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2022 Impact of Giving Report



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

To our valued donors

Throughout 2022, you have supported a great range of important programs and initiatives. We are sincerely grateful for every contribution, large or small. Not only does your support make a practical and meaningful impact to the College, it also exemplifies the sense of care and collective endeavour that we know and love in our community: Burgmann Spirit, so, thank you!

A positive start to 2022

The 2022 College year began with a wonderful Move-In Day where BRA President Bas Braham oriented new residents and their families to our community, inviting them to make their mark. In O-Week, Dr Aunty Matilda House and her son Paul Girrawah House delivered a very special Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

Soon after, however, the pandemic presented some challenges which saw 132 positive Covid cases or close contacts over ten days, and the redeployment of staff to support residents.

Fortunately, the impact and restrictions of the pandemic eased as the year progressed. We were able to hold our postponed Commencement Dinner in May, and run a considerable number of other events, including our annual Burg Day celebration, complete with brick race and blessing from St Beryl. Things felt like they were truly returning to normal when the Burgmann Band won the coveted Big Night Out interhall band competition in May.

Our 50th Anniversary Weekend

It was delightful to finally hold our 50th Anniversary Back-to-Burg Weekend in August. Past Principals, former BRA Presidents, staff, alumni and friends gathered for a series of events across the weekend. A new **Burgmann College Alumni Association Committee** (BCAA) was elected; alumnus Dr Peter Garrett AM **proposed a toast** to the College on behalf of **foundation resident Richard Cook** at the **50th Anniversary Gala Dinner**, and we announced our **2022 Alumni Awards recipients**. We were also surprised with a visit from Patron Saint St Beryl and incredible performance by the Leaping Nuns of Norwich. The weekend was made possible with thanks to the energy and thoughtfulness of our staff, members of our residential leadership teams, our enthusiastic volunteers, and of course to our alumni and friends who returned to College and made the celebrations truly special.



▲ Vice Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt, Dr Jenny Gordon, Residential Fellow Professor Asmi Wood holding his granddaughter Sophia, & Sara Maslaris

Supporting Bright Burgmann Futures

In 2022, we turned our energy to expanding our Bursaries and Scholarships Program. We published our new **Bursary Brochure** which shares the stories of some of our bursary recipients and their reflections on **the impact that the financial support of a bursary** has had on their lives.

Our vision is to remove the financial barriers to joining the Burgmann community, and we asked our alumni, friends and families to help via our annual fundraising appeal. With thanks to the support of 62 donors, we were thrilled to raise over **\$50,000** in 2022, and donations have continued to arrive in support of this vision in the New Year.

We are so grateful to be able to advise that as a direct result of the support from our community, our Bursaries and Scholarships will be uplifted from \$5,000 to \$7,000 per annum from 2024. There is of course, more work to be done in this space, and our Bursaries and Scholarships Program will remain a fundraising focus for the College in 2023 and beyond as we work to establish an endowment in perpetuity.

Some 2022 'stand out' moments

The outstanding contributions of two Foundation Residents, Mr Robin Brown and Dr Peter Garrett AM were formally recognised in November in a joint **Honorary Fellowship Conferral Ceremony** at the College. In December, we were thrilled, also, to congratulate two recent alumni Sai Campbell (2019-2022) and Max Kirkby (2019-2021) on being awarded **Rhodes Scholarships**. These stories and many more highlights from 2022 are included in the **December edition of our Alumni & Friends Newsletter**.



▲ Sai Campbell

“ I was only able to attend ANU with the assistance of the needs-based scholarships and bursaries from Burgmann. The College's commitment to supporting students from diverse backgrounds is unparalleled and truly transformative. Financial supports that target need are the ones that actually make a difference. ”

- Sai Campbell
2023 Rhodes Scholar



▲ Alumnus Dr John C Mitchell and Principal Sally Renouf at John's home, March 2022.

Big-hearted support for our community

In 2022, Burgmann alumnus Dr John C Mitchell OAM (1975-1978) pledged **\$200,000** over four years, which enabled the College to complete an important room refurbishment project this summer. Flat 2 was converted into four-bedroom accommodation and linked directly to the six rooms in the Mortlock corridor on the ground floor of the Barassi Wing, making this area more hospitable and connected, as well as improving resident amenity with upgraded kitchen and bathroom facilities.

We are incredibly fortunate to have alumni who understand and believe in the Burgmann experience and who support us to ensure that that experience lives on. The room refurbishment is a significant project, and through his giving **John hopes to inspire others** to give what they can.

New Beginnings Indigenous Bursary

Our Indigenous Bursary received generous support from our community in 2022. This bursary provides important financial support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ANU students living at Burgmann College. Thanks to our donors we are now able to offer the bursary at up to \$7,000 per year for up to three years.

With the support of Maruku Arts in Mutitjulu, the College held an exhibition of works by emerging and established artists from the Central and Western Deserts in February. Works in the exhibition were available for purchase, with proceeds from sales going to the New Beginnings Indigenous Bursary.

Establishing our Gifts in Wills Program

In 2022, we established our **Gifts in Wills Program**. Two of our generous alumni, Dr Susanna Price and Dr John C Mitchell OAM have left gifts to the College in their Wills and are featured in our newly created Gifts in Wills brochure. Gifts in Wills make it possible for even more young people to launch their grown-up lives and careers in this special place, helping to build something powerful and inspirational into the future.

Creating the St Beryl Society

In connection with the Gifts in Wills Program, we created the **St Beryl Society**, the College's Bequest Society, to bestow special recognition on those who choose to support the College by making a bequest. We could not think of a more fitting way to honour such amazing support of the College's mission than through Burgmann's beloved patron saint—synonymous with the creative and visionary spirit of our community through every generation.





◀ 50th Anniversary Flowers arranged by Advancement Volunteer and Friend of Burgmann College, Fiona Nixon.

The Charles and Elizabeth Price Gardens

We are so pleased to announce that on completion of the Undergraduate Courtyard Redevelopment Project, the landscaped area of the project will be named The Charles and Elizabeth Price Gardens. With thanks to the support of The Price Family, this project will relocate the existing Charles and Elizabeth Price Garden in the Post-Graduate Village to this important and vibrant community hub. Included in the landscape design is a water feature and plaque in memory of Charles and Elizabeth Price, and their founding role in establishing Burgmann College.

Undergraduate Courtyard Redevelopment Project

In 2022, we advanced the documentation of the Undergraduate Courtyard Redevelopment Project with a view to completing this project in 2023.

Our sincerest thanks for your support

Overall, with thanks to **our generous donors**, including staff who give generously through our workplace giving program, we raised **\$278,839** in 2022. As a not-for-profit College which aims to maintain an accessible fee structure, the support of our community is essential to the College providing its distinctive residential experience to the current and future generations of Burgmann residents, and to the bigger Burgmann vision we are building for the future.



Let's connect in 2023

Whether it is at an upcoming Alumni & Friends Event, Family Weekend or our Annual Back-to-Burg Weekend, we hope to see you in 2023! More details are available on the **2023 Event Calendar**. Wherever you are in the world, we'd love to connect, and help you connect with others in our community. If you know friends, family or colleagues who are on our **lost lists**, or who

haven't heard from us for a while, please encourage them to **update their details**.

As a valued member of our community, we look forward to keeping you updated and warmly thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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