

# THE ROBBER

Robb College Alumni Newsletter



## Head of College Report

Robb College has seen a busy year with a full calendar of events as the impacts of COVID have started to subside. It has been great to see residents rise to the challenge of organising these events as many of these events have not been held during their time at college. Organising highly successful events with over 400 people in attendance is an achievement for which the residents must be commended.

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## Robb Alumni



Sam Coupland - A comment from the Armidale Mayor



Catherine Marriott receives Medal of



Gonzalo Perez del Castillo and

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. The reach of Robb College is equally impressive – business contacts I have made invariably know of Robb as much if not more so than UNE.

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## the Order of Australia (OAM)

Former Robb resident and 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Catherine Marriott has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her work in promoting primary industry and regional development.

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## David Angliss visit UNE

We love taking a trip down memory lane and welcoming back alumni. And so it was in late September when we were treated to a visit by 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner Gonzalo Perez del Castillo and fellow alumnus David Angliss.

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## Tara Moxham

Former Robb resident Tara Moxham talks with celebrity Chef Hayden Quinn about the amazing truffles from her property in Black Mountain outside of Armidale in NSW.

The show aired on Sunday 24 July at 4:30pm on Chanel 10.

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## Robb Events

**Robb College Ball** is an annual black-tie event held in the third term of each year.

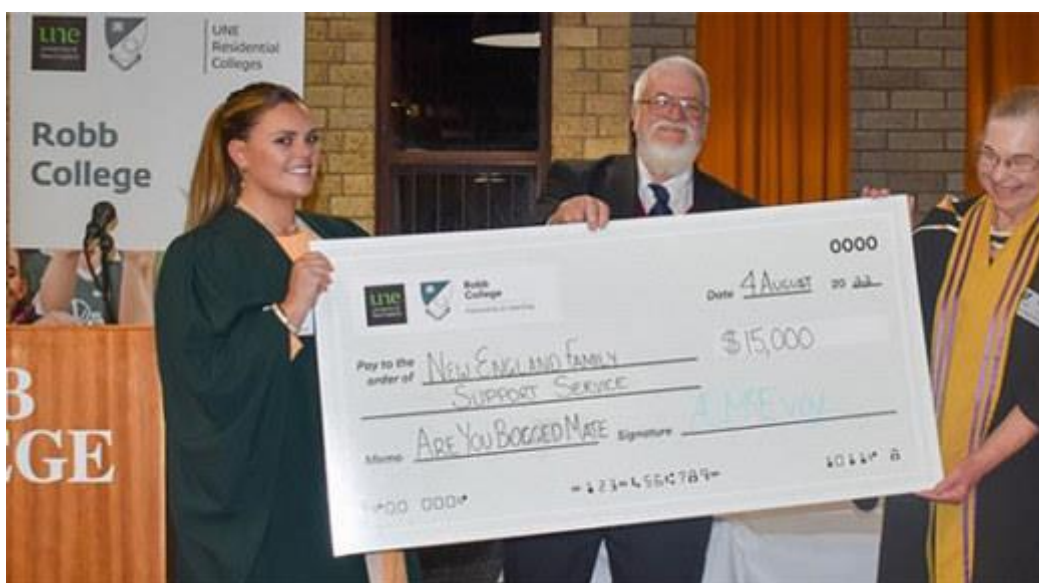
**Parents' Weekend** is a weekend full of activities where you can invite your parents or guardians to join you to meet your mates and other parents. The Friday night includes a cocktail party before the year group dinner, Saturday is sporting activities followed by the Robb Parents Ball that evening which is attended by the students and their parents/guardians.

**Charity Long Lunch**, our annual long lunch is normally held in May/April. It's a beautiful chance to come together with friends and students past and present for a great cause.

**Formal and semi-formal dinners** are also a significant feature of the College calendar. These celebrate the academic, sporting and community achievements of the College and its residents. Functions such as the Valedictory Dinner, and Rural Focus dinners provide an opportunity for residents to hear from guest speakers on topics of special interest or to hear from illustrious alumni returning to the College.

The **Robb Academic Dinner** is a formal event that occurs early in the year and is used as an opportunity to showcase the academic achievement of our students over the last year. We award scholarships and prizes to many excelling in their fields.

And also the... **2022 Robb Charity Dinner**



Robb College recently held their 2022 Charity Dinner! Thank you to all the invited guests and Robb residents for joining us to talk about our 2022 charity journey.

We are pleased to announced Robb's fantastic efforts this year, have raised over \$45,000 all up!

Also a huge thank you to Lucy Collingridge for speaking at the dinner, it was amazing to hear what Lucy has done after her time at Robb a few years back.

Robbs efforts to raise money are still not over so we will be giving a huge update coming into the final weeks of college this year so stay tuned. And please keep donating to the @areyouboggledmate Go Fund Me at <https://gofund.me/a6900b80>

We need to appreciate and thank everyone in the Robb community for helping out with this outstanding amount so far.

From our Long Lunch to the Parents Ball, trivia nights, raffles, chugby matches, auctions, art shows, project week, charity cookbooks, cocktail books and many more, we have been able to support @areyouboggedmate, the northern NSW floods and Robb families in need, Back track and New England family support over the past 6 months and should be very proud of these efforts.

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## The Robb College Foundation



*Associate Professor Wal Whalley awards the WHALLEY SENIOR FELLOWS Scholarship to Isabel Golden, Bachelor of Agriculture*



*Armidale Lord Mayor, FMRC Director and Robb Alumnus Sam Coupland awards FMRC Prize for Bus/Law to Kate Officer*

Our sincere thanks goes to our generous and loyal Robb Alumni donors this year who rose to the donor-challenge issued by the UNE Foundation. A total of over \$170,000 was raised which has enabled us to lift our scholarships significantly again for 2023. So far two new employers have also joined our co-operative funding program for next year which includes leadership training, work-experience and graduate career opportunities for our scholars and all Robb students.

For 2023 the Robb College Foundation will fund up to 17 scholarships, other Prizes and training and has built on our platform to incorporate 5 pathways. We have also launched a new Meredith Scholarship for 1<sup>st</sup> Year students. Our aim is to reach 5 to 6 scholarships in each year a student resides in Robb. We thank the following companies for supporting these scholarships as part of our Industry Partnership Program for 2023: Boyce Accountants, Consolidated Pastoral Co., Cotton Seed Distributors, Fresh Country Farms Australia, FMRC Legal, Graincorp, MAAS Group, Octopus Investments.

For further news please go to <https://robbcollege.com/latest-news> and please forward our Page for new students to apply to come to Robb here: <https://robbcollege.com/about-us>

Thank you,

Geoff Perry - Chairman



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## A look back in time....



### 1981 Cape to Cape Run

One of Robb's most memorable projects occurred in 1981 – the Cape to Cape Run, in conjunction with Armidale Rotary Clubs. Over 24 days, teams of about 25 Robb students and staff each ran back to Armidale from Cape Tribulation in Far North Queensland and Wilson's Promontory in Victoria. Approximately \$60,000 was raised to establish the Australian Foundation for Disabled Students in what was the International Year of the Disabled Student. Today, those same funds now total over \$270,000 and fund UNE's Support Fund for Students with a Disability.

## Queen Elizabeth visits UNE and Robb College in 1970

52 years ago, UNE received some rather regal visitors - and you gotta hand it to the students who came up with a memorable stunt to mark the occasion!

On 28 April, 1970, many Armidale residents were eagerly awaiting the visit of Queen Elizabeth II. Some were so excited to meet the British royal family that they created gifts for the visiting monarch. Curiously, that included several [Robb College](#) students.

Thinking that driving across Australia waving all day would be tiring, they constructed a white gloved hand on a spring to save the Queen a lot of work.

An article in the [Armidale Express](#) discussed the royals' reaction to the hand - apparently, Prince Phillip shook it and Princess Anne asked if they had borrowed one of her gloves. The boys later received a letter thanking them for such 'a thoughtful gift'.



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## Robb life

### **Robb offers an abundance of personal support**

Resident Leaders are the first line of response in managing any issues students may have in College. Resident Leaders are senior students who are assigned to each floor in Robb College.

UNE also provides a wide range of [support services](#) including counselling, career development, equity information and a WorkReady program.



## Study help for first year students

In keeping with UNE's approach to academic excellence across all our residential colleges, Robb College has a team of Academic Mentors who help students with their studies.



## Senior Common Room

The Senior Common Room (SCR) is a group of members of University staff, alumni or community members with a strong affiliation to Robb. They give their time to provide assistance and offer expertise to residents in a wide range of areas, providing advice, mentoring and support.



## Nerd Nights

These are weekly sessions run by Robb Academic Mentors to help provide students with a group of people who are doing or have done the same degree. These groups help guide you through your current and upcoming academic commitments.



## Student-run tutorials

Often as part of Nerd Nights, presentations are offered that focus on topics and assignments you're having difficulty with. Tutorials on essential skills like essay writing, time management and referencing are also run throughout the year.



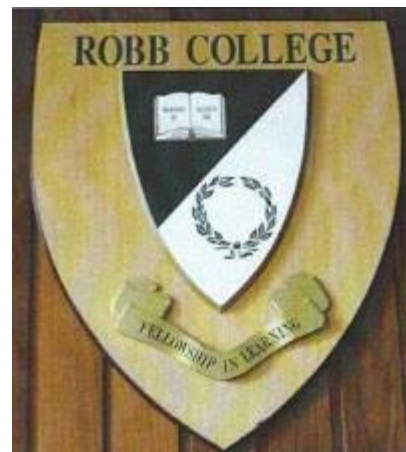


## Come join the Robb family!

For all those out there who dream of being a Robber, we are sorry some of you haven't been able to come and take a tour of UNE and Robb College this year....so instead, we have made this video to show you some of the many advantages to living in College at UNE.

Tag someone below who YOU think should live in Robb College at UNE in 2021!!

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## Five-star satisfaction

The University of New England has retained its 5-star rating for student experience for an unprecedented 17 years, and taken out a raft of other awards in both the Canstar Blue and the Good Universities Guide.

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### UNE's Tamworth campus enters design phase

The development of a purpose-built university campus in Tamworth is one step closer following UNE going to tender with select leading design firms.

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### Forging new pathways with indigenous knowledge

A new collaboration between UNE and Dhiyaan Centre, aims to build a “community of practice” that co-creates education pathways embracing Indigenous culture and place.

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### Understanding stress in olympic athletes

UNE has received a grant that will allow scientists to investigate the impacts of stress on professional athletes.

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