



# Alumni & Friends Newsletter

## Two Rhodes Scholars for 2022

Congratulations to alumni **Sai Campbell** (2019-2022) and **Max Kirkby** (2019-2021) who were recently announced as Rhodes Scholars. Sai and Max join a growing list of Burgmann Rhodes Scholars, including **Yasmin Poole** (2019-2021) and **Freya Willis** (2015-2017).

[Read their stories >](#)

▼ **Sai Campbell and Max Kirkby**  
Photo credit: Tracey Nearmy



## 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 and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*



▲ **Principal Sally Renouf, Honorary Fellows Judy Middlebrook and Dr Peter Garrett AM, Chair of Council Greg Mills, Honorary Fellows Robin Brown and Len Goodman OA.**

## Message from the Principal

*In her remarks at the 50th Anniversary Galal Dinner, Principal Renouf reflected on what makes Burgmann special:*

“Recently I’ve had the pleasure of meeting with many of our alumni, and I was asked a number of surprising questions. I think tonight is the perfect opportunity to provide some answers. Firstly, no, the roof doesn’t leak anymore. After 48 years of cracks, cockies, water and concrete, we replaced it in 2019. Unfortunately, there

was an enormous hailstorm in Canberra at the start of 2020, which promptly damaged the new roof, so we replaced it again in 2022 - a faulty roof for 48 years and two brand new ones in the last three!”

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*Sally Renouf*

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*Principal*

*Burgmann Resident 2010-present*

## Message from the Burgmann College Alumni Association President

It’s strange, but most things went to plan in Burgmann’s 51st year... After a bumpy start (thanks again, Covid) there was an almost full year of uninterrupted university with no further lockdowns! O’Week, Monsterbrain, Bar Nights & the Ball, Dawborn, Sports and Art Shields, Luigi’s, even the dreaded September study fluff all happened when they normally do. Like the rest of Australia, Covid was a continuing scourge, but study and social lives

set the Burgmann agenda rather than the pandemic. Long may this continue!

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*Matthew Lobb*

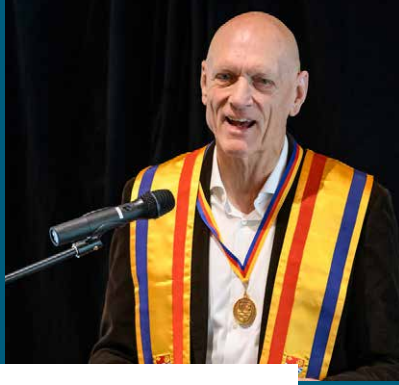
**Matthew Lobb**

*President, Burgmann College  
Alumni Association*

*Burgmann Resident 1989-1991*

*Former BRA President 1991*

## Key Updates



▲ Left: Dr Peter Garrett AM (1971-1973), Honorary Fellow  
Right: Robin Brown (1971-1974), Honorary Fellow

## Two Foundation Residents recognised with Honorary Fellowship

The outstanding contributions of two Foundation Residents, Mr Robin Brown and Dr Peter Garrett AM were formally recognised on Thursday 3 November in a joint Honorary Fellowship Conferral Ceremony at Burgmann College.

The ceremony commenced with a Welcome to Country by Ngambri Elder Dr Aunty Matilda House. Council Chairman Greg Mills then made the conferrals to an

appreciative audience of alumni, residents and friends.

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*“How we see and treat nature, and how we reconcile the history of occupation and theft of land from the First Australians have been the two driving motivational issues for me.”*

– Dr Peter Garrett AM

*“For the tobacco industry my most unworthy deed was initiating litigation against it on passive smoking. Our win is the luckiest thing I’ve been involved in and perhaps the most significant use of consumer law, particularly in terms of lives saved.”*

– Robin Brown



▲ Kate Periera, Lachlan Hill, Margaret Cadman and Oliver Brown at the 2022 Melbourne Alumni Get-Together.

## 2023 Alumni & Friends Events

[View 2023 Events Calendar](#)

Register Now or Save-the-Date for these 2023 events:

**Canberra:**  
**14 April**

**Melbourne:**  
**5 May**

**Sydney:**  
**3 June**

**Back-to-Burg:**  
**18-19 August**

## 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. Please **update your details** via our online form 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 259 alumni in 2022 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!

## 2022 Alumni Awards Announcement

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2022 Burgmann College Alumni Awards. Our 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 >](#)

Watch recipient videos:

[John Dauth  
AO, LVO, OBE >](#)

[Professor  
Asmi Wood >](#)

[Yasmin Poole >](#)

[Vicki Guyer >](#)



▲ Top left: Alumnus Robin Brown accepting the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award on behalf of John Dauth AO, LVO, OBE  
Top right: Alumna Sai Campbell accepting the 2022 Outstanding Alumni Award on behalf of alumna Yasmin Poole

Bottom left: Professor Asmi Wood accepting his 2022 Burgmann Volunteer Award

Bottom right: Manager of Residential Services Vicki Guyer accepting her 2022 Staff Recognition Award



# Back to Burg

## *Alumni Weekend*



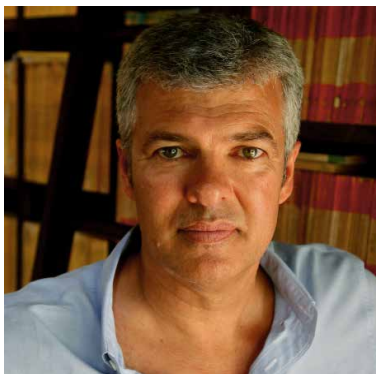
Read special anniversary messages sent by our alumni:



**Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC (1976)**



**Dr John C Mitchell (1975-1978)**



**Ian Darling AO (1981 - 1983)**



**John Dauth AO, LVO, OBE (1972-1974)**

Read the Gala Dinner speeches:

**Former Principal Rev Dr Lewis Rushbrook delivered the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grace**

**Principal Sally Renouf reflected on “what makes Burgmann special”**

**BRA President Bas Braham delivered the 2022 President’s Toast**

**Dr Peter Garrett AM delivered a toast on behalf of 1971 BRA President Richard Cook**



See Facebook albums of Back-to-Burg Events:

**Welcome Reception**

**Trivia & Monsterbrain**

**Memorabilia Exhibition & Tours**

**Alumni Portraits & Group Photos**

**BAM Networking Lunch & Cake Cutting**

**BCAA AGM & Pre-Dinner Drinks**

**50th Anniversary Gala Dinner**

**Memorial Chapel Service**

**Luigi’s at the Lodge**

**Current & Former Staff Lunch**



## Alumni Profiles

### Alone as a refugee by boat – Khalil Kamali's Story

Alumnus Khalil Kamali (2016-2022) was supported by a Burgmann Bursary throughout his college years.

*"My parents are originally from Afghanistan and sought refuge by moving to Pakistan in the early 1990s due to the war. I was born in Pakistan with limited opportunities to access education and dropped out of school at a young age to work full-time in a retail shop.*

*For decades, the Hazaras were targeted by militant groups because of our religion (Shia) and ethnicity (Hazara).*

*My family members were injured in one of the bomb blasts. In 2011, due to the dangerous situation, I decided to come to Australia alone as a refugee by boat."*

[Read more >](#)



Help us support more residents like Khalil  
*Donate* **NOW** to the  
2022 Burgmann Bursary Appeal



### Love at first sight – Rebecca Hossack's Story

The Director of two galleries in central London and Miami, alumna Rebecca Hossack (1976–1977) fell in love with Burgmann College at first sight. Rebecca recently shared her recollections of Burgmann College and how she came to open her first gallery in London.

*"In 1988 I rode my bicycle down a little street in Fitzrovia, in Central London, and saw shop with a sign 'For Rent'. Because it was such a lovely day, and*

*people were sitting at tables, outside the Greek restaurants on Charlotte Street, it reminded me of Burgmann and how we all used to sit outside and have our lunch. I saw a man hosing the pavement outside the shop and asked him if he knew anything about it. He turned out to be the landlord. And almost before I knew it, I had signed a twenty-year-lease - and decided to open a gallery."*

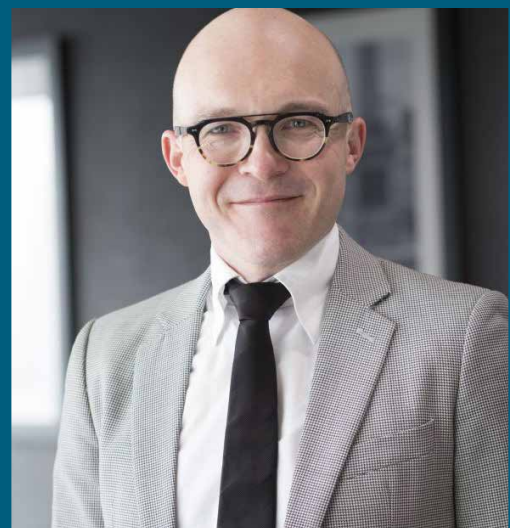
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### A safe ecosystem – An interview with Charlie Beasley

In 2021, Burgmann Gender and Sexuality Education Advocate (GSEA) Emily Osborne (2020-2022) interviewed alumnus Charlie Beasley (2000-2002).

*"Charlie is a founding member of Egon Zehnder's LGBTQ+ and allies community ez+ and is playing a key role driving the Firm's efforts to embed a differentiated and market-leading global approach to diversity, equity and inclusion across its core service offerings. What energises him working with individuals and teams around the world to help create more inclusive organizations where potential is uncovered, nurtured and great talent thrives."*

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# Alumni in the News

Burgmann resident Will Salkeld interviews alumnus Dr Peter Garrett AM about his journey coming full circle with Midnight Oil's 2022 concert on Fellows Oval.

*"I began my music career in Canberra as a student, right where you are,"*

[Read more >](#)

**Midnight Oil** ▶

*Photo credit: Awais Butt*



**Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC**

*Photo Credit: Alex Ellinghausen*

Burgmann alumnus Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy from Oxford University after penning a 420-page thesis on Xi Jinping's worldview.

[Read more >](#)

Dressed for celebration, Principal Sally Renouf and alumna Ella Davison (2010-2011) recently attended the 30th anniversary screening of Baz Luhrmann's *Strictly Ballroom* at the National Film and Sound Archive.

Burgmann alumna Tara Morice (1982-1983) played lead character Fran in the film alongside Paul Mercurio as Scott. Sally was able to deliver a letter to Tara on behalf

of 2022 BurgPlay Director Poppy Thomson (2019 – 2022), who wrote to Tara congratulating her and inviting her to come to BurgPlay in October.

In her years as a Burgmann resident, Tara was in the cast of BurgPlay's, 'Boys Own *McBeth*' with fellow Burgies, including Ian Darling (1981-1983).

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**Michael Renouf, Tara Morice, Ella Davison, Sally Renouf, Sue Renouf, Paul Mercurio.** ▲



▲ **Isabelle Reinecke**  
*Photo credit: Heathcliff O'Malley*

Alumna Isabelle Reinecke (2006) recognised as an emerging leader in the 2022 Women's Agenda Leadership Awards

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Alumna Yasmin Poole (2012-2021) advocated for reforms to support young people at Jobs and Skills Summit.

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First-year resident Angelina Inthavong named the Under 25 Rising Star in this year's 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian Australian Awards.

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▲ **Angelina Inthavong**

Alumna and MP *Peta Murphy* (1992-1994) representing Australia at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

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## College News

### Residents Take Steps to Lower College Environmental Footprint

Patrick Gleeson, Aleisha Knack, Simone Antich

Monday morning rolls in again and you wake up to find there's 30 minutes left before your next class. You throw on an outfit and leave in a hurry, forgetting to turn down the heating in your toasty room. Once in the dining hall, you find out that you weren't all that hungry and scrape the remaining porridge into the general waste bin. But your drowsiness has not worn off. Your whole body – heck, even your soul is calling for coffee. You stop by the coffee machine and fill a disposable cup with a double shot.

University students have a lot of responsibilities to balance throughout the semester and sustainability is not always at the top of their list. For this reason, Burgmann's Green Committee works hard to create awareness, promote solutions and institute changes that lower the college's environmental footprint whilst being compatible with the fast-paced life of our residents.

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### See Photos from Semester 2 Events

**BurgPlay**

**Honorary Fellowship Conferral Ceremony**

**2022 Annual Valete Dinner**



First year resident James Neal and College Dean Charlie Rozario, BurgPlay 2022



Alumni who attended the Conferral Ceremony  
Burgmann residents, class of 2022



Residents and guests enjoying Valete at the National Arboretum, Canberra

## Memories of Burgmann

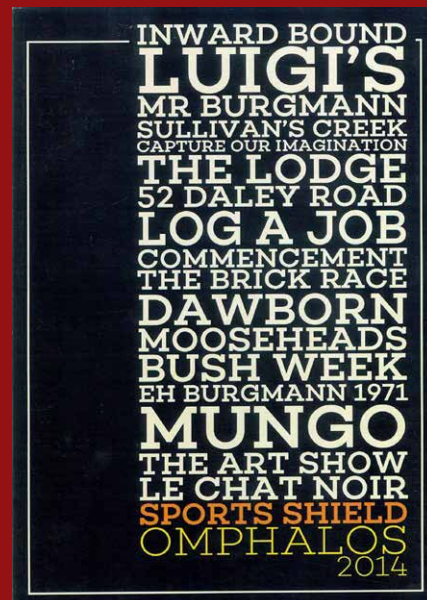
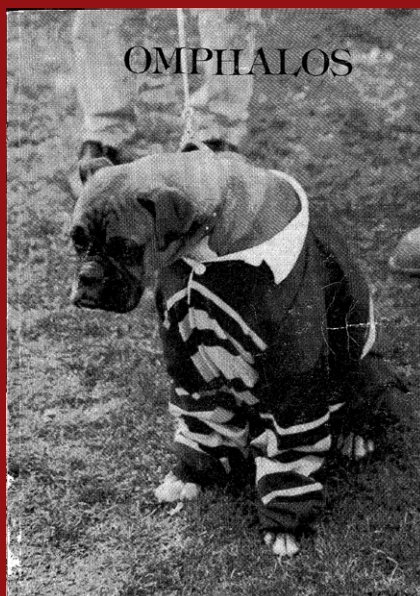
### A Trip Down Memory Lane for Alumni

With thanks to many alumni who donated or loaned items, our Back-to-Burg attendees enjoyed looking through layers of Burgmann history in the 50th Anniversary Memorabilia Exhibition. The collection of posters, Omphalos, photo albums and memorabilia items prompted riotous yarns, nostalgic anecdotes and fond memories.

[See album >](#)

**Top:** Alumni Andrew Mainsbridge (1977-1981), Justice Lea Armstrong (1983-1985), and Kingsley Jones (1981-1983) enjoying the wall of play posters

**Bottom:** Alumni Rhett Blanch (1992-1994), AJ Leong (1993-1996) and Mark Nolan (1990-1993) enjoying photo albums



### The Origins of Omphalos by Master Trevor Wigney, 1979

Long live the spirit of Omphalos!

[Read story and view covers >](#)

# That's College Life





## Giving to Burgmann

### Bursary Fundraising Update

A warm thank you to our 2022 donors! With the generous support of our alumni, friends, families and staff we have made important progress towards growing the Burgmann College Bursary Fund this year, raising over **\$50,000** so far to support bright Burgmann futures.

This support means the world to us, as we work to remove the barriers for entry to the Burgmann community, and we couldn't do it without you; thank you!

There is still time to support the Bursary Appeal before Christmas.

We want to ensure that all deserving applicants can take up their rightful place in our community. But to do so, we need your help.

Every dollar you give will go directly to supporting a future Burgmann bursary recipient.



Every contribution, big or small, will make a difference.



### Gifts in Wills Program

Making a gift in your Will can be an amazing opportunity to create something truly remarkable for the future, without impacting your financial security in the present.

At Burgmann, there are many ways your legacy could make a profound difference— making it possible for even more young people to launch their grown-up lives in this special place, or helping to preserve our rich collegiate experience for generations to come. Every bequest, large or small, has the power to be a transformational contribution.

If you would like to explore the possibilities, please visit Gifts in Wills and download our Gifts in Wills Booklet, or contact our Director of Advancement Ms Amelia Zeraftis, ph: **+61 2 6125 6890**, email: **giving@burgmann.anu.edu.au**

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### Bursary Impact Stories

Many of our past bursary recipients tell us it was the support of a Burgmann Bursary that enabled them to take up their offer of a place at ANU, and that the support from the Burgmann community ultimately changed their lives.

[Read their stories >](#)

▲ Alumna, Hmalan Hunter-Xénié (2019-2020)  
New Beginnings Bursary Recipient



*“Burgmann was such an important part of my education”*

– Dr Susanna Price

Dr Susanna Price's bequest to Burgmann College is a tribute to her father, to the progressive and inclusive collegiate experience at the foundation of a lifelong career in international development—and to future generations of students embarking on their journey to independence.

The daughter of Dr Charles Archibald Price AM—like every Burgie since—owes her Burgmann experience to her own father's efforts to build the College.

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### Workplace Giving Program

The Workplace Giving Program is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our staff that together, Burgmann staff donated over \$1650 in 2022. Workplace Giving donations support various programs including the Burgmann College Bursary Program.

▼ Burgmann staff showing their creative talents after our end-of-year team-building celebration.





▲ **Sandy Willie, Watiku Tjukurpa 2018**  
910 x 1210mm Acrylic on Belgian Linen

## The First Nations Arts Initiative Fund

With thanks to the generous support of donors including staff, alumni and friends, the College has purchased a number of outstanding

works of art by renowned First Nations artists in recent years.

We now seek your support to help purchase this incredible painting by Anangu Pitjantjatjara artist, Sandy Willie for the College's First Nations Art Collection.

The painting relates to Sandy's traditional ancestral country around his grandfather's country of Ilkurlka and is a heavily coded reference to sacred and restricted men's Law: *Watiku Tjukurpa*.

**Support the First Nations Arts Initiative Fund.**



▲ **Equality Prize sponsors Richard Arthur, Anna Brown, Robin Brown and Jillian McSpedden**

## Giving for inspiration and future shade

Meet our indigo foundation Equality Prize sponsors Richard Arthur, Anna Brown, and alumni Robin Brown (1971 - 1974) and Jillian McSpedden (1972-1974) who established the BillBerry Blue Stocking Fund. This fund provides the prize money for the College's annual indigo foundation Equality Prizes and our donors worked to establish these prizes to show appreciation for the contributions of prize recipients and to inspire others.

In Robin's words, "It's an unusual person who doesn't think now and then about the value of their life. In this 21st century CE, we are

living in the very early billions of all potential human lives. Scottish philosopher William MacAskill's recent book "What we owe the future" suggests that we should measure the value of our lives in terms of "debt" to those to follow us. That's not to say we should not devote energy to the well-being of those we are living with here and now and indeed our own. But we should spend some of our energy planting trees under whose shade we shall never sit."

**Read Robin's full article, titled: *Trees for Future Shade* >**

**Read about this year's Equality Prize recipients >**

Thank you  
to  
donors of 2022

To all our donors and supporters in 2022, 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 2022 Donor Honour Roll >**



## Get Involved

[Meet the newly elected BCAA Committee >](#)

### Volunteer with the BCAA Committee

The Burgmann College Alumni Association Committee (BCAA) meets regularly throughout the year. Please email [alumni@burgmann.anu.edu.au](mailto:alumni@burgmann.anu.edu.au) if you would like to join our 6.00pm Zoom meeting on any of the following dates:

#### BCAA Meeting dates for 2023

- 1 March
- 3 May
- 5 July
- AGM 19 August
- 6 September
- 8 November



### 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!

*Alumni Louise (née Grant) Bassam (1981-1984) and Brant Bassam (1984)* ▶



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