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# Alumnae Awards

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Joanna Jenkins (alumna 1982 –  
1984 and College Council Member).  
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## Welcome from Head of College & CEO Florence Kearney

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### Welcome to our 2023 edition of *FREDA*!

At our 109<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on Friday 24 March 2023, the College was excited to launch our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans for 2024. As part of the launch, we were privileged to welcome the Vice-Chancellors of Queensland's three largest universities for our Q&A panel, which was hosted by College Council President, Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM. Professor Carolyn Evans, Vice-Chancellor and President of Griffith University, Professor Margaret Sheil AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of UQ and College Council President, Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM, Professor Carolyn Evans, Vice-Chancellor and President of Griffith University, Professor Margaret Sheil AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of QUT, and Professor Deborah Terry AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of UQ, celebrated with us and reflected on various aspects of tertiary education. Guests then enjoyed a High Tea that included an In Conversation with Joanna Jenkins (1982 – 1984) about her newly published book, *How To Kill A Client*. You can read more about this In Conversation in our feature interview on pages 6 – 7.

The College congratulates our 2023 Alumnae Award winners and finalists. The exceptional 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 2023 Alumna of the Year award winner, Professor Susan Moloney (1981 – 1983).

Our 2023 edition of *FREDA* includes a new feature about alumnae who have returned to Women's for the first time since leaving College. It is fascinating to hear of their journeys since they walked out the door for the last time. Invariably, a visit through the Hall of Fame to find their



*L – R: Professor Carolyn Evans, Vice-Chancellor and President of Griffith University, Margaret Sheil AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of QUT, Professor Deborah Terry AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of UQ and College Council President, Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM at the 109<sup>th</sup> College Birthday.*

College photo brings back wonderful memories and a reconnection to the special place they shared as Woozas.

The College is inspired by and grateful to our alumnae who are doing extraordinary things to raise funds for our scholarships, bursaries and prizes program for students. With the high and growing cost of a university education, along with the ever-increasing cost of living, there are many students for whom further study after Year 12 would not be an option due to financial need. Women's College aspires to provide equity of access for all students through the ongoing growth of our philanthropy program.

Thank you to the 1988 – 1994 Year Groups who have established the Mary Wooza Scholarship for a First Year Resident from rural or regional Queensland facing hardship. We also acknowledge the Alumnae Award winners who are driving fundraising for the Alumnae Awards leadership Scholarship, which supports a current student.

It is amazing to see what is happening with alumnae across the

generations, as highlighted in the various articles featured within the pages of *FREDA*. With some 6,200 alumnae spread across the globe in all walks of life, all connected by their shared experience as a resident of Women's over many decades, the stories are both remarkable and inspiring.

Please join us at our annual alumnae event, Back to Women's, on Saturday 8 July, incorporating the annual Standing Committee Luncheon and the Alumnae Reunion Celebrations. This year, we welcome past Woozas from Fresher Year Groups 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 to celebrate their decade reunions. The Luncheon will feature some of our 2023 Alumnae Awards winners and finalists in a Q&A panel where they share their insights since leaving College.

Our exciting plans for the College's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations are included in this issue of *FREDA*. We look forward to our entire community joining us in 2024 for what promises to be a spectacular milestone year for The Women's College.

# Feature:

## FREDA meets Joanna Jenkins

**From working in a law firm to storytelling: the inspiring journey of a lawyer turned author.**

In the realm of legal battles and intellectual debates, one of our notable alumna has managed to transcend the constraints of her profession, weaving words into captivating tales that touch the hearts and minds of readers.

Meet alumna Joanna Jenkins (1982 – 1984), a formidable lawyer who recently embarked on a new chapter of her life as an author. In this exclusive interview we delve into the intriguing story of Joanna's transition from the legal world to the realm of fiction, uncovering the inspiration behind her debut novel, *How to Kill a Client*, and the transformative power of storytelling.



Alumna Olivia Williamson (1999 – 2003) interviewed Joanna Jenkins at the College's 109<sup>th</sup> Birthday in March 2023.

### How important to you is the setting – Brisbane – for the story?

It was important for technical reasons and aesthetic reasons. Technically, the book had to be set in a relatively small office of an international mega-firm to make the fact that there was only one female partner in the office believable. Aesthetically, I wanted to describe the Brisbane that I know and love. This part of the book has had a big response from readers. Turns out lots of people love Brisbane and long to see it on the page.

### When formulating the opening line of the novel, were you conscious, or felt any pressure, of other opening lines in literature, such as *Anna Karenina*, *Pride and Prejudice* or *Rebecca*? How important are the first lines in a book?

First lines are crucial. I know this because I pick up books, read the first line and quite often put them down again. The first line of this book changed many, many times. For a

long time it was "Gavin was a prick." But my editor encouraged me to write a line that immerses the reader in the scene rather than getting too caught up in the idea that I was even capable of competing with Tolstoy, Austen or Du Maurier – that took the pressure off me.

### So much in the novel is familiar to those in the legal industry – the hierarchy, obsessions with project names, awkward staff morning teas, visits to the archives in the suburbs, retreats and the "poweriest" of power suits. You are obviously familiar with the setting and character types, but was there a hard scene to write?

The hardest scene to write was the scene I didn't write. One of my cousins complained there was no sex scene. There's a very good reason for that!

### Do you miss spending time with the characters?

I'm writing a sequel, so a couple of them are still with me. But no, once

it was done I was content to kiss the rest of them goodbye and wish them the best of luck. I set the good ones up for success and the bad ones for agony, so there was nothing left to be done for them.

### A literary question I have often pondered is – do villains know they are villains?

I have pondered that too, and in fact spent a decade reading books about the Nazis and the Second World War to work out what the answer is. My conclusion was that even Himmler thought he was operating for the greater good, and by applying his special filter was able to justify everything he did (directing the murder of six million people).

I think we all have a filter that determines how we operate ethically in the world, and how we justify the bad things we do. And some people lack the empathy to feel bad about pain they inflict on others. Or even delight in it. So I suppose they know they are bad by the values of others,



but don't care because they measure themselves differently. Those people are very scary.

### Do you have a “if you don't like this, you can't be my friend” book?

Personally, I am highly suspicious of anyone who doesn't appreciate the wit of Jane Austen, who not only had an acerbic wit but also wrote the definitive political and economic novels of early 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain in such a way that you don't even realise. I don't know about not being a friend, but I can't be in a book club with anyone who doesn't understand that Nabakov's *Lolita* is a work of genius. The disgust readers feel is, I think, the emotion Nabakov intended to generate when they realise that Humbert Humbert (the lead character) – a man they almost admire for his urbane wit – is a monster. We see the world through the eyes of Humbert Humbert and it all makes sense to him.

**P**ersonally, I am highly suspicious of anyone who doesn't appreciate the wit of Jane Austen.”

### It has been said that knowing when to stop is what makes a good piece of writing. Did you feel there was a natural conclusion to this story or did you find yourself having to consciously pull things up?

The book is 94,000-words long and at least that many words hit the cutting room floor over the roughly hundred drafts. In crime fiction, the puzzle must be solved and order restored so, yes, there is a natural conclusion to crime fiction.

### Does writing energise or exhaust you?

Depends whether the words are flowing or not. Sometimes it's like pulling teeth, sometimes when in the zone they flow out from a place I barely recognise.

### Did you ever consider writing under a pseudonym?

Yes, but my agent (who I suspect looked me up on LinkedIn) encouraged me to write under my name. I'm glad I did. Writing under a pseudonym would have made the publicity very difficult.

### How many other completed or part-written books do you have?

There are four in various states of completion. It took a long time to sell this book (3.5 years) and when I did sign the publication contract, there was 18 months to publication. So plenty of time to start other books.

### Do you read your book reviews?

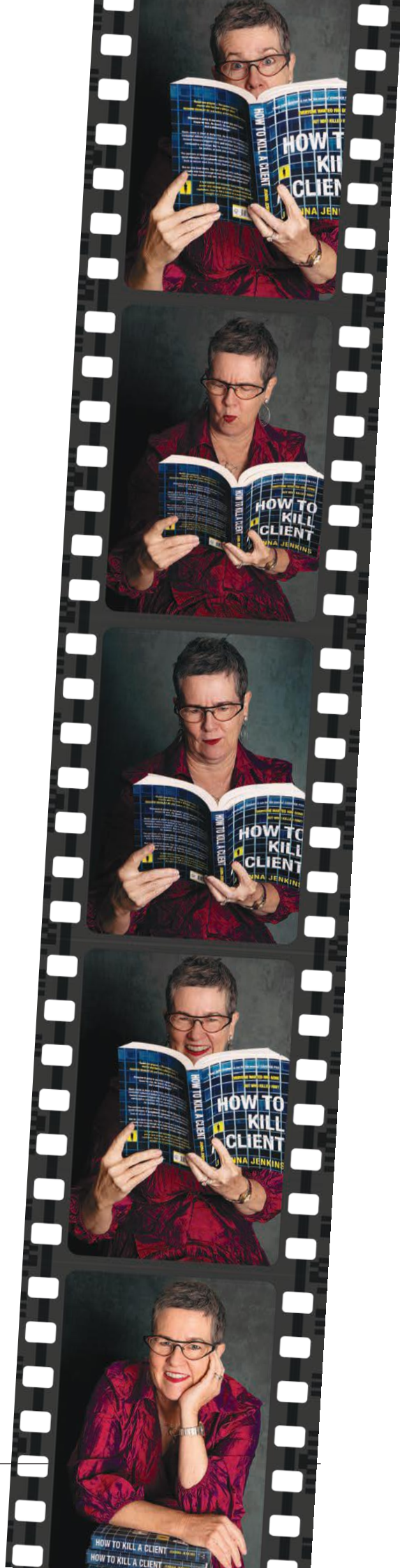
My children urge me not to read reviews. I feel very smug as I work my way through the five-star reviews but I find myself being drawn inexorably to the lower star reviews that I then focus on, with a sense of injury and outrage. So now I take my children's advice and don't read any of them. Very sensible people my children are.

### How epic were the business lunches in the late 1980s and 1990s?

Epic! They would start at midday and sometimes finish at midnight. It did mean you had to start work at 4am or 5am. I was glad they finished. It was hard on the liver and actually got a bit boring. It's the reason why I hardly ever drink before 6pm. And I will never be able to drink Rosemount Chardonnay ever again. (After that piece of virtue signalling, in the interest of truth and public benefit, I am compelled to report that the publishing industry are aficionados of the long lunch, which is kind of fun provided there is somewhere to go for a little lie down at 4pm.)

**FREDA** thanks Olivia Williamson for conducting this interview.

*Photos by Rhubarb Photography.*



# Alumnae Awards

## *Winners and Finalists*

### **Celebrating excellence: honouring extraordinary alumnae.**

Each year, we take immense pride in recognising the exceptional achievements of our alumnae – individuals who have left an indelible mark on their respective fields and beyond. We are thrilled to present to you this year's remarkable recipients of The Women's College Alumnae Awards, as well as the distinguished finalists who have demonstrated unrivalled passion and dedication.

These extraordinary women embody the vision of our College, empowering women to lead lives of meaning and purpose. Through their pursuit of excellence, they have exemplified our values: community, diversity, empowerment, excellence, integrity and respect.

Prepare to be inspired in this Alumnae Awards feature, as we uncover the stories of these alumnae, who have not only achieved great heights but have also become advocates for change. They remind us that dreams can be realised, barriers can be overcome, and the pursuit of excellence is a lifelong journey. Through the impact they have made, they beckon us all to rise above our limitations and embrace our limitless potential.

*Top inset (L – R): Finalist Charmaine Chalmers (1996), Young Alumna Award winner Georgina Hopson (2009 – 2011; photo by Tara Croft), and Finalist Dr Rebecca Vonhoff (2001 – 2002).*

*Main image (L – R): Finalist Lexie Warren (1983 – 1986), Finalist Laine Kapetanakos (2017), Alumna of the Year Professor Susan Moloney (1981 – 1983), Community Alumna Award winner Leigh McCready (1995 – 1997), and Inspirational Alumna Award winner Jacqueline Schultz (1993 – 1995).*











**Charmaine Chalmers**  
Business Leader

*"I believe I've accomplished more by focusing on leveraging my strengths than addressing my development needs. Play the hand you're dealt."*

Charmaine is a business leader and a Partner at PwC, leading their Enterprise Digital business. She sits on the PwC Financial Advisory Leadership Team and leads the Digital Transformation program.

She has held the role of Diversity and Inclusion Leader for PwC's Tax and Legal business. She is passionate about women, their education and workforce inclusion. Charmaine is a member of the UQ Senate, a Director of UQ Holdings and a Director of Tradeswomen Australia.



**Georgina Hopson**  
Musical Theatre Actor

*"I see being a good leader as having integrity, being authentic and using my voice to advocate for positive change in my industry."*

Georgina is one of Australia's rising musical theatre stars. She recently starred as Lorelai Lee in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* at Sydney's Hayes Theatre, a role made famous by Marilyn Monroe.

Georgina has received a number of awards, including a 2021 Sydney Theatre Award nomination for Best Performance in a Supporting Role in a Musical, the 2019 Green Room Award for Best Performer in a Lead Role, and many more.



**Laine Kapetanakos**  
Communications Consultant

*"No individual can do everything, but find your people, and you can do anything."*

Laine is an Executive Eminence and Communications Consultant at Deloitte. She sits on the International Association of Business Communicators Queensland Chapter and on UQ's Young Alumni Advisory Board. In 2021, Laine was recognised as a UQ Future Leader and received the UQ Employability Award.

People, cultures, and the little things in life that make a big impact are the three driving forces behind Laine's commitment to embracing community and creating opportunity.



**Leigh McCready**  
Community Leader

*"Volunteering is not only good for the community, it's good for the soul."*

Leigh pivots daily between her roles as a mum and wife, business leader and – what she refers to tongue-in-cheek as – her work as a 'professional volunteer'.

In her volunteer roles, Leigh was elected to lead the revival of the Peregrin Beach Surf Life Saving Club. She was also elected to Chair the LNP Noosa Branch in 2021, the first female to hold this position in Noosa's history. She is also a Director of the Sunshine Coast 2032 Olympics Board.





**Prof. Susan Moloney**  
Paediatrician

*“Leadership is not just about you, it is about nurturing and guiding your team, without them you are nothing.”*

Susan is Director of Paediatrics at Gold Coast University Hospital. She has held many leadership roles throughout her career and was involved in the commencement of new medical schools at Griffith University and Bond University.

She has been on several Commonwealth Advisory Groups, including the Independent Health Advisory Committee ‘Medivac Panel’, assessing the medical response to offshore detainees in PNG and Nauru.



**Jacqueline Schultz**  
Lawyer, Director, Networker and Community-Builder

*“Grasp every opportunity that comes your way and see success as a journey rather than a destination ... most importantly, always be true to yourself and your values.”*

It is through her work as a Board Director of Brisbane Women’s Club – one of Queensland’s oldest clubs – where Jacqui has made an enormous contribution to the women of Brisbane. She works tirelessly at the grass roots level to raise funds, and provide educational and networking opportunities to help women come together. More recently, she was nominated for the QLD Day Awards for rallying together a group of local people to support a flood victim in distress.



**Dr Rebecca Vonhoff**  
Politician

*“We are taught to understand, correctly, that courage is not the absence of fear, but the capacity for action despite our fears.”*

— John McCain  
(Former United States Senator)

Rebecca is Councillor at Toowoomba Regional Council. She is in her first term, having been elected in 2020 with the highest number of votes. She is frank about her assessment of being a woman in politics, particularly in regional Australia: it is extraordinarily challenging.

She is passionate about improving female representation in politics and donates her time and boundless energy and enthusiasm to many charitable organisations in Toowoomba.



**Lexie Warren**  
Breast Cancer Advocate and Dragon Boater

*“Breast cancer at 38 taught me that, to thrive in the face of, and despite, adversity and life’s challenges, always strive to make the best of life and the most of opportunities.”*

After a breast cancer diagnosis at age 38, Lexie is now a highly experienced Breast Cancer Advocate in the local, state, national and international breast cancer communities.

Her involvement with Breast Cancer Network Australia has assisted to drive change and ensure that Australians impacted by breast cancer have the best possible information, support and care. Yet, Lexie recognises that there is still more to be done.

# Where Are You Now?

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

In past issues, we have profiled alumnae living across Australia and on the east-coast of our country. In this issue, we return to a global view, like in our first issue!

We thank the alumnae profiled on this page for submitting their stories for *FREDA*.

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

**Click here to let *FREDA* know where you are!**

**1** Name (location): Chloe Langbroek (London)

Residency years at Women's: 2008 – 2010

Course and university: B Psychological Science (Hons), UQ

Current field of work: Consulting

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:**

"Following my tertiary education, I spent the first five years of my career as the Dean of Students and then Deputy Head of College of The Women's College. I have over 10 years' experience working in the tertiary and vocational education space. I am now a Senior Manager at PwC Australia Consulting and proudly drive LGBTIQ+ inclusion initiatives that help PwC employees feel they can bring their whole selves to work. In 2021, I was appointed Australian National Co-Chair of Shine, PwC's LGBTQ+ employee network. I am also one of the founding members of the Shine Women's Network. Currently, I'm on a two-year secondment to PwC London."

**2** Name (location): Michelle Grant (Switzerland)

Residency years at Women's: 1999 – 2001

Course and university: B Engineering (Hons), UQ

Current field of work: Community & business leader and author

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** "Over the past two decades, I have worked as an environmental engineer, led research and education programs on sustainable development, run my own consultancy, and taught thousands of university students and young professionals about sustainability and food systems, helping them explore how they can lead positive change. Most recently, I was the Founding Executive Director of an international research and education centre on food systems at ETH Zürich." *Read more about where life has taken Michelle since leaving Women's in our feature on pages 24 – 25.*





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**Name (location):** Jessica Herbert  
(née McEwan; Buderim, QLD)

**Residency years at Women's:** 2007 – 2008

**Course and university:** B Science, UQ

**Current field of work:** Medical professional (doctor)

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** “I have lived in Canada, Sydney, rural NSW and on the Gold Coast since leaving Women's. I did my medical degree at the University of Sydney, where I also lived in residence at The Women's College there. I spent a year in Orange with my medical degree as well as travelling to Malta and Tanzania for medical electives. After graduating, I moved to Tweed Heads for my internship and residency, and then started my journey in northern NSW to become a GP. I recently moved back to the Sunshine Coast after the birth of my second child. I am largely working for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners as an educator, which I love. I am very passionate about medical education – I run the education program for our region – having taken on roles teaching medical students and GP trainees.”

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**Name (location):** Kate Avery (Brisbane, QLD)

**Residency years at Women's:** 1995 – 1996

**Course and university:** B Arts / B Laws, UQ

**Current field of work:** Personal injuries litigation

**Where has life taken you since leaving College?:** “I have been working in personal injuries litigation since 1997 (the year after I left College). After working in three different firms ranging from boutique to multi-national, I started Kare Lawyers with my business partner, Renee Eglinton, in 2016. My College friends will recognise the irony of me acting for people who have suffered injuries given the intense fear of driving I needed to overcome when I was at College! The work is intellectually and emotionally challenging but I am grateful every day for the opportunity to help vulnerable people. Working as a Resident Assistant at Women's meant I had excellent training and experience in offering pastoral care, which I have continued to use throughout my career.”

## Rekindling the flame: look who has come back to Women's!

For many alumnae, the connection to The Women's College holds a special place in their hearts, reminding them of the transformative years they spent here.

Walking through those familiar corridors of Old Wing (which was renamed the Sallyanne Atkinson Building in 2021) and New Wing, and entering the cherished Dining Hall where they once had three meals a day together as students, alumnae are transported back in time to a period of their lives filled with endless possibilities.

From the moment they walk up the main entrance off College Road towards the Circular Drive, a rush of emotions engulfs them. Memories once tucked away come flooding back like an old friend, embracing them warmly. They remember the laughter that echoed in the common rooms, the late-night conversations in the Freda Bage Room and Senior Common Room, and the camaraderie that grew stronger with each passing day. It is as if time stood still, preserving the essence of their youthful exuberance.

In this article, *FREDA* chats to a few alumnae who recently returned to Women's.



*Above left: Diana Lohrisch (1990 – 1992) returned to Women's for the first time in 31 years. She is pictured with Tanya Henry (1991 – 1992), Melissa Kinnear (1991 – 1992) and Dr Margie Bale (1991 – 1994) at the Mary Wooza Scholarship Fundraising Dinner, which was held in April 2023.*

*Above right: Marcia Dobson (1990 – 1992; standing second from left), Rebecca Orme (1991 – 1993; sitting first from left) and Trudy Teasdale (1990 – 1992; sitting, second from left) also returned to Women's after a number of years. They are pictured with (standing) Tanya Boyce (1990 – 1992), Kelly Devin (1990 – 1993), Flo Kearney (Head of College & CEO) and (sitting) Dr Nina Petroff (1992– 1994) at the Mary Wooza Scholarship Fundraising Dinner.*





Above: Rachel Mackenzie (1991 – 1993) and Daina Harvey (1991 – 1993).

“Returning to The Women’s College after a period of almost 30 years was an emotional experience. So much has changed, and yet some things remain the same, including the roundabout in front of the College, the Dining Hall and Formal Dinners, and the camaraderie and supportive and nurturing environment that Women’s provides for young women setting out on their lives as young adults.

Women’s was such an integral part of my life and my time at university, and the friends that I made at that time have remained a core part of my life. It was at the invitation of one of these friends – Rachel Mackenzie, who spoke about her experiences in the traditionally male dominated sector of agriculture – that I attended a Formal Dinner recently. I feel so grateful to have experienced living at Women’s College as a young woman who was starting to carve out her way in the world, and to have maintained such connections over the past 30 years. It was also wonderful to meet current students and staff, and to see that Women’s is continuing to nurture and support the young women of the future.”

Daina Harvey (1991 – 1993)

“On Wednesday 8 March 2023, I returned to The Women’s College to be involved in a panel conversation as one of the guest speakers at the International Women’s Day Lunch. It had been approximately 29 years since I was last at the College, having been a resident from mid-1992 to mid-1994. My degree at UQ was a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons), which averaged eight subjects per semester. Suffice to say, I was not actually at College much, as this was pre-internet and one (obviously) had to be physically present at lectures, in the labs and in the library in order to get through the degree.

Women’s was always there with hot meals (or meals in the fridge), a bed and a sanctuary away from the craziness of on-campus university life. I made some good friends whilst at Women’s, and I do remember especially loving brunch on Sundays! It was great to be back. Hopefully the next visit will be less than another 29 years away.”

Kristie Young (1992 – 1994)



Above: Kristie Young (1992 – 1994; pictured on right with Monique Proud) returned to Women’s as a panellist for our 2023 International Women’s Day Lunch.

# Look who has come back to Women’s

# Inspiring Alumnae: Opening Doors for Future Woozas

**The bond between alumnae and The Women's College is a unique and powerful one. It is a connection that often spans decades, transcending time and distance.**

Many alumnae not only cherish their memories at College but also strive to give back to Women's in meaningful ways.

One exceptional approach is aimed at raising funds for needs-based scholarships. In this article, we celebrate the incredible stories of two inspiring alumnae who have made it their mission to create positive change and open doors for future Woozas.

Following their alumnae reunion in 2021, visionaries Dr Emily Garde (1991 – 1993) and Joanna Harris (1990 – 1992) have taken their dedication to The Women's College to new heights. As strong believers in providing the opportunity for students from regional and rural areas facing hardship to enjoy a unique on-campus living experience while at uni, they established the Mary Wooza Scholarship.

Over the past two years, they have encouraged their fellow Woozas to contribute to a 10-year pledge towards this needs-based scholarship fund, which has now supported two students.

With a sense of community and shared purpose, Emily and Joanna have assisted the College to raise thousands of dollars through pledges, raffles and a recent fundraising dinner, enabling deserving students to pursue their dreams without financial barriers.

The dedication and commitment of these inspiring alumnae demonstrate the profound impact that can be achieved at raising funds for needs-based scholarships. Their approach has created a legacy of support and empowerment for future generations of students. By harnessing their passion and networks, these remarkable individuals have exemplified the true spirit of giving back. Through their efforts, they have fostered an environment where dreams can thrive and barriers can be overcome, ensuring that deserving regional and rural students have access to the education they deserve.



*Right: Dr Emily Garde (1991 – 1993) and Joanna Harris (1990 – 1992), who set-up the Mary Wooza Scholarship to create positive change and open doors for future Woozas.*





*We had such a wonderful experience at Women's and recognise what a privilege it was to live on campus. Being from rural backgrounds, we recognise that many young women could not consider College life without financial assistance."*

— Dr Emily Garde (1991 – 1993) & Joanna Harris (1990 – 1992)



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## *Mary Wooza Scholarship*

Join Women's College alumnae from the 1988 to 1994 Year Groups to support the Mary Wooza Scholarship fundraising campaign. By contributing to a 10-year pledge, you will be supporting a student from regional or rural Queensland who has experienced financial or other hardship.

Contact the College today – [advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au)



# Fundraising & Camaraderie

Women's Garden Party  
raises funds for the  
Alumnae Awards Scholarship  
Saturday 8 October 2022





## Achieving Together

FREDA shines a spotlight on the incredible ways our alumnae are giving back to support students' dreams and aspirations through various initiatives focused on raising funds for bursaries and scholarships. From impactful collaborations to community engagement events, our alumnae giving is making a profound impact, forging pathways of opportunity and empowering the next generation to thrive.

Here, we celebrate the remarkable spirit of generosity among our alumnae community.



Fundraising Dinner raises funds for the Mary Wooza Scholarship  
Saturday 22 April 2023





# Back to Women's: Embrace the Nostalgia

## 2023 Alumnae Reunion Celebrations

It's time to return to Women's and relive those cherished moments. Our annual Alumnae Reunion Celebration lunch awaits our '03 Fresher Year Groups – from 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 – with a promise of reconnection.

Life often pulls us in various directions, making it difficult to stay connected with friends who were once an inseparable part of your daily College life. The Alumnae Reunion Celebration lunch opens the door to a reunion with those who laughed and cried with you, who understood your dreams and aspirations.

Together, you can recreate the magic of your days at Women's, reminiscing about late-night exam conversations, shared meals in the Dining Hall, Women's at Home, and College Balls. It's an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, share your stories, and forge new memories.

The 2023 Back to Women's Reunion Celebrations are being held in conjunction with the Standing Committee Luncheon on Saturday 8 July.

This year, some of our 2023 Alumnae Awards winners and finalists will participate in a Q&A panel and share their insights since leaving College. Our panellists include Professor Susan Moloney (1981 – 1983), Jacqueline Schultz (1993 – 1995), Leigh McCready (1995 – 1997), Charmaine Chalmers (1996) and Laine Kapetanacos (2017).



**Click here to RSVP for  
Back to Women's**

RSVP by Friday 30 June at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-back-to-womens/](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-back-to-womens/)





# Notable Alumnae

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



**Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO (1960)**  
B Arts (UQ)

Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO is one of five people who has been appointed as Queensland Treaty Advancement Committee members, and is also Co-Chair of the Interim Truth and Treaty Body.

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said the Treaty Advancement Committee would continue the momentum of the Path to Treaty process, develop options and provide independent advice on how to progress treaty-making for all Queenslanders.

Sallyanne was the first female Lord Mayor of Brisbane (from 1985 to 1991), a former Senior Trade Commissioner (Paris) and a former Special Representative for Queensland in South East Asia.

In a Queensland Government media release, Sallyanne said she was delighted to join the Path to Treaty to show how important the process is to all Queenslanders.

"This is also nation-building and as Queenslanders we want to walk beside each other on this path in a spirit of reconciliation," Ms Atkinson said.



**Emma Covacevich**  
(1990 – 1992)  
B Arts / B Laws (UQ)

In December 2022, Clayton Utz announced the appointment of Emma Covacevich as its first female Chief Executive Partner.

Clayton Utz Board Chair Karen O'Flynn said Emma was well placed to lead the firm through its next stage of growth. "Emma has grown up with Clayton Utz and understands intimately what it takes to build a successful practice, as well as a successful business. She has demonstrated a keen strategic understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing our clients, and the leadership capabilities that will be required to respond to these."

Emma began her career with Clayton Utz in 1999 as an articled clerk in the Brisbane office. Since then, she has built a successful career in energy and resources law, which has included a two-year stint as General Counsel of Australia Pacific LNG.

*Photo from [www.claytonutz.com/people/emma-covacevic](http://www.claytonutz.com/people/emma-covacevic)*



**Erica Fryberg (1990 – 1992)**

**B Arts, UQ**

In April 2023, Erica Fryberg was announced as the first place recipient in the Roly Sussex Short Story Competition.

Erica completed a Bachelor of Arts with Honours at UQ, majoring in English Literature, Drama and Music. She then worked in Australia and overseas in performing arts before enrolling in the Master of Writing, Editing and Publishing course at UQ.

Erica's winning short story, *Song of the Sun and Moon*, is a fantasy that transports readers into a world of magic. She devised the concept for this story in one of her Master's courses, and plans to continue exploring the story as she develops the narrative into a fantasy novel while continuing her roles in academia and writing.

You can read Erica's award-winning short story, *Song of the Sun and Moon*, and more about the competition on UQ's website at <https://communication-arts.uq.edu.au/article/2023/04/moonstruck-uq-students-song-sun-and-moon-wins-big-roly-sussex-short-story-competition>

*Erica Fryberg received her award from Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland at a reception at Government House. The event was held on Wednesday 5 April 2023, and was a joint ceremony for the winners of the 2021 and 2022 competitions.*



**Dr Debra Graves OAM (1979 – 1981)**

**B Medicine / B Surgery, UQ**

Dr Debra Graves was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on 26 January 2023.

Debra is Chief Executive Officer of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA). She was recognised for her services to medical administration, particularly pathology.

Born in Queensland, Debra has been at the forefront of leading the pathology profession for over two decades. She has led significant cultural change and enhanced professionalism in the delivery of training and education of pathologists, which has translated into safer, more robust pathology services, whilst also raising awareness of the importance of the pathology profession.

Debra has also had a notable impact on cancer reporting globally, which has had significant benefits to patients. This includes supporting the establishment of the International Collaboration of Cancer Reporting (ICCR), which aims to improve cancer patient outcomes worldwide and advance international benchmarking in cancer management. She has also been instrumental in obtaining funding for the development and implementation of the RCPA Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer Project, which aims to improve cancer management and patient outcomes for all Australians.

*Image supplied by Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA).*





### Dr Sarah McCosker (1996 – 1998)

**B Arts / B Laws, UQ**

“I am a Partner and founder of Lexbridge, the first specialist international law firm and consultancy in the Asia-Pacific region. Through Lexbridge, among other roles I serve as a Special Legal Counsel to the Australian Department of Defence and a legal adviser to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In 2022, I was also appointed as an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force Legal Reserves, as a Squadron Leader.

Among other roles, I was pleased to have the opportunity to lead the Australian Government team in 2021, running Australia's campaign for election of Professor Hilary Charlesworth as a judge of the International Court of Justice — resulting in her successful election to the Court — Australia's first-ever woman serving on the Court.

My interest in international law began at UQ, where I completed double First Class Honours degrees in Arts and Law, before undertaking postgraduate studies in international law at the University of Oxford. I completed two Masters degrees and a doctorate in international law at Oxford, where I also served as Chairperson of Oxford's pro bono international law service, Oxford Pro Bono Publico.

Now based with my family in Canberra, where Lexbridge is headquartered, I continue to grow Lexbridge and to be actively engaged in a wide range of international law activities, including as a volunteer with the Australian Red Cross and serving on the ACT International Humanitarian Law Committee.”



### Jacqueline Schultz (1993 – 1995)

**B Laws, UQ**

2023 Inspirational Alumna Award winner Jacqueline Schultz is a Non-Executive Director of the Brisbane Women's Club.

In May 2023, Jacqueline was instrumental in establishing the Brisbane Women's Club's Young Achiever Prize to be awarded to an outstanding young woman who has demonstrated exceptional achievements.

This new prize, to be awarded for the first time in 2024, is specifically designed to acknowledge the accomplishments of young women – full-time university students in residence at The Women's College – who have excelled in various domains such as academia, arts and culture, entrepreneurship, leadership, scientific research, sports, technology, community work or any other field of significance. The recipient of the prize will be an individual who has displayed exceptional qualities and has achieved notable success, making a positive impact on their community or society at large.

It serves as a platform to highlight the achievements of these remarkable young women, providing them with recognition and encouragement to further pursue their passions and continue making a difference in their chosen fields.

The Young Achiever Prize aims to inspire and empower other aspiring individuals to dream big and strive for excellence in their endeavours. It recognises the importance of nurturing and supporting the talents and potential of young women, fostering a more inclusive and equitable society that values and encourages the achievements of all its members.

# Notable Alumnae

## Celebrating Achievements & Excellence

Michelle Grant moved from Brisbane to Switzerland about 20 years ago. She is the founder of The Great Full, a platform that fosters leadership towards a just, generative and joyful future on this planet. Michelle was previously the founding Executive Director of the World Food System Center at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich (ETH Zürich). She continues to lecture at ETH Zürich on sustainable food systems and leadership themes. She is the author of the book *The Great Full – Sustainable Eating with Purpose and Joy* and host of *The Great Full* podcast, which explores the personal stories behind women leading change in the food system.

*FREDA* caught up with Michelle to see how she is making a significant global impact in her industry.

**Why are you so passionate about the role of food and women's leadership in building a more sustainable world?**

After many years working in sustainable development, I started to see how food was connected to every major issue we were concerned about – water scarcity, poverty, hunger, climate change, biodiversity loss. I learned that food is the single strongest lever to optimise human health and environmental sustainability on earth. Food is also a wonderful lens to work through, as it is something we all tangibly connect with three times a day. What is on our plate connects us to people we never meet, places we never see, and impacts we may not otherwise be aware of, and offers an important place to make positive changes. After working on the science of food system challenges and solutions for a long time, I started to become very interested in the question of how do we create change? We know a lot about what we must do, but how do we make it happen? What does the leadership we need look like? The more I explored this, the more I saw the power in creating space for leadership qualities traditionally considered feminine, yet accessible to everyone. These qualities – like empathy, humility, self-knowledge and vulnerability – are critical for creating change in difficult and complex times, which is certainly what we face at the moment.

**As Founder of The Great Full, tell us about your leadership programs that shape a new approach to leadership that is needed to create sustainable change.**

All our programs explore three inter-related pillars that build on each other – leading yourself, leading others and leading change. Through this approach, we look at leadership from the inside out; in other words, how does my inner state impact how I see the world, how I relate

to others and how I engage with – and drive – change?

This approach is particularly important when working to tackle complex global challenges as time and again, changemakers end up burned out and overwhelmed by their work. Instead, we look at how can we see joy as a fuel for the work we do? How can we create a healthy and nourished foundation from where we can envision a more just, generative and joyful future? What are the strengths each of us have to uniquely make our contribution? What skills and mindsets do I need to compassionately collaborate with others to move things forward? All our programs are done in a learning community. We find that working on change in complex systems requires community. It creates a safe environment where we can open up and share, realise we are not alone and support each other. It offers a space for deeper connection that is vital for leaders. If we see leadership as a collaborative practice of walking ourselves, others and the planet in a direction of greater wellbeing, then we need to work on these three levels of self, others and change.

**How successful have your leadership and facilitator training programs been for women working in food systems or sustainability?**

We train around 100 women from around 25 different countries each year. We do almost no advertising, yet each cohort is oversubscribed. This is all based on word-of-mouth, where participants felt that the program was deeply transformative for them, so they recommend it to their colleagues. After finishing the program, participants have the option to stay on in the community and keep learning and exchanging together. Around 75% of participants continue to actively participate in the community after finishing the program. We have a process of ongoing feedback, and participants share that the



programs impact them by helping them to: gain a much deeper understanding of themselves as a human and a leader; design and step into a new narrative that empowers them to express their leadership potential; and access the courage and skills to take tangible action, which has included reshaping teams, taking on new roles or career directions for greater impact, and launching new organisations, projects and initiatives. Many share how they witness the changes that they start to make themselves ripple out into their families, teams and organisations.



Above: Michelle Grant, author and Founder of The Great Full.

**Do you believe that women can work together to lead sustainable change and make a positive impact on the world around us?**

Absolutely! Our programs don't focus on women because we think women need 'more help' to be leaders. Rather, we think women possess incredible leadership skills and capacities that do not have enough space in our current systems and structures. This leaves a lot of women feeling isolated in their efforts to bring about change, leaving them doubting and questioning themselves. By coming together in community, we are better able to appreciate the work we need to do individually, and where we need to work collectively, to create change. It is my experience that having safe spaces to explore this, where women support one another, is incredibly powerful and creates impact that extends well beyond the direct participants. I first had the chance to experience the real power of women supporting each other during my time at Women's College all those years ago!

#### **Michelle Grant (1999 – 2001)**

B Engineering (Hons), UQ | MAS Management, Technology and Economics, ETH Zürich | PCC Integral Leadership Coaching, University of Cape Town

UQ Distinguished Young Alumni Award winner (2017)

Australian Advance Award Winner for Food & Agriculture (2019)

# Notable Alumnae

## Joining Forces for Education and Inspiration

Get ready to embark on a journey of inspiration, as we present an exceptional chance to have a private lunch or dinner with an extraordinary alumna, while making a difference through a silent auction to support the Alumnae Awards Scholarship.

Imagine an opportunity filled with intellectual conversations, and the chance to learn from someone who has not only excelled in their career but also embodies the spirit of giving back.

We are thrilled to announce that the Honourable **Anna Bligh AC** (1978), former Premier of Queensland, is generously offering an exclusive opportunity to share a meal with her. This unparalleled experience is part of a silent auction created to raise funds for a leadership scholarship.

During her time as Premier, Anna brought a progressive and reforming energy to her role and oversaw several reforms. From the humble beginnings of her academic pursuit to scaling the heights of success, Anna has left an indelible mark through her exceptional accomplishments.

In her current role as CEO of the Banking Association of Australia, Anna has refocused the banking industry on the needs of customers, particularly those who are experiencing vulnerability. Yet, what sets her apart is not just her remarkable career achievements but her belief in the transformative power of education and the importance of paying it forward.

Recognising the tremendous impact that education can have on individual lives, Anna has chosen to make a tangible difference. By graciously donating the opportunity to have lunch or dinner with her, she seeks to raise funds for the Alumnae Awards Scholarship, which will empower the next generation of students to build a future of their own.

By participating in the silent auction, you will not only gain the chance to connect with Anna, but also contribute to a cause that will shape the lives of countless deserving students.



*The Honourable Anna Bligh AC (alumna 1978), pictured with 2023 Senior Resident Assistant Lili Anderson and 2023 Student Club President Phoebe Lingard at the 2022 Valedictory Dinner. Anna Bligh was the keynote speaker for this event.*

Place your bid today at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/win-a-private-lunch-or-dinner-with-the-honourable-anna-bligh-ac/](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/win-a-private-lunch-or-dinner-with-the-honourable-anna-bligh-ac/)

***Click here to place your bid & support Women's***

**Bids for this silent auction must be received by 2:00pm on Saturday 8 July 2023. The winning bid will be announced on Saturday 8 July 2023 at Back to Women's.**



# 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.

Our fifth instalment of the popular **Women of the World Q&A Series** featured a panel of experienced women in the field of education. Our panellists were joined by current students and young alumnae for this networking evening on Monday 24 October 2022.

Our panellists included:

- Alexandra Cochran (2009 – 2011), Years 11 and 12 Culture & Engagement Coordinator at Whites Hill State College (now Head of Year 9 at Indooroopilly State High School)
- Briana (Bree) Seibel, Acting Head of Technologies at Brisbane South State Secondary College
- Janet Stewart, Principal at Moreton Bay College
- Rebecca Sullivan (1999 – 2001), Dean of Students, Ipswich Girls' Grammar School



The Women's College annual **Dividere Dinner** was held on Monday 21 November to thank our 2022 donors and supporters as well as highlight the impact that philanthropy is making.

The event began with the Official Opening of the Refurbished College Playhouse, with a plaque unveiled by 2022 Student Club President Lilli Anderson and 2023 Student Club President Phoebe Lingard.

At the dinner, our Q&A Panellists Grete Gawthorn (2022 Second Year Resident), Lucy Holland, Hannah-Jane Jensen and Isabel Nolke (2022 First Year Residents) spoke about the impact philanthropy has had on their residencies at the College.





We #EmbracedEquity and discussed why it is important to empower women at our **International Women's Day** lunch on Wednesday 8 March 2023.

Our amazing panellists Chloe Langbroek (2008 – 2010), Karen McCarthy, Monique Proud and Kristie Young (1992 – 1994) discussed topics like gender equality and female representation in leadership positions, how we can create equal access to education for women and girls, and how we can encourage everyone to be allies in the fight for gender equality. Student Club President, Phoebe Lingard, facilitated this discussion.



We were joined by special guests, including those from our fellow Colleges.

The Women's College thanks our panellists and special guests for their involvement in this special event. We encourage everyone to continue to support and empower women in our communities and networks.



Our **2023 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards** was an evening where we honoured the exceptional scholarship of our students and acknowledged the finalists and winners of the Alumnae Awards.

The evening began with the Fellowship Ceremony for Emeritus Professor Fred D'Agostino, who was also the guest speaker.

To recognise our students' achievements, 19 prizes were awarded for academic, leadership and other significant achievements to a diverse range of well-deserving students. Fifteen students then received scholarships for demonstrated excellence in academia, sport and cultural pursuits as well as leadership. We were delighted to have many alumnae join us for this special event who were responsible for establishing our prizes and scholarships.

Our Alumnae Award finalists were recognised before the winners for 2023 were officially announced. This year's Awards were presented by Women's Council President Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM.







Women's celebrated its **109<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on Friday 24 March 2023. Our celebrations began with an address by Head of College & CEO Flo Kearney, who launched our 2024 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by showcasing some of our plans for next year's milestone event.



We were then very privileged to have the following eminent university leaders participate in a Q&A about tertiary education:

- Professor Carolyn Evans, Vice-Chancellor and President of Griffith University;
- Professor Margaret Sheil AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of QUT; and
- Professor Deborah Terry AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of UQ.



College Council President Emeritus Professor Carol Dickenson AM facilitated the Q&A.

Alumnae then enjoyed a High Tea in the Chislehurst Room, which included an In Conversation with Joanna Jenkins (1982 – 1984) about her newly published novel – *How To Kill A Client* – which was facilitated by Olivia Williamson (1999 – 2003).





Our **Mother & Daughter Dinner** was held on Friday 12 May and alumnae who are mothers of current daughters entertained our audience during a Q&A panel discussion, sharing their memories of life at College.

Women's thanks Kirstin Aralar (1986 – 1987), Fiona Dixon (née Dill-Macky; 1985 – 1987) and Jo Harris (1990 – 1992) for participating in the panel discussion.

Following the panel discussion, we held our Multi-Generational Family badge presentation, which acknowledged the College's special generational connections. The event also raised funds for the Alumnae Awards Scholarship; Alumnae Award winners Alison Kubler (2022), Susan Moloney (2023) and Jacqui Schultz (2023) were our special guests.





# Connected Wider Community

## Empowering future leaders: the transformative impact of our Women of the World Q&As.

As a residential college, we are committed to nurturing the professional growth of our students and young alumnae and take immense pride in providing value-added opportunities that go beyond the academic experience at university.

One initiative that has had a profound impact is our Women of the World Q&As, which were established in 2019 and feature female leaders in industry-specific fields. These panel discussions have not only offered invaluable insights but have also fostered an empowering environment where attendees can envision and pursue successful careers. Some of the benefits and the transformative impact that our Women of the World Q&As have had on our students and young alumnae include:

### 1. Bridging the gap between academics and the real world

Our Q&A sessions serve as a bridge between academics and the real world by bringing successful female professionals to The Women's College, allowing students to gain industry-specific knowledge, understand the challenges they may face, and learn about current trends and best practices. This exposure helps students and young alumnae to align their academic pursuits with their career goals, enabling them to make more informed decisions about their future.

### 2. Empowerment through role models

The industry-related Q&A panels provide our students with the opportunity to connect with women who have

broken barriers and achieved remarkable success. By hearing first-hand accounts of the panellists' journeys, challenges and triumphs, attendees are inspired to dream big, set ambitious goals, and work towards their own professional growth. The presence of these role models instils confidence and reinforces the notion that gender should never be a barrier to success.

### 3. Expanding networks and building connections

One of the most significant benefits of our Q&A panels is the networking opportunities they create. Through panel discussions, students and young alumnae have the chance to interact directly with accomplished professionals, ask questions, seek advice, and even establish mentorship connections. These connections not only provide students with valuable guidance and industry-specific knowledge but can also open doors to internships and job opportunities. By fostering a network of support and mentorship, these panels empower students and young alumnae to navigate their careers with greater confidence and competence.

Women's is creating an environment where students and young alumnae can thrive and become future leaders in their chosen fields. As we continue to organise these invaluable Women of the World Q&A panels twice yearly, we remain committed to empowering women to lead lives of meaning and purpose.

*Pictured (L – R): In April 2023, our Women of the World Q&A Series featured Women in STEM with the following panellists: Medina Handley (1999 – 2001), Integrated Planning Coordinator at Seqwater; Bianca Watt (2012 – 2014), Strategy & Operations Manager at Canva; Dr Sally Shrapnel (1988 – 1990), Deputy Director at the ARC Centre of Excellence for Engineered Quantum Systems; and Bree Zannes (1999 – 2022), Aeronautical Engineering Professional at Airbus (Engineering).*



# Connected Wider Community: Guest Speaker Program

## Embracing alumnae as guest speakers.

Beyond mere networking opportunities, the interactions with our alumnae through our guest speaker program foster a unique sense of belonging, ignite intellectual curiosity and enrich the lives of our current students, where knowledge is shared and connections are forged.

The profound impact of inviting our alumnae to be part of our guest speaker program is a testament to the enduring spirit of our College, and the power of our remarkable alumnae across the generations.

We thank our alumnae guest speakers who have partnered with Women's College in the past 12 months.



Ella Cooper  
(2018 – 2020)

2022 Dinner with a Wooza  
Formal Dinner

Despite the challenges associated with a global pandemic during her time as Student Club President in 2020, Ella is remembered for her outstanding leadership in establishing COVID-19 Support Bursaries for residents who were experiencing financial hardship.



Dr Margie Bale (1991 – 1994) & Genevieve Windley (1994 – 1996)

In Conversation – August  
2022 Formal Dinner

Australia's only dedicated camel veterinarian, Margie is renowned as a world expert on camel health and has nearly 30 years' experience as a clinical veterinarian. Genevieve is regarded as the architect of Scenic Rim Farm Box and Scenic Rim Eat Local Week.



Alison Kubler  
(1991 – 1992)

2022 Community Formal  
Dinner

A writer and curator with over 25 years' experience, Alison was moved by the plight of so many at-risk women and Australia's domestic violence crisis. She joined the Second Chance Programme in 2020, and immediately had an impact, contributing her arts and culture skillset.



Imogen Alton  
(2018)

2022 Sports Formal  
Dinner

An athlete whose mum was diagnosed with a terminal and incurable form of motor neuron disease, Imogen used Zwift Academy as a way to push herself and bring positivity during a time when she felt none. She was selected as one of five female finalists out of over 150,000 competitors.



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

**2022**

- Semester 2 Commencement Dinner: **Professor David Craik AO**, UQ Laureate Fellow, Institute for Molecular Bioscience
- Cultural Formal Dinner: **Professor Craig Franklin**, President, UQ Academic Board

**2023**

- Commencement Dinner: **Nina Schrunner**, Lady Mayoress of Brisbane
- Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards: **Emeritus Professor Fred D'Agostino**, Women's College Fellow
- Women's Health Month Q&A: **Jessica Taylor**, President, QENDO; **Dr Leith Banney**, Head of Dermatology, Sunshine Coast University Hospital; and **Rachelle Panitz**, Founder, So Brave
- National Reconciliation Week Formal Dinner: **Cheryl Buchanan**, Co-Chair, Interim Truth and Treaty Body



The Hon. Anna Bligh AC  
(1978)



Rachel Mackenzie  
(1991 – 1993)



Joanna Jenkins  
(1982 – 1984)



Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO  
(1960)

**2022 Valedictory Dinner**

A respected Australian leader and former premier of Queensland, since 2017 Anna has led the Australian Banking Association through a period of critical reform, delivering on the recommendations of the Royal Commission. She was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia in 2017.

**March 2023 Formal Dinner**

Executive Director of Berries Australia, Rachel provided significant support to the Queensland strawberry industry during the needle tampering crisis and was a key conduit between industry and government. She was awarded the Women in Horticulture Award in 2018.

**April 2023 Formal Dinner**

A former lawyer, Joanna was the only female partner for a number of years in Ashurst's Brisbane office. Joanna published her first novel, *How to Kill a Client*, in 2023. The story was inspired by her time working in big law. Joanna is currently a Council Member for The Women's College.

**2023 National Reconciliation Week Formal Dinner**

Co-chair of the Interim Truth and Treaty Body, Sallyanne has played a vital role in the development of the Path to Treaty Act 2023, and in advancing the Truth and Treaty process during its tenure. She was the College's Council President for 11 years.

# Connected Wider Community: Women's Industry Night

## Empowering future leaders – a winning formula.

As Women's continues to nurture young students to become future leaders in their respective fields, it is essential to provide them with ample opportunities to explore and connect with the professional world. One such occasion that has proven to be immensely beneficial is the Women's Industry Night (WIN), where many alumnae – who are now accomplished professionals – come together to promote their organisations' internships, work experience and graduate programs to current Woozas. This annual mini-expo, including round table discussions, not only serves as a bridge between the College and the corporate world but also empowers our students to forge their own pathways to success.

Having alumnae from Women's as representatives of their organisations adds a special touch to Women's Industry Night. Their presence serves as a testament to the College's commitment to producing exceptional graduates who thrive in the professional world. Alumnae who have achieved success can inspire and motivate students, reinforcing the belief that they too can accomplish great things. Hearing about the journeys of these accomplished women not only instils confidence, but also provides valuable insights into various industries, career pathways and opportunities available.

The 2023 Women's Industry Night showcased 25 exhibitors from various industries. This diversity ensures that students have exposure to different

career pathways and can explore a variety of fields they may not have considered before. From finance, law and engineering to allied health, education and marketing, the event presented a comprehensive overview of the professional landscape, allowing students to make informed decisions about their future.

The Women's Industry Night is an invaluable event that empowers and equips young women for success in the professional world. Through networking opportunities, exposure to diverse industries, access to internships and work experience, and the inspiring presence of successful alumnae, students gain the confidence, knowledge and connections necessary to embark on fulfilling careers.







## 2023 Women's Industry Night Exhibitors

**AIRBUS**

**AON**

**articulous**

**Bentleys**  
THINKING AHEAD

**BHP**

**BODYSMART**  
HEALTH

**bodytrack**  
EXERCISE · PHYSIOLOGY

**crystallise**  
learning

**Deicke  
Richards**

**大成 DENTONS**

**EY**  
Building a better  
working world

**FYFE**

**THE UNIVERSITY  
OF QUEENSLAND  
AUSTRALIA**  
Institute for  
Molecular Bioscience

**KPMG**

Office of the Chief Nursing  
and Midwifery Officer

**pwc**

**THE UNIVERSITY  
OF QUEENSLAND  
AUSTRALIA**  
Queensland Brain Institute

**QUEENSLAND  
COLLEGE OF TEACHERS**

**Teach  
Queensland**

**RACQ**

**SQRH**  
Southern Queensland  
Rural Health

**stanwell**

**SUNCORP**

**Transurban**

**W GROUP**

# Multi-Generational Families

## Embracing the tapestry of generations: the importance of acknowledging multi-generational families at Women's.

At Women's, we are renowned for fostering a vibrant and diverse community. However, in our pursuit of inclusivity, it is crucial to recognise and celebrate the unique presence and contributions of multi-generational families. These families, which include students and their mothers or even grandmothers, add a valuable layer of experience, wisdom and support to the fabric of College life. By acknowledging and embracing the diversity of multi-generational families, Women's College can create a truly inclusive and enriching environment for all students.

One special occasion each year that acknowledges our multi-generational families is the College's Mother & Daughter Dinner. A gathering that brings together mothers and grandmothers who are alumnae from different generations, this special dinner provides a perfect opportunity to celebrate the strength and resilience passed down through the ages.

Our multi-generational families bring a wealth of knowledge, experiences and perspectives that enrich our College community, which spans 109 years. They offer a unique opportunity for fostering intergenerational bonds and creating a sense of continuity and connection.

Embracing the tapestry of generations at Women's College not only enriches the student experience but also promotes the values of diversity and inclusion that are integral to our society.

The College thanks the following 2023 Q&A panel of alumnae who shared their memories of life at The Women's College:

- Kirstin Aralar (1986 – 1987)
- Fiona Dixon (1985 – 1987)
- Joanna Harris (1990 – 1992)

Our multi-generational families were acknowledged at the Mother & Daughter Dinner, and new families to this group were presented with special badges. The list of 2023 multi-generational families can be found below.

## 2023 Multi-Generational Families

<b>Grandmothers, mothers and current students</b>	Beverley Higgins (1962 – 1964), Dr Cate Campbell (1986 – 1988) & Jillian Campbell (Second Year)	Fiona Starky (1958 – 1959), Jo Harris (1990 – 1992) & Bianca Harris (First Year)	
<b>Mothers and current students</b>	Kirstin Aralar (1986 – 1987) & Charlotte Aralar (Second Year)	Courtney Petersen (1988) & Persia Black (Second Year)	Annabel Boughton (1999 – 2000) & Olivia Boughton (First Year)
	Fiona Dixon (1985 – 1987) & Alice Dixon (First Year)	Amy Makim (1994) & Indigo Makim (Second Year)	Karen Taylor (1984 – 1985) & Madeleine Martin (Second Year)
	Helen Armstrong (1988 – 1990) & Emma Paull (Associate)	Melissa Kinnear (1991 – 1992) & Gemma Ryan (Second Year)	Carol Taylor (1987 – 1990) & Matilda Taylor (Second Year)

Opposite page: Our 2023 2023 Multi-Generational Families photographed at the Mother & Daughter Dinner in May 2023.







# Young Alumnae News

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

**Lilli Anderson** (2020 – 2022; 2022 Student Club President; below) is the Secretary of the National Association of Australian University Colleges (NAAUC) for 2023. The main aspects of her role involve maintenance of the organisational structure and legal compliance. In May, she presented at the NAAUC on the Road Academic Program, and engaged with student leaders and residential staff at the University of Sydney and Macquarie University.

This year, the NAAUC President, Evelyn Unwin Tew, and Lilli have been developing a new academic presentation on 'Women in Leadership' to be presented at the National Conference at the end of 2023. This academic program will focus on the unique strengths women bring to leadership, unpack gender biases, and empower incoming student leaders as they head into their respective leadership positions.



We congratulate **Hannah Cook** (2018 – 2020; 2020 Communications Representative), who shares news about her new appointment at The Royal Ballet School in London.

"Following graduation from a Bachelor of Communication (Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations) degree at QUT, I relocated to London to pursue my dream of living abroad.

I am thrilled to have joined The Royal Ballet School as the Communications and Marketing Executive (pictured above). As one of the world's best ballet schools, it is an absolute honour to work within the brand, communications and marketing team on copywriting, content, design and public relations. As an ex-dancer, it's so lovely to pair both of my passions, which makes going to work such a joy!

The school is based in Covent Garden, a stunning area of London with the Bridge of Aspiration (pictured right) connecting the school to the Royal Opera House, where the Royal Ballet rehearses and performs."

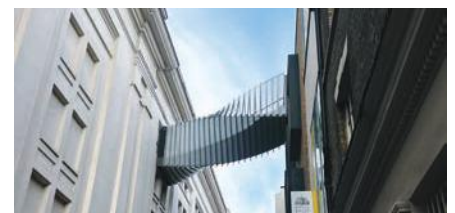
**Georgina Hopson** (2009 – 2011; 2023 Young Alumna Award winner) will be starring in *BANANALAND* at the Brisbane Festival in September 2023.

*BANANALAND* is a celebration of the glorious absurdity of following an impossible dream, featuring a knockout score by Kate Miller-Heidke and her collaborator Keir Nuttall, the award-winning song writing team behind *Muriel's Wedding The Musical* and multiple platinum-selling albums.

Earlier in 2023, Georgina starred as Lorelei Lee in *Gentleman Prefer Blondes* for a limited season in Sydney.



Above: Georgina Hopson (photo by Andrew Raszevski).







**Emily Jobling** (2018 – 2020; 2020 Academic Officer RA; pictured above) writes about her appointment to The Girls' Ball Association Committee.

"The Girls' Ball Association is comprised of a group of young professional women who host a charity ball each year. 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.

I am very excited to have been appointed as the Secretary for the 2023 Committee to support the Girls' Ball Association.

This year, The Girls' Ball Association is honoured to be supporting So Brave as our chosen charity. So Brave is Australia's young women's breast cancer charity, with a mission to empower young women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. So Brave helps to educate and raise awareness in young women to be #breastaware. It also undertakes research programs to understand the real-life impacts of breast cancer on young women so they can help provide the best support and advice possible."

Congratulations to **Risa Utama** (2018 – 2020; 2022 Young Alumna Award winner; pictured right) on her recent promotion as a Television News Reporter with the Seven Network in Townsville.

Risa will be investigating and sharing stories that matter in the Bowen to Cardwell region in North Queensland.



Pictured above are **Lisa Elliot** (2014 – 2016), **Rielly Stokes** (2014 – 2016), **Kalina Bennett** (2014 – 2016), **Amie Willis** (2015 – 2016) and **Michaela Florence** (2013 – 2014) in Rabat, Morocco during their travels in June 2023.

Kalina, Michaela, Lisa and Rielly are currently living and working in the UK, so this trip was planned as a group catch up.

# Upcoming Events

**Here's what's happening at The Women's College in the second half of 2023.**

Saturday 8 July

## Back to Women's

An annual fundraising lunch that incorporates the annual Standing Committee Luncheon and the Alumnae Reunion Celebrations. Fresher Year Groups 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 are invited to return to Women's to celebrate their milestone anniversaries.

This year, some of our 2023 Alumnae Awards Winners and Finalists will participate in a Q&A panel and share their insights since leaving College.

RSVPs close Friday 30 June 2023. Book your ticket today at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-back-to-womens](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-back-to-womens).



Sunday 6 August

## Open Day

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 or become an Associate next year, make sure they register for our Open Day at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-open-day](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-open-day)

Thursday 10 August

## Dinner with a Wooza: In Conversation with Lilli Anderson and Lauren Ward

A great opportunity to relive a Formal Dinner with your daughter if she is planning to live at Women's or be an Associate in 2024. Be inspired by Lilli and Lauren, our 2022 Student Club President and Senior Resident Assistant. Register now at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-dinner-with-a-wooza](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/2023-dinner-with-a-wooza)

Wednesday 27 September

## Thomas Dixon Centre Alumnae Tour

Join the College's Alumnae Tour of the Thomas Dixon Centre, current home of Queensland Ballet.

Tickets to tour this historic building are limited, so we encourage alumnae to book as soon as possible on our website (for more details, see page 41.)

Saturday 14 October

## Women's Garden Party

Alumnae, friends and mothers of current and past Woozas – and partners – 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 10 October

## Women of the World Q&A

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

Monday 20 November

## Dividere Dinner

Our annual Dividere Dinner is an invitation-only event to thank our donors and supporters who have generously contributed to The Women's College throughout the year.

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)





# The Women's College Alumnae Tour

Thomas Dixon Centre  
Home of Queensland Ballet

Wednesday 27 September 2023



## Past Woozas are invited to join The Women's College on our next Alumnae Tour.

Our popular Alumnae Tours provide access to historical and notable sites around our local Brisbane community. The next Alumnae Tour will be to the Thomas Dixon Centre, the current home of Queensland Ballet. This heritage-listed building began as a boot and shoe factory in 1908 before its transformation into a world-class performing arts destination and cultural precinct (information from the [Thomas Dixon Centre website](#)). Women's alumnae can find out more about its fascinating story during our tour on Wednesday 27 September 2023.

Our past tours have included:

- November 2021 – Museum of Brisbane's *The Storytellers* exhibit (pictured top right)
- August 2022 – [Rhyl Hinwood's sculptures at The University of Queensland](#) (pictured middle right)
- September 2022 – [Government House](#) (pictured bottom right)

Click on the links above to see photos from and read more about these tours.

We are delighted to be able to provide alumnae with these fascinating opportunities to visit sites of historical and other significance. If you have any ideas or connections for future tours, please contact our Director of Advancement via email at [advancement@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:advancement@womens.uq.edu.au).

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Thomas Dixon Centre for our next tour!



**Click here to book your  
ticket for the Thomas Dixon  
Centre Alumnae Tour**

Book your ticket today at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/  
alumnae-tour-thomas-dixon-centre/](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/event/alumnae-tour-thomas-dixon-centre/)

# Connected for Life

**See what's been happening with our alumnae throughout the past 12 months.**

At a Queensland Ballet performance in August 2022, Judith Anderson (1964 – 1966) ran into Gail McCallum (1964 – 1965). Judith and Gail were Freshers together in 1964 and, prior to meeting at the performance, hadn't seen each other in more than 55 years!



An annual girls weekend with walking and talking saw (pictured left to right) Jo Colahan (1990 – 1992), Jodie Ottley (1991) and Jo Harris (1990 – 1992) catch up at O'Reilly's Vineyard estate in May 2023.



Margaret Thorsborne OAM (alumna 1967 – 1970; 1970 Student Club President) and Dr Jill Pettigrew (alumna 1967 – 1968) caught up with each other in Darwin in October 2022.



## WOOZA WEDDINGS

Tarryn Rapson (2012 – 2014) is “... incredibly grateful for the amazing friendships made whilst at The Women's College. We wooh'ed throughout our three years at Women's and now we are woo'ing each other through major life events.”

On behalf of the Women's community, *FREDA* sends our best wishes to Tarryn, who currently works in teaching. Tarryn studied a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma of Education at UQ.

*Pictured (L – R): Kelli Boucaut (2012 – 2014), Bronte Black, Samantha Cummings (2012 – 2014), Tarryn Bisley (2012 – 2014), Madeleine Hoch (2012 – 2014), Johannah Walker (2012 – 2014), Kirsten Grigor (2012 – 2013) and Meg Fordyce (2012 – 2014).*



## YOU AND FREDA



“The world often has a way of working out and placing you exactly where you need to be. This is certainly the case for Susie and I who, after living and working together as Student Club President and Vice President in 2020, are now working and living together in Sydney.

Susie is an EA for u&u Recruitment Partners, working across both their city and Greater Western Sydney offices. I work for NSW Health as an Exercise Physiologist within the Centre for STRONG Medicine at Concord Hospital.

Whilst the move interstate had its challenges, we are both so grateful to have each other and are enjoying exploring Sydney and all it has to offer. We often remark how funny it is that we went from living across the hall in our final year at Women's to — now, three years later — housemates in a beautiful apartment in Rushcutters Bay.

*Pictured (L – R): Ella Cooper (2020 Student Club President) and Susie Lehman (2020 Student Club Vice-President).*

Do you have wedding news or news about where you read your copy of *FREDA*?

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## In Memory

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### Dr Else Shepherd AM (1961)

Else Shepherd was born in Durban, South Africa in 1944, the daughter of Molly Budtz-Olsen, who was the Principal of Women's College from 1963 – 1974.

Dr Shepherd was one of the first women to graduate in Electrical Engineering from The University of Queensland (1965) and completed her Honours at UQ in 1966. In 2009, she was awarded UQ's Alumnus of the Year and received an Honorary Award in 2011.

During her career, she fought for opportunities for the full participation of women in the engineering profession. She chaired Powerlink Queensland for 17 years and was Chairman or Director of several other organisations over her career.

For her contributions to engineering, education and the electricity generating industry, Dr Shepherd was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2000. She also received a Centenary Medal for services to Australia in the field of information technology.

She was an Honorary Fellow of Engineers Australia, and a Fellow of the Academy of Technology and Engineering. For three consecutive years, Engineers Australia ranked her as one of Australia's 'Top 100 Most Influential Engineers' and in 2007, she was ranked one of Australia's 'Top 25 Most Influential Female Engineers'.

As a role model for future science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) professionals and leaders, she broke the unconscious bias that can hinder motivation to have a successful career in STEM.

Aside from engineering, Else made significant contributions to the arts in Queensland. In 1984, she studied choral conducting at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, receiving a Graduate Diploma in Music. She was a choral conductor and Director of arts organisations, including Chair of the Board of Camerata of St John's, a professional string orchestra.

In 2021, one of the Cross River Rail tunnel boring machines was named in her honour, in recognition of an outstanding career.

In 2022, Else was one of seven remarkable individuals to have joined the illustrious ranks of Queensland Greats for her significant contribution, whose achievements have impacted the development of Queensland.

Else is a Notable Alumna of The Women's College.



*Molly Budtz-Olsen Prize winner Lauren Ward (2020 – 2022) with Else Shepherd at the 2021 Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards.*



# 2022 Donor Honour Roll

The Donor Honour Roll recognises our generous alumnae, family and friends who make gifts throughout the year. The full list of 2022 Donors can be found in our [2022 Impact Report](#).

## Gifts of \$1,000 or greater

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 Dr Judith Nave (Alumna 1961 – 1964)  
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## Donors up to \$999

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## Celebrating a Legacy: Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming celebrations for The Women's College's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is with immense pride and joy that we invite our alumnae to join us as we commemorate 110 years of cherished memories, academic excellence and lifelong friendships.

Since its founding in 1914, The Women's College has served as a home-away-from-home for countless students, shaping their lives and nurturing their intellects. Over the years, our College has not only maintained its commitment to providing a supportive community but has also evolved to reflect the changing needs and aspirations of our students. Now, as we stand at the threshold of our 110<sup>th</sup> year, we find ourselves on the cusp of an exciting new era.

Our anniversary celebrations will take place throughout 2024 and will be a remarkable opportunity for alumnae to reconnect, reminisce and rekindle old friendships. This momentous occasion will be marked by a series of events and activities designed to honour our rich history, celebrate our collective achievements, and set the stage for an inspiring future.

This article is a sneak peek into some of our celebrations and activities. Stay tuned for more details. We encourage you to spread the word among your fellow alumnae and help us make this celebration truly unforgettable.

Together, let us honour our past, embrace our present, and ignite the flame of inspiration for the next generation of Woozas who will call The Women's College their home.

The 110th Anniversary celebrations are not only a time for reflection and nostalgia but also an opportunity to reinforce the bonds that tie us together as a community. We hope you will join us in celebrating this extraordinary milestone and help shape the future of our residential college.

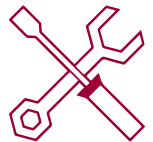
### 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary:

Women's is proud to announce the establishment of the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary Fund.

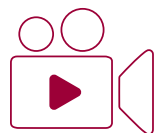
This initiative aims to support a deserving student in their pursuit of a university college experience based on financial need; it will be awarded for the first-time in 2024. We invite you to contribute to this cause and empower future generations to follow in your footsteps.



**Capital campaign:** Plans to refurbish the Tennis/Basketball Court Outdoor Area into a wellbeing precinct will be released later this year. Naming opportunities will be provided, with supporters recognised as 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Donors.



**110 Alumnae Stories:** Alumnae have been invited to share their stories and memories of The Women's College with our community. Ten episodes in this video series will be released, starting in early 2024.





**Sisterhood of the Travelling Mary**

**Wooza:** Acting as a powerful prelude to the Anniversary Gala Ball, our Mary Wooza Relay will embrace the spirit of the sisterhood at The Women's College. To participate in this journey, make sure you read further details in *FREDA* on page 51.



**Alumnae Interstate Tours:** The College plans to visit alumnae based in Sydney and Melbourne in March 2024. Further details will be released shortly.



**Anniversary Ball:** The 110<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Ball promises to be an event with a difference. This elegant occasion will be an unforgettable experience, creating an enchanting atmosphere where you can reconnect with fellow alumnae, share stories and create new memories. Organise your table of 10 guests now. Ticket details will be published in early 2024.



**Anniversary Badge:** Visit the College or attend an anniversary event in 2024 and you will be presented with a special 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badge.



**Philanthropy Trail:** Recognising the College's buildings, facilities and features that have been made possible through the generosity of the Women's community, take a self-guided tour of our new philanthropy trail around the College. Details will be launched in 2024.



**Anniversary Gifts:** Limited-edition gifts will be available to purchase from our online store.



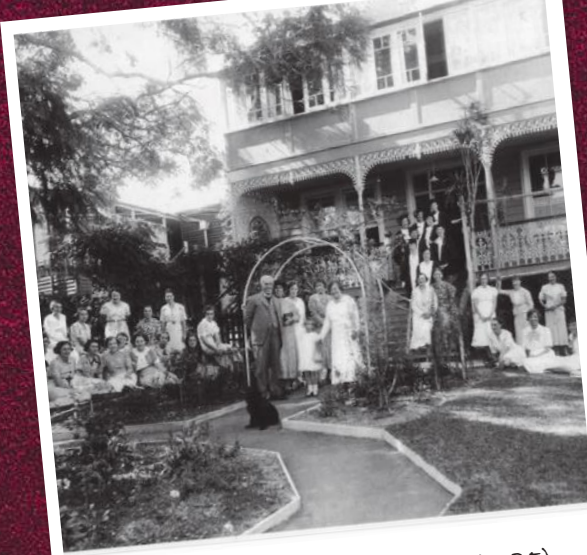
**Historical exhibit:** Interact with a digital experience in the College Foyer. This touchscreen exhibit will showcase the College in an innovative and fun experience, and will be launched at the beginning of 2024.



Kindly mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details, including registration information for events and activities.

For more information,  
please visit  
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*Chiselhurst, Kangaroo Point (1935)*



*New campus, St Lucia (1958)*

For almost 110 years,  
*The Women's College* has  
fostered a community of learning and  
encouraged students to embrace opportunities.



*Freshers at O Week (2023)*

We now invite you to support our  
*110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary Fund*  
through our 2023 Annual Giving Appeal  
and be a catalyst for change.

## 2023 ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

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All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible



# Support our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary

As Women's approaches its 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have a unique opportunity to come together as a community and make a lasting impact on the lives of deserving students.

We invite alumnae to join us in supporting the 2023 Annual Giving Appeal, which has been specifically dedicated to raising funds for the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary to be awarded in 2024. This bursary aims to provide financial assistance to a student in need, ensuring that talented individuals have equal access to education and the chance to shape a brighter future.

The Women's College has thrived for over a century thanks to the generosity and support of our alumnae and friends. By supporting our Annual Giving Appeal, you continue a legacy of generosity that strengthens our College community and positively impacts the lives of students for years to come.

Diversity is a core value of the College, and we firmly believe that every talented student – regardless of their financial background – should have the chance to thrive in our vibrant community. By contributing to the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary, you play a vital role in fostering a diverse and inclusive environment where students can learn and grow.

Your contribution, no matter the size, has the power to create a lasting difference in the lives of students who are struggling financially. Your investment today has the potential to transform a student's life and set them on a trajectory of success.

As we celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's in 2024, let us unite as a community and make a profound impact on the lives of deserving students. By supporting this Annual Giving Appeal and contributing to the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary, you are ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder the dreams and aspirations of talented individuals.

Together, we can empower future generations, foster a diverse and inclusive community, and create a brighter future for all. Join us today in making a difference that will resonate for generations to come.

Donate at our website: [www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/donations). All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**We invite you to watch and share our 2023 Annual Giving Appeal video.**

Click here to see how you can be part of our legacy and help us shape a brighter future.

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# 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## BALL

The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball promises to be an event with a difference. This elegant occasion will be an unforgettable experience, creating an enchanting atmosphere where you can reconnect with fellow alumnae, share stories and create new memories.

The Women's College community is invited to celebrate our legacy by honouring the past and inspiring the future at the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball.

**Date:** Saturday 17 August 2024

**Venue:** The Star Ballroom, Queen's Wharf Brisbane

**Dress:** Black tie

**Tickets:** Details will be available soon

**Further enquiries:** Phone (07) 3377 4500 or email [events@womens.uq.edu.au](mailto:events@womens.uq.edu.au)



# Sisterhood of the Travelling Mary Wooza

In celebration of the College's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024, Mary Wooza will embark on a journey similar to the captivating tale of the Olympic Torch Relay.

Acting as a powerful prelude to the Anniversary Ball, the Mary Wooza Relay will embrace the spirit of the sisterhood at The Women's College, embarking on an odyssey, travelling vast distances throughout Australia and overseas, and passing through the hands of countless alumnae.

With each step, Mary Wooza will illuminate the path, lighting up the hearts of both alumnae and spectators, fostering a collective sense of pride and connection. From notable alumnae to young alumnae, each relay participant will embody the spirit of the Sisterhood of the Travelling Mary Wooza. Their personal journeys, coupled with their passion for everything Women's, will leave an indelible mark on the relay.

Join us as we embark on this remarkable expedition, tracing the footsteps of the Sisterhood of the Travelling Mary Wooza Relay. Through vivid storytelling, captivating imagery and insightful interviews, the College will aim to capture each relay moment on our new *Wooza World Instagram page*. Australia's only camel veterinarian and 2022 Alumna of the Year Dr Margie Bale was our first alumna participant.

To purchase a 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary limited-edition Mary Wooza doll and participate in the Sisterhood of the Travelling Mary Wooza Relay, follow the steps on our website at [www.womens.uq.edu.au/110-anniversary/sisterhood-of-the-travelling-mary-wooza/](http://www.womens.uq.edu.au/110-anniversary/sisterhood-of-the-travelling-mary-wooza/)



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