



# Thank you for your support

## 2023 Impact of Giving Report

We are sincerely grateful for the support of our community which kept the Burgmann College spirit thriving in 2023. With your support, the College's respectful, inclusive and egalitarian ethos sustained another cohort of Burgmann residents through a year of academic and personal growth, and a whole lot of fun!



▲ Sally Renouf and Martijn Wilder AM at Back-to-Burg Weekend

*'There's great strength and a wealth of life experiences to be gained from your fellow residents and, if you're anything like me, you'll find yourself growing a lot as a person after a very short time.'*

Move-In Day speech, 2023 BRA President and alumnus Oliver Byrne (2021–2023)

### Making a difference through service and kindness

In May, we celebrated the remarkable legacy of Vicki Guyer, Manager of Residential Services, who retired after 27 years of dedicated and impactful service. Vicki was acknowledged for her lasting contribution to the College's culture, and particularly for nurturing and developing talent within our staff team.

*'Vicki has exemplified the true spirit of dedication, professionalism, and passion. Her leadership has fostered an environment of collaboration and camaraderie that will be greatly missed.'*

Alumna and former Principal Sally Renouf (2010–2024)

In August, we acknowledged and celebrated our **2023 Alumni Awards** recipients during our annual Back-to-Burg Weekend, celebrating four members of the Burgmann community who have dedicated their lives to making a positive difference.

*'What's really important is, as best you can, try to make a difference and try to make a contribution to public life. And, at the same time, just be kind to people along the way.'*

Alumnus Martijn Wilder AM, 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient

It was also at our Back-to-Burg Weekend that Principal Sally Renouf **announced** her resignation, finishing a remarkable tenure on 31 January 2024 after thirteen years at Burgmann and eight as Principal. Sally explained she felt the College culture, staff and Burg spirit were again thriving to pre-pandemic levels in 2023 and it was because she felt confident in the College's position that she chose to pass the baton onto Burgmann's next Principal.

*'It has been an honour to work with the incredible staff and volunteers at Burgmann; their dedication and commitment to our transformative residential experience is unparalleled. It has also been a joy to have met so many alumni of Burgmann College. (...) I am passionate about making connections between alumni and the Burgmann community because I have seen how impactful this can be.'*

Alumna and former Principal Sally Renouf (2010–2024)



▲ Sai and friend 'punting' on matriculation day

## Building bright Burgmann futures through Burgmann Bursaries

At Family Weekend in May, we were grateful to have alumna and Rhodes Scholar Sai Campbell (2019–2022) launch our Bursary Appeal. Sai shared how she was only able to attend ANU with the assistance of the College's needs-based scholarships, and the community's response to her story throughout the year was truly heartening; with thanks to the support of over 100 donors, including 50 new donors, we raised over **\$138,000** for the College's Bursaries and Scholarships Programs, including \$8,050 for the New Beginnings Indigenous Bursary. With our community's support, and for the first time in over a decade, the College has been able to increase the value of our Bursaries from \$5,000 up to \$7,000.

*'When I received my scholarship, it felt like I was being told that I was wanted here, and that I could make a difference to my community and help bring others like me into these spaces.'*

Alumna Sai Campbell (2019–2022),  
Rhodes Scholar & CAS Hawker Scholar

*'Burgmann is an incredible College, one that students like me would not have access to without these [bursary] programs. I am hoping to graduate law within the next few years and work at the Attorney General's Department to help shape policies regarding First Nations peoples. I solely support myself from work and scholarship money, so Burgmann would not have been a feasible option for me without financial assistance.'*

2023 Recipient of the New Beginnings Bursary

## The Ian Darling Scholarship

With thanks to a generous gift of **\$150,000** by alumnus Ian Darling AO (1981–1983) we were thrilled to establish **The Ian Darling Scholarship** in 2023. Invested as a limited-term endowment, Ian's gift funds a scholarship of \$10,000 each year, which will be indexed over time. Ian was awarded the **2020 ANU Alumnus of the Year Award** for creating positive social impact and advocating for a more inclusive society through his work. We are proud and honoured to award this scholarship in Ian Darling AO's name and look forward to seeing what doors will open for future Burgmann residents with Ian's incredible support. Thank you, Ian.



▲ Ian Darling AO

## Supporting residents in times of unexpected hardship

The College was able to support residents experiencing hardship with one-off financial grants during 2023, thanks to our community's generous donations to the Resident Hardship Fund. While scholarships and bursaries reduce fees, if a resident cannot afford the trip home to visit their family, this may also be a disincentive to attend university during a vulnerable time. This could be as little as a \$30 bus fare or as much as \$1,500–\$2,000 for a round trip of flights, as some of our residents come from rural or remote areas and are only able to afford to see family once a year.

*'I think most people donate to causes they know. I really loved my time at university, and I think that it is a special experience that should be encouraged. I believe in the transformative effect of education for people's lives and that contributing to the ability of people to continue their education, particularly for those who are less well off, is money extremely well spent.'*

Therese Cochrane, Friend of Burgmann College

We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of Therese Cochrane and Fred Woollard, parents of alumnus Nicholas (Nick) Woollard (2018–2022), who believe in the transformative effect of education and are generous supporters of the Resident Hardship Fund.



▲ Chair Greg Mills with inaugural St Beryl Society members

## Celebrating the Founding Members of the St Beryl Society

A special afternoon tea to launch the St Beryl Society was held at Burgmann College in September 2023, where founding members of The St Beryl Society were presented with their St Beryl membership pins. The pins were based on artwork by Burgmann alumna Thea Katauskas (1993) and acknowledge St Beryl, Burgmann's beloved patron saint—synonymous with the creative and visionary spirit of our community through every generation.

Our inaugural event was a moving occasion which recognised and celebrated the staff, alumni, volunteers and friends who have chosen to leave a gift in their Will to Burgmann. Our founding members each had an opportunity to speak about their gratitude for their personal connection with the College and the legacy they hope to create through their bequest. These future gifts will help us build an Endowment Fund for the College, continuing the College ethos of egalitarianism and inclusivity, and transforming the lives of residents through scholarships and bursaries, ensuring the spirit of Burgmann continues for years to come. We are so grateful to the founding members of the St Beryl Society for the life-changing support they are providing to future Burgmann residents.



*'I would like to thank you, Greg, for all your hard work, as well as Sally and Amelia. All the team here at Burgmann have been absolutely fantastic in building the spirit and continuing the tradition of St Beryl ...I'd also like to thank my father, who taught us about the spirit of giving in us at a very early age.'*

Alumna Dr Susanna Kitty Price Harvey (1971–1972), Foundation Resident, Council Member, and Foundation St Beryl Society Member

*'What a privilege to have been involved with this amazing, life-changing, life-affirming Burgmann community, as a foundation member in its joyful—playful, even—embryonic life form to its consolidating and progressing fulcrum point in the 2000s, to this new foundational era in the St Beryl Society.'*

Alumnus Dr Rev Lewis Rushbrook (1971–1976), Foundation Resident, Former Principal (1995–2005) and Foundation St Beryl Society Member

## A gift of social connection and improved amenity

We are grateful for the remarkable support of alumnus Dr John C Mitchell OAM (1975–1978) who pledged **\$200,000** over four years to fund the transformation of three-bedroom Flat 2 into four-bedroom accommodation and to link it directly to the Mortlock corridor on the ground floor of the Barassi Wing. These carefully-timed renovations were made over the 2022–2023 summer with ten residents moving into this newly-created community hub in February 2023. Residents in these rooms have access to a private courtyard, and warmly celebrated the renovation by hosting **Luigi's** in the Courtyard earlier in the year. Thank you, John.

## Our sincerest gratitude for your support

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 current and future generations, and to the bigger Burgmann vision we are building for the future.

Our community demonstrated its strong belief in Burgmann College through our fundraising

and major gifts programs in 2023, providing **\$391,406** of philanthropic support. Whether through a recurring gift schedule, our workplace giving program, our annual appeal or a one-off major gift, every contribution made to Burgmann makes a lasting difference in the lives of current and future Burgmann residents. Quite simply; we cannot thank you enough!



## Thank you to our 2023 supporters

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## We would love to hear from you

Whether it is through attending our **events**, contributing to our **quarterly newsletters**, engaging on **our social channels**, or perhaps you can stop by for a visit, we would love to hear from you in 2024. Wherever you are in the world, we would love to connect. If you know friends, family or colleagues who are on our **lost lists**, or who have not heard from us for a while, please encourage them to **update their details**. We look forward to staying in touch and warmly thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



**Alex McKenzie**

Principal

*Alex McKenzie*



**Greg Mills**

Chair of Council

*Greg Mills*

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