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# Through Students' Eyes

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FROM THE

# MASTER

**Gregory C Eddy**  
Master and Chief Executive

Students are so important to the College for all the obvious reasons but in this issue of the Wyvern we are showcasing students in a different light. In this magazine, current students are reliving some of their experiences at King's and sharing them with you – the readers – parents, friends and Old Collegians.

Front Cover: Kingsman  
Tim Nolan in Mongolia.  
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## From the eyes of the KCSC President

I joined the King's community on 23rd February 2015. I remember sitting in the car with Dad on the drive down to Brisbane from the Sunshine Coast, bedside lamp wedged between my feet. I was a nervous, sweaty palmed boy coming to a place I had heard so many great things about. I had also heard stories about the week to come. Everyone had said a very similar thing, along the lines of "Get involved and you'll enjoy every minute".

Take a tour through King's using the words of a Fresher as he describes his experience of the first day. Commemorate ANZAC Day at the College as seen by another Fresher acknowledging the "gift" of so many of his predecessors. Learn something of the College's Employability and Careers strategy through the eyes of a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Law student who attended a panel session led by a Supreme Court Judge,

the Head of the UQ Law School and a Kingsman in the early years of practice in a top tier law firm.

These are just some examples of the extraordinary lives that Kingsmen lead. I do hope that you will enjoy learning something more of their life – through their words and not mine!

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Looking back over the past couple of years, that statement couldn't have been closer to the truth. "Getting involved." These huge two words have made me the person I am and made the friendships I will have for the rest of my life.

Over the past two and a half years of living at King's, I have also realised that College offers you something different to a house or an apartment with a couple of school friends. For one, it has opened my eyes to a world I never knew existed, a world without parents, without any real commitments apart from that 'tute' you go to on a Wednesday lunchtime; and endless amounts of opportunities should you choose to take them. The key is independence. No one is breathing down your neck to get something done. King's breeds an endless amount of independence, which if you are willing, allows you to try new experiences.

King's has also offered me friendships from all around the world. Sharing similar experiences has helped relationships that will last a lifetime.

Over the summer break, I took a holiday to Cairns. Before King's, to an inferior British kid, it was a small town with one high street and a saloon. Yet through King's, I was lucky enough to have multiple friends who let me live on their floor for my holiday. For this I am eternally grateful and so is my bank!

Of course, these friendships aren't just contained to the magical world of King's. I have played sport, drunk beers, and done university group work with many others from various other Colleges and outside College communities.

Many don't realize the importance of connections in today's society. As my Grandad said to me before I moved to Australia, "It's who you know, not what you know." King's provides that, both through friendships and Old Boy connections.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know three great past Presidents from King's, and I hope they don't mind that I drop their names; Blake Miller, Braden Tonakie and Liam

Spannenburg. These three gentlemen have provided me with many hot tips on how to be a leader and a good mate. I don't think anyone becomes one over night, and I would be lying if I said that I thought I was a good one, but each activity or experience in a role at King's informs you on various forms of leadership, management and the importance of involvement.

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Along with the large amount of fun we have here at King's, a very important factor which enticed me to stay three years, is the support. King's offers support in a splendid fashion, both in pastoral and academic ways. The admin, along with Trevor Heath (Academic Consultant), provide a solid foundation for support. I have personally taken up the offer from Trevor and I must thank him for having an open door always.

I owe my thanks to King's College, which I now call my home. It has made me the person that I am today and I will continue to grow from the experiences that I have had here.

Thank you.

**Jack Jamieson**  
President, King's College Students' Club





## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

In February, the College Council met for a strategic planning day – all part of the Council and Management's move to a new Strategic Plan for the College for the years 2018-2020.

The Council spent considerable time reflecting on why young men choose King's in the first place and the factors which inform the decision to leave and when. Significant time was devoted to reviewing the 2016 end of year survey results of Kingsmen prepared by Trevor Heath. Council has accepted many of the recommendations made by Kingsmen by way of that survey. Some of the key words which students used included culture and tradition, community, fees and costs, academic support, careers and employability, quality lifestyle and diversity.

The King's Council is committed to a new Strategic Plan in 2018-2020 which will meet the expectations of Kingsmen and their

parents in that period. Students are critical to the success of King's College and Council is very aware of the significant task before us in ensuring that young men who become students of the University and Kingsmen are our greatest advocates for those who are yet to come. King's College can make a University student experience meaningful and special and that is our goal for all students at King's.

**Dr Brett Robinson**  
*President, King's College Council*

## Academic Lunch

At the beginning of each semester, the Master hosts a lunch for the academic high achievers from the previous semester. At the start of this year the High Table was abandoned for insufficient room and instead, a long table was arranged in the Dining Hall to accommodate all those who were eligible to attend.

### Congratulations to the following men:

Callum Bretherton  
James Barrett  
Marcus Hook  
Julian Ebert  
James Suttor  
Thomas Cassidy  
Samuel Jin Sheng Chua  
Ross Clements  
Noel Lingard  
Alec Ball  
Liam Pratt  
Keill Hopkins  
Lucas Rossdeutscher  
Connor Malone  
Elliott Hoffmann  
Harrison White  
Luke Chapman  
Justin Ginges  
Robert Benadie  
Jayden Grogan  
James Rafter  
Harry Wright  
Aidan Tetther  
William McCulloch

## Academic Highlights

In 2016, nine Kingsmen graduated with Honours Class I. Everyone knows the extraordinary commitment required to reach such academic distinction and the College warmly congratulates them all on this significant achievement. Sincere congratulations and best wishes to Oliver Bellwood (2013), Zac Brown (2013), Damian Curran (2012), Mitchell Lowe (2013), Mathew Madsen (2012), Laird McColl (2013), Cavill Mammino (2012), Sam Oxley (2012) and Ashvin Tharumanathan (2013).



## SOMETHING GREATER

After applying to King's College in Year 12 and receiving that acceptance letter, it all becomes a waiting game. Waiting for Year 12 to finish, waiting for OP results or for some, even just waiting for Enrolment Day. But sure enough, the day came sooner than I can remember and it was time to embark on a new course of life, the life as a Kingsman.



### That's if we made it through O-week of course...

O-Week, it is the week of much speculation... We were told that it would be tough and that we'd be pushed to our limits but we were also told that the week would bring rewards like no other experience. Those few days were indeed challenging. However, we soon came to realise that O-week was just as enjoyable as it was challenging. Stories and rumours don't serve to prove the real legend of O-week. It is something beyond explanation, something that you can only really understand if you've experienced it.

The week involved bonding with the boys first and foremost, but also comprised many opportunities to 'interdigitate' among various Colleges, meet new people and make new friends. Along with this, King's included presentations on alcohol, drugs and sexual assault plus a guided tour of the University by 3<sup>rd</sup> years within each faculty of study.

The underpinning purpose of the week was to challenge us to prove we had the genuine virtues of a Kingsman. This more than physically and mentally tested us, but it ensured the College would remain a community held in high regard with a prestigious reputation.

### So, what does it mean to be a Kingsman?

Throughout the week, we were expected to uphold the values of true Kingsmen as they were instilled by the Exec members; Respect, Courage, Loyalty, Integrity and Humility. The week also taught many skills; how to work as a team and how to support each other, but most importantly it taught us to become a unit. We began as a bunch who were collectively known as "freshers", but by the end of O-week, the day we commenced our journey as newly proven Kingsmen, we were brothers.

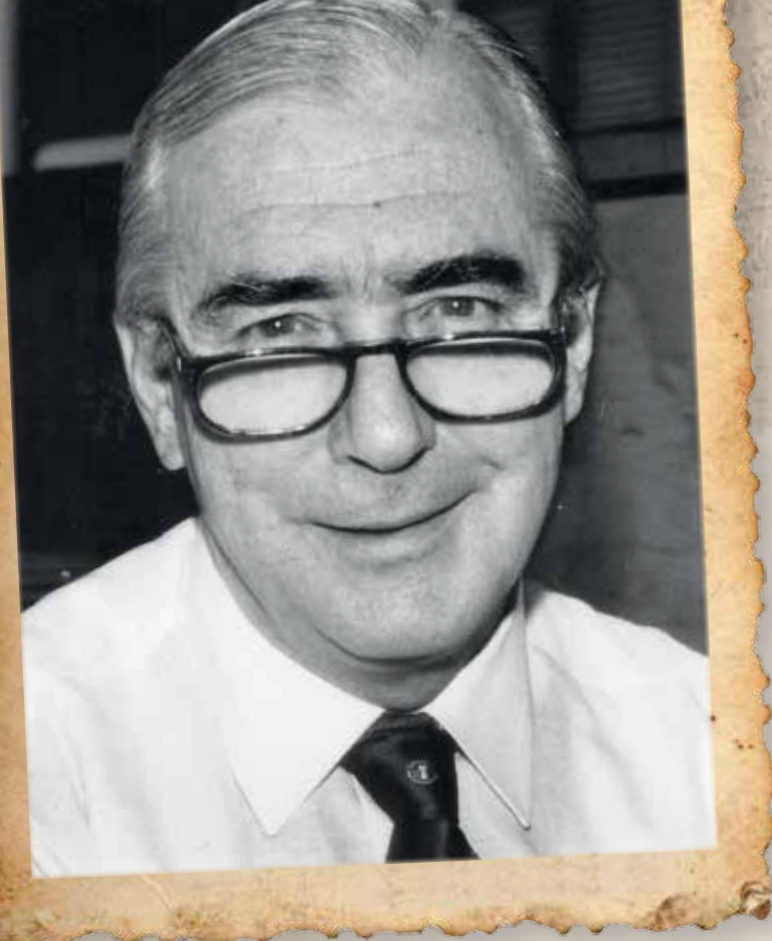
The end of Semester One is now fast approaching and the days of O-week are well behind us. I believe I have settled into a steady routine with University and College life, not without some obvious adjustments to the new lifestyle that is tertiary education. Since commencing the journey here at King's College I have endeavoured to involve myself in what I can for the College, whilst attempting to find a sense of balance with University work. Earlier on in Semester One, I was given the opportunity to represent King's in College Idol. This was an extraordinary experience as I felt the support, spirit and encouraging chants of the Kingsmen and I am truly grateful for their support. It was that particular night which reinforced that being a part of King's College is more than just accommodation, it is something greater. King's College is a home and a brotherhood.

Overall, King's College has exceeded expectations, and whilst everyone has different values and different ideals, I cannot doubt my choice in College on the Campus of UQ.

**Matthew Cook (King's 2017-)**







## Why the Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship?

**It was a lonely, and often cold, country railway station platform at Biggenden, near Gayndah in southern Queensland in the early 1940s.**

Barely in his teens, Keith McDonald and his older sister Heather, sat there in the middle of the night, patiently waiting for the mail train to come from Maryborough, pick them up and ferry them to their boarding schools in Brisbane. They'd just spent a few weeks holiday with their widowed mother, Ada McDonald, and hated leaving her all alone on the dairy farm they called home "Bon View", the quasi-French name given to the house that their father Neville had built after his return from the Somme during the Great War.

They all agreed that wrench away from family was, for Keith and Heather to further their education, provided by Neville's war service. For us, Keith's four daughters, we know how deeply this would have resonated with Dad as the realisation of other people's efforts who created the scholarships that further nourished his education while at Brisbane Boys' College and again at Kings. Dad was always mindful of the expenses involved in education, and the substantial impact these could have on a family budget, especially being a diary-farmer's son from rural Queensland.

It is no surprise, therefore, to know that Dad found great ease with numbers: hard financial data that influence fiscal policy. His heroes were Economists and if it was one thing that rocked Dad's world, it was moving his eyes, ruler and pencil, across a page of expenses, revenue lines, income projections, or profit and loss statements; he loved a spread sheet! While the rest of us yawned at state or federal budget time and headed off in our flannelette pyjamas with a cup of Milo and a good book to our rooms, Dad was in front of the TV like it was the Moon landing all over again.

But while he had a head for figures - and a very talented one at that - he had an even bigger heart. If he could help someone's day with an encouraging word, a shared joke, or a couple of bucks in their back pocket, he would do it without hesitation.

Keith used to tell a story of how he went to visit his annual "scholarship officer", a Mr Smith who was a returned soldier from WW1 with one leg. Dad was 16 and told the man he wanted to join up. It was 1942. Contrary to Dad's thinking, Mr Smith was not encouraging, instead, he squared Dad off and said: "The Americans have entered the war in Europe and the Pacific now. It will be over soon. You get your mother off that farm and bring her to the city. Your future is to build a new Australia, post war". And with that, Dad took off back to BBC and made his plans for growth. He was grateful for the advice from the one-legged Digger whom he knew gave more than Dad felt he ever would.

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His life at King's prepared him for a competitive and dynamic world of media in Australia. He obtained the highest accolades and honours for his service to this field, and he never forgot that he was the beneficiary of scholarships that allowed him to stay at university. He was humbled by the generosity of opportunities given to him and he honoured them by making the most of what he was given; he faced the reality that he would not be returning to the land to milk cows. His future was embedded in his very fine education, not to mention the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours degree in Commerce and the University Medal.

Oh yes, and he loved travel too, but the Keith McDonald Travel Scholarship is not so much about wandering, it is about taking action, making a difference, and obtaining vital experience in another country that gives recipients a truly life-changing experience; he felt the same way about education. This is exactly the way in which Henry Water, Vince Di Bella, and many others, have used it: to make the most of rare opportunities and not just for own their benefit, but for being at the service of those in need who perhaps benefit more from the cross-cultural connection.

He never thought for a moment that he suffered an anti-Kings curse by having four daughters. He just decked us out in Wyvern sweat shirts! We spread the message without even knowing it.

**Margaret and Janet McDonald (Keith's daughters)**

## A month in Guatemala

**After receiving the Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship, I was off to Guatemala to complete a four week placement in a regional centre just outside the beautiful colonial city of Antigua.**

I arrived in Antigua after 14 long hours on a shuttle from San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico - feeling a little worse for wear after some questionable tacos the night before. Shaking off the food poisoning, I wandered into my volunteer organisation with my pack and a little apprehension about the next four weeks...

I was placed in a homestay with Miriam Santiago on the outskirts of the cobblestone streets of Antigua and immediately put at ease by Miriam and her family, who were incredibly welcoming and friendly - despite an almost complete lack of English. However I was expecting this and welcomed it. I knew I needed to practice and learn, if I was to be any help in a regional clinic in Spanish-speaking Guatemala.

It's an experience that I can't thank the McDonald family enough for - the late Keith McDonald and his four daughters ... It would not have been possible without their generous scholarship.

Getting to my clinic was an experience in itself! It took me an hour; two colourful chicken buses and a 10 minute walk, to reach a clinic which served as the only medical care for the 20,000 people within the town of Sumpango.

Arriving at 8am, I was greeted with a line of people out the door queuing for one of twenty general consultations, one of fifteen family planning consultations or one of fifteen antenatal care check ups. Working as the only doctor with a team of nurses, Dra Ramirez split her time between general consults, delivering babies and dealing with emergencies that would present throughout the day. It was my job to help out as best I could.

On top of my usual basic triage duties, a couple of the memorable experiences come to mind. I was able to assist in the delivery of two babies and stitch up the hand of a local man, after he misjudged a cut with his machete - under the patient and kind supervision of Dra Ramirez.

After lunch (usually tostadas with black beans from the lady out the front of the clinic), I would head back to my homestay in Antigua to take Spanish lessons with Miriam's daughter in law, Maria-Jose. It was very intensive and she spoke little English but helped me immensely in the clinic. I had taken Spanish classes for a semester before I left but it's amazing how much quicker you learn when you can't resort back to English. I found the Spanish surprisingly rewarding and engaging - even going as far as saying it was quite a highlight of my trip.

Reflecting on my time on placement in Guatemala, it still seems a little surreal. The way Dra Ramirez provided a basic (but good) level of care to a large population, with limited resources was unbelievable. Not once did I see her flustered. She stayed calm and composed, no matter the chaos



around her. She continued to see patients, treating them to the best of her ability, even when hours behind and/or hopelessly understaffed.

The experience of throwing myself into the deep-end of third-world medical care, is one that I learnt a lot from. I hope that I can apply some of the same principles to my own practice in a couple of years time. It's an experience that I can't thank the McDonald family enough for - the late Keith McDonald and his four daughters; Mary, Margaret, Jennifer and Janet. It would not have been possible without their generous scholarship.

**Henry Watter (King's 2013-15)**





## My name is Vincent Di Bella. This is my fourth year at King's and last year I was lucky enough to be the recipient of the Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship.

This allowed me to fulfil two of my long-held goals; the first, to travel to and study in the United States, the second to work on a game lodge in South Africa. I'm truly thankful as both of these experiences were facilitated with the support provided by the Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship. My situation was an interesting one in that I was already on exchange when I was awarded the scholarship and this helped to bolster my ability to take part in activities that were previously untenable. The trip itself can be distilled down into two sections, the first part which consisted of my studies at Arizona State and travels in the U.S. The second being my work in South Africa. Throughout these periods, I enjoyed a plethora of unforgettable experiences. To quantify them down into just one or two is an extremely difficult task.

This is particularly true regarding my work at Nottens Game Lodge in the Sabi-Sands, where every day was new experience and adventure. The entire experience was extremely rewarding and I'm unbelievably blessed to have been able to enjoy it.

Perhaps the most rewarding experience of my time spent in the U.S, certainly the most educational was the work I did with the John McCain campaign. At ASU and here at UQ, I study Political Science so the experience I could garner in this environment during what was an extremely contentious and exciting election was invaluable. Working with the John McCain campaign, I was offered a close look into the world of congressional campaigns and politics. I met extremely influential people, including Senator McCain himself, former Presidential candidate Mitt Romney and several other Arizonan officials. Another benefit of the job was that it provided me with the opportunity to travel around Phoenix and meet a diverse subsection of the electorate. This meant that I got an extremely personal look at different aspects of American culture. Overall, I found the experience to be an incredibly rewarding and informative one that helped me as a person.

My work experience in Africa had the same effect. However it was for entirely different reasons and under a totally different set of circumstances. The dichotomy between the two jobs provided me with an interesting worldwide perspective. Having grown up in Africa, I felt that I was quite prepared for the work and the experience that I was about to undertake. What shocked me however, was just how different that experience was. I spent four weeks working on one of the premier game lodges with the local people. During that time, I had to learn the language to communicate effectively; words like, hungry, tired, quickly, food and Hyena were some of the most commonly

The work was incredibly tough and time consuming, early mornings, late nights and no days off. However, being able to live and work in one of the most beautiful parts of the world and the memories I have working with and amongst a variety of animals and people, I will cherish.

used. I worked countless hours acting as a communicator between the guests and the local workers. I oversaw guest safety, transfers, as well as general everyday duties. The work was incredibly tough and time consuming; early mornings, late nights and no days off. However, being able to live and work in one of the most beautiful parts of the world and the memories I have working with and amongst a variety of animals and people, I will cherish.

**Vincent Di Bella (King's 2014-)**  
Senior Residential Assistant

# ANZAC DAY REFLECTION

Anzac Day. I was asked to write this reflection on it and I'll be honest. I didn't quite know where to start. It means so many different things to so many different people. How can I possibly write about it in a way that encompasses what it means?



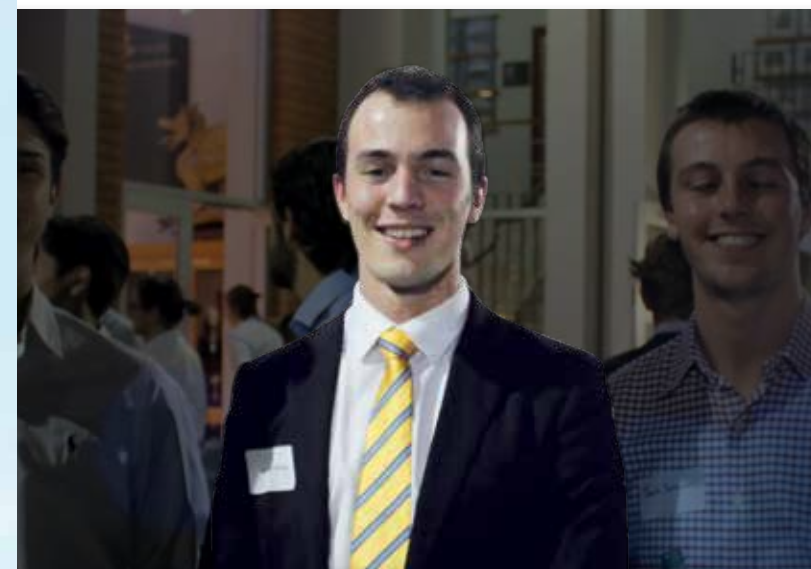
Inspiration struck me at dawn of Anzac morning when I wasn't attending a dawn service, but instead was out for a run along the banks of the Brisbane River, hearing the Kookaburras laughing at me. This was when I realised this is what Anzac Day is about, the ability to do what I want, when I want. The 25<sup>th</sup> of April just gives me a day to truly reflect on it. To reflect and say thank-you to the servicemen and women like my Dad, who served in the Afghanistan conflict, and two of my great grandfathers, who fought at Gallipoli. To be able to do this for the first time with my new-found mates at King's College at the 7am service is something I'll remember.

During the service we were told of an old Kingsman who went by the name of 'Uncle' and served in the Ambulance Corps during World War I, at the Battle of the Somme. We were told of the "godawful" conditions that he went through and we, current Kingsmen were asked; what is the relevance of Uncle's story? Why should we care about Uncle in particular, over the other 300,000+ Australians who fought in the conflict? For me it's pretty simple. Those other 300,000 weren't Kingsmen. It's easy to imagine myself in Uncle's place. Both of us had similar values as

both of us ended up choosing King's College to reside for university. Both of us chose to get a higher education. Both of us were of a similar age. The only major difference that I can think of is that I don't have to make the decision to hold off finishing my degree so I can go and defend my country. For that I'm grateful.

Anzac Day is a day where we, as a nation get to show our gratitude, to men like Uncle, my father, my two great grandfathers and the countless other men and women who decided to make that decision to go into the theatre of war if called upon. To ensure that Australians and New Zealanders can have the freedom to do what they want, to not have to endure tyranny and face day after day of fear. So I can go on my daily runs and study whatever I want to, so you can go and do whatever you want to. This is something I feel, in the day-to-day, is taken for granted. So for everyone who was prepared to lay down their lives, and especially for those who did, for my freedom today, I thank you. And lest we ever forget those sacrifices you made.

**Daniel Broadbridge (King's 2017-)**



I am currently in my third year of studying a Law and Commerce dual degree at UQ. Earlier in the semester I had the opportunity to attend the Cooper Foote Society drinks hosted at King's. This event gave Kingsmen involved in Law College, either through career or study, a platform to network in a casual environment.

A great topic of discussion was speaking with former Kingsmen, who have continued to have fantastic careers in law, about their experience at College. I was particularly interested to discover in fairly recent years there was a hot tub for third years in upper Williams, a fact myself and others have subsequently mentioned to Greg on more than one occasion. This usually led onto conversations regarding law subjects and the lecturers who coordinated them, as well as some insight into the various directions a law degree can take you after graduating.

Possibly the most rewarding part of the night was the Q&A session with the guest speakers, notably including Hon. Justice Martin Daubney of the Supreme Court and Professor Sarah Derrington, Dean of the UQ Law School. I was very grateful for the chance to hear the perspective of such venerable members of the law community on issues such as the future of law with evolving technology, as well as what they personally enjoyed about being involved with law. In response to a general question I raised regarding working in law, the panel unanimously agreed that a law degree is valuable in that it gives any graduate the opportunity to not only pursue a career as a legal professional, but transfer the skills and knowledge acquired to a number of fields of work, particularly when complimented by a dual degree.

Overall, this was a great experience and has shown me that being a Kingsman can greatly assist in establishing professional relationships.

**Thomas Cassidy (King's 2015-)**



Above: Professor Sarah Derrington, Dean of the UQ Law School, Hon. Justice Martin Daubney of the Supreme Court, and Alistair Blenkin (King's 2009-11) from Minter Ellison



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# Kingsmen on Stage

**I am a third year Kingsman studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).**

Over the last couple of years utilising dance as a platform for cultural creativity, I have undertaken a plethora of exciting projects, events and opportunities. Recently I completed an extended internship with Brisbane-based Expressions Dance Company, one of the highly regarded contemporary dance companies in Australia. Following on from last year's career highlight performing as a guest artist with the Queensland Ballet, this year I will travel overseas to advance my cultural experiences on the international stages.

The first international event that I am participating in commences in China at The Beijing Dance Festival in July. QUT offers a culturally immersive study tour programme where throughout this festival I will get to witness over 60 performances from different tertiary and professional dance performance artists from all over the world. In addition, I will perform a newly choreographed work to be featured in QUT's Essentially Dance season coming up in June. Another integral component to the study tour is the immersive learning experience from the Beijing Dance Camp.

Here we will learn and workshop with sixteen internationally acclaimed choreographers and meet thousands of dancers with radically diverse backgrounds and histories. This intensive mode of delivery provides an authentic intercultural platform and is an area of research that I am curious to investigate throughout my career. Interculturalism integrates a cross-cultural dialogue that promotes the interaction between differing cultures. What I hope to bring home from this festival is a nuanced understanding of how the differing cultures interact and approach challenges together when constructing meaning and therefore shift my current perspectives.

The second journey I have the possibility of embarking upon goes all the way to Linz, Austria for the Ars Electronica Futurelab Festival in September. This festival celebrates the intersection of art, technology and society in the future. With over 80 000 people attending this global event from universities, private business innovation venturers, international journalists and mass media coverage, it is a huge career changing opportunity to exchange and network with the people who will design the overall sense of our society's future.

I am involved in a trans-disciplinary collaborative process with other QUT creatives to respond to the festival theme "Artificial Intelligence - The Other I". As you can imagine this theme is a very controversial and quickly becoming a relevant concept for the near future.

I would also like to thank the King's College community for being continuously interested and supportive of my cultural endeavours.

The process so far has unleashed many mind-bending questions about the sense of being human in the future. From pitching to the festival directors to inventing new technologies to utilising current technology in unconventional yet socially accessible ways, there are multiple stages that our concept and performance must successfully pass. Utilising the wondrous vision, skills and cooperation my team possesses I hope we can continue to impress the festival directors with our evolving product. We have spent many hours thinking, communicating and embodying these collaborated concepts and I am entertaining the idea that we are in the process of creating a contemporary, unique and pertinent product for the world.

Based on my academic results, an additional opportunity I have been selected for is an internship with Australia's prestigious Sydney Dance Company later this year. I am very fortunate and grateful to have these chances to simultaneously perform and experience travelling the world. I would also like to thank the King's College community for being continuously interested and supportive of my cultural endeavours.

**Jayden Grogan (King's 2016-)**



# Through English Eyes

**I am currently on a 5 year MEng programme studying Chemical Engineering at Loughborough University, England. My third year involves completing a 'Personal Development research Project'.**

It has always been my ambition to visit Australia and therefore I took this opportunity to fulfil that dream. The University of Queensland's high reputation for academia and sporting excellence appealed to me immediately. I was lucky enough to be accepted onto Professor Zhu's team to carry out advanced research in 'fuel cell technology'. My next step was to research the many Colleges available at UQ. King's College ticked every box and Rachelle Hynds made the whole application process so easy. I can honestly say that applying to King's College is a decision I will never ever regret.

I arrived February 13<sup>th</sup> feeling jetlagged, nervous and apprehensive. No need...the first time I walked through the glass doors I received the warmest of welcomes from the Master, Greg Eddy and the Registrar, Rachelle who then immediately introduced me to a Residential Assistant (RA). He gave me a tour of the grounds and shared past stories with me. From that precise moment I knew this was going to be the ideal place for me.

O-Week started about a week later and I have to admit I was a little undecided as to whether or not I should get involved. I did and it turned out to be an amazing week with so much fun and laughter. It was such a well-planned and organised week that allowed individuals to integrate with people from all different backgrounds and form friendships like no other. It emphasised to me the values that all Kingsmen will take with them throughout their lives and future careers - integrity, honesty and respect. This was such a refreshing experience when I compare it to the equivalent of O-week at my home Uni where far too much emphasis was put on partying and alcohol and not enough on bonding with fellow students.

Every week I tell my family and friends at home that I am having 'the time of my life'. King's College has been the perfect place to balance my academic life with my social life. I have thoroughly enjoyed the College parties, the night life in the city and especially Sunday nights at the RE Hotel which always end at the famous Dino Kabab shop not far from King's.

The facilities at King's are beyond compare: I have made full use of the swimming pool/gym to maintain fitness and the Learning Centre to focus on my research project. I have been impressed by the level of support that the students receive academically from the tutors and even

though I am not an actual student I have been accorded the same support. I have also been impressed by the support the students give each other.

I am certainly going to so miss the Dining Hall at King's with its delicious and plentiful food. The kitchen staff are second to none - so friendly and professional with breakfast, lunch and dinner always served to the highest of standards. A Kingsman will definitely never go hungry. Every day I would sit with a different group of people and talk to them as if I had known them for years. It really has been a great place to make friends and is a major part of the King's community.

King's has given me the platform to continue my rugby development and I have been heavily involved in the King's team. King's rugby is of a very high standard with incredibly talented players and this together with the team's synergy and high morale has made the experience very exciting. I have been enlightened by the "acknowledgement to the country" speech we carry out before each game as a tribute to the original indigenous Custodians of the land and their long and continuing relationship with their Country. Along with other fellow Kingsmen I have proudly represented the UQ rugby team. In 2016 UQ Rugby came to England on tour and played against Loughborough University which I represented at that time. It was amazing to see some recognisable faces of players who were once my opposition but now my team mates. I have learnt a vast amount about the Australian style of rugby compared to home, the significant differences being the level of skill, the efficient utilization of the backs and the level of respect between team mates.

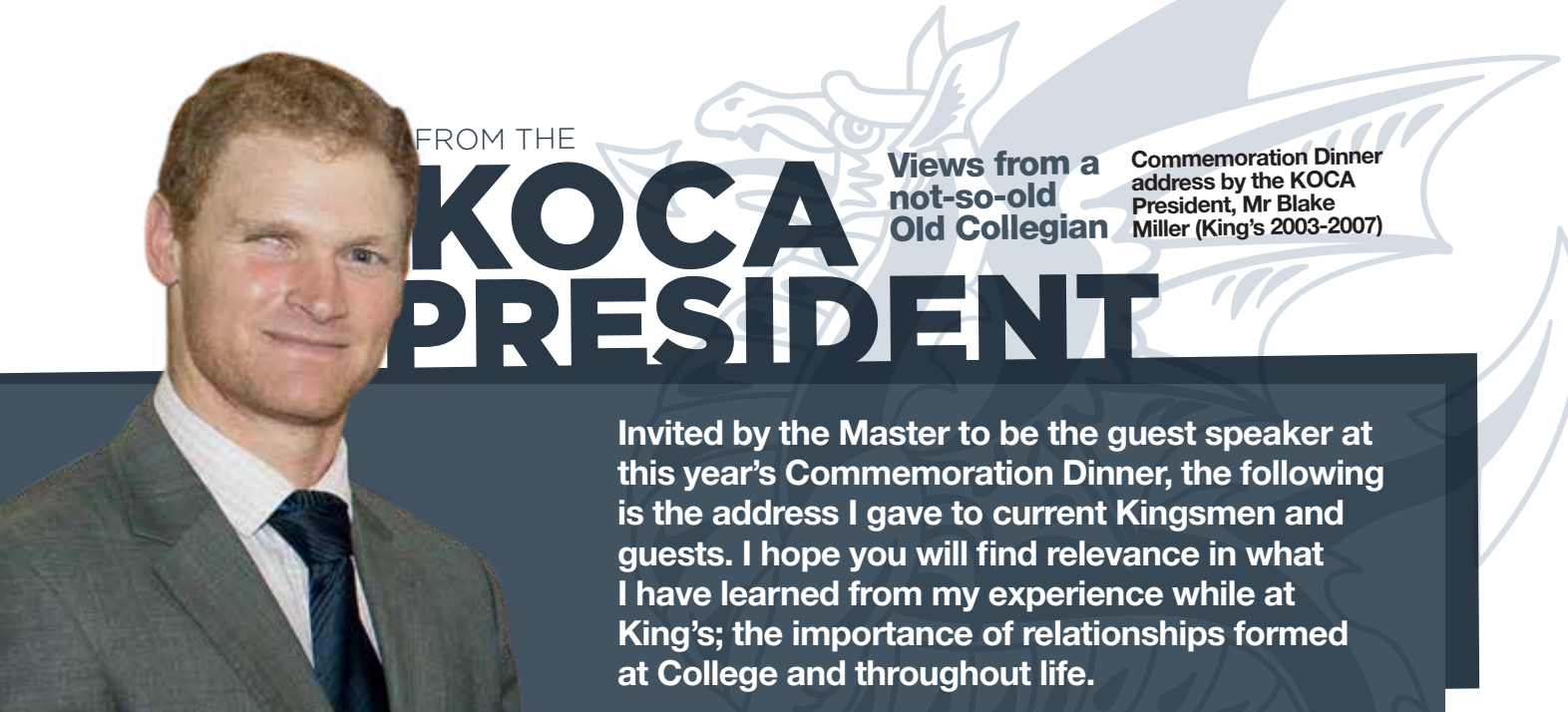
I shall never forget ANZAC day. It was incredible to learn about the history of this day and it was a great honour and profoundly humbling to pay my respects to the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who displayed such bravery and courage in the support of Britain during the world war.

Overall my time as a Kingsman can be summed up in three words: Enlightenment, Enjoyment and Commitment. Although it has been short lived I have made connections and friends that will last a lifetime and memories that I will cherish forever. It gives me great pleasure to say I am a Kingsman and I WILL be back.

**William Lockhart (King's 2017)**







FROM THE

# KOCA PRESIDENT

**Views from a not-so-old Old Collegian**  
**Commemoration Dinner address by the KOCA President, Mr Blake Miller (King's 2003-2007)**

**Invited by the Master to be the guest speaker at this year's Commemoration Dinner, the following is the address I gave to current Kingsmen and guests. I hope you will find relevance in what I have learned from my experience while at King's; the importance of relationships formed at College and throughout life.**

Tonight I stand here just a tick under 10 years since I gave a slightly similar speech as the President of the KCSC at the Valedictory Dinner in 2007.

I think this fortunate. Few people in the room probably remember that night (Save for the Master), so I was slightly tempted to dust it off and repeat – however I have arrived with some new content.

Tonight I offer my reflections and thoughts on keeping evergreen the King's connection, with slight adaptation to make it relevant for those in the extended King's College community tonight – not all present are Kingsmen and like it or not, the world is bigger than King's. So please interchange King's with either your own College for our visiting Collegians from UQ, or a relevant time in your life for everyone else.

A key thought which forms the foundations of this speech tonight is a point I covered in detail in the 2007 speech. It is still relevant now as it was back then - For the Kingsmen in the room - that the bricks and mortar of the College will be left behind and are only a part of the story of your King's experience. The King's experience, fundamentally the relationships you form here, will outlast the buildings which will change. That King's experience is essentially the relationships formed through a shared experience which are unique to you at this point in time. Even I and the wiser versions of Kingsmen (the older variety) will not have that experience although we will appreciate similarities more than those not a part of the College in such an intimate way.

Beyond the Kingsman perspective, as well as for those who are not Kingsmen, I have considered how the gist of my thoughts and reflections are relevant. It is thus relevant through the fact none of us would be where we are without the relationships that surround us throughout our lives.

## Keep evergreen the connections you make.

At the risk of being a little too King's centric, but to take advantage of my time up here on stage, I will promote my role with the College as is the President of the Old Collegians' Association, and, other than speaking engagements and wining and dining with the Master, I am focused upon providing Kingsmen with connections to maintain their relationships and be able to use those relationships to achieve their goals. KOCA plays an important role in being a vehicle to provide a connection with the College but more importantly with men who shared that experience, for the rest of your life.

There is great value in the network of Kingsmen, it is not always overt and is often subtle. I owe where I am today due to a fortunate meeting arranged by Thérèse Eddy on the Master's deck in 2006 with a Partner from KPMG. He was not a Kingsman but knew of one who was also a Partner at the firm. He made the introduction and I was provided the opportunity to interview for an intern position at KPMG for two weeks. Now don't expect the relationships to just hand you something – I'm a firm believer that the benefits from relationships are mutual and come about when earned.

## So some thoughts and reflections I have around the topic of keeping relationships strong.

The digital age, some fear, is weakening relationships – as people spend more time behind the computer screen and less time in face to face interactions. I contend that harnessed correctly the social platforms that are ever present can be used to foster stronger connections. The danger is relying solely upon them.

If you are not already – create a profile on LinkedIn and research what the best in the business of social media profiles do to share their unique story with the world. Stand out – This is important – there is access like never before – you want to attract new relationships, this is how you grow! Be appealing to attract the type of people you want in your life.

Don't always rely upon the digital tools at your disposal. There is now a very real power in personally writing a hand written note. My tip is to:

- Buy a packet of blank cards – no pre-written messages;
- When something significant occurs, write according to this formulae (please adapt and enhance, and tell me if you do);
- The first sentence of the paragraph should reflect the moment you are in or celebrating / acknowledging;
- The middle of the message is always remembrance of a moment that is unique to your relationship and potentially defines it or at least is memorable – a good one is the last time you were together or a memory from the past;
- Finish with a future orientated statement or expression.

These messages stand out in the e-communication filled world we live in and are powerful ways to reinforce important relationships.

## Find a relationship or networking role model or models.

No one really teaches, and I suspect, no one person can teach you all there is to know about how to maintain strong relationships. You most likely will have different role models for different aspects of your life.

I know I have at least 2 key role models whom I try to emulate: one professionally and the other personally. They are generous with their time, energy and knowledge and are loved greatly for it. They reflect a number of the values I hold, having come from the bush. They are the yard stick to which I hold myself when I falter in my relationships. A key point they taught me was, there are opportunities everywhere – be generous without expecting anything, and in turn things will come around.

**Another tip is the power of the ASK.** I think of the ASK as something often missing or avoided in relationships. The ASK is a skill and applies personally and professionally. Personally, we cannot go through life as islands, we need the help of our friends and family, sometimes strangers to get through. I think this is especially important for men as we seem to have an aversion to seeking help much to our detriment and it is a mistake I continue to make even though I am aware of the problem! You know you need to work on your ASK if you constantly find yourself in over your head! Sometimes it is as simple as. I need some help, can you help me please? As children we learn this and yet as young adults it seems to evaporate.

Professionally, the ASK is important as well. You will most likely have to make a sale or ask for budget or time from someone, and how you position your ask is key. What I am experimenting with at the moment, and have by no means perfected, is to ensure I make my ASKs reflect that I want to do business with you, because I believe there is value in it for both of us.

A final point in this list of lessons from my journey thus far, is, some relationships will flourish, others lie dormant and then spark up, and some should be left alone. If you find a way to do this gracefully and without pain, and I suspect no one has, then please tell me.

To current Collegians and Old Collegians - I have an 'ask' tonight – I ask, you to keep strong the connections with your cohort, your fresher group young Kingsmen / and wiser Kingsmen. Reach out and be a part of KING'S and KOCA beyond here. Seek to be involved in KOCA. There is no limit really to ways to be involved. For me it has acted as a path to develop leadership skills and experience I should not obtain for another 10 or 20 years into my career.

To the guests in the room - I ask the guests in the room to reflect on their relationships and hopefully through tonight's speech find energy and inspiration to connect with someone they may not have seen for some time. Great things could happen.

Listening to myself, in practicing for this and reading my own words, it can seem as if I have perfected this, relationship building skill – I assure you I have not. These are the ongoing lessons drawn from my experience. I sincerely hope you can improve upon them and perhaps teach me some tricks in future. Perhaps in another 10 years' time I can return and provide a few more thoughts.

## Date Saver & Notification - KOCA AGM

Last Friday in July, 6.00pm.

KPMG, Brisbane Office.



Academic Consultant, Em Prof Trevor Heath OAM, presents the King's Medal to winner James Barrett during the Commemoration Dinner.



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# MONGOLIAN WYVERN WARRIORS

Four Wyvern warriors wake up in negative 36-degree Celsius weather, saddle up their ponies and trot off into the horizon. Our time in Mongolia was an epic, up there with Bunning's snags and watermelon heads at the cricket. In the next few paragraphs we would like to share our experiences in the Mongolian health care system, touring the countryside and the stranger experiences we had.

We visited two hospitals, the first was in Baganuur, about 200km from the capital and a five-hour drive. Upon arrival, we checked into a hotel across from the hospital and greeted our contact, 'Mr Boggie'. He was taking us for dinner and explained there would be no drinking, as alcohol is not sold on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> we started our medical elective. We shadowed doctors in the day and played sport in the evening. The Mongols love basketball. We ended up competing in interfaculty competition as the Australian representatives. James 'Jimmy' Van den Heever being the only Kingsman to have had any exposure to the sport whilst at college (trialled and didn't make the team), was our offensive weapon. Towering over opposition and having gained a bit of bulk over the placement he helped us secure a silver medal in the competition of four.

Thanks must be given at this point to King's College and the KCSC for medical supplies and gear donated for the trip. Your contribution was greatly appreciated by the Director of Baganuur hospital, Dr Enkhbayr Tsamballegshid.

After two weeks, we made our way back to the capital to complete our placement at Khaan-Uul Hospital. One of the main focuses of

our elective was to teach the doctors English. This was as part of our agreement with Medics to Mongolia, a branch of the charity Go-Help. The primary philosophy of Medics to Mongolia being to help build a continually improving and self-sustaining healthcare system. A bold goal that requires time, effort and money. Being students we had an abundance of the first two. Daily classes commenced for the duration of our stay.

With placement complete we departed for the Kazakh region of Mongolia. This was perhaps the most fascinating segment of our two-month journey. We stayed with an eagle hunter, went ice-fishing, wolf hunting, saw our tour guide assault another man at dinner and listened to a mediocre throat singer (to be fair, a goat knocked his tooth out the week before). Horse riding was a common feature and again the cold followed. By this stage of the trip we had sampled just about every part of every animal the Steppe had to offer.

Thanks to King's for the support with the supplies and even more so for friendships that extend beyond college. To have lived, studied and now travelled together is blessing.



## MONGOLIAN TRAVEL TIPS

- If you're travelling to Mongolia – **DO NOT** go in winter. This cannot be emphasised enough. If you do go, take what you must to survive a day or two and buy your warm clothes there.
- If you are vegan and you're in Mongolia, you're probably going to **starve**.
- If you accidentally touch someone's foot it is considered **rude** if you don't shake their hand afterwards.

If anyone wants to have a look at the M2M project their website has all the relevant information.  
[medics2mongolia.com](http://medics2mongolia.com)

Eli Bitzer (King's 2012-14)



Callum Pownell (2013-15), Tim Nolan (2013-14), Eli Bitzer (2012-14), friend, Jimmy Van den Heever (2013-15)

## A Welcome Guest

Patrick Marshall (KCSC President 2008) called at the College with Georgia House, his partner. They have been travelling in Australia while home from Canada where they now live. Patrick is Senior Production Systems Engineer with Hemlo – a barrick gold mine near Thunder Bay in Ontario Canada. While here, Patrick was able to provide news on some of his fellow Kingsmen:

- Murray Fletcher is now living in Melbourne
- Michael McNally is a Ventilation Officer with Anglo and living in Brisbane
- Tim Murphy is living in London
- Jed Michel is also in London
- Peter Hopkins is soon to be married in the United States and will settle there.
- Sam Hutton is FIFO at Mt Isa
- Liam de Jong is living on the Sunshine Coast





# A VIEW FROM THE SIDE LINE

The Hong Kong tour is an amazing opportunity to visit one of the most unique cities in the world to battle it out against some of the world's best rugby 10s players. The GFI Hong Kong 10s is held at the prestigious Hong Kong Football Club, surrounded by a 360-degree view of Hong Kong's best skyscrapers which really sets the scene for a great atmosphere.



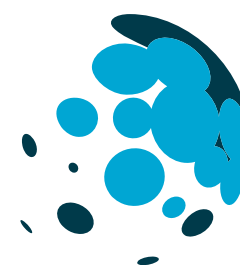
I thoroughly enjoyed working with the rest of the management staff to ensure the players were ready for the tournament. Our boys played out of their boots coming away as runners-up in the Plate Cup final and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> seed. This is a great achievement as we arrived at the tournament as 10<sup>th</sup> seed. Stand out players included Campbell Wakely, Scotty Gale and Jock Campbell who shocked the Hong Kong 10s crowd with their explosive running and sheer grit to get over the white line.

Alongside the rugby played, the boys had the opportunity to interact with some of Hong Kong's top business influencers at both the King's At Home and the Tim Horan corporate lunch. In addition to this, the boys were able to see some of Hong Kong's best cultural sites such as the Hong Kong Peak and the busy Hong Kong markets.

Two of my favourite parts of the trip were the Junk boat and the Hong Kong 7's experience. These activities allowed the team to bond cohesively which shone through on the pitch when the boys performed.

I would recommend the Hong Kong rugby tour to any past, current or future Kingsman as it has been the best opportunity I have received from being at King's. Whether you are looking to take your rugby career to the next step, keen to be involved in the world of business or just keen for a good time, you should get involved in the King's 10s program.

**Andrew Collins (King's 2015-16)**  
Tour Team Manager



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# Vale Robert Aitken Bryce



**Distinguished Kingsman Dr Robert (Bob) Aitken Bryce passed away on 26 January 2017. He attended King's from 1959 to 1962 after secondary schooling at Ipswich Grammar School. Always an outstanding student of maths, he gained a BSc with first class honours in Mathematics from The University of Queensland and subsequently an MSc.**

We are indebted to Mike Newman, Emeritus Professor at the Mathematical Sciences Institute (MSI) of Australian National University in Canberra (ANU) for the following career information: Bob went to ANU as a postgraduate student in 1965, where he completed a doctorate with a thesis: On Certain Varieties of Metabelian Groups. For the thesis, he was named promixie accessit for the Stroud Prize in 1968. He took up a post at ANU as a Research Fellow in Mathematics in 1967. In 1970 he was appointed as a Senior Lecturer in Pure Mathematics, and was promoted to Reader in Mathematics in 1983.

Among other things he is known through the Bryce-Cossey Theorem on subgroup closed Fitting formations of finite soluble groups. He was also an active researcher in the history of mathematics with a special interest in the work of Ruffini, Italian mathematician of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In later life, this led to him mastering the Italian language to the extent that he was able to lecture in Italy during some of the many visits he and his wife Pam made there. As well as his research and teaching in mathematics, he served the ANU community as Head of the Department of Mathematics, as a member of the Faculty of Science and as Chair of the Admissions Committee. He represented the ANU on the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies. In 1989 he was awarded a Public Education Award for Outstanding Service.

Bob was a key figure in the Friday evening Canberra Mathematics Enrichment programme for high school students which has run at the ANU for over fifty years. He contributed to the program for much of this time and organised it for more than twenty years. He served on the Problems Committee for the Australian Mathematics Competition for over thirty years. He was also a foundation and long-serving member of the Problems Committee for the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. In 1993 he was given its Bernhard H. Neumann Award. After his retirement in 2003 he continued his association with the MSI as a Visiting Fellow.

But it is of our lifelong friendship with Bob that we must comment. It was a great privilege to live in the King's environment when we were at a stage of testing assumptions about many things in our late adolescent world, and where others were challenging cherished understandings and beliefs. Our conservative backgrounds did not prepare us for the maelstrom of competing ideas, the range of perspectives from other College students preparing for different professions, and the wide spectrum of world views held by them. The intellectual ferment was both exciting and challenging. Suddenly a new world of music, art, literature and ideas began to inform our intellectual and spiritual development.

Having a close friendship in such an environment gave us each a secure and safe place to return to and to develop and test our ideas further, ideas that, like our friendship with Bob, have endured.

Having a close friendship in such an environment gave us each a secure and safe place to return to and to develop and test our ideas further, ideas that, like our friendship with Bob, have endured. We remember Bob's scintillating intelligence as well as his skill in the pool and on the athletic field, but we also remember his finely-honed sense of humour. We can still see him in his room lying on his bed reading PG Wodehouse and chuckling uncontrollably as Jeeves dealt with Bertie; or reading a maths text book while he characteristically twirled a few strands of his hair around a finger. Among his endearing personal quirks were his slightly unruly fair hair, his amusing vagueness and the frequent grin, delivered with a gentle curl of the lip. In conversation, he was always a good listener; when he did speak we usually paid attention, as he could sum things up well. Wise beyond his years, Bob taught us so much "off curriculum" at College. Never rowdy nor unduly assertive, he was a man of great integrity which made him a natural leader. He became President of the King's College Students Club in his final year.

Bob was a much loved and respected member of King's and of the mathematics community. His enduring friendships, mentoring and sage advice will be greatly missed.

**Written by good friends and fellow Kingsmen  
John Miles and Ron Store (King's 1959-1962)**

**The College is aware of the deaths of the following Kingsmen. We remember them in our thoughts and prayers.**

**Dr Brian Hooper Courtice** (King's 1937 – 1942)  
Passed away 21 March 2017

**Dr Luke Souvlis** (King's 1947 – 1950)  
Passed away in Sydney, 15 July 2016



The Master of King's and the Head of St Leo's hosted the Student Executive of both Colleges to lunch at the Brisbane Club earlier in the year. King's congratulate St Leo's College on celebrating their Centenary in 2017.

## Welcome New Staff

### Jessica O'Hare

Our new catering team member Jessica spends most of her free time in a gymnasium. Originally from Mt Isa, she recently came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North Qld Power lifting competition. At 69kg, Jessica dead lifts 150kg and bench presses 62kg. Suggest you compliment her cooking!



### Karina Rodrigues

Karina joined the housekeeping team not long after arriving in Australia with her husband and son from Brazil. An avid reader on the weekends, Karina also enjoys working and interacting with troubled young children through her local community church.

**Bem vinda Karina!**



### Deputy Master Peter Walker

Prior to joining King's in February this year, Peter held the position of Warden of Carrington College at the University of Otago, New Zealand. Preceding this he had the pleasure of holding the role of Head of College at his alma mater, Cumberland College (University of Otago). Peter lives on site at King's with his wife Sarah and their three boys Theo, Zach, and Toby, along with their energetic puppy Alfie.

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King's @ Home London - Sat 24 June  
Henley Royal Regatta - 28 June - 2 July  
King's @ Home Rockhampton - 21 July  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Drinks - 27 July  
KOCA AGM - 28 July  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Formal Dinner - 15 August

### SPRING

KOCA Annual Event - 1 Sept  
Frances and Kassulke Cup - 2 Sept  
105<sup>th</sup> King's Anniversary Ball - 2 Sept

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Graham, Old Collegian and grandfather of a current Kingsman, expressed his desire to donate money to a building project only. He wanted his donation to help the students directly with improved facilities that were visible and to be used and appreciated by the students.

He kindly agreed to be our College 'Champion' for the 2017 Annual Appeal for the refurbishment of the Common Room. Thank you Graham!

The Common Room, as it is affectionately called, is a large room which regrettably has had little updating since the 1950s.

This room is currently no longer embraced by the student body due to its lack of character and provisions. It is proposed that this new space, which adjoins an outdoor terrace area, would have a 'café lounge atmosphere' to promote connection and comradery among Kingsmen, to invite other College friends and for reaching out to potential Kingsmen.

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