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# THE AUSTRALIAN RHODES REVIEW



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## A LETTER FROM THE ARSA PRESIDENT //



This issue of *The Australian Rhodes Review* marks the Warden's recent trip to Australia – and all the various events, activities and special announcements which took place during her time here.

The Warden spent a full few days with us. Her visit began with a lovely outdoor reception for a large group of Sydney-based Scholars at the home of Andrew Bell (New South Wales & Magdalen 1990). The flagship event was the RSA National Dinner at State Library Victoria (see page 7). Elizabeth also attended the Orientation Session for Scholars-Elect and the ARSA Life Membership presentation recognising the significant contributions made by former National Secretaries John Poynter (Victoria & Magdalen 1951) and Graham Hutchinson (Victoria & Magdalen 1971) (see page 11). In addition to these events, the Warden met with numerous Scholars and university leaders. She also made her mark in the media. She was interviewed by *The Sydney Morning Herald* for an article entitled 'The Rhodes Scholars Who are Transforming a Legacy'. I encourage you to read it [here](#). Elizabeth also spoke to Geraldine Doogue for the weekly ABC RN programme, *Saturday Extra*. The audio link for that conversation can be found [here](#).

This issue also contains its usual features, including news of various alumni events, and personal updates from current and Senior Scholars. I would like to highlight the article written by 98 year-old Malcolm Whyte (Queensland & Balliol 1947) recounting his experience as a 'peculiar' Scholar in the late 1940s (see page 9). It's a fascinating account of our oldest known Scholar's post-war adventures.

As per my last letter, I want to mention several Scholars excelling in their fields and 'fighting the world's fight'. In February the Attorney-General appointed Angus Stewart (Natal & Corpus Christi 1992) a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia. In April the Attorney-General appointed barrister Ben Gauntlett (Western Australia & St John's 2003) the new Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission. I'd also like to congratulate - and thank - Peter Kanowski (Australia-at-Large & St John's 1983) and John Wylie (Queensland & Balliol 1983). As announced at the National Dinner, Peter was recently appointed Deputy National Secretary and National Secretary-Elect; and John Wylie's game-changing gift of £2.5 million to RSA to fund the Queensland Scholarship in perpetuity was made public. Other news of interest includes the donation made by John McCall MacBain (Quebec & Wadham 1980) to his alma mater McGill University. John recently announced the creation of the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill through a landmark gift of CAD \$200 million, the largest single charitable donation in Canadian history.

Support from Scholars is critical to sustaining our activities and publications, including this newsletter. I would therefore like to thank all those Scholars who have already paid their 2019 ARSA membership fees. I would encourage those who have not yet paid, to please do so now. The fees are \$80 for ordinary memberships and \$40 for discounted memberships (for Scholars elected more than 40 years ago, or within the last 6 years). You can pay online via the online payment platform TryBooking ([click here](#)), or by direct credit using the ARSA Membership Renewal Form ([click here](#)).

Finally, like many of you, I was saddened to hear of the recent death of Bob Hawke (Western Australia & University 1953). We will include a special tribute to Bob in the next issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading this latest edition of *The Australian Rhodes Review*. Please contact the Editor, Gillian Fullilove, at [gillian.fullilove@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gillian.fullilove@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk) to submit an article, or make a suggestion.

Best wishes,

Tim Orton (Australia-at-Large & Magdalen 1986)

*Front cover image: 2019 Scholars-Elect, the Warden, the Warden's husband Jeff Holzgrefe and ARSA President Tim Orton at the RSA National Dinner, Melbourne, 30 March 2019*

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ELLEN CLIFF (QUEENSLAND & UNIVERSITY 2017)

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We are heading out of the depths of winter and into the long, light evenings of British Summer Time. The snowdrops have been and gone, most of the daffodils are finishing up, and the magnolias and plum blossoms are in full swing. It isn't a bad show, the English spring. I've been lucky enough to see Oxford covered in snow both winters I have been here, to feel that muffled quiet of the streets and the deepened hush of college quads.

I am a chemist turned earth scientist originally from the much warmer climes of Brisbane. I'm studying the role of the ocean in climate and in human-induced global warming. I am also a lifelong fan of natural history, particularly birds and insects. I have always enjoyed the beauty of these small, unassuming creatures and now I am understanding the effect of tiny, and often beautiful, organisms – phytoplankton – in the ocean. I am examining the interplay between this

biology and the physics and chemistry of the global climate system and carbon cycle.

In my DPhil I am studying how the Earth's carbon cycle (with a focus on atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations) has reacted to changes in temperature during the last glacial maximum. The last time we were at a glacial maximum – where the Earth's orbit meant cooler temperatures and larger volumes of ice at the poles – was 20,000 years ago. Changes in orbital forcing – that is, changes in the Earth's proximity to the sun combined with subtle changes in the earth's orientation to the sun – affect the temperature of the Earth over 10,000- to 100,000-year cycles. My interest is in solving the mystery of where the 90 to 100 ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> that leaves the atmosphere goes during glacial events.

This is where the biology comes in. Over hundreds of thousands of years, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature have risen and fallen together in a tightly bound 90 to 100 ppm and 8 to 10°C. When we test our models in these conditions, we can learn how well our model works and thus how good our understanding of the Earth's climate system is. This is necessary for ensuring future scenarios are modelled as well as possible and that our understanding of the magnitude and rate of environmental change is as good as it can be. There is tremendous complexity (read: non-linearity) in the system and thus in our models.

Along with doing important and intellectually stimulating work, I also get to work with a great group of people, including my fantastic supervisor who doesn't just send me relevant scientific papers but also articles from *The New York Times*, the *Financial Times* and *The Economist* that are about anything from climate change and sustainability to how to make a Sachertorte, or how coffee houses

helped bring down the Ottoman empire. And we both love to bake and cook, so we have an (un)healthy habit of exchanging cakes and new recipes!

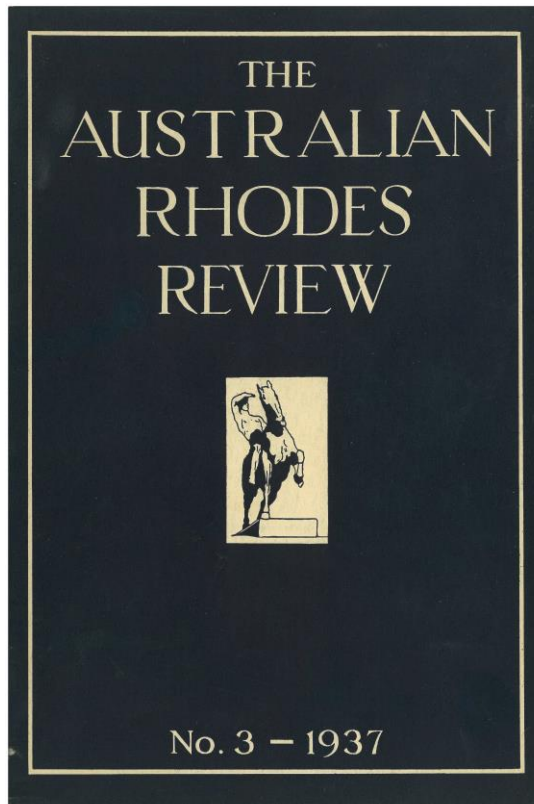


I'll finish up as I started, by "talking about the weather": I recently looked up how much CO<sub>2</sub> has changed in my lifetime. In just the 25 years I've been alive, we have emitted 57 ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> – two thirds of the amount we see as a maximum change over tens of thousands of year cycles. We are currently at CO<sub>2</sub> levels that haven't been seen for 3 million years, and if we continue along the "business-as-usual" emission path, by 2100 we'll be at levels that haven't been seen for 50 million years. This last February we had snowfall in Oxford; we also had a weekend where it got to 17°C in Oxford – British t-shirt weather – and I saw my first butterfly of the year. I love to see the British birds return and butterflies and other insects emerge – but not in February.

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ARSA LOOKS BACK AT THE EARLY YEARS OF *THE AUSTRALIAN RHODES REVIEW*

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As John McKenna (Queensland & Magdalen 1984) explained in a previous issue of this newsletter, in February 1931, some 27 years

after the first Rhodes Scholars were selected, an inaugural conference of Australian Scholars was convened in Melbourne. The conference resolved to establish an association of Rhodes Scholars in Australia. It also resolved to publish a journal, for circulation amongst the wider Australian community, with articles written by its members.

ARSA republished (in digital form) the first two volumes of *The Australian Rhodes Review* (1934) in previous issues. As promised, the third issue (1937) can now be accessed [here](#). The remaining few volumes will be published in subsequent issues.

The contents of the 1937 *Review* are fascinating (and only slightly more notable than the 2 shillings cover price!). In the newsletter's early years, the articles included were scholarly and political. In this 1937 issue, readers will find lengthy articles about education policy, the decline of the British Empire (which makes for interesting reading in light of Brexit), and population problems. There is also an editorial piece musing about whether or not Australian Scholars are morally obliged to come back to Australia after they finish their Oxford degrees.



*The Warden, Elizabeth Kiss and Malcolm Turnbull*

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## MALCOLM TURNBULL VISITS RHODES HOUSE

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In early March former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull (New South Wales & Brasenose 1978) visited Rhodes House. A dinner was held in his honour at which he entertained a large group of current Scholars. He also emphasised the importance of philanthropic support for the Trust and he urged the assembled dinner guests to give what they could. (Encouragingly, the youngest Scholars led the way in annual giving last year. Close to 85% of Scholars who went down in 2018 made a gift in support of the Scholarships as part of the Going Down Campaign).

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## ANNUAL RHODES FORUMS

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In February Rhodes House hosted its fourth annual Rhodes Healthcare Forum. ‘From Surviving to Thriving’ was this year’s theme. The two-day gathering brought together health professionals, Atlantic Fellows and Rhodes Scholars to discuss how best to shift health goals beyond reducing mortality in order to create a world where everyone can enjoy thriving. The third annual Rhodes Ventures Forum, to be held in late June, is an annual conference that convenes current Rhodes Scholars, Rhodes Alumni, and leaders in the international business community. The purpose is to discuss innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment.

## NATIONAL DINNER 2019 //



The sixth annual RSA National Dinner was held at the State Library Victoria in Melbourne on Saturday 30 March. The Warden of Rhodes House, Dr Elizabeth Kiss (Virginia & Balliol 1983), flew out from Oxford for the occasion and delivered the keynote address. She delivered a substantive speech about the future of the Rhodes Trust, an organisation she described as a '116-year old start-up'. Elizabeth also spoke about how warmly she feels toward Australia, and how well she knows the country having a married a Melburnian, Jeff Holzgreffe, decades ago. So confident of her local credentials was she that she issued a challenge to Don Markwell (Queensland & Trinity 1981) - the only Australian Warden in the Trust's history - claiming that she had seen more of Australia than any other Warden. The Warden then recounted an impressive list of her Australian adventures, including spending her honeymoon driving around the country.

The other main speaker was outgoing Rhodes Trustee John Wylie (Queensland & Balliol 1983).



*John Wylie*

As President of the Library Board of Victoria, he spoke about the State Library's increasing importance for young people and the dramatic growth in visitors in recent years. (At close to 2 million visitors per year, the State Library Victoria

is now the world's fourth most-visited, trailing only the New York, Beijing and Brooklyn public libraries). John also reflected on his nine years as a Rhodes Trustee, emphasising the importance of diversifying its applicant pool, the need to reach out to 'non-traditional' universities, and the imperative for all Scholars to support the Trust's future. John and his wife Myriam donated £2.5 million to the Trust's Capital Campaign, thereby securing the Queensland Rhodes Scholarship in perpetuity. As John joked during his speech, he found the experience of being a Trustee 'a very expensive experience personally.'



*The Warden, Elizabeth Kiss*

Other speakers included Master of Ceremonies Victor Finkel (Victoria & Brasenose 2012), Deputy National Secretary John Watson (New South Wales & Magdalen 1977) and ARSA President and RSA Chair Tim Orton (Australia-at-Large & Magdalen 1986).

There were almost 80 guests in attendance, including Scholars from 1951 through to 2019. As in past years, RSA invited all the 2019 Scholars-Elect, and was delighted to welcome a New Zealander too. The Scholars-Elect are a lively group and seemed to thoroughly enjoy being part of the evening and meeting older Scholars.



*Various Scholars including Amanda Gilbertson, Mike Fitzpatrick, Simon Hollingsworth, Merlin Crossley and Anthony Roediger*



*Sir Rod Eddington and Victor Finkel*

As noted in the President's Letter, in addition to attending the National Dinner, the Warden visited close to 60 other Scholars at various events, and made time to promote the Trust in the Australian media (in the [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) and on [ABC Radio](#)).

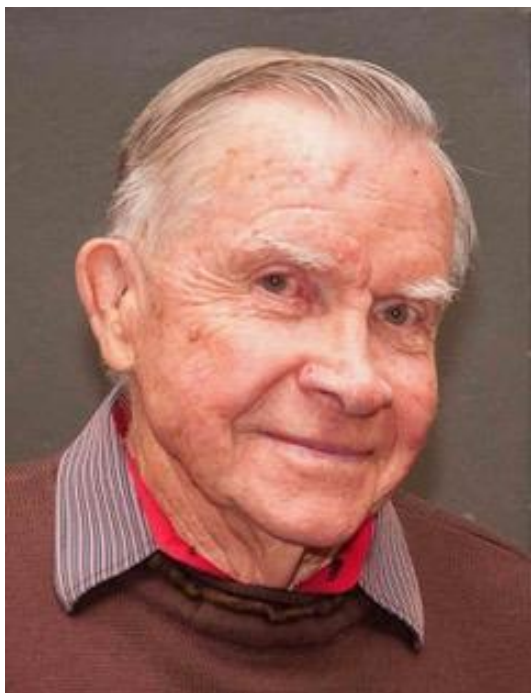
It was a hugely enjoyable and memorable few days.

## PROFILE: 'A PECULIAR SCHOLAR': MALCOLM WHYTE //

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### MALCOLM WHYTE (QUEENSLAND & BALLIOL 1947) REMEMBERS LIFE IN POST-WAR OXFORD

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The Rhodes Scholarship was suspended during WWII. At the outbreak of the war there were 80 Scholars in residence in Oxford: one year later there were 17; and only one in 1942. In 1945, 32 Scholars returned mainly from Europe and prisoner of war camps.

When the Scholarship was resumed, the eligibility criteria for ex-service applicants were relaxed. The 19 to 25 age limit was extended in proportion to years of service; and 'the honourable state of matrimony was permitted'. It was realised that the Scholarship could not support a wife and family, that married Scholars they would not be able to live as normal Scholars did, in Colleges, and that accommodation in the city would be a problem. Therefore an edict was issued – 'every married Rhodes Scholar was required to give an undertaking, first, that he had adequate means in addition to his Scholarship emoluments, and second, that before coming to Oxford he had negotiated for a dwelling place'.

Well, what a challenge! To find a place to live in, many thousands of miles away from home, in an over-crowded city in England, before the days of electronic messaging. Well, Scholars flooded into Oxford: 150 in 1946/7, peaking at 220 in 1948 when they were accompanied by 84 wives and more than 50 children. I was lucky enough to be the 1947 Queensland Scholar, and at 27 years of age, with a wife and one child was part of the ex-service in-rush of what I am calling 'Peculiar Scholars'.

After a prolonged, disappointing search for accommodation through advertisements in imported Oxford newspapers, voila, a miracle! An aerogramme arrived which read 'You don't know me, but I have heard from someone at our church who has a sister in India, who heard from your brother there, that you, in Australia, are looking for accommodation in Oxford. I think you may be interested in this ....' He was a butcher in the Market. That's how, in January 1948, we came to move into a rather empty third floor of a house occupied by a College Don and his family. Our accompanying baggage included a pram, a home-made collapsible cot, a bicycle, camping gear and two big trunks packed with clothing and foodstuffs.

To get to England I was Ship's Surgeon on the 9,000 ton cargo ship *S/S Trojan Star*. It took 6 weeks, including Christmas and New Year, to get from Melbourne to London, carrying 15 passengers. One of my tasks was to get nappies dried down in the engine room. I was paid off with one shilling at the Albert Docks where suspicious customs officials went over the ship with a fine tooth comb and finally found a large quantity of rationed contraband being smuggled into the UK in the several feet of hidden space between the outside and inside width of the ship.

Our Oxford digs had 4 chairs in it with hymnbook rests on their backs. It was a time of severe rationing of food (including bread but not whale meat), clothing, coal, firewood, soap, practically everything, including timber. I would cycle for our quota of timber and make furniture. Besides my busy domestic life I did, of course, do some work: particularly clinically caring for patients and studying for Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in the Radcliffe Infirmary downtown, and researching in the Churchill Hospital up on Headington Hill for a DPhil degree. Quite a steep hill! Cycling everywhere, of course, no gears, skidding on ice in winter. The only hang-over from my far from illustrious Army service was to wear my greatcoat on perishingly cold nights while typing my thesis on a portable typewriter purloined from the Japanese. I did medical locums to help make ends meet. One was at a dispensing practice in Scotland. The doctor, with his Scottish accent, said 'if you give them some medicine be sure to ask them to bring a sample of urine to their next visit, else you won't get the bottle back!' One patient, disappointed not to see his usual doctor, nevertheless, reluctantly left a very acceptable haunch of venison with us. Part of that practice was to attend to the needs of monks in the nearby Benedictine Monastery which overlooked Loch Ness. Father Thomas told me that Father so-and-so had seen the monster but 'knowing him he is capable of seeing anything'!

So, as you can tell I was not much of a Scholar, well, not a proper one, a 'peculiar' one. I missed out on experiencing College life and I had little

spare time to get involved in extra-curricular activities. But exploring England, lining up to meet the Queen, camping through Europe, meeting lots of interesting people from all over the world, learning heaps and having fun (and a second child), were some of the many positives.

In sport the closest I came to excellence was to be associated with Tom Bourdillon who was my regular squash opponent. Tom was a mountaineer, who later in 1953 'got the first shot at the summit' of Everest but was thwarted at 28,750 feet. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay made the second assault successfully next day. I did a bit of this-and-that in sport and other activities but I was very much an 'also-ran' compared to many other Scholars. One, for example, a New Zealander, had 5 daughters under 7 years of age and yet managed to get first class honours, a doctorate and a reputation as an aerobat.

The 'Peculiar Scholars' Scheme for ex-service men, was phased out by 1950. My family and I returned to Australia in 1952 on the P&O ship *Mooltan* packed with 'Ten Pound Poms'. She, too, had served in WWII, as an armed merchant cruiser and troop ship. So, back to earth, almost penniless, in Sydney. On behalf of postgraduate students and researchers like me, returning to work productively in this country, I appealed to Prime Minister Robert Menzies to help us to get on our feet financially: no answer.

All in all I was simply one of the lucky lot of young people – in my case probably about the 2,400th in the world, and 230th from Australia – who got immense pleasure and benefits from the vision and wealth of Cecil Rhodes.

## ALUMNI EVENTS //

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### ARSA AGM, 2 MARCH

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The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Association of Rhodes Scholars in Australia Inc. was held in Melbourne on 2 March 2019.

The draft [Meeting Minutes](#) and [Accounts](#) are available.

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### SYDNEY RECEPTION, 27 MARCH

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*Greg O'Mahoney, Scott Nixon, Andrew Bell, Elna Dahlberg and Michael Izzo*

Almost 60 Sydney-based Scholars gathered at the home of Andrew Bell (New South Wales & Magdalen 1990) and his wife Joanna Bird for a delightful garden party in honour of the visiting Warden on 27 March. Scholars of all generations attended. Andrew welcomed the guests, the Warden spoke about her vision for the Rhodes Trust and for future Scholars, and John Watson (New South Wales & Magdalen 1977) thanked our hosts for opening their home for the occasion.

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### ORIENTATION SESSION & ARSA LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION, 30 MARCH

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A few hours ahead of the National Dinner in Melbourne, 18 Scholars-Elect and Senior Scholars gathered for an orientation session. The group discussed the transition to life in Oxford, managing academic and professional expectations, and the ways in which new Scholars can participate in the broader Rhodes community. These orientation sessions have only been running for a few years and have proved very popular with the youngest crop of Scholars – as well as older ones trying to offer them some useful advice.

ARSA was delighted to celebrate the decades-long contributions made by former National Secretaries John Poynter (Victoria & Magdalen 1951) and Graham Hutchinson (Victoria & Magdalen 1971). At a presentation ceremony immediately preceding the National Dinner, Tim Orton (Australia-at-Large & Magdalen 1986) presented John and Graham with life memberships of ARSA. The occasion was made particularly special by having the Warden in attendance.



*John Poynter and Tim Orton*



*Marion Poynter, John Poynter, the Warden, Graham Hutchinson and Penny Hutchinson*

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## VICTORIAN FAREWELL DINNER, 7 AUGUST

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The ARSA Victoria Farewell Dinner for Siobhan Tobin (Somerville & Victoria 2019) will take place on Wednesday 7 August 2019 from 7 pm. The venue is Graduate House, University of Melbourne at 220 Leicester Street, Carlton. The guest speaker will be Garry Brown (South Australia & Magdalen 1964), Professor Emeritus of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Princeton University. Invitations will be sent out in June.



The Rhodes Trust and RSA (Rhodes Scholarships in Australia Pty Ltd) are in campaign mode as the end of the tax year approaches. RSA is keen to build on last year's success. Australian participation rates are normalising as Scholars recognise the value of annual giving. RSA is delighted with how many Scholars have now chosen to give regularly – whether donating modest sums or more substantial ones.

**RSA has now introduced an online donation platform, GiveNow, as a simple payment option. Australian Scholars can now give online with ease. Please go to the link below before 30 June:**

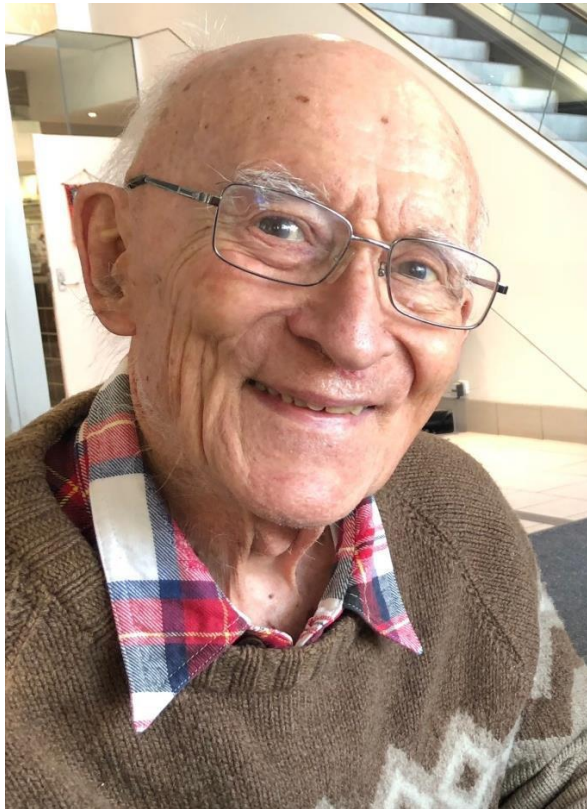
**<https://www.givenow.com.au/scholarsfund>**

**and support the Scholarship which supported you!**

Donations to RSA are tax-deductible.

Scholars who would prefer to donate via EFT payments or cheque can do by completing this [donation form](#) before 30 June.

## OBITUARIES //



**Bruce Rosier (Western Australia & Christ Church 1950)** passed away peacefully on 28 February 2019 at the age of 90.

Bruce attended East Claremont Practising School and Claremont Central School, and completed his secondary schooling at Hale School, where he was Dux in 1944. He went onto the University of Western Australia two years ahead of his peers, and in 1948 gained a Bachelor of Science, with honours in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, studying Philosophy and Greek at night out of interest. For most of his time at university, Bruce was a resident of St George's College, Crawley.

While at university Bruce met a young lady - Faith Norwood. Faith's father, Canon CWA (Clarence) Norwood was the minister at St Luke's. Bruce spent a lot of time at St Luke's playing tennis and showing off. He did not make a good first impression with Faith; she thought "that Rosier boy" was a bit arrogant and full of himself. But he

was the first man she'd met who stood up to her formidable father.

Bruce was the 1950 Rhodes Scholar for Western Australia. Bruce and Faith were engaged in 1950 before Bruce headed to England; Faith followed four years later – at that time Rhodes Scholars could not marry. Bruce read theology at Christ Church, graduating with a BA in 1952 and an MA in 1956. He gained a First in Theology and did a year's research in Hebrew and Aramaic.

Bruce completed his ordination training at Westcott House, Cambridge in 1953 under the leadership of Robert Runcie, later Archbishop of Canterbury. In June 1954, Bruce and Faith were married by the Archbishop of Perth (Henry Le Fanu) at St Mary's Church, Sutton Valence where Clarence Norwood had moved to take up his ministry. Bruce was ordained in Sheffield in September that year and served a curacy at St Gabriel's Ecclesall from 1954-57.

The family, Bruce, Faith and two children, returned to Australia in November 1957. Bruce served as parish priest at Wyalkatchem (1957-64) and Kellerberrin (1964-67). He was consecrated at St George's Cathedral in Perth in February 1967 when appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, and as Archdeacon of Northam had responsibility for the oversight of 22 rural parishes in the wheat belt of WA.

Bruce was enthroned as the fourth Bishop of Willochra in St Augustine's Church, Port Augusta, on 4 June 1970. He came to Bishop's House, Gladstone, with his wife, Faith and their four children, Stephen, Anne, Philippa and Catherine.

He left Willochra in 1987 to become Rector of St Oswald's, Parkside in the Diocese of Adelaide, serving there for six years. The Editor of *The Willochran* wrote on his leaving the diocese: "He spent a great deal of his time visiting every corner of the diocese, welding its people into a caring family. His gift of remembering names and faces, and of making each person feel important has made him one of the most loved bishops in Australia". He continued to serve the church in retirement in various ways.

Bruce was a great collector – of rocks, snakes, and plants. The WA Museum wrote to him after several years, requesting that he please stop sending them specimens of snakes he had found or run over. Bruce’s work involved a lot of driving, mostly on country roads; he said the small roads had a ‘come hither’ look which enticed him to explore further. When out driving, he loved to stop and look at, and talk to, the flowers and plants along the way. In country WA he found a previously unknown species of grevillea; *Grevillea Rosieri* was named for him. He travelled widely throughout the northern parts of South Australia during his 17 years in Willochra, and lodged nearly 400 specimens with the South Australian State Herbarium.

Bruce kept fit and active all his life; he swam, played tennis and hockey at school, and cricket as an adult; he had a daily exercise routine he kept to almost religiously. At Oxford he played lacrosse, and was awarded a “half-blue”. He also played for the “South of England”. He also enjoyed an early morning run; when staying on farms or pastoral stations he would come in from a run and let the farmer know that his boundary fence was down in the top paddock.

Bruce had a deep love of the Australian bush and the outdoor life, and often took part in the Flinders Trek program in which parties would hike through land around Mount Remarkable, Wilmington or Quorn. Participants would carry their packs, set up their own camps, and explore the wonders of the countryside. One of the hikers commented afterwards, ‘The bishop knows only one way — straight up!’ His morning walks up Mount

Remarkable from the Diocesan Centre were the stuff of legend. He still holds the record of being the only bishop of the diocese to have reached the summit, climbing the mountain over a dozen times from several different starting points.

Bruce had an engaging and simple style of preaching. Early on in his ministry, Faith told him not to preach at people but to talk to them as though they were having a conversation together. As a result, his sermons were interesting, thoughtful and relevant.

Bruce had a keen and inquiring mind, an inquisitive nature and lifelong love of learning. He was a voracious reader and would read anything and everything; he was a well-known visitor to local and state libraries.

Bruce had an amazing memory for names and an ability to associate names with dates, professions and other points of interest - a very useful skill in his profession. He had a genuine interest in people and their stories. He had the reputation when visiting a rectory where the wife was encumbered with the care of small children, of going straight to the kitchen sink and helping by washing the dishes.

Faith died in 2006. Bruce and Faith were married for over 50 years. His love and care for her during the latter years of her life, living with Alzheimer’s, was an example of true devotion, witnessed by many. Bruce is survived by his four children, six grand-children, and two great grandchildren.

*This obituary was submitted to The Australian Rhodes Review by Bruce’s daughter, Ann Hill.*

## NEWS FROM YOUR FELLOW SCHOLARS //

**Ben Allgrove**  
(South Australia & Magdalen 2002)



I am still at Baker McKenzie in London. My practice focuses on the cross-over space between IP and technology, with a particular focus on copyright, data protection and AI. Since July 2018 I have worked as the Global lead for the Firm's IP and Technology Practice. I am also the partner in charge of the Firm's Global R&D programme.

**Jaynie Anderson**  
(Rhodes Visiting Fellow & St Hugh's 1970)



In March 2019 I published (with colleagues from Sydney, Kim Wilson, Nerida Newbigin, and Julie

Sommerfeldt) in the Burlington Magazine, the peer reviewed journal for art history, the astonishing discovery of a drawing by Giorgione (above) and an inscription about him at the back of a rare edition of Dante's Divine Comedy, in the Sydney University Library. Giorgione is the equivalent of Leonardo da Vinci for Venice, and his works are few in number. Only two other drawings by Giorgione are known and the find is of great rarity and value. Above the drawing is an inscription about Giorgione, telling us that he died on 17 September 1510 at the age of 36. Previously we had only an impressionistic knowledge of the bookends of his life. This 1497 edition of Dante might well have belonged to Giorgione, or to a friend with whom he read Dante. The drawing relates to two of his early works, The Benson Holy Family in the National Gallery of Art, Washington and the Adoration of the Magi in the National Gallery of London. The discovery will allow us to redefine the chronology of Giorgione's paintings and to understand his relation to his contemporaries, Titian and Bellini, whose birthdates we still have to discover. The article has been widely discussed on the front pages of many newspapers throughout the world.

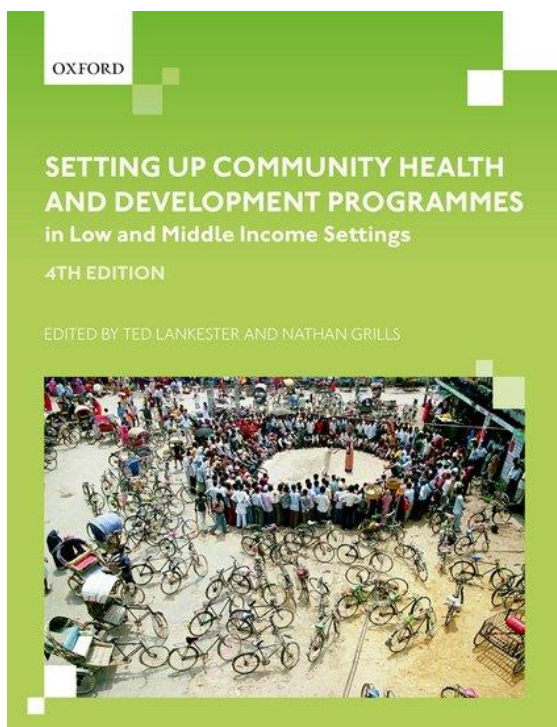
**Richard Cogswell**  
(Tasmania & St Peter's 1974)



The last day of my 3-year term as President of the NSW Mental Health Review Tribunal was 28 February 2019. I have also resigned from the NSW District Court. I have decided to embrace

retirement. As I have said publicly, I have had a very satisfying and challenging professional career; it is now time to step back and to see what else might come along. One thing already is that I will be teaching a course in mental health law at the University of Wollongong commencing later this year. We will do some more travel while we're still fit and well. I still maintain an active involvement in the World Community for Christian Meditation and the Diocese of Grafton as Chancellor to the Bishop.

**Nathan Grills**  
(Victoria & St John's 2002)



My new book 'Setting Up Community Health and Development Programmes' considers the theory and practice of community based health care in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) era. Traditionally, aid and development has been done

for communities, causing dependence and sidelining of local leadership. This book takes a completely different approach which places the community in the centre. The focus in this book is on collaboration between all relevant parties in both identifying and solving health priorities within a community.

**Simon Hollingsworth**  
(Tasmania & Exeter 1997)

I have recently taken up the role as Deputy Secretary Higher Education and Skills in the Victorian Department of Education. Since I last updated the group, I have relocated back to Melbourne from Canberra with family after 5 years (2011-16) as CEO of the Australian Sports Commission (working closely with fellow Rhodes Scholar John Wylie as Chairman!). Before my current role I spent 2 years in the Victorian Treasury as Deputy Secretary Budget. Excited to be working in education - a key sector for Australia.

**Andrew Minson**  
(Queensland & Balliol 1990)

I am still based in the UK and still often on the hockey pitch but now coaching. Connections with Oxford are now through my wife Shona (St Anne's 1990) who has discovered academia as a second career. I recently joined the newly formed Global Cement and Concrete Association as Director of Concrete and Sustainable Construction. The challenge is to be a catalyst to more sustainable construction and a lower carbon built environment and to increase the adoption of best practice both through work and involvement in the Institution of Structural Engineers. I am keen to connect with others working in this space. DM through twitter: @Andrew\_Minson

**Ross Sheil**  
(Queensland & Balliol 1956)



I am pleased to report that I am now in dedicated full-time retirement and, while life at work was totally satisfying, life in retirement equals or betters that! My working life at the University of Sydney, involving the transplantation of tissues and organs, and especially kidneys and livers, was engrossing and enjoyable. I have now returned to my original State of Queensland and am on the coast south of Brisbane where life in retirement is pleasant plus plus! The photo above shows me standing on the Sydney Harbour Bridge with my partner Ms Pamela Dilworth. I lost my wife Mary Louise, to cancer 10 years ago. Marylou was the mother of our four children and was herself, the daughter of a Victorian Rhodes scholar - Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, a renowned scholar, athlete and parliamentarian.

**Bob Solomon**  
(New South Wales & Wadham 1955)



Having had normal sight restored to one eye 73 years after first wearing glasses, and mindful in these troubled political times that in the world of the blind the one-eyed man is king, I was hopeful of new insight before my second cataract is removed. With the ravages of age never far from mind, and my co-captains of QUAC and MUAC in the early 1950s respectively holding up at 90 and 93, I continue to stretch, push and pull at the gym every second day, having begun such stationary exercise after retiring from vets athletics in 2002. However, my OUAC captain, running mate and 1956 Olympic silver medallist having long since died, I am persuaded that genes are even more important than exercise, never more so than when listening to 97-year-old Eddie Jaku stand for an hour to tell an audience about life in two concentration camps. To continue the ageing theme, I still write and edit the Former Members' quarterly journal after 21 years, and chair the Australian Institute of Urban Studies, of which I was national chairman in the 1980s.

**David Wright**  
**(Rhodesia & Oriel 1960)**



Having studied biochemistry and an education diploma at Natal University I eventually studied theology at Oxford. I never became a clergyman, however. The draw of schooling was too overwhelming. I taught chemistry to senior classes. I was eventually approached to become the first male Head of an all girls school in Southern Rhodesia. The school was on the border with Mozambique - a major point of terrorist incursions. Life was often short there. I learned many important lessons, not least why humans exist. At the war's end I was appointed to a post in the Head Office of the Education Department. Once all the important posts had been taken by Africans I found myself being left with little to do. It was then that I applied for a position in Australia and began my teaching career again from scratch. After two terms I found myself appointed as Founder Head of a school in Bowral, New South Wales. We made a

loss of over \$100K in the first year but no loss was ever repeated. After 11 years at the school I moved to Sydney as Head of a school faced with enormous difficulties. I was the fifth Head of the school in a short period of time. We moved the site of the school twice. When I retired at the end of 2000 it was recognised as a properly functioning school. I had been Head of the school for 7 years. I was then appointed as Lay Minister of the Wesley congregation, a position that I held for over 4 years. I then found myself called to Botswana to help start a new high school. I taught science, english and history in the school. I designed the new school. We faced the difficult task of creating a new school with a linear English method of approaching time and a more circular African way. The buildings had to include both perspectives. The school is now running well. My last task has been as a writer. Three books of mine have been published. The fourth is presently being examined by a publisher. I have almost finished writing the fifth book. In all the books I have attempted to explain what it means to be a real human.

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