



“The Robber”

Dear Robb Alumni & Friends

We held our Robb College Commencement Dinner on 11 March which was a wonderful evening with dignitaries, invited guests, members of the Senior Common Room and students present for the first major even of the year. The night went off without a hitch and it was wonderful to see everyone together after all the difficulties of COVID-19 in 2020.



[2021 Commencement Dinner address >](#)

I wanted to express my appreciation to the Chairman of our Robb College Foundation Association, Geoff Perry who has produced the College’s Foundation Association Inc. Report for 2021.

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I would also like to make mention of Sam Ditchfield, our SCR President who has included his opening address below. Without the assistance of Sam and the other SCR members, our residents wouldn’t have nearly as many opportunities to mix with Robb Alumni who have utilised the education and the lifelong friendships and connections they made during their time at Robb, to build strong and diverse careers.

[SRC President's opening address for the year >](#)

And please see Celine Depczynski’s Academic Dinner address. Celine is a very impressive student and her address is a tribute the calibre of students currently at Robb College.

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I hope you enjoy this edition of the Robb e-newsletter. Please feel free to contact me if you are going to be in Armidale at some point. I’m always very keen to reunite with our alumni and would welcome the opportunity to catch up if you are in town.

Jamie Moore

Robb Alumni



Ruby Canning

“My grandfather always told me, ‘Ruby, you can learn something from everyone’, and that is something I remind myself about each and every day.”

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Sam Copeland

I was a resident of Robb College from 1991 – 1993 and as you will have heard many times from ex Robbers, the friendships and connections I have made at Robb are exceptional.

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Andrew MacPherson

Former Robb resident Andrew McPherson (Macca) was recently promoted to fill the role as chief executive officer (CEO) of Teys Australia.

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We met at UNE



Prue and Mark Kesby

Gunnedah couple Prue and Mark Kesby have many fond memories of UNE, including the annual Rural Science Ball, weekend barbecues and helping to organise two rodeos ... Prue was a **Robb College** resident, while Mark attended Wright College.

The pair met on their very first day, in 1978, and cultivated a friendship over several years during their studies. As a Bachelor of Rural Science student, Prue shared many classes with Mark, a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture student, and their paths frequently crossed socially.

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Commencement Dinner

On March 11th 2021, Robb College celebrated our 2021 freshers at a formal Commencement dinner. This was an exciting event as it was our first formal dinner on campus since moving out of the original Robb College building in 2017. The dinner was organised by the UNE Life team and Zita Lamph the JCR Head of Culture for 2021. During the night, there was an address from the SCR President Sam Ditchfield, and Head of College Jamie Moore. Each fresher student was introduced and welcomed by the Robb cohort and SCR members.



Abbey McCloskey



Isabel Golden



Dan Lethbridge



Emily Baylis



Brigitte Berkery

Robb College Scholarship Winners 2021

Some of our residents have been the very deserving recipients of scholarships this year.

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University of New England allocated \$1.5m for regional scholarships

The University of New England (UNE) has been allocated more than \$1.5m in scholarships under the Australian Government's tertiary access relocation program aimed at encouraging and assisting outer regional and

remote school leavers to enter tertiary education in 2021.

Robb Head of College Jamie Moore said he was very pleased with the announcement and has passed the information on to eligible regional students in the hope some will become recipients of these Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) program scholarships.

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Largest Painting in the World

In 1990, students of Robb College UNE, assisted by students from other UNE colleges and Armidale schools, completed the World's Largest Painting measuring 102.93 x 65.38 metres. It was included in the Guinness Book of Records 1991 to 1994.

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Robb College Foundation

It exists to support students who wish to join Robb College and complete their degrees at UNE. We help the Master of Robb to attract, retain and build talented students to become quality leaders and contributors to agriculture, industry and rural-communities in their future careers.

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UNE's 10 Year Strategic Plan

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This new decadal strategic plan sets out who we are as a University, it will guide our ten-year journey focusing on transformative opportunities, partnerships, engagement and knowledge creation

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