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## Pushing the limit...

editor

**E**x-resident and former President of the Student Club (1982-84), Kim Loane will be trekking to the South Pole in January 2012.

*Training takes place in the Kosciuszko National Park and wherever there's an open grassy area!*

One hundred years after Roald Amundsen and Robert Scott raced to, and reached, the South Pole within 34 days of each other, Kim and four fellow trekkers will follow in their (long lost) ski tracks in their own race – to help sick children by raising support and awareness of the Humpty Dumpty Foundation.

The Humpty Dumpty Foundation has been providing support for children's services since 1996. Humpty buys essential and often life-saving medical equipment for Neonatal Units (Newborn Care) and Paediatric Wards (toddlers and children to 16 years) in hospitals and health service centres across Australia. In the last five years, Humpty has purchased 1,000 pieces of medical equipment that have helped save the lives of sick and injured children and newborn babies.

Kim has been training hard for the trek, having already completed two 10-15km running races, three half marathons and a full marathon in the last six months, with another full marathon scheduled for December. He's been training in the Snowy Mountains and climbed to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko in near white-out conditions whilst dragging a sled. When he's not climbing mountains, he can often be found dragging heavy objects around for hours on end to build the muscles required to drag his supply sled and develop the mental discipline required to... well, drag a sled for hours on end.

The father-of-three is happy with the progress of his physical fitness, but is concerned about preparing properly for the extreme cold (-30 to -40 °C) he will encounter. The best thing, he says, is proper preparation – which in this case means acquiring the best possible gear. Gloves from Sydney, boots from Canada, pants from the USA, base layers from Canberra, ...

Each member of the trekking party has committed to raise \$100,000 for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation, with Kim's total currently standing in excess of \$30,000 – a remarkable effort but still well short of his goal. ■



*You can support Kim and the Humpty Dumpty Foundation by donating at [www.everydayhero.com.au/kim\\_loane](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/kim_loane).*



*Kosciuszko  
National Park  
at dawn.*

## On the Spot with Kim Loane

editor

**LIBERTAS:** What do you do when you're not going on or training for expeditions?

**KIM:** I currently lead Accenture's Technology Consulting Practice in the Asia Pacific Region, which encompasses Japan, Greater China, India, South Korea, South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand. That means I'm responsible for selling and delivering consulting services for designing, building and transforming high performance IT infrastructure and IT organisations with specialist teams in Data Center Technology and Operations, Security, Networking, Workstation Technology & Collaboration, IT Strategy & Transformation.

When I'm not at work or training for the South Pole trek, I can usually be found either on the sidelines of a cricket pitch with one of my three sons, or attending Cub Scouts meetings where I am one of the local leaders.

**LIBERTAS:** I notice you've also been to Everest Base Camp and raised money for charity in the process. What drives you to undertake such physically gruelling challenges for charity? Is the primary focus for you on the challenge or the charity?

**KIM:** I enjoy taking on challenges – both challenging roles and activities. I've enjoyed a career filled with challenging roles and professional opportunities. Having three young sons means I need to remain fit and active to keep up with them. At this point in my life, I

am fortunate to be able to look at giving back something to the wider community. Combining a challenging activity with a charitable cause is not new, and it is this combination that appeals to me. I could easily have gone to the Antarctic on a pleasure cruise but it wouldn't have helped anyone. By doing this, I can help others and get fit at the same time as visiting a place I've long wanted to visit.

**LIBERTAS:** How long will you be walking and how far is it?

**KIM:** The actual trek, weather permitting, will take eight days on skis pulling sleds the 111km from 89 to 90 degrees south. Getting to and from Antarctica is not straightforward and a sufficiently large window needs to be arranged to allow for getting to the trek starting point, getting back from the South Pole and having a few days spare to allow for bad weather. We travel to and from Antarctica by air via Punta Arenas in the southern part of Chile to a place called Union Glacier on the coast of Antarctica. From there we are transported by air to the 89th degree. When the plane flies out and leaves us there it will be just us, and white, and wind, and nothing else for thousands of kilometres. It's quite daunting even thinking about it.

**LIBERTAS:** What sort of physical challenges will you face during the trip?

**KIM:** The three challenges I worry about are what I call the three E's. Equipment, Endurance and Environment. We have a very experienced guide who has climbed extensively in Antarctica, and he is advising us on equipment – boots from Canada, base layers from Canberra, gloves from Sydney, shell layers from USA, pants from the UK. It's quite impressive to see it all come



together. Endurance is something I'm working on – preparing to run my first marathon in a reasonable time has been the benchmark I have aimed for – now it's a case of pulling tyres around a local park to build specific strength for pulling sleds across the snow. The environment is going to be my greatest personal challenge, with extremely cold temperatures 24 hours per day, every day – no warm heater at the end of a long day and no way to keep my water supply from freezing. Managing ourselves in the environment will be a real challenge for the team. Take something as simple as our water supply – we have to boil snow every time we need a drink. Even the act of boiling snow is a challenge as we'll be wearing multiple pairs of gloves and taking them off to light a stove means risking frostbite. Every little detail requires a level of precision planning – especially with the lack of sleep we anticipate in the 24 hour sunlight.

**LIBERTAS:** What sort of mental challenges do you anticipate?

**KIM:** I am told the boredom of pulling a sled in a featureless landscape for eight hours per day is a massive mental challenge. And if that isn't enough, the extreme cold and exhaustion might make it mentally hard to go on. I have previously walked for thirteen days straight when I climbed to Everest Base Camp but the beauty of the scenery kept me from being bored. Pushing through the exhaustion barrier is something I've practiced when training for the marathon. Time will tell if that's enough. I think I'll take an iPod loaded with music and podcasts – that might work. Too bad if it doesn't. I can't exactly drop into a nearby shop to buy some other form of entertainment to keep me going.

**LIBERTAS:** What sort of equipment is involved in spending that long in such extreme conditions?

**KIM:** The equipment needed for such extreme conditions is a mix of specialist gear – such as the Baffin boots which come from Canada and normal gear I can buy locally. Quality and durability is obviously important. Layering is also important – although I expect temperatures to be consistently in the range of -30 to -40 degrees, when trekking I will be dressed in relatively few layers and when we stop to rest or to pitch a tent we have to quickly add warm layers before our perspiration freezes on our skin. The goal is not to perspire at all, but it's hard to imagine how that will work given the gruelling physical work we're doing each day.

**LIBERTAS:** Are you using donations to cover your costs (supplies, gear, travel)? If not, where is the money coming from for those things?

**KIM:** The trekkers are buying their own equipment and will be making substantial personal contributions to cover the other costs associated with the expedition. The donations are going to the Humpty Foundation.

**LIBERTAS:** Is there one thing you think you will particularly miss while you're in Antarctica?

**KIM:** I should probably say that I'll miss my wife and family, but in truth if I could choose between taking my wife with me and taking some plumbing, I'd choose the plumbing. It's not just the problem of managing our own waste (which has to be carried with us and disposed of outside Antarctica), but I think I've been taking for granted the simple act of turning on a tap to get a drink of water. ■



## 'When I got to Hobart I was quite pleasantly surprised'



Article courtesy of *The Mercury*,  
Saturday Magazine 6 August 2011, p15

### **KUAN CHUNG ONG**

23, Singapore

Second-year law student

Getting accepted into a Singaporean university to study law or medicine is a tough ask. Kuan Chung Ong said there was only one uni offering medicine and two offering law, with a combined intake of about 200 students a year.

So, in a competitive climate like that, Kuan Chung (K.C. to his mates) decided he would prefer to study overseas to get his law degree.

"People often tend to go overseas to places like the UK and Australia for those professional degrees," he said.

"I know a few other Singaporean medicine and law students who came here for the same reason.

"In Singapore there is a list of universities that are recognised and the University of Tasmania is on that

list, so it's very well received there, it's quite reputable."

K.C. is in the second year of his four-year law degree at UTAS and is also a second-year "lifer" at residential college Jane Franklin Hall. He said college life had made it much easier to settle in to an unfamiliar country.

"You don't have to worry about your food and electricity bills and all that stuff and it's good exposure to the local culture and a way to make Australian friends, and I play rugby for the college as well," he said.

"I'd never heard of 'footy' and all the Australian slang like 'brekky' and 'arvo' – there's a lot to learn. But I think the whole point of coming overseas is to soak up the culture.

"I notice that a lot of international students who don't stay in colleges tend to keep to themselves, but staying at the college has really helped to expand my circle of friends."

K.C. knew very little about Tasmania before he came to study here. "What surprised me most is that it's actually quite modern here, I expected it would be much smaller," he laughed.

"Catching the bus in from the airport I was expecting to see sheep, but when I got to Hobart and saw the city I was quite pleasantly surprised.

"Coming from the city myself, the pace of life is different here, it's a bit slower compared to Sydney or Melbourne. But I think that's good, it's very conducive to studying, it's very quiet."

K.C. said occasional instances of racism from locals were an unfortunate reality, but it was not as bad as he was expecting.

"One thing I really like about living here is the feeling of security. I thought it would be more dangerous, but Hobart's actually quite safe," he said.

"Before I came here a lot of people talked about racism, especially in Sydney, but even though I've encountered some minor incidents Hobart isn't that bad.

"I think as long as you take the general precautions that anyone should take, like don't stay out too late and don't walk around alone, you're pretty safe here."

K.C. intends to do his entire degree at UTAS and would consider doing some postgraduate study there as well, providing the travel bug does not entice him somewhere else first.

"I travel around a bit, I go on road trips whenever I can. I've been to Bruny Island and the Gorge in Launceston.

"Every holiday I try to spend at least a week somewhere here or interstate and I'm hoping to cover all of Australia by the time I'm finished." ■

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## From the Principal

Michael Scanlan, Principal

As we reflect on another successful year at Jane and a busy second semester, the sixty-first year of Jane Franklin Hall is drawing to a close.

As we go to press, the Horton Link project is poised on the brink of starting and will provide 10 additional rooms, gender specific bathrooms, substantial improvements to plumbing and electrical infrastructure and will link the Aldridge and Horton buildings together – all without the loss of any carparks!

Enrolments for 2012 are beginning to flow; hopefully a result of successful visits from schools, interstate cinema advertising, Open Day publicity in Tasmania, and the helpful information on the new Jane webpage [www.utas.edu.au/jane](http://www.utas.edu.au/jane)

The semester has been punctuated by highlights such as the Annual Art Show & Play, a reciprocal visit to Burgmann College at the Australian National University, the annual fund raising Pink Dinner, Fellows' Nights, and Founders' day Commemoration. All of these events have occurred and we now stand on the threshold of the exams as swot vac concludes.

This year the men's and women's sports teams were triumphant in their contests with the other Colleges and Jane emerged victorious, winning both competitions.

We look forward with excitement to the New Year with a fresh team of pastoral staff and a compliment of 200 residents in 2012. Sadly we will farewell Adam James from his Senior Residential Fellow's role after five years, but he will remain as the Assistant Principal and editor of *Libertas*.

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes to all of the other staff, fellows, and Councillors for their support. ■  
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## From the Editor

Adam James

As sunshine finally returns to Hobart, it must be a time for the next issue of *Libertas*! This issue has been a pleasure to put together, and my sincere thanks go to all of the contributors found within these pages. The efforts of the Jane community to support worthwhile causes is clearly on display, and the lengths that some of us, residents and alumni alike, are prepared to go to are inspiring.

This issue we read about the preparation required to make a trek to the South Pole, learn more about the Tasmanian Council of Churches, the organisation that helped make Jane Franklin Hall a reality, and enjoy the reflections provided in the annual Valedictory Address. The centre pages contain a spread of pictures from the highly entertaining 2011 Jane Play. We read about the experiences of our residents, in a local, national and international context, and follow news of successful and upcoming reunions.

Production of this issue will also mark a couple of significant milestones for me personally, as I have recently completed my PhD in chemistry and will graduate in December. Also, I will not be continuing as a Resident Fellow in 2012. After five fantastic years at College as an RF, it is time for me to embark on a new adventure in 'the real world' and make way for more people to enjoy the great experiences available to Resident Staff. Although I won't be living on campus, I will most certainly be involved with Jane as the Assistant Principal and I look forward to editing *Libertas* in 2012! ■

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## Valedictory address 2011

Will Borthwick

In 2011, 4th year resident Will Borthwick was asked to give the Valedictory Address.

Council members, fellows, staff, and of course, my fellow Raiders. So ends another year with only the exam period left to 'look forward to'. As is often the case, this time presents itself as a period to reflect upon what has passed. When Michael approached me to give the Valedictory Address, he suggested I write something about my experience at Jane. Now, while this may have seemed like an easy task, so much happens here that it is quite difficult to narrow it down into a five minute speech. The first thing I thought was, 'I have to have a theme.' All great speeches seem to have some sort of a theme. When I think about what Jane has been for me over the past 4 years, I came to the conclusion that, more than anything else, it has been a family for me.

Most of you have come straight out of year 12 and living at home. You possibly took a gap year. Coming to Jane represents a step forward. It is the chance to leave what has been a comfortable environment for 18 or so years and to set about living your own life. I don't know about you, but I relished the opportunity to live away from my parents. What Jane does is to make that

transition, 'leaving the nest', so much easier. When you wave goodbye to your parents and siblings, off to explore University, leaving your family behind, you're coming here to enter into a new family. A new family of you and 200 fellow brothers and sisters. And, if you think your family back home is dysfunctional, live here long enough and you'll see that nothing can compare.

*All great speeches seem to have some sort of a theme.*

Home, wherever that is for you, will always hold that special place in your heart, Jane is that something altogether more special. Some of you may be thinking that nothing will ever be able to replace your own family. But bear with me for a minute here. At home you have parents. Here at Jane we have Michael, our Fellows, and of course the Resident Fellows who do such a good job of keeping us out of trouble. At home, some of us might have an older brother or sister. Here at Jane we have the RAs as well as the lifers who have experience and can guide us along. If, however, you have a younger brother or sister, for the lifers here we have the freshers to fill that role. So at first glance, Jane pretty much looks like any ordinary family, albeit it a little bigger than usual.

What Jane does is to mould you into the person you will be tomorrow. Now I know it sounds a little corny, but it's true. The experiences you have today will make you the person you are tomorrow. And the experiences that you have at Jane are like nothing you will experience anywhere else. While the main reason all of us are here is to attend university, there is that other side of life that is just as important. That's where Jane comes in. If you're a real sporting buff, Jane allows you to play a multitude of sports, against competition that is easier than most, with your mates. If you're more inclined towards the arts, Jane can accommodate that too by providing you with opportunities like Jane choir, whom we had the pleasure of hearing tonight, an Art Show dedicated to showing off your artwork, or a play where you can break stuff and play the Play School theme on your nose. Even if none of this interests you, Jane still provides the perfect place to focus on your studies and get through your degree. You have the catering staff to cook you meals and clean up after you, office staff to take care of your every need, maintenance staff to fix the stuff that you break, and cleaning staff to mop up any accidents that may occur. Everyone is here and working together to look after you and care for you. An environment that looks after the little

things so you can get on with taking care of the bigger, more important stuff. Jane provides the space where you can grow into the person you want to be. So I'll ask you now, would living back at home, or in a house here in Hobart with a few friends provide you with these opportunities? I've often thought about where I would be if I had chosen to stay in Melbourne; to stay at home, rather than take the plunge and move down south. I am sure that I would not be the same person I am at the moment. And I dare you to contemplate who you might have become.

*What Jane does is to mould you into the person you will be tomorrow.*

All of you already know what amazing things Jane has to offer, and I could stand up here all night talking about them. However, I know that there are some people who have assignments due tomorrow and are already looking at their clocks, so I'm going to bring this nicely back to my theme of Jane being a family. Whenever I'm asked about how university is going I respond with, "I'm studying down in Tassie and it's going really well". And you may or may not be amazed at the amount of mainlanders that can't seem to understand why I moved from Melbourne to here. This is where I'll mention that UTAS is a good uni that lets me study what I want. But the real kicker is that I get to live in College. Then the conversation will continue about Jane and just how happy I am here. But what always seems to amaze people is the fact that I have been living here for four years now. This comes especially from the older generation; they can't seem to get over the fact that I have lived here at Jane for multiple years. Surely after one year or so I would have moved



*Pei Yi Lim and Will Champness at Nutgrove beach.*

out. I get this reaction best from my grandmother (who was a teacher), who explained to me that the practice has always been for students to leave after their first year. Staying for two years was not too uncommon. But students never stayed for three years, let alone four.

I went and did a little research, and here at Jane we have 96 first years, 54 in their second, 17 third years, 11 fourth years and two in their fifth. When I'm asked why I have stayed here for so long, I reply simply with, 'I love it.' This is usually followed with 'But don't you miss home?' To which I have always replied, 'Jane has been like a second family to me. I have all my friends here who I live with every day and share so many happy experiences with. I have absolutely everything I need. Why would I ever want to leave?' This is usually a satisfying answer.

*When I'm asked why I have stayed here for so long, I reply simply with, 'I love it.'*

It doesn't matter what you study, who you're good friends with, or even where you're from. Living here we all have something in common, and that is the support of everyone in the Jane family. To all those who will remain for next year, I hope that you relish the time spent here – for it will be the best years you have experienced yet, and considering the amount of hard work ahead of you (check this with your Fellows), probably the best years to come for a long time. To those of you who are my fellow Valedicts; remember that you have been a part of something truly special here, and will always remain a part of the Jane family. ■





## From the TCC

Graham Roberts (Major)  
President – Tasmanian Council of Churches  
18 October 2011

Major Graham Roberts, President of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, writes for *Libertas* and explains what the founding organisation of Jane is, and what it does.

After the first settlers established themselves at Botany Bay there was a barrier to overcome before they could access the vast plains to the west. From 1790, many attempts were made to find a way through

the Blue Mountains but it took almost 25 years before Gregory Blaxland and his expedition were able to reach the heights of a mountain (now Mt. Blaxland) and see the expanse of fertile plains beyond the mountain range.

Since 1946 the Tasmanian Council of Churches has been working to overcome barriers to “the promised land”. As one of the first state ecumenical councils established in Australia, the TCC works to promote co-operation between member churches, common action among the churches in Tasmania, and to share the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

An early barrier to co-operation between churches was theological. Since the church began there is a history of division around points of doctrine and practice. In the first half of last century the World Council of Churches emerged out of the ecumenical movement. The TCC was one of the fruits of that process. Through those early years and into the 1980's, the TCC facilitated dialogue and study of divergent views to increase understanding and build bridges between different denominations. In the current era theological differences are more a ‘trip hazard’ in our cooperative ventures than the huge barrier of the past. What unites (a common faith in Jesus Christ) is far greater than that which would divide.

A continuing barrier is organisational structure and resources. Denominations and independent churches have a status in our legal system as corporate entities – incorporated or unincorporated associations, trusts, or even companies. The TCC is an organisation that operates as a fellowship and under a constitution. It is supported by its member denominations and churches. Any project with a life of its own needs to operate in a well-resourced environment that offers legal certainties for the people involved. There is a structure, but the resources are limited.

### **DESPITE THE BARRIERS, THE TCC GETS THINGS DONE!**

Within four years of its commencement, the TCC had achieved a remarkable breakthrough in cooperation. Jane Franklin Hall was established! In response to the accommodation needs of female students, a building was purchased and the residential college commenced operation. It would be great to claim that the council itself was the driving force in this process, but the reality is that a few passionate individuals, operating under the auspices of the council, made sure that one barrier faced by females wanting to advance their education was removed. This process was facilitated by the TCC as the common action was endorsed and supported by

## FAREWELL

### **FAREWELL TO COUNCILLOR – PROF. COLIN WENDELL-SMITH**

Colin has been on Council since 1995 and brought to Jane a wealth of administrative and academic experience. He had been the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at UTAS and chairman of the Board of The Friends School. His attention to detail, correct governance practice and adherence to constitutional accuracy have, more than once, significantly assisted and guided the Council. Most recently he was heavily engaged and very influential in the overhaul of the College constitutional rules. He will be greatly missed but we hope through the recognition of this award, as an Honorary Life Fellow, to keep him involved at Jane, even if from a more relaxed perspective.

*Best wishes to Pam.*

member churches. Today, two representatives of College Council continue the involvement of the TCC with the governance of Jane Franklin Hall, and chaplains reflect the commitment of the churches to the well-being of the students and the life of the College.

Throughout the 65 year history of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, there have been many other initiatives where the churches have worked together under the banner of the TCC. Some of these lasted for a season, some have been commenced and taken up by other organisations, and a number of activities continue to operate with the oversight and/or on-going involvement of TCC representatives.

### **WHAT DOES THE TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DO NOW?**

There are many activities in which the TCC is engaged, despite not having any employed staff. Two are worthy of particular note here and now.

The Christian Ministry in State Schools Commission, including a Chaplaincy Working Group, liaise with the Education Department to provide a Christian presence and influence in schools. In Tasmania, chaplaincy is managed for the TCC by Scripture Union, which provides administrative support, oversight and training for chaplains. Chaplaincy has been in the headlines as various interest groups oppose the presence of persons of faith in state schools. What critics fail to mention is that Local Chaplaincy Committees raise funds to supplement any contribution from the government, and many chaplains were in place before government assistance was made available. Where chaplains are engaged in schools they are an extra support for the principal, staff and students, and additional activities are resourced at minimal cost. Chaplains are above all concerned about the welfare of the individuals who make up the school community. The Tasmanian community is richer because of the involvement of the TCC in chaplaincy.

In August this year, the Pontville Detention Centre was opened to hold asylum seekers who had arrived on Australia's shores by boat. Without being convicted of breaking any laws in our country, these people are being locked up for many months, even years, because they do not have the right paperwork. Considering the places from which they come, and the circumstances from which they fled, confirming any documentation is a mammoth challenge. The TCC and Christians across the country are concerned about the impact of long term detention on these asylum seekers. The TCC has initiated steps to be involved in 'humanizing' the experience of detention. A group (Pontville Asylum Seekers Churches Action) is working with the

responsible authorities to enrich the lives of those in detention and to show them the welcome and compassion that has been part of our community in the past.

Neither of the above actions is universally popular, but each reflects a common action in the cause of the Gospel of Christ to make our community a better place.

### **WHAT DO I SEE IN THE FUTURE FOR THE TCC?**

We must be a resource for the churches and a means of promoting and communicating the activities and action of the church in Tasmania. We will continue to play a part in Jane Franklin Hall, chaplaincy in schools and industry, the Tasmanian Heritage Council, the State Recovery Committee and facilitating the work of Act for Peace, the community service agency of the World Council of Churches. We will keep working to have the voice of the Church heard by decision makers in our community, and to encourage cooperative action by the Church in Tasmania in key projects.

To do this effectively there are practical hurdles. We need the funds and the right person to build on work already underway and to open doors to new initiatives. This is the barrier we face today! In the meantime, we need younger volunteers committed to the cause of ecumenism who can assist in administrative tasks and resource the TCC with skills, expertise and energy in our areas of need.

I am confident that God will show us a way to overcome and fulfil the objectives of the TCC in the years ahead. ■

### **FAREWELL TO COUNCILLOR – DR. LOUISE WELLS**

**Louise has been on Council since 1990 and as a representative of the Tasmanian Council of Churches. As an empathic counselor and guide to young people, informed by her experience at St Michael's Collegiate, she has been invaluable on the Council. In recent years, with a mandate from Council and by dint of sheer hard work, Louise organized the Jane Chaplaincy in such a way that it has now become a very important part of the Jane community.**

**She deserves a rest, but we will miss her and look forward to her continued visits to College as an Honorary Life Fellow.**

***Best wishes to Graham.***

**FAREWELL**



*Standing: Nic Courto, Helen Paul, Olivia Davies, Laura Courto, Ross Blackwood, Will Borthwick, Anna Talbot, Luke Ogden, Hannah van Galen, Heath Whitley, Naveen Baskaran, Sanjay Dutta, Lucas Parry  
Sitting: Chloe Wood, Frances White, Louise Butler, Elodie Moreau, Adam James*







## Now that we are '40ish' – Reunion weekend

Lisa Gibson

### CALLING ALL RESIDENTS FROM 1986 TO 1993 OR THEREABOUTS!

A committee consisting of Jo Rosewell, Sharon Molnar (Ryan), Dave Ikedife (aka Dave Andrews (Tig)), Nicki Wicks (Chilcott) and Lisa Gibson (Maclaine) have come together to organise a reunion for you!

We invite you to join us on Saturday 11th August 2012 from 11am at Jane before we move on to Wrest Point Casino. There will be an opportunity to have a tour of the College and see what it looks like 20 years or so on! Stay at Jane for a BBQ lunch and get together on the lawn with family and friends, then complete the day with 'The Jane Ball Reunion' at the Casino from 7pm. Take a walk (or dance) down memory lane, dancing to 'Basil the Rat' (3 out of 4 of the Giant Hamsters)!

We have a facebook group called 'Jane Franklin Hall Reunion' which you can join to keep up to date with the latest plans and developments.

If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with us so that we can get an indication of numbers. Ticket pricing will be announced by December. ■

*For more information please get in touch by email to the committee, [jfh40ishreunion@hotmail.com](mailto:jfh40ishreunion@hotmail.com), by ringing Jo (0435 221 971) or Lisa (0408 582 903), or by calling College on (03) 62 100 100.*

## Low Table's 25th Reunion 6-8 May 2011

Matt Rundle, current RF and former member of Low Table, writes for *Libertas*

Low Table was established in 1986 and this year celebrated its 25 year reunion. After being a resident at Jane in 2006 and being involved in organising the 20 year reunion, I was looking forward to catching up with all of the guys I came to know through my time on the Table.

The weekend's festivities commenced with a social gathering and a few Boag's Draughts at the Sandy Bay Sailing Club on Friday 6 May. A great night was had by all as we caught up and reminisced about the good times had on the Table.

On Saturday morning the current boys organised a tour of Jane for some of the older past members that hadn't been back to College for a while and we were provided with a much appreciated barbeque breakfast.

Saturday night was celebrated in typical LT style with a black tie event at the Cascades Brewery function centre. It was great to see some older lads attend the event, including Damien Viney, Damien McIver, George Gatenby, Dylan Craw, Matthew Whittle, Luke Kay, Wade Fromberg and Dave Whishaw.

Thanks must go to the current guys for organising a great weekend and continuing the traditions of the Table. ■



*Right: LT's 25 year reunion.*



Picture: MATT THOMPSON

*Giving their all: University of Tasmania students, from left, Aaron Rockliff, Miles Barnard and Matthew Platts, carry a 12-seat dining table to the summit of Mt Wellington yesterday in an effort to raise funds for Cancer Council Tasmania.*

## Mountain of effort and good table manners, too

Article and photograph courtesy of *The Sunday Tasmanian*, 25 September 2011, p9

Carrying a heavy 12-seat dining table from Salamanca to the summit of Mt Wellington is no walk in the park – at least it’s the kind of hard grind most people wouldn’t come at twice.

But that wasn’t the case for University of Tasmania students Sam Platts, Matt Davis and Simon Rimmelzwaan yesterday as, for the second year in a row, they climbed the mountain to raise money to fight cancer.

Civil engineering student Mr Davis, 21, said it was actually easier the second time around. “Someone had to show these other guys how it’s done,” he joked.

“Knowing what we were in for made a difference, it gavemea chance to prepare myself.

“Last year, I kept looking up and wondering how we were ever going to make it.”

Seven young men walked about 21km on an incline amounting to 1100m carrying the 50kg table yesterday,

just as 160 other UTAS students have before them.

Along the route, donations to Cancer Council Tasmania were collected.

The seven blokes also have spent the past week collecting donations at Sandy Bay’s Jane Franklin Hall.

Arts/law student Mr Rimmelzwaan, 19, said he was proud to be part of the tradition.

“It is for a great cause,” he said. “And it felt great to make it to the top. ‘

‘We were lucky to have a pretty good day, weather-wise. In past years they have had to battle snow.”

After raising more than \$3000 last year, the group hopes to hit the \$3500 mark this year.

All funds donated to Cancer Council Tasmania go to research, education, prevention and support services. ■

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## Visiting Jane Franklin Hall

Visiting Fellow Dr. Sergio Romeo writes for *Libertas*

I first arrived in Australia in July 2003 after a flight of over 30 hours from Spain. Yes, it takes a long time, but the first time you fly to Australia from Europe is a very special experience. It is like travelling to the unknown. Apart from Koalas, kangaroos and the Sydney Opera House, there aren't many more references of what you can find Down Under. I imagine that it is like the first time an Australian travels to Europe, with the difference that you probably have a better idea of what to expect at your destination.

That first time I flew into Melbourne where I was

going to attend a Conference. In my case, it was love at first sight. I wonder if I would have had the same feeling had I landed in Sydney instead (I have never become a big fan of Sydney, even after all of these years; sorry for this!). I was very nervous as I arrived in this new place with unfamiliar people and geography. In effect, I was a young PhD candidate travelling to a country where I didn't know anybody to do a short research stay. According to my experience of research stays in European Universities and Research Centres, you may consider yourself lucky if you are given a table to work at, a library card and you can speak a couple of times with the host professor during your stay at the host institution. On the contrary, I was very surprised – overwhelmed, even – with the welcome I had in Australia by the then Dean of Law and now good friend, Professor Don Chalmers. He arranged my accommodation and invited me to join him at the Conference in Melbourne. He also delivered me to my accommodation in Hobart, complete with some supplies, AND he invited me for dinner with his lovely wife Barbara that very same evening. From that day on, I knew that I was going to become a regular visitor to Australia.

Since my first arrival in 2003 I have spent enough time in Hobart (in different trips) to live in several types of accommodation. In hotels, backpackers, shared houses, Student Housing, friend's places, and very particularly, in my lovely apartment in Empress Towers overlooking the Derwent River, where I lived for almost two years. Jane Franklin Hall joins this variety of residences. It was a new experience for me; it was interesting, very pleasant, and, to my surprise, it was even fun.

There were several great things about the life at College that made me feel really comfortable living

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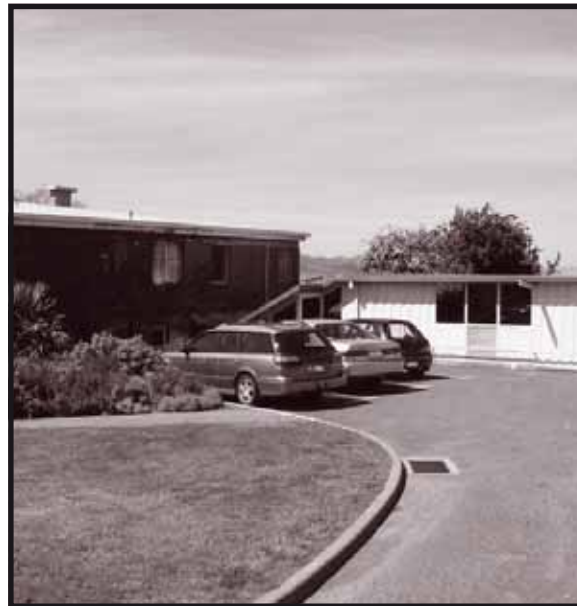
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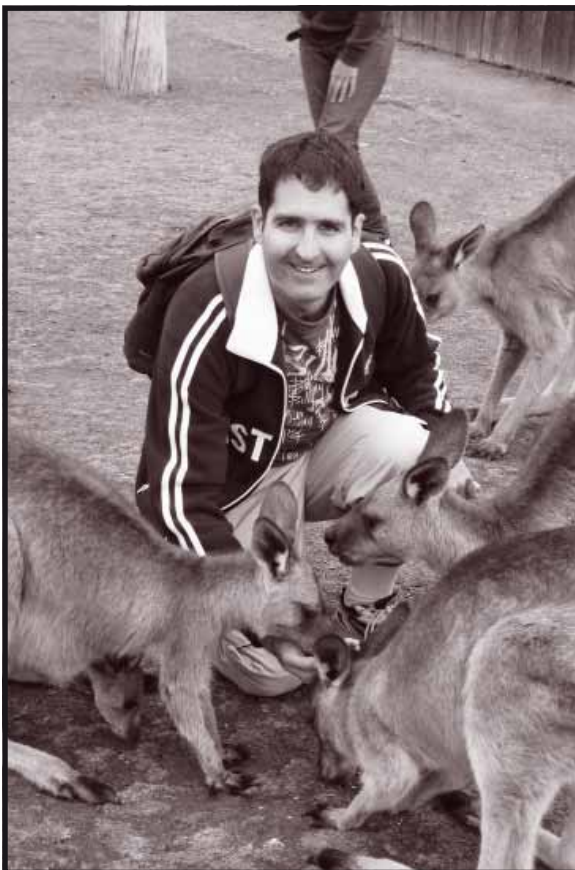
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there. First of all, it is not easy to find the level of comradeship between all the residents in a University residence of this size. For sure, the role of the fantastic Resident Fellows and the personality of the Principal have a big influence in creating this atmosphere. I really enjoyed every minute of the time I spent speaking with everybody. Sadly, it wasn't as much as I would have liked, being mostly during dinner time, because I had a very busy schedule working at the Law Faculty. Formal dinners are a wonderful idea and it was a very good way to meet people, some of them very interesting! Another remarkable thing about life at Jane is the quality of the food; always such a high standard that was most especially enjoyed during Formal Dinner (which was sometimes surprising – I would have never imagined to have chocolate with churros as a dessert in Hobart). Finally, I wouldn't like to finish this short article without stressing how important the large variety of activities the College offers to the residents are (I vote for having the Harry Potter marathon every year). Chief amongst them, I think, the residents should be very proud of the Visiting Fellowship Programme. I encourage all of the residents to make the most of the opportunities to meet new people from all around the world (even when they don't belong to your fields of interest). The cultural exchange is a very enriching experience in both directions. ■



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The proposed  
Horton link will  
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# NAAUC Report

Jordan Perry

**J**ordan Perry, 2011 President of the Student Club, addresses the students following the annual National Australian Association of University Colleges (NAAUC) Conference

Good evening Michael, residents, and Fellows. Simon Rimmelzwaan, Lauren Haworth and I returned on the 10th of July from the National Australian Association of University Colleges (NAAUC) Conference. This year's conference, the 43rd since NAAUC's inception in 1968, was held at Ormond College in conjunction with the University of Melbourne, and went for one week beginning on the 3rd of July. NAAUC's primary aim is to maintain and improve college life for residents of university colleges by bringing together delegates from colleges throughout Australia for one week to discuss relevant college issues. Delegates include committee members, first years, RAs and Heads of College.

As a collective, we took much away from the conference. I must say, however, that what I personally gained was very different to what I anticipated I would gain. Attending seminars on topics such as IT skills, public speaking and operating effectively as a committee was invaluable, as was participating in discussions on life after college, traditions and college spirit.

The prospect of mixing with residents from wealthier, older and apparently more traditional colleges from highly regarded universities was exciting yet daunting at the same time. It was in the traditions and spirit discussion group, and more profoundly throughout the conference as a whole, that I realised what it is we

have here at Jane and what makes life at Jane unique. For me, seeing us in the context of other colleges was a timely reminder of how privileged and fortunate we are at Jane Franklin Hall. We are in no way inferior to other colleges, nor are we lacking in culture, tradition or college spirit. In many cases, we are far superior. We're endowed with a rich and unique sense of culture and tradition, and we have every reason to boast about student life here. Over the week I came to realise what's special about Jane:

Formal Dinners and Fellows Nights ensure that dining together is a valuable and enjoyable experience.

The relationship between administration and the student club is good-natured, productive and based on mutual respect. There are clear lines of separation between the two, but both have the same goal: to maintain and improve student life.

Mutual respect and acceptance exists between the differing social, sporting and cultural groups within college.

Our sportsmen and women are passionate, hard-working and always play in the spirit of the game.

Our pastoral care system ensures that we live in a safe, secure and supportive environment.

The fresher-lifer hierarchy ensures that the value of respect is learned, future leaders are groomed and passion for College and the traditions that lie herein are continued.

In closing I can truly say that the NAAUC conference was an invaluable experience. However, above the skills I acquired and the new knowledge I gained, the most significant benefit I accrued was the reassurance that we have something so very special at this college, and the realisation that, more than ever, I want to be a Jane Raider. ■

ANNUAL GIVING

**We are grateful to all those who contributed to the Annual Giving Programme in 2011. This year nearly \$16,000 was raised and goes to developing the new building project linking Horton to Aldridge. For more details on how to make a tax deductible donation to the Annual Giving Programme, please contact the Jane Office (office@jane.utas.edu.au, (+613) 62 100 100).**

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# 1967

**CAROL GEVARGIZ (WILLIAMS)**

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"I met up with old chums from Jane in Melbourne several years ago, including Mavis Clifford (Roberts), Margaret Dyas (Andrews), Julie Walton and Sue Roberts (widowed). We hadn't changed a bit! Subsequently met up with Mavis in London (when we reminisced, amid much laughter, about our days together in that fair city in the early 70s). The following year Margaret came over to the UK and stayed with us for nearly 3 weeks. what a treat. The 60s were an amazing time to be at university. We dreamed such dreams and really did believe we could do anything. It is our daughters, however, whose dreams have come true. We were almost all martyrs to "the bond" while we watched the boys doing what we wanted to do. Most of us had 'battled' our way to university. Our parents couldn't see the point. Now our daughters are lawyers and doctors, vets and engineers, scientists and accountants. Not one teacher among them!"

**CAROLYN KRAJEWSKI (WOODRUFF)**

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"I'm now retired after spending most of my working life in the pharmaceutical industry. I spent the last 20 years as a manufacturing auditor for TGA (Department of Health). I'm currently living in Melbourne and still keep in touch with four or five of my former colleagues from Jane"

# 1973

**LORENE FURMAGE**

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"One year ago I was retired from the Education Department of Tasmania after a 32 year career as a teacher librarian in a variety of Tasmanian schools. After a short stint as Executive Officer of the Australian School Library Association – Tasmania, I have settled into archiving their documents and writing their 50 year history. I intend to then use this as part of a PhD thesis. Some travel is also planned."

# 1987

**PAUL GREY**

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"We have built a house up near the old chicken hatchery, in sight of Jane. We are also expecting a third child in September. Feel free to look me up if you're in town."

**BIRGITTA LARSSON**

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"Guess I was one of the ones who did not socialize that much at Jane (even though I featured in one of the newsletters). Spent a year at Jane in 1987 when I was an exchange student at the University of Tasmania. I studied biology, which I enjoyed immensely. Since then I have worked as a teacher in Sweden, as an FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) expert in Zimbabwe and as a university lecturer back in Sweden. These days I work with researchers at Lund University helping researchers to obtain funding. I would love to get in touch with people from Jane that I knew in 1987."

# 1989

**JANETTE GARTLAN (YOUNG)**

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"I am enjoying life living in Hobart with my husband David and three children (12, 10 and 1). I work part-time in general practice and council immunisation clinics. I often think back fondly of my days at Jane when I drive past Elboden Street."

**DAVE IKEDIFE (AKA ANDREWS)**

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"Following completion of a Marine, Freshwater and Antarctic Biology degree, I worked as a scientific officer at DPIWE Marine Research Laboratories. After suffering an inner ear baro-trauma, I retired from research diving and moved to Inland Fisheries where I managed their biological consultancy section. In 2002 I was invited to work for Hydro Tasmania Consulting as an aquatic biologist, where I currently work as a specialist aquatic scientist. In 2005 I married Penny Ashworth and we have two boys, Max (3 years) and Toby (18 months). We currently live in New Town."



## 1990

### **KAREN WRIGHT (TE LINTELO)**

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"I've been happily married to Howard for 11 years, with two beautiful children, Connor (6) and Olivia (4). I moved back to Victoria at the end of my degree, and I'm currently living on the Mornington Peninsula. I'm working as the Chief Financial Officer for a major FMCG company and I'd love to hear from anyone who was at Jane with me."

### **LISA GIBSON (MACLAINE) & NIGEL GIBSON (1985)**

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"Nigel returned to Tasmania after spending a few years living and working in Canberra with the Australian Bureau of Statistics. We were married in 1996 and have been in Hobart ever since. I have worked mainly in Agricultural Research and Diagnostics with the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture Research (TIAR) and then with the Department of Primary Industry, Water and Environment (DPIWE). Nigel has continued to work at the ABS mainly in the area of Agricultural Statistics. We have two wonderful children Lucy (8 years) and Harry (4 years) and I have been fortunate to be able to be at home with them these last few years. We are both looking forward to catching up with people at the reunion next year!"

## 1991

### **JOANNA ROSEWELL (1988-1991)**

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"I spent 13 years teaching, managing, and teacher training in the 'English as a Foreign Language' (EFL) industry. After living in different parts of Australia and overseas, I moved back to Hobart eight years ago. I have worked with Adult Education in the state and then moved to my current job at the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners where I am involved in professional development for GPs. In my spare time I have taken the plunge back to uni study and am doing a Masters in Journalism, Media and Communication, focussing on Public Relations."

## 1991

### **NICKI WICKS (CHILCOTT)**

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"After leaving Jane I completed my BSc (Hons) and went to work for Parks & Wildlife in Tasmania's World Heritage Areas. This led to a trip to Macquarie Island and a career change from science to Antarctic Logistics. During eight summers of voyages and flights I have been fortunate enough to visit all of Australia's Antarctic stations, as well as a few other nations'. In 2008 I married Sean, with daughter Amelia coming along in 2010 to prompt the latest and greatest lifestyle change."

## 1993

### **CORRIE STUDD**

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"I am now married and have two sons. I am finishing off an MD in Melbourne this year and will return to Hobart in 2012 to settle with my family."

## 2005

### **RICHARD PULLINGER**

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"I spent two years from 2009 – 2010 up near the Great Barrier Reef in Townsville finishing a Masters Degree. I am now back in Hobart looking forward to finding a full time job in the marine science field."

### **ABBY GLEESON AND MATT RUNDLE**

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"Abby and I are living at Jane and working as RFs while we also work at the Royal Hobart Hospital as a doctor and Calvary Hospital as a pharmacist, respectively. In June 2011 we became engaged to be married.."

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