

# A Redlander For Life!

Dear Redlanders,

I trust you are safe and well.

It has been pure joy to welcome alumni back to campus over the past few months for events including reunions, Foundation Day and the annual student art exhibition to name a few. My thanks to those alumni who have given their time and shared their experience to the benefit of our current staff and students within these important events. You can read more about our wonderful visitors in this issue of Alumni News.

Thank you to the many alumni who took part in the recent Redlander Alumni Survey. Your contribution will help inform ongoing programs and enhancements of our Alumni engagement strategy. It was pleasing to see that those alumni who responded find this Newsletter relevant and informative. You told us that email remains the most preferred communication channel for the Alumni Office to reach out to you. We heard that Redlanders would like more networking events and the School and Redlander Alumni Association have put together some exciting opportunities over the coming months.

A special thank you must go to those Redlanders who supported a number of major Appeals in Term 2, including the Liggins Restoration Appeal and the Dr Sky84.4Trg [(D)3tMDthe floors in the Redlands Lear graduated between 1903 and 1920.

Please do not hesitate to visit us, share your stories or provide feedback any time - we would love to hear from you.

Warmest wishes,

Kim

Kim Flatman (Burgess) RL 1991 Alumni and Community Engagement Coordinator

## The Redlands Gala Ball

## What an amazing night of Winter Wonderland!

A big thank you to our Redlander Volunteers for their tremendous support of the Redlands Gala Ball, raising funds for the Dr Sue Morey AM Scholarship Appeal. It was a truly memorable night featuring our Winter Queen and exceptionally entertaining MC, Catriona Rowntree RL 1989, and wonderful performances by Rebecca Ordíz (Burchett) and Matilda Rose Williams, both RL 2019.

A big shout out to our young alumni volunteers Will Cheng RL 2017, Pip Pincini School Captain RL 2018, Yasmin Gupta RL 2020, Noah Pincini RL 2020, Ella Banfield RL 2020, Joshua Green Ge2e & Ge2e & (02) MA(AB) 201 (Geoperation 2010) -021, reen 1 Te3 (i) -11.33673 0 Td (R) [(Ged [(r)4.5J Tw 0.2aq(on)11.6el) 74 (t) 17.6 (e.3)

# Student Art Exhibition opened by renowned sculptor, Gaby Porter OAM RL 1959

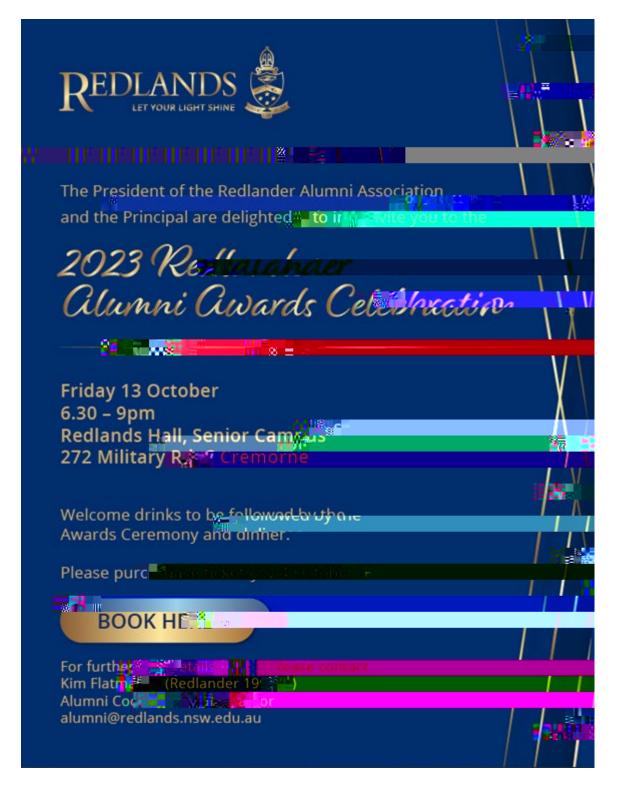
It was a great honour to welcome Redlander Gaby Porter OAM RL 1959, back to Redlands Hall, to open our annual art exhibition showcasing works from students in Year 3 to Year 12 HSC.

In 2012 Gaby was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the visual arts as a sculptor, author and educator.

Gaby has had an extraordinary career over her lifetime and is renowned both in Australia and internationally. Her works include large stone sculpture and bronzes, as well as small whimsical pieces and figures.

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Redlands and the Redlander Alumni Association invite you to join us at the annual Alumni Awards celebration on Friday 13 October in Redlands Hall, where winners of these prestigious awards will be announced. We would love to see you at what promises to be a fabulous event! Tickets are on sale so please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment.



The inaugural awards celebration in 2022 was a huge success and you may like to learn more <u>here</u>.

# Back to Campus Reunions

We are thrilled to welcome back to campus the Classes of

Congratulations Laura Holtheuer RL 2018 who graduated from the University of Sydney with a double degree of Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Business Law) (Economics) with First Class Honours and the University Medal for academic achievement!

Laura's thesis titled "Biopiracy and Native Title: An Exploration of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and Indigenous Knowledge Protection", was an

# Giving Back – Redlanders Sharing with Current Students

Jasmine Zhou - School Captain 2018

Jasmine is finishing her undergraduate degree as an interdisciplinary student of Biology and Anthropology at Pomona College in California – one of America's top liberal arts colleges.

She was the Summer Research Fellow at the University of Washington in Seattle where, among other things, she partnered with Indigenous knowledge holders across Oceania to understand how museums and academia can better serve community.

Jasmine returned to campus, not once but three times, to talk to students with different interests – from our Year 10 Visual Arts students wanting to learn more about Visual Arts as a subject for the IB program, to Year 11 students interested in studying at Liberal Arts Colleges in the US, such as her own University, Pamona College.

#### Lindsay McNeil and Abby Goodin - RL 2019

Our Year 11 Students had the great privilege of hearing from two extraordinary alumni on threepath(w) Tystor stor for the UK to t(ay)1 (s)1 (t) da Urt ad(h2(ges)1 (dt)6.3 (t)6.2 <</MCID 4 >Lr)15.8 (t) h2he pa Congratulations to both Lindsay and Abby.

## Philip Hilble RL 2020 and Seb Dobson RL 2021



# Year Group Ambassadors

### Penny Sasso (Anderson), RL 1978

Penny is currently coordinating the 'off campus' 45 Year Reunion for the Class of 1978. As part of the planning process for the event, Penny was welcomed back to Redlands and had a tour of some of the new developments at the School.

Penny completed her Diploma in Interior Decorating in 1985 and since then her Architect

husband and Penny have had a very successful business, Aspect Designs P/L.

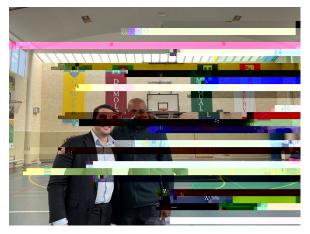
Together they have won over 30 industry awards, combining the external built forms designed by her husband and Penny's works with interior spatial design, materials, colour and decoration.

Penny's work as a decorator has been highlighted in printed media such as Belle, House and Garden, Trends, Luxury Homes and Best Homes magazines.

Following years of success in in her Interior Decorating career, she is now concentrating on producing "one-off" commissioned, customised art pieces, as well as displaying ready-made pieces in her gallery.

Penny loves working with large resin art, impasto painting, cold wax and oil, encaustic art (bees wax), mosaics, slumping and fusing of glass, ceramic painting and polymer clay work.

## Ben Dixon RL 2010



During the school break we were delighted to welcome Ben Dixon RL 2010, Director of Distribution at Koa Capital, back to campus.

Ben, a former Cowper House Captain and Captain of Basketball, was thrilled to see how Redlands continues to progress and was delighted to reconnect with Gerry Gomez, who remains a favourite soccer coach here at the School. The Importance of Memorabilia

Finally, the granddaughter of Esme Toole (RL 1918) donated several beautiful photographs from the World War I era at Redlands, along with two badges, one which may well have been the badge worn by the students in 1911, just before Miss Roseby bought the School in April of that year and changed the name from 'College to Girls, Redlands' to 'Redlands'.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of working in the Redlands Archives is that we never know what new material might arrive through the door on any given week. If you have or know of anyone who has photographs or memorabilia relating to past Redlands students or staff, we would be delighted to provide it with a secure home. Thank you again to all the Redlanders for

# OBITUARIES

## Martin Longhurst - Former Director of Sport

It is with sadness that we share, Martin Longhurst, long serving former teacher at Redlands, passed away recently after his battle with cancer.

Martin played many roles in his thirty years of dedicated service at Redlands from 1981-2010, most notably Director of Sport. As Director of Sport, he initiated many important changes in the Sports program at Redlands, not the least of which was the transition to a fully coeducational sports program. Martin was also instrumental in the establishment of the ISA (Independent Sporting Association) in 1990 and was the ISA's founding Director of Sport until 1998.

We wish Martin's family and those who were close to him our most sincere condolences during this time.

## Robin Timmins (nee Varley) OAM RL 1962

Robin Timmins (nee Varley) attended Redlands between 1955 and 1962 – and kept her Lux magazines from each year she attended school. She loved attending Redlands which made the significant commute from Gordon to Cremorne worth it. "My father thought Redlands would be a good school to attend, and it was. I loved my years at school."

"I always enjoyed sport including tennis, swimming, hockey and basketball. All we had on campus were two tennis courts and I



loved competing in the Tildesley Shield tennis competitions. I was short and not that athletic in build, but I put everything into it."

After school, Robyn joined Sydney Rugby as a stenographer. "I absolutely loved my job because it involved sport, and they were nice people."

Robin showed interest in sitting the referee's exams being held at the offices. She was told she could not sit for the exam, but after investigating the constitution and finding no mention of gender, she convinced the Chairman to let her sit the exam, which she passed, and as a result, became the first active female referee in Australia. Robin then refereed for many years at different levels of the game.

In 2013 Robin received a Medal of the Order of Australia for her Services to Rugby. She was flown to Dublin to receive the IRB (now World Rugby) Development Award for her service to the

game. She shared the stage that night with players such as Catchpole, Campese, Ella and