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## Save the Date

Alumnae, friends and mothers of current and past  
Woozas are invited to the

## Women's Garden Party



**DATE**

Saturday 8 October 2022

**TIME**

12:00pm – 3:00pm

**VENUE**

Scenic Rim Farm Shop & Cafe  
541 Kents Lagoon Road, Kalbar 4309

**EVENT & REGISTRATION DETAILS**

Coming soon!

A fundraising event to support the Alumnae Awards Scholarship.

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2022 Alumnae Award winners  
(left to right) Risa Utama, Alison  
Kubler, Dr Margaret Bale and  
Imogen Alton  
Photo by Rhubarb Photography

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## Welcome from Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney

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### Welcome to our 2022 edition of **FREDA**!

Since publishing our first edition just two years ago to now being the winner of the Alumni Publication award at the International Educate Plus Conference in Adelaide earlier this month, *FREDA* has been an outstanding success story for the College. It is a great achievement to be recognised amongst more than 500 Advancement Professionals across Australia and New Zealand. We extend our heartiest congratulations to our Advancement team – Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement, and Dilshad Sattha, Communications Officer & Graphic Designer – on this remarkable accomplishment for the College!

We also congratulate our 2022 Alumnae Award winners and finalists. The extraordinary achievements and heart-warming stories of all nominees and the enthusiastic celebration of the diverse talents of

our alumnae continue to inspire. Congratulations to all finalists and winners, and special congratulations to our 2022 Alumna of the Year Award winner, Dr Margie Bale. Margie immediately gave back to the College as guest speaker at one of our Formal Dinners. She is also partnering with fellow finalist, Genevieve Windley, in an exciting fundraising event, In Conversation With Dr Margie Bale & Genevieve Windley, to enhance the Alumnae Awards Scholarship, which supports a current student.

The College is grateful to our alumnae who established scholarships, bursaries and prizes in 2021. With the high cost of a university education, along with the ever-increasing cost of living, there are many students for whom further study after Year 12 is not an option due to financial need. Women's aspires for equity of access for all students and strives to continuously enhance

our philanthropy program to meet the high demand for financial support.

The College recently unveiled the first Red Bench at UQ and in St Lucia. This was made possible through our connection with alumna Jacqui Schultz (1994 – 1995), Brisbane Women's Club's Director of Events, who is involved in the Red Bench Project. This Australia-wide project builds a visual reminder to highlight the prevalent issue of domestic violence in all communities. This initiative is part of the Red Rose Foundation's commitment to end domestic and family violence-related deaths in Australia. That the College has installed a Red Bench signals the importance we place on addressing this significant women's issue and our support for this commitment. There are Red Benches popping up all around Australia, symbolising the strong stance that Australians

are taking to address this problem.

I invite you to donate to our annual Women's College Giving Appeal to support our ongoing bursaries, scholarships and prizes program. We recently launched this year's appeal and you can provide your support by making a donation here – [www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations)

Please join us at our upcoming events, which offer more opportunities to reconnect with the College. These events include the Standing Committee Luncheon and the Alumnae Reunion Celebrations (reintroduced in 2021) with guest speaker, Lady Mayoress of Brisbane Nina Schrinner, on Saturday 16 July and a new event, the Women's Garden Party on Saturday 8 October.

Check out our new [Virtual Museum](#), launched at 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday High Tea.

The College celebrated its 108<sup>th</sup> birthday in March.



# Feature:

## ***FREDA meets Dr Margie Bale***

**Susan McGinley, Director of Advancement, caught up with Margie Bale in her fascinating world on a recent visit to Summerland Camel Farm in the Scenic Rim.**

### **What does Alumna of the Year mean to you?**

I was utterly thrilled to receive The Women's College Alumna of the Year award. The veterinary industry is a quiet-achieving workhorse, not often celebrated or acknowledged on an inspirational platform such as this. My career has not been glamorous or traditional and to have my industry contribution recognised by the College and alumnae was truly meaningful. I was overwhelmed when the awards were announced as it felt as though all the years of my tireless work and innovation had been acknowledged. My work as a clinical veterinarian, along with my recent focus on regenerative agriculture, has taken me all over the world. We are pioneering a new protein industry for Australia. My time at Women's was a truly formative experience. Being awarded Alumna of the Year acknowledges the rich journey of that wide-eyed

first-year vet student and what is possible when a young woman can grow in an environment of support, acceptance and inspiration.

### **What is your proudest moment?**

This question really made me stop and reflect. Being a large-animal veterinarian is so incredibly fulfilling. Every single day we are faced with challenges — logistically, physically and intellectually — trying to problem solve seemingly impossible situations. Every time I can walk away from a case that started as a challenge and ended in a well-executed solution, I am always so filled with pride. I treat every tricky situation (and there are many, as I am usually working with animals that are trying to kill me) as an opportunity to do great work. I am never as proud as when I am able to drive away from a job well done.



### Why is it so important to be an advocate for women in vet science?

Traditionally, agricultural practice has had an intimidating gender ratio. Also the trope of having to *come from the land* can be a barrier of entry for some. I came from Toowoomba to Women's College and had no deep connections to *the land*. Next week, I am flying to Uluru to look at establishing a new protein export industry with camels.

I love being able to be an example to women in agriculture, that gender and history is no barrier. You can't be what you can't see. I am thrilled to highlight the role of professional women in agriculture at the cutting edge of rural innovation.

**L**ife is literally about evolution as a person and not having the same views on something at 40 as you had at 16. I would like to see the world step away from everything being a race to perfection and excellence. The world needs empathy and collaboration.

### If you could change one thing about the world for the next generation, what would it be?

*The speed limit!! We need an Autobahn on the Western Freeway (in Brisbane)!!!*

I would like to see some changes to the achievement model of success in our current school system. I would like to give young people the space to make mistakes and grow as people before they have to make a decision at the age of 16 as to what they want to be for the rest of their lives.

Practically, I would like to see the Veterinary Science degree be a post-graduate qualification, to allow students to develop their own interests in the industry before they graduate as a practicing vet.

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### What is your advice for the young alumna starting their career?

I was so fortunate to speak to the College at a Formal Dinner (in Semester 1, 2022) on this topic and I really think my corny acronym sums it up:

#### CAMEL

- C**uriosity Be curious; you are not supposed to have everything worked out when you graduate. Be curious in your studies and in your life.
- A**lumnae Maintain connection with your alumnae. These are truly formative years and to have people who knew you at 18 still be in your life at 50 is a gift.
- M**editate Meditate seriously, take some time.
- E**xperiences Say yes. Do the scary things. Create a life of rich experiences.
- L**isten Really listen when people talk with you, that's where the magic happens. You never know, you just might learn something amazing that could take your life in an entirely different direction.

# Alumnae Awards

An athlete, camel veterinarian, human rights lawyer, curatorial consultant, chief executive officer, reporter and a general manager were among the inspiring alumnae who were Women's College Alumnae Awards Finalists for 2022. These annual awards, which were launched in 2020, honour the outstanding achievements of our alumnae, from those who are experienced in their careers to those who are just embarking on their new professions.

The Alumnae Award winners for 2022 are featured here.

## Young Alumna Award Winner

**Risa Utama (2018 – 2020)** is a recent graduate and works at 7NEWS Toowoomba as a reporter.

During her degree, she undertook internships in event management, business and entrepreneurship, and was an intern in radio, print, digital and television newsrooms. She hopes to secure her dream job as a news reporter so she can share stories that matter with her community.

Risa's commitment to community and volunteering began when she was 15 years of age. She wrote, illustrated and published a children's picture book, *Benny Bilby's Wish*, to raise funds and awareness for the Save the Bilby Fund. She distributed her book to Gold Coast, Ipswich and Charleville libraries, conducting more than 25 author talks at local schools, kindergartens, public libraries and literature festivals. She raised over \$3,000 for the Save the Bilby Fund and volunteered at their events.

While studying, Risa enjoyed working with Women in Media Queensland as a volunteer at their national conference. She was fortunate to meet mentors who supported her pursuits in the journalism industry.



## Inspirational Alumna Award Winner

**Imogen Alton (2018)** is an exercise and nutrition scientist and athlete whose mum was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in January 2020. ALS is a terminal and incurable form of motor neuron disease (MND).

Imogen's mum passed away in 2021, and she felt the same powerlessness. Imogen was able to use Zwift Academy—an annual online competition used to select a new professional cyclist for the women's world tour team Canyon/SRAM—as a way to push herself and bring positivity during a time when she felt none. Imogen was selected as one of five female finalists out of over 150,000 competitors. Simultaneously, she helped organise a charity ride to honour her mum and raise funds for MND and Me. She has now signed with the Sydney Uni-Staminade team and competes in the National Road Series, the peak road cycling competition in Australia. Imogen hopes to pursue cycling as a professional, and continues to contribute to MND through cycling.





## Community Alumna Award Winner

### **Alison Kubler (1991**

**– 1992)** has over 25 years' experience as a curator in museums and galleries in Australia, and on major public art commissions. Alison worked as Arts Adviser to the Federal Minister for the Arts and Sport, held full-time curatorial positions at the QUT Art Museum and Gold Coast City Art Gallery, and worked as Associate Curator at The University of Queensland Art Museum.



Alison is the Editor of VAULT (vaultmagazine.com), a journal of art and culture and is a regular contributor to art magazines and journals. She is a Member of the Council of the National Gallery of Australia, sits on the Advisory Board of the Sherman Centre for Culture and Ideas (SCCI) and is a Director of Renshaw & Kubler Art Consultants.

She co-authored *Art and Fashion in the Twentieth Century* published by Thames and Hudson UK (2013), which has subsequently been translated into German and Japanese.

Moved by the plight of so many at-risk women and Australia's domestic violence crisis, Alison joined the Second Chance Programme in February 2020, and immediately had an impact, contributing her arts and culture skillset.

## Alumna of the Year Award Winner

### **Dr Margaret Bale**

**(1991 – 1994)** is Australia's only dedicated camel veterinarian.

With nearly 30 years' experience as a clinical veterinarian, Margie now specialises in camelid medicine and is renowned as a world expert on camel health.



She is recognised as the leading authority on camel veterinary medicine in Australia and is part of an international professional network of camel veterinarians and camel milk/meat scientists.

During 15 years as a large animal clinician at The University of Queensland's Dayboro Clinic, she practiced in all aspects of herd health, reproduction and surgery of production animals.

Margie has worked in Dubai in a camel embryo transfer and reproduction clinic presenting at conferences worldwide and championing this emerging industry. Through an Agrifutures program she has validated a Blood Pregnancy test for camels that was an adaptation needed for the unique Australian Camel Industry. She has also teamed with Plasvacc to develop an Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) accredited frozen Camel Plasma product.

Margie is currently undertaking postgraduate study and is a guest lecturer at UQ.

# Where Are You Now?

The Women's College is excited to profile our diverse alumnae community spanning 108 years. Thousands of past Women's students are making important contributions in their local and international communities.

In past issues, we have profiled alumnae living overseas and across Australia. In this issue, we feature some of our alumnae living and working on the east-coast of Australia, from as far north as Gordonvale to Melbourne in the south.

*Please note that alumnae profiled in this section is determined by the submissions we receive.*

[Click here to let Women's know where you are!](#)

If you would like your profile to be included in this section in the next issue of *FREDA*, please click on the button above or visit [www.womens.uq.edu.au/college-publications/freda-content-submissions](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/college-publications/freda-content-submissions)

**1 Name (location):** Nerissa Lee Long (Gordonvale, QLD)  
**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1990 / 1994  
**Course:** B Applied Science (Human Movement Studies – Education)

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Health and Physical Education Teacher

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** “After graduating from UQ, my first teaching position was in Far North Queensland (FNQ), which is where I grew up. I have kept in touch with friends I met at The Women's College. My experiences at UQ and Women's have helped me to encourage Year 12 students from FNQ to leave the region to pursue tertiary studies.”

**2 Name (location):** Jo Cope (Brisbane, QLD)  
**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1988 / 1990  
**Course:** B Economics (1990) / B Commerce (1991)  
**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Managing Director & CEO, Providior

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** “Geographically, not very far as I live in St Lucia! After graduation, I joined ANZ in their Graduate Immersion Program and specialised in small business lending (and meeting my husband!). From there, I moved to Bank of Queensland and headed up the team responsible for drafting and implementing policies and procedures. I took a career break to raise three daughters and then ventured out on my own, providing accounting and financial services to clients from various industries including non-profit, funds management, medical and agriculture. I'm currently the Managing Director and CEO of Providior, a specialist finance company that provides funding to law firms across Australia. I absolutely love what I do and I'm very proud of what we are achieving. On a personal note, Women's remains a very special part of my life; my College friendships are still the most wonderful of friendships. My three daughters all studied at UQ and joined Women's Associate Program.”



**Name (location):** Genevieve Windley (Scenic Rim, QLD)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1994 / 1996

**Course:** B Laws – LLB (Hons) & B Arts

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** General Manager & Farmer

**Where has life taken you since leaving**

**College?:** “Through my work, I aim to put the Scenic Rim in the industry nationally and internationally as a food and agritourism destination. With others, I created the Scenic Rim Farm Box and Scenic Rim Eat Local Week. With my husband, Ed, we operate Kengoon Farming, growing fresh vegetables on our farms near Kalbar. I am also a member of the Kalfresh Customer Focus Team, and we won the 2016 AUSVEG award for Innovative Marketing for Just Veg, taking wonky but tasty carrots, giving them new life as healthy, easy snacks for busy people. Prior to Scenic Rim Farm Box, I worked in senior manager roles at the Scenic Rim Regional Council for 14 years.”

*Genevieve was a finalist in the 2022 Alumnae Awards.*



**Name (location):** Liz Mackinlay (Sydney, NSW)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1990 / 1993

**Course:** B Occupational Therapy (Hons) & Master of Social Planning and Development (Hons)

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** CEO and specialist in gender equity

**Where has life taken you since leaving**

**College?:** “I am a specialist in gender equity and reducing violence against women and children, and am committed to children’s rights to care, participation and protection. I am a founder of a community-run and funded women’s domestic violence refuge in Sydney. Currently, I am the CEO of Australian Business Volunteers where one of our projects is currently to implement an innovative approach to community-led recovery post the 2019 – 2020 Black Summer bushfires across Australia and innovation in business recovery in the Pacific. I have 25 years’ experience in the not-for-profit (NFP) sector, in senior executive experience both internationally and in Australia.”

*Liz was a finalist in the 2022 Alumnae Awards.*



**Name (location):** Bianca Watt (Sydney, NSW)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 2012 / 2014

**Course:** B Arts (Economics Major)/B Tourism Management

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** Technology / Startups

**Where has life taken you since leaving**

**College?:** “I had the honour of helping launch Uber Eats in Brisbane in 2016, then spent the next five years expanding Uber across the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, focusing on customer experience (CX) design and payment risk. I now work at Airwallex, the second-largest startup in Australia (behind Canva). Airwallex builds global financial infrastructure and applications to empower businesses to operate anywhere, anytime. Working in this industry means travelling the world with my Macbook and meeting people from all walks of life. I’m also more generally well connected within the APAC Startup/Tech space, with several of my close friends and acquaintances working at TikTok, Canva, Atlassian, Facebook, Snapchat and Google!”



**Name (location):** Roz Bangs (Melbourne, VIC)

**Fresher Year / Last Year of Residence:** 1981 / 1982

**Course:** B Science

**University:** UQ

**Current field of work:** CEO and specialist in gender equity

**Where has life taken you since leaving**

**College?:** “After leaving UQ, I attended Mt Gravatt College and studied Fashion Design. I married in 1989, moved to Melbourne and had three children. I have worked in catering management, retail management and now have my own bespoke catering business – Beatrice Maud. For the past 14 years, I have rowed competitively in Masters events nationally and internationally. I have been fortunate to have many successes and represented Victoria in the State 8 and twice at Nationals.”

# Fundraising and Camaraderie

**Alumnae and mothers of current Woozas experienced the exquisite aromas and textures of champagne while learning about champagne house styles during the Champagne Presentation with Bernadette O'Shea.**



This two-hour presentation was held on Saturday 12 March 2022, and proceeds from the event went towards supporting scholarships for students residing at The Women's College.

Presenter Bernadette O'Shea (pictured left) is a Brisbane-based champagne educator and champagne consultant. She holds a prestigious Vin de Champagne Award, which recognises her knowledge of champagne. For her services to the champagne industry, Bernadette was inducted as a Dame-Chevalier of the L'ordre des Coteaux de Champagne and was made a Dame Officier of the order in 2010, and awarded the "Chambellan" medal in 2014. In addition, Bernadette has been awarded the Diploma d'Honneur Corporation des vigneronns de champagne, or St Vincent's Award for teaching services to the champagne industry. She has also been invested with the Chevalier de l'ordre du Merite Agricole, a knighthood from the French Government for her work in the champagne industry.

## *Bernadette O'Shea's top 10 champagne tips*

1. Drink champagne knowing it is joyful, happy and full of spirit, magnificence and euphoria.
2. You can drink champagne for all occasions. Just by opening a bottle and pouring a glass, one creates the occasion!
3. You can drink champagne in any location — on a beach, in bed, anywhere! You will always remember the location where you christened the spot with champagne.
4. Food pairing with champagne is endless! Champagne brings texture and mouth aroma to food. Its high acidity tones down fat and salt and reduces excessive sweetness. Its effervescence degrades the tastebuds, while adding elegance and height to heavy foods. Champagne has exquisite nuances and leaves the palate refreshed and stimulated.
5. The best way to serve champagne is with a loving and sharing attitude.
6. When you can afford it, only drink real champagne from La Champagne in France!
7. Life is too short to drink bad wine!
8. Real champagne from the chalky region of La Champagne is so different to its competitors; sparkling wine from other regions in no way represents what champagne is about!
9. Champagne is unique because it expresses every mood, speaks every language, is a form of applause and sparkles its way into all the best moments on the world stage. For me, it is a way of life and a truly happy form of inspiration.
10. As Oscar Wilde said, "Only the unimaginative can fail to find a reason for drinking Champagne."





# Fundraising and Camaraderie

**Women's is delighted to announce that Lady Mayoress of Brisbane, Nina Schrinner, will be this year's keynote speaker for the Standing Committee Luncheon on Saturday 16 July.**

A highlight on the College calendar, the annual Standing Committee Luncheon is a special event that acknowledges the Standing Committee, the original assembly of prominent citizens and community leaders who established, promoted and fundraised for The Women's College in the early 1900s. Named in their honour, this luncheon proudly acknowledges the past efforts of generations of committed College alumnae and friends, while raising funds.

Throughout the years, the event has featured many engaging speakers including prominent Queensland women of which some have been alumnae:

- 2011 | Bobbie Brazil (1963 – 1965)
- 2012 | Jennifer Beatrice Medland
- 2013 | Dr Rhyl Hinwood AM
- 2014 | Llew Mullins
- 2015 | Dr Jennifer Harrison
- 2016 | Dr Else Shepherd AM (1961)
- 2017 | Dr Yasmina Sultanbawa
- 2018 | Helen Gregory
- 2019 | Rachel Mackenzie (1991 – 1993)
- 2021 | Sally McPherson (1999 – 2001)

As tradition continues, the proceeds from the luncheon provide the primary source of income for the new Standing Committee Bursary and annual Academic Prize.



Lady Mayoress of Brisbane, Nina Schrinner, will be the keynote speaker at the 2022 Standing Committee Luncheon. Nina presented the Alumnae Awards in March and is pictured with 2022 Community Alumna Award winner Alison Kubler (1991 – 1992).

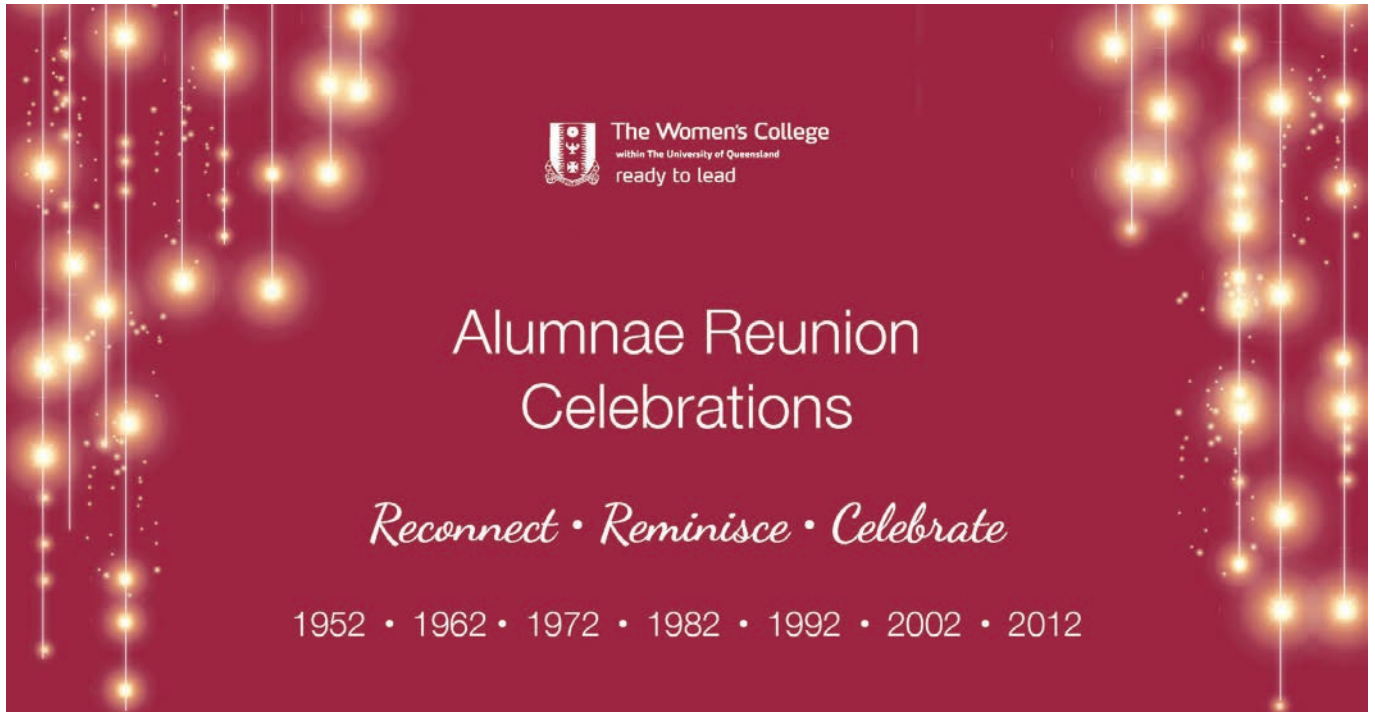


## The Women's College Standing Committee Luncheon

Saturday 16 July 2022

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Or visit [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2022-standing-committee-luncheon](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2022-standing-committee-luncheon)  
Registrations close Friday 8 July 2022



**Alumnae from Fresher year groups 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 and 2012 are invited to return to the College for an Alumnae Reunion Celebration.**

It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, remember and share memories with one another.

The Reunion Celebrations are being held in conjunction with the annual Standing Committee Luncheon with keynote speaker Lady Mayoress of Brisbane, Nina Schinnerer.

Guests will enjoy a delicious two-course lunch (main meal and dessert) including a glass of wine followed by coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available to purchase additional drinks.

Thank you to our reunion coordinators Elizabeth Macintosh, Beverley Higgins, Joanna Jenkins, Joanne Bergamin and Johannah Walker for locating fellow alumnae for this special event.

[\*\*Click here to RSVP\*\*](#)

Or visit [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2022-alumnae-reunion-celebrations](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2022-alumnae-reunion-celebrations)



Above: The 2021 Alumnae Reunion Celebrations.

*"Because of you, I can embrace new opportunities"*



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2022 Annual Giving Appeal



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# Spirit of Philanthropy

## Naming Opportunities

Throughout the history of The Women's College, supporters have demonstrated their level of interest in many ways. Named spaces have created impact and been a strategic mean of helping the College's philanthropic goals.

### Place your mark on The College Playhouse

Earlier this year, the College offered a naming opportunity and welcomed the chance to honour alumnae, families and friends whose philanthropic support will provide assistance with the refurbishment of The College Playhouse.

Also known as the May Hancock Auditorium, the Playhouse is a 150-seat tiered lecture theatre, a perfect venue for drama and music productions, lectures and seminars, including internal and external reception areas.

The refurbishment of this space includes new state-of-the-art audio-visual technology and auditorium chairs, and is fully carpeted throughout. The new auditorium chairs will be installed with named plaques to showcase the philanthropic efforts of our College community. The official opening of the refurbished College Playhouse will be held on Monday 21 November 2022.



Mockups of the new chairs (left) and the donor plaque (right).

**We thank the many alumnae who have supported the project and purchased a plaque. If you missed out on securing a plaque in the first round, the next round of orders is now open and will close on 30 September 2022 — [www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations/the-playhouse-naming-opportunities](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations/the-playhouse-naming-opportunities)**

### Embed your message

Opportunities to leave your words of wisdom or feature multi-generational families connected to The Women's College are available once again.

If you would like to update your window panel in the Centenary Wing walkway with additional family members who have resided at the College or purchase a window — the College has a number of panels available — to honour multi-generational relationships with families.

**Contact our Director of Advancement — [advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au) — for further details.**



# 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.

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## Young Alumnae

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Our annual **Academic Lunch** is an invitation-only networking lunch that provides an opportunity for First Year students to experience the importance of academic excellence by assisting them to adjust from high school to university through networking with academics and tutors (who are often alumnae) in their field of study. Held in 2022 on Wednesday 16 February in the Harriett Marks Dining Room, the lunch had a high attendance rate.



Part of the Ready to Lead program, the **Women of the World Q&A** is a series of networking events that feature industry-related panel discussions. Panellists inspire our students and young alumnae with stories about their professional journeys.

The fourth event in our series, held on Tuesday 29 March 2022, featured Women in Economics & Law.

The College thanks alumnae Carly Kind, Dr Leonora Risse, Paula Wilton and Olivia Williamson for inspiring our students and young alumnae about their greatest achievements, career motivations, and the big issues and challenges facing their industries in the future.



*Thanking Donors*



The Women's College annual **Dividere Dinner** was held on Wednesday 24 November 2021 to thank our 2021 donors and supporters as well as highlight the impact that philanthropy is making. At the dinner, our Q&A Panellists Lilli Anderson (2022 Student Club President), Lara-Jane Biggin (2022 Resident Assistant) and Chloe Scott (2022 Resident Assistant) spoke about the impact philanthropy has had on their residencies at the College.



Special Events

A highlight on the College calendar, the **Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards**, is an event where we honour the exceptional scholarship of our students, and acknowledge the finalists and winners of the Alumnae Awards. This year, the event was held on Thursday 10 March, with many students, alumnae and special guests in attendance.

Our guest speaker, Professor Kirsty Short (NHMRC Principal Research Fellow, School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, The University of Queensland), delivered an engaging address about her work before presenting Academic Excellence Prizes with Professor Deborah Terry AO (Vice-Chancellor and President, UQ). The College also acknowledged its Academic Mentors, Scholarship recipients and students who achieved a GPA 6.0 or above.

Our Alumnae Award finalists were recognised before the winners for 2022 were announced, with awards presented by the Lady Mayoress of Brisbane Nina Schrinner. The Alumnae Awards were launched in 2020 with the vision to celebrate the diverse accomplishments of our alumnae community who are making an impact to their communities and a difference in the world.

The Women's College congratulates all students and alumnae recognised at the 2022 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards for their achievements.



The Women's College celebrated its **108<sup>th</sup> Birthday** with a High Tea for alumnae and guests on Saturday 12 March.

One of the highlights of the event included the launch of the College's Virtual Museum ([www.womens.uq.edu.au/virtual-museum](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/virtual-museum)), an intimate virtual place that pays fitting tribute to thousands of alumnae and community members. A special project that has been under development since August 2021, the design phase took a number of months to perfect, until the platform started to take shape in terms of layout to ensure an easy user-experience. The artefacts, items of interest, reflections and speeches collected all reflect The Women's College rich history over almost 110 years.

The birthday celebrations also included the book launch of *A Sculptor's Vision: Creating a Legacy in Stone* presented by Dr Rhyl Hinwood AM. Proceeds from the book sales supported the College's Bursary Program and UQ Alumni Friends.

This year the cake cutting ceremony was undertaken by:

- Lilli Anderson, 2022 Student Club Executive President
- Lauren Ward, 2022 Senior Resident Assistant
- Olivia Williamson (1999 – 2003), 2003 Senior Resident Assistant and current College Council member
- Susan Hamilton (1966 – 1968) and Fellow (appointed in 2005)



# Notable Alumnae

## Celebrating Achievements

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

### **Margaret Thorsborne OAM (1967 – 1970) B.Sc, Dip Ed (UQ). Grad Dip Counseling (QUT)**

Congratulations to 1970 Student Club President, Margaret Thorsborne OAM, on being recognised in the 2022 Australia Day Honours List for her service to education.

Margaret is a restorative justice consultant with a background in education and counselling. She was a pioneer of, and played an important role in, the introduction of Restorative Practice into schools in Australia and New Zealand in the mid-late '90s and has since trained conference facilitators in education, police and justice sectors across Australia, Asia, New Zealand, Britain, USA and Canada.

She is the chair of Restorative Practice International (RPI) and has co-authored many books that have helped change organisations and relationships. She has helped transform the way schools respond to wrongdoing via accountability, responsibility, and empathy.

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM (27<sup>th</sup> Governor of Queensland) presented Margaret with her award at a ceremony on Friday 13 May 2022. [Click here](#) — or visit <https://vimeo.com/707604044#t=1556s> — to watch Margaret receive her award at the ceremony, which was live streamed by the Governor's Office.



Margaret Thorsborne OAM (1970 Student Club President) received her award from Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM (27<sup>th</sup> Governor of Queensland, 2021 – present). Photos supplied by Margaret Thorsborne OAM.



### **Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO (1960) Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (1967), UQ**

Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO was elected to UQ's 35<sup>th</sup> Senate, which began its four-year term on 1 January 2022. Senate is the peak governing body of the University as constituted by The University of Queensland Act.

The primary role of Senate is to exercise oversight of the University and its affairs. As a Senate member, Sallyanne will bring a range of knowledge and expertise, offering special skills and advice.



**Amanda Johnston-Pell (1989 – 1991)**  
**Bachelor of Human Movement Studies**  
**(Education) (1992), UQ**

Nominated by The Women's College, Amanda Johnston-Pell (pictured with UQ Vice-Chancellor Professor Deborah Terry AO) was awarded the 2021 UQ Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Award for outstanding leadership in business, and for service to community, education and private diplomatic initiatives. She is currently serving as the Chief Digital Officer, Vice President Digital Sales across the Asia Pacific and China regions for IBM.

Amanda was also the inaugural Women's College Alumna of the Year and was appointed a Network Ambassador for the College in 2021.

**Dr Bonny Cumming (2004 – 2005)**  
**Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons)**  
**(2008), UQ**

Dr Bonny Cumming was awarded the 2021 UQ Distinguished Young Alumni Award for her commitment to serving Australia's Indigenous communities. She is an experienced veterinarian and project manager whose work is focused at the intersection of human, animal and environmental health.

Since 2013, Dr Cumming's work as a Project Manager for Animal Management in Rural & Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) has seen her supporting the strong links between Australian First Nations peoples and their animals within the community.

[Click here](https://stories.uq.edu.au/alumni/2021/alumni-awards-2021/index.html) to read more about Amanda and Bonny on UQ's website, or visit <https://stories.uq.edu.au/alumni/2021/alumni-awards-2021/index.html>

# Young Alumnae News

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

**Kate Utting** (2019 – 2021) directed, produced and choreographed a performance piece for the Brisbane Anywhere Festival, which was performed at the Global Change Institute within UQ on 20 – 21 May.

*Wind of Wall Street* (pictured below) is an immersive work of physical theatre and dance that challenges the audience's perspective of capitalism and its command of society. Performed by local emerging dance artists, it seeks to give dancers an opportunity to perform after two years of limited performance opportunities.

Describing the performance, Kate says, "Dancers move amongst you and bring you into the world of business and finance. The piece is a visual representation of corporate workers, specifically stockbrokers and how they are driven by money and success.

The bell rings. A day begins. The pace is set and the traders gamble, grab and grope over greenback after greenback after greenback. A vision of capitalistic utopia dominates their minds as greed manipulates their actions. Money is made. Money is spent. But what is the toll?

A wind blows and the world rebuilds."



Left to right: Ally Cochrane (2009 – 2011), Georgina Hopson (2009 – 2011), Kaitlyn McCallum (2008 – 2010) and Director of Advancement, Susan McGinley, at *The Phantom of The Opera* on Sydney Harbour.

**Georgina Hopson** (2009 – 2011) is an award-winning musical theatre performer who recently played the role of Christine Daaé in *The Phantom of The Opera* on Sydney Harbour. The opera's season ran from 25 March to 24 April 2022.

Georgina has previously worked with Dame Julie Andrews on the Australian tour of *My Fair Lady* and has also shared the stage with Tina Arena in *Evita The Musical*.

Georgina was the guest speaker at the College's Formal Dinner on Thursday 26 May 2022, where she performed *Back to Before* from the musical *Ragtime*. She was featured on the cover and in the College's first issue of *FREDA*.



**Monique Correy** (2011) recently had her first solo art exhibition at the Toowoomba Write Gallery. Over 200 guests attended the exhibition, including a number of Women's alumnae, which was a wonderful opportunity to catch up. Monique sold 42 paintings in the first half hour of opening!

Monique had breast cancer three years ago, when she had just turned 27. Whilst she was undergoing treatment, her incredible friends and family rallied around her and raised money for her to go on a holiday. Due to COVID restrictions and two years of lockdowns, she decided to use the money to fund her art, and this is from where the theme of the exhibition – Holiday – came to life.

She also raffled-off one of her large paintings, raising a total of \$6,025 for the below charities, which are close to her heart:

- Cancer Chicks Australia
- Garvan Institute
- Pink Hope
- Hope Horizons Cancer Wellness Centre – Toowoomba

Follow Monique on Instagram [@monique\\_art](https://www.instagram.com/monique_art) to see her art.



**Laine Kapetanakos** (2017) was recently selected as one of three IABC Queensland board interns. In this position, Laine will support the board executive to provide IABC members with events and opportunities that both advance the profession and create connections.

Laine is an Engagement Consultant at Sabio and a UQ Young Alumni Advisory Board Member.

The Girls' Ball Association connects rural and city networks, driving them to come together to raise as many funds as possible through an annual event. Since 1932, the Girls' Ball Association has been hosting a black tie fundraising event on the eve of the Royal Queensland Show's Ekka Holiday, bringing young people from communities across Queensland together.

Run by a committee of driven young women, each year the Association selects a charity with a focus on helping and supporting women in the community.



Congratulations to **Hannah Cook** (2018 – 2020), who is the Marketing Coordinator on the 2022 Committee. This year, the Committee is supporting Share the Dignity as their chosen charity. Share the Dignity is a women's charity in Australia that works to make a real difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or doing it tough. Share the Dignity distribute period products to women, girls, and anyone who menstruates who needs support.

# Feature:

## Women of the World Q&A Series

**Launched in 2019, the Women of the World Q&A Series was developed for our Young Alumnae Program and is now also part of the College's Ready to Lead program for our senior students.**

A networking dinner, the event provides an opportunity to profile professional women in lively industry-related panel discussions. Over the past few years, panellists have inspired audiences with their journeys in their diverse fields in the world of medicine, law, business, commerce, economics and allied health. They have addressed questions like what are the big issues or challenges facing their career today and in their field 20 years from now. Valuable advice has also been provided to attendees about how to succeed in their future careers.

When audience participants register for the Women of the World Q&A, they are encouraged to provide questions for the panellists, so that they maximise the full benefit of the networking experience with the panel of professional experienced women.

The initiative has been a great platform to bring like-minded young alumnae and students together socially, to stay connected and develop career networks.

Meilabella Nezc-Moon (2019 – 2021; pictured below), is studying a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) at The University of Queensland and attended the Women in Economics & Law Q&A in March this year. Of the event, she said, "As a final-year law student, it was incredibly insightful to listen to the experiences of esteemed women in the legal field and get their perspective on the challenges and triumphs they have faced as they have grown their professional careers. Following the event, I had the

privilege of connecting with panellist Olivia Williamson, where she offered excellent guidance and mentorship about the legal profession. The opportunity to create lasting professional relationships through the event has provided me with invaluable insight that I will take with me into my future career."



### Women of the World Q&A panellists



**2019 | Medicine | Series 1**  
(L – R) Dr Jacqueline Mills, Dr Helen O'Toole, Dr Yasmin Harvey and Dr Sylvie Giguere



**2020 | Business, Commerce & Law | Series 2**  
(L – R) Joanna Jenkins, Jane Schmitt, Sophie Gibson and Frances Wright



**2021 | Allied Health | Series 3**  
(L – R) Megan Dalton, Caroline Gee, Roxanne Innes and Tamara Robson



**2022 | Economics & Law | Series 4**  
Carly Kind (pictured left, attended this event virtually), Olivia Williamson, Dr Leonora Risse and Paula Wilton (pictured on opposite page).



# Feature:

## Multi-Generational Families

**The 2022 Mother & Daughter Dinner, held in May, acknowledged our multi-generational families (pictured below) of which 34 grandmothers, mothers and daughters were presented with a special badge.**

One of the features of this special event was a Q&A panel of alumnae (grandmothers and mothers of current daughters) who shared their memories of life at The Women's College. The College thanks our panellists:

- Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO (1960)
- Dr Cate Campbell (1985 – 1988)
- Beverley Higgins (1962 – 1964)
- Courtney Petersen (1988)

Funds raised from The Calile Hotel major raffle prize supported the Alumnae Awards Scholarship.



## 2022 Multi-Generational Families

<b>Grandmothers, mothers and current students</b>	Beverley Higgins (1962 – 1964), Dr Cate Campbell (1986 – 1988) & Jillian Campbell (First Year)		
<b>Grandmothers and current students</b> <small>*Denotes deceased</small>	Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO (1960) & Maggie Forster (Second Year)	Dr Meredith Foxton* (1946 – 1949) & Sarah-Jane Foxton (Third Year)	
<b>Mothers and current students</b>	Kirstin Aralar (1986 – 1987) & Charlotte Aralar (First Year)	Courtney Petersen (1988), Matisse Black (Second Year) & Persia Black (Associate)	Dr Louise Brown (1991 – 1996) & Kirsten Brown (Third Year)
	Leisa Carniel (1991 – 1992) & Laura Carniel (Third Year)	Ann Fitzpatrick (1977 – 1978) & Clare Fitzpatrick (First Year)	Clare Geoghegan (1990 – 1992) & Ellie Geoghegan (First Year)
	Lesley Harlen (1986 – 1987) & Sabrina Harlen (Second Year)	Dr Susan King (1984 – 1985) & Rosie King (Associate)	Amy Makim (1994) & Indigo Makim (First Year)
	Karen Taylor (1984 – 1985) & Madeleine Martin (First Year)	Melissa Kinnear (1991 – 1992) & Gemma Ryan (First Year)	Thea Shoyer (1987 – 1988) & Chloe Shoyer (Third Year)
	Carol Taylor (1987 – 1990) & Matilda Taylor (First Year)		



# Connected Wider Community

## Guest Speaker Program

The Women's College guest speaker program showcases inspirational alumnae and other impactful community leaders. Our motivational presenters have lived experience and tell a good story that offers a blend of education, coaching and call-to-action. The style of presentations varies with traditional guest speakers, Q&A panels and In Conversations that offer key takeaways and learnings to raise awareness of topics for our students.

Throughout the past twelve months, many of our Formal Dinners have featured an outstanding array of guest speakers who have shared their career journeys, insights, and advice with our students.

Here are some of the alumnae that have partnered with the College to continue the success of our guest speaker program.

**Phoebe Young  
(2001)  
Semester 2, 2021  
Commencement  
Dinner**

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. Learned to walk on prosthetic legs and navigate the world, eventually returning to university to complete degrees in Arts and Laws with Honours.



**Suzanne Bosanquet  
(1994)  
2021 Community  
Formal Dinner**

Dedicated significant time and resources to community and charity activities throughout her life through numerous grassroots community, institutional and professional body organisations – leading positive change and innovation – through architecture, art and design.



**Libby Munro  
(2000 – 2002)  
2021 Cultural Formal  
Dinner**

Matilda Award winner in 2014 for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her portrayal of Vanda in the Australian premiere of *Venus in Fur* and winner of the John Dommert Medal for Outstanding Industry Achievement.



**Dr Sallyanne  
Atkinson AO (1960)  
2021 Valedictory  
Dinner**

Chairman of the Museum of Brisbane; the first, and only, female Lord Mayor of Brisbane; former Senior Trade Commissioner to Paris and Chairman of Queensland Tourism. Appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia by the Australian Government and a member of the National Order of Merit by the French Government.



**Sally McPherson  
(1999 – 2002)**

**2022  
Commencement  
Dinner**

Group Chief Executive Officer of Constructiv Technologies; Managing Director of Construction Financial Services; and co-founder of iseekplant, the world's largest online marketplace for construction equipment and services.



**Dr Margie Bale  
(1991 – 1994)**

**March 2022 Formal  
Dinner**

Australia's only dedicated camel veterinarian. With nearly 30 years experience as a clinical veterinarian, she now specialises in camelid medicine and is renowned as a world expert on camel health.



**Joanne Bergamin  
(1992 – 1994)**

**April 2022 Formal  
Dinner**

Communications Director at QEM Limited, an emerging Queensland vanadium mining company listed on the ASX. Returned to Australia in 2020, after living and working in Rome and the Vatican City for 13 years, including as a journalist for the Pope's newspaper.



**Georgina Hopson  
(2009 – 2011)**

**May 2022 Formal  
Dinner**

Greenroom Award winner in 2020 for Best Actress in a Lead Role in the musical *Ragtime* — one of the highest honours in the world of musical theatre. Worked with Dame Julie Andrews on the Australian tour of *My Fair Lady* and shared the stage with Tina Arena in *Evita The Musical*.



**Community leaders who have contributed their valuable time to participate in our guest speaker program:**

**2021 Sports Dinner** Australian Olympians Natalie Cook and Taliqua Clancy

**2022 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards** Dr Kirsty Short, NHMRC Principal Research Fellow, School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, UQ

**2022 Women's Health Month Q&A panellists:**

- Dr Sally Mortlock, Lead Computational Biologist, Institute for Molecular Bioscience, UQ
- Monique Murphy, Paralympian, 2016 Rio Olympics
- Jessica Taylor, Director, QENDO

**Partnering with Business and Industry**

The College held its first Women's Industry Night (WIN) in May — a networking and career-building experience to connect students to employers and industry groups.

There was outstanding participation representing a wide range of industries, with 12 out of the 20 exhibitors having employees that were alumnae of the College.

A mini-exhibition, the event showcased organisations that offered valuable advice to assist students and young alumnae kickstart their careers. It was an opportunity for students to connect with industry professionals, practise networking skills, discover employers offering work experience and internships, and hear about companies recruiting for vacationer and graduate roles.

Concurrent round table discussions were held in parallel with the exhibition, providing many alumnae representing the various organisations to run sessions on topics from the importance of having a career mentor and the power of networking to using an internship to your advantage.



**Exhibitors at the 2022 Women's Industry Night**





## Career Mentoring

In 2021, The Women's College trialled a career mentoring program for law students and young graduate lawyers with Leigh Balderson (1987 – 1989; pictured left).

The mentor program involved three to four general group mentor sessions, including an initial introductory session, a planning session and follow-up sessions with individual participants about interview techniques.

A graduate of The University of Queensland, Leigh studied Commerce/Law and started her career in a law firm. She now works for Sydney Airport and was recently promoted to a new executive leadership role established to develop an airport-wide framework to improve all various business relationships.

Leigh was the perfect mentor to undertake the College's trial program. Throughout her various roles, Leigh has mentored young lawyers and women in aviation in the early stages of their careers. She still provides career guidance and advice to a handful of past employees who have worked directly for her as they navigate through the various stages of their careers. Leigh has also been a mentor through the UQ Law mentoring program.



In November 2021, Leigh Balderson (centre), held the second career mentoring session in a series for students and young alumnae studying law, and invited Leone Costigan (fifth from left), Executive Counsel, Hebert Smith Freehills, as a guest.



If you would like to partner with students and young alumnae to provide career mentoring, please complete this form – [www.womens.uq.edu.au/update-contact-details](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/update-contact-details). If your organisation would like to exhibit at the 2023 Women's Industry Night (WIN), please contact our Director of Advancement – [advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au)

# Alumnae Tours

## Women's is delighted to host Alumnae Tours at local places of interest in and around Brisbane.

Our first Alumnae Tour was held in November 2021 at the Museum of Brisbane, where curator Emma McLean showed participants around the museum's *The Storytellers* exhibit.

The Museum of Brisbane commissioned eight writers from Brisbane to develop fictional stories that linked to Brisbane; these stories featured at the exhibition.

Our next two Alumnae Tours will be held in August and September, the details of which are below.



Sculptor Rhyl Hinwood on-site in the Great Court at The University of Queensland, St Lucia, 1980. (Image source: Fryer Library, Rhyl Hinwood Collection, UQFL553, Box 19, Folder 5, Item 61.)

### Rhyl Hinwood's sculptures at UQ

Rhyl Hinwood was born in Brisbane in 1940 and her career began at the Queensland Natural History Museum where she worked as an artist for many years. In 1976, she won a commission to complete the carvings in the Great Court of The University of Queensland.

Rhyl has worked on the design and production of over 700 commissioned public artworks for institutions, churches, corporations, organisations, federal, state and local governments as well as for private clients. Rhyl was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by The University of Queensland in 2001 for her outstanding contribution to the university and to the visual arts in Queensland, and was appointed a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2006 for her service to the visual art. (Information from [UQ eSpace](https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:370600) [https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:370600].)

Two tours will be held on Saturday 27 August, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm and from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

[Click here](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/alumnae-tour-rhyl-hinwoods-sculptures-at-the-university-of-queensland) — or visit [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/alumnae-tour-rhyl-hinwoods-sculptures-at-the-university-of-queensland](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/alumnae-tour-rhyl-hinwoods-sculptures-at-the-university-of-queensland) — to RSVP.

### Government House

Government House, also known as *Fernberg* (German for distant mountain), is Queensland's premier heritage home and the working residence of the Queensland Governor. Each week, the doors of Fernberg are opened and guests are warmly welcomed to experience a treasured piece of Queensland's history through tours where visitors will learn about the history of the House as well as the constitutional, ceremonial and community roles of the Governor. (Information and image supplied by Government House Queensland.)

The property, located in Paddington, is a heritage-listed, State-owned residence and an important Queensland landmark. The tour will be held on Thursday 29 September, from 10:30am to 12:00pm.



[Click here](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/alumnae-tour-government-house) — or visit [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/alumnae-tour-government-house](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/alumnae-tour-government-house) — to RSVP.

# Upcoming Events

Here's what's happening at The Women's College in the second half of 2022.

**Saturday 16 July**  
**Standing Committee Luncheon**

An annual fundraising luncheon, named in honour of the Standing Committee, who established and fundraised for The Women's College from the early 1900s. This year's keynote speaker is the Lady Mayoress of Brisbane, Nina Schrinner.

**Saturday 16 July**  
**Alumnae Reunion Celebrations**

Fresher year groups 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 and 2012 are invited to return to Women's to celebrate their milestone anniversaries. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, remember and share memories.

**Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 August**  
**Open Days**

A chance for future students and their families to discover the next-level uni experience on offer at Women's. If you have a member of your family planning to live at Women's next year, make sure they register for our Open Days.

**Thursday 25 August**  
**In Conversation Dinner with Margie Bale & Genevieve Windley**

A special fundraising Formal Dinner with our Alumnae of the Year award winner and finalist. Listen to their interesting 'rural' stories and conversations and relive a Formal Dinner in the Harriet Marks Dining Hall.

**Saturday 27 August**  
**Rhyl Hinwood Sculpture Alumnae Tour**

Join the College's Alumnae Tour of Rhyl Hinwood's sculptures at The University of Queensland. Brisbane sculptor Rhyl Hinwood will lead two tours showcasing her carvings in the Great Court at UQ. Limited places are available.

**Thursday 29 September**  
**Government House Alumnae Tour**

Join the College on a special tour of Government House, Queensland's premier heritage home. Experience a treasured piece of Queensland's history where alumnae will learn about the history of the House. Limited places are available.

**Saturday 8 October**  
**Women's Garden Party**

Alumnae and mothers of current and past Woozas are invited to this special fundraising event in the Scenic Rim. Funds raised will support the Alumnae Awards Scholarship. Tickets will be available shortly.

**Tuesday 18 October**  
**Women of the World Q&A**

The fifth event in our series, this Women of the World Q&A will feature Women in Education. Young alumnae in education are welcome to attend this special networking dinner and listen to an experienced panel of women. Registration details coming soon.

**Monday 21 November**  
**Dividere Dinner**

An invitation-only event to thank our donors and supporters. This year, the refurbished College Playhouse will be unveiled and contributors to the project will have an opportunity to sit in their named auditorium chair. Invitations will be emailed in October.

**Note:** Event dates are subject to change. Invitations are emailed 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)

# Connected for Life

## See what's been happening with our alumnae

Elizabeth Mackenzie (1965 – 1967), Lesley Reece (1965 – 1967), Ann Smith (1966 – 1967), Sue Handyside (1965 – 1967), Marion Mackenzie (1965 – 1967), Alice Buckley (1965 – 1967) and Dianne Coward (1965 – 1967), who met at The Women's College, are bound by affection and common interests, especially hiking and biking all over the world. The group has been celebrating decade birthdays for many years and has decided the time has come to increase the frequency of their birthday celebrations to every 2.5 years.

March 2022 was party time for the group, who got together at Guerilla Hall (Guerilla Bay, NSW). They came from near and far to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> birthdays and 57 years of friendship. Victoria McLachlan (1966), Margot Raynor (1964), Maureen Donaldson — a high school friend of Ann and Lesley's — and Malcolm Mackenzie — walking companion, spouse, brother-in-law and friend — also attended.

These wonderful friendships, germinated at The Women's College, have grown stronger and more affectionate over time as these friends have shared common interests, celebrated achievements, comforted each other in sorrows, and often hiked or biked together across the world.

The group is grateful for Chuss (Ann Smith), who organises get-togethers in the most delightful way and who once more opened her house at Guerilla Bay.

The next gathering for this group is scheduled for 2024.



Happy to be together to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> birthdays: (standing L – R) Dianne Coward, Marion Mackenzie and Chuss (Ann Smith), (sitting L – R) the young Victoria McLachlan, Elizabeth Mackenzie, Sue Handyside, and Lel (Lesley) Reece. Alice Buckley and Margot Raynor are absent from this photo.



(Standing L – R) Dianne Coward, Lel (Lesley) Reece, Marion Mackenzie, Malcolm Mackenzie, Alice Buckley, Victoria McLachlan, (sitting L – R) Sue Handyside, Maureen Donaldson, Elizabeth Mackenzie and Chuss (Ann Smith) at the Courtyard Café, Mogo.



Judith Anderson OAM (alumna 1964 – 1966) was in Adelaide in March 2022, and caught up with Robyn Stokes (née O'Donahue) and Robyn Walter (née Clarke). The trio are still friends after almost 60 years!

## WOOZA WEDDINGS

Annabel Russell (1999 – 2000) celebrated her wedding on 8 October 2021 at Ricky's Noosa with 10 Women's College alumnae in attendance for her special day.

Annabel, a freelance marketing consultant, said that there would have been 14 Woozers at her wedding however interstate and international border closures due to COVID prevented this from happening.

"I made lifelong friends at Women's and across the colleges," she said.

"Libby Munro and Sally McPherson sang at our wedding. It was fab; they did a romantic song and then they sang ACDC's *Shook Me All Night Long* but changed the words to relate to Dustin and myself. It was hilarious!"

"My stepdaughter, Olivia Boughton, has applied to attend Women's next year – testament to her constantly being around our group of friends and how supportive they are of her."



Left: Woozas at Annabel Russell's wedding (residency years denoted). Back row (L – R) Libby Munro (2000 – 2001), Samantha Hobbelen, Amy Abrahams, Layla McGrory (1999 – 2001), Carla Young, Anna Dakin (1999 – 2000), Adele Johnston, Carlee Sexton and Rose Isbell (1999 – 2001). Front row (L – R) Sally McPherson (1999 – 2001), Anna McLay (1999 – 2000), Sian Gow-Gates, Sarah Bassett (1999), Annabel Russell (1999 – 2000), Lucy Coulson and Suzanne Bagot (1999 – 2001).

## YOU AND FREDA

We were delighted to receive the following email from Dr Ann Warrell (1973 – 1974).

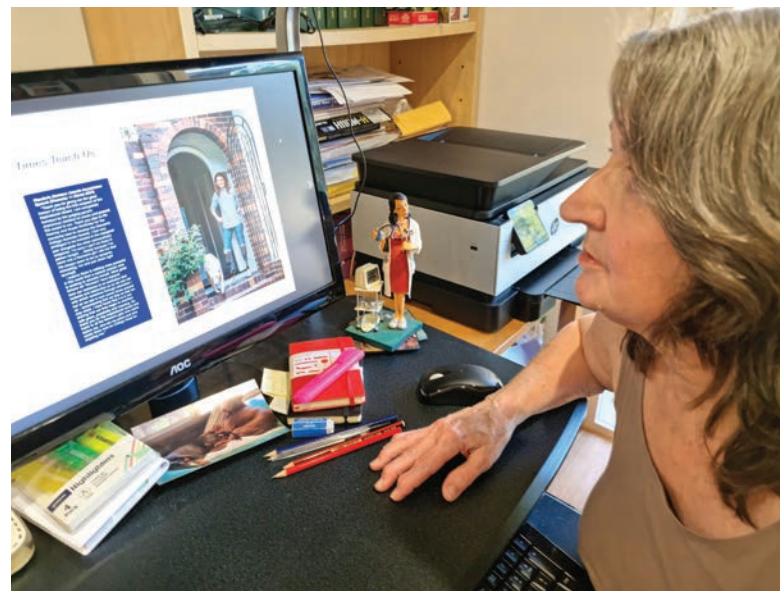
"Heartiest congratulations on your Award for Excellence in Alumni Publications.

When I first 'found' *FREDA*, I think I emailed you, commending your great publication. However, I was SO impressed and delighted I did wonder if I 'had not been getting out enough' in the world of online publication. I wondered if *FREDA* was simply part of more widespread progress on the web, which I had been missing.

But I see *FREDA* is every bit as cutting edge as I initially thought.

**BRAVO!!**"

We thank Ann for her kind words about *FREDA* and are happy to see where she has read *FREDA* in her accompanying photo!



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## ***In Memory***

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### **Dr Priscilla Brilliant (1963 – 1966)**

Dr Priscilla Brilliant (née Hopkins) was born in Beenleigh in 1945 to Richard and Gwendda Hopkins (née Hanger; alumna 1933 – 1937). As well as her mother, Priscilla's two aunts — Winifred and Eunice Hanger — also attended The Women's College in the 1930s.

Priscilla studied dentistry, and practised in Mackay, London, Cairns and Toowoomba. Professionally, she described herself as a reluctant dentist, but an enthusiastic cellist. She went on to teach the cello to dozens of students in both Toowoomba and Brisbane.

She relished her time at The Women's College, participating in rowing, coaching and captaining the

university hockey team. She also started a Gilbert & Sullivan opera group with members from Women's and St John's College, and directed and conducted *Iolanthe* in 1966 and *Trial by Jury* and *H.M.S. Pinafore* in 1967.

Priscilla formed life-long friendships with those she met at College. Over the following decades, she maintained a close association with the Alumni Association of The University of Queensland, and volunteered for many years at the Alumni Book Fair and at The Women's College, where she regularly attended the annual Standing Committee Luncheons to fundraise for bursaries.

Dr Priscilla Brilliant; photo supplied by Priscilla's family.



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