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The Tuckwell Scholarship at The Australian National University 2018 Edition



# TheBell

The annual magazine for the Tuckwell Scholarship Program







Welcome to the 2018 edition of The **Bell** magazine. Join us as we both reflect on the year that was and look to the future.

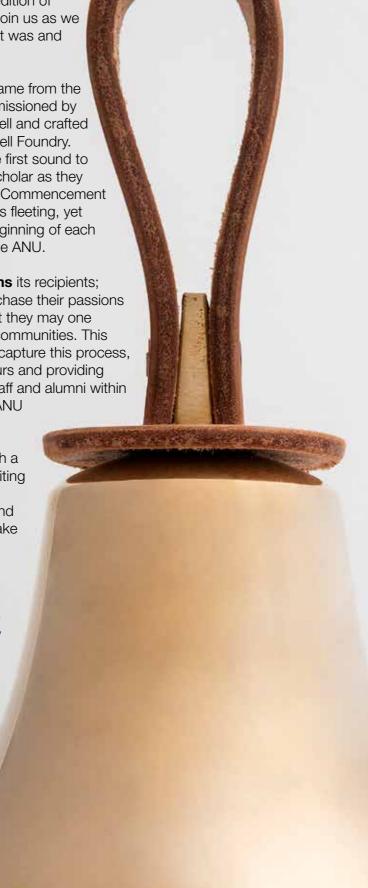
This publication takes its name from the **Tuckwell Handbell**, commissioned by Graham and Louise Tuckwell and crafted at London's Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The chime of this bell is the first sound to hit the ears of each new Scholar as they are '**rung in**' at the annual Commencement dinner. The ring of the bell is fleeting, yet significant; it signals the beginning of each new Scholar's journey at the ANU.

This scholarship **transforms** its recipients; providing opportunities to chase their passions and hone their skills so that they may one day share them with their communities. This annual magazine seeks to capture this process, showcasing their endeavours and providing updates for all Scholars, staff and alumni within the Tuckwell and broader ANU communities.

In this edition, you will catch a glimpse not only of the exciting ventures of Scholars, but also the tireless **passion** and support of our staff that make this program so valuable. This year has been full of opportunity, **growth** and effort, and we are excited for the year to come as the program continues to grow from strength to strength.

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**Cover:** Ryan Mannes waits at IB endpoint



# LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

### Where on Earth did 2018 go?

It seems like only yesterday that our Tuckwell Scholars were preparing for another year of university. For some, like we three, we arrived at the ANU filled with nerves and apprehension, moving away from home for the first time. For older scholars, 2018 has meant bigger and bolder challenges; graduating, internships and exploring all that Canberra has to offer.

Through all the ups-and-downs that life in university brings, the Tuckwell community has provided constant support, laughter and assistance. Impromptu catch-ups and sports-nights, end of semester events and late-night study seem to be the one certainty of being a Tuckwell.

Special thanks must go to the heartbeat of the Tuckwell Program, Tim Mansfield and Hannah Leary. Whether it be helping provide valuable guidance or simply taking five-minutes from their day to meet over a coffee, Tim and Hannah have guided the program magnificently this year. On a personal note, we are indebted for the support they have given to us in creating this edition of The Bell. We hope that their tireless and often thankless work has been captured in this magazine.

Special thanks must also be given to the design team of Tom Dunbabin and Emily Davidson. Producing a fully scholar-led magazine speaks to the incredibly unifying power of the Tuckwell Program. This would not have been possible without Tom and Emily's support and creative drive.

Above all, editing this edition of *The Bell* has taught us what incredible people are involved in the Tuckwell Program. We hope that the following pages not only capture the incredible drive, passion and enthusiasm of all our scholars but also exist as a humbling reminder about how fortunate we truly are.

Jonny Lang, Jocelyn Abbott and Benjamin Durkin Editors of The Bell 2018

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# FROM GRAHAM AND LOUISE

### Parents' Lunch

One of the highlights of the scholarship program for us each year is the Parents' Lunch: we get to meet the parents or loved ones about whom you have written in your applications (and we can judge the accuracy of your descriptions!); we see the glow of pride in their eyes as they talk about you with us, and most importantly we see the pleasure that you all take in making your parents happy and proud. The desire to make our parents proud stays with us for as long as they do, and even beyond. Sometimes this is a long time and sometimes it seems all too short.

### **Corporate Matters**

January 2019 marked a new epoch for the scholarship program, comprising two related milestones.

Firstly, following two years of construction, we are pleased to see that the rebuilt Bruce Hall and the new Wright Hall have been completed on time and on budget. Costing almost \$110 million, these residences will provide the sole source

of funding for the scholarship program in perpetuity. We and the university believe these new residences offer the highest standard of student accommodation in Australia, yet the tariffs have been set at a very modest rate - just enough to generate the funding required each year to run the scholarship program. Although we will have no role in the running of the halls (that will all be the responsibility of ANU) we are confident that this new investment will provide for the long-term future of the program.

Secondly, even longer in the making and informed by five years of experience in running the scholarship program, we have now settled the Tuckwell Scholarship Trust Deed, which will govern the program going forward. Until now, the program has been funded from an initial donation by us to the ANU Endowment for Excellence, which has overseen the program, but that has now been replaced by the new Trust. The Trustees, who we hope in future will include some scholar alumni, are appointed equally by us and ANU, reflecting the truly joint nature of our relationship with the university.

These two events – investing in two new halls of residence and settling the Trust – are intended to deliver a sufficiently robust structure to enable the scholarship program to flourish in perpetuity.

### **Richard and Mary**

Part of a healthy program involves having a gradual turnover of staff, as this invites new ideas and energy in, and enables top candidates to contribute as part of their career development, without requiring them to commit forever. Two people who have made enormous contributions but who are leaving us this year are the Head of Scholars House, Professor Richard Baker, and Tuckwell Fellow, Dr. Mary Kilcline Cody.

Richard has lent gravitas to the program and his professional and personal qualities have helped to position it as the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship program in Australia. Always calm and approachable, for us as well as scholars, Richard has served way beyond the call of duty, whether taking late night phone calls, offering his home as a meeting space or feeding all with his home-grown veggies. At all times his voice of reason and experience was audible and appreciated – we will miss him.

Mary has been with us since the very beginning, and it would not be an exaggeration (nor, we hope, politically incorrect) to say that in the eyes of the inaugural 2014 scholars, she is the mother of the program. Her commitment to her mentees is beyond measure and clearly, as we read of twice a year in your letters to us, is fully reciprocated. If we could bottle Mary we would, and have her as a prime exhibit in the Tuckwell Scholarship Museum!

Graham and Louise listening to one of the speeches at the 2018 Parents' Lunch



# FIRST YEARS' REFLECTIONS

"Every single second of this year has been so completely and utterly rewarding."





Jocelyn Abbott B Law (Hons) / B Arts

First year was a year of questions.

Will I be ok here? Is this washing powder good to use? Which history courses should I study? Where should I sit in the dining hall? How do I play AFL? How much sleep have I had recently? How could I have completed a subject called 'Torts' and still not know what a tort is? Should I apply for this job? Is philosophy even worth studying? What is 'Mooseheads'? Where do I buy a jacket warm enough for the Canberra winter? Who can I go to for help? Should I study in my room or in public? When did Napoleon rise to power? Can I sleep in for five more minutes? Where is Scholar's House again? Should I eat the chicken or the beef? Will Northbourne Avenue be blocked off today? Where are my shoes? What should I study in second year? When do I get to return to Canberra in 2019?

Often, the answers to these questions came through experience, both my own experience and the experiences of all those around me. There was trying, and there was failing, and there was the beautiful growth that came from it all.

Darnel Crisp PhB (Science) (Hons)

In my first year at the ANU I have found joy in banality. I will look back most fondly on the day-to-day tasks which represented my increasing grasp on adulthood. While it would be naïve to believe that I am independent – I didn't worry about electricity prices, for example – that my decisions were more entirely mine than they had been at any time before in my life made the consequences of those decisions much more meaningful. An example of this is how my attitude towards dishwashing changed. Dishwashing was my most despised chore for years but this year it became a source of pride in the fact I could cater to myself. This pride manifested as an increased sense of value in the decisions that I made and so, as my daily cleaning chore changed from scraping burnt Coles bolognaise from the bottom of my saucepan to cleaning the plates of my friends after making Paella, I began to see my studies and place in the community as more and more valuable. I believe that what I learned and achieved this year has come from the joy I found in the mundane.





Emily Davidson

B Art History and Curatorship / B Visual Arts

My first year at ANU was a whole new experience. It wasn't just starting university, but it was starting university miles away from anyone I knew. It was a really hard transition for me, which made first semester a little lonely, but the highlight of my weeks was honestly TEP. I knew that at Scholars House during those nights would be full of amazing people that I could talk to, even when I had no idea what anyone was talking about regarding their maths and physics assignments. My cohort made moving into the strange place that is Canberra so much better.

Second semester, however, was definitely better than the first. By second semester I had a handle on my courses and was able to get involved in UniLodge's very first Musical: 9 to 5! I was able to let down my hair and do something truly amazing with a bunch of wonderful people. I highly recommend getting out there and joining at least one social thing for first year, it definitely makes the process easier and more enjoyable.

Vanessa Divet B Engineering (R&D) / B Science

I came to uni thinking that I knew exactly who I was, however, I have found out that I was completely mistaken. It turns out that who you are is not static, it's constantly changing and adapting for as long as you are learning. This year has definitely been one of change and if nothing else it has taught me to embrace change and to embrace differences. I have realised that every time you allow yourself to go through something different you will also be allowing yourself to grow and to learn. As such, I am now able to look forward to all the challenges and experiences that are waiting for me next year with excitement, rather than the nerves that I felt at the beginning of this year.





Thomas Dunbabin B Law (Hons) / B Economics

Moving from the best state in this fine nation (Tasmania) to what my friends assured me was the worst state, ACT, (yes, technically it is a territory) was a daunting prospect. I was totally unsure what to expect from a completely new city which seemed a world away. Indeed, this year here has been a tumultuous whirlwind of experience: academic, program-based and co-curricular. Yet through all of this, I've had enough time to fall in love with the beauty of Canberra. The sunset over the Lake Burley Griffin, the view from the summit of Red Hill or Mount Ainslie; these (and similar) experiences were more than enough to help me slowly fall in love with this city. But above all, the most beautiful thing has been the people I've met at ANU this year, and particularly my fellow Scholars. To them I owe thanks for what an amazing year I've had. Each one of you is inspirational in your own, individual way, and it is a privilege to be amongst you.



Benjamin Durkin B Law (Hons) / B PPE

For me, 2018 has been a year of self-growth, new experiences, challenges and many, many memories. The Tuckwell Scholarship has enabled me to experience so much of university life in 2018. From driving through far-North Queensland to visit a remote Indigenous community, to running through forests and mountains as part of Inward Bound, this has been such a rewarding and enjoyable year. A personal highlight for me this year has been volunteering at Legal Aid ACT, an opportunity I would not have been able to grasp without the scholarship. Moving away from home is always a scary experience. But, with a new group of friends supporting me, and different adventures always just around the corner, I am so glad to have been given the opportunity to study at the ANU. In years to come, I will look back on the crazy first year I experienced as a busy, challenging and overwhelmingly enjoyable time.

Jacob Ellis B International Relations / B Arts

Moving from a small rural town to a city of over three-hundred thousand people for university was a scary time for me, but the Tuckwell Program was really helpful in making me feel at home. The highlight of the scholarship for me has been the friendship and genuine human connection that it creates, both within the cohort and with older Scholars. Over the course of this year, I've thrown myself headfirst into pretty much everything I could – editing the Bruce Hall yearbook, helping to run a mentoring program for rural students through Access and Inclusion, and working on an award-nominated theatre production are only some of the things I've done. I've changed my degree, changed my way of thinking, and now I'm changing colleges too, moving to Wright Hall to help build a new community there. First year has been a year of change and I'm looking forward to what the future holds.





Kieran Hamley B Engineering (R&D) (Hons)

I arrived in Canberra surrounded by unfamiliar faces and completely unsure what to expect. In an unforgettable year (that has felt like a lifetime!), it has become my second home. For me, a highlight of this year has been the opportunity to interact with diverse, new, and interesting communities through Bruce Hall, the Tuckwell Program, and my university studies. Another major highlight has been living in the immersive residential college environment. It has allowed me to form multiple close friendships, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the many social and sporting events. So far, I have found my degree extremely valuable: it has exposed me to new ideas, different ways of thinking, and all-nighters; as well as providing a sense of direction. I couldn't be any more eager to see what another year at ANU brings!



Noah Hinds B Science (Advanced) (Hons)

This year has been a rollercoaster of an adventure. 2018 started with the move to Canberra which spawned the beginning of new friendships, new goals in life and academia, as well as a wide range of opportunities staring back at me. While there was some trouble along the way, the great support network provided by the Tuckwell Program has assisted me through the challenge of course selection and changes, as well as continuing to grow into the best possible me. Although I have had an amazing time this year, there is still so much more that I want to do and can't wait to see what the new year brings.

### Benjamin Jefferson B Arts / B Economics

There's nothing like moving away from home for university that will challenge, change and refine you as a person. For me, the freedom of living on my own and the excitement of being surrounded by so many like-minded and different people at college has shaped my year.

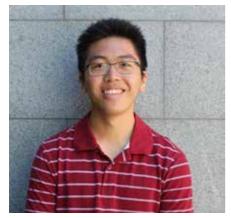
My community of friends and peers at Burgmann has taught me so much about other people and myself. It has redefined how I see myself and how I relate to others. At the same time, in my classes, I've extended my understanding of abstract concepts, listened to world-class academics and policymakers and spoken with the people shaping ANU, Australia and the world. My first year as a Tuckwell Scholar has helped me see past my horizons, towards whatever I want to do and whoever I want to be.





Mia Judkins B Law (Hons) / B International Relations

This year has been an absolute whirlwind of new experiences. Making the big move from home was more difficult than I'd anticipated, but the friends I've made through college, as well as the Tuckwell program, remind me of how lucky I am to be surrounded by such amazing people and studying at an incredible university. The college environment has allowed me to explore so many different sports and opportunities whilst helping support me through the ups and downs of my first year of studies. I feel that I've definitely grown as an individual and I can't wait to see where my university experience will take me.



Thomas La B Mathematical Sciences / B Adv. Computing (R&D)

After a busy life in high school, the less chaotic nature of university allowed me to reflect on my personal identity and to think about who I was. I remember being asked a question during my Tuckwell interview that could essentially be boiled down to, "what do you hate about yourself?" to which I responded that I hated that I was overly ambitious in my commitment to extracurricular activities and never gave myself time to relax. What a terrible response I immediately thought. Sounded like I was preparing for a very early retirement. Nonetheless upon commencing university, except for one weekly training session for kendo, my new-found hobby, I had liberated myself of all extracurricular activities. But having given myself an excess of time, I found myself habitually self-reflecting - a habit that only induced further self-hatred. So then, among other things, I got an internship, joined an ensemble and one weekly training had become four... and I didn't hate myself for it, because this is my identity; this is who I am.

### Jonathan Lang B Arts / B Commerce

There is a tangible sense of community that underpins life at ANU and in particular as a Tuckwell scholar. The program has provided me the opportunity to work with and be a part of such a close-knit, dynamic and enthusiastic group, participate in a range of unique experiences and begin the process of developing some incredible friendships. In particular, working with some fellow scholars on the Economics Student Society of Australia (ESSA) Public Policy Case Competition was an enormously challenging yet rewarding experience that I will look back on with fond memories.

Whether it was moving away from home or ruminating about my degree, there certainly has been some difficult times throughout the year. But as a collective group we are enormously fortunate to be a part of something as special as this and I can say, with absolute conviction, that I would not change a single thing.





Hayley, Ruby and Isabel at Scholars House



Jade Lin
B Arts / B Economics

It has been a big year. In it, I have become more compassionate, honest, carefree, and resilient, and am slowly beginning to like the kind of person I am. I have had the opportunity to meet the most remarkable people, some of whom have fancy titles and big jobs, like those I met when speaking at Future Shapers, but others who are unassuming, yet carry the weight of entire communities, like friends dealing with mental health disclosures of others—they've taught me goodness has many faces, and it is abundant.

I have been pushed by other scholars, by my college community, and by my family as we slowly learn what my adulthood means for the four of us, to be better. There has been ugly failure and pleasant success, yet at the end of it all, I have only love and gratefulness. I wouldn't have done it any differently.

Isabel Longbottom PhB (Science) (Hons)

My first year at university has been a kaleidoscope of new experiences, wildly varying emotions and more than a bit of sleep deprivation. Between late-night (and occasionally almost all-night) study sessions, evenings with friends, looming assignment deadlines and possibly just a bit too much coffee, it seems I've hardly paused for breath since I first arrived in Canberra as a newly-graduated and somewhat naïve ex-high schooler with no idea what she wanted to do with her future. Since then, I have at the very least found several majors I don't want to study, and had the opportunity to take a couple of truly awesome mathematics courses. I still don't know what I'll be doing in 5 years time, but I do know that I am very excited to find out.





Meghan Malone
B Law (Hons) / B PPE

What a crazy year 2018 has been! I arrived at ANU as an apprehensive and overwhelmed first year but now feel comfortable calling Canberra home and am looking forward to my second year here. I have been so fortunate to have been involved in the Tuckwell program this year. For me, it has served as a beautiful means of making friends and finding a few friendly faces around campus. Not only that, it has formed a huge part of my personal growth. Finding my way in a completely new environment was definitely not easy but the services provided by the program and particularly my Fellow, Mary, really helped me in settling in and establishing myself. I am now relishing in my studies and in college life and am so grateful for the opportunity I have been given to study at Australia's number one university.



Ryan Mannes B Actuarial Studies / B Mathematical Sciences

Moving from home has been a bigger change than I could've ever imagined - I've only moved 400km east (or 19 hours by public transport as I've learned) but ANU is just a whole different world for me. It's not only the things you can study here, it's the people from such diverse backgrounds that make ANU unique. Living at Bruce Hall and being part of the Tuckwell Program have both surrounded me with these incredible people, giving me support networks and tight-knit communities. Our 2018 Tuckwell cohort is like family and we've already helped each other through difficult times.

My highlights of this year have been representing ANU and Bruce Hall in AFL, Kioloa Camp, our 2018ers picnic, volunteering at Interview Weekend, and bringing my parents to Commencement to meet Graham and Louise - that was a special moment that we will cherish forever.

Elizabeth Mee PhB (Science) (Hons)

First year has been a whirlwind of new. New people, flung at me by college, Tuckwell or classes, who are so amazing and have become such a big part of my life that I can't remember how I functioned without them. New knowledge, nurturing my love of all things chemistry and biology, even if reaction mechanisms and the lac operon are a little brain-bending. New weather, as I learned to love the walk to an 8 am lecture over a frosty Fellows oval. New cuisine at college – who doesn't eat cereal for dinner three times a week? And best of all, new experiences. Every day at ANU offered me a new adventure – from the long but awe-inspiring slog of Inward Bound to the equally difficult task of trying to make a uni timetable. I have had a great time this year and can't wait for year two!





Gemma Nunn B Science (Advanced) (Hons)

Moving to the ANU away from my small rural home town was an incredibly daunting but exciting experience and has provided me with many opportunities. The Tuckwell Scholarship Program and the ANU Swimming team allowed me to form a large and highly supportive network of friends and mentors which was crucial to me, especially being so far away from home, my family, and my friends. Despite the challenges that my first year has thrown at me, this year has been very rewarding, filled with new knowledge, fun, challenges, course changes, new experiences, and great friends. My courses have allowed me to question and be inquisitive which is extremely important to me in terms of self-growth. They have also made me come to the realisation of my passion for agriculture. The Tuckwell Scholarship program has been one of the highlights of my experience at university and has been incredibly uplifting,

of my experience at university and has been incredibly uplifting, particularly talking with other scholars at the TEP programs and dinners we attended throughout the year.



Oliver Pulsford PhB (Science) (Hons)

2018 was a year of milestones.

Moving across the country into an eclectic and vibrant college community was the first and definitely the best. Meeting people from all over the country has given me friends in places I had never even heard of before coming to the ANU. Since then I have found myself thrown into a stimulating and rewarding academic program that has challenged me in many ways and made me rethink what I truly want to achieve with my university degree. Some highlights from the year include running into endpoint at Inward Bound, rowing at University Games and visiting the Kioloa coastal campus for the Tuckwell camp. Being surrounded by so many talented and driven people has been an incredible experience and I hope next year turns out to be just as special as this one.

Harrison Rieck B Finance, Economics and Statistics (Hons)

Moving away from home is bound to make anyone more independent. A far more interesting side effect of not having parents or teachers watching over you is a heightened level of self-awareness. In 2018, necessity has driven a change whereby I am now able to more fully understand myself. Academically I have been challenged by my degree. The significant focus on quantitative finance and proof-based mathematics has made keeping up with my coursework this year a challenge. That being said, I have derived great satisfaction from the learning I have undertaken in 2018 - the way that economic theory can be used to model a complex real-world scenario for example. Although moving out of home and starting university hasn't been easy, I firmly believe that we gain the most value from experiences outside our comfort zone and couldn't be happier with my 2018 experience.





Renee Selvey B Music / B Mathematical Sciences

My first year at ANU has, in the most part, been defined by the dedicated and passionate people I have met. Having the opportunity to surround myself with such people means that I have been able to bounce off ideas and find in myself the drive to commit to the things I enjoy doing. This year, this has meant participating in musicals, Big Night Out, and really trying to engage with the content of my courses. Whilst saying this, doing a double degree with music has really made me appreciate the importance of time management and prioritising commitments. Another great thing I have discovered about university life is that interests never need to stagnate. I have really enjoyed my first year at university and look forward to the variety of things I have the chance to pursue in my second year.



Toby Tasker B Finance / B Engineering (R&D)

My first year at university has been one of the most enjoyable, stimulating and challenging years of my life.

The immense freedom I faced moving out of home and starting university was initially intimidating but support from my college friends and the Tuckwell program has ensured that I've had the confidence to take advantage of it, and any hesitance has been replaced by an irrepressible excitement. An engaging set of courses set the background for a period in which I've learnt as much about myself as I have about my areas of study; opportunities and connections made available through the Tuckwell program have been invaluable in setting this knowledge in a practical and real-world perspective.

Ruby Turner B Science / B Mathematical Sciences

From developing an unhealthy and frankly unsafe *Chatime* addiction to racking up a 50-hour lecture debt before semester one finals, it is safe to say I had a little too much fun adjusting to my new life in Canberra. Lucky for me semester two was a lot more smoothsailing, with a major highlight being a week-long field trip studying rocks for my Earth science course (would recommend); however, a definite lowlight was realising that I had not left the ANU campus for two weeks straight (would not recommend). Being able to meet an incredibly diverse range of people, through both my residential college and the Tuckwell program, has done nothing but make an amazing year full of incredible experiences. I could not be more excited for the years to come.





Hayley Yates

B Engineering (Hons)

First year done. Phew! Attending ANU as a Tuckwell has been a tremendous experience and I'm sure I'm not the only one to feel that way. This year, thanks in large part to the benefits of the scholarship, I have been able to make my first visit to the United States, make connections within Engineers Without Borders, engage in social events with fellow scholars – featuring Tim Tams, pizza, and pide! – and forge friendships at ANU that I already know will last a lifetime. Reading it all back, it's no surprise how the months have flown by. Next year, I'll be moving to New Fenner, and I'm looking forward to helping jumpstart the on-campus community.

Thank you to everyone in the Tuckwell program for guiding me and helping me grow through my first year. I hope to help do the same for our incoming Tuckwells in 2019.

### Reflecting on 2018

Jocelyn Abbott and Ryan Mannes, Scholars House Reps for the 2018 Cohort

This year, we were brought together by the Tuckwell program from all over Australia in a colourful collision of newness. We're 25 individuals, with 25 different backgrounds, families, passions and interests. Together we have learned how to navigate living away from home and studying at university. From our collective experience, we've put together a Five Part Plan on 'How to First Year'. Please enjoy!

### 'How to First Year': A Five-Part Plan

1. Take advantage of everything on offer From day one we were inundated with events, dates and dress codes which can be overwhelming but we came to learn the importance and tradition these events hold. Soak up these events, particularly those exclusive to only first years like the Ringing-In Ceremony and the Parent's Lunch. Take advantage of the time you have with your cohort in first year and make your own time together. Have informal picnics by Sullivan's Creek, or make time to hang and chat after TEP events. Our cohort gained as much from the little things as did from the big events. We bonded over the fact that our body content was always 5% pide after TEP sessions, or through a live cricket stream set up at the Kioloa Camp.

Make the most of the quirks that make ANU special - come along to Inward Bound endpoint, or if you love running (and are a little crazy) like Ollie, Lizzy and Durkin then run the damn thing. Play AFL like Ruby, or join a production like Jacob. Participate in Civic2Surf, or join your residential committee, or represent the ANU at Uni Games. Be a Scholar's House Rep. Run your own event. Get involved in the program. That was one of the best things that we did this year.

### 2. Keep doing what you love

There are so many opportunities at the ANU that it is very easy to feel a little lost. Leaving behind one community and entering a new one can be as terrifying as it is exciting. We learned this year that it is sometimes important to maintain old passions and interests, even in this new context. No one will ever be able to stop Dunbabin from passionately advocating for Tasmania at every opportunity, and no one will ever be able to keep Ryan from his AFL or his weet-bix. It is so incredibly important to keep in contact with home, with the friends and loved ones you've left behind. Keep them updated and bring them into this fantastic new world that you now live in with stories about your day. They'll love it.

### 3. Look after yourself

Moving out of home is no mean feat. The network of friends and family that reminded you to eat, sleep or even do a load of washing is sorely missed at the start of the year and consequently, it's important that looking after yourself becomes a priority. Sometimes you will need to go to the doctor, or the dentist or the psychologist. Sometimes you will need to drop courses or stop sport or say no to someone - and that is ok. Sometimes you will need to remember to eat vegetables and while that's less ok, we all learned that it needed to be done.

### 4. Follow your passion, because no one else will do it for you

Our cohort are incredibly passionate about the Tuckwell program and have spent many hours discussing what we love, and how to make it even better. Our passions developed through the program too - Dunbabin, Hayley and Ben Durkin fell in love with the idea of introducing moving walkways into cities to solve transport issues, while Isabel, Tom, Kieran and Ruby discussed complex equations that the rest of us struggled to even comprehend. Renee revealed incredible skill and love for classical guitar around the fire at Kioloa Camp, and it was impossible to walk over to Emily's table in Scholar's House without being blown away by her drawings. Passion is contagious and we saw this during our How Change Happens session, with discussions about the changes we each most want to make in the world leaving a feeling that anything is possible.

### 5. Learn from others

Nothing of the above could have occurred without the help and guidance of all those

above us. Our TEP was entirely run by older Scholars and from them we gained invaluable advice about everything from "How to Tuckwell", to how to get the most out of uni without burning out. We learned about the early days of the program and the crucial role that Tim-Tams played and we now know not to try to sit an exam following a concussion. Being able to ask a question in Scholar's House and have it answered by an older and definitively wiser scholar is incredible and surrounding yourself with these older Scholars during exam period is rather calming. After all, if they've made it this far, then you can too!

We also spent the year learning from our peer mentors and our staff fellows through consistent meetings. Some of us played puttputt with our mentors, whilst others tried a new cafe on Lonsdale Street with each meeting. Our mentors, both formal and informal, are invaluable; a point of support and advice that we drew upon consistently. We are incredibly grateful for them.



The 2018 cohort after being 'rung-in' at Commencement Dinner

# 2017 SCHOLARS



Sahibjeet Bains



Peter Baker



Caitlyn Baljak



Jye Beardow



Odessa Blain



Adam Cass



Samuel Cass



Yoann Colin



Jack Crawford



Katherine Curtis



Callum Dargavel



Callum Davis



Lachlan Deimel



Thomas Driscoll



Claudia Hodge



Clare McBride-Kelly



Mia McConville



James Naylor-Pratt



Patrick O'Farrell



Isabella Ostini



Eilish Salmon





Michael Taylor



Tandee Wang



Alaina Warwick

### Reflecting on 2018

Sahibjeet Bains and Caitlyn Baljak, Scholars House Reps for the 2017 Cohort

The 2017 cohort have put down our roots in Canberra and are no longer the babies of the program. Our status as the middle-children has not seen us fall into the 'sophomore slump', but instead we continue to build strong relationships inside the program, the university and in the broader community.

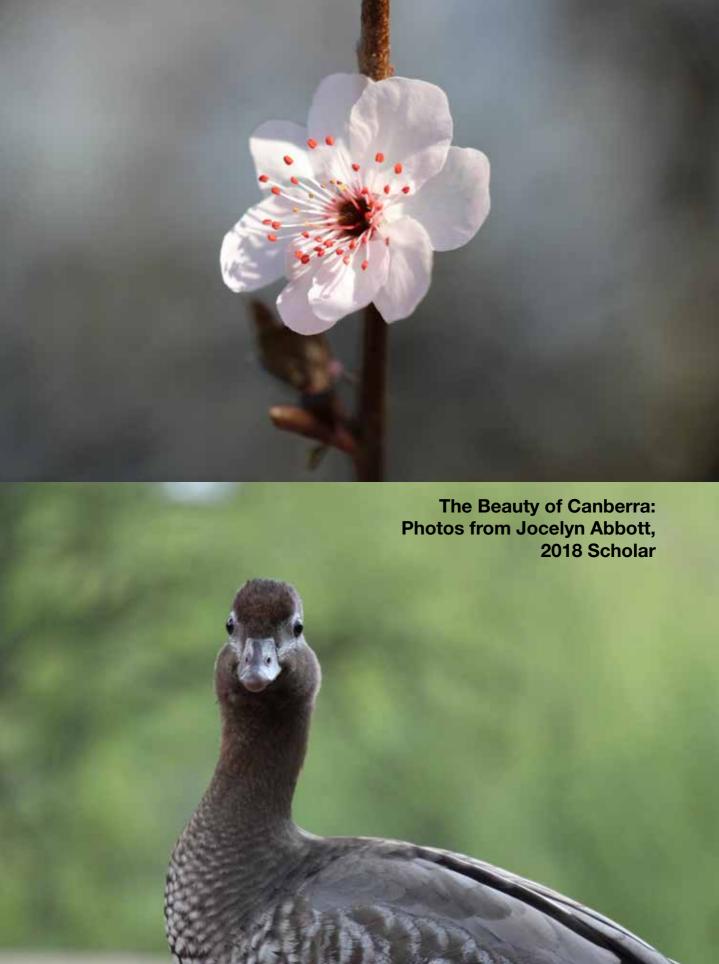
We've enjoyed running the Tuckwell Enrichment Program (TEP) for the 2018 cohort, building from the foundations of the program that shaped our first year as designed by the 2016 cohort. For our own TEP we engaged with Hot Topics, listened keenly to Tuckwell Talks, ran the Big Night Out Recovery Breakfast and caught up and rejuvenated over pide and ice cream; a cult classic. Our crowning glory as a cohort is surely the fact that we are the best cupcake decorators in the program (confirmed at the Spring BBQ)!

Outside of Tuckwell, we've had scholars compete both nationally and internationally for sport, worked for Members of Parliament, presented outstanding work at research conferences, run crowd-pulling events through Learning Communities, studied overseas, won a New Colombo Plan scholarship and represented Australia in debating just to name a few.

Next year looks to be an even bigger and better for our cohort, with a number of 2017 scholars taking up positions of leadership on residents committees, running the halls as Senior Residents (especially in helping shape Wright Hall in its commencing year), running research in laboratories across the university, working and interning with government departments, NGO's and the private sector. 2019 is also an opportunity for us to be 'Mum & Dad' to the incoming scholars, a role keenly anticipated by our cohort. We hope to be able to use the skills learned from running the TEP for the 2018 scholars in conjunction with a mentor training session delivered by Geoff Mortimore to help guide the incoming cohort through the wonderful whirlwind that is first year.









# 2016 SCHOLARS



Ben Rada Martin



Brandon Smith



Charlie Guerit



Chloe Harpley



Damian Mazur



Georgia Leak



Isabella Mortimore



James Hayne



Jen Hung



Jonah Hansen



Julia Lindblom



Kate Garrow



Lachlan Campbell



Lorane Gaborit



Louis Becker



Lucy Stedman



Madeleine McGregor



Max Moffat



Sachini Poogoda



Sam Bannister



Sarah Callinan



Tom Goodwin



Tim Hume

### Reflecting on 2018

Lorane Gaborit and Charlie Guerit, Scholars House Reps for the 2016 Cohort

There is no easy way to say it... the 2016 Scholars are getting old. Soon we will be swaying on rocking chairs outside Scholars House, with a packet of Tim-Tams on our right and a swag of The Bell issues on our left, remembering the good ol' days. As we reminiscence, we are sure the events of 2018 will not be forgotten.

This year, like any other, we have continued to excel in our scholarly exploits. Some Scholars topped their university courses, some wrote eloquent essays and others even discovered new elements on the periodic table. The last one is a bit of a stretch but you get the picture: as Chuckie once said about Will, our 'Boy's [and Girl's are] wicked smart.'

When our heads were not buried in textbooks, test tubes or mathematical algorithms, 2016 Scholars took the world by storm with our co-curricular achievements. Amidst a long list, it will not be forgotten that two of us conquered the daring heights of Mount Fuji in mid-winter, whilst other esteemed colleagues produced directional and acting performances that would've brought a standing ovation from The Thinker Statue itself. Many of us also began making inroads into our future careers, donning the suits and briefcases of the corporate world, making leaps and bounds with local NGOs, and being poached by prestigious firms for internship programs.

The events we held this year, including CV reviews and an internship evening, certainly gave us crucial tools to make the most of these opportunities. Those who might have worried of any great third year 'on campus / off campus' divide needn't have laid awake at night. With two 2016 Scholars representing

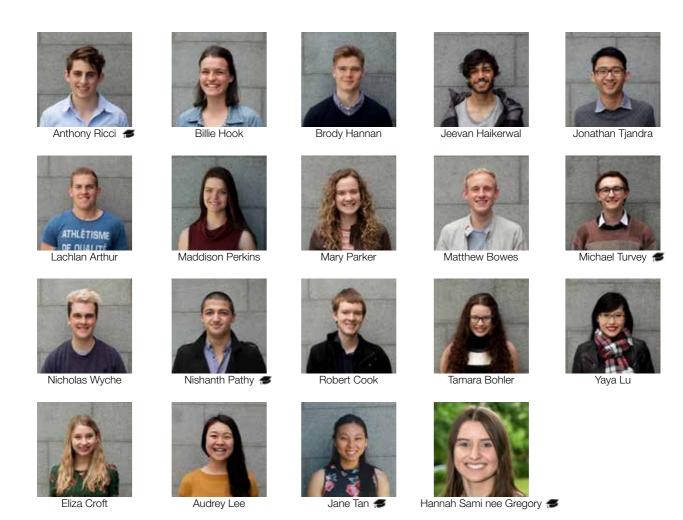
the cohort as presidents of their respective residential halls and many other scholars choosing to live together off-campus anyway, our little Tuckwell family remained as close as ever.

As always, Scholars House was a vital watering hole for a healthy dose of gossip, coffee pods and essay advice. This year, we were also assigned two or three 2018 Scholars to take under our wings as part of the Tuckwell Mentoring Program. We cannot understate the impact our mentees have had on us and hope that somewhere amongst the shared laughter and deep and meaningful conversations, we have contributed to easing their transition to university.



So in the near future, when our gummy mouths are smeared in Tim-Tam chocolate, we will have the Tuckwell Scholarship to thank for these memories. With no 2016 Scholars leaving ANU just yet, there is little doubt that 2019 will bring the same assortment of great vibes and great achievements.

# 2015 SCHOLARS



Has completed requirements of degree(s) as a Tuckwell Scholar

### Reflecting on 2018

Matthew Bowes and Maddison Perkins, Scholars House Reps for the 2015 Cohort

t was a particularly busy year for the Tuckwell program's smallest, but arguably most 'refreshingly different' cohort.

After an excellent turnout at Commencement kicked the year off in style – and allowed us to nab our first group photo in far too long – we all settled into the humdrum of the year ahead. Straight away, a group of especially generous fourth years (A massive thank you to Mary, Maddison, Nick and Jonathan!) volunteered to help shepherd the younger cohorts through a stellar Tuckwell Camp, receiving rave reviews from both first-timers and repeat attendees. In fact, 2015ers contributed their wisdom to a range of Tuckwell events throughout the year, including the Tuckwell Extension Program and ANU+ volunteering session, among countless others.

The 2015 cohort also busied themselves with a huge range of academic pursuits, with several of us undertaking Honours programs

in some notoriously challenging fields, a few venturing out on exchange, and all of us facing the prospect of graduating in the not too distant future. As such, our social events in 2018 took a definite turn towards the relaxing. Discussions over pizza and drinks ranged from the proper formatting of theses (multiple word documents or one?), to the best way to make positive social change happen in your area of interest (even if that happens to be high-frequency trading), to musings on all the ways that the Tuckwell program had changed since the good ol' days<sup>TM</sup> of our first year.

As 2018 drew to a close, we said goodbye to those graduating from our cohort. Given the diverse range of experiences we've had, and the huge range of different talents we've honed during our time at ANU, it's hard to know what to say. So, until next time, let's just say thanks for all the memories.





# 2014 SCHOLARS

























Jakub Nabaglo 🎏

Katie Ward

Jessica Woolnough

Has completed requirements of degree(s) as a Tuckwell Scholar

### Reflecting on 2018

Marcus Dahl and Hannah Harmelin, Scholars House Reps for the 2014 Cohort

The end of 2018 marked a big milestone for our cohort—five years since we first got to the ANU and started our Tuckwell Scholarship experience. Many of us are also leaving the ANU after this year, to join the several others who have already begun their post-undergraduate lives: further study, starting work and seeing the world (but don't worry, a fair few of us will still be around Canberra and the ANU next year!).

Our get-togethers this year have been lovely and we've been able to reminisce about how far we've come and how much the scholarship program has changed, since we first were interviewed back in July 2013. Some of the highlights over that first year in particular: University House soup, 'dot-mocracies', the Molly Huxley room, Tim Tams...

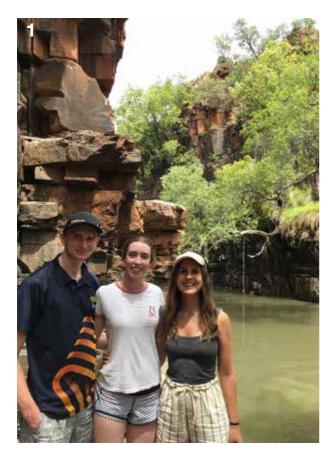
This year we also said a tearful farewell to Mary Kilcline Cody, who was with us from the beginning as one of the three original Tuckwell Fellows (along with Susan Howitt and Simon Rice) and was joined not long after by Richard Baker. Mary has provided mentorship, advocacy, counsel and cups of tea to many of our cohort over the years and we are so thankful for her generosity, humour and wisdom. We wish her all the best for the adventures that lie ahead of her.

Although we're all heading off in different directions, we will always be connected by our experiences as the inaugural cohort and as a part of the amazing and ever-growing Tuckwell Scholarship community.

















- Damian and Maddy interning in Kununurra, Western Australia
- 2 Georgia and Jade at Commencement Dinner
- Katie and Prof. Brian Schmidt speak to 2018 Scholars
- 4 Hannah and Tim at the Summer BBQ
- Bryce, Lachlan and James at the Later Year Academic Dinner
- Sabi, AJ, Abi and Maddy discussing *How Change Happens*
- 7 2018 cohort picnic alongside Sullivan's Creek





# COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Reflections of a 2018 Scholar



### Jonny Lang 2018 Scholar

Ommencement Weekend was a time of celebration. For the 2018 cohort it not only signified the official beginning of our journey as Tuckwell Scholars but existed as a humbling reminder that we had actually made it. After so much hard work, uncertainty, self-doubt, anticipation and build up – we were finally here.

The weekend began with a breakfast at University House with the recently graduated alumni. Gathering around the tables for our first formal event, it seemed as if all our emotions were perfectly synonymous: a combination of overwhelming excitement and unsettling nervousness. However, speaking to Scholars whose journeys' at the ANU had already finished was a unique and reassuring experience. The positivity with which they spoke about their time studying at the ANU, their experiences at residential halls and the opportunities inherent to the program filled us with great confidence.

A little less than three hours later we returned to University House. However, this time there was a key and potentially devastating difference: we were with our parents. After lecturing them in the car about what they were and were not allowed to say, part two of the day officially commenced. In all seriousness, the opportunity to introduce your parents to Graham and Louise, ANU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Brian Schmidt, various panel members and your fellow was incredibly special. I distinctly remember looking over at my mum during the speeches to see tears of joy uncontrollably welling up in her eyes. After all their hard work, dedication and sacrifice, this moment was for them.

That same evening the entirety of the program – all scholars from each cohort, fellows, staff and Graham and Louise – met once again at University House.

After chatting and sharing a drink, official proceedings began with Sabi individually ringing in each of the 2018 cohort. However, at this point in time, the whirlwind of thoughts and emotions that had domineered our brains for the past 12 hours were replaced by just one: 'please do not fall'. Luckily, we all made it to the stage without stumbling, therefore allowing the fear of perpetual embarrassment to begin to subside.

Upon returning to our tables, the red wine began to flow and so too did the conversations. The speeches by Sabi, Graham and Louise, Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Marnie Hughes Warrington, Lucy Kirk and the newly appointed chair of the selection panel Dr. Rae Francis were all incredibly inspiring, providing unique insights and perspectives into the Program and its future.

In 2018, for the first time in the Scholarship's history, University House witnessed a full complement of Tuckwell Scholars. For 2018 scholars it was the first time that the magnitude of our accomplishments really had the chance to settle in and for later year scholars the night existed as a reminder of how far they have come and how much they have to be thankful for. Whilst the enormity of the evening was somewhat overwhelming, it was also a truly humbling experience to be a part of, one which I look forward to experiencing again in the not too distant future.

# **TUCKWELL CAMP**

Reflections of a 2018 Scholar



### Oliver Pulsford 2018 Scholar

t was hard to know what to expect when we lined up for the bus ride to the Kioloa coastal campus. While many of the later year scholars looked forward to a quiet bus ride, the excitement and anticipation that I and many of the 2018 scholars felt showed through: we could hardly contain ourselves as we neared the coast.

After moving into our dorms we progressed to the kitchen and proceeded to demolish the campus's entire stock of fresh fruit in a single sitting. Meal times were a great

chance to bond with scholars both within our own cohort and with older scholars. Most importantly, fiercely debating the state of the country as we followed the results of the Tasmanian elections (the race that stops a nation!).

Over the course of the camp we engaged in many activities designed to allow us to reflect on our passions and values in like-minded groups. This was great as throughout the rest of the year I found I could approach other scholars that I knew had similar interests for inspiration and advice regarding any extracurricular

activities I was interested in.

We also had a chance to spend some more time with our mentors, a great opportunity to see them again after orientation day and an even better opportunity to at last hit the beach. The development of relationships with our mentors took many shapes and forms. I was lucky enough to be able to explore some of the surrounding forest with my mentor while others sat down over a cup of tea, watched the kangaroos or went for

a swim.

Some other highlights of the camp included games of beach cricket and frisbee (even the bat falling apart couldn't stop the game!) while others tried to bodysurf in the gentle swell. Some

of us were able to hijack a projector in order to watch Australia in the cricket whilst others sat around, listened to music and chatted by the campfire.

Camp was one of the most relaxed weekends of the entire year and a great opportunity to bond with scholars from every cohort. I cannot wait for Kioloa 2019!



# ACADEMIC DINNERS

Reflections of a 2017 Scholar



#### Alaina Warwick 2017 Scholar

The Academic Dinners (with one for early and one for later years scholars) provide annual opportunities for scholars to reunite with each other and make new connections with academics at the university. The evenings allow the scholars and academics to interact in a more organic space than a lecture theatre or an office. University House is a space that elicits nostalgia of the most important Tuckwell events and is a space I have grown comfortable in. It is the perfect setting to become familiar with the faces we typically see from afar.

The dinner represents a unique opportunity to see a different side of a system we have committed at least three years of our lives to. Scholars get to know these great minds as something other than the content they teach and the research they publish. As someone who has never considered academia as my career path, it is valuable to hear about career progressions that are not set from their undergraduate degrees, but have many different twists. The factors that have led academics to the university are often diverse and they carry with them valuable experiences that extend beyond marking exams.

The choice of academic can be inspired by the classroom, their staff directory profile or an interest in their research. However, I have found the table you are seated with to be the real pleasure. A mix of known and unknown faces are ready to greet you and split the table wine. The diverse combination of people united within a broad discipline normally provokes unexpected conversation and allows the mind to marvel at the extraordinary lives of the people in your company. Or to compare your college's changes in traditions since your first year finance lecturer resided there.

The Academic Dinners are an engagement by the academics in the same action that started this scholarship. To give something of value to someone else in the hopes that one day that person can give society something greater. The opportunity to engage with a table of some of the great current and future minds in the field I am passionate about is something I wouldn't get to do without being a Tuckwell. The meeting of so many academics speaks to the reputation of the program (and the excellent food at University House). It is a night to look forward to each year, if only to see good friends and have the opportunity

## INTERVIEW WEEKEND

#### Reflections of a Volunteer

Meghan Malone 2018 Scholar

undreds of students each year apply for the coveted Tuckwell Scholarship. Ultimately, what sets the successful applicants apart is their performance at the Interview Weekend. Aside from my own experience in 2017, I had no clue what to expect as a volunteer at the 2018 Interview Weekend. As I waited at the bus station to collect the applicants from Sydney, I found myself strangely nervous and I wasn't even being interviewed! However, the nerves rapidly faded as I greeted a group of grinning 'Tucklings' (as one of the volunteers quickly named the hopeful candidates) who had somehow managed to become the greatest of friends in a short 3-hour bus trip.

This heart-warming experience set the tone for the entire weekend. As I sipped on coffee with the interviewees at the Botanic Gardens and challenged them in table tennis, I continually marvelled at what wonderful and unique people they were. Through each conversation I found myself learning something new about the distant corners of our vast nation and the fascinating young people who live there. Regardless of the end outcome, it was beautiful to observe a large group of Australia's brightest youth coming together in such a positive way. However, I was consistently torn and even emotional as I mulled over how the interview panel could possibly choose just 25 of these 75 students to give what is well and truly the



opportunity of a lifetime.

Seeing how each of these brilliant young people responded uniquely to the interview process was truly amazing. I was reminded of how the interviews are a life-changing experience. You don't know yourself until you're exposed to that kind of pressure and asked somewhat mind-boggling questions. It was impossible not to reflect on my own experience and examine how much I have changed since sitting in those small interview rooms myself. It made me feel incredibly excited to think about the phenomenal people each of the applicants would become in the future, irrespective of the tears or laughter that the interviews may have brought on.

To meet the 2019 Tuckwell Scholarship recipients once more on Open Day brought on great joy. I realised the fantastic opportunity we have through the Tuckwell Program to get to know some of Australia's greatest young minds as friends, mentors and inspirations. The Interview Weekend, whilst incredibly challenging and emotional, allows pre-existing scholars to engage with the future of the scholarship and our nation in an environment where everyone is at their most genuine. My experience as a volunteer in 2018 was a highlight of my time as a Tuckwell scholar thus far and certainly brought some warmth to what was a very cold first winter in Canberra.

## Reflections from the Chair of the Selection Committee

Prof. Rae Frances
Dean of the College of Arts
and Social Sciences

have been involved in the Tuckwell Scholarship
Program for almost a year now, succeeding
Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington as Chair of the
Scholarship Selection Committee. During this time
I have had the enormous privilege of working with
Graham and Louise Tuckwell, whose commitment
and enthusiasm for the program and the scholars is
truly inspiring.

The selection process is a huge undertaking, involving reading and assessing hundreds of applications and then interviewing the short-listed candidates. Graham and Lou, and the other members of the panel, are acutely aware of the responsibility they have to all the candidates to be as rigorous and as fair as possible in their choices.

I have been struck by the incredibly high calibre of the applicants – just getting to the final interview stage is in itself an enormous achievement. I have also been impressed with the way the current Scholars have contributed to the process through their involvement in the interview weekend – I know it makes a huge difference to the candidates to have such friendly people taking care of them and to have the opportunity to get a sense of what being a Tuckwell Scholar and an ANU student means.



And now I will have the particular pleasure of welcoming the first cohort of Scholars that I was involved in selecting. I am sure they will live up to the very high standards set by their predecessors and be a credit to the program.

## Reflections from a Panel Member

Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM Panel Member since 2014



## 'If you were in a circus, what role would you play and why?'

t is an extraordinary privilege to meet 75 young, thoughtful, interesting Australians from around the country all of whom want to contribute to making Australia, and the world, better and fairer. All of whom have already made impressive contributions to their communities and families. It is exhilarating to see everyone who comes to the interview weekend interact not only with others in the cohort but with Tuckwell Scholars and Staff and the many volunteers who work so hard to ensure that the weekend is informative, interesting and supportive.

For the 75 Tuckwell aspirants who attend the interview weekend at the ANU in Canberra, being peppered with a variety of questions sits at the heart of that experience. Anticipating the questions, answering them, and then debriefing with fellow interviewees at the end of the weekend is all part of the adventure. As is the occasional bewilderment about what prompted one - or more - question.

From the panel's perspective, a useful interview question is one that is short, that does not necessarily require specialist knowledge, and lets the respondent think through an issue (that is, marshalling information, analysing, testing against their values and instincts and so on). The panel's aim is to better know each individual, building on the exhaustive (and probably exhausting) two-stage application process. While the questions may be surprising, there are no hidden tricks to them.

Where do the questions come from? To name but a few sources: they come from the fertile brains of the staff at Scholars House, members of the assessment panel and members of the selection panel. Potential questions are scrutinised and debated by the selection panel. The final selection of questions is careful and there can be spirited bidding amongst the panel to ask a particular question. The interviews are conducted by several panels of two members each. Each selection panel monitors how questions are working because we are looking to draw out the best in every candidate. Questions can sometimes take on a life of their own when the conversation goes in an unanticipated and intriguing direction.

Although I have focused on the interview component of the weekend, everyone involved in the Tuckwell Scholarship program wants the weekend as a whole to be one of discovery for our guests. Learning about the breadth of academic, social and sporting activities on offer at ANU; experiencing the joys of the campus (yes, even on what is often the coldest weekend of the year); meeting a group of unbelievably talented and enthusiastic individuals who are part of the Tuckwell

enterprise and, possibly, realising that at the end of the weekend you know more about yourself and can be proud of how you made the most of the opportunity. Congratulations!

### So, 'If you ruled the world, which vegetable would you ban? Why?'



Program Administration Officer, Hannah Leary, and Program Director, Tim Mansfield, pictured at Interview Weekend as they await the arrival of candidates for a tour of the interview rooms



A group of 2018 candidates on top of Mount Ainslie as part of an Interview Weekend Tour of Canberra



A group of scholar and staff volunteers pose for the camera!

# VISIT TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL



#### Meghan Malone 2018 Scholar

Perhaps one of the most exciting events for the Tuckwell Scholars this year was our visit to Government House. The enthusiasm this trip generated was evident in the huge number of scholars who took time out of their busy schedules to board the buses and meet the Governor General. The buses, as always, were a hub of conversation. I found that in the middle of a hectic semester the short journey was a much needed break from the often insular bubble that is the ANU campus.

I believe I speak for all when I say that I was awed by the beautiful home we stood in front of upon arrival. It was fascinating to be welcomed inside a highly historical and politically important building. First used in the 1830s, the antique Yarralumla home was originally a sheep station, with the current building first used by Governor General Lord Stonehaven in 1927. With a beautiful view of the lake, the visit reminded me of how young Canberra truly is and how its shape has changed in the past decade.

We were all given the opportunity to wander around the ground floor of the home and explore the spaces used by the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove. I would be lying if I said the experience wasn't dramatically enhanced by a mellow soundtrack of acoustic instrumental Taylor Swift covers.

The Governor -eneral gave a very poignant address at the event. I was pleasantly surprised by his sense of humour and

his genuine interest in the education of Australia's young people. As a decorated ex-military officer, I expected that Sir Peter Cosgrove would be an intimidating figure. Alternatively, he made a conscious effort to speak personally with all the scholars. He additionally managed to find personal connections with many of us and even took the time to speak with me about his experience with my hometown Mackay, Queensland. His personable and intelligent nature left me feeling very inspired.



Our visit to Government House made me acutely aware of how fortunate I was to receive the Tuckwell Scholarship. The reputation of the scholarship meant that we were not only able to meet a key figure in Australian politics but also visit his home and engage with him on a more personal level. The experience served as a kind reminder of the potential we all have as Tuckwell Scholars to reach out to some of Australia's game changers, conduct important conversations and truly give back to the nation on a broader scale.













- 1 Max performs for Bruce at Big Night Out
- Thank-you card for ex-Fellow Prof. Peter Kanowski, made by Emily Davidson
- 3 Tim and Hannah dressed for Wear it Purple
- Jade in her natural habitat for the Future Shapers Forum
- B&G scholars Oli, Meg and Caitlyn pose for the B&G Multicultural Ball
- Jonah at the ANU Stargazing World Record Attempt
- Scholars in attendance at the ANU Global Update 2018





## MAKING SPACE

Jocelyn Abbott 2018 Scholar

have always lived in the same house. My childhood consisted of many of the same spaces; the local primary school, high school, the diving pool, Normanhurst Oval, Hornsby shopping centre. I had travelled many times before, but coming to ANU was a whole new experience. There was a new room to arrange, a foreign campus to navigate, and a brandnew city to explore.

Attending university comes with the inevitable movement into spaces we have never before encountered. In an attempt to consolidate all this newness, I have tried to create a rough guide of the spaces that I have inhabited at ANU through the year.

#### The Bedroom

The college bedroom is truly a diverse space. You will enter some rooms that are so pristine that you wonder whether anyone truly lives there, and some so messy you wonder HOW anyone could live there. There are rooms full

of plants, and rooms full of books, and rooms with couches and garish bed-spreads and photos spread all over the walls.

Your room will look lifeless without decoration. It will be sad, and disappointing, and then you will put up some posters, and maybe some photos you took in O-Week. The room will start to reflect the fundamental elements of you, your love for The Kooks, your newly adopted horticultural passions, your interest in mathematics or medicine or movies nobody has ever heard of. You will want to invite people into your room, to share your space with them, and share a little of who you are through the things you surround yourself by.

#### The Dining Hall

You will dance in the dining hall with your friends at midnight because you CAN, and return bleary-eyed and weary for breakfast at 7 am because you have an 8 am tutorial that you don't want to miss. You'll develop friendships over the fact that the rice is always slightly

crunchy, and the sausages are always an off colour. Are they meant to be this grey? You will study in the dining hall for hours over several cups of tea, and you will wonder if you might be more productive in your room. The answer to that is probably yes, but you'll stay in the dining hall anyway.

There will be events held here where you will dress up in your fanciest clothes and pretend to be adults, and there will be evenings when all you want is a toastie or some Milo, so you'll go down in your pyjamas and hope that no one notices. You'll give tours to prospective students on Open Day where you'll tell them that this room is the centre of your college community, and you'll be indescribably swept up in the joy and nostalgia of what has happened here.

#### Scholar's House

The first time you come to Scholar's House you will probably get lost - it is a rite of passage. A tip for new scholars; it is usually found sandwiched between the Centre on China in the World, and the Law School. Once you find it, Scholar's House will become your sanctuary. Don't know how to do Statutory Interpretation? Wondering which courses to enroll in for next semester? Ask the Fourth Year that you met at Commencement Weekend, or the Second Year who ran one of your TEP sessions, or the Third Year who led the trivia night at Kioloa. You'll come for TEP events, and lunchtime talks, and eventually it will seem to you a second home, a place for studying and socialising and a quick tea break on your way home from class. You'll water the plants and unstack the dishwasher (hopefully), and marvel at the complex diagrams and equations that older scholars are writing on the walls.

#### The Lecture Hall

The lecture hall will seem enormous and terrifying. It is impossible to imagine 200 law students leaning desperately towards the lecturer as though they could suck up her knowledge until you have been in the sweaty, strained thick of it all. Where do I sit? Should I take notes on paper or on my laptop? Why

does the guy behind to me ask so many questions?

Don't worry. You'll finally decide to sit down next to a girl who looks just as terrified as you, and you'll bond over the fact that you both use the same pen. Next lecture, she'll spot you from across the room and make her way over to you. And so will blossom a friendship that is founded in a forest of seats, and shared lecture notes, and exasperation over that guy that still. keeps. asking. questions.

#### The Tutorial Room

The tutorial room is another matter entirely. A classroom, a familiar space... but not really. Firstly, you will need to find your way to the room. I am convinced that the history department weeds out the most lackluster students by assigning tutorial rooms as far away and obscure as a room known as HA1205. I had an entire semester of class at HA1205, and I am still not certain that I could find that room without a map.

The tutorial room (once you find it) can be a forum for the most passionate discussion that you will ever have in your life, but it can also be an incredibly odd experience. You have not experienced true awkwardness until you've had a tutor ask a question, only for the students to sit in silence for ten minutes waiting for one another to answer. But once again, you'll bond with your peers over this, and maybe you'll catch up at Coffee Grounds a little later in the semester, and maybe you'll talk about that one time no one spoke for ten minutes in your 10 am philosophy tutorial.

The ANU is big, and confusing, and you will probably get lost, but that's all part of your first year at uni. You'll eventually get used to the newness of it all, and you'll begin to notice the little things. The new posters in the BKSS. The turtles in Sullivan's Creek. The one lecturer who always keeps their door open. The wattle that blooms all over campus in spring. These spaces, the lecture halls and the college rooms and the kitchens which all seem so unfamiliar will, with time, become your spaces too.

## IN THE LONG RUN

## Thoughts on the Madness of IB

#### Jade Lin 2018 Scholar

nward Bound (IB) is a defining experience of ANU residential life. In concept, it's the most utterly bizarre thing—what crazy individual thought to themselves, let's drop some 18-year olds, blindfolded, in a bush, with a compass and some maps and make them run up to 100km?

When I first heard of IB, I thought it was a hazing ritual. Oddly enough, it's actually opt-in and a competitive process at most colleges. A big pack of people, all significantly more fit than myself, start off in the IB process—the brighteyed first years with itchy feet and a college reputation to establish, ambitious second years looking to climb divisions and prove something to themselves, and the reluctantly addicted third years hoping for a final hurrah. Slowly, grades slip, shock blankets are rolled out for runners who push themselves too far, bones snap, weird tan lines develop, expensive packs are purchased and other college friends are roped into driving blindfolded people out into the bush in the middle of the night.

Team selections are eagerly anticipated and discussions about the merits of gender quotas are dug up out of their graves for their annual run around, and all of Daley Road feels it as their runner friends eat, breathe and sleep IB.

I've never understood sacrifice until this year. Moving out, I've reflected on the luxuries I had at home, and the luxuries I still have at college. Ultimately, I think I've begun to understand the weight of the sacrifice my parents have made in the weary day-to-day of keeping multiple human beings happy, healthy and clean.

I have also understood sacrifice and dedication through the lens of IB.

The thing about IB is that it happens during the academic term. I submitted an essay at 11:50 pm, went to sleep and promptly woke up just before 5 am to get into a car and out to Endpoint, where all the runners come in. Some years Endpoint is further, and the wake up earlier—it's no mean feat to get a few hundred sleep-deprived, afternoon-waking young adults to a place. It's also quite difficult to make them wear sunscreen—see the communal aloe vera that appeared courtesy of fellow scholar Callum Dargavel in the Bruce Dining Hall after IB, and the blistering, peeling sunburn on the faces of far too many spectators.

The coordination required for such an event is crazy. It looks like planning for hours of sendoffs from the early afternoon and into the night, registering cars and buses, allocating



drivers and seats, decorating the quad, making posters, organising food for hundreds, organising individual packs for runners, and so on. But ask everyone involved and they'll tell you, it's entirely worth it. Entire colleges are sprawled out on tarps with snacks and study materials and playing cards, waiting for someone to spot four little figures off in the distance. Study, cards and snacks are abandoned almost immediately, as people sprint down to the "chute" where the runners come in.

At the end of the day, the sacrifice on the end of non-runners is about community. Supporting your friends as they push themselves, and giving them the respect and honour they deserve makes the ridiculousness of the lead up seem less so.

I cried when my friends ran in. I thought of everything they'd given up. I thought of their cold, dark nights of never-ending Australiana and the pain they would have hit a few hours in, that then dragged on late into the next day, and their unwillingness to stop at all costs. I also felt so grateful that they hadn't died; the IB committee makes runners sign indemnity forms that mean runners take on all the risks of running through the middle of God knows

where, and that's a terrifying concept. While I cried, people from every college got around them as they ran through. Then, spectators from the particular college that had just come in would form a tunnel, waiting on the runners to finish their scrutineering process. The hugging, laughing, crying, and chanting are the greatest shows of college camaraderie that I've ever seen.

Six hours in and my friends and I were sunbaking, kicking the footy around and being genuinely relaxed. IB gives you perspective about your studies—it makes it clear there is a lot more to finding meaning in life than being on top of things.

Inward Bound is a celebration of spirit, perseverance, dedication, skill and sacrifice, and an exercise in the best of the human spirits of the runners and spectators. It doesn't make any sense from an outsider's perspective why anyone would run this thing, or stand at the finish line to see people in the last minute of an hours long race. Yet, somehow, it works. If there's one thing you do in your residential life at ANU, it should be to go to Endpoint.

## HOW TO BUILD A HOME

Two of ANU's latest residential halls, Wright and Bruce, are set to open in 2019 after a generous donation from Graham and Louise enabled them to be constructed on the site of the old Bruce Hall. The proceeds from the Halls will help fund the scholarship into perpetuity. The 2019 Presidents of both Halls reflect on the future.

#### Jade Lin 2018 Scholar and President of Wright Hall

y dad and my uncle are plasterers, so construction has always interested me and excited me. Wright and Bruce have gone up so quickly—a wonder of modern technology. I hope that their ressies are thankful for the hard working tradies, who worked through the weekend in the unabashed Canberran heat, and who have given us our new home.

I took a big leap of faith, leaving a college I love and making a commitment to the unknown. It's been fantastic so far—the rest of the leadership team are excited and bring their varying understandings of the world to the table. It's an interesting position to be a woman of colour and the inaugural president of a college. Only time will tell how it pans out.

I hope that Wright is a good college—one that gives people the greatest years of their lives. I hope that its lack of tradition is a good thing—no hazing, no culture of sexism, no undertones of hatred.

Wright is the product of enormous generosity from Graham and Louise, and this affects our mission. Everything we do at Wright will hopefully give back to other residents or the broader university and Australian community.

It's also a new college. This fact, I hope, will encourage a culture of everyone getting on board and ultimately, a thriving culture of innovation and contribution.

## Callum Dargavel 2017 Scholar and President of Bruce Hall

Contemplating the task of moving a college makes one reflect on just how strange colleges are. They are not places, as the past three years for Bruce have shown. They are not people, for each year there are hundreds of faces that leave to be replaced at the beginning of the next. And they are not traditions, for they change and evolve, as they should, to suit the communities that they serve. But to say that the simple remains, the name, the crest, the motto and such, are the college seems too simple to capture the messy and shifting kaleidoscope of experiences that make up college life. The place, the people, the values, the traditions, the experiences somehow all come together to form a community as magical as it is unique.

The move from Bruce as it was, and now back to Bruce as it will be, has by no means been easy. Much has been lost. The dining hall is not the same as it was.

The people are not the same as they were. Many of the traditions are not the same. Perhaps Bruce this year will be all but unrecognisable to someone who lived in old Bruce. It's a thought that scares me. Is there an obligation to preserve that which is passed down on to you in an effort to connect to the past?

But change is a part of college life that I think people forget would happen regardless of the specifics that have occurred in recent years. I think too that people also forget that loss opens space for new things to grow. Bruce may not be the same, but Bruce has never valued itself on sameness. Diversity of people and experiences, and a respect for that, are shared values that are held above all else. And while everything else may change, those values act as a guiding constant. The year ahead is terrifying. But by keeping those values in mind, the fear is assuaged and excitement takes its place.





## ALUMNI REFLECTIONS



#### Sarah Campbell

Bachelor of Science (Advanced) (Honours) Since graduating, I have had the amazing opportunity of working as a graduate at the Department of the Environment and Energy. This has offered me such a wide range of experiences, including working in chemical and biotechnological assessments, the Climate Change Authority, and most recently on the government's electricity policies. In addition, I have helped lead an Australian Public Service Graduate Data Network, completed a Diploma of Government and bought my very own apartment. This year has been so transformative, both professionally and personally, and I truly feel like I have learnt more this year than any other.

#### **Matthew Jacob**

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics / Bachelor of Economics (Hons) Since graduating, I have moved to the US to pursue economic research in the field of inequality and intergenerational mobility. While I was very excited to take part in a Thanksgiving dinner for the first time, I am rather less excited about the upcoming winter in a city colder than Canberra (Boston). Best wishes for all those graduating at the end of the year and please do not hesitate to reach out if you are ever in town -- it is always great to see familiar faces when living so far from home.

#### Sorin Zota

#### Bachelor of Commerce

I can't believe it's already been a year since I graduated from ANU. Since leaving, I've moved to Sydney and started working in the investment management industry. Having had the opportunity to move to Canberra through the Tuckwell Scholarship, the transition to another new city—I'm originally from Melbourne—has been relatively smooth. The highlights of my first year out of uni have been staying in touch with friends still in Canberra, exploring the Sydney tourist hotspots (and escaping them in hipster cafes) and travelling to Singapore for work not once but twice. My top tip for life after graduating: don't "follow"

your passion", which you likely won't have found yet, but rather "foster your passion", move towards what interests you.

#### Jessica Woolnough

Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Arts
Working with the Department of Infrastructure,
Regional Development and Cities has been
one of the highlights of my life after graduating
from the ANU last July. After completing my
undergrad in science and arts, majoring in
chemistry and environmental studies, I took
some time off to travel and relax before finding
work with the public service here in Canberra.

I am part of a wonderful team here in my role as a media officer, which involves writing media releases, talking points, social media content and engaging with stakeholders on the variety of amazing work the department is doing for our country. Next year I will continue with the department through their graduate program, which will give me the opportunity to rotate through three more departmental areas. My main word of advice is to not be afraid to try new things, or even walk an entirely different path to what you may have planned. The world is a big place filled with an enormous variety of opportunities – new lines of work or issues to tackle are around every corner.

I began at the ANU doing a science degree with the plans of becoming a chemistry researcher and I finished with a double degree that spanned several sciences, environmental studies and linguistics. I now work in communications, and I know I will go on to try out other very different roles within my department and beyond.

There is no need to feel defined by your (or anyone else's) plans or expectations. The Tuckwell program and the ANU give you a wide variety of tools and opportunities you can use to be successful in post-uni life – no matter how different that may end up being to your original plans, studies, current skill-set or passions.

#### **Guy Leckenby**

#### Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons)

I graduated from the Bachelor of Philosophy (Science) (Honours) a year ago and almost immediately jetted off to Japan to become a ski instructor. I've been doing that pretty much the whole year now and have gained three certs including becoming a snowboard instructor as well! Initially, I had planned to continue study with a Master's of Science in Physics at the University of British Columbia, however, I deferred my start date to continue skiing for another year. I now start at Vancouver in September 2019 after teaching for four consecutive seasons. Spending a season in the snow is something I've always wanted to do but I never thought I'd enjoy it as much as I have! Having come to ANU straight from high school, I've found that post-graduation life is the perfect opportunity for endeavours requiring no responsibilities, so make the most of it!

#### **Elena Pleass**

Bachelor of Finance / Bacholor of Economics Since graduating from ANU, I have moved to Melbourne and started working as an analyst at JP Morgan. I work in a general industrials coverage team within the investment bank.

My first year of full-time work has proved to be challenging yet incredibly rewarding. The highlight of my year was 7 weeks of training in New York City. It was really refreshing to be able to reinforce much of what I had learned at ANU and build upon my finance knowledge. I felt ready and confident to embark upon this new adventure by the end of my time at university. While I miss ANU, full-time work has presented me with a new set of challenges and has opened up a world of opportunities to further explore.

#### Jakub Nabaglo

Bachelor of Philosophy (Science) (Hons)
The new year began with a new job, which brought me to a new city. Sydney. So not too far. I now work on preserving-privacy software at CSIRO's Data61.

When a researcher or analyst works with data, they usually want an answer to a question. What's the average salary of an acupuncturist? What's the correlation between incarceration status and alcohol dependence? The answers themselves are usually not sensitive because they aggregate information about many people, so you can't identify individuals. However, to get those answers we must analyse records that contain individuals' private data. This risks the information being improperly accessed or revealed.

The technology I work on lets you answer these questions without seeing the sensitive records the answers are based on, and it relies on some clever cryptography. A technique called 'homomorphic encryption' lets you perform calculations on data that is encrypted: it's like doing a maths test, but you're blindfolded. It lets us do the working on numbers we can't see and only reveal the answer at the end, thus protecting individuals' privacy. It should not surprise that this field is growing very quickly. Stories of private data being abused (Cambridge Analytica), leaked (Equifax), or improperly released (Medicare) are common and frightening. There is a reasonable chance that your own data is available on the dark web, for a fee in Bitcoin.

In a world where data is worth more than ever, it is increasingly difficult to protect individuals' privacy. That's why this work is particularly important.



# SCHOLARS ON EXCHANGE

#### **Robert Cook**

University of Groningen, Netherlands

In Semester 2, I had the incredible chance to go overseas for 6 months to the Netherlands and study at the University of Groningen. Immediately, I noticed some very stark differences to Australia – new courses begin and final exams happen every term, semester continues over Christmas, Groningen has 3 O-Weeks (and none of them are academic!), and many other differences. That's all before getting used to the very direct, honest approach of the Dutch in conversation, and the abundance of pastries, cheeses and other amazing products. It was quite an experience!

On top of the culture shock, my exchange was also a great chance for me to explore new things. I tried European Handball and Fencing for the first time, found a passion for Social Security Law I didn't expect, made some amazing friends from across Europe, and had the chance to do some travel in between to places ranging from Lille to Tel Aviv, and Bielefeld to Athens. I am extremely thankful for being able to have the support of the scholarship for this amazing opportunity, and can't wait to see everyone again in 2019!





#### **Tim Hume**

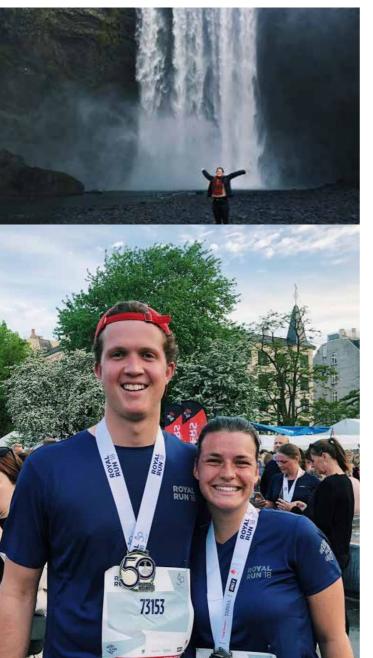
ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Studying at ETH Zürich has presented many unique opportunities enabled by the strength of its research collaborations, cultural diversity of the student cohort and central location of Zürich. Most of my time has been spent at the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), a multi-disciplinary research institute affiliated with ETHZ and the largest for natural sciences in Switzerland. It takes just under an hour to travel there from Zürich, but fortunately the Swiss reputation for efficient transport is well-deserved!

In September I participated in a particle physics experiment at PSI in collaboration with 11 other students from ETHZ and universities in Germany. It took three weeks to perform the experiment, and there was a great sense of achievement among us having been responsible for the entire setup ourselves. Since then I have been working at PSI four days per week on a research project, trying to produce muonium - an exotic atom which is 99.5% antimatter. In the next few years, this exotic atom may tell us whether antimatter falls down in Earth's gravity like everyday objects, or 'falls' up! This is an exciting question because the answer could fundamentally change our understanding of the evolution of the Universe.

I have also spent a week studying in Heidelberg at one of Europe's oldest universities, visited Darmstadt for a tour of one of the best nuclear physics research centres, and took a short trip to France for the Armistice Day Centenary Commemoration at the Australian National Memorial in Villers-Bretonneux.





#### Billie Hook

University of Copenhagen, Denmark

I arrived in Copenhagen in early January and was completely shocked by the cold and the dark. Insistent on getting a bike and riding everywhere, I put my extremities in danger but soon got into the routine of layering up. I found the cold and dark very challenging – the novelty of a 4 pm sunset only lasts so long! I took a nearly incomprehensible Danish language crash-course that left me with the ability to order coffee in Danish but not much else. My studies during semester fared a little better, learning about international criminal law and Nordic mythology.

Exchange also gave me the opportunity to travel. I took full advantage of this, visiting Edinburgh, Brussels, Dublin (just in time for St Patrick's Day), Krakow, Tallin, and Iceland before embarking on a Europe summer trip post-exchange.

Travel perks aside, living in Copenhagen for six months was the most incredible opportunity. I grew to know and understand a new city: exploring on my bike and finding the best ondagssnegle (cinnamon scroll) in town, saw some amazing modern art, paaid exorbitant prices for coffee, got into 'hygge', watched Eurovision with some passionate Danes, and participated in a fun run with the Crown Prince of Denmark. I am so grateful for my experience in Denmark and can't wait to go back!

#### Jennifer Hung

ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Before I arrived in Switzerland, my image of the country consisted only of chocolate and cheese, but after a semester studying at ETH Zürich, I can now safely say I know that it is so much more (but its chocolate and cheese is indeed amazing).

During my time at ETH Zürich, I took 4 block courses in the biology department, which are month-long research projects undertaken in small groups. Doing only projects for a semester meant no frequent assignments, no exams and therefore plenty of free time on weeknights and weekends for exploring Switzerland and the rest of Europe with my new exchange friends!

On the weekends, we found ourselves window-shopping for expensive watches in Geneva, dancing the night away on a party cruise in Lausanne and accidentally sledding down a blue ski run in Davos (oops). For our one week break, we went on a whirlwind trip to Nice, Barcelona, Lisbon and Milan, and I also took advantage of Switzerland's central location to make a couple of spontaneous solo weekend trips to Prague and Slovenia.

When we weren't travelling, we were busy enjoying beers on the rooftop, holding parties in our apartment or meeting new people through the many events hosted by the exchange student network. Looking back, it felt like the semester was over in the blink of an eye, but the memories I made were enough to last a lifetime.



#### **Brody Hannan**

#### Kings College, United Kingdom

Six months seems like a long time, but when you're in London - one of the busiest megacities of the world – a semester flies by.

I spent the first half of 2018 studying at King's College London. I'd been to London as a tourist a few times before, so was excited to see what the 'real' London had to offer.

I swapped the Australian summer for a British Winter; seeing snow for the first time when the 'Beast from the East' shut down the streets of London in February. I swapped a five-minute walk across campus for a 1.5-hour bus ride through the suburbs, studying the maps and the history on along the way. Not being able to work, I filled my free time with voluntary research positions with King's education faculty and volunteered as an Assistant Maths and Physics Teacher in some of London's poorest schools.

A highlight of exchange was competing in the annual 'Varsity' – where I ran for the King's athletic team to defeat rivals University College London (UCL). The final 100m stretch of the 5km race in a stadium packed full of roaring red and purple was a feeling I won't forget.



## The Tuckwell Scholarship No Ordinary Scholarship



The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at The Australian National University (ANU) is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia. Entering its sixth year in 2019, the Program boasts a community of 117 current Scholars and 24 Alumni. The Scholarships are funded by the largest ever contribution from an Australian to an Australian University. Graham and Louise Tuckwell started the Tuckwell Scholarships with a commitment worth \$50 million in February 2013. The contribution has now been more than doubled to secure the Scholarship in perpetuity.

#### The Tuckwell Vision

The Tuckwell vision is to see highly talented and motivated school leavers fulfil their potential and reinvest their knowledge, skills and experience in ways that positively benefit others.

The program has a focus on giving back to Australia and is the only one of its kind that nurtures Scholars to fulfil their broader community ambitions over and above the pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

#### The Scholarship

Tuckwell Scholars receive:

- \$21,850 per annum (2019 rate) (increasing with inflation) for each year of their degree, for up to five years, to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses
- priority access guaranteed to ANU-approved student accommodation
- an annual allowance to assist with the Scholar's move to Canberra and to support two annual return journeys between their home and the University for each year of their degree. The allowance will be dependent on the proximity of their family home to ANU.
- a domestic economy return airfare, or other transport costs, for Scholars' parents to visit at the start of the program, and
- a Health and Wellbeing Allowance that can be redeemed in the form of either an ANU Fitness Centre membership or reimbursement to the value of \$450.00 for health and wellbeing pursuits external to the ANU Fitness Centre

#### **The Tuckwell Experience**

The Program has been designed to help Scholars make an impact on their community and the world by offering them unique educational opportunities and personal experiences that extend far beyond the financial component of the scholarship.

In addition to being a member of their residential community and the wider ANU community, Tuckwell Scholars also become a member of Scholars House. Scholars House is the academic, pastoral and social heart of the Tuckwell Scholarship Program, and the term Scholars House also refers to the dedicated meeting place on campus where Scholars have the opportunity to develop their own sense of community with other Tuckwell Scholars.

Each Scholar is allocated to a Tuckwell Fellow on their arrival at ANU, and a mentoring relationship is fostered through 1:1 and group meetings. The focus of support given by Fellows, who are academic staff members of the University, is on helping Scholars create opportunities, build networks and achieve personal and professional goals.

#### **How to Apply**

The application process for the Tuckwell Scholarship Program opens to Year 12 Students around Australia in early March each year.

Applicants are able to indicate their intention to apply for the Tuckwell Scholarship when they apply direct to ANU.

In addition to completing their application to study at ANU, applicants will be directed to answer some further additional questions via Stage 1 of the Tuckwell Scholarship application process.

For further details about the application process and eligibility criteria, visit tuckwell.anu.edu.au or like us on Facebook.



## **Contact Us**

For further information about the Tuckwell Scholarship, including eligibility criteria and application dates visit our website at

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