



Alumni & Friends Newsletter



Message from the Principal

At this year's Valete dinner I wished our leaving residents farewell and good luck and said that I hoped Burgmann has played an important role in fostering lifelong friendships; that they will look back on this time fondly.

When I think about what Burgmann is about and what this time in people's lives is about, if I can offer anything, it would be this: Life is not defined by high distinctions or internships. They're fine things, but they're not, the thing.

Life is defined by the strength and quality of your relationships, by the dedication to your purpose, and by the depth and genuineness of your service to others. It's measured in the resilience you develop in the face of adversity and in the kindness you show to the people in your orbit. I think this is what Burgmann is all about.

[Read more >](#)

Sally Renouf

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Principal

Burgmann Resident 2010-present



▲ **Anthony Hill and Mark Santos, Sally Renouf, Greg Mills, Cindy Watt at 2021 Valete Dinner**
Photo credit: Chris Hayes

▲ **Dr Aunty Matilda House performing the Welcome to Country ceremony, Feb 13 2021**
Photo credit: Chris Hayes

Acknowledgement of Country

Burgmann College acknowledges the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the College is situated. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We affirm our commitment to foster and maintain a respectful community of informed residents, staff, and alumni, embedding respect for the world's longest surviving cultures and communities throughout our practices and programs.

Message from the Burgmann College Alumni Association President

Covid-19, the most impactful pandemic in a century, continued to deliver surprises in Burgmann's 50th year. Rather than last year's shutdown, Burgmann residents went into lockdown at the College.

So close to lecture halls and the Burgmann bar and yet so far away, residents studied in their rooms and exercised in pairs.

Thankfully, the Burgmann spirit shone through...

[Read more >](#)

Matthew Lobb

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President, Burgmann College Alumni Association

Burgmann Resident 1989-1991

Former BRA President 1991



Key Updates

Back to Burg

Alumni Weekend

POSTPONED

19-21 AUGUST 2022

Save the date! Our 50th Anniversary Back-to-Burg Alumni Weekend will now be held on **19-21 August 2022**. While we do not expect any changes to the program, registrations for the event will be opened and promoted in the New Year. We look forward to (finally!) being able to celebrate this important milestone with you in 2022!

Inaugural Alumni Awards Announcement



Alumni Awards

Congratulations to the inaugural recipients of the Burgmann College Alumni Awards! Our new Alumni Awards recognise, encourage and reward alumni excellence across a broad range of criteria, for endeavours both inside and outside the college community, and at different levels of accomplishment and life stage. [Read more >](#)

2022 Events Save-the-Dates / Alumni Calendar

In addition to our Back-to-Burg Alumni & Friends reunion weekend in August, the 2022 Alumni & Friends Event calendar includes alumni events in four major Australian cities. Still in Canberra? Join us for our two young alumni events at the college.

Wherever you are in the world, join our online "Luigi's" events to catch up virtually.

Review our 2022 Alumni & Friends Event calendar to find an event near you!



Update Your Details

It is always a joy to reconnect with our alumni. We would love to hear your news and to stay in touch, so please remember to **update your details** and ask your Burgmann friends to do so too!

Lost Alumni Campaign

Please continue to help our lost alumni reconnect with us! While we reconnected with 168 alumni in 2021 there are still hundreds of Lost Alumni from every College decade. Please review the **'Lost Lists'** on our website and help connect us with more Burgies!



See photos from Semester 2 Events

See our photos and videos from events and activities with residents, alumni, staff and friends from Semester 2:

July [Ex-Ressie Alcohol Discussion Panel >](#)

August [Christmas in July \(in August\) >](#)

August [ANU Chaplaincy Event - Caring for Each Other in a Time of Pandemic >](#)

September [Luigi's with SE Asia >](#)

November [Annual Valete Dinner >](#)



▲ L-R Henry Galbraith (2014-2016), Gabi Imperial (2014-2016), Campbell Clapp (2016-2018), Professor Simone Dennis and resident Molly Chapman.



▲ 2021 college photo, Front Lawn, Burgmann College. Photo credit: Chris Hayes

Limited edition prints available for purchase – College portrait by alumna Thea Katauskas

Limited edition prints of 'Portrait of Burgmann College' by alumna Thea Katauskas (1993) will be for sale in the New Year for \$200 + GST + postage within Australia. Proceeds from sales will support the Burgmann Bursary Fund.

Register your interest by email:
alumni@burgmann.anu.edu.au



Alumni in the News

Ex-ressie share house gardens their way through lockdown

Alumna Olivia Ireland (2017-2019) interviewed housemates and Burgmann alumni Jocelyn Abbott, Meredith Rule and Ben Durkin (2018-2020) for this Canberra Times article about the mental health benefits of gardening during the pandemic. [Read more >](#)



▲ *Jocelyn, Meredith and Ben gardening in their share house.*
Photo credit: The Canberra Times

Alumna becomes Rhodes Australia-at-Large Scholar

Named Youth Influencer of the Year by The Martin Luther King Jr Center in 2021, and recognised as one of the Australian Financial Review's 100 Women of Influence and 40 Under 40 Asian Australians, Burgmann alumna Yasmin Poole (2019-2021) was recently named as a Rhodes Australia-at-Large Scholar. [Read more >](#)

Principal Sally Renouf presenting Yasmin Poole with flowers at Valette. Photo credit: Chris Hayes



Alumna artist shortlisted for prestigious prize

Alumna Emma Beer (2006-2007) was selected as a finalist in the prestigious Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize at the Bendigo Art Gallery in Victoria. The Prize is held every two years, and attracts some of Australia's most accomplished artists. Emma was one of 34 finalists in the \$50,000 acquisitive art prize.... [Read more >](#)

◀ *Emma Beer at the Woman Power Exhibition Launch, Burgmann College March 2021.* Photo credit: Chris Hayes.

Alumnus' documentary selected for New York film festival

Congratulations to alumnus Angus Hamilton (2013-2015) whose film *Flight of the Helmeted Honeyeater* was selected for the Wildlife Conservation Film Festival in New York. The film celebrates the incredible story of Victoria's

state faunal emblem, and the people who have been devoting their time to saving this critically endangered bird. The film serves as a reminder that when individuals come together, real change is possible! [Watch trailer here >](#)

College News

Residential Fellow creates podcast out of lockdown

Created by Burgmann College Residential Fellow, Lara Nicholls, the podcast 'Reading the Room' was launched on 24 November by former Governor-General of Australia, Dame Quentin Bryce. Readers include the 27th Prime Minister of Australia Julia Gillard, ANU

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Brian Schmidt, as well as Burgmann College Principal Sally Renouf, Residential Fellow Professor Asmi Wood and Burgmann alumni Ian Darling AO (1981-1983), Jessica Benter (2018-2019) and Ben Jefferson (2018-2020). [Watch the launch >](#)



▲ Created by residents Kate Rice and Lara White



And That's a Wrap: BRA President Isobel Kuo's 2021 Wrap-up

This year, BRA focused on implementing the Cultural Change Action Plan and reinvigorating College events which were not able to run in 2020. At the conclusion of the Canberra lockdown period, the BRA House Committee and Burgmann staff went above and beyond to ensure that residents had a positive residential experience with 'eNd Week', celebrating Burgmann traditional events like Dawborn, Valete and SPARTOS.

[Read more >](#)



2021 residents Photo credit: Chris Hayes ▶

Burgovision and Zoom debating - Semester 2 Arts Update

When the lockdown was at its most gruelling, Arts at Burg was at its best. From painting over Zoom, to debating competitions, weekly trivia nights and Burgmann's take on Eurovision, Burgovision! Residents' artistic abilities shone... [Read more >](#)



▲ **Promo for Burgovision.**
Image supplied by Lucy Coote



▲ **Penny Mina playing AFL 9s against Burton & Garran Hall.** Photo credit: Luka Mrsnik

Inter-floor sports competition crowns a winning floor - Semester 2 Sports Update

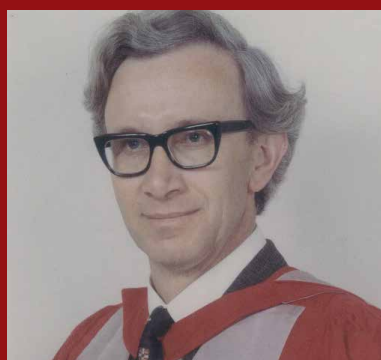
Whilst COVID interruptions impacted the amount of formal sporting competition in semester two, residents made the most of the sports on offer including mixed netball and AFL. An inter-floor sports competition showcased residents' sporting creativity to maintain physical activity during the ACT lockdown. [Read more >](#)

Memories of Burgmann

Masters & Principals

Read about the Masters and Principals of Burgmann College during our first 50 years >

▼ **Professor David M Griffin**
Master from 1971 to 1975



Burgmann Testimonials Facebook Album

Flick through our album of recent alumni testimonials. From move-in-day to a typical week, hear different views on the inclusive and supportive environment that makes our College unique.

[See album >](#)



Alumna Gabi Imperial (2014-2016). Image supplied by Gabi ▲

That's College Life



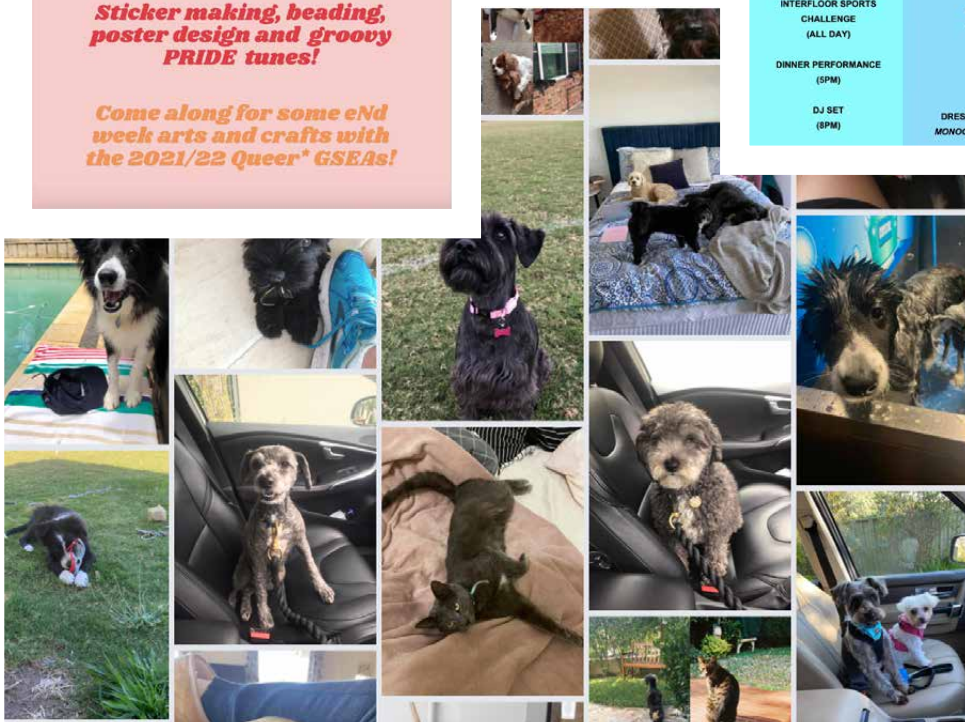

Pride Arts and Crafts
 2 to 4pm - Thursday
 25th - in the D-hall

**Sticker making, beading,
 poster design and groovy
 PRIDE tunes!**

**Come along for some eNd
 week arts and crafts with
 the 2021/22 Queer* GSEAs!**



TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9
SH'T PUB TRIVIA (8PM)	INTERFLOOR SPORTS CHALLENGE (ALL DAY)	DEBATE OF THE TITANS (8PM)
DRESS UP THEME: ITEM OF CLOTHING YOU NEVER GET TO WEAR	DINNER PERFORMANCE (5PM)	DRESS UP THEME: CORPORATE CHIC
FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11	SUNDAY 12
INTERFLOOR SPORTS CHALLENGE (ALL DAY)	DJ SET (8PM)	LUIGIS (10 AM)
DINNER PERFORMANCE (5PM)	DRESS UP THEME: MONOCHROME LOOK	INTERFLOOR SPORTS CHALLENGE (ALL DAY)
DJ SET (8PM)		PAINT N' SIP (4:30 PM)
		ONGOING
		LUNCHTIME DRESS UP CHALLENGES (EVERY SECOND DAY)
		INTERFLOOR SPORTS CHALLENGES (EVERY SECOND DAY)



Giving to Burgmann



CELEBRATING
50 YEARS
1971 - 2021

Building a *bigger*
BURGMANN VISION

Update on Undergraduate Courtyard Redevelopment Appeal

Thank you!

With the support of our remarkable community of residents, alumni, friends, families, staff, residential fellows and Council members, we are thrilled to announce that we are over **95%** of the way to reaching our **\$100,000** fundraising goal for the Undergraduate Courtyard Redevelopment project. It's not too late to donate! **Help us reach our goal by Christmas! >**

Stories of the Bruadarach Medal

Generously sponsored by alumnus Casey White (2011-2013) and family, The Bruadarach Medal is awarded annually to a Burgmann resident who has shown an exceptional entrepreneurial spirit in providing an educationally beneficial experience outside of the normal student experience channels of the Burgmann Residents' Association. The achievements of past recipients... [Read more >](#)



▲ L-R: Dr Aunty Anne Martin, Dr Brenda L. Croft, Ruby House, and Dr Aunty Matilda House

Special Donor Celebration Event

In July, Principal Sally Renouf hosted a special donor event in honour of Dr Aunty Matilda House and to celebrate the College's acquisition of the portrait of Dr Aunty Matilda House by esteemed First Nations photographer, Dr Brenda L. Croft (Gurindji/Malngin/Mudburra Peoples; Anglo-Australian/Chinese/German/Irish heritage).

Donors to the First Nations Arts Initiative, family members and esteemed ANU delegates attended to hear from guest speakers Dr Aunty Matilda House, Paul House, Dr Brenda L Croft and Residential Fellow Lara Nicholls.

This portrait is now on permanent display in the Grenfell Price Room at Burgmann College >

Workplace Giving Program

We re-launched our Workplace Giving Program this year. It is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our staff that together, Burgmann staff donated over **\$8,800** in 2021. Workplace Giving donations supported various programs including the Resident Hardship Fund, the Bursary Fund, and the Undergraduate Courtyard Redevelopment Appeal.

Thank you to donors of 2021 – Donor Honour Roll

To all our donors and supporters in 2021, **thank you!** Everything Burgmann College does is enhanced by the incredible generosity of our staff, alumni, parents, friends and volunteers who invest in Burgmann every year. See our **2021 Donor Honour Roll >**

Get Involved

Burgmann Journal 50th Anniversary Edition

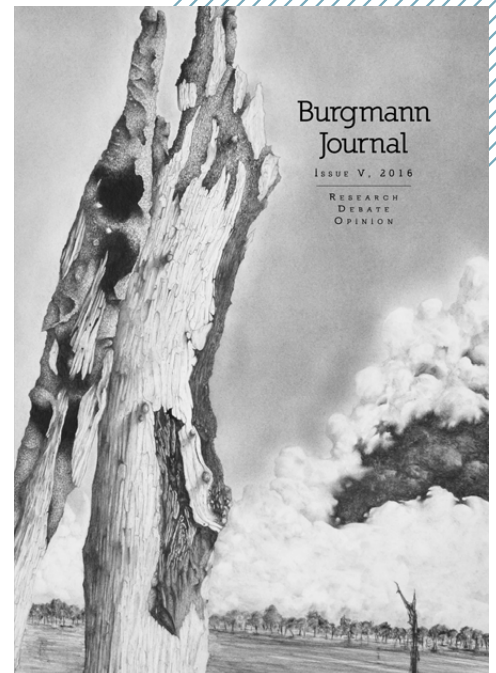
We are excited to announce that a 50th anniversary edition of the *Burgmann Journal* will be published in 2022. Editor-in-Chief Jacqui Farrell is pleased to invite alumni to join current residents in the creation of this momentous edition through submitting research papers, opinion pieces, creative writing including poetry and works of art for consideration, or by volunteering to peer review research papers in your field of expertise.

To express interest in getting involved, please contact Deputy Principal, Ms Cris Lucas, email alumni@burgmann.anu.edu.au

Read past editions of the Burgmann Journal here:

[2019 >](#) [2017 >](#)
[2018 >](#) [2016 >](#)

Front Cover 2016 Burgmann Journal, artwork credit 'Change' by Sebastian Van Lieven, graphite and watercolour on paper, 2015 ▶



Mentor a current resident

Have you thought about sharing your career knowledge and experience as a mentor? The highly successful Burgmann Alumni & Friends Mentoring (BAM) Program puts current

residents in contact with professionals working in fields of interest, allowing them to ask questions about career pathways and gain greater clarity on the sometimes daunting transition

from university to the workplace. For our mentors, it can also be a deeply rewarding experience.

Find out more and register your interest >

Class Notes

Where are they now? Latest news from alumni around the globe

Find out what Burgmann alumni and former staff have been up to since leaving. [Read more >](#)

These 'Class Notes' are shared for publication through the **Update Your Details** form. Share your own update for the next issue of this newsletter!



▲ **Alumnus Angus Hamilton**
(2013-2015) Image supplied by Angus

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