Brisbane launch of Michael Cooney’s book *The Gillard Project: My Thousand Days of Despair and Hope* (Penguin, 2015) on 3 September 2015, the evening of the Faith in Public Office conference.

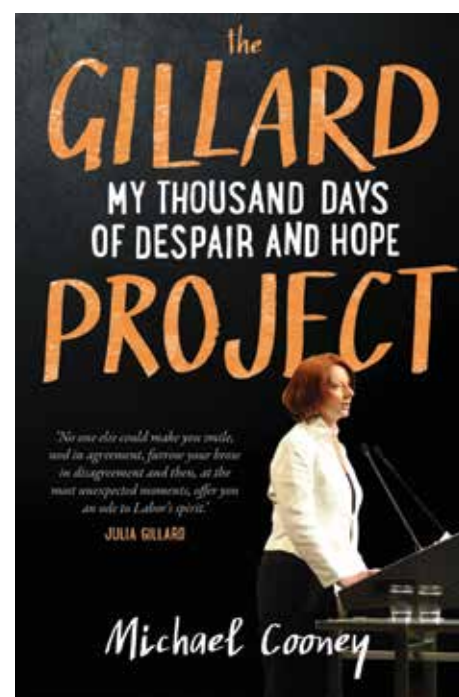
The book is a reflection on Michael’s time as Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s speechwriter. Terri Butler MP, who was elected to the Federal seat of Griffith in 2014 following the resignation of former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, joined us to discuss the book with Michael, teasing out some of his ideas and experiences in an informal conversation.

The all-Labor cast meant that the evening was hardly a grilling for the author, but the event provided a glimpse of what it was like working alongside the Prime Minister during a tumultuous period of Australian politics. The discussion touched on Michael’s understanding of the challenges that fast-moving media pose for effective governance; the personal turmoil he felt when speeches did not go as planned; and life inside the Prime Minister’s office.

The night concluded with Michael responding to an audience member’s question about

his highest and lowest points of working in the then-PM’s office. The high: the media’s positive coverage of the Prime Minister’s dress sense when meeting the Queen in 2011. The low: an endless video-loop spooling from media outlets of a badly hurt Julia falling during a visit to India in 2012.

Emmanuel’s Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society looks forward to hosting more events with a literary focus in the future.



Above: Michael Cooney in conversation with Terri Butler MP

# SOCCER SUCCESS!

Weeks of training in advance of the Inter College Competition women's soccer tournament, held over two weekends in August, was the key to success for the Emmanuel women's soccer team, winners of the 2015 premiership. The girls got off to a strong start with wins in the first few games, including a nail-biter against Duchesne College that EMC won 4-3 in the last minute. With four wins — including a trouncing of International House 17-0 — and two draws — including the final game against Union which EMC levelled 1-1 at the last minute with a penalty kick — the undefeated EMC women

were convincing victors, albeit with a few injuries along the way. Soccer convenor Djina Teurquetil said, "Preparation was definitely a key factor to our success, as well as the individual talents and determination of each and every one of the girls." Congratulations to the team on their fantastic spirit and sportswomanship.

The women's soccer win was another highlight of Emmanuel's sporting year. We placed second overall in both the men's and women's ICC Sport, a place higher than last year — bring on 2016!



## AN ENCOURAGING FUTURE IN ENGINEERING

by **Dr Lesa Scholl**, Dean of Academic Studies

Born in America of Indonesian background, Eka Setiyawan epitomises the diversity we value within the Emmanuel College community. Recently Eka was awarded the Rio Tinto Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Scholarship, which provides him with financial assistance, vacation work, and ambassador roles until he completes his Bachelor of Engineering, at which point he will receive preferential entrance into Rio Tinto's graduate program.

As a second-year Emmanuel student, Eka has been highly engaged in all aspects of college life, including being an Emmanuel Ambassador and College photographer. He has also taken up the opportunities Emmanuel has given him to extend his academic success through the mathematics tutorials with tutors, who understand the needs of current students. He also finds the

cultural and community opportunities of college life invaluable, as it teaches students to communicate with others, a skill that needs to be actively learned.

Eka has been fascinated by process engineering since high school. While he is considering a masters program after he graduates, Eka would like to gain some practical experience first. The scholarship will help him in this goal, which will be invaluable support in a challenging job market.

For students at the College, or coming into the University, Eka recommends that they partake actively in their degree by joining clubs and societies, taking part in extra-curricular activities, and getting to know their cohort. He also suggests considering the UQ Advantage Award as a means to professional and personal development.

Eka says, "It's not about being the best *in* the world, but the best *for* the world. Undertake a multidimensional life. Have fun while studying. In a good way."



**Above:** EMC women's soccer team, the Inter College Competition champs

**Bottom:** Eka Setiyawan receiving his Rio Tinto Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Scholarship



# A BOUNTY OF BOATS

by **Margy Chatburn**, Director of Advancement

Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, Emmanuel's rowing prospects continue to improve. Our boating bounty consists of a women's and a men's four and a men's eight, which is three more boats than we had last year.

The women's four was donated by 1980s alumna Jenny Hutson, of Wellington Capital, and our men's eight, purchased from BBC by the College, has been refurbished thanks to the fundraising efforts of a number of our victorious 1988 rugby team players. The third boat, our men's four, was purchased by Foundation and College funds.

All three boats have now been named. The men's eight, the *Bob Kippin '88*, is named in memory of Emmanuel alumnus Bob Kippin who was part of that victorious 1988 rugby team and tragically passed away in 1989. We were delighted that Bob's father Norm

was able to join us for a small celebration to launch the boat. The women's four has been named *Wellington*, for obvious reasons. And the Emmanuel men have named their four *Blue Steel*, for not such obvious reasons but perhaps for those aspiring male models among our rowers (Google it).

We thank our generous donors:

*Wellington* Women's Four – Jenny Hutson, Wellington Capital

*Bob Kippin '88* Men's Eight – Andrew Arnison, Ian Astbury, Sam Baker, Dan Bennett, Craig Chudleigh, David Clark, Don Graham, Tony Holmes, Victor Maccarone, Mark McCauley, Wayne Oliveri, Andrew Poots, Doug Seccombe, Greg Smith, Will Wild

and look forward to an "oarsome" future in rowing.



**Above (from top to bottom):** Principal Stewart Gill and Jenny Hutson (centre) with (l-r) Dominique Giese, Emma Pressler-McHugh, Veronica Morlotti, and Demi Pressler-McHugh, members of the women's 1st fours, victors in the 2015 ICC Regatta; (l-r) James Say, Alexander Treddinick, Principal Stewart Gill, Norm Kippin and Don Graham launch the *Bob Kippin '88*; 1988 EMC rugby team with Bob Kippin in the middle row, fourth from left

# CAREERS DINNER – OPENING DOORS TO THE FUTURE AND WINDOWS OF THE MIND

by **Anna-Marie Mott** and **Joshua Wilson**, Emmanuel College Students' Club Vice-Presidents

On a Tuesday evening in late October, 40 Emmanuel students had the opportunity to sit down with successful professionals in their relevant area of study. These included Law, Business, Medicine, Engineering and Occupational Therapy. The purpose of the night was for the students to discuss what their relevant occupation entails, as well as what options they can take to succeed in the workplace. The dinner also provided an invaluable opportunity to network for possible work experience and future employment.

Many degrees leave students with a very broad view of the workplace they could enter into. While this leaves the students' options open, it often means they lack direction and understanding of the area they want to pursue within their degree, and what the best path into the workplace is. Events such as the Careers Dinner provide a setting for students to discuss the requirements of different occupations, as well as the benefits of different paths that can be taken once we graduate.

While lectures and tutorials provide us with knowledge, many students find that they lack the skills and opportunities to effectively network with relevant professionals. The Careers Dinner provides Emmanuel students with not only an initial networking opportunity, but also a chance to practise and improve the skills necessary to gain these valuable contacts in the workplace.

The students thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated participating in the dinner. We thank the EMC alumni and supporters for sharing their time, experiences, and wisdom, as well as the College staff who helped, in particular Margy Chatburn and Lesa Scholl. We hope that the Careers Dinner tradition continues for many years to come.

"I was really intent on entering the workplace immediately after finishing my degree. At the Careers Dinner I spoke to Scott Rowan, Senior Systems Engineer at Nova Systems, who completed a PhD before entering the workplace. After discussing with him the freedom and knowledge he gained from this experience, I am now considering this option as well as others that he spoke of as a means to enter the engineering occupation."

**Joshua Wilson**, third-year Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering student

**The College encourages alumni who would like to participate in the next Careers Dinner in 2016 to contact Director of Advancement Margy Chatburn on (07) 3871 9342 or [m.chatburn@emmanuel.uq.edu.au](mailto:m.chatburn@emmanuel.uq.edu.au).**



**Above (from top to bottom):** (l-r) Anna-Marie Mott and Joshua Wilson; (l-r) Jessica Wray, Susanna Connolly, Soraya Ryan, Tim Ryan and Sylwia Jakuczun; (l-r) Alastair MacLeod, Gabrielle Hodge, Scott Rowan, Catherine Irwin, Hannah Nugent and Don Graham; (l-r) Lauren Reynolds, Phil Terrill, Miguel Pengel, Emma McLaughlin, Cameron Reid and Ben Gampe





# COMMUNITY SERVICE: A FUN AND FRUITFUL 2015

by **Rachel Latham**, Community Service Convenor

It has been a bumper year for community service at Emmanuel in 2015. We have run more events than ever before, with a record number of participating students.

Community service proceedings were off to a good start immediately in first semester with the annual Global Dinner in O-Week, followed by a large Emmanuel participation in Clean Up Australia Day just a few weeks later. Close the Gap Day was also a big success, with the collaboration of our Indigenous and non-Indigenous students to create a banner of handprints that was hung outside the dining hall. A huge “well done” to Alex Stallman for being a brave shaver and doing the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave for the second year running. The self-defence class for Raise Hope for Congo was a lot of fun for everyone who participated, as was the trivia night benefitting beyondblue at the end of Wellness Week.

Starlight Day was, once again, a resounding success. Emmanuel students manned a stall in Indooroopilly Shopping Centre for three days, selling wands, key rings, pens, pins and stress stars. In total we raised \$787 for the Starlight Foundation.

Live Below The Line was another large campaign we participated in, with a few dedicated girls willing to live off \$2 a day for an entire week. Together they raised over \$2000, with a remarkable individual effort by Katty Tsai who raised over \$1000!

In second semester the event with the most participants was the Vampire Shield, our inter-wing blood drive. Despite being in only its second year, every wing was keen to contribute, even when the measles outbreak on campus led to the UQ blood mobile closing. Instead, our dedicated donors made the long trek to the city. The winning wing, with over 70 per cent of students donating, was Gibson.

Anti-Slavery Day, organised by Allison Cuskelly, was a hit with supper including free fair-trade chocolates while we watched the

Academy-Award-Winning film *12 Years A Slave*, based on a true story of one man’s fight for survival and freedom.

The concluding event of an amazing year of community service at Emmanuel College was Operation Christmas Child. Each wing floor put a box of gifts together to bring joy and hope to a child in desperate need this Christmas.

A fun and fruitful 2015 finished, as it started, on a high note. Our students’ teamwork, energy and generosity in the community service arena are inspiring. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



**Above:** (l-r) Rachel Latham, Abby Edwards and Laura Robson manning the Starlight Day stall; A few of the many Emmanuel students taking care of the environment on Clean Up Australia Day

**Bottom:** Vampire Shield victors from Gibson wing: (l-r) Fiona Brunckhorst, Nicole Lay, Angela O’Connell, Phillip Harris, and Bryce McMahon



# VALEDICTORY: A TIME OF REFLECTION AND REWARD

by **Dr Lesa Scholl**, Dean of Academic Studies

Recently we celebrated our departing students with our annual Valedictory Service and Dinner. As always, it was moving to see the students who, only a few short years ago, were being interviewed for entrance into College. Now they have become leaders — young people of drive and focus, passion and confidence. Some are about to graduate, others to continue their degrees sharing living arrangements with friends and family. What does not change is that they are a part of Emmanuel College's heritage, a heritage that seeks to achieve results with an outward purpose, seeking to better the wider community through individual dedication to hard work.

Given that we have been celebrating the 40th anniversary of women attending Emmanuel College, it was extremely fitting to have a keynote address from alumna Jenny Hutson (EMC 1986-88), winner of multiple state and national awards for her business and entrepreneurial skill. A keen rower for both Emmanuel and UQ in her time at College, Jenny recently donated a new boat to Emmanuel's crew, which will hopefully buoy our sporting success further in future years.

Jenny reflected on her time at College, and the benefits she received as a part of Emmanuel's community. She also had some wise words of advice for our departing students, about being engaged

in life, taking from Theodore Roosevelt the necessity of being "in the arena". Jenny emphasised that there are many failures as well as victories, but that they are as necessary to success. Her quotation from Roosevelt is one that will continue to resonate:

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

We wish our valedicts much dust and sweat (but little blood) in the arena — with perseverance and great daring, you will no doubt achieve great things.

## NSLF: FAITH AND VALUES IN LEADERSHIP

by **Rebekah Stuart** and **Lachlan Short**

In late September the federal government hosted the annual National Student Leadership Forum. With Emmanuel College's sponsorship, we were fortunate to be part of this phenomenal experience.

The NSLF centred on the themes of faith and values in leadership. Held in Canberra during the week of the Liberal Party leadership spill, the messages were perhaps more significant given the tumultuous time in Australian politics.

With the support of the Parliament of Australia, 300 youth delegates from across Australia, the Pacific Islands, and New Zealand were granted exclusive access, in small groups, to the offices of federal members of parliament in a private session. Political leaders, including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, and Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, gave keynote addresses and the opportunity to interact with them by asking questions made the experience even more valuable.

Despite the party divides of the leaders, they were able to move past their political agendas and impart to us important life lessons. Hearing from our elected leaders was truly inspiring and allowed us to see past the general cynicism to the individual serving Australia and their respective communities.

We also heard from entrepreneurial youth, leading researchers in their fields, and a panel of religious leaders. This gave a well-rounded exploration of leadership beyond the political context.

The forum has been the subject of intense debate between us since our return. Our time there was enhanced tenfold by being able to share it with young people who have the potential to be the future leaders of our country. We both came away with new friends, new perspectives, and a real desire to put our ideas into action. The forum was an amazing experience and we are grateful to Emmanuel and Professor Gill for giving us the opportunity to explore our leadership potential.



**Above:** Class of 2015 valedicts **Right:** Lachlan Short and Rebekah Stuart in Canberra





## VALE, BELINDA JANE LEE (EMC 1975–77)

Many people were saddened by the recent, unexpected and sudden death of Belinda Jane Lee (nee Attewell).

Born and bred at Nambour on the Sunshine Coast, Belinda was one of the first women to live at Emmanuel where she met her life partner of 40 years, Ken (the College Bishop). Ken and Belinda had two daughters, Cassie and Shelley. Their youngest, Shelley, recently resided at Emmanuel and was one of the College's Social Convenors in 2014.

Belinda graduated from UQ with a pharmacy degree, worked in the Queensland hospital system and in private pharmacies, and, for the last 15 years, owned her own pharmacy at Nerang where she was much loved by her patients and customers. She was heavily involved in the local Nerang community, which will honour her contributions by naming a new Visitor Information Centre after her.

Belinda had a long association with Emmanuel College right up until the high tea held in September 2015, celebrating the 40th anniversary of women entering Emmanuel (pictured). She always fondly remembered her days at Emmanuel and the lifelong friends, values, and skills it gave her. Belinda's time at Emmanuel was marked by time at her desk, studying, and also her involvement in College life especially the social aspects, such as the "At Home"

season, and sporting events, such as the cricket match on Women's Oval and her Blue in swimming. Many of the friendships formed during those years at College endured right up until Belinda's passing with a large number of former Emmanuelians celebrating Belinda's achievement-filled life.

A high achiever and a very determined person, Belinda had recently completed the 96 kilometre Kokoda Challenge and the half marathon, and was preparing to run a full marathon. Belinda was also involved in mentoring young pharmacy students who were just entering her beloved profession.

A loving wife, devoted mother, and humble friend to everybody, Belinda was a beautiful, kind, sweet, caring and softly spoken woman who always made time to have a conversation with anyone. Belinda's bright and bubbly personality lit up many faces with a smile whenever she met people. The 900 people who celebrated Belinda's life at her funeral attest to that.

Belinda spent her life dispensing love to others and has left behind a legacy that has touched many people. Belinda was an ordinary person who managed to do many extraordinary things during her life. Rest in peace, Belinda.

**The Lee family**

**Above:** Belinda (left) with current students at the Emmanuel Alumnae High Tea in September 2015

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