

# Alumni News

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### A Redlander For Life!

It has been fantastic to catch up and connect with Redlanders at many of our recent events this year, as we celebrate 140 Years of Redlands' rich history!

We greatly value the relationships we have with our Alumni and our aim is to support a lifelong connection to the School.

We continue to ensure the important connections with our community are nurtured and developed through Redlands dedicated alumni engagement program that includes interstate and international reunions and networking opportunities and this quarterly newsletter. As a valued community member, you belong to a network of over 20,000 past students, past staff and family members.

Our 140 celebrations continued with our **Foundation Day Assembly**, with Redlanders playing a central role as expert panellists within a new assembly format. The **Platinum Luncheon continues to grow with 2024 marking our most well attended event.**

Enormous thanks to our many alumni who have supported current students this term with University and Careers talks.



A special thank you to the current President of the Redlanders Alumni Association (RAA), Natalie Davies RL 1987, for her leadership and enthusiasm for the School and alumni engagement, and my thanks to the entire RAA Committee. This committee is currently seeking new members to support upcoming initiatives including The Festival of Redlands taking place on Saturday 19 October, a community wide event led by the Redlands Parents and Friends Association to celebrate 140 Years of Redlands. Please email [alumni@redlands.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@redlands.nsw.edu.au) to learn more about how you can get involved!

The next phase of Redlands' [Master Plan](#) for our three campuses has recently been launched by the Principal and Chair of the Board, and more information and a video is available on this further on in the newsletter.

Thank you for being a valued part of our warm and caring Redlander Community. We look forward to staying connected and welcoming you back to Redlands any time.

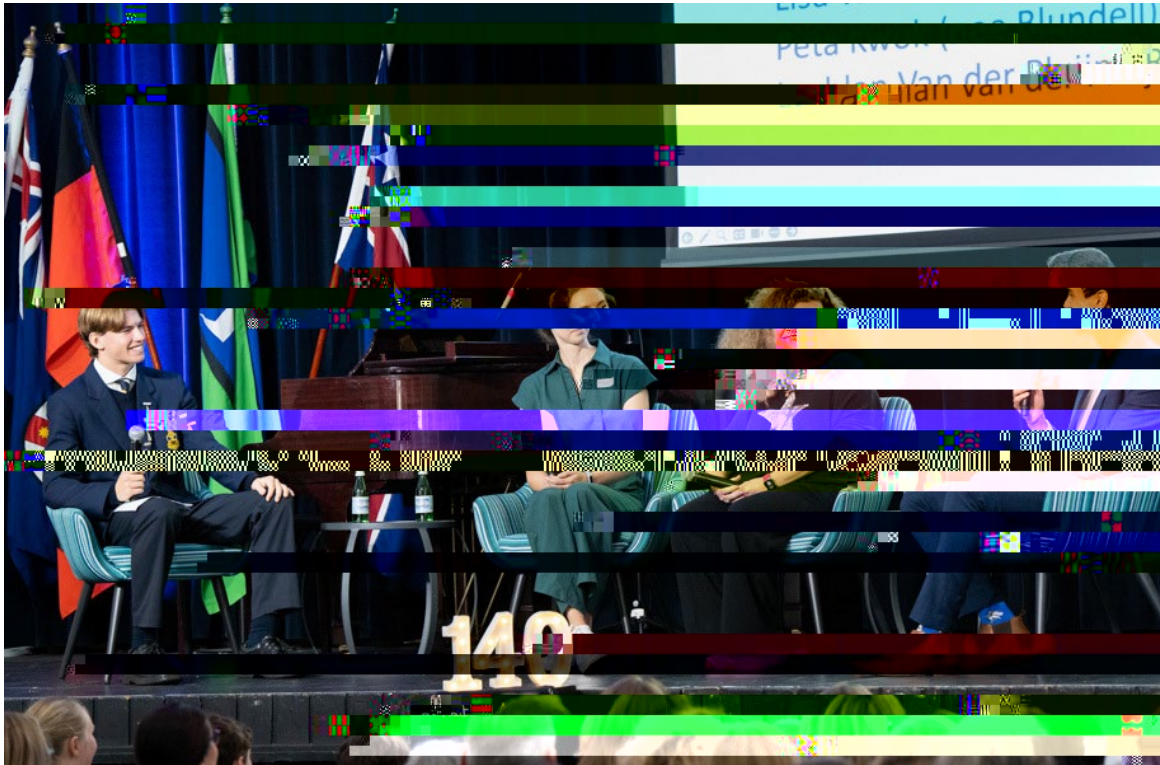


Best wishes,

**Kim Flatman (Burgess)**

Alumni and Community Engagement Coordinator  
Redlander - Class of 1991

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## Welcoming Redlanders Back to Redlands

### Foundation Day Assembly - 7 June

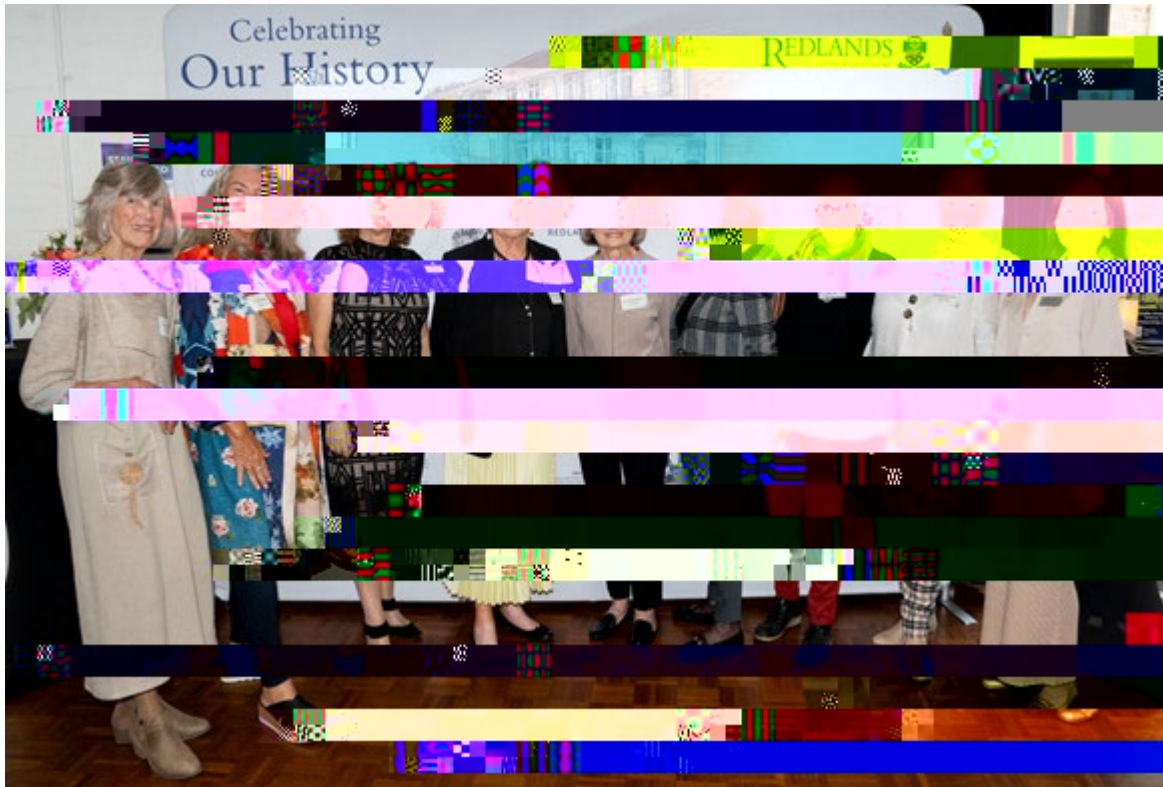
It was wonderful to celebrate Redlands 140 Years with many members of our wide-reaching community. Redlanders **Lisa Woolf-Jones (nee Woolf) RL 1990**, **Peta Kwok (nee Blundell) RL 2010** and **Lachlan Van der Pluijm RL 2019** were warmly welcomed back to form a panel and address this year's theme of Service.

Thank you for sharing your time, experience and wisdom with our students and other special guests, including members of federal and state governments and Redlands Board Directors with recently appointed new Chair, Professor Glenn Wightwick.

Photos from this milestone event are available [here](#).

## US/ Canada Chapter - 31 May

It was lovely to catch up with Redlanders residing across the USA and Canada this term and hear their news of life in Toronto, New York, Washington DC and Ohio. This is a wonderful testament to our global community and the strength of our Redlander connections. Chapter meetings are taking place annually interstate and overseas, so please **keep your contact information updated**



Redlanders Past Parents and Grandparents

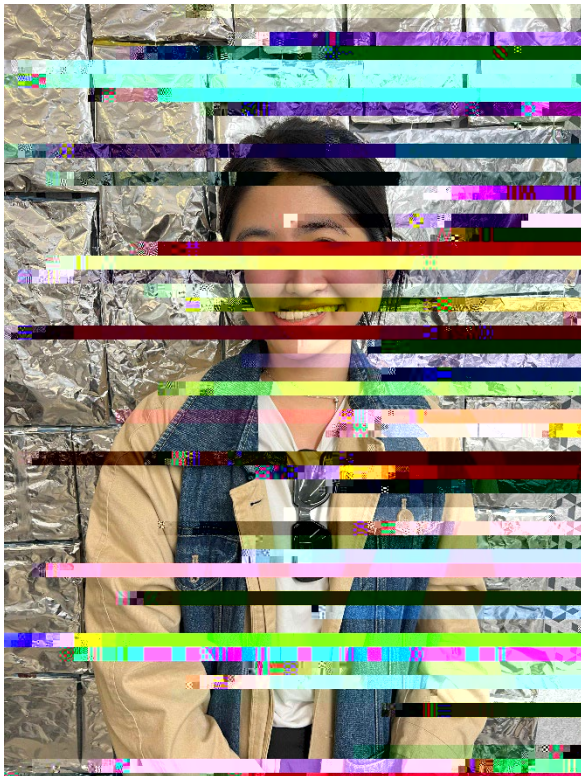
## Redlanders in Career Advisory Program

We are pleased to welcome Redlanders on campus to join sessions with groups of Year 11 and 12 students. Students opt in to learn about particular university and career pathways in fields of interest to them. Managed in partnership with the Year Advisors and University and Careers Advisors, this is a deeply meaningful way to support current students as they navigate the transition from school to university.



**Dr Shannon Hayne RL 2008 - Dux IB, Redlands Scholar; Emergency Medicine Registrar and Care Flight team.**

A heart felt thank you to Shannon for sharing her valuable insights with our students. Shannon's understanding of the wide variety of relevant university and career pathways into medicine was comprehensive and incredibly helpful, and students valued being able to ask specific questions that were on their minds.



**Stephanie Ng RL 2019 – St Martins College, London and Columbia University, New York**

Stephanie made time in a jam packed schedule to visit Redlands and to offer support to current Year 12 IB Art students. She recently graduated from Central Saint Martins College, University of the Arts in London, with First Class Honours! Next stop: Columbia University, New York to commence her Masters in Architecture.

"It was really surreal to come back to Redlands and to visit my IB Visual Arts teacher Mr Harpley. Now five years on from Redlands, I have been very blessed to have had many great opportunities being in London and soon, New York. I know that none of it would have been possible if it hadn't been for my high school Art and Design teachers, Mr Harpley and Ms Alan, who always went above and beyond for their students, truly inspiring us for life and for Ms Salier, our Careers Advisor, for opening our eyes to so many possibilities after graduation. They really changed my life and for that I will always be grateful".

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## **Anna McCormack RL 2020 – Rifleman and Combat Medic in the Australian Defence Force**

Anna shared her unique insights on career pathways and experience as the only woman in her battalion of 800 riflemen. She

### **Hannah Tobin RL 2021**

Hannah pursued a Bachelor of International Studies at RMIT in Melbourne while living at University College. On the first day at College, she recognised two familiar Redlands faces, which made a world of difference and helped confirm that she had made the right decision. Moving states was a daunting and, at times, challenging task, but Hannah was comforted to know she had Redlands alumni with her in Melbourne.

During her time at RMIT, she developed a deep passion for global studies and international relations. Building relationships with her peers and mentors has allowed her to participate in unique learning experiences internationally, such as a two-week study tour to Mumbai earlier this year.

Today, Hannah is an intern at the Australia-UK Chamber of Commerce in London. In this role, she is responsible for member organisation and event logistics, where she has the opportunity to network with professionals in careers that interest her. During this position, she discovered that the Redlands community extends globally, with the CEO's sisters being 1972 and 1973 Redlands graduates, back when SCECGS was SCEGGS. This connection piqued the CEO's attention in Hannah's initial application and fostered a sense of familiarity, aiding in her selection process.

### **Jack Frerer RL 2013**

It was a privilege to warmly welcome Jack back to Redlands! He has been a faculty member of the Julliard School since 2020 and more recently of the Frost School of Music UM,



## Tate Boswarva RL 2022

Congratulations to Tate Boswarva as a Finalist in the 2024 in the Northern Beaches Environmental Art & Design Prize.

Tate's artwork 'Occyan Morphosis' is a profound reflection on the impact of plastic waste on marine life. The wearable artwork envisions a future where sea creatures, entangled in pollution, undergo a metamorphosis to survive.



Crafted from 17 upcycled denim jeans, the ensemble includes a bolero, bralette, and trousers, each meticulously stitched to symbolise the 4,000 litres of water typically required to produce a single pair of jeans. The design is further enriched with 21 metres of discarded fast fashion plastic packaging and sequins repurposed from everyday waste items like chewing gum containers, coffee cup lids, water bottles and takeaway containers, collected over the past five years.

The exhibition will be open to the public from **2-25 August at the Curl Curl Creative Space**. Vote at People's Choice Category by visiting the exhibition.

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## Rebecca Ordiz (Burchett) RL 2019

Enormous congratulations to Rebecca Ordiz (Burchett), RL 2019, who recently performed in the role of Rosalia in West Side Story by Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour. Redlands is so proud of you and we cannot wait to see what you do next!



We are fortunate at Redlands to have a community with a strong and generous tradition of service and giving. Thank you to the many Redlanders who support our philanthropic endeavours.

This year we are very excited to hold our very first **Giving Day** raising funds for the [Coralie Amos OAM Scholarship](#) and for the expansion of the

## Save the Date

### Visual Arts Soiree - Thursday 29 August

Redlands and the Redlanders Alumni Association warmly invite you to enjoy an evening exploring art at Redlands from the past to present day that includes commentary from an expert panel surrounded by the 2024 Year 3 to HSC student Art exhibition!

Enjoy light refreshments while engaging in a unique opportunity to view some of the highly prized contemporary artworks in the Redlands Art Collection with our Head of Visual Arts, Mr Mark Harpley. The Redlands Art Prize collection includes works by Immants Tillers, Lindy Lee, Ben Quilty and Fiona Foley, to name just a few.

An optional tour of the innovative teaching and learning spaces dedicated to Visual Arts and Innovative Design in the Redlands Learning Hub will be available.

#### Sneak Peak: Redlands Art Prize Collection



To coincide with National Reconciliation Week, the Visual Arts Department curated an Exhibition which featured works by Indigenous artists from the Redlands Art Prize Collection.

The work featured here 'Bearing Witness #1' 2009 by **Professor Fiona Foley**, is a large-scale inkjet print on Hahnemuhle paper. Questions of histories and questioning history, are intrinsic to Foley's practice. Whilst paying tribute to First Nations people and their ownership of the land, Foley also references colonial history and contemporary culture. In Bearing Witness #1 Foley explores the racism inherent in our culture, challenging us to understand the extent of the injustice experienced by First Nations people during our colonial past and that which continues today.

bearing: the act of enduring or capacity to endure;

witness: to see, hear or know by personal presence and perception, to testify to; give or afford evidence of.

As a scholar, adjunct professor at the University of Queensland, writer and artist, Foley is engaged with Australia's pre-European cultures, particularly her own Badtjala clan, and contemporary Australian cultures. Her research and oeuvre aims to seek out lesser-known histories surrounding the interaction of Indigenous Australians and Europeans and bring them to the attention of a wider audience, through the visual arts. She sees herself as an educator and guide through the events, attitudes and histories that are often unpleasant and difficult to understand.

Foley's works have been regularly collected by art museums around Australia and the world, such as the British Museum and the National Gallery of Australia, as well as corporate and private collections.

## Master Plan Launch

On behalf of Principal Mr Sean Corcoran and Board Chair Professor Glenn Wightwick I am delighted to invite you to enjoy the following video launching the next phase of Redlands' [Master Plan](#) for our three campuses: Senior Campus, Junior Campus and High Country Campus.