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Happy Birthday Jane Franklin Hall!

For an old girl of sixty you are looking good!
It must be the company you keep... all those young adults...
who ensure you stay young at heart!!



These photos were taken by current resident, Will Borthwick, during the launch of Alison Alexander's book about Jane Franklin Hall and the reunion for former residents from the years Ruth Solomon (Fleming) was Principal. The photograph top left is of the current Principal with three former Principals from L-R Ruth Solomon, Michael Scanlan, Frances Parsons & David Daintree



In March this year, Ruth Solomon, former Principal, came from her home on the Isle of Man to Jane for a weekend of celebration to mark the sixtieth birthday of the College. This is the address she gave to launch the book, by Alison Alexander, on the history of the College.

Jane Book Launch

Ruth Solomon (Fleming) former Principal 1959-62

Principal, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honour and privilege for me to have been asked to be here to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of Jane Franklin Hall and to launch the first history of the College by Dr Alison Alexander. Thank you for including me in these great celebrations.

May I turn your attention for a few minutes to the lady after whom the College was named, Jane Franklin, born in 1791 and wife of Sir John Franklin, the famous NW Passage explorer, who was Governor of Tasmania from 1836 to 1843? Lady Franklin was an exceptional woman, intelligent, enthusiastic, always learning and prepared to take risks to achieve her aims. She took up causes and worked tirelessly to bring them to fruition. Not all talk, she did some extraordinary things and it is indicative of her adventurous spirit that she was the first white woman to climb Mt. Wellington, to travel overland from Melbourne to Sydney, and most formidable of all, to arrange and go on an expedition from Hobart to the disused penal settlement at Macquarie Harbour on the West Coast, a journey few of us would contemplate undertaking today and one that could so easily have ended in tragedy and death for them all. The account of this expedition is well worth reading.

It was at her suggestion that the name Van Dieman's

Land be changed to Tasmania and although she favoured Hobart, Hobart Town first became Hobart.

Her interest in science and all things intellectual made Government House in Hobart the acknowledged cultural centre for this part of the world. I understand her last act as Governor's wife was to hand over 400 acres of land, on which there was a small museum, for a college, approved by the Bishop, to be established within the next 20 years. In fact it took just over 100 years to materialize in the form of Jane Franklin Hall but I'm sure she'd be delighted with our College.

This College was founded by men and women with faith in God, so there was a firm spiritual bedrock underpinning the development of this great community. They certainly needed their faith. Can you imagine the reception three men would get from a bank manager today if they asked for a loan of \$500,000 (£10,000 in old money) to buy an old house to start a women's college? "What collateral do you have?" "None". After discussion the bank manager said "Yes". What faith!!

It is easy for us to forget how recently university education has become available for all capable of undertaking it, and how privileged we are to have it. After all, it was 1948 before women were awarded degrees from Cambridge (just ten years before I became Principal of Jane) – in living memory.

The attitude of many men had not modified much. When I was to be replaced at Jane, a prominent gentleman from the university suggested than an (I'm sure) admirable woman with no academic qualifications replace me. "I'm sure she could this job easily", he said. I realized that he thought of Jane as a boarding house for nice 'gels' attending a few lectures at the uni. Be assured, I left him in no doubt about the purpose, standards and academic excellence expected from those who passed through this College. If the standards were not met, the students were not invited to remain.

History has moved on now. So much has happened in the last half century. For example, the computer, the internet and mobile phones have invaded our lives.





*Alison Alexander
at the book launch*

that mind can influence matter, is the power of prayer also feasible? It has appeared relevant to millions of people for thousands of years. Could the quantum world help to explain such things? The next 60 years are going to be fascinating.

College has changed too. Men, who I spent a lot of time keeping on the ground floor in public rooms, have moved into the bed studies. Isn't progress wonderful!!

The history of this College you can read in Dr Alexander's well-researched book but I'd like to look at what I think makes a college great, what I think college students have that others miss. I think, maybe, it is belonging to, and living in, a community that makes the difference. It is the association of people with similar interests with whom to interact and discuss. May I give you two examples; in my first year in economics I attended a lecture on the division of labour. One of the earliest examples of the advantages was given by Adam Smith (the father of economics) who calculated that the many processes necessary to make a pin, if undertaken by one man, would produce 20 in a day, but if ten men each specialized in one process they could make 48,000 pins in a day. Two friends and I decided we would use this newly acquired knowledge. It was decided I would attend all lectures, make triplicate notes and be able to understand and explain them to the other two. Joan read all the reference books, making notes and picking out points of special importance (p 231 para 3). The third member of our group, Stephen, was clever at maths so undertook to teach us the mathematical concepts in economics and statistics that we needed. We met, discussed and eventually our hard work paid off in exam results.

The second, and more modern, example can be drawn from science that now tells us we are made up of 50 trillion cells (I'm not sure who counted them – at one

*From left:
David Daintree,
John Tooth and
Michael Stoddart*

We live in interesting times with huge advances in science and technology. I feel that one of the most significant developments could be in quantum physics – the exploring of the very small – to add to our knowledge of the very large. It has given us an entirely new way of thinking. Scientists have had to open their minds to concepts beyond what we thought was common sense. Even a well-accepted theory like Einstein's theory of relativity dealing with the very large is hard to comprehend. I'm reminded of the limerick:

*'There was a young lady called Bright
Who travelled much faster than light.
She went out one day
In a relative way
And returned on the previous night.'*

With quantum theory, scientists are having to accept 'now you see it, now you don't,' sometimes it's a particle and sometimes a wave because it works mathematically. I am not a scientist but the strange behavior of the quantum world has opened up the possibility of new thinking about reality, emotions and spiritual values. We should not be afraid to look at the cutting edge of knowledge. The 'establishment' has always been reluctant to accept what it considered revolutionary ideas. Now that scientists are experimenting and showing





per second 24/7 it would take well over one and a half years to count just one of us). Thank heavens for computers. Each cell, we are told, is capable of existing alone and has the ability to eat, excrete, and detect light, heat and food. It absorbs oxygen and moves towards good stimuli and away from harmful ones. It can reproduce, and there is DNA, a blueprint of not only the cell but also the whole body. Evolution has shown cells becoming more specialized and forming different organs, grouping together and co-operating to increase the chances of survival and success. We are multi-cellular organisms of 50 trillion cells and the co-operation of our cells makes us healthy human beings.

So a college of students, all complete in themselves and capable of living alone, who come together to learn and enjoy one another's company and ideas, advances knowledge. By meeting, discussions, exchanges of views over endless cups of coffee, students gradually form ideas – theories – that become passions to be understood and proved. Good tutors keep them focused, correct misapprehensions and present new material. Teaching is the best way to learn, so when students start teaching one another, everyone benefits. Rogue cells in body or college cause poor health – co-operation creates good health.

Today, however, we are concerned with the last 60 years history as so ably recounted by Dr Alexander, an author with an impressive record of historical publications. Buy her book and read her account of what

has happened. I've heard it said history is an account of things that should never have happened!! Whether or not, I represent the first decade of this history in which we tried to establish achievement in well-adjusted human beings. The students worked hard and played hard. We produced plays, comic operas; held dances and debates; entered sports events and fended off raids from other colleges!! We had well-attended 15 minute chapel services every day, a retreat of peace and serenity where consolation could soothe and thanksgiving elate. Did we succeed? The proof of the pudding is in the eating and the students from those early days are scattered over the whole world having achieved great things – like our Koesmarihati, the first woman engineer in this University, who has been head of telecommunications in Indonesia – at the very top in her field – and there are many more, uni lecturers, doctors and social and cultural workers. I am so proud of my students.

You, the students today, are our future leaders, the brains of our society to whom the world will look for guidance. You'll need to be mentally flexible, physically strong and morally and spiritually capable. A bit intimidating do you think? Don't worry. You'll cope. You are Janers!!

I have much pleasure in launching the history of Jane Franklin Hall and hope you'll buy one, read about the past and ensure that its future, in your hands, will go from strength to strength to build an even greater College. ■



50 years ago at Jane

Ruth Solomon speaks to current residents

On Saturday we started our formal birthday celebrations. I feel this is more a family occasion and less formal than the book launch, so I thought you might like to hear about some of the things that happened here 50 years ago.

Students then had to ask to go out after 10pm and say where they were going. Late leave, usually 1.30 or 2.00am, was given once a fortnight. You may smile to think how free you are now but sometimes the restrictions were useful. Once a student asked for late leave and I was about to say 'Yes' when she interrupted and said 'Don't give it to me'. I said, with raised eyebrows, 'All right, you can't go'. She smiled and walked away. Then I heard her on the phone, 'Sorry, I can't come. I asked, but the old battle-axe won't give me leave! No good asking again once she's said 'No'. So sorry, perhaps next time'. As she left the phone she turned to me and smiled and said, 'Thanks. I have an essay to finish and besides he's a bit dull'. Restrictions and someone to blame can have their uses.

On another occasion, late leave was sought and

given. On the afternoon of the leave Sally came and said, 'I can't go tonight'. 'Why'. 'Well I haven't anything to wear'. 'Surely someone upstairs has a dress you can borrow', I said. At about 8pm Sally appeared. 'I'm going. Do I look alright?' She looked a million dollars – absolutely fabulous in an off-one-shoulder dress. Gathers at the other shoulder were held by a large diamante brooch. A slit to just above the knee made the straight skirt interesting. 'What was all that about having nothing to wear? You look gorgeous.' 'Thanks. Don't you recognize it?' 'No'. 'It's my study curtains!' She had a super night out.

I have no doubt many of you thought 'We'll have to sit through a speech in which one minute's idea is extended to one hour's verbiage. What can an old lady tell us that could be of any use to us?' Well my vast age has taught me a couple of things I'd like to pass on briefly.

Don't worry about the past. There is absolutely nothing you can do to alter the past; it happened or didn't happen and it's over; just try to learn from it. Nor should you worry about the future – prepare for it but don't worry about it. It may never happen!! The only thing you need to worry about is the present and what decisions you make now because millions of tiny decisions you make now will create your future. Sounds silly? Well, let's say I'm at the top of the stairs and I decide to take a step a fraction larger than usual and come tumbling down. I may just lose my dignity and make you laugh or I break my leg, go to hospital and meet someone who changes my life or I fall to the bottom and break my neck and die. Tiny decisions – massive consequences – like that butterfly flapping its wings in Brazil – you know the one-chaos theory – causes a storm over the Himalayas. Thought and action or emergence activated changes the universe. So we need to take the present situation with all its faults and get on with doing the best we can now. So if you know you haven't read enough – don't worry just start reading now. If you're considering doing something really daft, think again. When I was a student I told my cousin of some of the silly things I was thinking of doing. He laughed and said, 'Just make sure you don't do anything you wouldn't want to see in





banner headlines in the newspaper the following morning'. It has been a good rule of thumb for me for over 60 years.

If you are trying to decide on a career, choose one that really interests you. You'll spend most of your conscious life doing it so you may as well enjoy it! Don't choose one because it will net you the most money if you don't enjoy the job. Money is highly overrated. We need money for food, shelter, clothes and a bit over for fun. After that money can be nothing but a nuisance. It doesn't bring happiness. Look out for odd, one-off jobs that will stretch you and maintain your interest and enthusiasm that can be expanded to the extent of your capacity.

Make sure you enjoy your time at Uni (you'll never again have the same freedom of thought and action). See to it that you work hard from the beginning of term and that you allow time for exploring the Uni societies and groups. Have an open mind and adventurous spirit. Climb mountains, sing operas, listen to the experiences of famous people visiting College. Have fun! I remember at the party after a Jane concert (put on with the help of Christ College and Hytten Hall students), someone suggested a vote of thanks to me for producing it. Mike Andrews, a large, strong young man, who played rugby for the Uni stepped forward and said, 'Three cheers for Miss Fleming', and picked me up in his arms, tossed me towards the ceiling three times while everyone shouted 'Hip hip hooray'. Then he lowered me gently to the floor saying, 'Thanks. We've had a great time'. Memorable events!

When you leave Uni don't forget what it has given you: the opportunity to know enough to make a difference in the world. You are the intellectuals of the future and you need to give back to the community some advice for future generations. When you have children remember that it is the first few years of their lives that are your responsibility and the most vital to their education. A child is born with a definite personality but is a blank

canvas regarding knowledge of the world. Children have an amazing capacity to absorb whatever information is presented by those around them and also to assimilate the values of their parents. Make sure your child gets the right input wrapped liberally in love.

Love? Oh yes I'll finish by telling you where and how I met my husband. He was a theology student at Christ College, somewhat older than most students. I was producing a G and S operetta *Trial by Jury* and he came to sing the defendant. That was the period of the Orr case which split the University in two. Professor Orr (Philosophy) had been summarily dismissed for living ménage à trois with his wife and a student. This led to a strictly observed rule of no fraternization between staff and students. We therefore carried on our courtship in great secrecy which led to all sorts of funny situations – only the Bishop and the then Warden of Christ College knew what was going on.

The next year we put on *Patience* and Arthur played Grosvenor kneeling before Patience to ask her to marry him. As producer, I was showing Patience how I thought she should respond. Arthur and I found the situation very amusing as he had already posed that question for real. My reply to him, by the way, had been 'Oh I couldn't possibly answer a question like that!' and I never have, despite the fact that we have been married for nearly 48 years. In those days Christ College students booked a time to use the phone. Arthur booked midnight each night. I had a phone installed beside my bed which facilitated the most unusual courtship and proved very useful in anticipating such events as college raids!!

It only remains for me to thank the Principal for his warm welcome, his kindness and hospitality, so making my return after 50 years a delightful experience. Thank you to Christine Howard whose careful planning and meticulous attention to detail has facilitated the smooth running of these celebrations. Thank you to Alison Alexander for her excellent book. Buy it and read it!

Thank you to the catering staff whose excellent meals, delicious afternoon teas and spectacular birthday cakes have delighted us. Lastly, to all of you who have helped in any way and especially to the students who took hundreds of photos and those who gave conducted tours to visitors who were students 50 years ago and came from Hong Kong, Indonesia and every state of Australia to be here. All your efforts have been very much appreciated and I wish you success for the rest of your celebrations. I have wonderful memories of Jane Franklin Hall and am so thrilled to see how it has progressed and wish you, and all those who follow you, every good fortune for the future.' ■



Congratulations Koesmarihati

editor

This is an edited version of an address given by Koesmarihati Sugondo (Koesnowarso) 1962 at a ceremony in Hobart in December 2009, where she was the recipient of the degree of Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa*. Koesmarihati was a Colombo Plan scholar and one of the University of Tasmania's first two women engineering graduates. Koesmarihati and Trismiati Harsono, both Indonesian women, graduated Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering at the same ceremony in 1966. They were residents at Jane Franklin Hall.

Koesmarihati worked in Hobart and Melbourne before returning home to work in the development of telecommunications infrastructure and industry all over Indonesia. She became Director of Development of PT Telkom, the state-owned telecommunication company. She was a member of the board of commissioners for other telecommunication corporations, and was later assigned to establish and become the CEO of PT Telkomsel, a mobile phone provider. During the years she was at the helm of PT Telkomsel, the organisation became the largest mobile phone provider in Indonesia and remains so today.

Koesmarihati retired in 1998. She subsequently worked as a senior consultant for PANSYSTEMS and wrote a strategic development plan for post and telecommunications in Indonesia.

She also served as one of the five commissioners in the Indonesian Telecommunications Regulatory Body, laying foundations for an open competitive environment in the industry. Now she is special adviser to the Director General of Post and Telecommunications. Koesmarihati is a former president of IKAMA, the Australian Alumni Association in Indonesia and is currently a member of IKAMA's Board of advisers.

To appreciate the level of Koesmarihati's engagement with the organisation, one must appreciate the scale on which IKAMA operates. The organisation has a permanent secretariat and publishes regular newsletters. Activities

are organised for the alumni of Australian universities, and assistance is given to universities wishing to arrange functions, set up institutional chapters under the IKAMA umbrella, or hold recruitment activities. The biennial dinner, attended by the Australian Ambassador, one of the patrons of the organization, is an extremely high-profile event attracting much publicity.

Koesmarihati has been given a Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Tasmania Alumni, and an Australian Alumni Award by the Australian Embassy in Indonesia, in recognition of her efforts in furthering the relationship between Australian and Indonesia. Koesmarihati has also done much to build the reputation of the University of Tasmania in Indonesia.

'I could not describe what my feelings are today, happy, excited but for sure very much honoured. Today I have received an honorary degree in Doctor of Engineering from this distinguished University of Tasmania. I thank God for the blessing.

The University of Tasmania has been a turning point in my life. An Australian Colombo Plan scholarship has allowed me to do my tertiary education in the School of Engineering here from 1962 to 1965. Not only did I get my tertiary education, but also work experience in engineering. After graduation I worked at the Hydro Electric Commission in Hobart and then PMG (now Telstra) in Melbourne.

Even though I started my career in electrical power engineering, I have worked in almost every field of telecommunication, including development, operations, planning, and management and restructuring the telecommunication sector. I have been working with full passion, knowing that my work could contribute to the welfare of my country. The foundation of education and work experience in Australia has changed my life beyond my imagination.

The celebration today is not simply about achievement alone but has a wider scope and deeper meaning than that. The celebration is about the long-life friendships and the people to people links between Indonesia and Australia that have been formed. I thank the Government of Australia for giving me a tertiary education, the Indonesian Government for letting me accept the scholarship and the University of Tasmania for giving me the chance to study.

Thank you to the people of Hobart who accept me as I am and are friends with me and other Indonesian and Asian students. I thank Jane Franklin Hall for being my home and the girls there who accepted me as their friends, even as their families. To the graduates tonight, I congratulate you and welcome you to the professional world that is waiting for your contribution.' ■

*From left:
Koesmarihati,
Prof Chris
Letchford, Head of
School of
Engineering and
Trismiati Harsono*



Professor Enid Campbell (1950)

Frances Parsons former Principal 1963-70
and resident 1951

Enid, who died in January this year, was one of the most outstanding past residents of Jane Franklin Hall and academically one of the highest achieving women in Australia. She was educated at Methodist Ladies College in Launceston and left as dux in 1949. Enid won prizes every school year, and another notable achievement during her school days was to win first prize in an Examiner 'Young Artists' exhibition. She chose, however, to follow in the footsteps of her father, Launceston lawyer Neil Campbell, of whom she was very proud and, with a University Entrance Scholarship, enrolled in law. Enid was a foundation resident in Jane Franklin Hall for five years, from its establishment in 1950. Her friends there remember well the satirical caricatures resulting from her artistic gifts and trenchant wit. She worked hard, and also joined in college recreational activities. Unfortunately her mother became ill at an early age and Enid was often in Launceston helping support her family. She had two brothers, one of whom survives her.

Her career at university was distinguished; she won or shared the James Backhouse Walker Prize for Law four times and when she graduated LLB (Hons) BEc, she was one of the first Commonwealth students to study at Duke University, North Carolina, where she gained her Ph D. In 1959 she became the first full-time female lecturer in the Tasmanian law school (teaching all-male classes); the next year she joined the Sydney law school where she became associate professor in 1965 and in 1967 was appointed to the Sir Issac Isaacs Chair of Law at Monash University, which she held until her retirement. This made her the first woman in Australia or New Zealand to hold a full chair in law, and she later became dean of the faculty, the first

woman law dean in Australia. Her career in the hitherto male dominated profession of law has been an encouragement to other women to follow suit. Some of her first students included Mary Gaudron (first female Justice of the High Court of Australia) and Marilyn Warren (first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria).

For 30 years, Campbell was at the forefront of legal research, constitutional law and administrative law. She published numerous books and over 100 journal articles and papers. She served on several important bodies investigating law reform in Australia, including the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission of 1987, the Royal Commission on Government Administration in Australia in 1974, and the Constitutional Commission for the Australian Bicentennial.

Enid was a noted scholar in administrative and constitutional law, legal history and Parliamentary law and practice, and was a prolific author of books, articles and reports. Even a quick survey of Google entries under her name is an eye opener. One of her books, *Parliamentary Privilege in Australia*, is still regarded as the classic text in its field. Another, *Legal Research; Methods and Materials*, is in its fourth edition. As well, she served on many committees and commissions, including the Royal Commission on Australian Government Administration in 1974, the Constitutional Commission for the Australian Bicentennial and the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission of 1987.

In 1972 she was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and in 1979 Enid was awarded the Order of the British Empire. In 1990, as part of its centenary celebrations, the University of Tasmania bestowed on her a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* and Sydney and Monash have also honoured her with honorary Doctorates of Laws.

In 2005, Enid was awarded an AC, Companion in the Order of Australia, the highest honour which can be given to an Australian citizen 'for services to legal scholarship and education, for raising debate in the field of constitutional law and to public law reform'. In that year, *Law and Government in Australia*, a book of essays in her honour, was published with a foreword by Hon. Gough Whitlam, in which he wrote of her 'exceptional intellectual life' and said 'Her work has helped us understand the shape of modern government in Australia, and we are the richer for it.'

In March this year the Monash law faculty held a celebration of the life and work of Professor Enid Mona Campbell, AC OBE LLD *honoris causa* (Tasmania, Sydney and Monash) PhD (Duke) LLB Hons B Ec (Tas). ■



Seventy-four Days on the Island

Dr Helen Cameron (Wells) 1961
Visiting Fellow February 2010

This is a reflective piece (edited) about our recent stay here at Jane Franklin Hall where I have had the fortune to be a Visiting Fellow. My husband Brian and I have enjoyed our time here, especially as the weather has been so mild whereas we had expected to freeze at times. Here it is April as I write this and our coats remain in the cupboard, unused. Global warming has come to Tasmania. We thank the current Principal Michael Scanlan, his wife Annette, the Resident and other Fellows and all the students for their supportive friendship during our time here. Living at Jane in my Visiting Fellow role reawakened memories of my time here as a resident student nearly fifty years ago, during 1961 to 1964. I was 16 when I arrived here, turning 17 a week or so after my first week at Jane, and it was an anxious time for me. After the settling-in period however, I found it to be a friendly community, providing a nurturing all-female environment that was a comfort to me after being separated from my family for the first time. But our lives in the 1960s were very different to those of most students now at Jane and this institution, the university and the city were very different in those days compared with now.

For starters, Jane was a much smaller establishment as the resident population in 1961 was around 40 young women and the only buildings standing were what are

now called Barrett and Vines, although there was a tennis court, a fish pond and a summer house. There were lots of rules too, most of them directed at our safety – both moral and physical – although rule breaking without being caught was part of the fun. Because of the smaller numbers, residents developed caring friendships which meant most of us felt supported and any problems were quickly noticed and attended to. There was always fun and relaxation in good supply, counterbalancing serious academic study.

Meals were unastounding. There was no bus of any kind running between Jane and the university. Because of this, we rarely came back for lunch and most of us ate in the uni cafeteria where we used to buy drinks and/or buns and sometimes single cigarettes. More university students smoked in those days but few of us could afford a whole packet and this restrained our habit considerably. Following afternoon lectures and some 'hanging about' we would walk back for dinner. This was always formal with gown wearing required by

*Helen Cameron
and Barry
O'Grady*

Serious celebrating often occurs when birthdays end in '0' and Jane Franklin Hall is no exception. In 1950 the College opened its doors to a small group of young women studying at the University of Tasmania. Sixty years later the College provides accommodation, and much more, for nearly two hundred men and woman. This sixtieth birthday is being celebrated in different ways throughout the year. Already we have launched a book on the history of the College (see page 2), enjoyed the hospitality of the Lord Mayor at a civic reception, hung a painting by John Lendis, received approval to construct additional parking spaces in the grounds and read an article in UNITAS on the College.

Planning is underway for a reception at Government House, a recital by the Jane Franklin consort at National Trust's Runnymede in New Town, a College dinner to celebrate the birthday of Jane, Lady Franklin, a special Jane art show and College play. An alumni scholarship dinner is a possibility and we hope to lay a foundation stone for extensions to College. At present the timeline for these alterations is not yet clear. For more information on any of these activities, please visit the Jane website www.jane.utas.edu.au or phone 03 6210 0100.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANE



all. I believe the current practice of formal dinners being less frequent makes sense in some ways as it is more likely to mean the tradition is respected. The current cheerful din at non-formal dinners however is very different to the polite, quiet chatter of our smaller mealtime get-togethers in the 1960's. Dinner did not include alcohol at any time although we sometimes had a pre-dinner sherry in the common room. We had very few international students.

The University itself was much smaller with 1,346 students in 1964. This is compared with current enrolments of around 15,000 in 2010 with around 10,000 at Hobart campus (UTas statistics). In the 1960s there were fewer cars on the road and only two students had cars. The city was a different place too, as there were few restaurants in the 1960s and no coffee bars. We considered it extremely cool to go the only Italian restaurant for spaghetti Bolognese and espresso coffee. Television was in its infancy too in the 1960s. Jane had one television which was located in the common room.

Looking back, our lives were simpler. I do not recall any of us combining study and paid work. University fees were nonexistent then as were mobile phones. I think Jane Franklin Hall offers students the opportunity to learn to manage the pressures of university study through its informal support structures and its more formal programs.

Now I am back in South Australia in my role as Adjunct Senior Research Fellow in the School of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy in the University of South Australia. It has been a pleasure to contribute in small ways to Jane and I thank Michael Scanlan and everyone else for friendship and encouragement whilst we have been in residence. ■

WISH ME LUCK AS YOU WAVE ME GOODBYE!

In the last edition of *Libertas* I announced I was reducing my work hours at Jane to one day a week. Part of this reduction was relinquishing my role as editor of *Libertas*. However the best laid plans of mice and men... and here I am back again.

Adam James has been unwell and unable to prepare this edition of the magazine so I have agreed to one more edition. My after-Jane email is christine@christinehoward.biz and I continue to be grateful to all the people who have made my time at Jane so memorable.

Days of Now

*I walk at night to seek other views
TV is just a chiaroscuro swarm
I hear the plover's call from the river
And I admire his elegant form.*

*Will we be changed by awful days
When terror and fear fill the dark?
Can we smile and remember love again
As we sit in the Caf near the park?*

*Or will these terrible violent times
Numb our hearts so we cannot care
Killing our faith in small joys
So we stand here in mute despair?*

*So on a trip to the centre of nowhere
We hope our journey is long.
Inside this world's wide chalice
The land still rings like a song*

Dr Helen Cameron

Helen lives in South Australia, which, with other parts of Australia, has suffered long periods of drought and severe water restrictions. The following haiku is about the land's resilience in the midst of drought.

Dry Art

*The land lies panting
for water, for rain.
Drought is relentless*

*Old trees are warriors
in this fight for life,
their feet deep in soil*

*Down the stony creek
grass traces memories
of ancient dry streams*

*Birds see our garden
And come to seek shade.
We hear their strange calls*

*The moon on roses
in gardens at night,
makes fragrant beacons*

*Insomniac birds
sing two falling notes
in dark dusty streets*

*The crust of this land
is thin as eggshell.
Dear fragility*

Dr Helen Cameron



From the Principal

Michael Scanlan

The Jane community is celebrating the College's sixtieth anniversary and we have a mixture of unique and annual events planned. The College's role in Hobart was recently acknowledged by a reception at the Town Hall, hosted by the Lord Mayor.

Of very special interest was the launch, by a previous Principal, Ruth Solomon, of the book *Jane Franklin Hall 1950-2010; the Story of a Residential College* written by local historian, Dr Alison Alexander. The weekend of the launch, 20 and 21 March, was a memorable time for all those current and former residents, staff, Councillors, Fellows and parents who were able to attend.

Earlier in the year, in January, the Odyssey Travel summer schools were a great success, with 99 students completing the schools over the two week programme co-ordinated by Dr Bruce Rosen. Meanwhile the College is enjoying full occupancy with the current community at Jane being very settled. At this time of the year the residents are fully engaged with their studies.

Some components of the redevelopment project being planned in conjunction with the University of Tasmania are being reviewed in the context of close financial planning and the anticipated accommodation needs of the University in the next decade.

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the staff, Fellows, Council members and residents for their involvement in Jane and their constant support.

This *Libertas* contains details of the celebrations for this most significant anniversary. ■



A marriage made at Jane

editor

Meredith Roberts-Thomson 1999 and Tyrone Blyth 1998) were married at Table Cape in January this year, in the garden of Meredith's family home. The bride and groom met at Jane more than ten years ago and Tyrone merely grinned when others suggested this was not the speediest courtship! Among former Jane residents at the wedding were Trish Roberts-Thomson 1969, Stephen Karpels 1999, Ewan Blyth 2000 and Siobhan de Little 1999 and the stories of 'the good old days at Jane' were legion. The setting for the wedding was stunning, the food exceptionally good and the bride and groom were obviously delighted so many friends and family chose to help them celebrate a very special occasion. Christine Howard was the celebrant. There is a strong rumour circulating that Meredith's parents are considering establishing a business as wedding planners and caterers, following their most successful foray into this activity. A Roberts-Thomson family reunion soon after the wedding, also in the same location, has certainly cemented Paul and Bronwen's reputation as wonderful hosts and excellent event co-ordinators. Meredith and Tyrone are living in Cambridge, UK, and have just returned from a second honeymoon in Turkey, after Tyrone's return from three months working in Tasmania, Macquarie Island and Antarctica. ■

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Another book well written

Marilyn Lake (Calvert) 1965

Marilyn Lake was last month announced as joint winner of the Prime Minister's prize for non-fiction, the most significant and most lucrative prize in the country.

Her book *Drawing the Global Colour Line: White Men's Countries and the Question of Racial Equality*, co-authored with Henry Reynolds, was published jointly by Cambridge University Press (UK) and Melbourne University Press in 2008. It was launched by former Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, at the State Library of Victoria on 1 March 2008.

Marilyn Lake is Professor in History and Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at La Trobe University. She completed her Honours degree in History at the University of Tasmania 1965-1968 and MA in 1972. ■

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A soft-cover version of the book, purchased from the College and posted to an Australian address, sells for \$45. The College accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards. Please include a daytime phone number and a delivery address with each order.

Agfest

editor

Agfest has a permanent place in the Jane calendar and many people drop in to say hello and chat about time at college and university. There are many genuine enquiries about living at college and many younger school children leave the stand with something tangible to remind them of Jane and, hopefully, good feelings about the warmth of their welcome and an understanding of the potential place UTas and Jane could have in their lives in the future.

Two of the first visitors this year were Iain Bruce 2005 (iain.bruce@tpjones.com.au) and Mike Henry 2005.

Since graduation Iain has been employed as a consultant agronomist in northern Tasmania and midlands for TP Jones, an agricultural merchandise and service company. He and Mike and David Whishaw 2004 were all at Agfest as judges of the inaugural PASS award (proactive agricultural safety and support). This award is for new and innovative products to improve agricultural outcomes. Mike is working on his family's farm near Cressy, running sheep and cattle and producing wheat and cabbages. David continues to run Armidale at Carrick with his mother, Robyn.

Paul and Bronwen Roberts-Thompson are stalwarts of Agfest and visiting their stand, Van Dieman's Quality Bulbs, is always a highlight. Son David 2002 will soon move back to the family farm at Table Cape which suggests there may be a little more time for Paul and Bronwen to explore other interests. Their daughter Meredith 1999 married Tyrone Blyth 1998 earlier this year. Read about the wedding on page 11.

Jenny (Gee) 1987 and Ian Gabbedy 1987 (ianjen@iinet.net.au) met at Jane. Ian was president of the student club in 1989. Jenny believes Low Table started while they were at Jane, possibly in 1989. If you can confirm this date (or have more accurate information) please contact Christine Howard christine.howard@utas.edu.au

Jenny graduated with BEd then worked in insurance and superannuation industries for about three years then had ten years in payroll. Now she is a full time mother, with children aged two and four years. Ian graduated with BSc and now works for National Foods as a risk co-ordinator. Previously the family lived in Melbourne. Now they are back in Launceston.

Terry Brumby, Oliver's dad, came to visit. Ollie (2002) is in Whistler, Canada, at present. Read more about him in Grapevine 2002.



Jan and Barry O'Grady and Carolyn Canty enjoyed Agfest and did their best to keep the economy afloat! The O'Gradys have been involved with Jane for more than 25 years. Jan is the current senior Fellow and Barry has worked on the Jane stand at Agfest in past years.

The Jane stand was close to several schools including Hutchins, St Michael's Collegiate, Launceston Grammar and Scotch Oakburn. As so many Jane residents come from these establishments, it's good to have personal contact with their staff. ■

*Michael Scanlan
and Christine
Howard*

CRUISING THE PIEMAN RIVER

Amongst 25 passengers enjoying a day trip on MV *Arcadia* on the Pieman River in NW Tasmania in January were Christine Howard and her adult children and Suzette Pullinger 2007 and her brother Richard 2005.

Suzette graduated two years ago (Arts/Law) and in January was contemplating an exchange to either Ottawa or London. No doubt she has already arrived! sepo@utas.edu.au

Richard Pullinger 2005 graduated in 2007 with BSc and is in Townsville studying for his MSc in Marine Biology. He hopes to graduate in July this year. richpullinger@gmail.com

Michael Pullinger 2001 graduated with BEng/BSc (Hons) and was heading to Canada, looking for work as an engineer and hopefully enjoying all the winter sports at weekends.

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Phil Pullinger 1999 is a GP in Huonville and enjoying family life with one baby.

FORMER RESIDENTS' NEWS



*Jane's diary by
John Lendis*

Annual Giving Projects for 2010

editor

Very soon all members of the wider Jane community will receive a brochure and letter in the mail, inviting them to support the annual giving programme for 2010. There are two projects this year: purchase of a painting by John Lendis and provision of extra parking spaces in the College grounds.

John Lendis is one of Tasmania's premier oil painters. He has spent the best part of a decade working on paintings featuring Jane, Lady Franklin, the adventurist 19th century Governor's wife who didn't fit the mould. After the Franklins left Tasmania, they went back to England and Sir John Franklin vanished while trying to find the fabled route through the North West Passage.

Jane spent five years in London writing letters, organising funds and trips to search for her lost husband. John Lendis has recently returned from a three month residency at Cambridge University to study those letters, and other documents, as a prelude to his current body of work.

John places his work within the tradition of landscape paintings. Historical figures, such as Jane, Lady Franklin, become – literally – rivers and mountains, islands and oceans, dissolving into the surface. The

paint, the surfaces, and the figures move, disappear, remake themselves, merge and explode. Lendis fuses dreamlike images, dredged from memory, with narratives of contemporary society. In this way, he transforms the external landscape into a deeply personal experience.

The purchase of a painting by John Lendis will ensure the celebrations for Jane's sixtieth birthday last much longer than twelve months. John's reputation as a painter of merit and his choice of Jane Franklin as his subject indicate an amazing parallel with the College's emphasis on excellence and its association with Lady Franklin. The purchase of a painting by this artist will cement our position as an organisation where excellence is celebrated and will enable current and future residents and friends of the College to live with objects of beauty.

Provision of additional parking spaces in college grounds will always be well received by residents. The modest annual rental for car spaces does not pay for capital works to develop new facilities so funds need to come from other sources. We hope you will share our enthusiasm for these products. ■



Will at work

2003 Corporate Raider Will Kay

There was always a pretty good chance that I was going to end up heading down the corporate road for the first portion of my working life. Step one for me was to get a job over the masses of applicants in the market for graduate positions in Melbourne. This is a process that starts about 18 months before the job, when you apply to be a 'vacationer/summer clerk' and, if successful, work for four to six weeks over summer. At the end of that period you (hopefully) get offered a job beginning twelve months later. Lucky for me they let me through the process and I was given a job in the tax practice at Ernst and Young (only slightly more exciting than it sounds...)

So after the year of waiting, I was once again a fresher in the corporate world (although my title here was 'graduate'). We even got our version of an O-week in Sydney with the Ernst and Young graduates from all over the country also in attendance. Sadly though red, black and white night was replaced by lectures on tax legislation and we were given homework we actually had to do! Not quite the same experience, but good all the same.

Living in Melbourne over the last year has been great. I have even justified a Hawthorn Football Club

membership, which has allowed me to go to the games most weeks and watch how capable they are at grasping defeat from the jaws of victory. I am also living in an apartment in St Kilda which does at times mean getting on a tram that resembles a Frannie P party but it is never boring.

Another good thing in Melbourne has been the presence of other ex-Jane students. We recently had a group of ten ex-Jane people to our apartment for a BBQ. I have also been able to have a couple of regular meetings with Justin McCarthy to strike fear into the cars parked along the sides of the driving range fence. For anyone else in Melbourne, don't be afraid of getting in contact if you are visiting or just send me an email if you are interested in working over here or want to update me on life during or after JFH. ■

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News from Lucy

Lucinda Bordignon 2004

In December 2009 I graduated from the Australian National University with a combined Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. I completed a double Arts major in French and International Relations. I had a wonderful time at ANU and also at UTas, where I began my tertiary education in 2004.

I am currently living in Canberra and completing the graduate diploma in Legal Practice at the Australian National University. This course is also known as legal workshop and it is a prerequisite to admission as a solicitor. I am enjoying legal workshop and the pro bono work that I have been doing in a community legal centre.

I will be admitted as a solicitor in October this year, after which I will begin work in a firm. I am planning to travel to Europe and to France in particular. Best wishes to everyone at Jane. ■

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1959

MARILYN PIDGEON OAM (HOLROYD)

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I do enjoy reading Libertas and glimpsing a little of the activities at Jane – so different now compared with 50 years ago. It's especially pleasing to see the spread of academic interests as well as the high jinks!

1960

JOSCELYN RICHARDS

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I would have loved to have joined in the celebratory events for JFH, the launch of the book and Mrs Solomon's visit and to meet old Jane girls and see Mrs Solomon. Unfortunately it is not easy to pop over from London!! I have had an enormous amount on this term. I retired from the National Health Service three years ago but seem to be as busy as ever in setting up and running an internationally recognised training in psychoanalysis as a part of a recently formed psychoanalytic society. We are jointly hosting a European Conference this year. If you are interested see www.psychoanalysis-bpa.org.

1980

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Chor Lup and his wife, Sock Leng Lim, both lived at Jane for four years and were married in 1987. He graduated with Bachelor of Commerce and she with Bachelor of Arts (Honours). They live in Singapore.

1988

DEREK WINTER

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I was resident at Jane from 1988 to 1991 and privileged to be president in 1990 and honoured to share my time at college with Harvey Webb who has recently run in the London Marathon to raise money for the Royal Society for the Blind.

1988

HARVEY WEBB

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On 25th April 2010 I plan to run my sixth London Marathon to raise funds for the Royal London Society for the Blind. The RLSB is a fantastic organisation whose aim is to remove barriers to personal fulfillment and social inclusion for the blind and partially sighted through their nursery, school, college and other services. My grandmother was blind for the latter part of her life and it was inspiring to see her determination to lead an active life within the local community. I had planned to give marathons a rest for a while so what happened!? Well, just one month after finishing the 2008 London Marathon, I was told I would have to have a second shoulder operation after a nasty mountain biking accident in 2007. This stopped me in my tracks for nearly a year and simple things I took for granted suddenly became a challenge again. Midway through last year I met up with some of the fantastic staff of the RLSB and decided to give the marathon another go for a great cause. On the road back to recovery I have managed to lose over 10kg, worn out three pairs of shoes and run over 1,500km (930 miles) in the last nine months – the equivalent of running from London to Rome!! Because of generous support for my past marathons more than £16,000 has been raised for the Royal London Society for the Blind <http://www.justgiving.com/harveywebb10>

(Editor's note: although this event has already happened, the cause is a good one and this sort of information shows the spirit of Jane is alive and well. The marathon will be run next year and the cause will still be a good one, so please look at the website.)

1992

NOPA RAKI

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I am a former resident of Jane Franklin Hall. I enjoyed every bit of my stay at Jane while studying at post-graduate level at the University of Tasmania in Hobart. I was privileged to have access to nearly everything whilst a student. I remember the time working at Jane as a summer tutor in 1993 and also participating in nearly all activities of Jane during that year. I remember the times I hosted the famous Pacific Islands Night for two consecutive years (1992-1993) and co-hosting the international night at UTas in 1993. I am very fond of Tasmania. I also represented the international students on the Council of Groups Supporting Overseas Students in Tasmania (COGSOST) – an NGO that organised activities towards international students' wellbeing while in Tasmania. This group's activities took me far north and I came to know students at the Launceston campus and also at Australian Maritimes College. I look forward to hearing more about Jane Franklin in the years to come.

JASON KING

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I couldn't attend my own graduation because of a stone removal operation on my right kidney, so that was a bit of a bummer. Managed to get a programming job in Victoria, and I stuck with programming after that. There isn't much work in electronics in Australia. I discovered a nice little OS called Linux, and eventually became the president of the user group in Victoria for a few years; I was president of 'LUV' :-). I have had a bunch of different employers over the years, some good, others pretty ordinary. There was even a two year stint with no job at all. Through a friend I managed to score my current position, as IT manager of a importer of manufactured wooden beams. There are 60 desktop computers, a few servers, an IP phone system, blackberry phones, and a saw machine to look after, in four states. The pay is good, and I'm treated pretty well. I am still living in Victoria, still single... sigh.

1994

MONICA DUNN (FLYNN)

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Monica is happily married to Matthew Dunn and is living in Brisbane. They have one beautiful daughter, Katherine Elidah Dunn, who arrived in September 2007 and another baby due in July 2010. Monica is employed as a senior associate at a boutique insurance firm.

1997

BEDRICH ECKHARDT

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Bedrich writes he is currently a postdoctoral Fellow in the Arap/Pasqualini Laboratory, Genitourinary Medical Oncology. He completed his PhD in 2006 at Peter McCallum Cancer Centre Melbourne and moved to Texas, Houston, in July 2009 to take up postdoctoral Fellowship position at MD Anderson Cancer Centre. 'What a blast from the past! JFH was nearly ten years ago. They were good times and I keep in contact with many of my fellow raiders(-ettes).'

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Lauren has just completed her PhD and is still living in Hobart.

2000

SANDI KENNEY(CHIPMAN)

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Last year was an interesting one for Rob and me with Rob working at several different jobs. I did supply teaching most of the time. I have been transferred to Emerald and now teach full-time at the high school. Rob is hoping for some charter flying for a crop duster here. It is exciting that we will be living in the same town as my parents.



2001

ANNA MELTON (BURCHILL)

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Anna graduated with BEd (Hons) and graduate diploma in librarianship. She taught in country Tasmania then ran the library at Riverside Primary School. She married an engineer and together they worked in UK for two years and in East Timor, doing volunteer work, for another two years. Now she works at Blackmans Bay Primary School. Her cat, Possum, was also a resident at Jane and Anna remembers his assistance doing lock up!

2002

OLIVER BRUMBY

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After three years working in Dunedin, New Zealand, I made the decision to resign from my position and spend some time living in Canada, something very high on my to-do list. Through the Canadian Working Holiday Program, I picked up a 24 month visa with a minimum of hassle. The eligible age range for the program is 18 to 31, and the visa can be re-issued up to age 31. I arrived in Vancouver, via Los Angeles, in mid April. In May, after catching a few hockey games and a wedding with a few good friends in Vancouver, I moved into a lakeside house at Whistler, a place which many consider mountain biking nirvana. Despite it being late spring, snow conditions were fantastic, and I enjoyed a few days of amazing tree runs and soft spring snow on Blackcomb Mountain. The Whistler bike park opens in mid-May, but in the meantime the countless trails in other parts of the valley are keeping me entertained. I'm looking forward to travelling around Canada and the US while I am here, so if anyone is after a travel companion, please look me up!

Jane Franklin Hall Inc. Annual Report 2009

JFH COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT 2009-2010

The past year has seen the College settle comfortably into its life under Mr Michael Scanlan's guidance. Occupation rate averaged 98% while starting the year with 100%. The year was marred by the tragic death of one of our residents and our sympathies went out to this family and friends. The incident was handled very well by College Staff, Chaplains and by the University.

The year saw preparations for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the College's foundation in 1950. Council commissioned Dr Alison Alexander to write a history of the College and in March 2010 her book was officially launched by Dr Ruth Solomon. The book is a sensitively written and perceptive account of the changing life of Jane from its somewhat humble beginnings to what we know today.

Council also agreed to commemorate the anniversary with the purchase of a piece of artwork depicting Lady Jane by the renowned Tasmanian artist John Lendis. The picture hangs in the billiard room. This important anniversary will be celebrated later in 2010 with other events.

Council continued with its attempts to advance its plans for a redevelopment of the dining room and kitchens as well as providing additional study-bedrooms. The accommodation crisis in the University is such that Jane's proposals have been conflated with those of the wider institution and, at the time of writing, will be dealt with as a part of the greater whole. On the bright side, Hobart City Council has approved our plans so when funds are available we are ready to make a start. This is disappointing but the flame is far from extinguished and Council will maintain its dialogue with the University.

During the year Council bade a long-serving member, Mrs Libby Mercer, goodbye as she stepped down after 23 years of service. Libby worked closely with Dr Alexander on the anniversary book project and in many other ways has contributed materially and intellectually to the life of Jane. Council unanimously agreed to appoint her as an Honorary Fellow.

Council expresses its thanks to the Principal and all College staff for their dedication to duty during the past year.

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