



“The Robber”

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Greetings from Robb College,

It has been a busy start to the year with many events taking place. We welcomed 75 new students in 2019 and they joined a further 122 returners to leave only 6 vacant beds. At over 95% capacity, and in the current climate, this was a fantastic result. This year saw the College host its Charity Long Lunch in an Autumn setting rather than Spring. It was a wonderful event on the lawns of Petersons Winery and congratulations to all those who organized or contributed to our opening fundraiser for this year’s charity; Angel Flight.

Along with a strong Academic focus, the college won the Pigram/Whalley Shield for the third year in a row, there is a very active sporting presence as can be seen by the report below. This year the Robb Foundation are set to launch a bold Scholarship Appeal looking to raise funds to ensure that we have the ability to assist students in attending the college. We are also in the early stages of planning for our 60 year Anniversary celebrations, where we are looking to take the College on the road.

The students have also been involved in “hitting the phones” to update Alumni on the College and to check details. They have enjoyed speaking with Robbers and are looking to continue over the coming months. If you believe that your contact details have changed lately please contact the University to update. Also follow the college on its various social media pages/websites.

Cheers
Jamie

Jamie Moore
Head of College





Robb College Parents' Weekend

Robb College Foundation Report

Geoff Perry



The Robb Foundation Board is delighted to see the positive trends finally swinging into place for the College.

The demand by students to join Robb College is high and has been the one consistent element during all the worst years of disruption. This is the reason the University is rebuilding Robb College, including the preservation and refurbishment of the Dining Hall.

This is why, in 2016 the Robb Foundation turned its efforts towards a concerted effort to reward and support the student body. We wish to help encourage student numbers and lift the academic culture in the College. We have raised our scholarship funds by \$150,000 in 2 years from profit on events and donations. However this has been due to the support, each year, of only 6 to 10 regular donors.

Only two Scholarships available to help our families during the drought.

Earlier this year I assisted Jamie and the College Scholarship Committee with deciding on our scholar awardees. I found it heart-wrenching. We had the largest number of applicants for our two meagre scholarships I have seen. Many were due to financial pressures created by the drought. We scraped together enough income to award a 2nd Leader scholarship but they are only 30% of the College fees and only for one year. These young people need our support now.

Our 4 year plan: The Robb Foundation has developed a plan to provide a leaders scholarship pathway for our students that will cover more than 50% of their College fees for 3 to 4 years. To do this we need to raise \$700,000 by 2022 to lift our endowment funds to a critical mass of over \$1.0 million. This will enable us to lift our scholarships from 2 towards 10 and make them meaningful.

We already have pledges of \$100,000 so we need your help to raise the balance of \$200,000 per year for the next 3 years. We wish to have this in place in time for the completion of the new building and assist with student numbers. We are seeking pledges for 3 to 4 years.

If we can raise \$200,000 this year we can commence the pathway in 2020 for 4 scholarships. This will be in time for the 60th anniversary of the College and will include the launch of a new scholarship to be called the Wal & Pam Whalley Senior Fellows scholarship. This is in tribute to over 40 years of leadership and support Wal and Pam have given to Robb students and the College.

Visit the [Foundation Association website](#) for details and view the appeal brochure or contact me on for details and how you can assist.

If you were ever thinking of giving back to Robb students then you do not have a better time than now. Robb Foundation – *"You Gave Me Friends for Life"*

Kind regards

Geoff Perry
Chairman

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COLLEGE REBUILD



The rebirth of a transformed Robb College is well on its way. Work is progressing well on the site as the Residential Courts demolition is almost complete with all three existing residential buildings demolished to ground level. The Development Application for the new Robb College Residential Courts has been submitted to Armidale Regional Council and the University is awaiting final approval before construction commences.



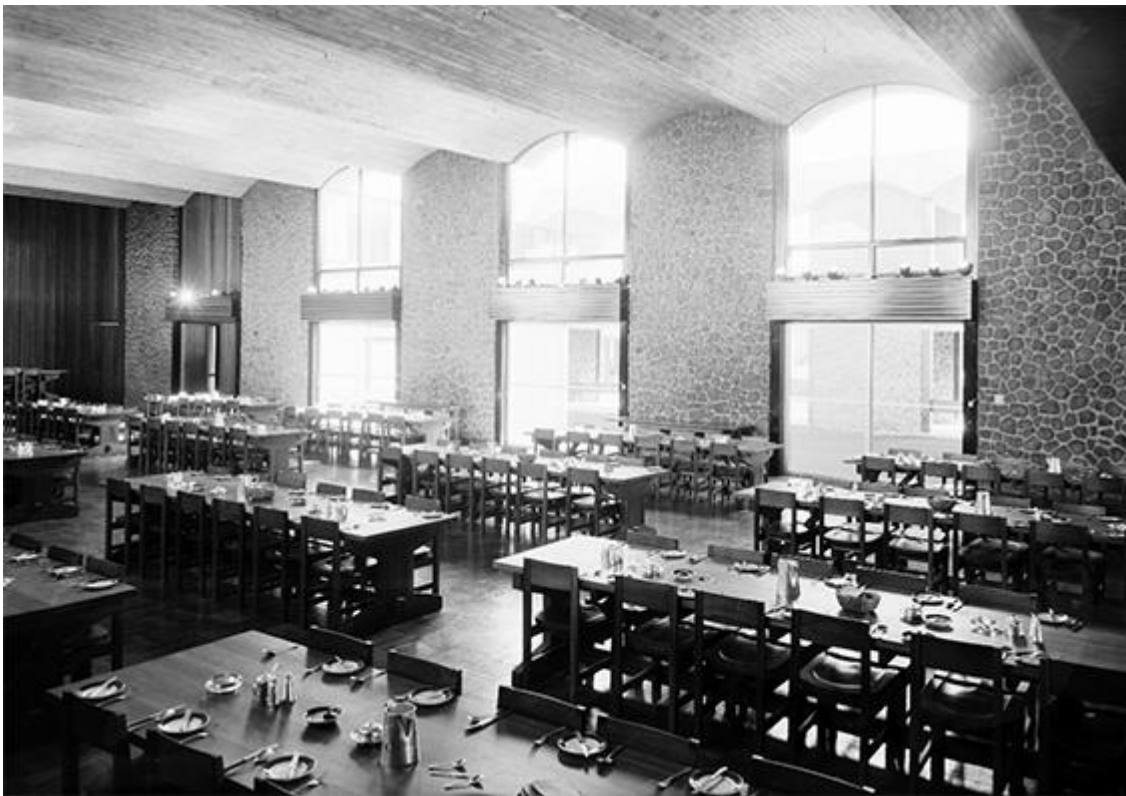
The UNE Facilities Management Services team have provided these architectural renderings to give our alumni an indication of what the new Robb College will look like and some of the new facilities it will include. The redevelopment aims to meet the expectations and needs of today's students with a number of accommodation options to choose from and improved contemporary facilities and fitout that complies with all of the relevant building codes and standards.



The new residential courts will align to the pinwheel formation from architect Michael Dysart's original design and also reuse stones that have been retained from the original buildings. All bedrooms and lounges will have an external view and airconditioning, with openable windows. Most accommodation will be based upon clusters of five bedroom apartments, each of which will feature a shared lounge, dining and kitchen facilities for self catering as well as two shared bathrooms. Each bedroom will also feature cleverly designed built-in storage and desks and king single size beds. Individual studio apartments will also feature ensuite bathrooms and kitchenettes while Student Leader Rooms will access an adjacent Pastoral Care Room for meetings with fellow students.



The College will also feature communal facilities that will include a BBQ area, fixed seating and varied recreation spaces. Break out spaces will be provided to each new residential building and within the refurbished Dining Hall, including a new gymnasium.



The Dining Hall is at the heart of the college experience and the concept design for the remediation of the Dining Hall has also been completed, it will remain as the main dining space serviced by an upgraded commercial kitchen. The intention is to restore it to the original design with the aim to bring it back to all of its former glory as it was when it opened (photo from UNE Archives).



The process for getting to this stage has included extensive consultation with the Robb College staff and the 2019 Student Leadership Team and the proposed designs reflect their input. We are all excited to see the progress that is being made and we look forward to inviting our alumni to see it for themselves when the new Robb College reopens.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2019

The College has chosen its Scholarship recipients for 2019. There were an increase in students looking for assistance this year, with the prolonged drought and subsequent pressure on finances being more noticeable. The Foundation saw the need to award a second Leadership Scholarship as funds were available and the applicants of such a high quality.

Name: Jennifer Mitchell
Hometown: Kempsey, NSW
Course Studied: Bachelor of Agriculture

The Robb College Foundation Leadership Scholarship will make a difference by providing me with financial support to reduce stress throughout the year. I can now comfortably buy aids such as text books and further tuition which will help me maintain and improve my academic merit. I can now make the most of the opportunities that I am provided.



Name: Emelia Inwood
Hometown: Bathurst, NSW
Course Studied: Bachelor of Agriculture / Bachelor of Laws

The Robb Foundation Leadership Scholarship will significantly reduce the financial pressure of living away from home whilst completing a double degree. I'm undertaking a Bachelor of Agriculture and Bachelor of Laws. This scholarship will allow me to fully immerse myself in



these degrees. I also believe the opportunities through this scholarship will allow me to make lifelong connections and broaden my skillset and knowledge.

Name: Maddie Fryer

Hometown: North Sydney (and Dungog), NSW

Course Studied: Bachelor of Rural Science

The Darren Ellis Scholarship will make a difference by giving me the chance to explore more areas of agriculture by meeting new people in different enterprises and being able to travel to new areas to experience the range of enterprises in agriculture.



SPORTS WRAP

Hockey

- Currently only played 2 games, draw against Flamingos and a loss against Guyra.
- Fitness has definitely been a stand out, however still room to improve.

Netball

A grade – 3rd

A Res – Rams 1st, Ewes 4th

B Div 1 – Bumble Bees 1st, Beautys 4th, Bustys 8th

B Div 2 – Besties 1st

C grade – cougars 1st, Chipmunks 7th

As of Round 4, all Robb teams competing within the UNE Saturday Netball Competition have performed exceedingly well. These successes have been largely due to regular trainings on Tuesday and Thursdays. Reaching the half way point of the competition this week, many teams look in good stead to secure a place in finals.

Rugby

All grades looking very promising at the early stages of the season, with fitness being the major decider in games. Building on it is still very much a goal within the grades. The women's team this year has a lot of new faces new to rugby however are putting together some great games of footy.

First Grade – 2nd (20 points)

Second Grade – 1st (20 points)

Third Grade – 2nd (20 points)

Fourth grade – 4th (4 points)

Womens – 4th (11 point)

Mary Bagnall / Presidents Trophy

- Started the year off with maximum participation at the swimming carnival. MB to taking out 1st. PT coming 6th.
- 2nd place in Hodson's relay
- 3rd PT touch, 4th MB touch
- 7th and 8th in volleyball

No overall placings as of yet due to being early in the competition.



Robb 3rd XV 1979 Premiers

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