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Robb College 60th Anniversary

Hi, my name is Libby Hufton and I spent my childhood growing up on our family mixed farming enterprise in Harden New South Wales. After completing a Bachelor of Arts/Business (Major – Human Geography and Agribusiness) at UNE, I moved to Brisbane for what was planned to be a short time which ended up being 8 years.

My first role was with the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies in Brisbane where I worked with 128 regional show societies to execute the perfect show day for local communities.

In 2014 I joined the Operations team at AAM Investment Group, in an integral role supporting the General Manager of Operations to deliver the efficient and effective management of a portfolio of livestock selling facilities.

AAM Investment Group is an Australian owned and operated provider of strategic investment, asset management and operational management services focusing on Australia's agricultural industry. The philosophy is to actively manage investments, with a relentless focus on operational efficiencies, sustainability, and the enhancement of returns for investors.

I recently became the Manager of StockLive an AAM Investment Group owned business in January 2020. My industry experience offers clients a thorough understanding of the day-to-day operational needs and requirements through to the strategic, innovative, and agile nature of the Australian agricultural industry of today. My drive stems from a passion and enthusiasm to ensure that producers continue to embrace technology to enable increased market access and continued improvement in their bottom lines.

StockLive is an online bidding and/or livestreaming service that supports the saleyard industry and on-property auctions by increasing the number of buyers able to participate in any given auction, without the need to travel.

1. What does Robb College means to you now, why it is important to keep it going?

Robb College is not just a building as others outside the network may see it. Robb College becomes a part of who you are, not only when you are at University but when you leave. The connections and relationships that you build (not only personally but professional) can have a significant impact on how things may pan out for you individually. Friendships that are made at College will be with you for life, they become your support network during both the exciting and the tough times.

As an example, in my professional career when I was applying for my role with AAM Investment group the CEO was an Albies man and still to this date the banter between Robb and Albies continues. It was not the reason I was employed but starting out in a new city, a new business and a new role, having that connection made the relationship between Senior Management and myself a lot easier, and it also help that Robb was winning in the rugby that year.

2. Why is supporting Robb Scholarships a good thing to do?

Supporting the Robb Scholarships ensures that individuals can be recognised for a talent they have whether it be academic, sporting, cultural or social achievements and provide support to them during their period at Robb. Supporting these scholarships is important to help fund the future leaders, farmers, and professionals during a time when they need it most.

3. A story of Robb from 10 years ago...

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Robb College would have to be one of the biggest highlights I had from college. I was the JCR President at the time, and I remember trying to write my speech the day before on the 50 years of history at Robb College and keeping my cool to say it in front of 600 people.

I was sitting in the Presidents room (the top of North Court at the time) finding it very challenging. I had many visitors to my room during that weekend with so many great memories of their time at Robb. I was struggling to incorporate some of these stories into my speech when I had a visit from a former Robb College JCR President Mr Will Brennan. Will sat with me and helped me write my speech and incorporate many different aspects of the history of Robb. We identified that despite over a 50 year history, with many things in time changing, the core values and goals of Robb College had stayed constant. The best thing I see now is that another 10 years on and these continue to be at the fore front of the College today.

Another highlight from that night was pulling my uncles name out of the lucky door prize and Uncle Ross scored himself a bottle of Rum. The entire room thought it was rigged but I assure it was not.

Happy 60th Birthday to Robb College and good wishes to all current and future Robbers.