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From the Chair and the Principal



The university experience in 2023 is very different from what we older people remember.

Transitions to online learning, challenges in the tertiary sector, and, more recently, Covid, have changed the nature of campus life.

However, what is unchanging is the desire of young people to stretch their wings and relish the experience of increased adult independence with others of their own age and developmental stage.

Whilst university is about learning and developing qualifications essential for employment, equally critical are the skills of living together, identifying and recognising boundaries, and just enjoying being young and having fun.

Jane acknowledges both elements of learning and personal growth and provides a collective environment to facilitate the holistic development of our residents.

Why make this point?

Sometimes, one might get the impression that the Council and staff of Jane essentially keep the food coming and ensure that the lights remain on – guardians of the mechanics of an institution, so to speak. This is only a small part of the picture.

In an era where corporate governance and ethics are being cast into serious doubt, the members of Council

and Management Team have been actively focusing on ensuring that the governance of Jane conforms to all laws and regulations, that policies and procedures are current, and that the financial management of the College is of the highest standard.

However, our deliberations inevitably and constantly focus on ensuring that the Jane values of intellectual enquiry, respect, collegiality, and courage are not just words but translated into the very fabric of the Jane culture.

Key to this is the involvement of residents in College governance, and acknowledgement of the special contribution of individuals to the positive culture of Jane by the awarding of prizes, colours and scholarships. It is also essential that we recognise and have respect for staff members who help maintain the daily basic functions that keep the institution running.

Reflecting on 2023, we can be grateful that the three legs of the tripod have held their own to ensure Jane remains a special place: Council and Management for effective governance, staff for keeping things running safely, and smoothly, and residents for ensuring that everyone feels a valued part of the community.

No doubt 2024 will bring new challenges, but we retain the firm base that allows us to face them with confidence.

Dr John Kertesz
Chair, College Council

Joanna Rosewell
Principal

Jamming at Jane

Jane first year student Hubert Hoffler arrived at College in July with a bit of a reputation.

You see, Hubert had already recorded four albums, featuring a total of 46 original songs, on Spotify before he'd even commenced his Bachelor of Music studies at UTas.

It could have been a daunting image to uphold but Hubert is humble. He plays down the Spotify exposure by dismissing it as seeming to be "more professional" with a subscription to the digital music service.

Nonetheless, it is clear that Hubert loves creating his unique brand of music.

It's an interesting mix of vocals, instrumentals and computer-generated sounds, all of it original and defying one particular genre.

"Every album has a different vibe," says Hubert "I like to follow a story on each LP and bring that story to life through the lyrics, the sounds and even the art on the cover that I develop myself."

"The latest record I am working on, for example, called 'The Legend of the Bush Wizard', has a fantasy setting."

Hubert's work is mostly done in his room at Jane, where he has set up a mini recording studio at his desk, working with his laptop and recorded sounds that he then mixes in.

Collaborative in his approach to music creation, Hubert considers his most important asset to be his friends, enlisting a wide range of people to help develop his work.

One Jane friend directed his latest music video (Hubert at Taroona's Hinsby Beach at sunrise), another played saxophone for him and others have been camera-people, sounding boards or inspirations for Hubert's work.

"I've always dreamed of being able to make a living off my music, whether as an artist, a sound engineer or a producer."

"Music is something very intrinsic to my life."



Follow Hubert here:

Spotify:



Youtube:





Conference ignites academic program

Featuring an array of speakers including College Fellows and post graduate students, Jane Franklin Hall hosted its first ever conference in September.

With a theme of 'Sustainability', the afternoon-long forum proved to be an enlightening event, drawing enthusiastic participation from the wider Jane community.

Each guest delivered thought-provoking presentations, encompassing a wide spectrum of topics, from shopping trends and the historic reuse of clothing to space junk and the philosophical meaning of sustainability.

A highlight was the Vice-Chancellor of UTas, Professor Rufus Black, outlining our obligation to address global challenges through sustainable practices.

College Dean of Academic Studies and the driving force behind the conference, Dr. Nick Brodie, said that fostering the academic community was the sole motivator behind developing the Jane conference.

"Ultimately, I wanted to help reignite our mission to advance knowledge, both individually and collectively," he says.

"Jane has a superb sense of community, so I wanted to leverage that to help bring students Fellows and Council members together in a way that was a bit different from the usual BBQ or dinner."

For attendee Fellow Emerita and Alumna Dr Rosemary Dobber, the conference theme was both stimulating and important.

"I much appreciated the opportunity to share in the sessions: a variety of aspects of sustainability, covered by interesting speakers," she says.

"It is vital that we have these opportunities to focus on a sustainable future."

First year Marine and Antarctic Science student, Jolie May, thought there was a great range of topics and speakers.

"I think it is really important for Jane to facilitate these conversations," she says "I'm looking forward to next year's conference."



Dr Karla Fenton OAM Wing



Opening of Dr Karla Fenton

OAM wing

The Covid-deferred opening of a new wing at the College was finally able to happen in May this year.

Named after long-time Fellow Emerita, benefactor and friend of the College, Dr Karla Fenton OAM, the new wing is made up of three self-contained apartments for post-graduate students.

Made possible by a substantial donation from Dr Fenton, the wing runs between the Aldridge and Horton buildings, replacing an old glass walkway, that many alumni may remember.

For Dr Fenton, whose son Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee joined her from Sydney for the occasion, Jane has been a central part of her life since encouraged to join as a Fellow by her husband, Fellow Emeritus Professor David Elliot in 1988.

“The college has played a big part in the lives of David and I,” she says “We both enjoyed being a part of the community and sharing the values that Jane Franklin embodies.”

“The opportunity of higher education transformed our lives and gave us experiences which neither of us could ever have dreamed of.”

“We acknowledged the importance of a supportive and nurturing environment that Jane Franklin provides to its students.”

“I feel even more a part of the college with the naming of the wing.”

Home away from home

Daria Ivanko

From Ufa, a landlocked city in central Russia, Daria Ivanko does not seem like someone who should be interested in marine life, especially her favourite creatures, whales and sharks.

Yet, since seeing the sea for the first time on a family holiday in Thailand when she was ten, Daria has been determined to become a marine scientist.

As marine biology is not a tertiary subject in Russia, and eschewing the USA for its perceived negative culture, Australia became Daria's place of choice for its friendly, caring image.

Tasmania won-out over other options and after seven years of convincing her parents and learning English, in September, Daria commenced as a Foundation Studies student at UTas and as a Jane resident.

"Australia is a wonderful place for living, education and making friends," she says "I even like the unpredictable weather, as in Ufa we have seven days of rain, followed by seven days of sunshine."

Daria hopes to transition to a Bachelor of Marine and Antarctic Science upon completing her Foundation course.

While at Jane, Daria looks forward to making friends, developing her unique theory of whale evolution, enjoying her hobbies of writing, painting and walking – and having fun.

"In Russia we study around 17 subjects at school each year of high school."

"This new life and learning experience is very welcome to me."

If she ever misses her home in far-away Russia, Daria just has to look out of her window at the silver birch tree.

"In Russia, whenever you see a silver birch tree, it means your angel is protecting you."

"This makes me feel even more welcome."





Tereza Heckelova

For exchange student Tereza Heckelova, home is Luhačovice, a spa town in the Czech Republic.

Its mineral springs, art nouveau architecture and 600-year old history is a long way from Tasmania.

And that is just what Teresa wanted.

While firmly embedded in Europe, especially her beloved Italy, where she spent a happy school year also on exchange, Tereza wanted an experience in a very different part of the world for her study abroad program.

Studying Agri-business, her choice of Hobart was fortuitous.

"I went into the office at my university [Mendel University in Brno] that looked after exchange programs," she says "They gave me a list of places I could go and I was a bit surprised that there were only four places on the list."

"Tasmania won out through a process of elimination."

"It was only later that, after I had committed to my choice, that I discovered there was a second page to the document with hundreds of other places I could have considered!"

As Hobart met Tereza's criteria of being both far away and having a similar temperate climate to Czechia, she stuck to her decision and has not regretted it.

"I'm glad with what I have."

Tereza has enjoyed the learning experience, finding the UTas course to be more practical and contemporary than her studies at home.

Most enjoyable, though, has been her Jane experience (she even tried some Jane rugby training session) and the people she has met.

"I've met so many good people and I am going to miss Jane and Tasmania."







MADD for the arts

To encourage greater inclusion within the Jane community, the Student Club Committee (SCC) this year established MADD.

Standing for Music, Art, Drama and Dance, MADD is a sub-committee of the SCC founded to advocate for and drive a previously overlooked feature of Jane life – the arts. A passionate supporter of the arts, SCC President Nick Cronin, drove the initiative.

“I felt that the sporting and social life of students was already well-catered for by the SCC,” he says “But there was much less importance given to music or drama.”

“I also believed that if we recognised the arts more formally, the SCC would have an opportunity to involve a wider range of students.”

“That is central to our College values of inclusion and diversity.”

MADD has offered new opportunities for artistic expression such as a Mt Wellington photography trip and a chalk art session, complementing established activities such as the Art Show and Jane’s Got Talent.

For incoming MADD Chair and 2024 SCC Activities Representative Anna Fitzpatrick, a highlight of new offerings was the College’s very own music festival, called *Jane Fest*.

“I had the privilege to showcase my own talents,” says Anna “But also enjoy the musical talents of my fellow residents. ”

“Next year, I’m eager to assist in running an array of captivating arts-related events and curating an even richer live music experience that will leave a lasting, positive impact on our community.”

“The MADD Committee has been an amazing way to bring together people who enjoy all forms of the arts and has allowed Jane to run more activities and events that foster creativity, celebrate diverse talents, and build a vibrant arts community.”



Q&A: Meet our

Advancement Manager

Gaye French joined Jane Franklin Hall as Advancement Manager in July 2022. We thought it would be great to introduce her to you, so we asked her a few questions.

Q: Tell us a little about yourself

A: I grew up on a crop farm at Hagley and am the eldest of three children. After Year 12, I worked in hospitality for a couple of years, before moving to Melbourne to complete a Travel and Tourism Diploma. One year of booking other peoples' holidays at Tourism Tasmania gave me the travel bug. I backpacked solo overseas for two years to several countries, including the USA, UK, Spain, Costa Rica, Israel, Türkiye and Egypt. I lived in Perth, WA, for close to seven years, where I completed a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Environmental Business Management. I'm married with a VERY spoilt 11 year old rescue dog, Doug, a Rhodesian Ridgeback crossed with a smaller breed.



Q: What led you to working at Jane?

A: Since graduating, I've worked in not-for-profit organisations for nearly 20 years, including the Wilderness Society, the Swaziland Breast Cancer Network in Africa, the Leukaemia Foundation and the UTas Foundation. Now I'm thrilled to be at Jane. The role is a good match for my experience and skills. Fundraising to open doors to higher education is a way to make a huge difference to a student's life.

Q: What's your favourite thing about your role at Jane?

A: There is no better feeling than signing up a new scholarship, knowing that someone (who might not have had that opportunity) to attend university, will now be able to.

Q: What's your favourite way to relax and recharge?

A: It's a tie between cooking or bushwalking. In lousy weather, I can quite happily spend hours in the kitchen. Friends joke that I am like an "Italian Mamma" with something always simmering on the stove. In clear weather, a bushwalk is my meditation, especially on a multi-day walk, concentrating on my surroundings and getting to the next campsite during daylight hours! My favourite walks are the South Coast Track, The Overland Track, and all of the tracks on the Tasman Peninsula.

Q: Tell us something about yourself that most people at Jane don't know

A: I spent six weeks in Borneo with a team of volunteers at Camp Leakey, a rehabilitation and release site for ex-captive and orphaned orangutans. We worked on an education centre – with around 80% humidity, the work was tough at times, especially thatching rooves and sanding floorboards. The daily close encounters with orangutans made it all worthwhile.

Interested in giving to Jane? Contact Gaye at advancement@jane.edu.au or (03) 62 100 100

There and back again:

An alumnus' tale



“Hosting my last show – ABC Canberra Grandstand earlier this year.”

This year Jane alumnus Jonathon Gul returned to Tasmania after several years working in Canberra as an ABC journalist. We asked him to share his story with us, reflecting on his Jane experience and how that informed his career.

I was at JFH from 2005 – 2007. In 2005 and 2006 I was in Horton top (including the most glorious view over Sandy Bay and down to the river in 2006). 2007 I was an RA, living in Asten 1. I had a great floor that year, even though there was the odd noise complaint I had to deal with! I studied Economics/Arts, majoring in journalism. I graduated the year after I left JFH.

JFH was a fantastic place to live and study. I think the student infrastructure JFH provided (on site library, tutorials, dedicated quiet swotvac periods) was largely responsible for me scraping over the line some semesters!

For me, the most satisfying and motivating aspect of my time as a student was the opportunity to do “real world”

work in my field. For me these opportunities came in two forums – Edge Radio (my friend and fellow JFH Alumnus, Carly Dolan, and I hosted a breakfast radio show on Edge for a couple of years), and the ABC (doing some unpaid intern work at ABC Radio Hobart towards the end of my degree).

I firmly believe that “real world” experience helped me land my first job out of uni – in 2009 I was awarded a cadetship with the ABC in Hobart. The selection process was very competitive, so some real industry experience is an absolute must have.

Away from studying, I played a lot of sport at JFH. It’s one of the college’s absolute best features – the ability to play sport with your friends, in a super competitive but very supportive environment.

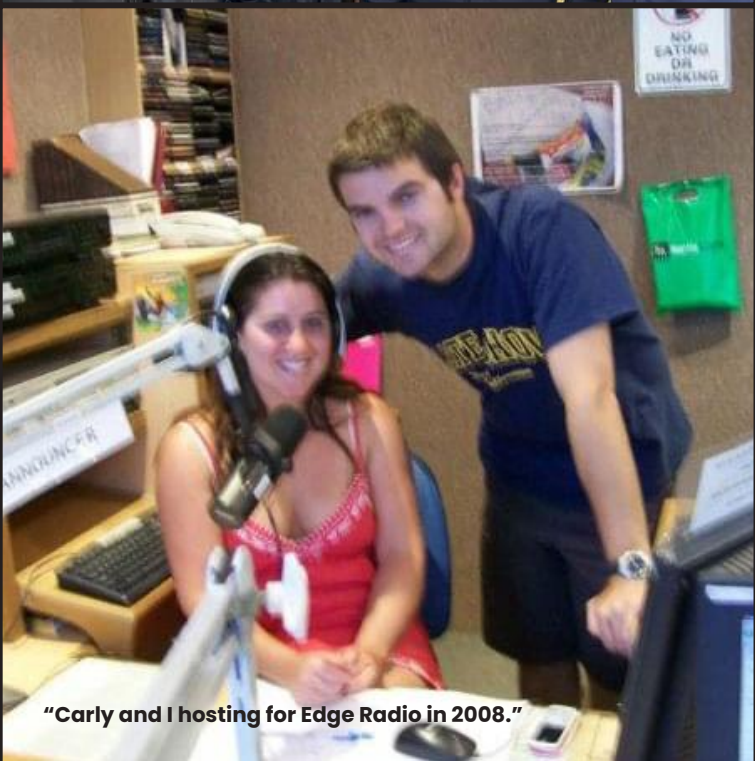
The JFH teams I played in included football, soccer, netball, cricket, and volleyball. I captained the football and volleyball teams in 2007.



"Just before reading the ABC Canberra TV news with my daughter Josie in 2017."



"Myself with fellow JFH Alumni Mike Henry, Marty Campbell and Iain Bruce, playing golf at the Cape Wickham golf course on King Island earlier this year."



"Carly and I hosting for Edge Radio in 2008."

Some of my absolute favourite memories during that time are of inter-college sports. For example, I got to play on the historic North Hobart Oval with the JFH football team in 2007, and use Roy Cazaly's locker before the game. It's incredible the opportunities that sport at JFH can provide.

But there was also a vibrant "casual" sports scene at JFH during my team there. Pick up games of cricket, soccer, basketball and tennis were common. No matter the sport, someone was always ready and willing to have a game!

There's no doubt the passion associated with sport at JFH spilled into my professional career. For example, I knew very little about rugby until I came to JFH. Although I didn't play rugby at JFH, those inter-college games (and the weeks of pre-match discussing around the lunch table) meant that when I started reporting on rugby for the ABC when I moved to Canberra in 2014, I wasn't starting from square one. I had at least a rudimentary knowledge about the game!

I worked with the ABC in Tasmania as a journalist in Hobart and Launceston until 2014, then my wife got a job in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial and we made the move interstate. I was lucky enough to get a job at the ABC in Canberra. Over my 9 years in the ACT, I had a range of roles, including sport reporter, politics reporter, hosting my own show on ABC Radio Canberra, and reading the 7pm television news bulletin. I covered everything from federal elections, to bushfires, to anti-government protests attended by thousands of people.

But for the last seven years or so I was the newsroom Chief of Staff. It was a stressful job and the hours were pretty unforgiving, but I found it extremely satisfying to play that kind of leadership role in an ABC newsroom.

Earlier this year, my wife and I made the decision to come back to Tasmania. Our kids are still quite little, but they are getting older (as are our parents), so the time was right to come back and build a life here.

It also meant that I made the difficult decision to leave the ABC after 14 years. I loved my time at the national broadcaster, and wouldn't swap it for anything. I'm now working with the Australian Antarctic Division in the media team, based at Kingston. The transition from the ABC to the AAD has been massive, I had no idea just how different those two worlds are! But I've absolutely enjoyed my first six months or so at the AAD, and I'm really lucky to work with some extraordinarily talented and committed people. Plus the subject matter is absolutely fascinating, which also helps!

Coming home has also been incredibly uplifting. I've caught up with several former JFH residents since I've been back, which has added to the list of benefits of moving back to Hobart.

I don't know how much of my life so far would have been possible without the support I received and the connections I made during my time at JFH. I'm very lucky to have lived on Elboden Street!

New Fellows

at Jane

Featuring an interview with
Fellow Louise Grimmer



2023 has been a busy year in the Fellows space as we have recruited an inspiring new cohort to develop our Academic program and support our students.

We caught up with new Fellow, Lecturer Dr Louise Grimmer. Louise is one of the University of Tasmania's most recognisable scholars. Frequently on air or in print as a media personality, Louise is also a Fulbright Scholar, Senior Fellow of the Institute of Place Management in the UK, and Director of retail consultancy, Shopology.

Q: Tell us a bit about yourself, Louise. What inspired you to become a researcher?

A: I am a retail scholar but I didn't become an academic researcher until late in my career. I worked in marketing, public relations and communications roles for many years and then I started as the Chief of Staff to the (then) Vice-Chancellor of the University. I met my husband (Professor Martin Grimmer – also a Fellow of Jane) at work and after we married I left work to have a baby. I thought I would undertake a PhD at the same time (I thought I would be bored just staying at home with a baby – little did I know!). I've always loved the theatre of shopping and retail stores, and decided to do my PhD in retail marketing. I graduated in 2015 and started working as an academic in 2017. In a relatively short time I've become well-known in the media through my research into small local stores and mainstreet shopping. In addition to publishing my research in academic journals, I also write for The Conversation and I've been interviewed over 600 times in the media over the last few years. I believe academics should communicate their research in the wider community, outside the academic bubble and this is something I'm passionately involved in. I'm also currently writing a book 'Beautiful small stores of Tasmania' with local photographer Richard Jupe and I am the 'Retail Therapy' columnist for TasWeekend in The

Mercury. I also run a retail consultancy called 'Shopology' so I'm pretty busy.

Q: Why did you want to become a Fellow of Jane?

A: When I left school in 1987, I started a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Adelaide and in my second year my parents moved from Adelaide to Armidale in NSW for my mother's work. I wanted to stay in Adelaide, so we decided I would live at Lincoln College which was one of four residential colleges serving the University. I lived there for two years, and they were some of the best years of my life. I made lifelong friends, and enjoyed all the opportunities offered to students living in a residential college. I really do believe in giving students the opportunity to live in a residential college like Jane if they are studying away from home. So, when I became aware of Jane here in Hobart I really wanted to become involved.

Q: You thoroughly enjoy coming to Formal Dinners! What is it that draws you to this tradition?

A: You're right! I do love a Formal Dinner at Jane. I think having traditions that are special for the students is really important and formal dinners are one of those things that are unique to the residential college system and to Jane. I can still vividly remember formal dinners and dances at my old College and how we all dressed up and celebrated each other's achievements and special occasions. Formal dinners and other Jane traditions are the very fabric of what makes it so special to live at Jane – these are experiences that not many people have and I'm sure Jane students will look back fondly at these times when they are older. I love meeting new students and catching up with familiar faces at the dinners, and finding out about what students are studying and enjoying in their spare time. Such interesting conversations to be had and wonderful connections to make!

Q: What do you hope students get from the Academic Mentor sessions you've joined as a guest presenter?

A: I really love coming to the mentor sessions and it's even better when there are students attending who are not from my College – Business and Economics. We've been able to work on CVs, cover letters, and LinkedIn profiles this year. As well as talking about interview skills and follow up with potential employers. I hope to be able to continue helping students with some of these employment skills as well as essay writing, referencing and anything else that they need. I want to give a huge shout out to Dr Nick Brodie as Academic Dean. The students are very lucky to have him at Jane – every student needs someone like Nick mentoring and supporting them!

Q: What's the vibe you get when you visit Jane of a midweek evening?

A: Well, usually I just wish I was 19 again so I could live there. My son Hugo is 12 and he wants to go to Jane when he finishes school! We've already said yes! I love seeing students going off to study groups, Intercambio, music practice, or just relaxing on the lawn and enjoying the beautiful gardens. I can see students supporting and helping each other, celebrating successes together and enjoying their time at university and Jane. I also find the students at Jane to be incredibly polite, helpful and enthusiastic. In fact I can usually pick out the Jane students in my classes even before I know anything about them.

Q: Given you went to a University College, what advice would you give your younger self about capitalising on that experience?

A: If I could do it all again, I would tell myself to take up every single opportunity that was offered to me – to give everything a go. I'd also try to remember that even though I felt a bit stressed with study – looking back now this was actually the most wonderful time of my life before all the real stresses really start.

Q: If you were to describe the Jane experience in a word, what would it be?

A: Can I have four words? Totally and utterly special. Oh and if I can have one more sentence...I wanted to make special mention of all the staff at Jane that make the place so special and give so much to the students – and an extra special mention to the most wonderful Principal Joanna Rosewell – what a woman!!

Other new Fellows welcomed to Jane in 2023 are:

Professor Martin Grimmer is the current Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic Excellence) at the University of Tasmania. A former Executive Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Martin has a strong history of academic leadership and a PhD in early medieval history.

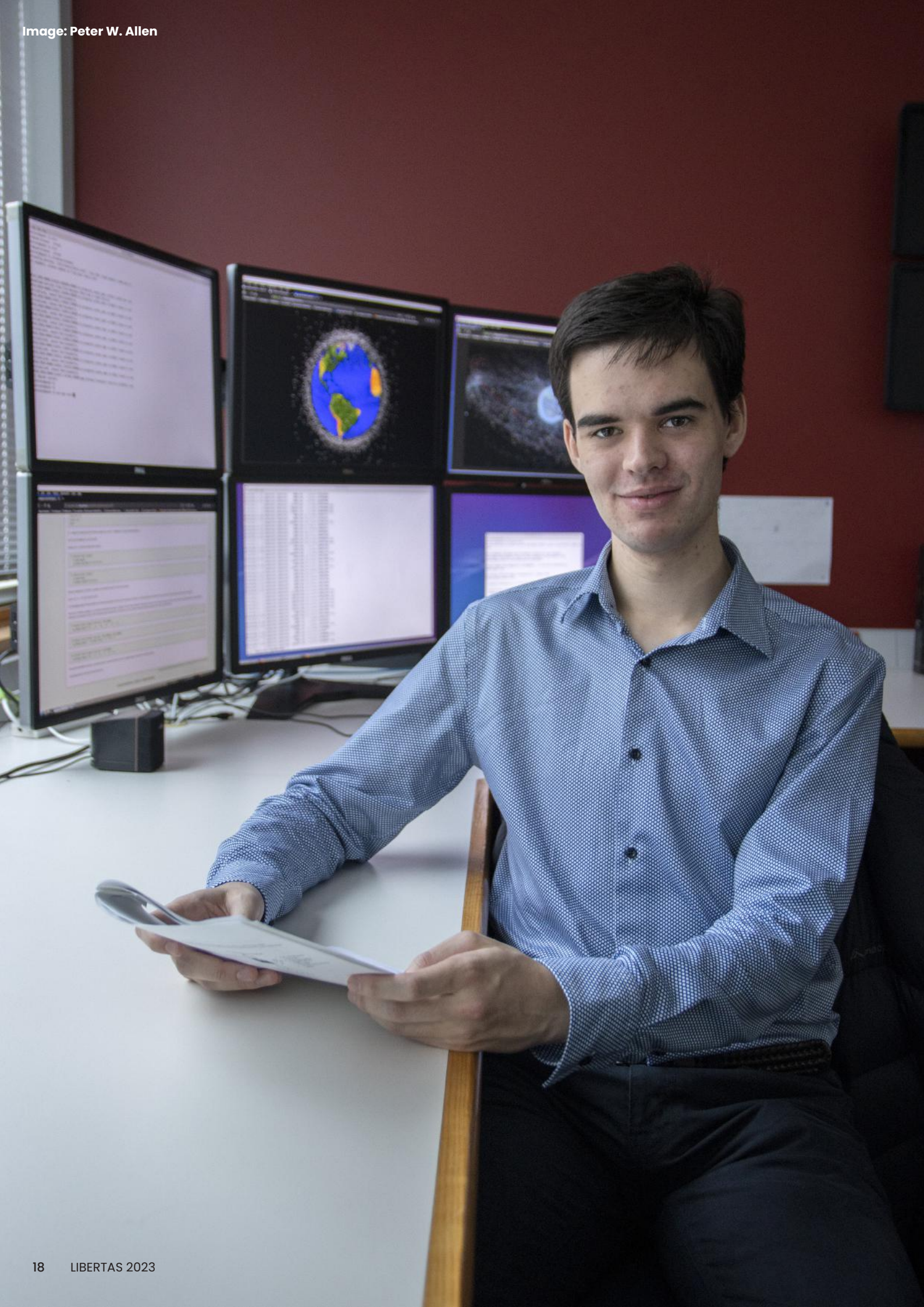
Professor Can Seng Ooi is a leader in the field of Cultural and Heritage Tourism at the University of Tasmania. Currently based in the School of Social Sciences, Can Seng was formerly a professor in the Copenhagen Business School in Denmark.

Associate Professor Kristyn Harman is currently Deputy Chair of the University of Tasmania's Academic Senate and Associate Head (Research) in the School of Humanities. An award-winning historian, Kristyn is also Chair of the Tasmanian Working Party of the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

Dr Gemma Blackwell lectures in the University of Tasmania's School of Creative Arts and Media. With strong research interests in the interplay between media, culture, and identity, Gemma was among the ABC's inaugural list of Top 5 humanities researchers in Australia.

Dr Toby Juliff is an historiographer, art historian, and art theoretician who lectures in the University of Tasmania's School of Creative Arts and Media. An experienced writer and curator, Toby's career has seen him work at the Leeds College of Art, the Open University (UK), and the University of Melbourne, before moving to Tasmania, where he continues to research interconnections between art and science.

Dr Delfin Sansom is a practicing doctor, specialising in skin cancer. With numerous qualifications, including from the University of Tasmania, Delfin is a council member of the Tasmanian Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and is currently the only Fellow of the Skin Cancer College of Australasia, working in Tasmania.



Research reaches into space

For many people the sheer concept of outer space is incomprehensible, its vast unknowability a little bewildering. Not for Jane PhD Student, David Smith, whose passion for the cosmos began with fact and sticker books as a child.

“Learning about and understanding how things work was always something I found to be really cool,” he says with delight, before launching into a story about neutron stars.”

“They are really, really heavy, one and a half times as heavy as the Sun.”

“But, they are only 20 kilometres across, 70,000 times smaller than the Sun. So much mass in such a small space means that a mere teaspoon of neutron star material weighs the same as an aircraft carrier!”

David is full of similarly clever insights, facts that he says, capture his imagination and spur him on to keep learning.

“Consider also the technologies we take for granted.”

“A telephone signal takes someone’s voice, sends it between telecommunications towers, possibly into space, and into my ear, so quickly and seamlessly that I can have a conversation with no more effort than pushing a button.”

“It might be something we take for granted, but when you think about it, it is truly extraordinary.”

It is this interest in technology and how it combines with his first love of physics that lead David to pursue his research in Space Domain Awareness (SDA) at the University of Tasmania.

Put simply, SDA is about the detection tracking, identification and cataloguing of artificial satellites orbiting the Earth. It’s important, says David, because in our internet-dependent world a collision of satellites would have severe consequences.

“They [the satellites] are travelling ten times as fast as a bullet. At these speeds, even a small piece of debris can do a lot of damage.”

“Satellites can only be made to take measures to evade if we know the location and path of the satellite and the location and path of the object threatening to hit it.”



This is cutting edge stuff, and David – and the University of Tasmania – are at the forefront. Why Tasmania?

Mostly, it’s to do with geography. Tasmania, and the Southern Hemisphere, says David, gives a view of the sky that is less accessible than the northern hemisphere.

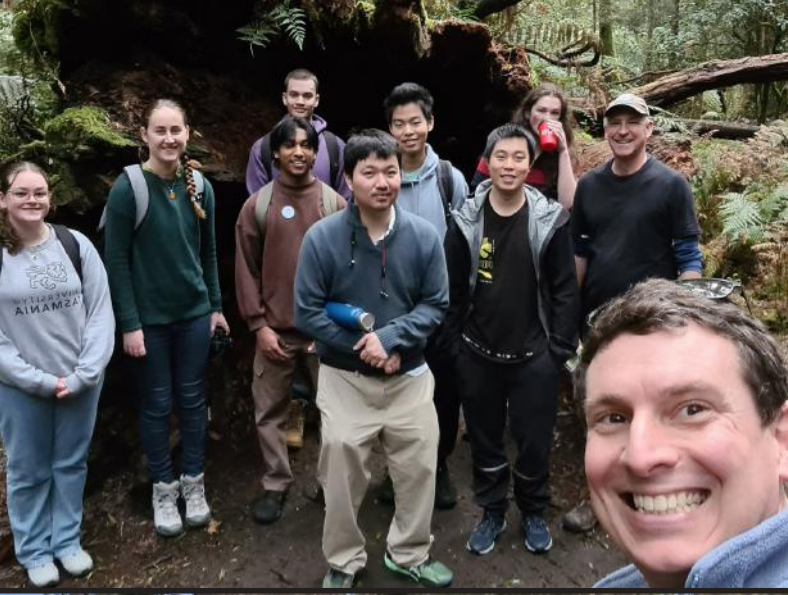
“When I saw this project being described on the University of Tasmania website, I knew immediately that I had to apply.”

“The University of Tasmania has a number of radio frequency antennas, all over the country, and the plan is to develop a system that will allow them to detect satellite signals even while other experiments are taking place.”

The significance of David’s research was recognised when he won an Andy Thomas Space Foundation EOS Space Systems Jupiter Award in 2022.

Presented to successful Australian doctoral students studying the monitoring and management of space debris, the prize comes with a cash amount of \$10,000 to support the candidate’s work.

“Winning the Award was of course a great honour and wonderful encouragement,” says David “But it also underscores the importance of the area of research I am engaged in.”





Scholarships and prize

recipients in 2023

Awarded at Commencement

The Jane Community Scholarships

Awarded to: Victoria Monson, Liam Fasset

Offered to Tasmanian Year 12 students for entering Jane the following year. While applicants must have received sound academic results from Year 11, the most important criteria for this scholarship is about demonstrating good character and the potential to contribute positively to the College community. As this is a prestigious award for the College – worth up to \$27,000 – shortlisted applicants were required to attend an interview at the College.

The Hilary and Alan Wallace Scholarship

Awarded to: Zaki Anis, Emma Smallwood

Donated by Dr Hilary Wallace and Jane Franklin Hall Fellow Emeritus, the late Dr Alan Wallace, this scholarship is awarded to a first-year student from the north or north-west of Tasmania enrolled in a Bachelor of Medicine and who has achieved outstanding academic results in Year 12.

The James Fenton Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Meg Castles

The James Fenton Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a first-year student from the north or north-west of Tasmania enrolled in any faculty and who has achieved outstanding results in Year 12. The scholarship was endowed by the late Hon Charles and Mrs Flora Fenton, in honour of Mr Fenton's great-grandfather, James, the first European to settle west of the Mersey River. It's a three year scholarship.

The Damon Courtenay Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Nina Nohara

In the late 1990, the late Australian author Bryce Courtenay was a Visiting Fellow of the College. During this time, he wrote one of most well-known novels, the Potato Factory. He also came to love Jane and donated a scholarship in memory of his son Damon. This scholarship is awarded to a first year student from any faculty who has achieved outstanding results in Year 12.

The Kate Gilder Scholarship

Awarded to: Catherine Bean

The Kate Gilder Scholarship is for a female student of the College who has been resident for at least one year. The successful recipient is selected for her leadership qualities, contribution to College life, academic achievement and encouragement of others to "have a go", achieving a balance between study, the outdoors, and community participation. The scholarship is donated by Sarah and Rosey Gilder in memory of their sister, Kate, who was a frequent visitor to Jane Franklin Hall, spending some of her happiest times at College and in Tasmania.

The Audrey Lee Scholarship

Awarded to: Abbie Pearce

Donated by Bill Craig in memory of his wife Audrey Lee who was a resident at Jane, this scholarship is awarded to a returning student in an under graduate course in the Health Sciences area of study. It is awarded on academic merit.

The Fellows Scholarship

Awarded to: Obelia Wycisk

The Fellows of Jane Franklin Hall collectively donate to provide a scholarship to a returning resident who has shown academic success and great service to the College.

The Jane Foundation Law Scholarship

Awarded to: Lara Tovich

Donated by the Jane Franklin Hall Foundation, the law scholarship is given to the returning student who has achieved the highest marks in the subject Foundations of Law and is continuing studies in law.

The Dr Karla Fenton OAM and Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee Prize

Awarded to: Peizhe Ma

This is donated by Dr Karla Fenton in her own and her son's name to honour the memory of a friend, Dr Andrew Gibson. The prize is for the returning international student with the highest aggregate results from the previous academic year.

The Jane Franklin Hall Distinguished Scholars Awards

Each year we honour Jane students who achieved outstanding University results in the previous academic year. They become known as our Distinguished Scholars.

All students who were residents at Jane in the previous academic year and who received a High Distinction average when totalling their percentage results across all their subjects, become Distinguished Scholars of Jane. The list of Distinguished Scholars is displayed in a book in the Senior Common Room.

Distinguished scholars from the cohort of 2022, awarded in 2023:

Antonia Anderson Black
Catherine Bean
Neve Clippingdale
Mei Davey
Caroline Grace
Thomas Jewell
Peizhe Ma
Ella Matson
Sam McKendrick
Noah Menner
Jamie Nash
Brandon Roberts
Shontae Salzman
David Smith
Lara Tovich
Annabel Van Der Heide
Dylan Welsford-Brink

Featured below

Back Row (L-R): Obelia Wycisk (Fellows Scholarship), Abbie Pearce (Audrey Lee Scholarship), Liam Fasset (Jane Community Scholarship), Zaki Anis (Hillary and Alan Wallace Scholarship), Neve Clippingdale (James Fenton Scholarship 2022).

Front Row: (L-R): Victoria Monson (Jane Community Scholarship), Peizhe Ma (Dr Karla Fenton OAM and Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee Prize), Nina Nohara (Damon Courtenay Scholarship), Catherine Bean (Kate Gilder Scholarship)

Awarded at Valedictory

The Fellows' Prize

Awarded to: Luke Scolyer, Anna Fitzpatrick

The Fellows' Prize is donated by the Fellows of the College and is awarded for the most outstanding contribution by a first year student or students to the overall life of the College.

The Southern Auxiliary Prize

Awarded to: Catherine Bean, Thomas Herd

The Southern Auxiliary Prize is awarded to the student who has displayed unobtrusive concern for the College and its students.

The Principal's Prize

Awarded to: Peizhe Ma, Kate Deane

The Principal's Prize is awarded to the student or students who have most demonstrated commitment to living and supporting the Jane values.

Service Awards

These awards recognise students who have provided unstinting – often unseen – service to the College. These awards are for returning students who have contributed above and beyond over an extended period of time as selected by the Management Team.

Ryan Diprose

For service to actively ensure the Jane student experience is a positive one for all students

Shione Franks, Neve Clippingdale, Abbie Pearce and Caragh Lawson

For service to the College and its purpose, vision and values

Nick Cronin

For service to improving the College culture through establishment of the MADD Committee



Alumni News

Caryl McQuestin (nee Oliver) **(Resident 1963–1965)**

Caryl initially studied Arts, majoring in English and Ancient Civilizations, later attained a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Education as a mature aged student. Caryl taught mainly in the independent school system, including at Scotch Oakburn College and Launceston Church Grammar School, before leaving teaching in 1992 and taking up roles in the academic administration, student support and equity, media and marketing at the Australian Maritime College and the University of Tasmania. Of her three children all are UTas graduates: her daughters, Katherine (Kate) (Resident 1999–2001) and Eliza (Lizzie) (Resident 2005–2006) both lived at Jane.

Jan (Janet) Kelly **(Resident 1963 – 1966)**

Jan studied Arts, majoring in English, and also studied Ancient Civilizations and French and then taught in various state high schools, finishing at Launceston College. She became a specialist French teacher at senior levels, including Adult Education classes, travelling often to French speaking countries to hone her skills.

Geraldine Harwood (nee Bolton) **(1971–1972)**

Geraldine received an Order of Australia (AM) medal for significant service to youth and to the disability sector in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List.

Penny Cromarty (nee Benjamin) **(Resident 1974–1975)**

A former science teacher, Penny lives in Launceston with husband Bill, who established Cromarty Engineering. She is a mother of three, grandmother of three and a strong advocate for people with disabilities.

Tamara Foster (nee Paterson) **(Resident 1975)**

Tamara studied Education at UTas in the inaugural year of the UTas Bachelor of Education course. She then taught English in various state high schools, including serving as a curriculum advisor, finishing at Newstead College. After 'retiring' from teaching Tamara had a role in introducing international students at Year 11 and 12 levels in the state college system to Tasmanian life.

James Coyle **(Resident 1983–1985)**

I left Jane with a B.Ec. and started a job with the NAB in Melbourne before moving to the so called 'millionaire's factory' of Macquarie Bank. Somehow, I managed to avoid the curse of the millions, and instead travelled to Scotland where I completed a Masters in International Marketing. Glasgow is a terrific city, with tremendous and kind-hearted people, but the language they speak bears little resemblance to what we might consider English. And the weather in Scotland left me quite nostalgic for the warmth of Hobart.

I returned to Australia via East and Southern Africa, where I had an incredibly adventurous but also wonderful time. Trekking to see the Mountain Gorillas in Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of Congo, was one of many highlights during my 3 months of African travels.

When I finally got back to Australia I worked as a Management Consultant, then as an Executive Director of Zoos Victoria. I then moved on to the glamorous world of superannuation where I stayed until about 10 years ago. At that point I joined a start-up company that is dedicated to helping senior Australians with their retirement finances. I'm still there.

I now live in central Victoria in a place called Spring Hill on a beautiful property. I have wonderful views over reservoirs towards Hanging Rock and Mt Macedon. Three crazy dogs and my chooks help keep me sane.

Julie Hamilton **(Resident 1983–1985)**

Julie went to Canberra after graduation and worked in various government departments. She is now a Public Officer at the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. She has three children and loved the reunion in March.

Jeremy Gray **(Resident 1988–1989)**

Jeremy is based in London and has a private investment fund that acquires gold mines in emerging markets.

Tim Anderson
(Resident Fellow 1994, Vice Principal 2000–2001)

We were pleased to welcome Tim and his son Hugh for a flying visit this year. After a number of years in Tonga, where his wife was the Australian High Commissioner, Tim is now back in Australia but continues to lead United Nations humanitarian work, his latest providing support to people affected by the floods in Pakistan. Tim is also father to Sebastian.

Melanie Kerrison
(Resident 1995–1996)

Mel studied Law and Science at UTas, graduating in both and with science majors in Geography and Geology. Mel now practices in Commercial Law in Launceston, being Managing Director (Managing Partner) of Rae and Partners, the largest Tasmanian law firm outside Hobart. Married to Charles (Sam) McQuestin with whom she has a daughter, Harriet, aged 14.

Sarah Holloway
(Resident 2003–2005)

Since leaving JFH, I finished my legal studies and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Tasmania in August 2008. I have worked as a lawyer in Victoria and Tasmania, at Victoria Legal Aid (in a rural office and in the Melbourne criminal law team), the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, several community legal centres, and Tasmania Legal Aid. I have undertaken further postgraduate studies, and now have Masters degrees in Commerce (Deakin, 2018) and Law (Monash, 2016) to go with my UTas degrees (BA/LLB 2007, Grad Dip Legal Practice 2008). I have also continued to volunteer with Amnesty International Australia, holding a variety of governance roles (including Tasmanian Branch President 2008, attending the 2013 International Council Meeting as part of the AI Australia delegation, and being a non-executive director on the National Board from 2011–2015). I now work as a litigation lawyer at McGrath & Co Lawyers in Burnie.

Robbie Arnott
(Resident 2008–2009)

Robbie continues to win accolades for his writing. He won the Age Fiction Book of the Year 2023 for *Limberlost*, which was also shortlisted for the Miles Franklin.

Prof Chris Letchford
(Fellow 2008–2011)

Chris is the former Head of the school of Engineering at UTas. Since 2012 he has been the Head of Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, USA. Currently living in Upstate New York. His wife, Lois, is the author of *Reversed: a memoir* a journey spanning three continents of unique teaching experiments and her discovery of her own learning blocks and a journey to rid her son of the 'disabled' label. His youngest son, Dr Nicholas Letchford (Resident 2007–2012) has recently returned to Australia from the UK and is now a data scientist at the Australian

Institute of Health and Welfare Canberra. He met and married his wife Lakshmi Neelakantan at Oxford. Lakshmi is a Senior Research Officer, Australian Institute of Family Studies.

Elodie Moreau
(Resident 2011–2013)

Ashby Cooper
(Resident 2012–2014)

Ash and I met at Jane as RAs in 2013 and after a few months of getting to know each other over late night clean ups and kiosk shift hot chocolates, he finally asked me out (I'd been wondering why the Horton RA was always hanging around with me in Aldridge). Ashby finished his Bachelor of Science with honours in 2014 and went off to Canberra to work while I stayed in Burnie finishing medical school. After uni, I moved back home to Sydney and it took another two years before we found ourselves living in the same state again. Ashby started his own geophysics business, Odyssey Geophysics and has spent much of the time since establishing the field of passive seismic research for Geoscience Australia. Meanwhile, I have been working towards my long-term dream of becoming a paediatrician. In 2022 we took some time off to travel around Australia in a van, then travel around South America, having some of the most memorable adventures of our lives. Finally in 2023, after 10 years together we tied the knot and got married in the Blue Mountains, NSW. We are now looking forward to whatever the future holds for us (hopefully more stable career paths, a more stable home in one place and more adventures!)

Sharifah Syed Rohan
(Resident 2016–2017)

Sharifah is a resident in Canberra. After a few years post-graduation with the ACT government, she is now working at Boston Consulting Group.

Chris Burritt
(Resident 2018–2019)

I started Cmbeez (<https://cmbeez.com/>) about 6 months ago... designing and selling custom/boutique one of a kind boots and slip-on shoes, plus a few matching accessories. In addition, (on the other side), I have also started to do some research ahead of potentially starting a PHD, around artificial intelligence, how it can assist archaeologists and the development of an app to record prehistoric monuments around the world, by type and date. Hence, I have spent quite a bit of time this year overseas researching and investigating prehistoric sites, primarily in Scotland, England, and Malta. I am planning to head back overseas later this year to Sweden, Denmark, England, Wales and Spain to investigate some of their standing stone circles. Fun times :)

Dandan Niu
(Resident 2017-2019)

After graduating with a Masters of Finance and International Banking, Dandan returned to China, where she is enjoying life with her husband and her daughter. She visited the College with her daughter in 2023.

Fletcher Clarke
(Resident 2018-2019)

Graduated with a BEc-LLB at the end of 2022 and is now working for the Federal Attorney General's Department in Canberra.



L-R: Tamara Foster, Jan Kelly, Caryl McQuestin, Melanie Kerrison



Chris Burritt



Dan Dan and daughter



Tim Anderson and his son Hugh



Elodie Moreau and Ashby Cooper



Penny Cromarty



Letchford Family



Julie Hamilton



Fletcher Clarke and Sharifah Syed Rohan



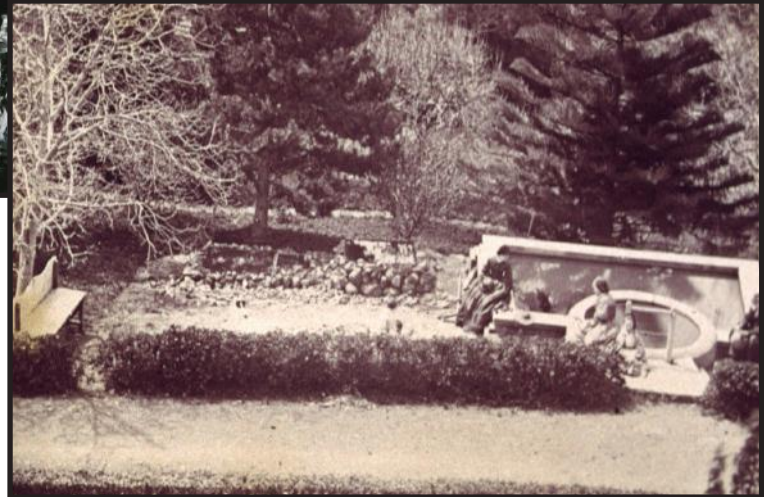
2023 Alumni Visit

March brought a delightful reunion as 23 Alumni returned to Jane to commemorate 40 years since their departure. The atmosphere was filled with warmth as hugs and smiles enveloped the group upon their arrival.

The Principal took everyone on a campus tour, showcasing how Jane has evolved and expanded over the years. A visit to the dining hall was an excellent opportunity for our visitors to meet some of our current residents and share a meal while catching up.

A big thank you to the organising committee for making this happen, and for any alumni that would like to visit in the future please give us a call at the office or email the Principal Joanna Rosewell at principal@jane.edu.au. We eagerly await the chance to welcome you back to Jane.

The Jane Pond



You may be surprised to learn that one of Jane's most infamous features – the fishpond by the office – is also its oldest. It also turns out to be nationally significant.

Our present building Aldridge is named for Aldridge Lodge, formerly the home of colonial personality Joseph Allport. Demolished in the 1960s, it is survived by a handful of beautiful trees and the old fishpond, remnants of Allport's private botanical garden.

Active amateur scientists, the Allports were closely connected with the nineteenth-century acclimatisation movement. Keen to help bring European plants and animals to Australia, they went to the length of transporting fish by sailing ships from England. Batches of fish were sent across the oceans, intended for the same pond in which generations of Jane students were subsequently dunked.

When he died in 1877, Joseph Allport was said to be "probably the first to attempt the introduction of live fish to the Australias, having as far back as 1842 constructed ponds for their reception". Jane's fishpond thereby holds a venerable place in Australia's scientific history.

Our fishpond's precise story is, nonetheless, a touch murky. Precisely when it was built remains unclear. Sadly, its most well-documented moment was a family tragedy: Joseph's son Gordon drowned in a fishpond in their garden in 1850, providing an inquest full of grim detail.

Yet a burst of newspaper stories in the 1860s make it clear that the fishpond continued being used for its intended

purpose. Reports told of two groups of English perch that were imported and placed in the pond in 1862 and 1863 respectively. Much work was undertaken in feeding them tadpoles and worms and ensuring that suitable plants grew in the pond. The idea was to make the fishpond reflect, as closely as possible, the right kind of English stream. While several died, enough survived for a scientific breakthrough to occur.

Finally, in 1865, the surviving perch bred.

From there – helped by enthusiastic colonists – they populated Tasmania's waterways and eventually mainland Australia. While now rightly recognised as a significant environmental misstep, the fact remains that Jane has custodianship of an important element in Australia's scientific story.

Our fishpond has now retired to decorative duties, neither breeding fish nor drenching students, but its scientific adventure continues. As part of the fabric of the College, it shares in Jane's mission to help educate the future. And appropriately so, because presently the most popular area of study by students at Jane is science.

College Community

Welcome to new Appointments

Mark Cutler appointed to the position of Bus Driver

Anthony Hawkins appointed to the position of co-opted member of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Lindy Laycock appointed to the position of Cleaner

Joseph Martin appointed to the position of Catering Assistant

Sarah Martin appointed to the position of Catering Assistant

Karen Reilly appointed to the position of Cleaner

Welcome to New Fellows

Dr Gemma Blackwood

Dr Louise Grimmer

Prof Martin Grimmer

Assoc Prof Kristyn Harman

Dr Toby Juliff

Prof Can Seng Ooi

Dr Delfin Sansom

2023 Student Club Committee Members

Charlie Townsend elected as President

Jolie May as Vice-President

Fletcher Tait as Treasurer

Meg Castles as Secretary

Kate Deane as Equity Representative

Olivia John as Women's Sports Representative

Thomas Herd as Men's Sports Representative

Mylo Adamson as Publications Representative

Mwaura Kimani as Social Representative

Anna Fitzpatrick as Activities Representative

Newly appointed 2024 Senior Residents

Kelsey Anderson

Neve Clippingdale

Ben Marshall

Abbie Pearce

They will join Ryan Diprose, Caragh Lawson and Humaid Shaikh

Newly appointed 2024 Academic mentors

Catherine Bean

Annie Fitzpatrick

Thomas Jewell

Caragh Lawson

Leo Morrison

Jamie Nash

Shontae Salzman

Luke Scolyer

Fletcher Tait

They will join Neve Clippingdale, Abbie Pearce, Annabel van der Heide and Obelia Wycisk

Farewell and Thank You

Mei Davey from the position of Academic Mentor

Matthew Diprose from the position of Senior Resident

Shione Franks from the position of Senior Resident

Annabel Johnson from the position of Academic Mentor

Jeff Knowlson from the position of Bus Driver

Hayley Lucock from the position of Catering Assistant

Prof. Jeff Malpas from the position of Fellow

Chris Oddie from the position of co-opted member of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Meth Prathapasinghe from the position of Academic Mentor

Jesse Rowlands from the position of Senior Resident

Jaden Wakeling from the position of Cleaner

Prof Rob White from the position of Fellow





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