



## Head of College Report

Sally Strelitz



**Welcome to the final Robb Alumni Newsletter for 2021.**

After a great start to the year with a strong cohort everything at Robb settled into a smooth pattern after the upheavals of 2020 and the students were looking forward to Parents Ball, Long Lunch, the Robb Mates Ball, a full sport season and other activities that were all cancelled in 2020.

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## Robb College Alumni



### Sam Coupland - Sam's driving passion

Robb College alumnus Sam Coupland is turning heads around Armidale in his hotted-up grey V8 Commodore. But lest you think he's experiencing a mid-life crisis, the stickers festooning the vehicle – Vote 1 Sam – speak of a more serious intent. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

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## Emily Gerrard - Truth-telling and empowerment

Thanks to an astute school careers counsellor, a double degree from UNE and a lot of hard work, Emily is now effecting environmental change at the local, national and even international level.

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## Troy Setter - No herd mentality here

As well as playing rugby and showing cattle, Troy was chair of the Young Cattlemen's Union for three years, president of the Rural Science Undergraduates Society and an enthusiastic member of the UNE Intercollegiate Meat Judging Association (ICMJA) team.

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## Two (in)famous Robb cricketers spotted in Armidale...

Dr Jim Irvine (Master of Robb 1981-90) and Michael Muldoon (Robb Alumni 1968-72) played in the UNEX "Tom Vincent Memorial Cup" held at UNE in March. For the story on UNEX and a tribute to Tom, who was an old-boy of Robb, click on the links below.

[UNEX Cricket Day 2021 >](#)

[Tom Vincent Tribute >](#)

# Alumni Award Winners

**Three former Robb College residents have been honoured in this year's UNE Alumni Awards.**



## **Professor David Mellor**

Professor Emeritus David Mellor has won a Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his ground-breaking research in Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics revolutionising the manner in which animal welfare is viewed, implemented and monitored.

## **Professor John Gillies**

Professor John Gillies has won a Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his exceptional contribution to Literature and Film Studies and his innovative attempts to explore new topics and new ways of understanding English Renaissance literature.



## **Gonzalo Perez del Castillo**

Gonzalo Perez del Castillo has won a Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his dedication to improving the circumstances of those disadvantaged by poverty, inequity and lack of access through his significant contribution to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in South America.



**[See the full list of Alumni Award Winners here](#)**

## Down memory lane



## Looking back on 60 years of Robb

Ancient photographs and classic stories of Old Robbers from every era. Keep coming back as we dust off some memories. Know the back story or see a familiar face? Add a comment and let us know. Got a photograph to share?

Send details to [robbfoundation@une.edu.au](mailto:robbfoundation@une.edu.au)



# Robb College Scholarships

From 2022 the Robb College Foundation will be supporting eight annual scholarships for students residing in Robb College; four for first year students at \$3,000, two for second year students and two for third or final year students at \$6,000 each.

A student can benefit from a total of \$15,000 to \$21,000 support for residential fees over the term of their academic career if they successfully join one of the Robb scholarship pathways. The scholarships are provided through the generosity of over 300 Robb College alumni, SCR members and friends of the College.

The Robb Foundation has also established an “**Industry Partnership Program**” with a number of employers who are supporting our scholarships plus other activities open to Robb students such as leadership training, work experience and potential graduate career programs.

We thank the following companies for supporting these scholarships as part of our Industry Partnership Program in 2022: Fresh Country Farms Australia, FMRC Legal, Graincorp, MAAS Group, Octopus Investments.

If you would like to contribute to Robb College Foundation’s fundraising success, please click on the buttons below.

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**Support future students**

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Your ongoing relationship with us will be built around your needs, goals and desire to contribute to future student success.



## Scholarships applications are now open for 2022

The Robb College Foundation supports the following scholarships:

- [Robb College Sinclair-Wilson Scholarship](#) (Two for 1<sup>st</sup> Years)
- [Robb College Irvine Scholarship](#) (Two for 1<sup>st</sup> Years)
- [Robb College Foundation Association Leadership Scholarship](#) (Two for 2<sup>nd</sup> Years)
- [Robb College Foundation Darren Ellis Fund Scholarship](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)
- [Robb College Foundation Wai and Pam Whalley Senior Fellows Scholarship](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> or Final Year)

[Click here to view all available scholarships >](#)



*Emily Baylis*  
*Bachelor of Agriculture/  
Bachelor of Business*  
*Robb College Foundation -  
Darren Ellis Memorial Scholarship*

“  
The scholarship  
allowed me to  
reduce my work  
hours and  
dedicate more  
time to my  
studies.  
”

*"I feel really honoured and grateful to have received this scholarship. It's lifted the financial pressure off me so I've been able to reduce my work hours and contribute more to our college."*

Getting a university education should be open to everyone, but finance can sometimes be a barrier.

Some of our UNE students, like Emily Baylis here, have kindly shared how scholarships have made a difference to them – why not share this with the student in your life to make a difference to them?

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# Robb College Applications



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COLLEGE  
WE WANT YOU  
APPLY NOW



**Applications are now open for Robb College  
2022**

To join the Robb family for 2022 apply now at:

[Robb College - University of New England \(UNE\)](#)

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Robb College provides a vibrant, supportive home-away-from-home for residents from both city and country locations — from all over Australia.

Our residents are enrolled in a wide range of UNE's disciplines, particularly in areas of agriculture, business, law, nursing, and education. We all enjoy the benefits of living in a close, friendly, and fun community.

**Our mission** is to foster the intellectual, social and personal growth of our residents, to encourage community spirit and scholarship through active participation, the expression of ideas, and the upholding of traditions that represent the history and enhance the integrity of Robb College.

**Our motto** is "*Fellowship in Learning*". We actively promote respect — for yourself, for others, for the College, the community and the environment in which we live.

**Our Academics are** centred around rigor, rhythm and excellence as our students strive to achieve successful outcomes through a commitment to study, teamed with strong academic support networks.

**Our pastoral care** is centred around providing guidance and support in relation to mental health, resilience and our residents capacity to cope under what can sometimes be trying times.

**Our sporting options** are extensive and offer residents the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of sporting competitions and also take part in the Mary Bagnall (MB) and Presidents Trophy (PT) Competitions.

**Our Robb alumni community** is one of the strongest at UNE, and can offer residents opportunities in the community and industry. A central place for our alumni to connect is **[robbcollege.com](http://robbcollege.com)**

[Watch the video >](#)

- **Have a look at this fun video on Robb College.**

**UNE News**





## An injection of goodwill

UNE has played a pivotal role in the roll-out of AstraZenica and Pfizer vaccines in the mass vaccination clinics throughout the New England and North West in recent weeks. So far, just over 3000 have been administered - 82% of which have been first doses. To date, this represents 27% (of either the first or second doses) of vaccinations in the region.

We spoke to UNE Life Director Dave Schmude about the success of these clinics.

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## Vice-Chancellor's Community Health Program

### Help us help our region

In recent months, UNE has embarked on a significant community health project - to provide a COVID-vaccination program to key centres in the New England and North West.

It is only the latest chapter in UNE's efforts to serve the people of this region.

To support ongoing health initiatives for rural, regional and remote communities in the New England and North West, UNE Vice-Chancellor Professor Brigid Heywood has established a Community Health Program Fund. It will give alumni and other friends of the University a chance to contribute to this important program, as well as to respond to other health requirements in this region.

[Find Out More >](#)



**Drop-in COVID-19 Clinics for the entire community**



## Join the Conversation on STEM Q

UNE is calling on stakeholders, community members, local businesses, UNE partners, staff and students to share their ideas, experiences and stories to contribute to the STEM Q New England North West (NENW) project, vision and plans.

STEM Q brings together investment opportunities and initiatives to support the growth of our region and deliver outcomes through education, innovative healthcare and industry-driven research and commercialisation.

Find out more about STEM Q, the key industry areas of focus and how you can join the conversation about this project.

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## On Track

### Learning can be fun

In the third in our series of careers articles, UNE Careers Practitioner Kate Parady\* reflects on how to get some fun out of professional development.

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## Stay Connected

If you once came through the college and would like to get back in touch, we would love to hear from you! Be sure to [update your details with the University](#) and [Register with Alumni & Friends of Robb](#) to keep in touch with us. We want to hear your stories; where you've been and what you've been doing since you left.

To make sure that you don't miss out on all that's happening at Robb, make sure you follow [Robb College on Facebook](#).

### Robb Antiques

Robb Antiques is the group of all the past students that once called Robb home. The ones who helped shape our traditions, made stories within our walls and created lifelong friends in the meantime.

For more information visit and like the [Robb Antiques Facebook Page](#).



Your connection with us will be life-long. We will provide opportunities to grow your professional experience and your career.



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