



### 1940s

**Kenneth Hutton (BSc (Ag) '46)** and his wife Marie Hutton, pictured above in the V-C's Garden during Spring Back 2009.

### 1950s

#### VETERINARIANS REUNION

A venerable group of 16 Veterinarians gathered at the Sydney University Veterinary School on 21 October to celebrate 50 years since graduation. They came from NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, New Zealand and even from Canada.

After a warm welcome from the Dean, they were given a conducted tour of the Vet School including the new teaching hospital. Lunch preceded a trip down memory lane as they wandered into lecture rooms, dissection areas and laboratories that had been part of their lives for five years.

The day concluded with a wonderful presentation by the Veterinary School Archivist who surprised all as he presented each Veterinarian with their report card containing the marks that they had attained in each exam over the five-year period of the course. Some present wished that he had not!

Next day they were bussed to the Rural Veterinary Centre at Camden, and again staff and present day students presented developments at that Centre, finishing with a visit to the University farm's dairy, just in case they had forgotten the sounds and smells of the dairy cattle.

The highly enjoyable reunion ended with a formal dinner that evening.

### 1960s

**JOCELYN CHEY (BA '61 PhD '71)** has been honoured by the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) in the second year of its Fellows program. The criteria for selection as a Fellow, according to AIIA guidelines, is that the person has achieved a very high level of distinction in, and made a distinguished contribution to, Australia's international relations.

**ROBERT FORSTER (BA '67 LLB '70)** Was appointed as a judge in the equity division of the Supreme Court of NSW in May this year. Mr Forster has 39 years experience as a legal practitioner. He became a barrister in 1978 and was appointed a Senior Counsel in 1994. He specialises in equity and commercial law, with an emphasis on banking and finance, corporations law and insolvency. Mr Forster graduated from the University with first class honours, obtained a masters degree from Stanford University, California and has been admitted to practice law in England, Hong Kong and Illinois in the United States.

### 1970s

**PATRICE CONNELLY (BMus '77 MMus '96)** was one of four winners of the 9th Leo M Traynor Competition for New Viol Music, administered by the Viola da Gamba Society of America. Patrice's composition, titled *In Nomine "Five"*, was written for a consort of five viols. It is published by the Viola da Gamba Society of America. Patrice is also the

owner of the early music business Saraband Music. While in Chicago, Saraband's third book, *The Saraband Simpson*, was jointly launched by VdGSA president Wendy Gillespie, Head of the Early Music Institute at Indiana University Library, and Brent Wissick, Professor of Music at the University of North Carolina. It is a compilation of two facsimile editions of important musical treatises by Christopher Simpson (c1604-1679). Patrice wrote the introduction and edited another 12 pieces by Simpson and his contemporaries, also included in the book.

#### PHIL STEPHENS (MBdgSc '70)

is a longstanding member of USUKAA and has lived and worked in London since he completed his PhD at Manchester in 1974. He has written a warts-and-all account of his experiences in *The Road to Panelak City*, published by PenPress and available from Amazon at £6.99 post free in the UK. Recommended reading for those who consider their situation might be improved in London!

### 1980s

**ELIZABETH GASCOIGNE (BA '88 LLB '91)** has recently released her first novel, *Legally Blind*, a comedy about a young woman starting out in the legal profession. Elizabeth is currently working on her second book, an historical novel about a shipwreck off the coast of Victoria in the 19th Century. Elizabeth worked as a solicitor for more than 15 years and now is the marketing manager for Bay Coffee, a coffee roasting company that she owns with her husband, David Rosa. Bay Coffee's flagship store is in Neutral Bay. Elizabeth lives in Clovelly with her husband and two daughters. Online purchases of Elizabeth's book can be made at [www.legallyblindthenovel.com](http://www.legallyblindthenovel.com)

#### JANE RAFFAN (BA (Hons) '89)

is former head of Aboriginal Art at Shapiro Gallery & Auctioneers, Sydney, and has been active in the arts sector for 20 years. After graduating, Jane worked in Collection Management at the Art Gallery of NSW for six years before joining the commercial sector, where she worked in the fine art auction industry. At Shapiro, Jane steered



Judge Robert Forster

the development of Aboriginal art in the company's corporate profile, alongside her responsibilities as General Manager. In 2005 the company was selected to host the Art Gallery of NSW's fundraising auction to assist indigenous causes on behalf of the Charles Perkins Children's Trust, which raised close to \$1 million. In 2009 Jane launched ArtiFacts, an arts services consultancy practice with a specialist focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art. Services include collection management, market advice, and appraisals and valuations. Jane is an accredited valuer of Aboriginal Art for the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program, and she also writes for industry websites and journals on Aboriginal art issues and the art market in general. She is currently completing post-graduate studies at Sydney University in Environmental Law, with a special focus on cultural heritage issues.

**GEOFF ROBINSON (Bec '84)** has relocated from Warrnambool to the Geelong campus of Deakin University. He now lectures in History and Politics. His book *When the Labor Party Dreams: Class, politics and policy in New South Wales 1930-32*, was published earlier this year. His blog is at <http://geoffrobinson.info>.



Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Class of '57-'61 reunion, held on 4 September, at the Sydney Flying Squadron, Kirribilli, and hosted by Dennis de Kantzow (BSc Agr '59), Agriculture Alumni representative on the University Alumni Council. More than 35 alumni attended the outdoor lunch, reminiscing over red wine, seafood and brilliant water views. Many had travelled from interstate and regional areas including Professor Alan Powell and Huon Hassall. There was no question that these alumni will make the most of 2010 Agriculture Centenary Celebrations! Some have already begun tracking down "lost" alumni – a special mention to Alison Nicholls for her outstanding efforts!

## 1990s

### WENDY ROSS (nee JOHNSON)

**(BA VisArts '90)** I married (and changed my surname to Longley) in 1993 and have two children, Scott and Bronwyn, now aged 16 and 15 respectively. I joined the Navy in 1996 and was deployed to East Timor, the Solomon Islands and the Persian Gulf. My shore time was spent at HMAS Cerberus on the Mornington Peninsula and HMAS Waterhen in Waverton, Sydney. I divorced in 2001, left the Navy in 2006 and moved to Townsville, where I am (happily) remarried and work for defence contractor Thales Australia, maintaining the LCM 2000 Class Watercraft for the Army. I'd love to know what became of the rest of the posse and I hope someone is still holding a paint brush.

## 2000s

### DR SALLY ISBERG

**(BScAgr (Hons) '00 PhD '04)** Sally became fascinated by crocodiles and went on to do a PhD in Animal Genetics. The main aims of the project were to develop a genetic improvement program for farmed saltwater crocodiles, and secondly to develop a parentage determination kit using micro-satellite markers to ensure correct pedigree. She

was the first to publish evidence of sex-specific recombination in a species that does not have sex chromosomes. Since graduating Sally has worked in the Northern Territory as the Chief Scientist at Porosus Pty Ltd (Darwin Crocodile Farm NT) developing strategies for overcoming production inefficiencies and implementing the findings of her PhD. As an Honorary Associate, Sally continues to have very strong ties with the University in a broad field of areas including genetics, nutrition and endocrinology. "I'm looking forward to bringing my young family back to Sydney Uni in 2010 for the Centenary celebrations of the Faculty. Especially the Reunion Weekend on 4 and 5 June, where I'd love to catch up with classmates."

### VIVIAN B VALDEZ (APEC Master of Sustainable Development '01)

has been elected president of the Australian government-assisted Philippine-Australian Alumni Association Inc. (PA3i) for 2009-10. She is a senior science research specialist of the Philippine Council for Agriculture Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology, also sits as director of the Philippine Association of Research Managers (PhilARM). She was part of the 15-member multi-sectoral Board of Trustees

by the National General Assembly, then elected to the presidency by her fellow trustees at the culmination of a two-day Strategic Planning Workshop attended by chapter presidents from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, in August. She was former president of the PA3i Los Baños chapter.

### BRUCE WATSON (BAgr Ec '01)

Since graduating I have been managing the family farm at Parkes with my wife Karina. I was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship this year and with the assistance of sponsor, Macquarie Bank, have spent 20 weeks overseas looking at agriculture globally and also examining what drove the increase

in global grain prices in 2007/2008; and low risk hedging strategies for Australian grain growers that would cope with our volatile production environment. My scholarship has taken me to the UK, Ireland, France, Singapore, Canada, the USA, China, Hong Kong, Brazil, Mexico and New Zealand and has given me a greater understanding of Australia's place in global agriculture and the inter-connectedness of agriculture globally. It has also given me opportunities to examine different businesses in agriculture, and see if there are any skills or solutions that I can apply to problems in my own business. I will present my final report and findings to Nuffield at the Spring Tour in Sydney. Then it's back to the farm to harvest this year's crop. Hopefully the drought will break next year but I am also keen to look at some of the business opportunities I found in my travels, and see if any can be applied here in Australia.



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