

The **Bell**

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Reflections on our second year

GRAHAM AND LOUISE TUCKWELL

Last year we talked about the challenge of creating a leading scholarship program from a standing start with no blueprint – a genuine start-up. This year we have twice as many years' of experience – namely two! The learning curve continues to be steep but exhilarating for everyone involved in the Program.

Here are some of our reflections on the second year of the Tuckwell Scholarship Program:

- > The quality and diversity of our applicants and Scholars continues to grow. The panel has now completed three years of selection rounds, awarding a total of 75 scholarships, and we are delighted to see we already have a mix of Scholars representative of Australia as a whole, based on state, city/country, school type, gender and courses of study. We are particularly pleased by the increase in applicants from government schools in rural areas who have shown themselves able to compete with students from some of the leading private schools in Australia.
- > Having a second cohort of Scholars this year enhanced the experience for both groups and enabled the formation of a Scholars House Committee with representatives from the different cohorts. We joined in their meetings and it was fascinating to hear the Scholars' different

- perspectives on university life, the Scholarship Program and how they fit within it all.
- > As mentioned last year, the success of Scholars House is crucial to us. As such, we were delighted when Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Baker was appointed Head of Scholars House this year. Such a senior academic brings a wealth of experience and wisdom that is invaluable and Professor Baker's enthusiasm for the Program is energising for us all.
- > We were all honoured this year to have the Governor-General attend and speak at our 2015 Commencement Dinner and were thrilled when he offered to invite the new Scholars each vear to Government House. The Prime Minister has also very kindly invited each new cohort of Scholars to his office in Parliament House. Such visits are a rare privilege for young Australians and we are deeply grateful for the support for the Scholarship Program shown by the Governor-General and the Prime Minister.
- > We have run out of room on campus! More particularly, the existing Scholars House space, which has served us well for the first two years, is too small to cater for three cohorts.

 Fortunately we have been offered a fabulous stand-alone building for Scholars House, which

- should be ready for to use at the beginning of the 2016 academic year. Scholars will be doing the interior decorating themselves, which will be an interesting experience for all!
- > As each new cohort arrives, the amount of work required to run the Program increases and it is now time for us to hire our first full-time executive. We are in the process of recruiting a Program Director who will be responsible for implementing all Scholars House initiatives, reporting to Professor Baker and the Board of Scholars House.

We have enjoyed watching the Scholars and the Program go from strength to strength throughout 2015 and continue to be in awe of the skill, dedication and energy of staff across ANU who share our vision for this Scholarship. Without them, the Program simply could not happen and we salute them!



Message from the Head of Scholars House

PROFESSOR RICHARD BAKER PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (STUDENT EXPERIENCE)

As the following student summaries highlight, 2015 has been an extraordinarily exciting year for the Tuckwell Scholarship Program. The new cohort of 2015 Scholars brought wonderful energy and deep engagement with the Tuckwell attributes, and the 2014 cohort has grown in maturity and confidently taken on a wide range of leadership roles.

The values and abilities of all Scholars and their willingness to listen to, and learn from, each other have provided the Program with a wonderful creative dynamic of critical self-reflection and constant improvement. As was the case in the first year of the program, this dynamic has allowed the Scholars themselves to play a key role shaping the Program. Many of the most successful aspects of the Program have been Scholarinitiated and run. The regular 'Hot Topics' discussions, mentioned by many of the Scholars in their summaries, are a great example of this. These regular student-run events involve controversial issues being discussed under the 'Tuckwell House rules'. Vastly different personal, political and disciplinary views are all respectfully listened to and considered. The Scholars have also been actively involved in the planning of the 2016 orientation and enrichment activities.

It has been extraordinarily gratifying to see the Scholars make so much of the opportunities ANU has presented them. As well as excelling academically, in 2015 the Scholars made amazing contributions to ANU's extracurricular activities. These activities included setting up non-government organisations, organising student conferences, studying abroad, taking on paid employment and internships relevant to their career goals, participating in theatre and dance, and an extraordinary engagement in a very wide range of sporting activities.

In terms of the Tuckwell Program's philosophy of encouraging giving back, it has been particularly gratifying to see how active Tuckwell Scholars have been taking on leadership roles at ANU. These have included responsibilities in their residential halls as well as peer mentoring and tutoring roles. Scholars have also been active as volunteers for organisations such as the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (a national body aimed at giving Indigenous high school students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to finish school at the same rate as their peers) and Raising Hope (a Canberra-based organisation aimed at helping school students to learn to believe in themselves).

Finally, I would like to thank the four Tuckwell Fellows: Chris Browne, Peter Kanowski, Mary Kilcline Cody and Molly O'Brien for their outstanding contribution to the Program in 2015. The time, energy and commitment they have put into their roles, supporting and mentoring individual Scholars, has been crucial to the successful development of the Program. It is with great excitement that I look forward to continuing working with them and the Tuckwell Scholars in our continuing task of enacting the vision Graham and Louise Tuckwell have for Australia's most prestigious scholarship program.

The Tuckwell Begin Be

The centrepiece of the Commencement Dinner each year is the ringing of the Tuckwell Bell.

The Bell was presented by the Tuckwells to Scholars House in 2014 as a gift, with the intention that it would be rung once for each new Scholar entering the program. Each cohort of Scholars selects a Bell Ringer to 'ring them in' at Commencement.

The Bell Ringer is a prestigious appointment, and is awarded to the Scholar who their peers feel has most consistently demonstrated the Tuckwell attributes, and whom they believe best represents them as a cohort and what it means to be a Tuckwell Scholar.



2015 Bell Ringer

BY MARY PARKER



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In selecting our Bell Ringer this year, the 2015 cohort stuck to a fairly democratic process of preferential voting - unlike the inaugural 2014 Bell Ringer selection, which Matt Jacobs maintains was an "organised campaign to throw him under the bus". Officially, the Bell Ringer is an individual who embodies the values of the Tuckwell Scholarship. I was very surprised (to put it mildly) and quite heartened to be informed that I had been selected by my peers. Initially, I found this difficult to comprehend - being asked to represent such a diverse group of extraordinary people is a huge privilege and responsibility.

The Tuckwell bell is a symbol of the Tuckwell Program – its transition from molten metal into beautiful sound representing the transformative effect that the Tuckwell Scholarship will have on our lives. Officially receiving the bell from Graham and Louise Tuckwell was very exciting, even though I was a little bit nervous. I had been informed that before receiving it I was not in any way allowed to drop it or ring it (at least not until we ring-in next year's cohort).

For future Bell Ringers – the bell is heavier than it looks!

As Bell Ringer I also had the job of hosting the Q&A session held for candidates during the 2015 interview weekend – although I suspect this had less to do with being Bell Ringer and more to do with my ability to yell loudly over the top of other people. The highlight of my year was being invited with Guy Leckenby to attend a small reception at Government House, before the other Scholars arrived, with Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young AO to meet the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove. It is definitely not every day that an ordinary undergraduate student stands in a room (and drinks Champagne) with that many amazing people. The Governor-General told some fun jokes about different bell ringers he had met and offered us some helpful career advice. Afterwards, I gave a short speech in front of the group to thank the Governor-General for hosting us sadly, I forgot my notes, so this one was entirely made up on the spot!

I am looking forward to next year – I cannot wait to meet the 2016 cohort, who will eventually elect their own Bell Ringer. Being 'rung-in' to the program was an important symbolic moment for me and my peers, and I am excited to have the opportunity to provide this moment for next year's cohort.





Lachlan Arthur

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONS)



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Moving away from home to live on campus at ANU with other students from around Australia and the world has been as interesting as it has been eye-opening. My favourite things about living in college are that there is always something going on, and you can guarantee you are going to hear an incredible story at dinner each night.

Playing sport for John XXIII College has been one of the aspects of college life I have really enjoyed. The highlight of my first year was competing in Inward Bound, an ANU interhall long-distance navigation event. I also competed in Civic2Surf as part of team of 60 ANU students who ran a relay from Canberra to Bondi Beach in less than 24 hours to raise awareness of mental health issues. I also volunteered my time as a mentor with the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME), mentoring Indigenous high school students from Canberra and country New South Wales.

Academically, the most enjoyable (and challenging) aspect of my first year was the research project I undertook. Through inviting the Director of The John Curtin School of Medical Research as my guest to the Academic Dinner, I was able to organise an opportunity to undertake a project on the development of a novel way to edit the genome of a malaria parasite. The fact that I was able to undertake this kind of research

in my first year is mind-blowing, and has opened my eyes to the worldclass research at ANU.

The Tuckwell Program has offered me many amazing opportunities, from meeting the Prime Minister and Governor-General of Australia, to the awesome mentoring and enrichment program. The greatest part of the Program is that being a Tuckwell Scholar meant that as soon as I entered university I was surrounded by a group of some of the most talented and driven students, not just in Australia, but the world.

The 2015 interview weekend certainly emphasised this, as it was an opportunity for the current Scholars to bond and show off the University we now call home to the 2016 applicants. The most exciting part was thinking back to the year before when I had been in their shoes. I'm now looking forward to 2016 when we will welcome 25 incredible new Scholars and see the program develop even further.

Tamara Bohler

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



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At the end of 2014 I graduated from high school and was looking forward to the next stage of my life. I enjoyed school immensely and was a little nervous about coming to university, particularly in a state away from home. I can safely say, however, that my first year of university exceeded all my expectations and I could not have envisioned the amazing experiences I have had.

Whenever I reflect on all of these life changing moments, I remember they have all eventuated in some way due to the generosity of the Tuckwell Scholarship. The Tuckwell Program has been a perfect balance of independence and support. On one hand, it has given us freedom to study our passions and become involved in endless activities, which have proven to be equally valuable learning experiences, and on the other hand we have been offered amazing support through the incredible Tuckwell Fellows and by each other. Just by being part of a group of like-minded students with a similar work ethic has been a wonderful support network, and it definitely challenges you to be your best!

Additionally, the Program has provided access to a number of experiences that one would never expect as a first-year university student. Of those, the highlight for me was having Professor Brian P Schmidt AC, a Nobel Laureate and

Vice-Chancellor of ANU, offer us advice about staying motivated. Hearing him share his university experiences, and being able to relate to many of them, supplied me with a wonderful appreciation of what is on offer.

Being granted the opportunity to move away from home and study at a world-renowned institution has launched me into a holistic university experience. As this trajectory continues, I am confident I will further develop in my maturity, independence, knowledge and self-awareness. I am so excited for the myriad of possibilities to come!

Matthew Bowes

BACHELOR OF LANGUAGES / BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS



There has been the amazing support provided by the Tuckwell Program to guide me

Looking back over a year as full as the one just passed, I cannot help but remember the refrain I once heard when on a hiking trip with a bunch of school friends: "The hours may be all too long, but the days are all too short." There is a feeling of immense satisfaction when looking back on the hard effort put in, but also a sense of melancholy that, when all is said and done, I have nearly completed a full quarter of the remarkable educational journey that the Tuckwell Scholarship will enable me to undertake. Where did all that time go?

Mostly, it was enjoyed in the atmosphere of my residential college, with its many distractions. Inward Bound took away my time and good health, but forged many lasting friendships. Dance saw me shuffling awkwardly around a stage with more glee than even the most raucous Sunday night. Football provided a stage for me to display my solid defensive attributes and minimal amount of skill. The Bruce Hall play provided a more figurative stage, on which I was certainly far more comfortable. And finally, choir gifted us a victorious finish to the year, with all the hysteria this inevitably brings. Overall, it has just been amazing to find that a tiny room in a college of 300 people can - with the minor addition of several hundred dollars' worth of coffee

equipment and freshly roasted Melbourne beans (thanks Graham and Louise!) – feel like home.

Throughout it all, there has been the amazing support provided by the Tuckwell Program to guide me. Having mentors like Peter and Richard has helped steer me towards things outside of my college and comfort zone, like writing for Woroni, and enabled me to always keep an eye on the future. And having a group of likeminded intellectuals, all with different experiences and advice, has helped support me through the rigours of academic life. I only hope I too can help provide the same supportive environment in future years.

Robert Cook

BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



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Looking back at the year just gone, I have had a remarkable time. If you had told my young, naive self in the midst of Year 12 just what would occur the very next year, he would have been gobsmacked. From meeting a (former!) Prime Minister and the Governor-General of Australia, from the Vice-Chancellor's course to 'Hot Topics', and from meeting the Tuckwell cohort to finding some very close friends within it, I could never express how incredibly thankful I am for the opportunities the Scholarship has given me.

Moving to university was a strange experience, with Orientation Week an emotional rollercoaster of excitement: meeting new people, longing for home, and challenged by the new environment (and cooking for myself!). However, over the year, Burton & Garran Hall has become a true home for me, and it is invaluable to have such close friends only a few doors down (although also an excellent source for procrastination). Outside college life, classes have challenged and engaged me across different fields, from the challenge of law assignments to being able to question influential figures including Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC and Professor Hugh White. The whole experience has been incredible and unique, and I am incredibly thankful for it.

Beyond the classroom, the Scholarship has also given me the chance to pursue other interests, be they the UN Society, Red Cross or even Quidditch!
Through participation in these, I have been able to experience new cities, engage with new ideas and, most importantly of all, find some wonderful friends. And while this year wasn't quite what I had envisioned in Year 12, it has been an incredible journey so far, and one I can't wait to continue.

Eliza Croft

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / JURIS DOCTOR



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My first year at ANU has been great, full of new friends, exciting activities, interesting classes, and a complete change of scenery and climate from tropical Townsville.

I have been lucky enough to be able to participate in a wide range of activities both within and outside of Ursula Hall. A major highlight was being able to get back into dancing with the Interhall Dance Competition. Ursies was triumphant in the end, making all the 7.30am rehearsals (ugh) worth it. I represented Ursies in a variety of other arts events, and even tried my hand (or is that feet?) at soccer. Additionally, I have been involved in the ANU Debating Society, travelling to Sydney and Brisbane for competitions. These trips were lots of fun and I learnt so much from them.

At ANU, there are so many people from all sorts of backgrounds, so I have had no trouble forming close friendships. At Ursies, I can often be seen in the Common Room with friends until 2am, playing board games and eating baked goods (the benefits of having a friend who works at a bakery). When we found out about 'libspill' while studying, we immediately abandoned our work, and went and watched it all unfold on the news from 4pm until after midnight.

I have also made close friends within the Tuckwell Program. Once, I visited fellow scholar Michael Turvey, and he suggested we make apple crumble. So, I started getting everything ready, only to realise he did not have any vaguely appropriate dishes ... we ended up cooking it and eating it out of a big soup pot. It was still delicious.

As well as friends, the Tuckwell Program has given me so many opportunities and amazing experiences. I loved our weekly catch-ups in Semester 1, and getting to meet the Prime Minister and the Governor-General of Australia were unforgettable experiences. I have also been helping to plan the program for the 2016 Scholars, an exercise which has been very enjoyable, and I am sure will be quite rewarding next year. It is just one of the many things I am looking forward to. I have loved every minute of 2015, and cannot wait to be back in 2016.

Hannah Gregory

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / BACHELOR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



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As a dreamer and a planner, someone who imagines every possibility the future may hold, this year truly knocked me off my feet. Every aspect of starting my tertiary education at ANU was different to how I had imagined it. I was amazed at the range of opportunities presented to me: choosing to be involved in public lectures, awareness campaigns, college activities and conferences. I was able to stand out in the freezing cold in winter and make a stand for ending slavery with the organisation International Justice Mission, attend numerous public lectures from the importance of Australian aid to the role of men in feminism, engage with other residents at Burgmann College, and support the faith group and bible study within the college. I have loved helping out in college events and I was most privileged to attend a four-day conference in Canberra, 'Voices for Justice', in which I was a part of a group that called on the government to prioritise aid and climate change in policies.

I have loved that ANU is a university with committed and inspirational academics that have helped me explore my academic interests and opened my eyes to the world of research and pursuit of knowledge. It has also offered me the opportunity to meet an exceptional range of students, in the backdrop of a beautiful campus environment.

It has been an absolute pleasure to start my studies at ANU this year, and I look forward to continuing my degree here.

Among all of the first year experiences, the Tuckwell Scholarship has been an absolute blessing. I do not know how I would have managed without it. Besides financial assistance, I began my university studies with an amazing group of Scholars who have inspired me, encouraged me, and travelled alongside me, in the ups and downs of university life. Although no one I knew ventured this far south for university studies, I was always surrounded by friends. The mentors involved in the program also proved a great source of support and advice, understanding the different situations I was put in as a first-year student. It has truly been a year to remember.

Jeevan Haikerwal

BACHELOR OF ARTS / BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS



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My transition to university was a bit of a whirlwind. Going through Market Day in Orientation Week, I found a heap of things I was interested in – and more often than not I actually followed up with them! This year I joined debating and travelled to Korea for internationallevel competitions with ANU; I became a facilitator with UN Youth, travelling to a national conference and wrote and conducted my very own program, called the Schools Ambassador Program, I became an avid runner and hosted a Fun Run at Fenner Hall: did the in-hall production of 'Alice In Wonderland'; was cast in the Inter-hall production of 'Miss Saigon'; won Mr Fenner; and became very good at card games through heaps of late night practice!

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program has enabled me to not worry about over-committing, and has provided me with heaps of opportunities that I am excited to assist with and help develop, such as next year's camp; it will be great to see the program fill out into what will eventually be its equilibrium.

Having the mandate to check in with myself and Peter, my Tuckwell Fellow, was incredibly grounding and made me realise that the university experience I'm moulding for myself is incredible in all senses of the word - at some points it hits the ridiculous.

The Scholarship has introduced me to incredible people. The 2015 group has grown individually and as a cohort, and all of the Scholars' interactions at Scholars House are a great mix of the fun and the productive.

One moment I'll never forget about this year was 18 hours into Inward Bound (IB). We had limped out of a valley we were lost in for four hours, and ran into some groups who gave us hope that we weren't the only ones out there. They gave me the recognition that IB isn't a competition against other colleges, it is against your own body and mind. But when we ran through the pine forest as the sun was beginning to set and the second night was about to begin we heard cheers. I sprinted up a hill, turned to my team, and said "It's there guys. That's endpoint".

Brody Hannan

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ADVANCED) (HONS)



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This year has been marked by some pretty big challenges; a big obstacle being dealing with expectation. It seems ironic that the Scholarship is both the cause and solution to such an obstacle. It's very hard to be a recipient of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship in Australia and not feel some sense of expectation. I think all Scholars entering the program have big visions for how they can change the world, and think the Scholarship is a means of accelerating that.

But from Commencement at the beginning of the year, Graham made it very clear that our university experience is our own. It's an "investment in yourself" and there "is no expectation" surrounding what they want us to do with the Scholarship. I've personally really struggled this year with meeting that 'expectation'. Being from a small country town I thought I could slot right into things here and excel just like I did back home.

Despite some setbacks, I am very proud of what I have accomplished this year: managing depression, starting an NGO, passing my subjects, and going overseas midyear to staff an international science forum. But for me, my biggest achievement is working out that I should only be doing things because I want to do them. University isn't

about ticking boxes; you have to make the most of university in your own way.

Being a Tuckwell Scholar has given me a lot of freedom and opportunities to explore untouched fields. Since coming to ANU I have developed an interest in science communication and business. The Scholarship gives me the chance to work with high-profile innovators such as Professor Brian P Schmidt AC, and CEO of the Canberra Innovation Network Dr Sarah Pearson, with whom I ran a 'Hot Topic' workshop on innovation for the rest of the Scholars.

Looking back on the year I realise I am very fortunate to have been given the chance to share my passions with my peers in so many ways!

Billie Hook

BACHELOR OF ARTS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



I have met so many different people and been involved in so many different things

Moving my entire life from Melbourne was a very daunting task at the beginning of the year. Coming to ANU, and to Canberra, was a huge unknown and I would be lying if I said that I was not scared. It has been an amazing and exhausting year, and I am so grateful for every opportunity I have had.

Most valuable for me this year has been my college community where I have met so many different people and been involved in so many different things. I have competed in sports and arts events, run to Sydney as part of a relay team for Batyr, and am part of the committee for an upcoming art show showcasing Indigenous work. John XXIII College has really allowed me to be a part of a vibrant and lively community that is always encouraging me to have a go, try new things, and ultimately to give back.

Studying a flexible double degree has also been a really rewarding experience. I was uncertain as to whether I would enjoy studying Law at university, however I have found that it has given me such an insight into a part of society I had relatively little knowledge about. In addition, the Arts component of my degree has allowed me to follow my academic passions from high school.

The year has really flown by. I have been able to meet so many new people and have a lot of fun – and I am slowly learning to balance this with academic study and sport. The Tuckwell Program has given me the opportunity to be friends with an inspiring and interesting group of people, and I am so grateful that I will have these people and the Program following me through my degree and beyond.

Audrey Lee

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONS)



The Thursday night guest lectures and dinners during first semester were a great opportunity to step back each week, think about broader ideas and future directions, and get to know the other Scholars

When I arrived at Burton & Garran Hall at the beginning of February, I could feel that 2015 was going to be a different year – not just because I had to learn from scratch how to cook, do laundry and look after myself! While many mistakes have been made, I know that everything is a learning experience, and with this attitude I've had a great year embracing the opportunities at ANU with the Tuckwell Scholarship.

Studying at ANU and living at a residential college has allowed me to get to know people from all across Australia and the world. Whether it was getting involved with the multicultural events at college, or exploring Canberra for the first time with other interstate and international students, I've made many great memories in my first year here.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed my academic courses this year, and it's been a pleasure to work with other people in my program who are genuinely interested and enthusiastic about science. Through ANU, I've had the opportunity to study abroad for a month in Tokyo as part of an exchange program with Waseda University. It was an amazing experience to explore such a fascinating city and culture, make friends from all over the world, and it was also a very welcome break from Canberra's winter.

As part of the Tuckwell Program, the Thursday night guest lectures and dinners during first semester were a great opportunity to step back each week, think about broader ideas and future directions, and get to know the other Scholars, while sharing our first year adventures over dinner. This year has been a great start to my university experience, and I look forward to the continued mentoring and enrichment from the Tuckwell Program next year.

Yaya Lu

BACHELOR OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING



Being a recipient of the Tuckwell Scholarship has provided a pathway for me to reach my full potential

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at ANU. Adjusting to university life in Canberra has been a huge challenge, especially since my relatives live far south in Hobart. Thankfully the Tuckwell Scholarship has provided me with an opportunity to meet and become friends with a group of inspiring and talented individuals from all over Australia. Hearing all their fascinating stories and their motivations encouraged me to be proactive and engage in a variety of on and off-campus activities.

I was elected as a committee member for various societies, such as General Representative for the ANU Computer Science Students' Association (CSSA) and Public Relations Manager for The ANU Guild. I also volunteered regularly at Questacon as a Science Explainer, and was part of the judging panel for Engineering for the Canberrawide Science Fair, which allowed me to engage with young science-enthusiasts and converse with insanely-knowledgeable members of the Canberra scientific community.

I was also cast as a member of the recent ANU Science Revue, which was a huge learning curve for me in terms of public speaking and singing. I am also thankful for the Tuckwell mentoring program and its general emphasis on helping students feel comfortable in unfamiliar environments. This has assisted me in overcoming personal woes and managing overwhelming academic commitments. I was also able to attend fascinating leadership talks and meet the Governor-General of Australia, as well as obtain a free gym membership (the rights of which I highly regret not exercising to the full ...) which was incredible. All of these factors have boosted my confidence levels, both in my belief in my own abilities and my appreciation for what ANU can offer. Being a recipient of the Tuckwell Scholarship has provided a pathway for me to reach my full potential, and I am unbelievably grateful for what Graham, Louise and the Tuckwell Board have provided for us.

Mary Parker

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



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I don't think I can find the appropriate words to describe just how awesome this first year has been! I love college life and I think it is fair to say that I have tried many things this year that I had no experience in – everything from hockey, spelling bees and 'hitting the town' for the first time.

Inward Bound was a highlight of my year. It is certainly not every day that you get to run an ultramarathon in the dead of night with only compasses and maps to guide you. Being welcomed at the finish line of the event by Bruce Hall was one of the most emotional moments of the year. Another highlight was meeting the Governor-General at Government House and making a speech in front of him! His Excellency remarked to me that he was appreciative that I kept it short, and told me a joke about a church bell ringer and the shenanigans they got up to.

I feel very fortunate to have received some fantastic advice from fantastic people this year – career advice from individuals such as Professor Brian P Schmidt AC has been invaluable. Mentoring from Chris Browne has kept me from signing up to more clubs than I actually have time for, and has helped me to find my first job at the Australian Institute of Sport.

I love being at ANU and I have made many friends in and out of college – I am already excited for next year! Whenever I talk to my parents they listen politely to my rundown of social/sporting/arts events during the week and then ask how my studies are going, "Oh yes, mum and dad, I definitely do some of that too". Oh well.

Nishanth Pathy

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE / BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS



One of the most rewarding things that I've done this year has been to get involved with the ACT Debating Union, the organisation that runs the high school debating competitions in the ACT

My logic with evaluating the quality of a time period is as follows: it's as good as your level of caffeine addiction. And by that metric, this year has been an unequivocal success!

Debating has been a primary culprit in the daily caffeine dosage. Having abducted me early in the year and sunk its talons in deep, the ANU Debating Society proceeded to make sure that every second weekend I was gallivanting down to Sydney or Melbourne for a debating competition. After learning how to frame an incredibly dodgy argument in ways that sounded convincing, I had an incredible time at the Australian Intervarsity Debating Championships in Sydney, and then the Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships in Daejeon, Korea.

At this point, you may be thinking that surely I must have engaged in something that isn't debating. And you would be correct. When I'm not debating, I'm making kids debate instead. One of the most rewarding things that I've done this year has been to get involved with the ACT Debating Union, the organisation that runs the high school debating competitions in the ACT. Being involved in an organisation so devoted to genuine outreach and community engagement has (to some mitigating degree) vindicated the hours poured into university debating.

So at this point, we've justified about five of the daily espresso shots - what about the remaining four? Here enters the maths demon. Many a Sunday night has been spent poring over one of the many weekly assignments, so I have many thanks for fellow scholar Jane Tan, who has helped me through (read: after much begging, given me the answers) to many of the harder questions. But all joking aside, the other scholars have been a massive part of this year, whether it be informal maths despair sessions, the weekly dinners, or discussions at the 'Hot Topics' nights. The financial support is undoubtedly appreciated, but the most substantial part of the Scholarship for me has been the access to 44 of the most intelligent, interesting and engaging people that I've ever met.

So sure, this year may have brought me worryingly close to caffeine overdose a few times, but given the experiences and friendships that it also brought, it was more than worth it. Bring on the new blends of 2016.

Maddison Perkins

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / JURIS DOCTOR



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My dream for many years was to commence my tertiary education at ANU, and so as you could imagine my first day sitting in a political science lecture was already a dream come true. Unbeknownst to me, this was merely the beginning of an enriching, exciting, and funfilled journey that has been greatly and bettered by the Tuckwell Scholarship. I found this year to be one of growth for myself, from learning to take charge of the direction of my own education to living away from home at the wonderful Ursula Hall; I have found my feet.

The journey has been enriched by the Tuckwell Program, which offered support through the Fellows, Scholars House, and the wonderful friendships I have developed with the other Scholars. As the second cohort, we found it especially helpful to have the 2014 Scholars guide us through the year, not only as Tuckwell Scholars but also as your average university student.

The financial stability that the Scholarship has given me has allowed me time to focus on my studies and also to extend my interests into the wider community. I have been actively involved at college with arts events such as dance and a play taking up a serious amount of time. I have also been involved with UN Youth and Raising Hope. These programs have

allowed me to engage not only with the high school students we mentor but also with other students across ANU who I may not have otherwise had the opportunity to meet.

My dream of studying at ANU now transcends the fact that it is one of the best universities in the country. I have found that no matter where your interests lie, academically or otherwise, ANU and the residential colleges are able to provide something for you. I am extremely grateful to the Tuckwell Scholarship for enriching my experience at an already fantastic university.

Anthony Ricci

BACHELOR OF FINANCE / BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



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From ultra-marathon running through the outback, meeting the Prime Minister in his office, playing mixed netball in a Lycra dress, and dancing up a storm at Cube on a Sunday, 2015 has been the most diverse year of my life. If you had asked me at the end of Year 12 what I would accomplish during my first semester of university, these would have been things that I never expected to appear on the list together. But in hindsight, when I consider the huge range of opportunities available through Bruce Hall, the Tuckwell Program and ANU itself, I'm a little surprised I haven't been able to come up with an even more eclectic range of activities.

On the academic front, the freedom and flexibility to study courses that I'm passionate about is something that ANU provides, and which I have truly appreciated. On top of this, both my academic mentors and my Tuckwell mentor have enabled me to enrich myself throughout this year and reach my full potential. The Scholarship Program itself, and the brilliantly like-minded friends I have made through it, have also been a highlight in this regard, where I often find myself having conversations about topics that I would never have considered by myself.

But this is not to say university doesn't require grinding through hours of lectures, tutorials and labs. After struggling through the concept of self-motivated learning for the better part of six months, the ability to absorb lecture recordings at double speed was a skill that had to be quickly developed. In spite of the small amount of academic responsibility imposed on us, 2015 was such a fulfilling 12 months. This was in large part due to the Scholarship Program. It not only provided me with the means to travel half way across the country, but also with such a wide range of enriching experiences that have brilliantly complemented the rest of my time at ANU.

Jane Tan

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONS)



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At the start of the year my expectations of ANU were somewhat mixed. On the one hand, I was inevitably anxious about getting on without my family. On the other, I held in my mind the ideal of a brimming schedule devoted in equal parts to study, social events and extracurricular societies that surely awaited me. Spending more hours at my desk working on assignments than in my bed during certain weeks was not exactly a part of my beautifully structured grand scheme! Nor was spending upwards of 40 hours over a two-week period in a small, dark underground room that would regularly be inundated with smoke.

Yet it was in taking on a challenge and putting myself in such situations - taking five maths courses in first year, and performing with the pit orchestra for an interhall musical production involving questionably positioned smoke machines - that I learnt the most about myself, and these were certainly highlights of my year. This is not to say that my idea of what life would be like was altogether wrong. Indeed, 'brimming' is probably the very word to describe my schedule (though 'hectic' might come a close second), and I could hardly be happier with how things have turned out.

Upon reflection, the one thing I have enjoyed the most about being at university, particularly as part of the

Tuckwell cohort, is the challenging environment. The calibre of people I have met through the Tuckwell Program so far has been incredible. From the Prime Minister to leading researchers and academics, from our invaluable mentors to such a diverse and motivated bunch as the Tuckwell Scholars, I have found myself constantly in company that is always stimulating, occasionally very funny, and never fails to inspire.

I very much look forward to another fantastic year with the Tuckwell Scholarship Program as it continues to grow.

Jonathan Tjandra

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / JURIS DOCTOR



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Whenever I write reflections, Milton's Sonnet 19 ('When I consider how my light is spent') always comes to mind. In this sonnet, Milton reflects upon his life since he lost his eyesight, fearing he would not be able to make the best use of his talents to serve God, even wondering if God will punish him for his inaction.

Fortunately, this year has been extremely fruitful. ANU is full of activities, clubs and societies, all bursting with opportunities to serve the community; the only problem is fitting everything I want to do into my timetable. Indeed, I am truly humbled by how the students, especially other Scholars, actively seek out ways to give back, and that I have had the time and ability to contribute alongside them. This is not limited to Canberra; over the summer I will have the privilege of volunteering in remote villages in Indonesia with my church.

I love that there is a public lecture every night – being able to deepen my knowledge of other fields is one of the best things about ANU (and I don't just go to lectures for the food!). This is also why I chaired and helped to organise the inaugural ANU Student Research Conference, which was a great success. It showcased fine examples of the University's excellence in research as well as exemplary instances of leadership, innovation and catering.

This led to me attending the International Conference of Undergraduate Research at the University of Western Australia, with extraordinary speakers from all over the world presenting their research. I suppose then that the greatest impact the Tuckwell Program has had on me is opening doors to such opportunities and being introduced to these speakers.

There is always something to do at ANU, however, be reassured by Milton's final lines, which remind us that boundless opportunities to serve await ahead even if they are not happening at the present: They also serve who only stand and wait.

Michael Turvey

BACHELOR OF ARTS / BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



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Nine months ago I arrived in Canberra, bright-eyed, high-spirited, self-assured and carefree. Today, I am somewhat more cynical, but I have also found my place and my direction at ANU.

Like every other bright spark with big dreams, I dived into student life like a child into a ball-pit. Firstly, I fell into the residential experience. I have come to call Fenner Hall home; writing for and performing in the Fenner musical, learning to be a barista and keeping the cafe open until 3am during exams, and painting a cardboard with the words 'RIP Resnet' - the place you live shapes who you are, and I am glad I became more like Fenner Hall. Eventually, I noticed this 'university' outside my college. Soon I was flitting around campus like an over-caffeinated Tinkerbell. I have studied everything from Hindi to programming to social psychology, written for the Science Revue, campaigned at ANUSA elections, and attended every possible event. But throughout the year, some key experiences made me realise doing everything only works for so long, and you have got to have direction.

Meeting weekly with the Tuckwell cohort revealed to me just how different and incredible these people are, and how many different paths we all take, which helped me to choose my own. At the Tuckwell interview weekend, I became really

invested in the Scholars and the program, and I was motivated to help set up the enrichment program for next year. I also found myself on the executive of a student group, the Cross-Disciplinary Student Association, devoted to active community learning, and I have developed a devotion to better education and student experience. Finally, the friendship and guidance of Chris Browne, Tuckwell Fellow, has helped take me from an overexcited new student to someone who is committed to enjoying university, doing what I care about, and having a great experience.

Nick Wyche

BACHELOR OF ARTS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



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My experience at ANU over the course of this year helped me redefine myself as a person. Moving to Canberra in February I knew nobody, and in retrospect I was not quite ready for independence. With the encouragement of the Tuckwell community, and the opportunities afforded to me, I was able to overcome these challenges and find my niche within the University.

This year has not been all plain sailing – moving out of the sheltered cove of high school into the stormy seas of the real world sometimes proved a bit of a shock. The hobbies and subjects I had loved at school did not translate across to university, leading to a degree change and several abandoned club memberships. But I have been lucky enough to weather these difficulties through the support of a wonderful network of people and resources.

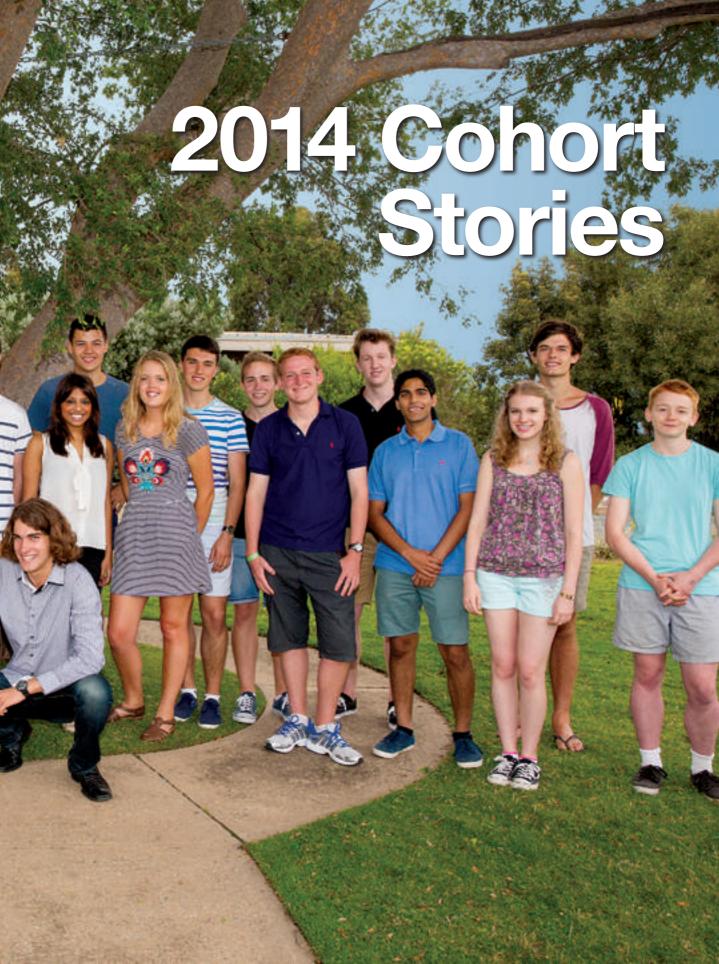
The opportunity to draw upon the experience and insight of the Fellows was a real help in finding some direction this year – special thanks to Richard, Peter and Mary for everything they have done for me. Then, of course, I have been lucky enough to get to know my amazing cohort. From the strenuous efforts invested in infiltrating Burton & Garran Hall to access their board games, to nights singing by the fire at camp, and helping to improve the enrichment program for the next

cohort, it has been a pleasure to partake of the company and energy of such inspiring friends.

In the middle of this year my resolve to stay in Canberra was faltering for a variety of reasons, but around that time I participated in the running of the interview weekend for next year's cohort. At that time I got to see the very best aspects of the Tuckwell Program on show: the enormous effort and passion devoted to the event's organisation, the seamless and dedicated teamwork of the volunteers, and the effervescence of the candidates. These qualities make for a truly unique chemistry in the cohort, and they are a big part of the reason I am so happy to have stayed.







Matthew Barton

BACHELOR OF ARTS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



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Euphoric. An interesting word. Seldom used, but uniquely fitting to describe my year in 2015. In 2014, I thought that my first year of university was going to be the busiest in my degree. I was wrong.

In 2015, I served on the Ursula Hall Residents' Committee as the Cultural Representative. A part of that role directed, produced, setdesigned, and starred in the Ursula Hall play: Andrew Bovell's *When the Rain Stops Falling*. During this time I also took a leaf out of Rupert Murdoch's book by playing Editorin-Chief of the Ursula Hall Yearbook, *Bearphax*, and assisting in this 2015 edition of *The Bell* magazine.

Over winter I was fortunate enough to undertake a full-time Aurora Internship at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. And just to ensure that I truly mastered the art of overcommitting, I was also a writer for and actor in the ANU Arts Revue. Here, I had the privilege of performing as two of this millennium's foremost political figures: Kevin Rudd and Donald Trump. I also occasionally found the time to study.

Welcoming in the 2015 cohort was a really exciting experience, although I was worried the influx of new Scholars would jeopardise my monopoly on study desks and whiteboards in Scholars House. They are all extremely

brilliant people, and events like the Birrigai Camp that combined both cohorts were thoroughly enjoyable. In 2015 we discussed controversial ideas like commercial surrogacy and refugee crises in the Scholar-led 'Hot Topics' sessions. It was fantastic to share diverse viewpoints.

2015 also saw the introduction of the University House Early Career Academic Fellows. I was fortunate to be assigned two Fellows from the School of History and the ANU College of Law. It has been a great chance to gain valuable knowledge and make connections – especially over lots of coffee!

Bring on 2016!

Sarah Campbell

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ADVANCED) (HONS)



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2015 has been busier and even more amazing than 2014 – something I would not have believed possible if you had told me last year. Being in my second year of a science degree at ANU has really allowed me to narrow my focus, while simultaneously exposing me to so many exciting areas of chemistry and genetics. I have taken a broad range of subjects, ranging from population genetics to protein analysis to organic chemistry, and I could not be enjoying it more!

This year saw me take on many more responsibilities outside of my studies. I now work as a Science Student Ambassador. which has allowed me to travel to schools in the Canberra region to promote science and the Tuckwell Scholarship, record voiceovers for promotional videos and work at the ANU Open Day presenting speeches and making liquidnitrogen ice cream. As well as this, I have been given the opportunity to mentor and tutor first-year students in chemistry, and mark first year chemistry exams. Becoming more involved in the Research School of Chemistry at ANU has not just opened me up to new opportunities, but I has also enabled me to make many like-minded friends from a range of year levels.

The Tuckwell Scholarship has continued to remain a constant source of support and friendship.

The mentoring program has been outstanding, with my mentor, Mary, not only providing any advice I need, but also challenging me to aim for greater goals. The 'Hot Topic' discussions have been a highlight, in which both cohorts came together to discuss controversial issues, resulting in stimulating conversation. One of the parts of the Scholarship I have come to value most is the fact that no matter where I am within ANU, I am always able to see a familiar face.

Marcus Dahl

BACHELOR OF ARTS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



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This year has been a truly special one. It has been exciting, interesting, and enlightening in a number of ways, and an excellent time for personal development in the comfortable space of being an undergraduate student living on campus.

Throughout 2015 I have been lucky enough to have the time and energy to be able to engage in academic work, college life and extracurricular activity thanks to the freedom I have been provided with the Scholarship's financial support. From the footy field to the pine forests of Inward Bound to the volleyball court, and from the trivia team to the chess team, I have been able to engage in a lot of sports and arts for Ursula Hall, where I continue to live with a big smile.

I have made new friends across too many demographic categories to count, organised a Ball, and been elected Ursula Hall President for next year. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year and the challenges it has presented have only made me stronger and looking for even more out of this incredible university experience. ANU has been a fantastic place for me in so many ways - and now, as spring comes and the sun shines and all the animals are out across the greenery, my photography has had a nice boost of experience too.

I can say with no hesitation that I look forward to the rest of my time here and to trying my best to continue to develop as a person and as a part of our wonderful world. I often reflect on how so much of this has been enabled by this generous Scholarship and its very special enrichment program, and it is with determination that I seek to keep trying to develop to be a person who will live up to its purpose.

Janet Davey

BACHELOR OF ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES / BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



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2015 has been another busy but memorable year. I've loved all my courses this year: maths, psychology, Chinese, and Chinese politics/modern history. In particular, Chinese politics was really interesting; we looked at contemporary political topics like media censorship, corruption, and international relations. My Chinese courses have been much more interesting and realistic this year. Now, it feels more like taking an English course for native-English speakers. There is more focus on reading and writing skills, like using context to infer meaning, being able to summarise texts, and using synonyms and idioms appropriately.

Fenner Hall has been great this year. It is exciting having a few more Tuckwell Scholars around getting involved. Since I loved Inward Bound (IB) last year, this year I took on one of the coaching roles. Although my Fenner division didn't finish the race, I think I got more out of IB after experiencing what it was like organising it. I was also the goalkeeper for the Fenner hockey team. Unfortunately, we ended up coming last in the competition, but you can't win them all. I've also participated in an ANU Women's AFL development program. I'm from Melbourne, so I've grown up with footy and always wanted to learn how to play, so this has been great fun, apart from the bruises on my hands from handballing!

Finally, the highlights of the Scholar activities this year, for me, were the camp and our 'Hot Topics' sessions. Although I was severely sleep-deprived on the camp due to an IB mock drop, it was great to properly meet with the new cohort, hear what they are passionate about, and discuss our ideas together. I've enjoyed the 'Hot Topics' nights throughout the year because they really get us all thinking and looking at problems from different perspectives.

Joe Dean

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



An increased level of independence and choice regarding program activities has been an excellent progression, allowing a Scholar to pursue their particular interests with others in the group

2015 has been a wonderful year. I feel more in touch with myself, further down my (uncertain?) career path and more at home in Canberra than I have before. This year, the Tuckwell enrichment program emerged from the test-tube, evolving into a well-engineered and cleverly-executed effort to transform the Scholars' university experience.

Now with 44 mingling peers, the group dynamic has broadened and split into independent communities, yet we still feel like one cohort. In particular, an increased level of independence and choice regarding program activities has been an excellent progression, allowing a Scholar to pursue their particular interests with others in the group. The Tuckwell 'Hot Topics' nights (organised by the 2014 Scholars and with a focus on discussion of highly contentious current issues) have been a personal highlight: it has been very empowering to feel our influence, as students, on the enrichment program.

The most rewarding event of the year for me was most certainly the mentor training we received. I have never been so convinced of someone's expert knowledge as I was when Geoff Mortimore, the facilitator, demonstrated his extraordinary listening abilities (it was much more amazing than it sounds!). The session made me reconsider the way I listen to others

and the tempo at which I frame a response. I do not doubt that when the Tuckwell mentoring program begins next year, Geoff's skills will be invaluable to us all.

Mentoring generally has been a new area of interest for me this year: I have acted as an academic mentor at Burton & Garran Hall, which has been an excellent way to improve my mentoring skills in preparation for next year, meet a great new range of students and rectify my own knowledge of previous subjects, which will be immensely useful should I go into legal practice or business later on.

ANU is an excellent university and the Tuckwell Program allows us to experience it in such a unique way.

Catherine Hall

BACHELOR OF ARTS



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This year has been full of different experiences and adventures, all of which were in one way or another fostered by the Tuckwell Scholarship Program. I spent the New Year in a small town in Tanzania working in a hospital, which crystallised my dream of working in medical aid in compromised settings.

Soon I was right back into it at my residential college, Bruce Hall, undertaking leadership training and throwing myself into organising Orientation Week activities for the first years and taking on the role of Sports Representative. The great thing about the Tuckwell Scholarship is that it is not only focused on being exceptional academically, but also about getting involved with our local community as much as possible. Again I found myself taking part in Inward Bound, Ultimate Frisbee, hockey, volleyball, softball, basketball, football, tennis and road relay.

This year has been about finding the right balance and doing what I love most. This resulted in my change from a Bachelor of Medical Science to a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Arabic and minor in French. While I am still very excited about commencing postgraduate medicine, the rewards of expanding my horizons and taking risks with the academic side of my life has

paid off. I'm going to study Arabic at Qatar University for two months over summer.

It was wonderful to have the next cohort of Scholars join us this year and continue to enrich the program. The 2014 Scholars organised 'Hot Topics' sessions, which have been absolutely outstanding. The mentoring from Mary Kilcline Cody has been exceptional and she has provided such wise guidance and counsel in many aspects of my life. Mentoring relationships have also been set up by the other Tuckwell Fellows, which are more focused on paths we hope to take in the future.

All in all, this year has been enriching and challenging and it doesn't look like the next few years will be any different. The holistic approach of the Tuckwell Program has allowed me to get so much more out of my university experience by continually challenging me and presenting the most special opportunities.

Hannah Harmelin

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS / BACHELOR OF ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES



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I have thoroughly enjoyed my second year at ANU. In particular, this year I have focused and deepened my academic interest in Asia-Pacific Security Studies through both the Tuckwell Program and other activities, and I have experienced the intrinsic value of pursuing an academic passion.

Through the Early Career Academic Fellows program run by the Master of University House and Tuckwell Fellow, Professor Peter Kanowski, I formed relationships with academics both within and outside my field who have given me precious insights into life beyond undergraduate studies, choosing a career path, and making big decisions. This has been invaluable to me and has shaped how I think about and plan for my future at ANU. Along with mentoring by our Tuckwell Fellows, I have been able to reflect on my values and aspirations, and refocus my personal expectations and goals.

I also had the opportunity this year to study at the National University of Singapore for five weeks with the International Alliance of Research Universities' Global Summer Program. I studied Southeast Asian history and culture 'in context' with 30 other students from around the world. This included a weeklong field trip to Myanmar, which exceeded my expectations in every way. The course was an amazing chance to study the region from

an internal perspective, meet scholars from places as varied as Kazakhstan and Denmark, and challenge myself to learn about and use other academic fields like anthropology, sociology, history and archaeology.

With the help of the Tuckwell Program, in 2015 I have been able get more out of my classes and had experiences that have shaped my plans for the next few years. Now I'm looking forward to 2016!

Sam Wen Huang

BACHELOR OF ASIA-PACIFIC SECURITY / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



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2015 has been exciting, challenging, and at times totally out of control.

This year I've been fortunate enough to be one of the Sports Reps at John XXIII College. At the start of the year, our only objective was to win the Sports Shield back from Burgmann College, which looks to be extremely likely. Being a member of the Resident's Association has been a great experience. The amount of effort that goes into running successful events at College is enormous, and it's been very rewarding working as part of a team to achieve that goal.

In terms of participation, I've played a number of sports for College including AFL, Ultimate Frisbee, and rugby league (very badly). I also competed in Inward Bound Division 1 again this year. Sadly we got quite badly lost, and ran for 20 hours without finishing.

Luckily, my studies have been less disappointing. I started learning written Chinese, to complement the speaking courses I undertook in 2014. At the end of this year I will have finished my language minor, but I hope to continue improving my language skills, hopefully culminating in an exchange to China in my fourth year.

Throughout 2015 I also assisted with planning a number of events with the Indigenous Cultures Learning Community. Discussing different

aspects of Indigenous culture has motivated me to apply for a volunteer program over the summer holidays, which provides sports and recreational services to youth in remote communities.

The Tuckwell Enrichment Program has once again been very successful. The 'hot topic' debates were a hit, and sparked some interesting discussions within the group. Next year, I'm hoping to form a more formal relationship between our group and the Indigenous students on campus, a goal shared by a number of other Scholars.

2016, I'm sure, will be even better than this year. But for the moment I'm pretty content!

Matthew Jacob

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



It was my honour as 2014 Bell Ringer to ring-in the new cohort of Scholars and deliver an after-dinner speech to the assembled guests, among whom was none other than the Governor-General

It's hard to believe that another year has already passed by during my time at ANU. A year of new countries, new cultures and new experiences, 2015 was certainly a year to remember. The 2015 Tuckwell Commencement Dinner was a fantastic way to bring in the year, and it was my honour as 2014 Bell Ringer to ring-in the new cohort of Scholars and deliver a speech to the assembled guests, among whom was none other than the Governor-General

In 2014 I distinctly remember watching on in awe and inspiration at the Inward Bound end point, making a pledge to myself that I would do everything I could to make an Inward Bound team in 2015 and cross the finish line. And after training hard over the summer, I was delighted to be selected in the Division 5 Inward Bound team for Burgmann College. Finishing in first place in our division and lifting the overall trophy are two moments that I will cherish for a lifetime.

2015 was also a year of new experiences and endeavours. On the academic front, I transferred into a combined law program in Semester 1. Despite thoroughly enjoying the intellectual rigour and challenges of law, I realised my true passion lay in the field of economics, and accordingly, transferred out of law in Semester 2.

Another notable experience was the opportunity to participate in the 2015 Nanyang Technical University Summer School in China.

This two-month study program enabled me to explore the rich history and culture of this amazing country, and form new friendships with students from around the globe. Every week of the program was a new adventure, as we traversed up and down the east coast on bullet trains.

Having decided to move out of college at the end of this year, I very much look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in 2016.

Lucy Kirk

BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE



In 2016 I look forward to helping mentor the incoming cohort of Tuckwell Scholars and making more friends

2015 has been a year of lots of fun and hard work. At college I quickly became busy as I was a coach for Inward Bound. This involved organising training, ensuring residents were adequately prepared, and selecting teams. Whilst this was time consuming it was rewarding to see residents so excited to finish at the Inward Bound end point. At college I have also been involved in the bible study group, academic mentoring program, and the choir. I also had the privilege of being a Peer-Assisted Mentor for first-year biology students. This involved planning group study sessions and has been challenging to determine the needs of students, work with the other mentors, and effectively run sessions.

Over the last six months I have begun to get involved in the ANU Mountaineering Club, after some friends and I joined up to learn how to cross-country ski. We love being outdoors, the good company, and the adrenaline rush of getting a good downhill run. We spent a few weekends camping at the snow and skiing in the high mountain backcountry. Someone asked me "haven't you already been skiing this season?!" I just told them that once the ski bug has bitten you, you couldn't just go once!

Tuckwell activities and support through the Tuckwell Scholarship Program has continued to enrich my time at university. I have benefitted from being able to talk to different Tuckwell mentors for different issues. 2014 Scholars have run 'Hot Topics' nights that have been extremely interesting, thoughtprovoking and entertaining. In 2016 I look forward to helping mentor the incoming cohort of Tuckwell Scholars and making more friends! With the help of the Tuckwell Program I have been able to set up some opportunities for research in public health and I am excited to see where that will take me. I look forward to another great year!

Guy Leckenby

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONS)



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University is great. I thought first year was awesome but second year was so much better. Sure there were the hard times, like when I spent three months over the summer training every second day for Inward Bound only to come back and roll my ankle on the second training run, meaning I couldn't compete in the race. Or there was that time when I completed an assignment so early in advance I forgot to actually submit it and got a grade of zero; not one of my finer moments!

But among those times there were glorious moments as well, like when I played with the Bruce Hall Ultimate Disc team to win the Interhall Championships. Or when I got to chat with the Governor-General of Australia over a glass of champagne in his private study. And then there was that Orientation Week event that was a simulated zombie invasion of Bruce Hall, which I organised. Or chatting with the Nuclear Physics lecturer at the Tuckwell Academic Dinner. And this is not to mention all the awesome parties, the sports, the chill-out sessions in the sun or those late night card sessions where you win your 10 No Trumps call.

Academically it's been an awesome year as well. I've learnt to program in two languages, I know basic quantum mechanics, thermodynamics, electromagnetism

and wave theory; I've started to write like an academic and I've managed to survive the Honours maths stream. But what I've noticed most is that the physics we are now doing is beginning to look like what actual physicists do. In a recent lab I was able to determine that the white LED I was examining was phosphor coated, using a device similar to that on the Mars Rover. The following week I was modelling how the tuned mass damping system of Taipei 101 helped it survive earthquakes. It has me really excited for the future.

Harry Main

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



I had a fantastic start to the year. Organising Orientation Week at Bruce Hall with the rest of the Common Room Committee was an absolute blast.

After one of the more boring summers of my life (who would have thought a 9am – 5pm unpaid internship would be a grind?), I was very keen to start my second year at ANU. Remembering back to my slow start in first year, I told myself that I was going to hit the ground running with as much energy as I could manage.

With this goal in mind, I had a fantastic start to the year. Organising Orientation Week (O-week) at Bruce Hall with the rest of the Common Room Committee was an absolute blast. My friends can attest to the fact that once assessments started rolling in, I continually expressed my wish for university to just be 13 O-Weeks back-to-back.

Speaking of assessments, this year marked my delayed start to studying law at ANU. I had always planned on doing this, but the move from a Juris Doctor to a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) was a recent decision, informed in part by my 2014 Tuckwell Fellow. I am thoroughly enjoying this change of pace, and whilst it's early days yet, I can definitely see myself continuing to enjoy the study of law throughout my degree.

I have to admit, my list of cocurricular commitments outside of college is looking a bit sparser than many of the other awesome people in this magazine. Really, all of my eggs have been placed in the Bruce Hall basket this year, and for that, I have absolutely no regrets. After all, the window in which I'll get to enjoy college is so short that I may as well make the most of it whilst I can! I can definitely see myself hanging around at Bruce Hall for the next year to come. In fact, at the time of writing this I am in the middle of the Senior Resident application process – fingers crossed!

That just about covers most of the important bases in my university life. I've also had some other big things going on that have made 2015 a bit more difficult than I anticipated. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tuckwell Fellows Mary and Richard for their unwavering assistance with this.

Here's hoping that 2016 will be an even more interesting year!

Alex Miles

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) / BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS



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2015 saw me entering my second year of my five-year double degree in engineering and economics. I have recently accepted a position on the technical team for the World Solar Car Challenge for 2017. The Challenge involves building a solar car that is to be driven from Darwin to Adelaide, and involves some of the most prestigious universities from around the globe. ANU has never been involved in the race before and so there is much to learn and many steps to go through, including the all-important funding issues, before we reach the 2017 race start line. I will begin to learn the ropes in 2015/2016 starting with an ANU-sponsored trip to Darwin to try to understand how this year's race was run. The trip will teach us what the existing teams went through and will assist in helping us understand the problems and challenges our team will face moving forward.

I returned to Bruce Hall this year and have continued to enjoy all that this wonderful residential college (no plug intended) has to offer. This year I renewed my interest in drumming by participating in the college band. The culmination of this was playing in the University's musical Science Revue. This was a lot of fun and I was lucky enough to be positioned such that I could see the audience's reaction.

The Tuckwell Program itself has evolved from last year and a highlight of the program for me has been the establishment of the Early Career Academic Fellows program. The mentoring I have received is a great aspect of the Program, and I hope to be able to provide the same assistance to younger Scholars in the future. Overall, my second year at university has been great and I look forward to my third year in 2016.

Jakub Nabaglo

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONS)



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After the heights, plights, and sleepless nights of 2014, I had high hopes for 2015, and was not at all disappointed. Changing my degree to the Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) freed me from prerequisites, allowing me to pursue Honours course Statistical Machine Learning as a second-year student. Despite its reputation as the most difficult course in the computer science department, it was also the most enjoyable of all the courses I have undertaken.

Semester one kindled my interest in machine learning, a field of computer science that is rarely taught, despite its ubiquity. It is used by Google to rank web pages, by Siri to recognise your voice, and by the National Security Agency in the United States to spy on you; and it is full of interesting problems just waiting to be solved. This semester I am undertaking a research project where I am teaching a computer to determine the species of a bee from its photograph.

Outside of my studies, I also find time for creative endeavours. My theatre background allowed me to take up the role of stage manager in this year's Bruce Hall play *Black Coffee* by Agatha Christie. With the premiere coming up, I expect to spend much of my time setting the venue and the technology. Despite

the hard work ahead, I cannot wait to see the hard work of all the Bruce actors showcased on the stage.

Early in the year, I was proud to represent ANU as a Thought Leader when I expounded the merits of the Tuckwell Scholarship to high school students in Brisbane as part of the Tuckwell Roadshows. It was inspiring to meet so many students who were enthusiastic about the opportunity to apply for the Scholarship.

In short, 2015 has been an exciting year for me. A year of changes and a year of self-discovery. I cannot wait for 2016.

Catherine Perry

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONS)



Perhaps my favourite thing about ANU is the feeling of belonging to a community, whether it is the community you find in your residential hall, your classes or in a club or society

My second year at ANU has been even more exciting than the first. Before the year even began I spent a month in Shanghai, living with a host family and studying Chinese. This prepared me well for my Chinese studies this year, and helped me to gain a better insight into the Chinese culture.

Back at university, I have been involved both in college life as a leader of the Bruce Hall Choir, and in the wider ANU community as the secretary of the ANU Liberal Club and the Golden Key Society. This year has also been an exciting one in terms of work opportunities, with my boss, Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP, being promoted to Minister for Small Business and Assistant Treasurer.

Perhaps my favourite thing about ANU is the feeling of belonging to a community, whether it is the community you find in your residential hall, your classes or in a club or society. However. the benefits of ANU continue to stretch far bevond this. Studving in the political heart of the nation has gifted me with the opportunity to work for a Minister. In addition to this, through my Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) degree, I have had the opportunity to undertake several research projects that have enabled me to combine my interests in both business and Chinese. The first has looked at the impact of the China Free Trade Agreement on

the banking sector, and the second has been translation of Chinese journal articles.

The Tuckwell Program was again a very important part of my life at ANU. Starting off the 2015 vear by meeting a new cohort of Tuckwell Scholars allowed us all to branch out and make lasting friendships with yet another group of bright, like-minded students. My favourite element of the Tuckwell Program this year has been the 'Hot Topics' sessions, where all Tuckwell Scholars can gather to discuss controversial issues. With our different backgrounds and life experiences, there is never a dull moment! Once again, the mentoring provided by the Tuckwell Fellows has been invaluable.

This year has flown by, and I am looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities that 2016 will present.

Elena Pleass

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS / BACHELOR OF FINANCE



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It is crazy to think that the year is almost done, even crazier that we are going to amass another 25 Scholars so soon. It is extremely pleasing to look back on the year and be able to say that it was even better than the last! With the excitement and distractions of first year finished, I thought I might find second year repetitive and cope less well with the winter freeze. Thank goodness that was not the case. I finally took advantage of Canberra's proximity to the snow and can say a quick ski trip with friends does make winter a whole lot more tolerable and far prettier.

Second year also provided the opportunity to try new things and have more direction in the extracurricular activities that I am involved with. A major highlight would have to be playing in a social netball competition with fellow Scholar Phoebe Skuse, where 'training and tactics sessions' were conducted at the Canberra Centre sushi train. Another highlight from this year was getting more involved with the Raising Hope charity organisation. I have always really enjoyed working with students younger than myself, having tutored people in high school, so I have really loved being a part of mentoring and tutoring programs at various high schools in Canberra.

2015 has been a big year of travel, fun and university. Balancing this all with a job has also been a new challenge, which I've found rewarding and demanding. As university progresses and the work becomes more difficult, I am happy to say I am only more convinced that I have chosen the right field and career path, which is an extremely satisfying realisation. In relation to the Tuckwell Program, the new 'Hot Topics' sessions have been a hit, and our combined 2014/2015 Scholars camp was a fantastic chance to get away and direct energy towards building a future program that we are all passionate about.

If this was second year, I cannot wait to see what the third will hold.

Abi Rajkumar

BACHELOR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



I was a founding member of the Women of Colour Collective at ANU and am extremely excited to see where this initiative will go

This year has been an incredible year of learning, growth, and understanding the importance of tenacity. Bruce Hall has contributed to an amazing year of college life, including late night hand ball, and discovering the greatness of red wine. Being vertically challenged did not stop me from getting involved with our basketball team and hoping someday I would get a shot in. Representing ANU in mixed netball at the Eastern University Games held in Wagga Wagga was as ridiculous as it sounds. We played our best, but very soon realised that Uni Games simply was not about winning ... (for us at least).

I realised the importance of holding on to artistic passions, and made my first two-tier cake for a friend's birthday, ran a cooking class at Bruce Hall, and got a job working as a make-up artist at Mecca Cosmetica – an absolute dream come true.

I was a founding member of the Women of Colour Collective at ANU and am extremely excited to see where this initiative will go, including ideas for a nationwide conference held in Canberra next year.

I visited Bangladesh as part of my work at Labor International and was able to relate theory to practice as I began to understand the importance of good governance and the possibilities of growth for developing countries. Coordinating the International Progressive Campaigning Forum in Melbourne exposed me to democratic world leaders of change and how ideas are translated into positive realities.

The Tuckwell Program opens many doors, and continues to inspire me to be the best possible version of myself alongside Scholars that are now my best friends, and the remarkable Mary who has been a mentor, friend, and absolute life-saver. I was honoured to be accepted into the Global Undergraduate Leadership Program, which means I will spend early 2016 in Malawi with students from the University of Minnesota, followed by two weeks of shadowing surgeons in Tanzania through Gap Medics.

I look forward to new memories, exciting adventures, home-cooked dinners, and cocktails to celebrate everything and anything. Bring on 2016!

Bryce Robinson

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS) / BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



Having a mentor who respects you enough to be completely honest with you, yet is sincere enough to ensure that you feel supported, is of unspeakable value

For me, second year has been significantly more challenging than first year. Despite this, it has also been vastly more fulfilling. In last year's edition of *The Bell*, I described first year as a Tuckwell Scholar as being about dipping your toe in as many proverbial pools as possible. To extend the metaphor, second year has been about selecting just a few of those pools, and diving into them headfirst.

To give a brief snapshot of my year, I have: been the Director of Policy on the Law Students' Society; conducted the Bruce Hall Choir: co-coordinated the Australian Law Students' Association's quarterly conference; undertaken an internship at the Australian Research Council; represented the 2014 Tuckwell Scholars on the Scholars House Committee; chaired a committee at the National Capital Model United Nations; and returned to Kenya to volunteer as a senior secondary science and maths teacher. The fact that the previous sentence was a mouthful is characteristic of the Tuckwell Program – there is no greater motivation to get involved than being surrounded by a group of tremendously active and wellrounded role models.

A clear highlight of the Tuckwell Program this year has been the 'Hot Topics' evenings. It is truly unique to be surrounded by a group of young people who are so intelligent, passionate, and sensitive to complexities and nuances of pressing societal issues that most adults would not even think of.

Furthermore, the benefits of the mentoring program have been enormous. In such a highly stressful and competitive environment, having a mentor who respects you enough to be completely honest with you, yet is sincere enough to ensure that you feel supported, is of unspeakable value. I cannot wait to draw on these experiences when mentoring the 2016 Tuckwell cohort, so that I may give back to the Program that has given me so much.

Sam Saunders

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS) / BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS



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Last year, my *Bell* piece focused on how far the Tuckwell Program had come. This year, I will focus on the challenges and transformative nature of the Program. But I guess I should begin by describing the year that has past.

Second year has been another 'rollercoaster' an overused phrase to describe university/college life, I know, but incredibly accurate nonetheless. I secured a job working with a barrister, I took up a casual position as an ACT Tertiary Education Ambassador (perks including being on a billboard), and I continued my love for the arts, leading Burgmann College's Arts faculty. On the whole, it has been a fun year.

The Tuckwell Program has evolved beyond imagination. Last year, I remember wondering how the Program would develop with an additional cohort. I now query what will happen next year with a third cohort. The beauty of the Program lies in these challenges. Scholars are major contributors to the underlying structure of the program. There is, to a certain degree, a lot of responsibility on our shoulders to construct a fluent transfer of responsibilities from one cohort to another.

Our preparation to become thirdyear Scholars has already begun. During second semester, we began mentor training with an incredible guest lecturer, Dr Geoff Mortimore. Geoff has an amazing capacity to understand people, unlike anyone I had ever met. Just by listening to you, he could dissect qualities and traits that you had never recognised. Personally, this session made me reflect on what qualities I value in a mentor, and what qualities I value in myself.

The Tuckwell Program is developing fast, and is undoubtedly still in its infancy. I feel privileged to be a part of its upbringing, and I am excited to see it grow.

Phoebe Skuse

BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS / BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS)



Being a Scholar has created a network of people whom you know you share a bond with that extends beyond the bounds of the ACT and our time at ANU

What I love most about having a new cohort of Scholars is seeing in their experiences almost a mirror image of my own first year. Not that I am any wiser or worldlier now, but I would say that from the lofty height of second year, I have gained a little perspective. ANU is a big pond. Not big enough obviously for me to find a boyfriend, but still, significantly large that having a support network like the Tuckwell Scholarship has proved invaluable.

In my experience, first year was one big 'YES'. Want to watch interhall badminton? YES! Want to join the Socialist Alliance? YES! Want to try and eat a whole Brod Dog in three bites? YES! And it was great. But some switch flicked this year, and I found myself with less indiscriminate 'YES' moments as I drifted towards the interests that all my first year YES's helped me to discover. The focus of this year has been Indigenous issues, which are broad and vague and indicative of the vast experience I am yet to gain in this area.

This year, I have loved developing more independence, which has seen me rolling all around Canberra in search of the best café in which to study. What I love about Canberra is that it is a student town. You see the same vaguely recognisable faces everywhere. It has become familiar and comfy, like an old (and at times slightly drab) jumper. The Scholarship

has enriched this sense of community. Being a Scholar has created a network of people whom you know you share a bond with that extends beyond the bounds of the ACT and our time at ANU.

It's been incredible to watch Graham's and Louise's vision slowly start to unfold. As with every time I reflect upon the year that flew by, I feel incredibly grateful and humbled to be a small part of something so big.

Samantha Terry

BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE



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2015 has been a year filled with fun, friends, and focus.

The year kicked off with training for Inward Bound, under the skillful quidance of fellow scholar Lucy Kirk as coach. Thanks to Marcus Dahl's excellent navigational skills, our Division 4 team ended up finishing second by 20 minutes. When we finally caught sight of the end point, after the gruelling 12 hour race, and saw that it was high up on a steep hill, I did not know whether to laugh or cry. Competing in, and training for, the 60km adventure race was an enormous physical and mental challenge, but one that led to the formation of lifelong friendships.

I also enjoyed venturing into the realms of dance, both within and outside of college. After practising our pirouettes, chasse turns and booty-shaking from the start of the year, I was proud to be a part of the Ursula Hall dance group, which came first in the interhall dance competition. In second semester. Lucy and I spent our Saturday mornings learning the Charleston and lindy hop dances after signing up to swing dancing lessons. We also spent numerous weekends camping in the snow and learning cross-country skiing, through the ANU Mountaineering Club.

The Early Career Academic Fellow mentoring program provided a unique opportunity to meet a number of inspiring academics and professionals working in the fields of biology, public health and medicine. In particular, I loved getting to know medical practitioners George and Gabrielle and hearing their sound career advice during a weekend of skiing. Attending Scholar-facilitated 'Hot Topics' discussions was another highlight of the Scholars House program this year. I have relished the opportunity to widen my field of thought through discussion of diverse themes including commercial surrogacy, education and charity.

As the year comes to a close and I reflect on these experiences, I feel incredibly privileged to be a part of this scholarship program, and look forward to another great year ahead.

Jessica Woolnough

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ADVANCED) (HONS)



I am very much looking forward to another year with these lovely and inspiring people

This year I was the Greens Representative for the Ursula Hall Residents Committee. This would have to have been one of the highlights of my time this year at college and ANU. The Ursies community has responded so positively to my events this year, and to my calls for volunteers to join me in the likes of cleaning up Sullivans Creek and conducting commuter audits with ANUGreen. Even though I consider myself quite passionate about the environment, it is always inspiring for me to see international students see our native plants and animals for the very first time, often with much awe and excitement. It really brings back to me just how unique and valuable Australia's diverse environment really is. Being on the committee this year has proven quite an experience for me: being able to run events, put my first aid training to use, and to generally be a lot more involved in the college experience.

University this year has been good, and I have really enjoyed the physical chemistry and quantum mechanics topics, which I found to be fascinating!

Combine all of this with the 'Hot Topics' discussions with the other Scholars, the Academic Dinner, another great interview weekend, and mentoring from the wonderful Mary and Richard, and I have had a brilliant year!

Having just done some mentor training with the other 2014 Scholars, I can say that I am very much looking forward to another year with these lovely and inspiring people! This year, a lot of them have been involved in a range of diverse and wonderful endeavours: congratulations to all of them on such a strong year! I am also looking forward to our continually developing role as the (older) Scholar cohort, another year in the Scholarship Program and, last but not least, getting to know the 2016 cohort of Scholars!

Sorin Zota

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS) / BACHELOR OF FINANCE



With campus situated so close to national parks, the New Acton precinct and the city centre, there is truly always something to keep you busy

After the protracted summer break, it was so exciting to come back to ANU for my second year. Living at Burgmann College, surrounded by friends, has been the best part of my new life in Canberra, and is something I would not have been able to experience back home in Melbourne.

This year I have been really grateful for the chance to be more involved in the college community, sitting on ANU Council as a resident representative. I am a naturally curious person, so seeing things from another perspective is always stimulating.

Additionally, I was part of the Law Students' Society committee this year as a Competitions Director. This meant organising and coordinating the negotiation competitions throughout the year. After having competed in negotiations last year, this was another example of trying things in reverse.

I have loved pursuing my studies further, especially in law. The challenging nature of the courses at ANU means that you push yourself even further, and it is inspiring to be surrounded by so many motivated people. Given how difficult it can be to balance your time during the intense university semesters, having the support of a variety of mentors within the Tuckwell Program has been invaluable.

Living in Canberra has surprisingly been one of the highlights of studying at ANU. With campus situated so close to national parks, the New Acton precinct and the city centre, there is truly always something to keep you busy. The rapidly growing café culture is also a plus; you can never have too much coffee!

Finally, I cannot stress enough how amazing the people I have met through the Tuckwell Program are – I will always be grateful for the opportunities I have received.

I am already looking forward to next year!







Orientation Day

BY ROBERT COOK

In the midst of the ANU Orientation Week (O-Week) this year, the new 2015 cohort of Scholars gathered for the first time (barring a few occasional meetings at morning yoga) for the Tuckwell Orientation Day. Suffice to say, many of us were feeling a bit nervous, if not extremely so, but at the same time excited at the prospect of meeting the other Scholars and the Tuckwell Fellows.

Upon arriving at University House, we were taken through some of the basic details of what the program for the year involved, and what was involved in being a Tuckwell Scholar. Most importantly, we were given the opportunity to begin to get to know

the rest of our cohort, and the 2014 Scholars too. This allowed us to begin to forge close bonds and to recognise that we would have some familiar faces back at our residences – a comforting thought in the maelstrom of new faces in O-Week. It would also form foundations for the even closer bonds we would form at the Tuckwell camp.

After this introductory material, we were given a chance to socialise with our Tuckwell Fellows and mentors, Chris, Molly and Peter, as the 2014 Scholars continued to have Mary mentor them for the year. This allowed us to explore the role of the Fellows, and our own hopes

and ambitions for the year. Finally, we were introduced to the Cross-Disciplinary Students Association (XSA) as a society we might be interested in. The XSA President emonstrated the power of ideas and their discussion amongst a group of students from a variety of backgrounds.

As we headed our separate ways to continue with the events of O-Week, we reflected on the significance of what we had learnt, and the exciting program we were about to partake in. An excellent start to the program!



Commencement Weekend

BY MARY PARKER

The Commencement Weekend was a wonderful way to begin our year as Tuckwell Scholars. As it was our first big event for the year, everyone was a little nervous and very excited. For most of us, it was our first time meeting the interview panellists, and Graham and Louise Tuckwell, outside of the selection process. To prepare, we repeatedly had conversations over what exactly constituted 'smart-casual clothing' and failed to find a concrete definition.

One of the highlights of the weekend was welcoming our parents to ANU for a lunch with Graham and Louise, and a dinner with the Heads of the ANU

residential colleges. Our parents were excited to meet the Tuckwell family, as well as the 2015 cohort of Scholars, the interview panellists and many notable figures from the University.

Another highlight of the weekend was the Commencement Dinner, in which the 2015 Tuckwell cohort was officially 'rung-in' by 2014 Bell Ringer Matt Jacob. This was our official welcome to the Tuckwell Program, symbolising the start of our journey and potential as Tuckwell Scholars. At the dinner, we were excited to have present the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove.

The Governor-General gave the keynote speech, sharing his thoughts on leadership and what it means to give back to Australia.

Other notable speeches of the night came from Matt Jacob, who reflected on the year that was and shared his thoughts on the future of the Program, and from Graham Tuckwell, with his thoughts on what it means to be a Tuckwell Scholar. Overall, the Commencement Weekend was an exciting and inspiring way to begin our first year as Tuckwell Scholars, setting the standard for many more excellent years to come!



Annual Tuckwell camp

BY JONATHAN TJANDRA

In March the 2014 and 2015 Scholars enjoyed a weekend away during the annual Tuckwell camp, this year held at Camp Birrigai in the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, along with the Tuckwell Fellows and the Tuckwell admin team.

Some people may balk at the prospect of surviving a weekend without internet connection or phone reception, but it was a relaxing start to the year, free from any distractions or incessant emails. One of the main purposes of the camp was to get to know the other Scholars and Fellows and plan for the upcoming year. Hence, the camp was filled with fun teambuilding and bonding activities as well as even more exciting (in my opinion) plenaries and meetings.

Also on the schedule was an invigorating morning jog up the nearest 'mountain' or alternatively a brisk bushwalk to observe the

beautiful natural landscape and the abundance of wildlife surrounding the campsite. Scholars could also choose to miss out on these wonderful sights and instead get a study session in.

This was followed by the much more competitive board games and trivia night, where many friendships were made and possibly broken (but only temporarily) as Scholars struggled to answer questions such as 'Which Scholar has exactly 128 likes on their Facebook profile photo?' without the help of an internet connection.

Perhaps a highlight of the camp was the campfire session, accompanied by marshmallows and a mad scramble to clear the surrounding area of sticks. This was a relaxing way to end the evening whilst gazing at the breathtaking view of the stars in the night sky and listening to Tuckwell Fellow Molly

Townes O'Brien's amazing guitar playing, accompanied by a group of singing Scholars.

As a Texan, Molly had learnt to play Waltzing Matilda especially for the campfire, thinking it a typical Australian song, yet was disappointed to find few Scholars knew lyrics past the chorus. Similarly, Scholars were disappointed that their dreams of forming the 'Tuckappellas', an a cappella group, did not come to fruition!

A collective groan of frustration was audible on the bus back to Canberra as our phones alerted us to hundreds of emails and notifications we collectively missed, which I take to be a sign that they enjoyed the camp and were sorry to see it over.

I look forward to next year's camp and getting to know the 2016 cohort of Scholars.





Academic Dinner

BY MATTHEW BARTON



Here at the University, students attend classes but often do not have the opportunity to get to know their lecturers and tutors personally. One of my favourite events from this year allowed us to do just that: the Tuckwell Academic Dinner gave Scholars the opportunity to invite a favourite lecturer, tutor or academic to break bread at University House.

The dinner was run in the 'Oxbridge' style, which meant that Scholars were seated next to their chosen academic. This gave them the opportunity to get to know their academic and glean knowledge and life lessons important for study and careers. During the evening,

the academics were asked to stand and move to a different table. Whilst this meant that fantastic conversations ended, new ones were able to commence. In much the same way that the 'Hot Topics' sessions exposed us to new ideas and viewpoints, so too did this part of the night. It allowed Scholars to meet people from other disciplines and engage in different conversations, as well as enabling Scholars to make personal connections with academics that they admire and are inspired by.

This was invaluable to me. Having attended two Academic Dinners now, the brilliant academics that

I invited have become my Early Career Academic Fellows. I would not have had the opportunity to do so had it not been for this particular event. The broad, multidisciplinary knowledge that the Scholars could tap into on that night was astounding. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, it allowed Scholars to escape college food for a night!

I cannot wait for the 2016 dinner. 🔊

Engagement with the Prime Minister and the Governor-General

BY JONATHAN TJANDRA





It is always pleasing to know that Australia's leaders take a keen interest in education, and especially in programs such as the Tuckwell Scholarships. This year we were fortunate enough to be invited to have morning tea with the then Prime Minister Tony Abbott, and an evening reception at Government House hosted by Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove.

So it came to pass that 2015 Scholars, the Tuckwell Fellows and various University staff were ushered through various layers of security into the Prime Minister's Office at Parliament House. After having been served various cakes and tea or coffee, we were joined by Mr Abbott in the sitting room. We all were quite tense, not sure of what to say to Mr Abbott, but he was genuinely interested in our

experiences as Tuckwell Scholars. This led to a lively discussion on more controversial topics including university funding and moral issues such as slavery.

We took the obligatory photoshoot, during which I asked Mr Abbott to sign a copy of his autobiography to add to my collection of signed Prime Ministerial autobiographies. We were also joined by Chief of Staff Peta Credlin, who emphasised the importance of scholarship programs such as the Tuckwell Scholarships in the development of the nation.

At the evening function at Government House we had the opportunity to meet Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove and likewise they interrogated us about the Program and our experiences. As some of the group were political fanatics, it dawned on us that the

room we were in was the very same room Ministers were sworn in, amongst other political events, and that the table on which we rested our drinks was the same one used to swear Ministers in too. I personally was intrigued by the artwork on display at Government House and am grateful to Lady Cosgrove for her short tour of art pieces.

I can safely say that we all enjoyed both visits. Sometimes we, as voters, lose perspective that our leaders are human too, and conversely they seem genuinely interested in meeting us. One large part of the Tuckwell Program is being able to meet new people we would otherwise not meet, and I hope this association with the Prime Minister and Governor-General continues into the future.

And now for more Hot Topics

BY MATTHEW BARTON

What is the most effective way to solve the refugee crisis in Europe in light of its open border policy? Should charity organisations be allowed to charge overhead costs? What came first: the chicken or the egg? If the walls in Scholars House could talk, they would say that Tuckwell Scholars have an indefatigable addiction to Tim Tams and discussions of controversial ideas.

In 2015, the Tuckwell Scholarship Program took inspiration from American talk-show *The View* by introducing Scholar-run 'Hot Topics' sessions. Whilst Whoopi Goldberg was absent from every session despite assurances that she would make an appearance, the presence of the Tuckwell Fellows, and the occasional Tim Tam, was more than enough to compensate.

In their first year, the 2014 cohort had fortnightly meetings in Scholars House that would consist of listening to a guest speaker or learning new skills.

It was at the end of these meetings as slices of free pizza cooled down that Scholars' conversations would turn to big ideas and controversial issues. For many Scholars, this was the best part of the evening. It was thoroughly enjoyable to listen to a range of viewpoints and insights. It was in light of this that the 2014 Scholars wanted sessions that would facilitate more of these discussions. Thus 'Hot Topics' was born.

The 2014 cohort decided that the topic for each session would be

decided and facilitated by a group of five to six Scholars. The session would be open for both cohorts and Tuckwell Fellows to attend. Topics included: whether commercial surrogacy and designer babies are immoral, the values underpinning NSW provocation and sexual assault legislation, moral issues associated with charity and philanthropy, what the best system of education is, and how best to resolve the European

refugee crisis. Importantly, no Tim Tam or Scholar was harmed in the heat of the moral minefield.

The most valuable part of Hot Topics was the opportunity to discuss ideas with Scholars who offered a range of views informed by varying disciplines and backgrounds. Whilst no one may have been

a commercial surrogate before, there were a multitude of academic disciplines used to approach the topic and give it additional meaning. The facilitation by Scholars ensured that everyone was able to give their opinion and it would not be uncommon for Scholars to continue to discuss ideas long after the session had officially ended.

This was a fantastic part of the Tuckwell Program in 2015, and we cannot wait for it to begin again next year with a brand new cohort full of new ideas!



The 2015 Tuckwell Interview Weekend

BY NICK WYCHE



At this year's interview weekend it was all too easy to get caught up in reliving my own experience during 2014 and putting myself in the candidate's shoes. The duality of the event is striking – on the one hand there is the stress of competing for an incredibly prestigious scholarship, but on the other there is the sense of camaraderie that quickly develops in the group of applicants, which is an excellent antidote to the pressure.

2015 was the third year that the interview weekend has been run, and it is already clear that some events are becoming institutions. The trivia night was every bit as bittersweet as last year; I still sometimes cry myself to sleep over messing up the 50th state of the USA. But other aspects are evolving as cohorts come together to address issues they have found in the running of the weekend. When some unforeseen events prevented many candidates from touring Fenner Hall, quick-thinking

volunteers produced a substitute Snapchat tour to ensure that nobody missed out.

My favourite part of the weekend, however, was observing the experiences of candidates from different perspectives. As survivors of the blindsiding interview rounds, all the Scholar volunteers are well aware how emotionally draining the weekend can be. At every step of the way, from relaxing in the Burton & Garran common room. through to walking candidates to their interviews, it was gratifying to see all those involved looking out for the wellbeing of candidates and ensuring that they all had a great time.

I am sure all those who helped out would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Scholar Matt Bowes, along with Tuckwell Office staff Steph Neulinger and Louise Adena, whose Herculean efforts in planning and executing the weekend made all of our roles easier, and produced a resoundingly successful event. As the Scholarship matures and develops the procedures that it will continue to follow in the future, it is your endeavours that are laying the groundwork for its future operation.

It is equally important to acknowledge the efforts of all the staff and student volunteers who contributed so enthusiastically to running the event. It was an impressive display of dedication and teamwork that showcased the very best qualities of our cohort, and it really reinforced my pride to be part of this phenomenal group of people.

Finally, a warm welcome to all the successful candidates. It was a pleasure to get to know such admirable people who remained effervescent and sociable under very taxing circumstances, and we are keen to see how you help shape the program, and indeed the University, over the coming years.

Scholars House Committee

BY BRYCE ROBINSON



The formation of the Scholars House Committee (SHC) was an exciting addition to the program in 2015, giving the Scholarship a renewed sense of purpose and direction after the initial excitement and novelty of a successful first year. The Committee met for the first time in April 2015, and was comprised of Graham and Louise Tuckwell, Steph Neulinger (Manager, Philanthropic Scholarship Programs), four elected student representatives, and the Head of Scholars House, Professor Richard Baker. This year, the four Scholar reprsentatives were Anthony Ricci, Mary Parker, Abi Rajkumar and myself.

The SHC's task included shaping the enrichment program, evaluating and reporting on the status of the program, considering how the mentoring policy could adapt to suit the changing needs of the cohorts in the future, and developing a budget to bring all of these proposals to life.

We found, however, that this forum gave us Scholars the scope to shape the program in a more holistic and tangible way. Armed with the lessons from our experiences so far, consultation with other Scholars, our youthful (naïve?) idealism, and an earnest passion for the growth and development of the Scholarship, we worked closely with members of

the Tuckwell Executive to advocate for the reform of current policies. These included holding Senior Resident positions at colleges, the length of compulsory stay in an ANU residence, and the program's connection to the Vice-Chancellor's courses. The Executive's genuine respect for our ideas, coupled with advice on practical realities and constraints, has enabled the program to become more reflective of the needs of Scholars, giving them the best opportunity to capitalise on the full range of advantages that the Scholarship offers.

Tuckwell Fellows

Four of us from different academic disciplines - a forester, an engineer, an historian, and a lawyer - and at different stages of our academic careers, have the privilege of working with the Tuckwell Scholars as Tuckwell Fellows. Whilst our backgrounds and the catalysts for our engagement with the Program vary, our motivations and experiences have many commonalities. We get the opportunity to work with outstanding individual Scholars and challenge the cohorts to shape their future and help give effect to the Tuckwell vision. We also enjoy working with our colleagues from

across ANU to enrich the Program and expose Scholars to a broad range of ideas and projects.

Tuckwell Fellow Molly Townes O'Brien's observations speak for all of us:

"I quickly learnt that the Tuckwell Program is truly interesting and productive because it engages interesting and productive people. I began to really appreciate the Program when I met the Tuckwell Scholars, each of whom is assigned to a Fellow who serves as a mentor. Each Scholar is not only intellectually adept, but also actively involved in life on campus. They are not a

group resting on their laurels; rather they are a group of people who make things happen! Each Tuckwell Scholar has their own approach to university, but what they have in common is that they are passionate, and have great capacity and energy to work things out."

As Tuckwell Fellows, we look forward to continuing our involvement with current and new Scholars, and to working with Graham and Louise Tuckwell and colleagues across ANU, to further develop the Program as a flagship in undergraduate education in Australia.

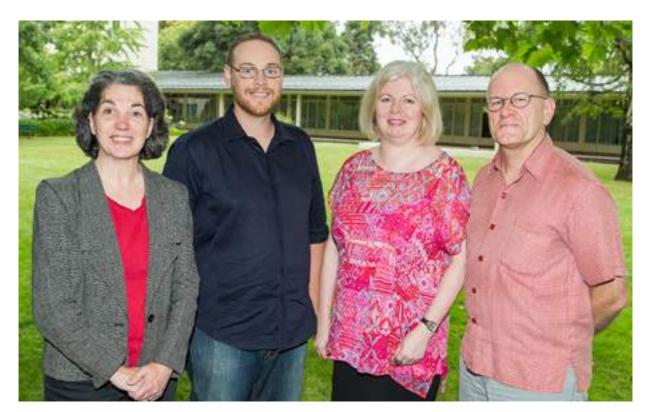


Image: Tuckwell Fellows Associate Professor Molly Townes O'Brien, Mr Chris Browne, Dr Mary Kilcline Cody, and Professor Peter Kanowski.

Alumni Awards

ANU is immensely proud of its graduates. The University celebrates the achievements of its alumni and thanks them for all they have done for ANU, Australia and the world through the Alumni Awards program. In March 2015, ANU

held their its annual Gala Dinner to announce and celebrate the recipients of the Alumni Awards for 2015, where Graham Tuckwell received the inaugural Alumnus of the Year – Philanthropy award.

Graham received the award in absentia, but several Tuckwell Scholars (Joe Dean, Audrey Lee, Katie Ward, and Brody Hannan) and members from the Tuckwell Office were present for this wonderful moment.













The Tuckwell gift



In 2013, the Graham & Louise
Tuckwell Foundation pledged to
donate \$50 million to The Australian
National University to establish and
support the Tuckwell Scholarship
Program. The Program offers the
most transformational undergraduate
scholarship in Australia, but it is not
only the financial support that makes
it special.

The vision behind the Scholarship is all about helping you make an impact on your community and the world by offering you unique educational opportunities and personal experiences. The Scholarship is also unique in that it allows you to study a single or double undergraduate program, including Honours and vertical degrees (degrees that combine undergraduate and graduate study, across a range of disciplines, completed in a reduced time-frame), in any discipline offered at ANU for up to five years.

The first cohort of Scholars was selected in July 2013, and commenced study in February

2014. Open to students from around Australia, the program awards up to 25 scholarships each year. The next round of selections will be finalised in July 2016, for study commencing February 2017.

A Board of Directors oversees the administration of the Scholarship Program. The Directors are intimately involved in the review of applications and conduct the interviews of the shortlisted candidates each year in July at ANU.

ANU honours for Graham and Louise Tuckwell

In December 2015 ANU honoured Graham and Louise Tuckwell, awarding them honorary doctorates for their leadership and contribution to advancing the cause of philanthropy in Australia.

Then Vice-Chancellor Professor lan Young AO said the Tuckwell Scholarships program is designed to nurture Australia's most promising undergraduates to stretch themselves beyond just getting a degree.

"Tuckwell Scholars are engaged with their communities and are wellrounded citizens. They have drive, determination and a good heart," Professor Young said.

"The value of this gift is not just monetary; it has enabled public recognition of the key ANU values of academic excellence and leadership outside of the classroom."

The Tuckwells hope their gift will encourage more people to give back to higher education.

"ANU has benefited from the personal involvement of Graham and Louise," Professor Young said.

"They work tirelessly in a voluntary capacity and closely alongside

senior staff of the University in implementing the program, travelling twice to the University each year to welcome each commencing class of Scholars, and to participate in the comprehensive selection process for shortlisted applicants."

Chancellor Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC conferred Mr and Mrs Tuckwell with the Degree of Doctor of the University, honoris causa.



Tuckwell Scholars and Staff

2015 cohort

Mr Lachlan Arthur, Gawler, SA
Ms Tamara Bohler, Brisbane, QLD
Mr Matthew Bowes, Melbourne, VIC
Mr Robert Cook, Sydney, NSW
Ms Eliza Croft, Townsville, QLD
Ms Hannah Gregory, Gladstone, QLD
Mr Jeevan Haikerwal, Melbourne, VIC

Mr Brody Hannan, Cowra, NSW
Ms Billie Hook, Brighton, VIC
Ms Audrey Lee, Perth, WA
Ms Yaya Lu, Hobart, TAS
Ms Mary Parker, Townsville,
QLD (Bell Ringer)
Mr Nishanth Pathy, Ballarat, VIC

Ms Maddison Perkins, Blayney, NSW
Mr Anthony Ricci, Adelaide, SA
Ms Jane Tan, Melbourne, VIC
Mr Jonathan Tjandra, Perth, WA
Mr Michael Turvey, Hobart, TAS
Mr Nicholas Wyche, Sydney, NSW

2014 cohort

Mr Matthew Barton, Armidale, NSW
Ms Sarah Campbell, Bega, NSW
Mr Marcus Dahl, Sydney, NSW
Ms Janet Davey, Melbourne, VIC
Mr Joseph Dean, Sapphire Beach, NSW
Ms Catherine Hall, Mittagong, NSW
Ms Hannah Harmelin, Sydney, NSW
Mr Sam Wen Huang, Melbourne, VIC
Mr Matthew Jacob, Parramatta,
NSW (Bell Ringer)

Ms Lucy Kirk, Canberra, ACT
Mr Guy Leckenby, Coffs
Harbour, NSW
Mr Harry Main, Perth, WA
Ms Morgan Marshall, Sydney, NSW
Mr Alex Miles, Toowoomba, QLD
Mr Jakub Nabaglo, Goulburn, NSW
Ms Catherine Perry, Melbourne, VIC
Ms Elena Pleass, Sunshine
Coast, QLD

Ms Abirami Rajkumar, Sydney, NSW Mr Bryce Robinson, Melbourne, VIC Mr Sam Saunders, Melbourne, VIC Ms Phoebe Skuse, Sydney, NSW Ms Samantha Terry, Dorrigo, NSW Ms Katie Ward, Brisbane, QLD Ms Jessica Woolnough, Burnie, TAS Mr Sorin Zota, Melbourne, VIC

Tuckwell Board and Selection Panel

Admiral Chris Barrie AC RAN (Retd)
Dr Vince FitzGerald
Professor Marnie HughesWarrington (Chair)
Dr Paul McMahon
Dr Anna Oldmeadow

Professor Brian P Schmidt AC FRS FAA, Nobel Laureate Dr Colin Taylor Dr Graham Tuckwell

Mr Peter Monkhouse (selection panel only) Dr Megan Robertson (selection panel only) Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich (selection panel only)

Tuckwell Fellows

Professor Richard Baker, (Head of Scholars House) Mr Chris Browne Professor Peter Kanowski

Associate Professor Molly

Dr Mary Kilcline Cody

Dr Louise Tuckwell

Townes O'Brien

Tuckwell Scholarship Program Staff

Ms Louise Adena, Philanthropic Scholarships Officer Ms Steph Neulinger, Manager, Philanthropic Scholarship Programs

Interested in a Tuckwell Scholarship?

Applying for a Tuckwell Scholarship is a three-stage process that starts with an initial application from you, and a recommendation from your teacher. Shortlisted applicants will complete a more detailed application in stage two, and final candidates will be interviewed during July for stage three.

Stage 1

Complete your online applications. Applications open on 29 February 2016 and close at 3pm AEDST on 30 March 2016.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by 22 April 2016 and invited to apply for stage 2.

Stage 2

Applications open on 26 April 2016 and close at 3pm AEST on 11 May 2016. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by 15 June 2016 and invited to progress to stage 3.

Stage 3

The interview weekend will be held in Canberra on 8-10 July. Scholarship recipients will be announced on 11 July.

Visit **tuckwell.anu.edu.au** for full details of the selection criteria, eligibility requirements and how to apply. Like our Facebook page to stay up-to-date with the latest Tuckwell Scholarship Program announcements.

Tuckwell Scholarship 2016 Roadshows

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

Come and chat to us about this transformational opportunity, and meet some of our Tuckwell scholars.

tuckwell.anu.edu.au/tuckwell-roadshows

Mon 15 February	Darwin
Tue 16 February	Perth
Wed 17 February	Adelaide
Mon 22 February	Canberra
Tue 23 February	Parramatta

Tue 23 February	Sydney
Wed 24 February	Brisbane
Thu 25 February	Townsville
Fri 26 February	Launceston
Fri 26 February	Hobart

Tue 1 March	Melbourne
Thu 3 March	Geelong
Tue 8 March	Online event



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