Robb College Alumni Newsletter - #1 2022





"The Robber"



Head of College Report

Greg Mills

The residents of Robb College have settled back in for 2022 and are relishing the opportunities that a COVID free year will bring.

Many of the events cancelled in the last two years are now back on the agenda with residents able to enjoy the experiences that Robb is famous for. The return of Fresher Rugby, Netty and Hockey against our long-term rivals at St Alberts College was the first signal that normality had returned. The rugby ladies and gentlemen did not come away with a win and the Netty ladies took it down to the wire losing in the last few seconds by only one goal. This left the ladies hockey with the bragging rights as they had a dominant win over Albies in their game to close out the series.



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Robb College Alumni



Kate Ross

Former Robb College resident Kate Ross grew up on a farm in Narrabri and studied at UNE after her schooling in Sydney; it gave her a wide circle of friends and a strong network across her local district.

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Brian Dollery

Robb alumni, UNE Emeritus Professor of Economics, Brian Dollery, has celebrated a significant landmark in his research career: his 500th refereed journal article was accepted for publication in November 2021.

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Nathan Enriquez

A team of scientists led by former Robb resident and UNE PhD student Nathan Enriquez has recorded more than 100 dinosaur tracks revealed through bank erosion of Canada's Redwillow River.

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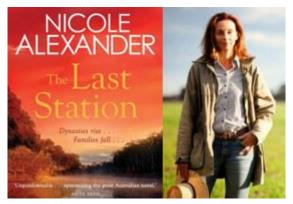


Georgina Rowlands

Georgina graduated with a Bachelor of Agribusiness majoring in marketing and management at the end of 2021. Watch Georgina's interview following her recent UNE Graduation ceremony below.

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Katrina Nannestad (née Brain)

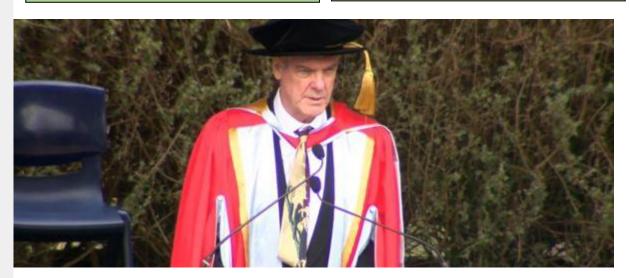
"We are Wolves" by Katrina Nannestad wins Children's Literature award 2022. Kate was at Robb College in the late 80's where she met and later married fellow Robber, Carsten. She is a prolific writer, with multiple awards for children's fiction.

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Nicole Alexander

Nicole Alexander's latest release now available ...'The Last Station' is a captivating story of heritage, heartbreak and hope, set during the dying days of the riverboat trade along the Darling River.

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Don Walker addresses a UNE graduation ceremony

"My lived experience is that if you read Phantom comics for long enough, they make you a Doctor of Letters."

UNE held its autumn 2022 graduation ceremonies on the Armidale campus from 29 April to 1 May. Don Walker – founding member of the legendary Australian band **Cold Chisel**, multi-award-winning songwriter, and Robb College and UNE alumnus - received an Honorary Doctor of Letters honoris causa (HonDLitt) for his services to contemporary music.

This is Dr Walker's address at the graduation ceremony for students of the UNE Faculty of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Education.

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University of New England 2022 Alumni Awards

Nominate an Outstanding UNE Graduate





You can engage with us at any time, at any career point for the opportunity and flexibility to continually future proof your career.



Robb College Supporters





Farmers mental health

"Are You Bogged Mate? is about helping country blokes talk about mental health & suicide in a way that works for them. There is no fluffy stuff - I keep it real, go to where they feel at ease & speak their language. It's mental health delivered differently." — Mary O'Brian Director and CEO.

ROBB COLLEGE would love to welcome Mary into the Robb College family as we have decided to support "Are you Bogged Mate?" As the 2022 charity!

Please go give their Instagram and Facebook some love. Being bogged is all about asking for help!! Whether it's from black soil after a bit of rain or simply struggling with mental health.

Check out her website as she has some banging merch coming out !!! Stubby holders and hats, so show Mary the support Robb college can give.



A few words from Robb....

All of us at Robb College are devastated, with some being affected by the recent floods in northern NSW. We are making this page today to come together as a community and a family to raise money and show our support to those affected by this recent tragedy.

Find out more >

Robb College Scholarships

In 2022 the Robb College Foundation has awarded nine annual scholarships for students residing in Robb College; four for first year students at \$3,000, two for second year students and three 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.

NEWS ALERT - The UNE Foundation has generously pledged a donor-challenge to the Robb Alumni of \$40k towards our scholarship trust funds if matched by us before 30 June this year. If we reach this target it will enable us to launch 2 extra scholarships starting 2023. If you can help us match this challenge then please click on the buttons below. Your donation is tax-deductible and will be doubled if you donate now!

Please go here for details, news on the College and update on our appeal: https://robbcollege.com/latest-news

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Academic Dinner 2022

Academic Rigor, Rhythm and Excellence are all things that we strive to achieve here at Robb College. We want our students to achieve the best the can and so we ensure we have strong support networks in place to help both our new freshers but also everyone returning and affiliating.

Click here to see our brand new scholars >



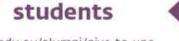
Emily Baylis

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.



Support future students

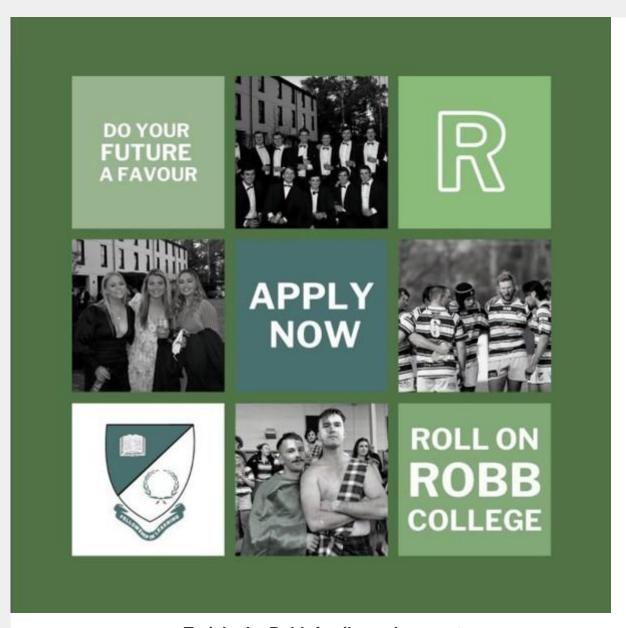


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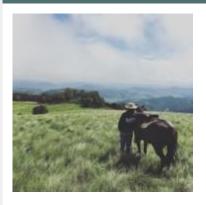
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Congratulations to the Year 12 students who received early entry offers from UNE. We know you have had a tough couple of years trying to do your senior years with the pandemic hampering you at every step.

We would like to invite you to join us at Robb College to be your home away from home while you study.

When talking to our students and alumni the most common answer we get to the 'what did you love about Robb' is 'the friends we made are like family'.

Lockdown Photo op...













During the past two years Covid self-isolation periods, Robb students tried to stay connected in many and varied ways. One of their initiatives was a photo op where residents sent in photos in the Robb gear from where they were isolating.

#robbsgoneglobal #selfisolation #rollonrobbcollege

UNE News







Greening UNE

UNE's own green revolution continues on many fronts, with a commitment to using renewable energy, improving water-use efficiency and protecting campus refuges and residents.

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Drought resilence projects

UNE is leading the charge to future-proof regional Australia, with it successfully securing \$7.4 million in Drought Resilience Innovation Grants.

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UNE wins big

UNE students and alumni came home with several awards after competing in the Northern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Association competition in Rockhampton recently.

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On Track - Cultural Awareness

In our latest careers article, UNE Aboriginal Employment Consultant Errol Clarke shares a few home truths.

"The perfect utopia does not exist and never will. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't do all that we can to curtail it and call out racism whenever it rears its ugly head."



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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 Alumni, Antiques, Friends & Foundation

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 Alumni, Antiques Facebook Page or go to the Robb Alumni Website at robbcollege alumni website



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