



BURGMANN COLLEGE CONVOCATION

2001 DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NEWS DECEMBER 2000

As at November 30, 2000

Burgmann's 30th anniversary year will contain a feast of highlights, with the gala weekend on the 29/30 September the centerpiece. Come along as often as you like, to join in the festivities, be entertained by luminaries from the College's past, or step back into your own past to retrieve those memories you thought you'd left behind...

Wednesday, 21 February The 30th Anniversary
Toga Party. This traditional event for current and former
ressies alike will be particularly huge.

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(Wednesday 21 March) The 30th Anniversary
Burgmann Lecture. Featuring a notable speaker fresh
from the early years of the College.

(Wednesday 6 June) The 30th Anniversary **Great
Debate.** Watch this space for developments in the
recruiting of our guests for this feast of intellectual
sparring.

(Wednesday 8 August) **Launch of the Burgmann
College History.** This publication will be a watershed in
the College's life, containing reminiscences from key
players in Burgmann's development from the 1960s
through to the present day.

Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 September The 30th
Anniversary Parents' Weekend. A part time Burg
tradition comes to life in conjunction with the 30th
Anniversary Burg Play and the ANU/UCAN Open Day.

Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 September
Gala 30th Anniversary Weekend

(Friday 5 October) **Dedication of Homer and
Barassi Wings.** The dedication of our famous two wings
by their famous two namesakes is well overdue.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

A large and growing group of us have had a lot of fun meeting each month at the College to think about next year's 30th Anniversary of the College.

Most former Residents that I know never thought that they, let alone the College, would ever turn 30; and I like to think that, in spirit, most of us haven't! But the buildings are lumbering on and 30 years on there is a lot to celebrate - as, somehow, there always seems to be at Burgmann! A calendar of events is available elsewhere in this message but there will, literally, be something for everyone during the course of next year and we hope that everyone will have an opportunity to participate in some way or another. That hope is particularly the case in respect of the far flung members of the community and I myself look forward to putting together a party in one of those far flung corners of the world on 30th September.

In the meantime, on behalf of all members of the Committee for the organisation of the 30th Anniversary and related fun, let me wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a great new year.

John Dauth
Chair, 30th Anniversary Committee

WEB PAGE We encourage all Convocation members to visit the Burgmann College Web site (including the Convocation home page and web directory) at www.burgmann.anu.edu.au. A new web form has been developed to allow Convocation members to update their contact details.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - DR LEWIS RUSHBROOK

It is a pleasure to contribute to this Christmas newscast. The 30th Anniversary Committee, chaired by John Dauth, is moving smoothly into gear in preparation for the College's 30th birthday next year. On behalf of the College I want to thank John and this group for their enthusiastic involvement. Much is planned for 2001, the numbers of ex-residents participating is growing and it may be that you will soon find yourself caught up in the action!

The year 2000 has been a good one for the College. We have at last painted the corridors upstairs and all study-bedrooms now have two new chairs - an ergonomic deskchair and a robust easy chair. The curtains in each room are in the process of being replaced in time for 2001. As is our biennial practice, the computers in the lab were replaced at the beginning of this year. The College has been almost full and we are in the fifth year of hosting ANU's summer Scholars program. Currently about 170 scholars are in residence. They are mostly later year undergraduates from Australia, New Zealand, with a few from Europe and the US.

A major development since the last newsletter has been the expansion of the College's bursaries scheme. Taking up an invitation from ANU, the College last year placed \$250,000 in perpetuity with the ANU's Endowment Fund. ANU matched this gift and the College basically receives the interest from the enlarged amount for assisting residents through scholarships and bursaries. We have created a number of new awards - three regional undergraduate scholarships, an honours scholarship and, for 2001, a 30th Anniversary Music Scholarship. Combined with tutorships, rebates for IT assistants, WOBCO, etc, the College is working hard to ensure that no potential resident is prevented from coming because of financial need. Details of the range of financial assistance now available can be seen on the webpage.

On the staffing side, Dr James Popple is leaving the position of Staff Tutor after four years and we wish him, Paula, Jonathan and Sean all the very best. We are in selection mode for a replacement. New College Officers Karen Holt and David Bush moved into College this year following the departure of Rachel Lloyd and Lex Weaver. The longest serving Burgmann staff member is now Anne Kapusin (here with Nationwide in 1972), followed by Wal Beckhouse (1979 onwards).

The process of beginning a history of the College, of diving into the archives and re-living stories about those early years in particular, has underlined an essential quality of Burgmann. This is, that it's people who change the world, not disembodied ideas or principles. Talented,

INTRODUCING THE 2001 BRA PRESIDENT - NICK READ

I'm writing to you (as the incoming president of Burgmann Residents Association) to introduce the new house committee and to explain the type of college we will try our best to cultivate next year. Already preparations are being made to make sure Burgmann College celebrates its 30th birthday in style.

The people elected in the executive positions for 2001 are an odd bunch but will no doubt spark the return of the great college adventure. The new Vice Presidents are Erin Hunt and Rachelle Welsh, whilst Douglas Roweth and Sally Mesley have been elected to the positions of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. They are all dedicated to making sure 2001 is one of the biggest and most exciting years in Burgmann history.

On a social level BRA will be attempting to combine the best of the old with new ideas. Of course the traditions that are unique to Burgmann will remain. I have been flicking through some past Omphalos' and I was amazed at the high level of spirit and enthusiasm about college life. Next year the house committee would like to enhance college spirit and make people care more about the Burgmann community. I believe Burgmann is much more than a place to eat, sleep and study.

We will also be open to new ideas and suggestions. The house committee should not be a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and quietly strangled. If you have any ideas or questions please feel free to contact me throughout the year.

2001 is set to be one of the biggest years in Burgmann history. The calendar is filling up with what appears to be a plethora dates. It all kicks off with O-week on 18 February.

Best Wishes
Nick Read



committed, energetic people had a vision, shared it and turned it into reality we know as Burgmann. Since then, similar people have entered College and fleshed out the vision, making the College the enormously influential community it is. Long after residents leave, the College continues to play its part in their lives. We hope the 30th anniversary year will celebrate and enrich these things.

Do keep in touch.

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