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2021 Alumnae Award winners  
(left to right) Phoebe Thomas,  
Amanda Johnston-Pell and  
Suzanne Bosanquet  
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**Welcome from Head of College & CEO  
Florence Kearney**

**Welcome to our second edition of FREDA! Thank you for the overwhelming positive feedback following the launch of our first publication last year.**

It has been exciting to see our database grow and it has been wonderful to be able to update our records for the thousands of alumnae who have shared The Women's College experience.

Our new engagement initiatives and reconnecting with alumnae have been exhilarating, and have brought another dimension to the Women's community and the College experience for our students.

Our inaugural Alumnae Awards were a resounding success, exceeding all expectations with the number of nominations, extraordinary achievements of nominees, and enthusiastic celebration of the diverse talents of our alumnae. The Awards have opened a new opportunity to share the inspirational stories of some of our amazing women, and we were delighted with the response and interest they have generated. We heartily congratulate all the finalists and winners of our

inaugural awards, and celebrate with Amanda Johnston-Pell as our 2021 Women's College Alumna Award winner. Amanda has immediately given back to the College, partnering with her nominator, Paula Wilton, to introduce a new leadership prize for a current student through a brilliant fundraising initiative.

*In Conversation with Amanda Johnston-Pell and Paula Wilton*, a Formal Dinner with a difference, raised \$6,000 to establish a new prize for students as a direct outcome of the Alumna Awards. Not only were students treated to the stories and wisdom of two very successful alumnae during a most entertaining dinner but will also benefit from this new prize to support their growth and future careers.

It has been extremely satisfying to fill the gap that has existed in our photo gallery where the 1985 College photograph belongs but was never taken all

those years ago. Through the generous philanthropy of Council Member Emeritus Professor Fred D'Agostino, and hours of tireless tracking by Engagement & Marketing Manager Susan McGinley, with the help of many alumnae, the group photo was taken in the image of all the photos in the dining hall. Soon it will stand proud with all members of the 1985 cohort recognised, as if it was taken some 36 years ago ... no-one would know the difference!

In conjunction with The University of Queensland Scholarship Match Program, and the generosity of UQ Alumni Friends, the College is establishing scholarships to honour two beloved women of our Women's community who passed away in 2020. The Dr Maureen Aitken Undergraduate Scholarship was launched in April and the Dorothy Marsden Undergraduate Scholarship will be officially launched at our upcoming



Above: Multi-generational families were presented with special badges at the inaugural Mother & Daughter Dinner.



Standing Committee Luncheon in July. Both scholarships will be offered in perpetuity to students with financial need. We invite our alumnae to support these scholarships and the College through our 2021 Annual Giving Appeal, which was launched earlier this month. We have set ourselves an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000 this year to further our strategic purpose to create an inclusive and supportive community that enables our students to discover their potential, build confidence and leadership skills, and form connections for life.

We have revised our Strategic Plan for the next five years, with goals to move the College forward across the five key and interrelated areas of Student Experience, Investment in Infrastructure, Connected Wider Community, Financial Sustainability and Brand Awareness. The Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025 can be found on our website at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/strategy](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/strategy). Already the College

is underway with a number of projects to meet the goals set out in the plan.

After postponing the Farewell Function to honour and celebrate the 11 years of outstanding service of our wonderful Past President Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO, we held a spectacular event for Sallyanne during the mid-Semester 1 break. At the dinner, we publicly announced the naming of the Sallyanne Atkinson Building, the first residential building opened on this site in 1959 and the building in which Sallyanne resided when she was a student at Women's in 1960. Until now, the building had been affectionately known as 'Old Wing'.

Across the generations of alumnae, thousands of past Women's students have achieved and are achieving great things in every walk of life. They are featured throughout *FREDA* on every page and celebrated in our new Young Alumnae section and new Partnerships Program. The rich tapestry of Women's

lives, careers and shared wisdom gives insight and inspiration, and the connections of the Women's network are boundless.

It was a great privilege to recognise some of our multi-generational families at our Mother & Daughter Dinner to finish Semester 1 and hear the stories of College life in times gone by ... enduringly underpinned by the strength of the sisterhood that is the essence of Women's.

Please join us at our upcoming events, which offer more opportunities to reconnect: the Standing Committee Luncheon with our own Sally McPherson – 2020 Colleges' UQ Alumni Awards Winner – on Friday 2 July; and the Alumnae Reunion Celebrations on Saturday 17 July.

Nominations for our 2022 Alumnae Awards will open on 30 September. We look forward to celebrating more of the amazing and diverse achievements of our alumnae in the next exciting chapter of these prestigious awards.



Above: Staff pictured with Paula Wilton and Amanda Johnston-Pell at the Fundraising Dinner to launch the Alumnae Awards prize.

Far left: Flo Kearney & Susan McGinley pictured with the 2021 Alumnae Award winners.

Left: Flo Kearney with alumnae at the 1985 Year Group Lunch.



# Feature:

## FREDA meets Amanda Johnston-Pell

**Susan McGinley, Engagement & Marketing Manager, discovers why Amanda Johnston-Pell is a most deserving winner of the 2021 Women's College Alumna Award.**

How did it feel to be announced as the inaugural 2021 Women's College Alumna of the Year?

I was deeply humbled and honoured to receive the inaugural 2021 Women's College

Alumna of the Year Award, in recognition of my career, leadership and citizenship achievements and service to the community. It was also incredibly special to be nominated by my dear friend—and 1990 Student Club President—Paula Wilton. She quotes in her biography that during her tenure as Student Club President, she “ruled with an iron fist 😊” ... so to have her endorsement was deeply appreciated.

Can you share some of your experiences and life's learnings of your time at The Women's College?

Upon reflection, I have felt deeply privileged to have been accepted into The Women's College community some 30 years ago. For a country Queensland girl who had grown up in the small regional town of Maryborough, The University of Queensland and Brisbane were definitely the big smoke. In looking forward, my experience at Women's really

shaped my thinking and perspective around dreaming big, having a world view, living a life of service, the importance of a growth mindset, resiliency and courage, and the power of empowering women networks. Some of my closest friends today – those friendships were formed at The Women's College. Those women are my tribe and they are most closest confidants. They have been with me through all of life's rich tapestries; the highs and the lows. They are my sounding board and have in turn become advisory board members to my life and career journey.

As a mother of an 11 year old son, I also reflect on the importance of a life that is broad – well rounded, you might say – having a few strings to your bow. At the recent Alumnae Prize Fundraising Dinner, I spoke about the importance of having strengths beyond academic grades; yes academic grades are important, but they are not the only thing that I would encourage my son to focus on.

Today, my advice would be to also spend time engaging and participating in sports, the arts and in STEM experiences, in building your financial acumen,



in travelling and learning about other countries and citizens, in being interested in the broader world that we live in and, importantly, in giving back to the broader community. Also, being in service to others and building friendships that are based on shared values. I would encourage my son to build resilience, to look at life with the glass half full, and to build his emotional intelligence muscle early. The ability to recover quickly from setbacks, to work well with others, to build personal rapport and to be able to drive impact, together as a team, are all critical ingredients for success.

What are some of your career highlights since you graduated from UQ and left Women's?

After graduating from UQ in 1992, I was afforded the life-changing opportunity via scholarship to re-locate to the USA in January 1993 to undertake masters studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Since then, my career has spanned the globe and my commitment to best-in-class leadership principles and citizenship endeavours has been widely recognised and applauded in the communities that I have served.

I have been privileged to hold global leadership roles in the fields of business transformation, marketing, sales, brand, customer and entrepreneurship. My career spans 25 years working across the US, Canada, Europe, the Asia-Pacific, China and Japan markets in both executive and non-executive roles.

I'm currently serving as Vice-President Marketing Services Center Asia (an 800-person mission based out of Bengaluru, India), leading the transformation agenda for IBM's Artificial

Intelligence, Cloud & Quantum computing business. Previously, I was Chief Marketing Officer and Co-Chief Customer Officer of IBM A/NZ and Board Director IBM Australia.

The ability to recover quickly from setbacks, to work well with others, to build personal rapport and to be able to drive impact, together as a team, are all critical ingredients for success.

Perhaps one of my most formative experiences has been as an entrepreneur – as Co-Founder and Founding Co-CEO of a New York City based startup. I was privileged to be selected as a Global Finalist to attend the Inaugural Cannes Lions Innovation Start Up Academy 2015 (the only global startup to be led by two women). Today, I serve as an Advisory Board Member of The Sydney School of Entrepreneurship, sharing my learnings and experiences from that journey.

One of my most enjoyable career periods was in my 20s, when I was based in the USA. I had graduated with my masters degree, and the Atlanta Olympics was just around the corner while Sydney had been successful in their bid to host the 2000 Summer Games. I was consulting to sponsors of the Olympic and Paralympic Summer and Winter Games – six games in total, spanning 1994 through to 2004.

Today, I am a Member of Chief Executive Women Australia, representing Australia's most senior and distinguished women leaders, whose shared mission is

'women leaders enabling other women leaders'.

What are your views on women in leadership?

Quite simply, it makes excellent business sense. Our society, communities, business and our teams are better when we are collaborating together. I am a very big proponent of women leaders enabling women leaders. I am an active Member of Chief Executive Women and we strive to educate and influence all levels of Australian business and government on the importance of gender balance.

How do you balance a successful career with family?

I talk about a concept called work life integration. I look at my life, say over a 3–6 month period and, on the whole, ask myself, did I feel a sense of balance, because on any given day, work/career and/or life may have to take the front or back seat.

My husband is critical to this balance; we are a team and we both carry the administrative and domestic load – although if you ask him, he would say I am never allowed back into the laundry as apparently I shrink everything!

But in all seriousness, when our son was born, I had an epiphany – I had never felt love like the love I felt when I first looked into his eyes, and I made a commitment to always strive to keep my career in check, because keeping our little family unit strong was going to be my ultimate priority. My career is very much in service of giving the best life to my family. I don't always get it right, and when I don't, I commit to getting back up the next day and trying again.

Photo by Helen Henry, Rhubarb Photography

The Women's College

# Alumnae Awards

The accomplishments of Women's College alumnae bring honour to themselves and to the College in a multitude of ways—through leadership in their professions, business and government; ground-breaking advances in science and medicine; accomplishments in humanities and the arts; and service to international and local communities. The Women's College Alumnae Awards celebrate the diverse achievements of alumnae and provide an opportunity to share these inspirational stories each year.

The inaugural Alumnae Award winners for 2021 are featured here.

## Young Alumna Award Winner

**Phoebe Thomas (2009 – 2011)** is an experienced Interior Designer who works for a commercial architectural practice. Phoebe loves mentoring and nurturing talent within her team, sharing knowledge and providing opportunities for growth and new experiences. Phoebe endeavours to foster a collaborative environment where people can all learn from each other.



Phoebe's passions outside of work lie with Rotary, a global community service organisation that unites and takes action to create lasting change within our communities. Through Rotary, Phoebe has led a number of successful leadership and development youth programs, has been president of her Rotaract Club and has organised fundraisers which in total have raised over \$150,000. The Rotary motto of "Service above Self" is one which Phoebe has aspired towards, and believes all individuals can change the world for the better.

*"Kindness: One of the greatest gifts you can bestow upon another. If someone is in need, lend them a helping hand. Do not wait for a thank you. True kindness lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return."*

## Community Alumna Award Winner

**Suzanne Bosanquet (1994)** is an Architect, Artist, Educator, Mother of four boys, Business Owner, Entrepreneur, Active Citizen and Philanthropist.

She graduated with an Architecture degree in 1999, and in 2001 became the youngest graduate to become a registered practicing architect in Queensland.

Suzanne travelled and worked overseas in sport stadiums and indoor arenas, such as Wembley, China Olympics, Suncorp Stadium and the MCG. She established her own architectural company in 2004 and has won multiple industry awards, and has been published in the broad media, local and internationally.

Over the years, Suzanne has been involved with numerous grass roots community, institutional and professional body organisations, brokering partnerships to bolster and enrich communities and leading positive change and innovation through architecture, art and design.



*"Be who you are and lead courageously with your heart. Find your voice. Find your purpose. Be passionate, persevere and be patient."*



## Inspirational Alumna Award Winner

**Phoebe Young (2001)** is a lawyer, writer, speaker and mum to two marvellous young sons. As a university student, she suffered a rare and near-fatal illness that resulted in the amputation of both her legs below the knee and her left hand at the wrist, and significant



vision loss. After a gruelling stay in hospital, Phoebe learned to walk on prosthetic legs and navigate the world with low sight, eventually returning to university to complete degrees in Arts and Laws with Honours before working as a Supreme Court Judge's Associate.

She has spent her legal career advocating for the most vulnerable people in our community through her work at not-for-profit legal centres, charities and government departments. Phoebe is an example of the courage and spirit that live within all of us, which—even when exposed to life's greatest challenges—can never be extinguished.

*"Meaning and joy tend to arise if we can face our struggles with hope instead of complaint, with a willingness to serve instead of a sense of entitlement, and with the courage to keep our hearts and minds open even when we may not have all the answers."*

## The Women's College Alumna Award Winner

**Amanda Johnston-Pell (1989 – 1991)**

is Vice-President Marketing Services Center Asia (Bengaluru, India), leading the transformation agenda for IBM's Artificial Intelligence, Cloud & Quantum computing business.

Member, Chief Executive Women

Australia, Advisory Board Member, Sydney School of Entrepreneurship and Sparsha Trust, serving underprivileged children in India.

Prior roles include: Chief Marketing + Co-Customer Officer + Board Director IBM AVNZ; Co-Founder Tech Media Startup New York; Chief Marketing Officer Telstra; Executive Director BigPond; General Manager LANG; consultant for six Olympic Games; Non-Executive Director for AMP's Self-managed Super Funds business; and Australian American Leadership Dialogue.

She is a graduate of University of Massachusetts, The University of Queensland, and the Australian Institute of Company Director's.



*"Women's College taught me the importance of dreaming big, having a world view, living a life of service, a growth mindset, resilience, courage, and empowering women networks."*

# Feature:

## What Can Difficult Times Teach Us

**Phoebe Young, the 2021 Women's College Inspirational Award winner, will share her incredible story at the next *In Conversation with* event on Thursday 29 July – a special Formal Dinner – to welcome the return of all students to Semester 2.**

Carly Kind, 2003 Student Club President, nominated Phoebe for The Women's College Alumna Award, of which Phoebe was unaware. As a result of the inspirational nomination – and how Phoebe has touched so many lives, and continues to live in the service of her community – the judging panel made the decision to create a new award category: The Women's College Inspirational Alumna Award.

*Phoebe has gone on to live her life with gusto and to constantly give herself, her humour, her intelligence and her brilliance to those around her.*

In her nomination, Carly said that despite the setback of falling ill from a life-threatening illness at 18 years of age – an illness that ended with the amputation of both of her legs, her left hand and the tips of the fingers on her right hand, as well as the loss of her skin, hair and most of her eyesight – Phoebe has gone on to live her life with gusto and to constantly give herself, her humour, her intelligence and her brilliance to those around her.

Following many years of rehabilitation, Phoebe returned to her studies at UQ and later completed a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) at QUT. She was an Associate to The Honourable Justice Ann Lyons at the Supreme Court of Queensland and later married and had two loving sons.

Women's College students will be inspired by Phoebe's journey and what difficult times teach us at the next event in our *In Conversation with* series.

### Phoebe's Alumnae Awards Acceptance Speech (Thursday 11 March 2021)

"Thank you for giving me the great honour of being the first recipient of the Inspirational Award. I am completely humbled by the judging panel's unanimous decision to create and present this award to me. Thank you also to Flo Kearney and Susan McGinley for the wonderful idea to develop the Women's College Alumnae Awards. I feel very privileged to be included in the inaugural year alongside the other extraordinary recipients. I'm sorry I can't be there in person tonight ... Mainly because I've never met a Women's girl I did not like! We always seem to be so dynamic, interesting, fun and just down right spunky(!)

I believe there is nothing more powerful in this world than a curious woman who is seeking to educate herself. What great fortune we 'Woozers' have enjoyed from our residence at an institution that nurtures and celebrates us so we can not only enrich ourselves through education – but so we can in turn enrich those around us – remembering that *we take so that we may share*. I have found that it is in our sharing that our lives begin to overflow with grace, possibility and meaning. So thank you for this inspirational award and thank to all the Women's girls who came before me, who are my peers and who reside there now on College Road for inspiring me."





Photo by Briony Walker



# Where Are You Now?

The Women's College is excited to profile our diverse alumnae community spanning 107 years. Thousands of past Women's students are making important contributions in their local and international communities.

In this issue, we feature some of our alumnae living and working around Australia and look forward to sharing more alumnae news in future issues.

**Name (location):** Kobie Olsen (Darlington, WA)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 2007 / 2009

**Course:** B Engineering (Chemical & Biological) / B Science (Applied Psychology)

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Portfolio Manager, delivering engineering and project management services across Australia for a major mining client

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** "I have had the opportunity to travel across the globe with work and as part of my own adventures to South America, the Rocky Mountains and Belgium. I moved to the west coast of Australia in 2015, and I am expecting my first child in August 2021. I am also part-way through my MBA to build my executive management skills as I progress through the resources industry. My interest in supporting and building community has continued, and I am a Director of a start-up social enterprise in WA, and Non-Executive Director for charity organisation Human and Hope Australia."

**Name (location):** Ingrid Eyres (Forestville, NSW)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1987 / 1988

**Course:** B Arts/Law

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Working for not-for-profit Playgroup QLD

**Where has life taken you since leaving**

**College?:** "With an Arts/Law degree in my back pocket and the confidence and networks gained from my Women's College experience, in 1992, I launched into what became an interesting and fulfilling career that *flexed* around raising my three children. My legal training with (the then) Freehills led into a policy and Ministerial Advisory role within Qld Government, followed by a stint in the west as a Senior Investigator with the ACCC. I pushed pause on my career while bringing up three children in rural Victoria, Dubbo and then Sydney, until a move to New Zealand saw me take on a senior role with the Earthquake Commission, managing a team processing insurance claims for the thousands of people impacted by the tragic Christchurch earthquakes. When we eventually moved back to Sydney, I accepted a role as National Administrator for Sing&Grow, a music therapy program that supports vulnerable families and communities. I find myself constantly amazed and inspired by the passion and commitment of my colleagues. So although I didn't follow the typical career path of a law graduate, the strong foundation and skills I gained from my degree have proven invaluable."

**Name (location):** Jill Pettigrew (Katherine, NT)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1967 / 1968

**Course:** Medicine

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Psychiatry

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** "After graduation in 1973, my husband Bill and I hit the road to Darwin. I was looking for somewhere exotic. During my first year of work, I realised that psychiatry was my calling and I made plans for postgraduate studies in Sydney. We always had a return to the NT on our minds. It eventuated at the end of 2001 when Bill took up a position at RAAF Base Tindal, outside Katherine. Work in the NT has been diverse – community mental health with visits to remote communities, work for the Australian Defence Force, and a psychogeriatric position for an NGO. I am now retired, living on a block outside Katherine, reading, writing, gardening and potting."

**Name (location):** Emily Doherty (Melbourne, VIC)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 2009 / 2011


**Course:** Speech Pathology with B Business Management (Marketing & International Business)

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Pilates instructor

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** "I worked for a number of years as a Speech Pathologist before I had a career change. I am currently working as a pilates instructor, digital content creator, model and business owner. I am passionate about raising awareness for coeliac disease and endometriosis as I suffer from both of these chronic health conditions. My first business, *Gluten Free Bucket List*, is an online platform dedicated to coeliac disease and all things gluten free. I also run *Endo Girl Gang* to raise awareness for endometriosis. I am still very good friends with many Wozzas and I am in a long-term relationship with an old King's boy."





**Name (location):** Anne Millen (Bribie Island, QLD)  
**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1965 / 1967  
**Course:** Dip. Physiotherapy  
**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Physiotherapy in aged care  
**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** "I lived overseas for 45 years, including 4.5 years spent sailing round the world. I later spent 23 years in the Middle East. I retired at 64, got my present job at 68 and am happy to be still working. I have published one book, *More Than A Thousand Dawns*, and have another in the pipeline."

**Name (location):** Bianca Shaw (Page, ACT)  
**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 2009 / 2011  
**Course:** LLB/B Arts (Geography)  
**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Legal Officer with the Australian Attorney-General's Department – International Cooperation Unit - Extradition  
**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:**  
"I worked for three years as a prosecutor with the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions before doing a short stint of work as a Criminal Policy Officer for the ACT Government. I then moved to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, where I now work in international crime cooperation."

**Name (location):** Anna McAfee (Coffs Harbour, NSW)  
**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1998 / 2000  
**Course:** B Business Management/B Arts Psychology  
**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Community builder  
**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** "I am a branded community strategist and LinkedIn Trainer. I founded and led the *#linkedinlocal* movement, an initiative to get to know the people behind the LinkedIn profiles and connect face to face, which grew to 96 countries in two years. I have published a book titled *How a Hashtag Changed The World* and write extensively on human connection and building communities. I am currently presenting the podcast *Managing Minds*, interviewing experts from across Australia on how to develop understanding and better support mental health at work."

**Name (location):** Leonore Risse (Southbank, VIC)  
**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1997 / 2001  
**Course:** B Economics / B of Arts majoring in Journalism & English; later studied Honours & PhD in Economics  
**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Economics  
**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** "My work as an economist focuses on how to improve women's economic outcomes and foster gender equality in the workforce. One of my key contributions to the economics profession in Australia has been to co-found the *Women in Economics Network*, which aims to lift the representation and recognition of women as well as ensure female economists are part of our country's economic policy-making. My research on gender equality has taken me to Harvard University, where I was fortunate to spend time as Research Fellow with the Women & Public Policy Program. I am also a Research Fellow with the Women's Leadership Institute Australia, and am currently appointed as a Lecturer in Economics at RMIT University in Melbourne."

# Connect for Life

## Meet Sally McPherson in person ... A fine example of the complexity of modern womanhood



Sally McPherson (alumna 1999 – 2002) is this year's Standing Committee Luncheon guest speaker.

Don't miss this annual fundraising event to hear how Sally has worked tirelessly on her vision since 2012 to take the construction industry online and aggregate hundreds of thousands of suppliers at one central digital destination – [iSeekplant.com.au](http://iSeekplant.com.au) – so that people working on infrastructure and mining projects can find the machines and services they need in the closest proximity.

Sally will also share how she became a mother during the three hardest years of her business, and was unable to take maternity leave at the time both her daughters were born. Sally maintains an incredibly strong commitment to both of the biggest endeavours in her life, being an engaged and present parent and running a business. She is a fine example of the complexity of modern womanhood – having to juggle life priorities and obligations towards the achievement of competing goals while also maintaining life-long friendships, a happy marriage and community contribution.

As Sally's company has become more successful and self-sustaining, she has been able to dedicate more time to giving back to her community and The Women's College. In 2018, a group of friends from her year group at College created a Wooza Year Fund bursary that was awarded to a student from a disadvantaged background.

Last year, The Women's College nominated Sally for the Colleges' UQ Alumni Award, which recognises an alumnus who has made an outstanding contribution to UQ and a Residential College and continues to make a positive impact on the wider community, nationally or internationally.

The College is extremely proud to announce that Sally was the worthy recipient of this distinguished award.

### The Women's College Standing Committee Luncheon

An annual fundraising event, named in honour of the Standing Committee, who established and fundraised for The Women's College from the early 1900s.

Book a table of friends and enjoy a delicious two-course lunch and entertainment as well as be inspired by guest speaker Sally McPherson.

**Date and time:** Friday 2 July, 11:30am – 2:15pm

**RSVP:** Don't miss out – book your ticket online at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/standing-committee-luncheon](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/standing-committee-luncheon)

**Enquiries:** Please phone the College on (07) 3377 4500 or email [events@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:events@womens.uq.edu.au)



# Alumnae Reunion Celebrations

## Reconnect • Reminisce • Celebrate

As an alumna of The Women's College, you belong to a community of over 6,000 women located around the world in many countries.

Holding reunions is a chance to bring our community together to renew old friendships, develop business and community networks and discover the changes that have evolved at College.

This year, we have reignited our milestone reunions, inviting alumnae from the Fresher Year Groups 1950 & 1951, 1960 & 1961, 1970 & 1971, 1980 & 1981, 1990 & 1991, 2000 & 2001 and 2010 & 2011 to return to Women's for a celebration.

We recognise that one of the important factors in the success of a reunion is the support, enthusiasm and perseverance of volunteers from each year group. Our coordinators and researchers have been hard at work spreading the word and locating fellow alumnae to assist the College in bringing as many Woozas together as possible.

We thank the following alumnae for volunteering their valuable time:

- Margaret Mayer (1951)
- Sallyanne Atkinson and Elizabeth Merson (1960)
- Alison Bruce (1971)
- Wendy Troe (1980)
- Robyn McKenzie (1981)
- Jo Harris (1990)
- Alison Kubler (1991)
- Annie Pohlman (2000)
- Sarah Berry (2010)
- Anna McDougall (2011)

If you are interested in being a coordinator for the 1961, 1970 and 2001 Fresher Year Groups, please contact the College –

[advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au)

The reunions will be held on Saturday 17 July at The Women's College. You will have the opportunity to hear from some amazing women in a panel discussion and also enjoy a tour of the College.

- Lunch: 12:00pm – 3:00pm for Fresher Year Groups 1950, 1951, 1960, 1961, 1970, 1971, 1980 and 1981
- Dinner: 6:00pm – 9:00pm for Fresher Year Groups 1990, 1991, 2000, 2001, 2010 and 2011

Tickets are \$50 per person and include a main meal, dessert, coffee and tea. Plus a cash bar will be available.

Book your ticket – [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/reunion-celebrations](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/reunion-celebrations)

# Fundraising and Camaraderie

**Almost 50 students who resided at The Women's College in 1985 returned for a special lunch and to have their year group photo taken on Saturday 13 March.**

The 1985 cohort were the only group that did not have their photo displayed in the College—which was a mystery—and will soon be featured along with the other 106 year groups in our gallery.

The lunch and photo opportunity was made possible through the generous philanthropy of The Women's College Council Member Emeritus Professor D'Agostino (pictured right).

At the event, the 1985 Year Group also launched the establishment of the Suellen Topfer Academic Prize, a new prize honouring Suellen Topfer, who passed away in 2003 as a result of a tragic accident.

Friends Nadine Garraway and Katrina Walton paid tribute to Suellen, who lived at Women's from 1984 to 1986 and loved College life. They said Suellen was the editor of the College magazine *Snoopette* and the skills she learnt later proved to be of benefit as Suellen was employed as a journalist at *The Courier-Mail*.

The academic prize in her honour, will be awarded for the first time in 2022 to a resident of The Women's College who achieves outstanding academic results in a Bachelor of Communications (majoring in journalism or a related field).

Donations to the Suellen Topfer Academic prize, can be made at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations)







# Fundraising and Camaraderie

**On Thursday 20 May, the College held its inaugural *In Conversation with* event at a special fundraising Formal Dinner for the launch of the Alumnae Awards Prize.**

The special evening featured a discussion with 2021 Alumna of the Year award winner, Amanda Johnston-Pell and 1990 Student Club President, Paula Wilton, who shared their thoughts about important themes like authentic leadership, making the most of opportunities, how vulnerability is a strength, work-life integration and how you haven't lived until you get fired.

Amanda and Paula have played an integral role in giving back to The Women's College to ensure the outstanding success of this event.

“In the lead-up to The Women's College Alumnae Awards Dinner, Paula and I reflected on our career and life journey, and it was those conversations that helped shape the creation of the new Alumnae Awards prize. It will be presented to a Women's College student for the first time in 2022. The awardee will be an inspirational student who has raised her profile and standing within the College community, demonstrating outstanding community service and/or continuous and significant contributions in a leadership role. We strongly felt that these qualities balanced with Academic Excellence to be important ingredients to success.”

– Amanda Johnston-Pell

Sincere appreciation to our alumnae and friends from the 1990 Year Group who attended the event and contributed to the fundraising efforts to support the new Alumnae Awards Prize.

Further donations to the new Alumnae Awards Prize can be made here – [www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations)

“In my view, it was a small gesture of thanks and appreciation to The Women's College, which seeks to foster an environment of empowering women to reach their potential, and to lead lives of meaning and purpose. It was a pleasure for Amanda and I to share our stories with the talented residents of today, and reflect on how the fabulous experiences of college life in the late 1980s contributed in shaping our lives.” – Paula Wilton



Above: 1990 Student Club President, Paula Wilton and 2021 Alumna of the Year award winner, Amanda Johnston-Pell.







Create New Opportunities



## 2021 Annual Giving Appeal

Your support of The Women's College Annual Giving Appeal helps create new opportunities for our students. A donation can bring hope to those students during their university years who have the desire, however, lack the financial support to have a rewarding College experience. By enabling students to fulfil their dreams, our donors make a positive change in the lives of our students.

**Your generosity will support financially struggling students.**

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# Spirit of Philanthropy

**The Women's College in partnership with UQ Alumni Friends and The University of Queensland has established two new scholarships in 2021 to support undergraduate students at College who are facing financial hardship.**



## Dr Maureen Aitken Undergraduate Scholarship

Dr Maureen Aitken (pictured left) had a significant influence in the life of The Women's College, serving as Principal from 1991 – 2008. She was awarded a Fellow of the College in 2010.

The Maureen Aitken Garden, which was completed in 2013 and enhanced an inner landscape area of The Women's College, honours Dr Aitken, who gave opportunity and encouragement to countless students by believing that confident and creative women can shape a better future.

*Dr Aitken's spirit continues to live on throughout the College – in the laughter of the corridors, the sun beaming through the Dining Hall's stain-glassed windows, the melodies of classical music drifting from a piano, the charm of a cup of tea enjoyed from fine bone china, and the beauty of fresh blooms in the garden.*

– Kim Lyons, 2005 Senior Resident Assistant

## Dorothy Marsden Undergraduate Scholarship

Miss Dorothy Marsden (pictured right, middle) was the oldest alumna of The Women's College when she passed away in June 2020 at the age of 101 years.

She attended The Women's College during the late 1930s when it was located at Kangaroo Point and was Student Club President in 1939. Miss Marsden was an active alumna of The Women's College from the time she graduated from university. She was also a long-standing attendee of both the College Birthday Garden Party and annual Standing Committee Luncheon until 2018.

*A scholarship, in honour of the beautiful, gracious, selfless, compassionate, multi-gifted and dedicated Miss Dorothy Marsden, will be such a tremendous gift to hopefully many girls in the future.*

– Catherine Urquhart, Friend of The Women's College and past pupil of Dorothy Marsden



# Notable Alumnae

## Profile

### Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO honoured for 11 years of service

A Special Reception for Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO (pictured right) was held in April amongst a distinguished assembly of guests to acknowledge her 11 years of service as Council President to The Women's College.

Head of College & CEO Flo Kearney said that we are grateful to Sallyanne for her selfless service to The Women's College over many years, continuing to build on the achievements of those who had served before her, and who continues to be a great inspiration to all at Women's.

On behalf of the College Council, staff and students – past and present – Deputy President Kim Lyons paid tribute to Sallyanne and commented on how she facilitated valuable connections between students and career or industry-based mentors, turning them into internships or job opportunities. She also shared that Sallyanne was a well-connected woman, and over the years introduced Women's College to an incredible number of highly influential and inspirational women.

In recognising Sallyanne's contribution to The Women's College over the past decade, Kim said that there were so many things to thank Sallyanne for, however five things stand out above all:

1. "Thank you for openly and willingly sharing your lifetime of knowledge, experience and stories with us.
2. Thank you for your uncompromising style, formidable approach to all things 'Women's' and for being a loud and proud ambassador for our College.
3. Thank you for your enthusiasm in governing the College and, underpinning that, your genuine care for all those who have and will walk through its doors.
4. Thank you for always reminding us of the importance of tradition and the undeniably important role it plays in our future.
5. And lastly, thank you for your loyalty and love for Women's and all that it stands for."

In honour of Sallyanne's leadership and service, the College renamed 'Old Wing', the building where she resided at The Women's College in 1960, the Sallyanne Atkinson Building (pictured right).







# Notable Alumnae

## Celebrating Achievements

The Women's College is pleased to share the news of five alumnae who are congratulated for their outstanding achievements.

### Judith Anderson OAM (alumna 1964 – 1966)

Take the search for an old ute, mix with a COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, sprinkle on Judith Anderson's passion for her hometown of Warwick—where she grew up in a family of bakers—and you have the recipe for Judith's first book, *Earning a Crust*.

Exploring the lives of the people who worked in the baking trade in Warwick during the century after the town's establishment in 1861, *Earning a Crust* features stories of more than 20 baking families before the era of sliced bread as well as the history of the town's flour mills.

Born into a family of Warwick bakers, Judith lived her first 18 years beside the Brown family bakery before pursuing higher education at UQ and a career that ranged from teaching, health education

and journalism to marketing, management and the performing arts, including 13 years as General Manager of Queensland Ballet.

*Earning a Crust* will be launched at the Warwick Art Gallery on Saturday 19 June by the Mayor of the Southern Downs Regional Council, Cr Vic Pennisi. It is available for purchase from [www.judithanderson.com](http://www.judithanderson.com)



### Cecilie Lander (alumna 1966 – 1968)

The Reverend Dr Cecilie Marion Lander has been recognised on the 2021 Queen's Birthday List for her significant service to neurological medicine, and to the Anglican Church of Australia.



### Olivia Maragna (alumna 1995)

Olivia Maragna is Chief Executive of Aspire Retire, and featured in the Barron's 2021 and 2020 Top 100 – and 2019 Top 50 – Financial Advisers honour roll. Olivia is a well-recognised finance commentator and

advocate for the financial planning profession. She was also a finalist in the 2021 Women's College Alumnae Award category.



### Helene Marsh (alumna 1964)

Emeritus Professor Helene Marsh AO was recognised in the Australia Day 2021 Honours List for her distinguished service to biological and environmental sciences, to the conservation of marine mammals, and to tertiary education.

Professor Marsh is a Distinguished Professor of Environmental Science and the Dean of Graduate Research Studies at James Cook University. She graduated from The University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Science (Hours) in Zoology in 1968.



### Olivia Williamson (alumna 1999 – 2003)

2003 Senior Resident Assistant Olivia Williamson was recognised as one of The Best Lawyers™ in Australia 2022 Edition in May this year.

Olivia is a Senior Associate in Planning and Environmental Law at HopgoodGanim Lawyers and currently serves as a member of The Women's College Council.

Outside of her professional life, Olivia is active within a number of organisations including the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand, the Jane Austen Society of Australia and the Justice's of the Peace in the Community program.

**If you have an achievement that you would like to celebrate in the next issue of *FREDA*, please email details and your photograph to [advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au)**

# Young Alumnae News

## See what's been happening with our young alumnae

Some of our 2020 student leaders have created a positive impact within the Australian university residential colleges community this year. Congratulations to four aspiring young women who have been appointed to volunteer positions with the National Association of Australian University Colleges (NAAUC):

- Georgia Hayward – President, NAAUC
- Ella Cooper – Conference Director, NAAUC Conference
- Sajeewa Ranasinghe – Marketing Director
- Ellie Ferguson – Queensland State Representative

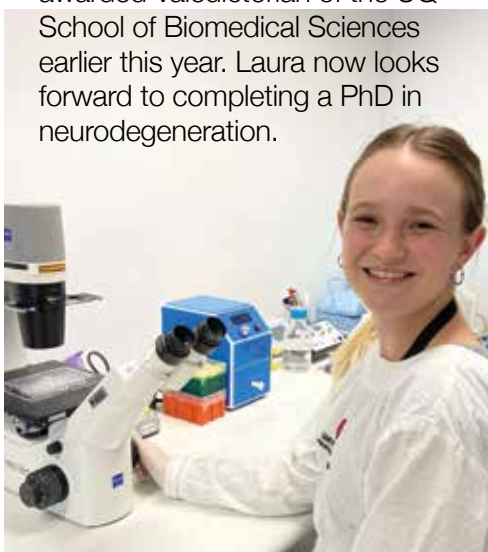
Below (L – R): Ellie Ferguson, Ella Cooper, Sajeewa Ranasinghe and Georgia Hayward.



Ella Cooper and Risa Utama (alumnae 2018 – 2020) were announced as finalists in the Greater Women in Business Awards of Australia – Aspiring Young Business Women's category at the end of last year.

Right: Ella Cooper and Risa Utama.

Congratulations to Laura Milton (associate 2017 – 2019; pictured below), who graduated with a Bachelor of Advanced Science with First Class Honours and was awarded Valedictorian of the UQ School of Biomedical Sciences earlier this year. Laura now looks forward to completing a PhD in neurodegeneration.





# Engagement Events

The College's engagement events are a great opportunity to reconnect with alumnae. Our community is supported by an increasing number of volunteers who give back to the College as well as donors who are financially strengthening the College for generations to come.

## Young Alumnae

The annual **Academic Lunch** was held in February and once again was well-supported by young alumnae who shared their advice and encouragement to First Year students as they commenced their journey transitioning from high school to university.



The College celebrated **International Women's Day** on Monday 8 March, hosting a special lunch for students and staff.

Guest speaker Madeleine Thornton (alumna 2011 – 2013) inspired us with her journey as a communications consultant and founder of The Grapevine Club, an online resource and professional network dedicated to young working women. Madeleine shared the importance of finding your champions in the workforce and building a strong network of women.



Young alumnae studying or working in the field of allied health enjoyed the **Women of the World Q&A Series 3** on Tuesday 25 May.

The panel included Megan Dalton (Physiotherapist and Deputy Head, School of Allied Health, ACU), Caroline Gee (Clinical Supervisor, Relationships Australia), Roxanne Innes (Speech Pathologist, Hear & Say) and Tamara Robson (Advanced Occupational Therapist, Rockhampton Hospital).

They inspired our young alumnae with their experiences in allied health, discussed some of their greatest career achievements and openly shared what the big challenges in their fields are today.

Laura Kane (alumna 2016 – 2018) said that the Women of the World Q&A was an invaluable insight into the allied health industry. Each of the speakers provided their own wisdom about working in their field, including the rewarding aspects, challenges, realities and advice for young alumnae.

"It was also great to be able to talk to each guest speaker away from the Q&A stage in a dinner setting – with a superb meal – from the Women's kitchen."

Laura said that if your field of study or work is featured in the next Women of the World Q&A series, you should definitely attend.



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## Thanking Donors

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Last November, we held our **Dividere Dinner** to thank our 2020 donors and volunteers as well as share the impact that philanthropy is making at The Women's College. It was a special occasion to recognise all our amazing donors for their contribution in making a difference towards supporting our next generation of leaders. The Study Hub was also officially opened at the event.





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## Special College Events

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We held our **Academic Dinner and Alumnae Awards** on Thursday 11 March.

The College was honoured to have QUT Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President (Education) Professor Robina Xavier as our guest speaker for the evening. We celebrated the academic achievements of our students, acknowledged scholarship awardees and introduced our inaugural Alumnae Award Winners.



The College celebrated its **107<sup>th</sup> Birthday** with a special High Tea for the community on Saturday 13 March.

It was a great opportunity for alumnae across the decades and current students to connect for such a special occasion.

This year the cutting of the cake ceremony was undertaken by representatives of our alumnae community including Lucy Parker (alumna 1984 – 1986), Noor Kahloon (2021 Student Club President), Elizabeth Mackenzie (alumna 1965 – 1967), Kim Lyons (alumna 2001 – 2005) and (pictured above).



Dr Maureen Aitken passed away in 2020 and a special **Tribute High Tea** to honour her inspirational 18 years as Principal of The Women's College (1991 – 2008) was held on Saturday 17 April 2021.

Deputy President of the College Council Kim Lyons offered some heartfelt reflections about Dr Aitken and the significant influence she had in the life of The Women's College.

The College was delighted to launch a special scholarship in memory of Dr Aitken, which will support a student facing financial hardship.



# Recognising *Multi-Generational* Families

**One of the highlights on the College calendar this year was the inaugural Mother & Daughter Dinner where multi-generational families were acknowledged.**

The event featured a Q&A panel of families that comprised current students along with their mothers – and one grandmother – who are alumnae of the College. The panel amused the audience with their fond memories of College life and advice for students on how to make the most of their College experience.

Mary Johnston (alumna 1958 – 1961) reflected on the time when Women's College moved to St Lucia and the mens' colleges warmly welcomed the young women to the UQ campus. She said it was all too much excitement for the Principal, Eunice MacIndoe, who ran up and down the corridor of Old Wing calling out, "Girls, girls, go into your rooms, lock the doors, the boys are coming." Mary commented that the students in her year group will never forget the moment.

The College extends its sincere appreciation to the following alumnae panel members:

- Lucy Parker (alumna 1984 – 1986) with daughters Phoebe Parker (Third Year) and Molly Parker (Second Year).
- Mary Johnston (alumna 1958 – 1961) with daughter Fiona Smaha (alumna 1982 – 1984) and granddaughter Sophie Smaha (Second Year)
- Sally White (alumna 1990 – 1991) and daughter Eliza White (Third Year)

The evening concluded with a presentation of special Women's College multi-generational badges to students and their mothers and grandmothers who are alumnae of the College.





# Partnerships Program



## Partner with our students

The Women's College partners with alumnae in their industry and the community to provide work experience and internship opportunities for students and young alumnae. The experience provides a competitive edge when students start applying for jobs; it also helps students with developing great connections in the workforce and assists with the transition from university studies to employment as well as workplace preparation.

Alumna Nikki Parkinson is a former-journalist-turned-blogger, author and fashion designer. At the core of all that she does is her love of helping and supporting women to find greater confidence through their everyday style and the life they lead.

Her business, Styling You, is a Queensland micro business Telstra Business Award winner, which has attracted sponsorship from national brands such as FRANKiE4 Footwear, Allianz travel insurance and Priceline. A few years ago, Nikki launched her own fashion label, Styling You The Label, offering Australian-made, non-boring wardrobe basics that take the stress out of the what-to-wear question.

She has grown Styling You into a sustainable business by pivoting and adapting with each new change in technology and social media. The core of everything she does as a businesswoman is aimed at lifting up other women, from the women in her online community to her customers and the women she employs.

Nikki has partnered with The Women's College to provide work experience for Third Year resident, Breanna Cumner, so she can gain first-hand marketing experience in her business.

Breanna said that the connections of The Women's College alumnae is unmatched. "I had approached Susan McGinley, our Engagement & Marketing Manager, in the hopes that she might have known someone in the field of marketing who is looking for someone to take on for work experience. Within three days my Women's College connections helped me secure an analytics/marketing internship at Styling You with former Women's girl Nikki Parkinson.

This experience, so far, has had me working with and discovering trends from real customer data as well as writing ambassador reports for the brands that Nikki promotes. I am excited to extend my knowledge of consumer behaviour in practice and improve on my analytic skills by using them in real-world situations. The Women's College alumnae are formed from generations of girls supporting girls and I am forever grateful to be a part of it."



If you would like to partner with students and young alumnae to provide internships or work experience and to grow their professional networks, please contact our Engagement & Marketing Manager at [advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au) or complete this form – [www.womens.uq.edu.au/update-contact-details](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/update-contact-details)

## *In Memory*

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### **Dorothy Marsden (alumna 1937 – 1939)**

Miss Marsden was born in Maryborough in 1919 and was the only daughter of Mr and Mrs F W Marsden. She was educated at Maryborough Girls' Grammar School and resided at The Women's College while completing a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours at The University of Queensland.

She was employed as the first French teacher in 1941 at Ipswich Girls' Grammar School (IGGS) soon after she graduated, and this is where she remained for 42 years until her retirement in 1982. During this time, Dorothy became Deputy Head Mistress in 1965 and was most conscientious in carrying out the duties of this position until 1980.

Dorothy was a devoted member of the IGGS Old Girls Association and a member of the Alumni Association of The University of Queensland. She was also an active alumna of The Women's College, attending the annual Standing Committee Luncheon, which was to be her last event in 2018 before her passing in June 2020.

Below: Dorothy Marsden with Dr Maureen Aitken at the official opening of Centenary Wing.





# Thanking Donors

**Whether it is through a scholarship, bursary or prize, we value your enthusiasm and support, and sincerely thank you for your investment in The Women's College in 2020.**

## Gifts of \$1,000 or greater

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## AT THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

FRIDAY 2 JULY

### Standing Committee Luncheon

An annual fundraising event named in honour of the Standing Committee, who established and fundraised for The Women's College from the early 1900s. Book a table with friends and enjoy a delicious two-course lunch, guest speaker and entertainment. Our guest speaker for this year's Standing Committee Luncheon is 2020 UQ Colleges' Alumni Award winner, Sally McPherson (alumna 1999 – 2003), Chief Executive Officer, iSeekplant.com.au

SATURDAY 17 JULY

### Alumnae Reunion Celebrations

An opportunity to reconnect, remember and share memories. Alumnae from the following Fresher Year Groups are invited to attend our milestone reunions:

- Lunch 12:00pm – 3:00pm | 1950, 1951, 1960, 1961, 1970, 1971, 1980 and 1981
- Dinner 6:00pm – 9:00pm | 1990, 1991, 2000, 2001, 2010 and 2011

SATURDAY 31 JULY – SUNDAY 1

AUGUST

### Open Days

If you have a daughter in Year 11 or 12, visit our Open Days so she can discover how living at The Women's College can complete her university experience.

TUESDAY 17 AUGUST

### Women of the World Q&A – Series 4

The next event in our Women of the World Q&A Series will feature a panel of experienced women in the field of urban design, planning and environment. Young alumnae are invited to attend this dinner and networking event. Invitations coming soon.

WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

### Dividere Dinner

A special dinner to thank our alumnae and friends who are donors and supporters of The Women's College. Invitations will be sent in October.

*The dates of these events are subject to change during the COVID pandemic. Invitations are emailed to alumnae in the lead-up to each event and details are promoted on the College website at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/events](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/events)*

# WOOZA WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Heidi Begg (alumna 2010), who celebrated her wedding on Saturday 1 May, after it was rescheduled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Heidi, a speech pathologist and CEO of Spot, says her family was fortunate to have guests from all over Australia attend the event, which was held at her parent's sheep station 60km south of Longreach.

A black tie event, the ceremony was held on the front steps of the property, followed by afternoon drinks in the garden and the reception—with dancing—on the tennis court.

Two of Heidi's bridesmaids are also Women's College alumnae.



Heidi & Michael Trusler on the landing of the shearing shed.



Heidi and her bridesmaids—Annie Madden (née Horton, alumna 2010), Sally Hacker, Brooke Barkla and Georgia Dight (alumna 2010)—on the landing of her family's shearing shed.

# YOU AND FREDA



At her desk at CQUniversity's Brisbane CBD campus, Libby O'Brien (alumna 2017 – 2019) reads the 2020 issue of *FREDA*. Libby is currently the Alumni Engagement Officer at CQU.

"I've enjoyed reading the history and stories of graduates from The Women's College in *FREDA* and am inspired by their experiences and achievements. I hope I am able to bring the same excitement to CQUni graduates through my own role."

**Do you have wedding news or news about where you read your copy of *FREDA*? Send us your story and it might be featured here in our next issue of *FREDA*! [advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au)**



The Women's College

# Alumnae Awards

The accomplishments of Women's College alumnae bring honour to themselves and to the College in a multitude of ways—through leadership in their professions, business and government; ground-breaking advances in science and medicine; accomplishments in humanities and the arts; and service to international and local communities. The Women's College Alumnae Awards celebrate the diverse achievements of alumnae and provide an opportunity to share these inspirational stories each year.

**Categories include:**

- Young Alumna Award
- Community Alumna Award
- Inspirational Alumna Award
- The Women's College Alumna Award

**For more information, visit**

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Nominations for the 2022 awards open on  
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