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Recreational Hub



Principal's Perspective

The Federal Government's Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper states that agriculture is one of the five pillars of the economy. The Paper acknowledges that agriculture helped build Australia, continues to put food on our tables, and it underpins our national economy and rural communities.

All noble and credible claims.

The problem is, only a small number of school children see agriculture as an attractive career choice. Recent media claims that agriculture in Victoria's secondary schools is in dire straits, with just 0.48 percent of Year 12 students studying agriculture in 2014. Professor Jim Pratley's 2013 review of agricultural education in NSW found that students studying agriculture at

many schools were viewed by their non-agricultural student peers as being 'second class'. In some cases, they were given derogatory nicknames which reflected the lack of respect from others for their choice of study. Those students also felt that some school teachers held the same attitude.

It is clear that agriculture has an image problem. But it shouldn't, and the rural sector cannot afford for this image to continue if it is to prosper in the future.

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We are well aware of the reasons why many young people don't pursue a career in agriculture. There have been many government inquiries that have documented the image problems experienced by the rural sector. These perceived and often inaccurate beliefs have been analysed many times. The reality is that many young people don't realise that modern farming and the broader agricultural sector can provide highly professional occupations.

The Federal Government's Green Paper acknowledges the professionalism that is required, stating that Australian agriculture is a highly skilled sector – with 70 percent of the industry working as managers, administrators or professionals (compared to 40 percent for the national average). The Green Paper states this is due to the sector having a high proportion of small scale owner-operated businesses with few employees.

To me, there are two statistics that stand out in this debate. The first is the low proportion of the agricultural workforce with higher education qualifications relative to the wider population. The second is the much higher proportion of the agricultural workforce without any post-school qualification. In 2013, only 47 percent of agricultural workers held post-secondary qualifications compared to 69 percent of the total

Australian workforce. Several recent Productivity Commission reports have identified that higher levels of education are estimated to be associated with significantly higher wages and productivity. People who hold a tertiary qualification can earn wages between 30 and 40 percent higher than people with otherwise similar characteristics, who have not completed Year 12 or equivalent schooling.

So what can be done to encourage young people to participate in agricultural education so that our sector is a key driver and pillar in the Australian economy well into the future?

Tertiary qualified agricultural graduates are our industry's ambassadors.

The answer lies, in part, through our industry's alumni. We need to encourage and empower alumni to promote the Rural Industry. Tertiary qualified agricultural graduates are our industry's ambassadors. They are the participants in our sector who can make a difference.

Agricultural graduates from colleges and universities around Australia need to play an increasing role in encouraging young people to enter our sector.

If agriculture is to be a major economic force in the future, which the Federal Government believes it will be, we can only achieve this aspiration through the efforts of our people.

Tertiary institutions marketing the rural sector as a career of choice can only achieve so much. Our graduates showcasing their wide and varied success stories is a powerful message which can influence young people's career decisions. Marcus Oldham graduates are leaders in this field. They have the practical know-how and have been recipients of a quality tertiary education. Agricultural graduates working as ambassadors and mentors will go a long way to encouraging the next generation of rural leaders.

Dr Simon Livingstone
Principal

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From the President's Desk

from the old woolshed making its way into the main function room. A purpose built service area has made for the smooth running of functions already conducted in our new venue. Internal bathroom facilities have taken the pressure off the hostel and make for a more professional facility.

A well-equipped gym is located on the west end of the building, boasting running machines, spin bikes, a rowing machine and both free and static weights. The gym room is well lit and has great natural and fanned air flow. A stereo system was being installed last time I visited the gym and more equipment was on order. I understand that larger group exercise sessions have been conducted in the main function room, with great success.

Due to very dedicated project management by our own Dave Bent and builder, Andrew Gordon, the boys had funds in the budget to design and build a new BBQ and food service area – alfresco style! A big hit in the warmer months.

As sensational as the building is, my personal favourite area at the Hub is the outdoor courts and the wonderful landscaping which complements the facility. The basketball/netball court and tennis court are made of the high quality

plexi-pave product – as fine as any courts in the country. A grassed berm shoulders the courts and not only provides good wind protection for the keen sports participants but also produces an excellent viewing platform for those interested in a more passive pastime.

My thanks to all past students who have been kind enough to make this project a reality. Thanks also to the hard work of the Foundation and other great friends of Marcus Oldham. Thank you also to the whole team at Marcus for making the Recreational Hub project an outstanding success. "On time. On Target. On Budget."

Good luck with your projects.

James P Bufton FM 94
MOCOSA President

Well, I am very excited to inform you that the Recreational (Rec) Hub is completed. This new facility is for the use of our current and future students, as well as visiting parties and perhaps future reunion get-togethers.

The building is visually appealing, user friendly and durable. There is a very raw, earthy theme with polished concrete floors, stained timber internal paneling, big windows and the rural Australian icon – corrugated colorbond cladding. Even some history from the first "watering hole" finds a home in our new Hub, with some of the timbers

Marcus Minds Taste of Marcus

A popular initiative, the 'Marcus Minds Weekend' attracts strong interest across Australia from people who are keen to study at Marcus Oldham but not quite sure what it's all about. Each year there is a rise in the number of participants and they speak highly of the experience.

This free weekend offers the opportunity to experience Marcus first-hand. Participants attend mini-lectures, learn from keynote speakers, interact with graduates and current students and visit a farm business. Accommodation is in the Student Residences on campus. Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

**In 2015 the date for the
'Marcus Minds Weekend' is
6pm Friday 19th to 1pm Sunday 21st June.**

A schedule of events and details on how to reserve a spot is available online at marcusminds.com.au.

However, spread the word and visit the Marcus website and Facebook page to keep up to date with our activities.

www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au



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Recreational Hub Official Opening

17 April 2015



Early view of the hostel and paddock on which the Recreational Hub is sited



Social Room
AKA Shearing Shed



MOFAC Social Room
AKA Lambing Shed



Social Room
Opened 1984



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**The unveiling!
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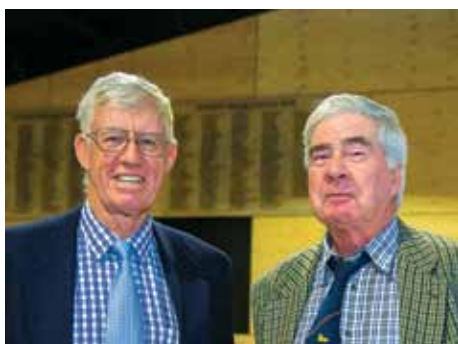
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John (Jack) Sadler *Farm Management 1968*

A blooming good life



John and Jan Sadler farm at Flowerdale on the north west coast of Tasmania in an agriculturally versatile area blessed with abundant water. Attracted to this verdant land are major vegetable processing companies producing peas, beans, potatoes, broccoli, carrots and the lion's share of Australia's onions. Jan and John have been growers of most of these crops. Also spreading across the paddocks are opium poppies for medicinal use, pyrethrum for insecticides and tucked into all of this, is a thriving dairy industry.

When studying at Marcus, John's number was pulled out for National Service from which he deferred

until his studies were completed. He then spent almost a year in Singapore until Gough Whitlam came into power.

Returning to Flowerdale, he formed a partnership with his brother, Duncan, and purchased an operating dairy from their parents about five years later. Marriage and new directions saw the purchase of the home property. Duncan took on the established dairy while 75 cows, under the management of John, were moved to the new dairy to become the nucleus of a new herd.

Tired of being price-takers as contracted vegetable growers, John and Jan chose something different - flower growing - and their first plastic greenhouse sprang up.

As serious growers of carnations for about 10 years, and dabbling in

statice, lunaria, mini roses, tulips, chrysanthemums, sandersonia and peonies, they established a wholesale business which was later sold to focus more on the growing side.

Flowerdale Flowers, now managed by son, Rob, produce lilies with two hectares grown under glass and two hectares outside. Most go directly to wholesalers and a significant number are sold under contract to major supermarket chains. The business employs approximately seven full-time equivalent staff, peaking for about a month in summer at around 20 when producing about 20% of Australia's lilies.

This is a very high risk crop: hot weather hastens blooming and the market is flooded, customers stop buying, hail can destroy the crop and worst case, they lose all the glass from the glasshouse!

To grow lilies commercially it is essential to have control over the crop. When bulbs are processed they are kept at around 4°C to accumulate cold which will produce a healthy bulb. After six to ten weeks at 4°C, depending on variety, the bulbs are packed in moist peat then stored in freezers at minus 1.5°C to stop shoot development. Some varieties can be stored for up to 12 months which assists in programming the plantings, as they are simply defrosted and planted.

Historically, the Sadler's main flower picking season ran from October to June with a two to three week break after Christmas (if they got it right). However, it became too difficult to re-enter the market after the winter break so they grew flowers in Bundaberg Queensland for two years over the winter months to stay in the market. Logistical difficulties finally stopped that arrangement. The new two hectare glasshouse with a wood fired heater will extend the growing season through the cooler months.

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John (Jack) Sadler
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About 15 years ago, expansion saw the Sadlers establish *Southern Bulbs* with another lily flower grower from Monbulk Victoria to grow lily bulbs.

Managed for the last 11 years by daughter, Pip, *Southern Bulbs* was established off-farm in Wynyard five kilometres from the home property. Producing approximately half the lily bulbs grown in Australia, it employs approximately eight full-time staff equivalents and up to 50 during the three months harvest starting at the end of April. The lily varieties are mainly Oriental, Asiatic, LAs and LOs which have been bred in recent years.

It takes two years to grow a flowering size bulb which is planted in spring, de-headed in summer and dug from April until the end of June. Each bulb is dug when the tops are completely dead and the mild climate makes this hard as frosts are few. The biggest challenge for *Southern Bulbs* is to be able to dig all the bulbs in the winter; a very wet winter can mean they are unable to harvest all the crop (this has happened twice in the past 10 years).

Bulbs are washed and graded into planting and flowering sizes. The flowering sizes are then packed in peat and sent to other commercial flower growers in Australia alongside two of the main shareholders which includes *Flowerdale Flowers* - their own business.

All bulb varieties have their own idiosyncrasies and to get a range of varieties to flower for Australia's spring and early summer markets, *Southern Bulbs* import high health bulb stock from Holland, multiplying some stock by scaling, then planting fourteen hectares of scales and small bulbs every year. This area is contracted on John and Jan's place and neighbouring properties. As most varieties are protected by Plant Variety Rights they have to buy licenses - a high cost impost.

Although bulbs have been sent to Holland, the Dominican Republic, South Africa and Vietnam, the export



market is difficult and requires a scale of production greater than *Southern Bulbs* because buyers want a range of varieties.

In a fiercely competitive market, *Southern Bulbs'* competitive edge is that the bulbs for flowers grown in Australia don't have to be grown in a registered quarantine area, as imported stock must be. This means a better quality bulb for the summer planting instead of using long-stored northern hemisphere bulbs. About ninety percent of lily flowers grown in Australia are imported stock from Holland, Chile or New Zealand - all from Dutch owned companies.

John and Jan have exported lily flowers to Japan and Singapore and sandersonia tubers and flowers to Japan and Aalsmeer in Holland. This was when exchange rates were more favourable. However, this level of exporting has been out of the question in recent years. The current correction of the AU\$ downwards will help if there is any interest in exporting. It will also help keep a base in flower prices as the majority of flowers consumed in Australia are imported.

Running parallel with the flower and bulb businesses, their dairy

business grew in area and cow numbers with John milking for 15 years before taking on share farmers and then managers. At one stage they calved a herd of 780 cows and ran replacement stock on an area of 900 acres in the Flowerdale Valley. The dairy employed equivalent to seven full-time people however this has changed. To enable financing of the glasshouse development which has extended to \$2.5M, they sold off about 100 hectares and Rob's plans are likely to see an investment in their protective growing environment exceed \$3M.

Milk has been an important part of their business and the 186ha property capable of milking in excess of 450 cows has been leased for four years and is, effectively, on the market.

Hard work combined with a fertile mind and plenty of energy equals successful businesses. Unlike Pip and Robert, their eldest twin daughters are not involved with the farming enterprises, and as for John and Jan - it's time to slow down and smell the lilies.

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Philanthropic Gift to Marcus Oldham

In excess of \$300,000 gifted by Garth Massy-Greene

Garth Massy-Greene commenced working at Marcus Oldham in 1961 as Farm Manager and resigned in 1967 when he was appointed by the ANZ Bank as an agricultural specialist. Garth completed a Diploma of Wool Classing and started to study geology and botany, but was unable to complete his studies as he joined the Australian Imperial Force during the Second World War.

Garth had a soldier settlement farm at Holbrook NSW, as well as being the Farm Manager and occasional lecturer at Marcus Oldham. History tells that as a Farm Manager he was thorough, innovative, and dedicated and during his tenure the College was at the forefront of agricultural practice. Drift lambing, having the early lambing ewes provided with preferential feed; shed lambing; the use of estimated breeding values in cattle; pasture improvement; fencing according to soil type and innovative buildings were all the norm under Massy-Greene's management.

Garth believed that "the real impact of the College was a bit like mould that starts to grow on something. It is hardly noticeable at first, but then, as more and more grows, it starts to have an effect. The exception to that slow impact was the short courses which were tremendously important...they were fantastic. Those guys went back to farms with new ideas, and a lot of base material to think about. They had a huge impact on



agricultural thinking and on Marcus Oldham."

The College history written by Mike Stephens in 2011 provides interesting background to the early days of Garth at Marcus.

'Ivo Dean as first Principal was busy ensuring the buildings were ready for the first intake of students and that the staff and curriculum was in place and that a start was made to develop the farm. Although there is no evidence that Sir James Darling was involved in the recruiting of staff, he undoubtedly had an influence in the selection of the farm manager'. Whether Dean had spoken to Darling or Darling acted without prompting is unclear, but the inaugural farm manager, Garth Massy-Greene, had very clear memories:

"Well, one sunny day in Melbourne, at the top of Collins Street, I was walking along having just returned from overseas. I was daydreaming and JRD (James Darling) was walking up the street and bumped into me and said - 'Hello Massy-

Greene, what are you doing? I think you're just the man I need'. Within a few weeks, I had a letter of offer from JRD and Ivo, and I decided to put a manager on my place at Holbrook and take the job. When I first arrived at the College farm I thought, what a shit of a place this is. But we walked and talked and said, well, let's put some buildings here and the centre of the farm there. I walked the place many, many times and then we started fencing and putting in buildings. One of my jobs was squeezing things out of agricultural firms. I worked on tractor people and on the cyclone fencing company who provided materials for the woolshed and the sheep yards. Ivo was away a fair bit. He was busy raising funds for other things."

Ivo Dean wanted Massy-Greene on staff because he had practical farm experience, had served in the armed forces and was an innovative thinker. In addition, Massy-Greene had spent some time working as a wool buyer. Massy-Greene started to plan the farm. The farm needed fencing, and Massy-Greene was amongst the first people to fence according to land class instead of title. This meant that, in some cases, fences needed to follow irregular lines and angles instead of being straight and square. The farm was fenced in accordance with soil type and topography.

Garth's wife, Kris, passed away on the 23rd November 2008 and he died on the 21st March 2014 in Ballina hospital in New South Wales. Garth is survived by his stepson, Tony.



First intake of students 1962:

Back Row: John Selle, Gavin Jamieson, Leslie Sprague, Alastair Hamilton, Graeme Blackburn

Middle Row: Roger Olsen, Ian Hookings, Richard Pearce, Guy Mort, Bill McIntyre, Alfred Healing, Barry Mills

Front Row: Max Holmes, Jim Richardson (Staff), Ivo Dean (Principal), Garth Massy-Greene (Staff), Ted Champion (Staff), Bill Reading



Massy-Greene Scholarships

Valued at \$15,000 each, Marcus Oldham is delighted to add two Massy-Greene Scholarships to its Scholarship Program. These Scholarships are open only to daughters or sons of Marcus Oldham graduates.

Garth Massy-Greene, as the first Farm Manager at Marcus Oldham, instructed students from 1962 to 1967. He was thorough, innovative, and dedicated and during his tenure the College was at the forefront of agricultural practice.



Applicants must meet entry criteria to study the Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) or the nested Associate Degree of Farm Business Management and commence studies in 2016.

Applications close: Monday 27 July 2015, with interview on Monday 24 August 2015

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Course information: go to www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au

If awarded a Massy-Greene Scholarship you will not be eligible to receive any other scholarship offered through the Marcus Oldham Scholarship Program for study in 2016.

To experience Marcus Oldham first hand, check website details and make a reservation for the FREE Marcus Minds Weekend 19 – 21 June 2015.

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Graduate of Excellence 2014

Peter Nilon *Associate Diploma of Farm Management 1988*

In the years between 1980 when Peter first heard about Marcus Oldham, and commencing studies in 1987, Peter gained experience in NW Queensland and the Northern Territory with both the Australian Agricultural Company and King Ranch. Showing an ability for management, he worked his way to the position of Head Stockman.

Post-graduation, he undertook farm management roles in Western Victoria and SE South Australia on livestock operations. However, in 1996 Peter was appointed Farm Manager at Werribee Agriculture, the agricultural arm of Melbourne Water and based around their principle holding of 11,000ha at Werribee.

The main role of the site was to treat 180,000 megalitres of sewerage each year, and around 30,000 megalitres of treated effluent was diverted to the farming business.

The business backgrounded 20,000 steers and fattened 30,000 lambs each year. Other locations in the group for which he was responsible, carried another 10,000 cattle and 50,000 breeding ewes. Peter held the management position for 14 years until Melbourne Water withdrew from agriculture in 2010.

In 2011 Peter joined Hassad Australia, a sovereign investor based in Qatar in the Middle East, which had commenced setting up a sheep and grains business Australia wide. As Southern Operations Manager, Peter was responsible for a collective area of 50,000ha and a carrying capacity of between 250,000 and 300,000 Dry Sheep Equivalents, with an annual cropping and pasture improvement program of 12,000ha.

Peter and his wife, Robyn, live at Grenville Victoria and have raised two sons.

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Peter Nilon with Mr Daniel Bami, Fairfax Agricultural Media

Peter's Acceptance Speech

"Everything I've learned in life can be summarized in three words - *Life Goes On*.

Throughout your forthcoming professional and private lives you will be given the same choice that was given to us all. In life you can choose between Participant and Spectator.

Spectators use words like, 'Someone should do something about that' - 'the government needs to do something' - 'I'm not getting involved' - 'It's not my responsibility'.

Participants use words like, 'I can do something about that' - 'We can't wait for the government, let's do something ourselves' - 'I'll get involved' - 'I'll take responsibility'.

The College has given you all the tools to be a participant but it remains your ultimate decision - Spectator or Participant. But whatever you choose *life will go on*.

In the years ahead you will experience triumph and tragedy, exhilaration and heart ache, as we all have. Your capacity to cope with

adversity and continue to make a positive contribution to your community is directly proportional to the choice you make - Spectator or Participant - but whatever you choose, I can assure you - *life will go on*.

Today, as graduates, you receive a rite to enter the extended family of Marcus Oldham and all graduates welcome you. That rite also carries a responsibility because in the years ahead the College will come calling. I cannot tell you in what form that will take; it may be the College direct, asking you to host a study tour and do some guest speaking or, more typically, it will be your neighbour, a person who most probably didn't attend this institution. They may need a bale of hay, or their children driven to the school bus or a coffee and your ear for an hour. Your willingness to answer the call will be a direct result of your choice - Spectator or Participant - but whatever you choose - *life will always go on*.

I offer you every possible encouragement to become a participant. I offer you every level of support to become a participant and I wish you all well in your endeavours as you become participants."

Marcus Celebrates Successful Graduates

It was a proud night for Marcus Oldham at the recent announcements in Melbourne of The Weekly Times / Coles 2014 Farmer of the Year Awards.

- Hicks Beef managed by **Tom Hicks FBM 09** and his parents, Andrew and Anne, near Holbrook NSW were winners of the Beef Farmer of the Year Award.

Running 1,400 stud and commercial breeding cows, they've discovered that composite cattle, in their case a mixture of Angus, Simmental and Gelbvieh breeds, can achieve five percent more weight gain off pasture than their pure Angus counterparts. Tom said increased production from composites was worth 15-20 percent over the life of an animal, taking into account weight gain of calves, fertility of females and increased milk production.

Genetic gain has been fast-tracked by extensive use of performance recording.

Most commercial steers are sold to Coles, and last year about 300 were processed through the supermarket chain's grass-fed program. The steers also perform well on grain with the Hicks using an annual feedlot competition at the Teys-Cargill Jindalee feedlot near Cootamundra to gain more extensive feedback on their cattle's performance.

The steers enter the feedlot at 450 kilograms liveweight and are fed

for 100 days. Last year they put on an impressive average of 2.77 kilograms a day. This saw them win numerous accolades including Reserve Champion of the Jindelee steer trial. They won Grand Champion in 2012 and were placed first in the carcass section in 2011.

While the Hicks family know it is an uphill battle trying to convince traditional farmers to switch to composites, their success speaks for itself. "These kind of results say more than we can," Tom said.

- **Hayden Findlay FBM 06, BBusAM 07** and his wife, Jasmin, farm Ravens Creek Farm at Moriac (near Geelong) Victoria, and were announced winners of FARM Magazine Outstanding Farmer of the Year.

Their business includes running Red Devon and Square Meater cattle, a berry orchard with six different varieties, seasonal vegetables, fruits from pomegranates to cherries, cut flowers of banksias and proteas, rare-breed pigs, sheep, laying hens, eucalyptus trees for timber and oak trees inoculated with truffles.

Farm produce, meat packs and home-baked goods are sold through the Ravens Creek Farm shop and café - open four days a week most of the year and seven days a week during the berry-picking season when they open the gates to visitors.

And it's all on just 36 hectares.

The key to their success is that, far from all these enterprises pulling in different directions, the individual elements are united into one integrated system. The farm is chemical-free and crops thrive on manure from the livestock. A system of portable electric fencing allows livestock to be rotated through the paddocks, regenerating pasture.

"When we first started out in 2009 we sat down to create a plan of attack on how to make a relatively small farm as productive and profitable as possible," Hayden says. "It's all integrated in one system, not departmentalised. It's about looking at the whole picture and how it works together."

Future plans for the farm include a citrus orchard, a farm trail for visitors, a boning room, plus cooking classes and catering for wedding ceremonies.

But for now, the pair has it just as they like it. "It's about enjoying what I am doing and I enjoy it because of the variety," said Hayden. "The diversity keeps me interested."

Hayden and Jasmin have a baby daughter, Pippa.

- Cam Nicholson, Sessional Lecturer, and his wife, Fiona Conway, who farm at St. Leonards, (near Geelong) were finalists in the Beef Farmer of the Year.

The Editor acknowledges The Weekly Times for the above information.

Nominations for Graduate of Excellence 2015

Marcus Oldham is accepting nominations for the Graduate of Excellence Award 2015. Please submit the name and contact details of your chosen candidate. Members of the MOCOSA Executive will follow-up the nominations to ascertain eligibility and select the Awardee.

This Award is an opportunity for graduates to be recognised for their exceptional achievements. The College, along with sponsors, Marcus Oldham College Old Students Association and Fairfax Agricultural Media, wish to award a graduate who, since graduating, has excelled in their particular field of the agricultural, agribusiness or equine industries. Marcus Oldham has been fortunate to award many deserving and diverse graduates for their outstanding work and looks forward to celebrating many more future achievements.

To be eligible, the graduate must have left the College a minimum of 4 years and be able to address the following criteria: Leadership; Innovation; Community/ Industry Presence; Success; Formation of Public Opinion and Attainment of Important Position.

Graduates may be nominated by fellow Collegians, spouses, associates or themselves. The successful graduate is presented with a plaque and a cheque for \$2,000 towards a study tour or personal business development of their choice. The graduate will be presented with the Award at this year's Graduation Ceremony.

Submissions to:

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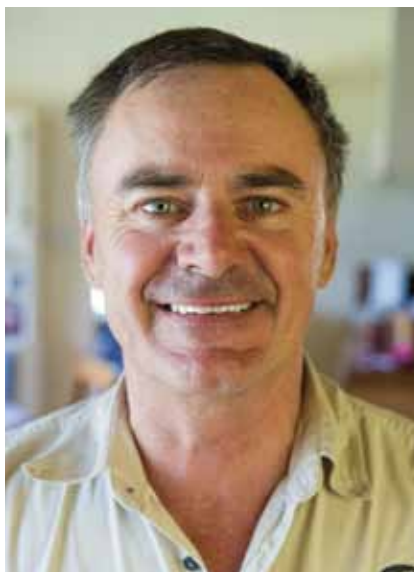
David Sweetapple *Farm Management 1980*

A good eye for land

After completing seven years of boarding school at *Churchie* in east Brisbane, David was spell-bound in the last week of school by a visiting speaker from Marcus Oldham - Graham McConnell. Graham was preaching to the converted as all the career guidance pointed to David having a career on the land. The path to his tertiary education included experience on the family property at Wandoan in Queensland, entering Marcus in 1978, undertaking the prac year at 'Yalgoo' Walcha in New England NSW, and finishing in 1980 with honours, "having had a great time".

A farm management role at Goondiwindi in Queensland for 18 months, mixed with some contract wheat harvesting kept David busy after graduation, but the desire to travel was strong so he embarked on an eight month backpacking adventure through Europe, including the Scandinavian countries and England, Wales and Ireland. He also checked out Jersey in the Channel Islands where his girlfriend was from, including meeting the parents, which was putting the cart before the horse, but "you can't be too careful!"

Upon returning to Australia in 1983, David and his parents purchased another property of 13,000 acres, 60kms west of Wandoan. They grew dryland wheat and sorghum, had 1,000 breeding cattle and also a feedlot which proved valuable in the high interest and drought years of the mid 80s. David married physiotherapist, Sally Reed in 1985 (she also had a Marcus connection as cousin to Lyn, wife of former Engineering Lecturer, Dave King).



Keen to make their own way in the world, the property was sold in 1988. Leaving the farm with very little but experiences and tax losses they settled in Miles, the next town to the east. Their two sons followed the boarding school in Brisbane tradition, completed tertiary studies and embarked on their career paths.

Then out of the blue came a call from a stranger

There is no rhyme or reason sometimes as to where life leads and David worked in many jobs, including tractor driving, while applying for work. An application to Ag Bank resulted in the reply, "They did not have a position suitable to your qualifications".

Then out of the blue came a call from a stranger who said they had been given David's contact details with a view to a career in the insurance industry. With no capital behind him and no other real prospects, David said he would give it a shot. Twenty-two years later, after a successful and profitable career in the financial services industry

as a qualified financial advisor, he sold his business to a business partner and followed his passion for residential land development.

Heading eastwards, David completed two projects with his father in Brisbane, then went out on his own, purchasing a house in Brisbane above the river. The large property was subdivided and sold and eventually, the house was sold. Three other lots were sold with building approvals for five storey houses, just as the GFC hit the market!

Boomeranging to Miles, David purchased 100 acres on the edge of town and successfully completed a 50 lot subdivision over four years. Good fortune appeared with the arrival of the gas industry in the region, which pushed demand for property through the roof. Part of the property was approved for temporary village accommodation and another 50 lot residential subdivision.

With his business partner, a real estate office was opened in Miles under their own brand. A well-timed decision is the essence of good business as three years later the booming business was sold before demand for property reduced as the gas industry construction phase concluded.

David looks back on the 34 years since Marcus Oldham and attributes much of his success on the Marcus business training and being taught to make the hard decisions. At their 30 Year Class Reunion they all agreed Marcus had given them the tools to weigh up the options, budget, and to become entrepreneurial, but most of all, to have a go and follow your instincts.

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2016 Fellowship applications will open on Sunday 28th of February
and close 11.59pm AEST Saturday 30th of April 2016

Samantha Baillie *Equine Management 2009*

Sponsorship in the Corporate World of Racing

With a Marcus diploma under her saddle, Samantha combined riding for Thoroughbred trainer, John Leek, and training her own eventing horses, with more university studies.

Keen to see the world she took every uni holiday opportunity and in two years had backpacked in over 30 countries, making many friends and chalking-up unbelievable experiences. Sammy saw the equine industry from so many interesting angles and gained a wealth of knowledge that can't be taught. It is an experience she can share and encourages everyone to do, as racing and equestrian is different in every country.

After experiencing eventing and racing in England, racing in Hong Kong and riding across Kenya in Africa, Sammy came home. In 2012 she took a short term position as an Assistant in Sponsorship at the Victoria Racing Club (VRC).

The Victoria Racing Club has been operating as the premier racing club in Australia for over 150 years. The first week of November is famously known for one of Australia's most popular sporting events, the Melbourne Cup Carnival and the historical race, Emirates Melbourne Cup. The VRC currently has 41 sponsors including Emirates, AAMI, Crown, Myer and James Boag.

Sponsorship was something completely different for Sammy. She moved from being in the



stables at 4am to walking into an office at 9am; she traded in her riding boots for a pair of heels, and her helmet for millinery. Her first Melbourne Cup Carnival was a complete eye-opener to the corporate world of racing. The time and money invested by every sponsor and media partner was breath-taking. Directors and CEOs had travelled from interstate and overseas to observe the racing, the events, the fashion and the hospitality in which their company had invested.

she was on such a high that week, completely addicted to her work and couldn't get enough of the excitement and thrill.

Throughout her first Melbourne Cup Carnival Sammy was based in the mounting yard helping out with the trophy presentations. Over the week she meet so many fantastic people from all fields of racing: jockeys, trainers, sponsors, media partners and VRC directors and took every opportunity to learn and network. She was on such a high that week, completely addicted to her work and couldn't get enough of the excitement and thrill.

Her enthusiasm over that Melbourne Cup Carnival is what secured her a permanent position and ten months later, moved into a Sponsorship

Executive position. Over time she has learnt that sponsorship at Flemington is unique in a way, from other sporting events. Their sponsors take pride in being a part of the Flemington Family. The Melbourne Cup Carnival which was once a traditional sporting event is now typically known for its excellence in sport, hospitality and event management and of course, elegant fashion.

Marcus Oldham taught Sammy to think beyond the norm and to take your day-to-day work to a new level. Keeping this at the back of her mind has always helped, especially when working on an event or campaign. Sponsorship provides great resources for broadening the Thoroughbred racing image, prestige and credibility. Sponsorship is vital in the industry and it's most important, in Sammy's role, to be continually thinking of new avenues for sponsors to invest in the industry.

For many companies, sponsorship is one of the fastest growing marketing tools in recent years. Sponsoring an event or a race allows access to a wide range of audiences both in the digital and media market as well as the on course audience of celebrities, members, trainers, owners and general public. With the Melbourne Cup Carnival being one of the largest outdoor events around the world, sponsors also have international brand exposure.

Victoria Racing Club is a world leader in Thoroughbred racing, event management and entertainment. It's a racing club of which Samantha loves being a part. "I am continuing to learn in this fast moving industry and Marcus Oldham is where it all started. It opened my eyes to the diversity of the equine industry and I am truly grateful for the skills, knowledge, friends and connections which it provided, leading me to a rewarding and successful career."

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Cam Nicholson

Lecturer in Sustainable Resource Management

Mixing business and pleasure is one of the key principles behind Cam Nicholson's approach to farming.

The Marcus Oldham Farm Management sessional lecturer and his wife, Fiona Conroy, run a 285ha grazing business on the outskirts of Geelong where he puts what he teaches in the classroom, in practice in the paddock.

The cattle and sheep operation at 'Knewleave' on the Bellarine Peninsula Victoria has been set up to be a profitable, productive business with an emphasis on environmental sustainability. This approach has been widely recognised with Cam and the farm business notching up a number of accolades in the past 12 months.

Cam was one of three finalists - and the only Victorian - in the national Bob Hawke Sustainable Agriculture Awards. The beef operation was also one of the finalists in The Weekly Times/Coles Farmer of the Year.

"We've always set out to run a low labour input business that has capital growth, is sustainable and complements other off-farm activities," Cam said.

"The aim has been to get the best return for the resources invested by realising the potential of the pastures, livestock and marketing options and ultimately enjoying the time spent farming. It's meant a considerable investment in capital improvements in terms of fences, water, laneways, and stock handling facilities to simplify management and save time."

Both Cam and Fiona work off farm, as partners in Nicon Rural Services, an agricultural consulting business operating mainly in livestock, cropping and natural resource management.

Cam's 30 year involvement in agriculture started with the Department of Agriculture, where he was trained in pasture agronomy, soils and farm planning. After leaving the Department in



the early 1990s, Cam moved into consulting, helping to shape and deliver farmer programs such as ProGraze, Beefcheque, Bestwool and Sustainable Grazing Systems. Landcare was also a passion and Cam helped establish the Woody Yaloak Catchment Group, Victoria's first Landcare project with significant private sponsorship through Alcoa.

Two decades later Cam is still with them on a part time basis and the Woody Yaloak Group remains at the forefront of combining productivity with natural resource management. The Group's achievements have been recognised by winning the Victorian Catchment Award twice and the National Landcare Award in 2004.

...because at the heart of good farm management is good decision making

The rapid change from livestock to cropping in South West Victoria has seen Cam focus on getting the most out of a mixed farming business, leading programs such as Grain and Graze, and through crop and pasture rotation work with Southern Farming Systems.

"There are many excellent crop and livestock consultants in this part of the world, but few are grappling

with the challenges of optimising efficiencies in a mixed farming business," Cam said. "Running several different enterprises and making them work well together is a real skill and is often not that well taught because of the emphasis on technical information.

"One thing I try to bring to my lectures at Marcus Oldham is how to put the pieces together, because at the heart of good farm management is good decision making. You can be technically savvy but if you can't bring those different elements together and make timely, informed decisions, then you won't run a good farm business."

Fiona brings different skills to the consulting business and farm. She started as a dairy officer with the Victorian Department of Agriculture before moving to The Weekly Times, where she was a journalist and livestock section editor for several years. Fiona now operates as a freelance journalist, runs a community nursery for a local landcare group as well as the daily operations on the farm. "I manage the livestock, breeding and marketing parts of the farm and Cam looks after the pastures, machinery and infrastructure," Fiona says. "It's a good arrangement because we work on what we like doing and what we are good at."

Being close to Geelong, Cam and Fiona's property is often used as a teaching farm where Marcus students can get hands on experience assessing cattle and sheep, and can learn about pastures and farm planning.

The grazing enterprise at Knewleave comprises 200 Angus spring calving breeders and a flock of 500 Merino spring lambing ewes, plus replacements. The stocking rate works out at about 23 dry sheep equivalents per hectare which is about double the district average for the 550mm rainfall district.

The beef herd is fully Breedplan recorded with the Angus Society.

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Sandy Sharp *Farm Management 1970*

No denying the facts, now they're in print!

Sandy (WAR) Sharp has devoted many hours in documenting the life and times of his 1969/70 fellow students in a 100 page book featuring individual summaries and about 250 photographs. It also includes a CD of the speeches of the graduates who attended their 30 Year Reunion Dinner in 2000, including thoughts and impressions from Ivo Dean (Principal 1962-1978), Don (Spot) Lawson and Ray Phillips, who were former members of staff at the Dinner.

The idea for the book came out of those speeches, together with the photographs he took at the 30 Year Reunion. When he finally got around to putting it all together, 14 years had elapsed, so he was particularly grateful for everyone's continued participation, because they added changes since 2000 that gave a more complete picture



of the graduates' careers and personal lives after College. The book included images from College days as well as from a farm tour of New Zealand.

Sandy was Student President and organised the first farm tour to New Zealand. He suggested the idea to the Principal, who said it was a

good idea, but he had to organise it himself. This he did, and he plotted a journey from Invercargill to the top of the North Island, with various farm visits along the way. Ray Phillips took along his new bride and the students' study tour doubled as their honeymoon!

Post College, Sandy eventually worked for 17 years as a TV Program classifier with Channel 7 followed by a further 14 years in the same role at the ABC. Now retired and with a home in Sydney, he also spends a good deal of time in Alsace, France helping his wife care for her aged parents. They are living at home instead of a nursing home, because in France, this is encouraged. The State provides a monthly Doctor's visit, together with daily nurse visits, as well as a slightly subsidised home-help system, all topped up by family help.

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*Cam Nicholson
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The herd is a progeny test herd for the Te Mania Angus Stud at Colac and has a long history of using artificial insemination,

The aim has been to breed easy calving females which produce moderate sized adult cattle with high growth rates and high levels of marbling. Steers are grown out to about 15 months and 440kg and sold for the long fed market to the Rangers Valley feedlot at Glen Innes New South Wales, where they consistently perform in the top five per cent of all steers in the feedlot. The herd is also part of the Johnes Disease Market Assurance Program for cattle and has an MN3 status which assists with the marketing of breeding females.

The farm produces between 350 and 400kg of beef per hectare a year depending on the season with returns in the order of \$2.10/kg for every kg of beef sold. The cost of

production in a typical year (without a drought!) is about 80-85c/kg.

"We spend about 25c/kg on breeding which includes AI, lease bulls and progeny test costs; 18c/kg on fodder (which is higher in a drought) and 27c/kg on pastures of which most goes on fertiliser and lime," Cam said.

The 18 micron self replacing Merino flock is made up of 500 Merino ewes joined to Kurra Wirra rams, with older ewes joined to White Suffolks for prime lamb production. The sheep enterprise accounts for about a quarter of the grazing enterprise and also capitalises on the availability of approximately 200ha of cropping stubbles on neighbouring properties. The mix of cattle and sheep give flexibility with grazing while the use of stubbles allows the grazing pressure to drop on the home farm over summer.

Perennial pastures are the backbone of the business with

specific perennial species such as phalaris, ryegrass, tall fescue, sub clover and lucerne set up as specialist pastures according to soil types, which forms the basis for paddock fencing.

"Good soil management underpins our livestock operation, so every paddock is soil tested every three years and fertiliser, lime and gypsum adjusted accordingly," Cam said. More than nine per cent of the property is under trees with more than 50,000 trees planted and extensive direct tree seeding used in the past five years. The farm is part of the Swan Bay catchment so all drainage lines have been fenced off and revegetated. This has meant installing a reticulated water supply to all paddocks.

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Development of a Health and Resilience Program at Marcus Oldham

Farming is associated with a unique set of stressors that include reliance on unpredictable environmental conditions and financial or business pressures. These situational stressors have flow-on effects throughout rural communities dependent on farming. More generally, many rural communities suffer isolation, economic disadvantage and limited services.

Within Australia, farmers represent a group at higher risk of a range of health problems. Factors that may influence this risk include poorer access to healthcare services in rural and remote areas in general, and specific barriers to health care among farmers.

Marcus Oldham graduates also seek and secure employment off farm. They become chief executive officers and managers of other businesses unrelated to the agriculture and equine sectors. Regardless of the industry, people holding management positions experience significant pressures over their lifetime. It is important that through education, students of a business college such as Marcus Oldham are assisted in preparing them to adequately, competently and confidently handle and manage these strains during their career and life.

Advocators such as Sartore, Kelly and Stain (2008) suggest that when it comes to happiness and success in life, health and resilience matters just as much as intellectual ability. Health and resilience helps people build stronger relationships, succeed at work, and achieve their career and personal goals. It is important for people to have the ability to identify, use, understand,

and manage emotions in positive ways to relieve stress, communicate effectively, empathize with others, overcome challenges, and defuse conflict.

It is for these reasons that Marcus Oldham College has undertaken a program of work with Deakin University's School of Psychology which is within the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences. The endeavor is to deliberately and systematically create Marcus Oldham as a leader in supporting the health and resilience of our students, by providing them with the skills and resilience techniques and strategies to be used beyond their time at College. A framework of teaching and learning will assist and prepare our students for life after Marcus. Although the implementation of this program will have immediate impact, it is envisaged that it will take several years before it is fully developed.

Development of the Program commenced last year with a stakeholder workshop with Marcus Oldham staff, present and past students, members of the College Council and a number of community representatives. Professor John Toumbourou who is the Chair in Health Psychology at Deakin University and Professor Steven Allender conducted a workshop in systems thinking. The process engaged the participants in developing a list of ideas which, if implemented, would expect to enjoy strong support from the broader alumni target audience. The majority of participants identified mental health as the major concern to focus on, however other areas such as health and fitness awareness, resilience and long-term personal sustainability and productivity were seen as important.

In February this year a forum on health and resilience was delivered

at the College by experts in the field presenting to students, staff and the wider community. The Forum provided a range of insights into the health challenges influencing Australian agriculture and how these are being overcome to develop resilient rural communities.

All Marcus Oldham curricula has been reviewed with health and resilience embedded throughout the human resource management units. The College has appointed a clinical psychologist to provide lectures across the academic programs. Kate Hawkins works as a private psychologist in Geelong and has extensive experience working with young people. She has an understanding of agriculture and rural communities, as she was raised on a farm in Western Victoria and her family continues to farm. Her first role after graduation was with the Australian Agricultural Health unit and many of her clinical positions have been in rural communities. In a previous role as senior clinician with the Primary Mental Health Team she facilitated educational stress management courses to adults and young people in rural communities. She has also had experience providing education and training to primary care providers focussing on mental health literacy and well-being including general practitioners and school counsellors. These classes will commence in Third Term.

In addition to the development of this health and resilience program, the College has also invested in physical infrastructure with the construction of a gymnasium, basketball, beach-volleyball and tennis courts. The current students are enjoying and fully utilising these new facilities.

Dr Simon Livingstone
Principal

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www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au and



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The Centre for the Study of Rural Australia

The first of the 2015 Forum Series focused on 'Health and Resilience across Rural Australia'.

Agriculture is associated with a unique set of stressors that include reliance on unpredictable environmental conditions and financial or business pressures. On the 25th February 2015 the CSRA facilitated this Forum which provided a range of insights into the health challenges influencing Australian agriculture and how these are being overcome to develop resilient rural communities.

Presenters included:

- Dr John Toumbourou – Professor and Chair in Health Psychology (Deakin University)
- Dr Annette Dunham – Lecturer, School of Psychology, Faculty of Health (Deakin University)
- **David Oddie FM 94** – Horticultural Consultant (DJs Growers Services)
- Dr Lynne Millar – Senior Research Fellow - Obesity Prevention (Deakin University)
- Deb Bain (Founder FarmDay P/L)

Further detail on the presentations can be accessed from www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au.



Presenters: **David Oddie FM 94**, Deb Bain, Dr Lynne Miller, Dr Annette Dunham, Dr Yasmin Chalmers (Absent Dr John Toumbourou)



Students with Council Chairman, **Bruce Wilson FM 71** are L-R: Matthew Mulcahy FBM1, Thomas Griggs Agrib1, James Anderson FBM1, James McClure FBM1, Will Teate Agrib2, Will Sandford FM1



Toby Campbell, Lecturer in Agronomy flanked by students L-R Will Baxter FBM3, Howard McDonald Agrib1, Chelsea McNeil, FBM3 and Hugh Nott FBM3



Students Jessica Parker Agrib1, Luke Melisi FBM3, Jack Houston Agrib1, Jackson Hernando EM, Matthew Bayles Agrib1



Students Sam Davidson FBM3, Sarah Halleen FBM3, Alex Roberts Agrib1





Postgraduate Program

Master of Agribusiness

The College is now offering a Master of Agribusiness. With an emphasis on management and critical thinking, you will broaden your understanding of the Agribusiness sector and improve your analytical skills whilst gaining connections with industry via our academics and students.

- Master of Agribusiness (12 units)
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- Graduate Certificate in Agribusiness (4 units)

The College's Postgraduate Program is delivered online with supporting unit material, tutorial support and discussion chat groups. Units are delivered over 12 weeks with approximately 10 hours per week study for each unit.

The key areas of the course include:

- Contemporary Managerial Issues
- Agribusiness Marketing
- International Agribusiness
- Risk Management
- Research Methods
- Developing Ventures
- Financial Analysis
- Systems Analysis
- Strategic Management
- Human Resource Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Case Studies in Global Agriculture

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Adam Coffey

Farm Business Management 2005

'Beef Connections'



Adam Coffey is one of the successful candidates for Beef Australia's 'Beef Connections'.

The *Graeme Acton Beef Connections* program develops the skills of young beef producers by providing training and personal development opportunities and a mentor to help them achieve their goals and participate in Beef Australia 2015.

Adam runs Stapleton Station, west of Katherine NT. He also runs 1000 head of his own cattle and has developed an agistment and hay making enterprise.

At Marcus Oldham, we believe that when it comes to your future, it's important to invest in a career not just a course. Our courses in Agriculture, Agribusiness and Equine Management provide students with first-hand industry knowledge, business management skills, global opportunities and market leading entrepreneurship.

VISIT US AT OUR OPEN DAY AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COURSES AND HOW YOU CAN KICK-START YOUR CAREER.

Marcus Oldham OPEN DAY

Date: Sunday August 9, 2015

Time: 10am – 2.30pm

Address: 145 Pigdons Road, Waurin Ponds, Geelong, Victoria 3216
(same road as Deakin University)

For further information visit
www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au/openday
or call 1800 623 500.



CAMPUS TOURS ARE ALSO WELCOME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR





Corporate Training

'Have course, will travel' is pretty much the modus operandi for the Corporate Training Unit at the moment. After a quiet period last year things are again on the move and the Corporate Training Unit is getting out and about amongst our rural and agribusiness clients.

To date, they have presented three Rural Valuation Training workshops for the Commonwealth Bank: Toowoomba Queensland, Geelong Victoria, and New Norcia Western Australia.

In February, Deputy Principal Tony McMeel, was the instigator behind Marcus Oldham's involvement in the Australia Dairy Foundation training initiative held in Launceston, Tasmania. Along with Sam Inglis, Director Corporate Training, they assisted with the development and delivery of a major three day workshop with a focus on business management for the Dairy Industry. It was well attended by 180 participants from around Australia.



L-R: Pam Hartin FBM 06, BBusAM 07, Grant Archer FBM 90, Ben Geard FBM 03, Paul Bennett FBM 91, Rod Banks FM 76, Sam Inglis FM 66, Mark Griffin DipAgrib 14.

In March, a three day workshop for 'Managers in Corporate Agriculture and Agribusiness' was conducted, with participants from Paraway, Auscott, Black River, Hassad and Ag Cap attending the program in Geelong.

Planning is also underway for a series of Strategic Management workshops with NSW Farmers Federation groups plus workshops for the NSW Dairy Industry group. One of the more interesting and challenging current projects is the development and delivery of a workshop series on livestock management for the Republic of Kazakhstan in their home country.

Keep an ear out as the Corporate Training Unit could be in your part of the world in the future and we would be most interested in your participation.

Sam Inglis

Director Corporate Training

Reunions

This is the year for celebrations as a number of graduate reunions are being planned, so check if you belong to any of these as it is a wonderful time to catch up with your Marcus Mates.

50 Years:

Calling all graduates from the 1964/65 course to gather in Geelong on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of November 2015.

Contact: Graham Hooper 0408 501 960
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Phil Bade 0417 511 354
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40 Years:

Calling all graduates of 1975 to gather at Geelong on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of September 2015. Plans include accommodation in town, a Saturday lunch BBQ at Marcus with dinner in town. Sunday's details to be confirmed but may include an AFL game.

Contact: Jeremy Curtis
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30 Years:

Calling all Farm Management graduates of 1985 to gather in 2015 at a place and date to be decided.

Contact: David Laurie 0427 365 045
davidlaurie@activ8.net.au

25 Years:

Calling all Farm Management graduates of 1990 (The Lightweights) to gather in Geelong on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of May 2015. A visit to Marcus Oldham is part of the plan. It will be the first time some old scholars have visited College since leaving.

Contact: Tom Frankcombe 0413 542 052
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10 Years:

Calling all Rural Business Management graduates of 2005 to gather at the Gold Coast Queensland from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th of July 2015.

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Louisa Cormack

*Farm Business Management 2005
Bachelor of Business
(Agricultural Management) 2007*

Tackling Ebola

In March 2014, the hemorrhagic filovirus, Ebola, broke out in a remote area called Gueckedou in western Guinea. This has continued to become the largest outbreak in history and one year on has claimed 10,000 lives and has done untold damage to the communities, economies and social systems of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

One of the insignificant results of this outbreak is that I found myself working in Sierra Leone in October/November last year and now in Monrovia, Liberia as a hospital logistics manager for the international medical NGO Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF) or Doctors Without Borders.

For both projects I have been closing down hospitals but for different reasons. In Sierra Leone we had to close down a pediatric/obstetrics hospital that had remained open for as long as possible but had become too dangerous for patients and staff with the increasing cases of Ebola. This was a devastating blow to the community and to the general health system as health care is scarce in good times and virtually non-existent once Ebola hit.

Unlike a war zone when a hospital is often a place of safety, in an Ebola outbreak the hospital becomes the most dangerous place to be. Healthcare workers are the first to be hit and without the most stringent infection control practices it is impossible to provide safe care.

Ebola preys on, and punishes us, for the traits that make us human. Contact allows transmission and therefore all of our everyday interactions put us at risk. Greeting with a handshake, sharing a meal, nursing the sick, a comforting hug, breastfeeding, sex, burying the dead. What kind of life do we have without these? I've spent



the majority of my time since September last year, without any human contact due to the safety protocols and I'm safe - but it's tough. I can't grasp how horrific it must have been for those living through the peak of it all.

Funnily enough, a farming background translates very well into humanitarian logistics work.

Liberia seems to be reaching the end of the outbreak and everyone is cautiously hopeful that it is under control here. It is a difficult situation because there is still Ebola in West Africa and the borders are open. If complacency sets in and an infected person crosses the border it could all start again as it did in Guinea last year. We are reducing a 200 bed hospital to 100 beds to be put on standby if it flares up again. It's a delicate task; our extraordinary team has worked right through the very worst of it all, they're exhausted and we are trying to keep everything running safely so that this phenomenal effort ends on a good note for them.

Funnily enough, a farming background translates very well

into humanitarian logistics work. A logistician's role is to essentially carry out the non-medical activities and to provide support. With MSF this covers everything from housing, electricity, water supply, waste management, construction, supply, fleet management... which, when you think about it, is not all that different from running a farm - just replace the livestock with medicos and patients.

The 10 years I spent on farms has given me a wealth of practical knowledge to draw on daily, but my training at Marcus Oldham has been even more valuable. Our long-suffering lecturers managed to hammer home the crucial methods of holistic planning and strategic management all in the guise of farm management.

Marcus taught me how to think critically. I've found that I can, and do, apply this to my work no matter how varied or unique that is, and I can refine my skills while participating in a field where I feel I can make a meaningful contribution.

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Lachlan Seears *Farm Business Management 2001*

Nuffield Post-Scholarship Program

Nuffield Scholar, Lachie Seears, completed his Nuffield travels in 2013 and still had a thirst for knowledge and travel. One of the benefits of a Nuffield Scholarship is the ability to participate in Nuffield Post-Scholarship Programs for Professional Development. When offered, Lachie jumped at an opportunity to join the “Young Managers Program” run by the Macau Management Institute.

The week-long course was held in Macau and in Guangzhou on mainland China and was attended by a small but diverse mix of people representing different industries and hailing from Australia, New Zealand, Macau, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Malaysia and Hong Kong. The workshop opened with a discussion about what makes a ‘good leader’, followed by a group dinner.

Travel in mainland China included visiting a number of businesses to learn how they acquire and retain talent, employee engagement, market strategy and building a corporate structure. Lachie was fascinated by the level of development and construction of infrastructure.

The two highlights of the week were visiting Bright Dairy and Mars China. Bright Dairy is a listed



company that specializes in the development, production and sales of milk and dairy products. Mars China is a fantastic business and the participants were extremely lucky to see what drives the business. Mars works on five key principles that are integral to the success of the business: Quality, Responsibility, Mutuality, Efficiency and Freedom. Something that stuck in Lachie’s mind from this visit was their ‘speak up culture’ allowing them to engage in constructive confrontation.

One of Lachie’s key take-home messages from all the visits, was the important role of staff in

making the success of a business and whether there are 2 or 2,000 staff, the principles should be the same.

The two major benefits Lachie receives from participating in these courses is participant interaction, which is a great platform from which to learn, and the opportunity to get an understanding of some top level businesses.

Knowing the immense benefits of a Nuffield Scholarship, Lachie encourages graduates to consider applying.

Details at www.nuffield.com.au

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Nuffield Australia

Nuffield Farming Scholarships are open to Australian citizens who are engaged in farming or fishing as an owner, manager or an active member of a business in primary industries.

The objective is to increase practical farming knowledge and management skills and techniques generally. These Scholarships give

Australian citizens the opportunity to study farming practices in New Zealand, Europe, Asia and the Americas and those countries best suited to the scholar. They will also promote a closer understanding between farmers in the countries visited.

There must be an intention to remain in Australian primary

production. Preferred age range is 28 to 40 years, although applicants outside this age bracket can be successful. Academic qualifications are not a prerequisite.

Further information:

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Graduation 2014



Dux of the Diploma of Equine Management **Lucy Gunn**, Romsey Vic with Emma Morel, Director of Equine Management



Dux of the Diploma of Agribusiness **Kimberley Hoepner**, Balaklava SA with Andrew Baker, Director of Agriculture and Agribusiness

Diploma of Equine Management

Pass

Brock Anderson	Taree	NSW
Livia Carl	Rivett	ACT
Madison Reid	Donnybrook	WA

Credit

Dimity Jane Glasfurd	Cottesloe	WA
Drew Calvin Irwin	Mermaid Beach	QLD
Sonia Louise Kviz	Highton	VIC
Camilla Robyne Le Lievre	Wahroonga	NSW
Amelia Sophie Mackinnon	Tintaldra	VIC
Madeleine Joanne Spencer Muirhead	Bruce	SA
Alia Nazri	Selangor	MALAYSIA
Genevieve Alexandra Norton	Leongatha	VIC
Chloe Palmer	Karratha	WA
Dominic Rhoden	St Arnaud	VIC
Samantha Jayne Todd	Moolap	VIC

Distinction

Georgina Elizabeth Hallowell	Geraldton	WA
Eliza Adrienne Hart	Mount Helen	VIC
Laura Larissa Malishev	Newtown	VIC

High Distinction

Lucy A'Beckett Gunn	Romsey	VIC
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In Absentia

Brittany Erin Hills	Brighton	TAS
Raunak Banerji	Kolkata	INDIA
Deepshikha Pasari	Kolkata	INDIA

Diploma of Agribusiness

Pass

Jock Ivan Cameron	Mt Torrens	SA
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Credit

James Robert Anthony Blain	Rose Bay	NSW
Daniel Christopher Carey	Frogmore	NSW
Henri Charles Deans	Tanunda	SA
Emily Jessie Elder	Yelarbon	QLD
Adam John French	Anglesea	VIC
Mark William Griffin	Dunorlan	TAS
Johnathan Craig Hollingsworth	Flinders	VIC
Andrew Ronald Lay	Longford	VIC
Alistair Ian Everitt Macdonald	Coleambally	NSW
Edward Alexander Mattschoss	Gumeracha	SA
Edward Anthony McManus	Mudgee	NSW
Emily Jane Porter	Hay	NSW
Lucy Alison Read	Medindie	SA
Thomas McCracken Robertson	Goroke	VIC

Distinction

Martin William Ebbs	Myponga	SA
Clare Hannah Grainger	New Norcia	WA
Jack Robert Grieve	Millmerran	QLD
Scott David Hays	Roma	QLD
Andrew Robert Hindmarsh	Nangus	NSW
Ryan Ewan Johnston	Nyngan	NSW
Jackson Ty Koster	Perth	TAS
William Park Laurie	Kybybolite	SA
Oliver Andrew Le Lievre	Wahroonga	NSW
Ben Alfred Ogg	Winton	QLD
Joseph Nelson Read	Canowindra	NSW
Jeremy Edward James Watson	Berriwillock	VIC
Harry Arthur Bligh White	Mudgee	NSW
Gabrielle Elizabeth Wright	Forbes	NSW
Paris Marie Zilm	Moree	NSW

High Distinction

Ian James Archer	Spring Ridge	NSW
Kimberley Janet Hoepner	Balaklava	SA
Tamara Louise Uebergang	Miles	QLD

In Absentia

Nicholas Mark Biven	Esperance	WA
Dougal Kenneth William Kelly	Rugby	NSW
Alexandra Clare McNamee	Millmerran	QLD

Associate Degree in Agribusiness

Credit

Caitlin Eleanor Chester	Koonoomoo	VIC
Adrian Alexander Shaw Gebhardt	Harden	NSW
James Robert McManus	Mudgee	NSW
Courteney Anne Moffat	Esperance	WA
Edward Kippen Nankivell	Quirindi	NSW
Peter Guy Van Zeyl	Kendenup	WA

Distinction

Mark Henry Brett	Moree	NSW
Lily Elizabeth Chirnside	Inverleigh	VIC
James Andrew Graham	Morundah	NSW
Lachlan John Kelly	Caramut	VIC
Raelene Kaye Parker	Kojonup	WA
William Oliver Warner	Dundonnell	VIC

High Distinction

Heather Margaret Cameron	Morven	QLD
Lachlan Scott Lynch	Cloncurry	QLD
Peter Peter Wythes	Coleambally	NSW

In Absentia

William Andrew Bourne	Seymour	VIC
Thomas John Lloyd Oldfield	Bourke	NSW

Associate Degree of Farm Business Management

Credit

Hannah Irene Anderson	Tooborac	VIC
Nicholas Patrick Matheson Baulch	Branxholme	VIC
Eleanor Ruth Carter	Addingham	UK
Anna Maria Cotton	Swansea	TAS
Edward Nicholas Crozier-Durham	Ocean Grove	VIC
Rhys Mathew Curr	Trundle	NSW
James Fleming Higgins	Willaura	VIC
Edward Peter Fairbairn Mercer	Euroa	VIC
Lachlan Sutherland Murray	Parkes	NSW
Samuel David Reid	Deniliquin	NSW
Cameron Wynne Robertson	Finley	NSW
Patrick Allan Charles Taylor	Campbell Town	TAS

Distinction

Patrick John Armstrong	June	NSW
Lachlan Barclay	Beeac	VIC
Christopher John Bayles	Cressy	TAS
Nicholas Edward Bleasdale	Table Top	NSW
William Edward Dempster Gibson	Perth	TAS
Alexander George Merriman	Boorowa	NSW
Bradley John Taggart	Annuello	VIC
Thomas John Beggs Upton	Willaura	VIC

High Distinction

Michael Gerard Vogels	Cooriemungle	VIC
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Bachelor of Business (Agriculture)

Robert Stanley Binks	Lethbridge	VIC
Andrew William Fisher	Coonamble	NSW
Nicolas Louise Harley	Nyora	VIC
James Malan Hillcoat	Gawler East	SA
Richard David Inglis	Cobbity	NSW
Peter Alfred Kelly	Rugby	NSW
Kynan Blair Onions	Carlisle River	VIC
Alana Dawn Pittard	Deniliquin	NSW
Jillian Sue Witherow	Mt Gambier	SA

In Absentia

Richard John Colvin Brookes	Barwon Heads	VIC
Olivia Jane Conway	Taroom	QLD
James William Edward Harvey	Murgheboluc	VIC

Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness)

Alexander Joseph Banks	Dirranbandi	QLD
Hugh Edward James Cox	Torquay	VIC
Harry James Kelly	Caramut	VIC
Amber Louise Ladyman	Rugby	NSW
Prue Elizabeth Phillips	Yarrambat	VIC
Jack Charles Schwager	Narrabri	NSW
Nicola Margaret Walsh	Doodlakine	WA
Alexandra Clare Webster	Goondiwindi	QLD

In Absentia

William Peterkin Corlis	Garah	NSW
Emma Jane Cudmore	Quirindi	NSW
Timothy Egan	Warren	NSW
Eloise Scarlett Haire	Wee Waa	NSW

Graduation 2014

Dux of the Associate Degree in Farm Business Management, **Michael Vogels**, Cooriemungle Vic



Dux of the Associate Degree in Agribusiness, **Lachlan Lynch**, Cloncurry Qld, with Andrew Baker, Director of Agriculture and Agribusiness



Recipient of the Marcus Oldham Lanwades International Stud Management Award UK, **Dominic Rhoden**, St Arnaud Vic.

Scholarships on Offer

For information and closing dates visit www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au

Campus Columns

New Members on College Council

The Chairman of Council, **Mr Bruce Wilson FM 71**, welcomed in April, two new Members to the Marcus Oldham College Council: Mr John McKillop and **Ms Kate O'Sullivan, Associate Diploma of Farm Management 1989.**



John McKillop's career in agriculture commenced on a typical family farm in the Macquarie Valley of New South Wales involved in the production of sheep, grain, oilseeds and cotton, often describing it as a little bit of everything and not enough of anything. Following

a few years back on the family farm after completing studies at Orange Agricultural College in the mid-1980s, John decided to pursue an alternative career path initially working as a Rural Financial Counsellor in Cowra and then as a consultant in Wagga Wagga and Dubbo.

A decision to relocate to Brisbane at the beginning of the new millennium resulted in a move into the corporate sector of agribusiness, working with Grainco prior to the merger with Graincorp and then to Stanbroke Pastoral Company which at the time, was the largest cattle producer in the world with over 500,000 head. Following the sale of Stanbroke by AMP to the Menegazzo family, John was appointed to the role of General Manager, Meat & Livestock with Elders which included responsibility for the feedlots, meat trading, live trade and Elders China Trading Company.

From 2007 to 2011 John was Managing Director of Clyde Agriculture, a subsidiary of the UK based John Swire & Sons. The Company's operations included 25,000 ha of dryland farming, 100,000 sheep and 6,000 ha of cotton.

Today, John is a Board Director of Dairy Australia, Meat & Livestock Australia and the Primary Industries Education Foundation. He also chairs the Corporate Agriculture Group, a think tank and associate member of the National Farmers Federation.

John holds a Diploma in Farm Management, Bachelor of Business, Graduate Certificate in Agribusiness, Master in Business Administration and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

John is also a Member of the Committee for the Centre for the Study of Rural Australia at Marcus Oldham.



Kate O'Sullivan has a strong interest in Marcus Oldham which is also reflected in her membership of the Foundation Executive since 2013.

As a Business Development Consultant with a focus on Social Media across the Gaming

and Racing Industry in South East Asia and Australia, Kate has a thorough understanding of the racing, gaming and wagering industry in Australia. She has an extensive understanding of social media platforms and the gambling regulatory environment, supported with her expertise in advertising, marketing/promotion, sponsorship and fundraising.

Her background of breeding and racing thoroughbreds in Victoria since 1986 has helped prepare Kate to undertake strategy and business development (ongoing) with major racing clubs and gaming entities in Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore and Malaysia. She relocated to Penang, Malaysia from 2011 to 2013.

Kate also has extensive involvement in the establishment of gaming assets for the thoroughbred, harness and greyhound industry in Victoria.

Previous and current professional positions, along with education achievements, have provided Kate with a wealth of experience to bring to Council. These include: General Manager, Sales and Distribution at Tabcorp Holding Pty Ltd (1994-2011); Moonee Valley Racing Club Committee Member (2012-present); Melbourne Girls Grammar Foundation Board Member (2007-present); CareerLounge.com Advisory Board Member (2013-present); the Australian Institute of Company Directors GAICD. Kate also has a Graduate Diploma International Business (1996).

Kate and her husband, Tony, conduct World Racing Tours and invite expressions of interest from racing enthusiasts keen to experience the Penang Spring Trophy and delight in staying at the brand new Five Star G Hotel, Kelawai from 22 to 27th July 2015.

Contact: tony@worldracingtours.com.au
0466 900 741
www.worldracingtours.com.au

Cleo Gower



Cleo Gower was appointed to the position of Lecturer in Financial Management and Accounting last year. Cleo has lived in Geelong for the past five years having moved to Australia with her family from England. For 11 years Cleo worked as a chartered accountant with a firm in Essex where 85 percent of clients were

farmers or agribusinesses. Since living in Australia, she has completed a Graduate Diploma in Teaching at Victoria University. In addition to her CPA qualification, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and Diploma in Performance Coaching.

Horse Clinics

Blyth Tait

A world-class New Zealand rider, Blyth is a regular presenter of riding clinics at Marcus Oldham. These clinics are avidly attended by both students and non-students.

In November 2014, Equine Management Students **Chloe Palmer** and **Lucy Gunn** were put through their paces. Keen competitors, they were eager for instruction from one of the best.

*Pictured: Right Blyth Tait, below left **Lucy Gunn** and Charlie, below right **Chloe Palmer** and Wally.*

Photos Courtesy Julie Wilson.



Lucinda Green

Welcomed for the second time, Lucinda Green MBE, Britain's Olympian and World Champion Horsewoman returned to Marcus Oldham in February to conduct well-attended clinics for the 2015 Equine Management students and non-students.

Pictured from left to right:
Jackson Hernando, Molly Bertram,
Kimberley Payne, Georgia Hackett,
Ebony Toole, Brooke Finch,
Lucinda Green, Jennifer Bale,
Jake Bowers, Georgia Hamilton,
Thea de Graaff and Emma Morel,
Director.



Student Tours

The traditional five-day First Term Tours were very successful with First Year Agriculture students visiting Gippsland Victoria; Third Year Agriculture students crossed the Murray River into the New South Wales Riverina; First Year Agribusiness students' tour extended into South Australia and Second Year Agribusiness tours visited a variety of businesses in NE Victoria.

Leaving a little later, the Equine Management students' tour went as far north as the Hunter Valley New South Wales and into Sydney for the Easter Yearling Sales.



*First Year Agribusiness students at Boundary Bend Olives at Lara Victoria. **Rob McGavin Agri 93** conducted the tour and discussed his business including financing, the olive oil domestic and international market and people management.*



First Year Farm Business Management students visiting Poowong, South Gippsland Victoria, were keen to learn from dairyman, Peter Notman, also of Notman Pasture Seeds, how good pasture selection and grazing management maximised pasture persistence and yield for his dairy cows.



Second Year Agribusiness students outside Boynton's Feathertop Winery near Bright Victoria.



Equine Management Students at Tulloch Lodge with the First Lady of Racing, Gai Waterhouse.

Marcus Oldham's Lighthouse Olive Oil

Marcus Oldham's Lighthouse Olive Grove on the Prudence Myer Campus situated near Drysdale on the Bellarine Peninsula continues to produce high quality extra virgin olive oils.

High production standards are maintained by processing the varieties of olives at the plant on the property. Strict quality control results in a tantalising array of Extra Virgin Olive Oils and Citrus Oils.

To help you choose your favourite oils, tastings of mild to robust styles are available from the Lighthouse Olive

Mill Shop located beneath the 'Oyl' restaurant and gallery. Browse through the range of oils, local wines, and gift items and then relax by wandering through the Kalamata olive trees with a view across the water to historic Queenscliff. To top off your visit indulge in the excellent coffee and refreshments at 'Oyl'.



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Phone 5251 1100.
admin@lighthouseoliveoil.com.au

Sporting Prowess

Intercol 2014

The annual Intercol games were strongly contested at Wandong on a perfect day (if not a little too warm) with Marcus having wins across all sports but missing out on any grand finals.

The footy team was down a touch on numbers but managed to beat La Trobe early, then lost narrowly to Longy in the final stages. Netballers showed good form to beat Longy, but both the Girls and Mixed Teams went down to Melbourne and La Trobe.



On the Beach

In the first week of the new academic year it is traditional to have a 'get to know you' beach sports afternoon with all students participating and having plenty of fun!



Wednesday Afternoon Sports

Scott Vanderkley, Lecturer in IT, is the Official Organiser of 'Wednesday Afternoon Sports' with a line-up of activities including gym work at Leisure Link, rowing on the Barwon and cricket, netball and volleyball on home grounds.



Staff v Students Golf

In Graduation Week last year, the annual Staff v Students Golf Competition took place at Queens Park despite the ominous morning weather which, by the afternoon tee-off, had sufficiently improved.

The old pair of lecturers, Rod Ashby and **Sam Inglis FM 66**, dropped a few strokes on their past performances but still managed to overcome **Anna Cotton AssocDegFBM 14** and **Chris Bayles AssocDegFBM 14**.

A few wild strokes from both pairs, but lecturers Toby Campbell and Scott Vanderkley eventually accounted for **Ed McManus DipAgrib 14** and **Angus Remond**

AssocDegFBM 14, while **Harry White DipAgrib 14** and **Scott Hays DipAgrib 14** managed best off the stick, coming in a few strokes ahead of Col Hacking, Scholarship Coordinator and Duncan Ashby, lecturer.

The final pair went down to the last hole which saw Director, Andrew Baker, and Matt Robertson lecturer, edge out **Ryan Johnston DipAgrib 14** and **James Blain DipAgrib 14** (who scored the longest drive).

A good day was had by all, with staff running out winners on aggregate by three strokes with no standardisation or cart penalties imposed.

Marcus Marathon Runners

Regular readers of MOCOSA will know that Marcus has a keen team of marathon runners on the staff. At the Ironman Geelong 5150, the staff acquitted themselves well.

Swim: Matt Robertson, Lecturer in Livestock Production and Management - 1.5km in the sheltered swim course in the calm waters of Corio Bay.

Bike: Andrew Baker, Director Agriculture and Agribusiness - 40km 1 lap bike course on fast and wide open roads taking in Geelong's picturesque waterfront and scenic countryside.

Run: Scott Vanderkley, Lecturer in IT - 10km and finishing in Steampacket Gardens, the run course overlooks Corio Bay, including Eastern Park and the runner friendly paths along the bay trail. *Pictured far right.*

The Marcus Team finished a brilliant second in the team results and first in the All-Male team results.

Run Geelong 'Cotton on Fun Run' in November 2014 attracted lecturers, Scott Vanderkley and Matt Robertson to scoot around the 12km course taking in the splendours of the beautiful Geelong foreshore and Eastern Beach. Along with 12,006 other participants they raised an incredible \$503,651.80 to help finish the redevelopment of the Special Care Nursery at Geelong Hospital.

Congratulations to Andrew Baker, Director Agriculture and Agribusiness, who, at Easter, won the Cycling Time Trial for 45 to 49 year old's at South Pacific Championships held in Maryborough Vic. Average speed was 43.7km/hour over 15 kms.



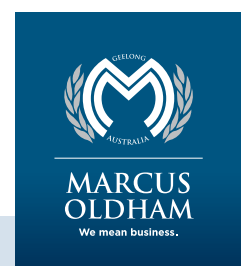
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Foundation News

Annual Golf Day Eynesbury 27 February 2015

The 9th Annual Marcus Oldham Golf Day was again held at Eynesbury Golf Course. There were smiles all around when the sun greeted players to the pro-am course. During the game, golfers were treated to delicious lamb cutlet tastings and challenged at the carcass weight competition courtesy of JBS, as well as testing themselves at the longest drive, nearest to the pin and beat the pro.

Golfers returned to drinks, live music by Catherine Shelley and Buddy Holly and lunch in the homestead marquee. This year's Master of Ceremonies, Will McLachlan, showed his talents as he entertained guests, introduced lunchtime speaker, John Silvester, crime reporter and co-author of the Underbelly series, and awarded golf prizes. He and the fantastic salesman, Nick Strauss (Director Berwick Motors) sold auction items and promoted and awarded the raffle draw.

Valued Sponsors



**Gavin Sutherland FM 91, Tim Durham FM 77,
Simon Pritchard DipAgrib 00**



David Robertson FM 79



Alan Green FM 77, Rowly Paterson, Ross Sutherland



**Tony McMeel, Deputy Principal,
Rob McGavin Agri 93 council member,
Robert Riordan, Council Member**



**Simon Livingstone FM 87, Principal,
Peter Stephens FM 83**



Winning Team:
Sam Baillieu, Ant McIntosh, Will Morrison, Roger Gamble



Amanda Hall, Kerry McKendrick



**Jose Webb FBM2 on Industry Placement with JBS,
and Rolly Law, Anne Robertson, Marina Oman, Sybil Baillieu**

Recreational Hub

The outstanding response to the call for funds to build the Recreational Hub is greatly appreciated by the Foundation Executive. Warm thanks are extended to the graduates and friends of Marcus Oldham who donated so generously. Over 330 donations were received. By raising the most funds, the 1967 Year Group claim the honour of naming the Bar which will be officially known as 'Mackie's Bar' in recognition of Ian McMichael, the 1967 Student President.

Memorabilia from former Student Social Facilities are updated and included in the new Social Room. The Recreational Hub attracts excellent use of the sporting facilities, gymnasium and Social Room and is a very worthy addition to the student facilities.



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please contact:

Susie Greig-Rouffignac on 03 5247 2919
rouffignac@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au

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2015 Student Executive

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Vice President Toby Newsome, Deepwater NSW, FBM3

Vice President Joe Read, Spring Ridge NSW, AGRIB2

Treasurer Will Rowsthorn, Toorak Vic, FBM3

Social Representative Sam Bell, Millicent SA, FBM3

Sports Representative Fred Stephan, Nhill Vic, FBM3

Where We Will Be

Marcus Oldham has exhibited at several field days so far this year and the following field days, equine events and career expos are where you can find us:

May 4 - 9	Beef Australia 2015	Rockhampton Qld
May 5	Careers Expo	Forbes NSW
May 6	Career Expo	Dubbo NSW
May 7	Career Expo	Bathurst NSW
May 7 - 9	Agfest	Launceston Tas
June 5 - 8	Melbourne 3DE	Werribee Vic
June	My Life My Career Expo	Ballarat Vic
June 16	Scotch College Career Evening	Melbourne Vic
June 17	Scotch College Careers Day	Melbourne Vic
June 23	Wimmera/Southern Mallee Career Day	Horsham Vic
July	St Patricks Career Expo	Ballarat Vic
August 12	Prince Alfred College Careers Expo	Adelaide SA
August 3 - 4	Sheepvention	Hamilton Vic
August 17	Ballarat Grammar Careers Expo	Ballarat Vic
August 19 - 21	Agquip Field Days	Gunnedah NSW
August 26 -27	Dowerin Field Days	Dowerin WA
September 2 - 3	Newdegate Field Days	Newdegate WA
September 29 - 1 Oct	Yorke Peninsula Field Days	Paskeville SA
September 22 - 24	Henty Field Days	Henty NSW
November 19 - 22	Australian International 3DE	Adelaide SA

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The Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program 2015

Sunday 28th June 2015 to Friday 3rd July 2015

Applications close Friday 22nd May 2015

Supported by NAB Agribusiness, this is an intensive five-day workshop conducted at Marcus Oldham. Presented annually, the Program commenced in 1992 and is recognised as one of the longest running rural leadership programs in the nation.

Applications are also open for the:

- 2015 Invergowrie Foundation Leadership Awards
- 2015 AWiA Travel Awards.

More information and application details at: www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au

Coordinator: Fiona Chambers 03 5247 2965
Application Enquiries: Reception 03 5247 2900
Email reception@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au
Fax 03 5244 1263

APAL Emerging Leaders Program

Sunday 5th July - Friday 10th July 2015

Applications close Monday 8th June 2015

A professional development leadership program for people working in the apple, pear, cherry and summer fruit industries. Applicants may work in any segment of the industry – growing, packing, marketing, advising, supplying inputs etc.

Held at Marcus Oldham, you'll work to develop leadership, communication and planning skills.

More information and application details at: www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au

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Marcus Assist

Scholarships, bursaries and deferred payment plans through our Marcus Assist initiative provides students with fee support during their study at Marcus Oldham.



Editor's Memo

It never fails to amaze me just how low some people rate the importance of their product when selling to the market.

Do you visit field days, markets or walk into shops? I do all of that, but the field day segment is as an exhibitor representing Marcus Oldham, and not as a buyer. Over a three or even, four-day field day, it could be a fair test of one's endurance and selling ability when having sole management of the site and thus confined to one spot. But it's how you manage that spot that counts.

I am staggered, at times, as to why some exhibitors bother to buy site space, rig it out and send their staff - with all the add-on costs.

Some marketers have no imagination when setting-up their market place, therefore, it's dull and boring with little to attract passers-by.

Then, have you noticed, people hide with their head down, working 'industriously' on a computer. Their very strong message is, "Do not bother me. I'm very busy." I watched one man sitting with his back to his wheeled-in product, ear-plugs in and totally obsessed with his screen. I looked on while people stopped and touched the product, looked at him and walked on. During the course of the field days he mentioned that he might not come back next year as it was a bit quiet!

There is an art to selling. Now that's not news to people who are actively engaging the passing foot traffic.

I love interacting with people, which results in me having many a good conversation with folks who are not interested in coming to or sending someone to Marcus Oldham. Invariably, they go away with something to read – usually a MOCOSA Magazine! Who knows what the spin-off from that might be!

If you have an excellent product, and I absolutely do, there is pride and pleasure in selling it. There is no computer, book or head down on the Marcus stand. It's vital to look people in the eye when they come along, catch them with a friendly comment unrelated to your business or pay a compliment – they generally stop.

When the earnest enquirer visits then it's your selling skills that are on show. If you get them to 'fall in love' with your product it's as good as ringing up the cash register!

Janet Craigie-McConnell
Editor



Scholarship Program

The months have rolled around quickly and our Scholarship Program 2016 is open for applications.

Details of available scholarships are on www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au and if you know of a student enrolled or planning to study at Marcus Oldham in 2016 I would appreciate you referring them to the site.

New scholarships have been added to the Program including: the \$10,000 Herefords Australia Scholarship for a First Year Agriculture student particularly interested in cattle and able to spend their prac year on a nominated cattle property and the \$10,000 Plasvacc Equiplas Equine Studies Scholarship for a student studying the Equine Management Program and particularly interested in equine breeding.

Recently added to the 2016 Program and promoted separately, are two \$15,000 scholarships available to daughters or sons of Marcus Oldham graduates. These Massy-Greene Scholarships are directed to students commencing the Agriculture Program and I would appreciate your assistance in promoting these to alumni and their children.

I warmly thank the supporters of two very long-term scholarships, namely Hazeldean Livestock Production and Yiddinga Farm Management for generously increasing their scholarship values.

Applications for many of the scholarships close in the first week of September with interviews being conducted on 22, 23, 24 September. Due to the tight schedule there are no extensions. Applications may be sent as soon as possible and it pays to check the website as new scholarships may become available throughout the year.

I would like to thank those of you who have recommended students to the Scholarship Program. One person, in particular, is Howard Hansen who unselfishly encouraged one of his very good employees, Thomas Griggs, to apply for the APAL New Horizons Scholarship for 2015. From a horticultural background, Thomas is the first recipient of the Apple and Pear Limited Scholarship. He will be a worthy awardee and will make an excellent contribution to the horticultural industry in the future.

Please contact me if you have questions about the Scholarship Program or require brochures.

Colin Hacking
Scholarship Coordinator



Herefords Australia is the organisation representing the interests of stud and commercial Hereford breeders nationally. The organisation was formed following the amalgamation of the former Australian Poll Hereford Society and the Australian Hereford Society in 2009.

Herefords Australia's strategic objective is 'To return the Hereford breed to a position of preeminence within the national herd, recognised as a superior stud and commercial breed by all sectors of the Australian beef industry value chain'.

Herefords Australia provides a range of services to its members to promote, protect and develop the Hereford breed nationally including:

- Member services that comprise breed record administration, genetic testing and performance record management
- Research and development programs directed at increasing the rate of performance recording and genetic gain
- Commercial development programs specifically targeting the commercial beef sector validating the profitability and productivity of the Hereford breed
- Marketing and promotional programs that emphasize the pedigree performance and the commercial value of breeding Hereford beef cattle
- Export market development programs targeted at increasing the acceptance of Australian Hereford cattle into beef breeding programs in Eastern European and Asian markets
- Communication activities directed at stakeholders across the beef industry value chain including a website, electronic newsletters, social media, magazines, news services, media relations and breed development/promotional events.

The Herefords Australia office is based in the rural city of Armidale, in the New England region of north western New South Wales.

From 2016 Herefords Australia is offering an agricultural/livestock scholarship through Marcus Oldham College, Geelong. This annual scholarship is a demonstrable commitment by Herefords Australia to support the future development of the Australia beef cattle industry through world-class education, training and development of young people.

For more information:

Email: info@herefordsaustralia.com.au

Website: www.herefordsaustralia.com.au

The Network

Engagements



Richard Goodwin DipAgrib 09 and **Katie Johnston DipAgrib 09** recently announced their engagement. They bought a property at Surat Qld two years ago and farm cattle and grain.
katie_johnston@live.com.au
richardgoodwin50@yahoo.com

Jillian Witherow FBM 13, BBusAgric 14 and **Tom Lindley**, brother of **Emma King DipAgrib 11**, have become engaged after meeting at the Marcus Races a few years ago.
jillian.witherow@live.com.au

Henry Moxham FBM 12, BBusAgric 14 and **Rosie McClymont FBM 12, BBusFM 13** have engagement news leading to their marriage on the 3rd of October 2015 at Rosie's family property near Goondiwindi Qld. Henry is on a family property near Coonamble NSW and Rosie is a Bank Manager with Elders Rural Bank in Coonamble.
henry.moxham@outlook.com
rosie.mcclymont@elders.com.au

Marriages



Michelle Kavanagh HBM 07 and **Adam Harris DipAgrib 07** celebrated their marriage on the 27th of October 2014 on Hamilton Island Qld. The wedding party were: **Chloe Hamston (Armstrong)**, **Samantha Pritchard (Barter)**, **Jess Sullivan** all **HBM 07**, **Michelle** and **Adam**, **James Crossle DipAgrib 07**, **Mitch Harris DipAgrib 10**, **AssocDegAgrib 11**, **BBusAgrib 12** and **Charlie Harris DipAgrib 13**. **Yalonda Heineman HBM 11** was also a guest.
michelle_kav@hotmail.com adam_2611@hotmail.com



William Fletcher FBM 10 and **Sarah Bassett DipAgric 07** were married on the Saturday 11th of October 2014 at Roma Qld. Included in the guests were Marcus graduates: **Sam Chaffey**, **Matt Donovan**, **Will Ronald** and **Hugh Banks** all **FBM 10**, **BBusFM 11**; **Tom Gorman** and **Angus Gunn FBM 10**; **Lachie Cossart DipAgrib 09**, **AssocDegAgrib 10**; **Barclay Bassett DipAgrib 10**; **Scott Bates DipAgrib 09**; **Carmen Ahern DipAgrib 10**, **AssocDegAgrib 11**, **BBusAgrib 13**; **Dan Korff FBM 10**, **BBusFM 12**; **Charles Norton FBM 08**; **Charles Cordingley FBM 12** and **Steffi Hurse HBM 08**, **FBM 10**, **BBusFM 11**.

Will and Sarah live at 'Tarwonga' Walcha NSW. sarahifletcher@hotmail.com



Sam Clothier FBM 11, BBusFM 12 married Nicole Rohde on the 10th of October 2014 at Serafino Winery in McLaren Vale SA.
sam_clothier@hotmail.com

Sam Gordon FBM 07, BBusFM 11 married Alana Andrews on the family farm at Young NSW on the 22nd of March 2014.
samgordon963@hotmail.com

Pam Hartin FBM 06, BBusAM 07 and Ben Minogue married in January 2014 and are living in Shepparton Vic where Pam works for the Dairy Business Centre.
pamela.hartin@bigpond.com

Tom Gorman FBM 10 married Sally Robertson on the 14th of March in Griffith NSW.
yarrannook@gmail.com

Philippa Davison HBM 92 and Tim Jacques held their marriage ceremony on the 12th of April 2014 at Hurlstone Homestead in Shepparton Vic in front of family and friends before celebrating well into the night at The Connection at Mooroopna.

There was more happiness with the safe arrival of their daughter, Alexis Kate Jacques, on the 15th of November 2014.

Although not working within the Horse Industry, Philippa continues to compete regularly in eventing and showjumping. During the winter season, she hunts with Murray Valley Hunt Club. She is also very involved with the Northern Victorian Showjumping Club, taking the role of Event Secretary for three major shows per year, including a FEI World Cup Qualifying round.
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Charlie Hart DipAgrib 10 and Ainsley Kuhl held their marriage ceremony and reception at their property 'Prospect', Jondaryan Qld on the 5th of April 2014. **Mitch Seis DipAgrib 10** was the best man and **Barclay Bassett DipAgrib 10** was the groomsmen. **Zac Kenman DipAgrib 10, AssocDegAgrib 11, BBusAgrib 13** was also a guest.

Growing up on the Darling Downs Qld where their families have farming properties, Ainsley and Charlie will continue the families' tradition, as well as managing a contract harvesting business.
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Katherine Reed HBM 13 and Tim Reed, formerly Dyke, held their marriage ceremony on the 3rd of January 2015 in the garden at Grenville Stud, Whitmore Tas, and celebrated with family and friends at the reception in the Stallion Barn. Kat and Tim are busy developing their farm but took a special break for their honeymoon in New Zealand.
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Births

Steph Brouder FM 94 and Paddy welcomed their daughter, Georgina Jill Selma McShane, on the 28th of August 2014. It's a busy life managing three properties (at Avoca, Cranbrook and Deloraine) and running an Angus and Baldy cross cattle herd over the three properties and merino and prime lamb flocks on two. They also grow lucerne and cereal crops.
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Del Tuanui and Gigi Cardwell both DipAgrib 09, BBusAgrib 11 welcomed their son, Billy Bruce, born November 2014. Del and Gigi live on the Chatham Islands off the East Coast of New Zealand. They run a successful business harvesting and supplying fresh fish to restaurants in New Zealand and Australia.
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Mitchell Seis DipAgrib 10 and his wife, Hayley, proudly welcomed their first child, Olivia Elizabeth, into the world on the 13th of February 2015.
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Cassandra Lea Houtsma HBM 96 and HBM Lecturer 00-05 is living in the Hunter Valley NSW and currently on maternity leave from her employment at Mitavite, an international horse feed company.

Loving the role of motherhood and busy raising Jarvis 5 and Archer 5 months, she has a property with her family at Brookfield NSW and runs cattle as well as some horses.
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Jo Youl Clarke FBM 05, BBus FM 10 and her husband, Tom, live on Flinders Island where they are enjoying raising their little daughter, Alice Zoe.
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Deaths



David McKenzie FM 90 (Macca) lost his fight with cancer and on Tuesday 18th of November 2014 was farewelled in Albury NSW. David is survived by his wife, Lisa, and daughters, Jessica and Lucy.

Marcel Parrett FM 90 was one of three people chosen to speak on behalf of David and following is a précis of his eulogy.

"It is February 1988 and 35 boys, who think they are men, have just turned up at an agricultural college outside of Geelong. Most are from the land and have left their farms and the wide open spaces from various parts of Australia to embark on a formal education in farming.

That is when I first meet Dave (Macca). Unlike myself, he was not pretending to be a jackaroo and budding farm manager, but was the real deal. We spent the best part of three years together. College was an ideal setting for life-long friendships.

Being a city kid I noticed that most farming types have what I call, a 'Farming Spirit' which is like a bright light... to me their faces shine, they are capable of very hard work and usually possess a certain type of focus.

David had these qualities and a propensity to think his way through any problem no matter how complicated. He often said, 'If it is worth doing - it is worth doing right!'

He missed nothing. On the day of his marriage to Lisa I drove from Sydney and under-estimated the time by about one hour, so was late to the church and arrived to see them kneeling at the altar. I thought he had not noticed me being late! Thinking I'd got away with missing the whole ceremony I shook Dave's hand as they came down the aisle and congratulated them on a beautiful, beautiful ceremony!! Macca looked at me and said with his deep voice, 'How the bloody hell would you know!' He said later, that he saw me in the mirrors at the front of the church. Macca missed nothing!!

I'd call Macca every few weeks and one day a few years back he was being hard on himself about turning up to school to pick one of his beautiful daughters. He pulled up at school and did not know which classroom

she was in. That was the moment which changed the way he chose to live.

He decided that his family was far more important to him than his career. It took a little while to make the transition but his 'can do' attitude and determination made sure his dream became a reality.

In life we do not get to choose how long we stay here but one thing we can control is the quality of our relationships and friendships. Today is a testament to that and to the quality of David."

Bill Gough FM 77 (6/2/50 - 1/4/15). Bill died peacefully at his Branhholme residence in Victoria after a long battle with illness. He was on the Magazine Committee in 1975 and Editor in 1977. After finishing at Marcus, he returned home to develop his farming enterprise from his initial start with family land to successfully build up a consolidated property. He was very proud of being the fifth generation to farm in the Branhholme area and especially delighted that his son, **Richard FBM 06**, is continuing into the sixth generation.

Marcus All Over

Richard Serisier FM 86 and his wife, Shelley, have been living in Europe for eight out of the last ten years. Although currently living in England due to their children's university and school commitments (Aimee in second year medicine at UCL London and Hugo doing A levels at The Kings School, Canterbury), it's really Bordeaux in France where their centre of gravity lies.

Although he swore he'd never go into winemaking, Richard has now finished his third vintage on the Right Bank near Libourne. It seems there's a certain 'geographical inevitability' about becoming a vigneron when one lives amongst so many vines but he admits finding the process of making wine fascinating, right through from pruning the vines to the final bottling.

The wine from his 'premiere recoulte' won a Gold Medal at Le Concours des Grand Vins de France (Macon) in 2014 so that was a fortuitous beginning. More award recognition has since been received.



Making wine has also led Richard into the need to sell wine too, so marketing the wines is now consuming a lot of his time. Sales at present are mainly in France and the continent although he is working on getting an 'online' presence in the UK. As well, he's developing

a little business out of Melbourne which sells European wines (mainly French and Spanish) on the internet.
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Chris Gilmour FM 80 has recently been appointed as Chairman of the Board of the Pilbara Development Commission. He is tasked with spearheading the strategic direction of the Commission as the agency continues to drive the growth and development of the Pilbara WA. Chris has a wealth of experience in regional development with previously held director roles at the Great Southern Development Commission, Rural Business Development Corporation as well as a number of private agricultural technology businesses.
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Mike Stephens FM 66 founded one of Australia's most respected independent agricultural advisory firms, Mike Stephens and Associates (MS&A), and after more than 30 years has changed its name to Meridian Agriculture. 'Meridian' has several meanings, one being a period of the greatest development and prosperity, and is a nice fit, as the business aims to work in partnership with clients to help them continually improve and become more prosperous, whether it's through better management practices or increased production.

After starting in a farm shed at Yendon near Ballarat Vic in 1983, Meridian Agriculture has expanded to incorporate offices in Harden NSW and Casterton Vic. The business employs an expanding team of more than 20 people, including 13 advisers with specialist knowledge in agronomy, livestock production, business strategy and performance, human resources and employment services, industry research and project delivery.

Advising farmers on the importance of succession planning to pave the way for the next generation, the firm also works with farmer groups and agriculture companies, and manages major research and extension projects for leading research and development organisations such as Australian Wool Innovation, and Meat and Livestock Australia.
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Amanda Lowe HBM 93 still enjoys a rural lifestyle and her keen interest in horses, but is committed to her work with Mallee Family Care (MFC) - regional Victoria's largest provider of welfare and community services with a large and diverse demographic area covering NW Victoria and SW New South Wales.

Due to factors such as the Global Financial Crisis and prolonged drought, there has been a steady increase of families from rural areas requesting assistance from welfare services such as MFC. Families that, historically, would not have had contact with such an Agency

These families are utilising services and programs ranging from financial counselling and legal assistance,

through to general mental health and well-being counselling, parenting and family support services.

As Manager of Quality Assurance, Amanda's role requires close monitoring of all programs that are subject to Government and Non-Government funding. These programs are subject to industry specific practice standards as well as overarching business management compliance.

Her education at Marcus Oldham College and years in management at McDonalds has given her the skills to ensure systems and processes are running smoothly and providing consistent service delivery outcomes and value, not only for the funding bodies, but also for the communities that are being served.
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Pete Stevenson RBM 01 and **Anna Cockerill HBM 98** live at "Warrabah Station" Manilla NSW, where Pete manages a 14,000 acre cattle property in Kingstown, between Barraba and Armidale. They farm cows and calves and sell into Woolworths. Anna is still massaging horses and can now add 'qualified remedial massage therapist for humans' to the list. Their children, Abby and Riley, are 11 and 9.
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Graham Brown FM 64 returned to home base at Orange NSW and worked for 40 years in sheep, wool, and cattle grazing. Selling the farm to Newcrest Mining in 1996 Graham took up lifestyle farming on a smaller acreage, running weaners to fatten and direct sell to slaughter. Keen on agri-politics, he has had representation at local and state body level though membership on rural affairs committees and sheep meats and wool committees. Global agri-tours include visits to much of Asia, Europe, the Americas and India, with Africa on the bucket list.
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Cheryl Dods HBM 00 lives at Sunbury near Melbourne and loves working for the business that attracted her after graduation. Cheryl works at International Racehorse Transport (IRT). She understands the business at IRT and heads the IRT Insurance Department and is currently studying for her General Insurance Adviser Accreditation which will lead into a Diploma in Insurance Broking.
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Michael Kermode FM 71 may be on the ski-slopes in Japan or working three days a week for Places Victoria. (Prior employment was with the Valuer General's Office). Places Victoria is the government's property development corporation focussing on unlocking the value of under-utilised government land and delivering urban renewal through revitalising neighbourhoods. Riding to work and at other times through the week, Mike clocks up around 200 - 250 kms.
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Fleur McDonald Parnell DipAgrib 94 who lives in Esperance WA has written her sixth novel, 'Emerald Springs' and undertook a national promotional tour in March and April.
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Prue Phillips DipAgrib 12, BBusAgrib 14 is working with the Australian Wheat Board and is based in Melbourne.

Mark Miller FM 81 is running a grazing property with his brother at Trangie NSW. When there is a decent allocation of water in the Macquarie Valley, they grow irrigated cotton.
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David Oddie FM 94 has pursued a new career as a Horticultural Consultant with DJ's Grower Services & Supplies in McLaren Vale SA.
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Jim Paltridge HBM 79 is well established in his role as Managing Director of International Racehorse Transport (IRT) in the UK and Germany. He lives in Newmarket Suffolk, England with Mary and their children, Amelia 17, Zara 15 and Jamie 12.
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Anna Shannon Parker DipAgrib 97 has moved from Yass NSW to Hobart Tas where husband, Steve, is First Officer with Cobham Aviation Services which provide a Qantaslink contract out of Hobart Airport. Their children, Zoe and Clancy, are twelve and ten. Anna ran her own bookkeeping business 'Goodradigbee Bookkeeping' from Yass for eight years and passed her large portfolio of clients to other bookkeepers and accountants. She is a Registered BAS Agent, a MYOB Certified Consultant, Member of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers and a Justice of the Peace.

Still keeping her hand in, Anna is currently doing a limited amount of bookkeeping and consultancy for mainland clients via the Cloud.
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Abbie O'Brien HBM 12 upon graduation immediately gained a position as a stud hand and rider at Revelwood Warmblood Stud in NSW. She was allowed to take her dressage horse and continue riding and training in a dressage environment whilst learning more about stud work and a small private business. After seven months her dressage horse developed a bad case of "Queensland Itch" which severely impacted its health and following vet advice, Abbie moved south to the cooler environments.

Taking the opportunity to pursue her dressage riding career, Abbie settled at Boneo Equestrian Centre on the Mornington Peninsula Vic. She has successfully moved to the level of FEI competition and is currently being considered for two National Squads. A busy

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Adrian Crowther HBM 89 and his wife, Lucy, live in Railton Tas with their sons, Nicholas 15 and Jack 11. After spending three years working for Darley in the United Arab Emirates, they bought Lucy's family farm in north-west Tasmania, farming Murray Grey cows and calves and making silage and hay. Adrian joined the Stewards Panel at Racing Services Tasmania in 2012, becoming Chairman of Stewards for Harness Racing in November 2013. He is also is Chairman of The Sheffield/Railton Community Bank Steering Committee. adriancrowther_93@hotmail.com

Bertie Butler FM 95 aka Juron, his wife, Kate, and children, Georgie, Holly and Sam, last July moved from Derrinallum Vic to Khancoban Station on the Alpine Way NSW where Bertie is General Manager. bertie.d.butler@gmail.com

Colin Rex DipAgrib 02 after twelve years at the Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) based in Armidale NSW, commenced employment as the Breed Development Manager for the Charolais Society of Australia on 2nd of March 2015 and is still based in Armidale.

During his time with ABRI, he was employed as Executive Officer for the Red Angus, Brangus, Red Poll, Highland Cattle and Dorper Sheep Society. His duties also involved managing the Breed Secretariat Division for ABRI. manager@charolais.com.au



Eliza Hart EM 14 with her coach, **Helen McDonald HBM 79** at Eliza's graduation at Costa Hall, Geelong on 5th of December 2014. Leading a busy life, Helen has a teaching degree, teaches horse management, and runs the Barssel Performance Horse Centre at Buninyong, Vic.

Brett Stockings DipAgrib 09 has, since graduating, worked in Sydney for Sanger Australia, a privately owned meat marketing and trading company. He manages the S.E. Asia markets in chilled beef and lamb programs, focusing on foodservice and retail. brett@sanger.com.au

Andrew Alexander DipAgrib 97 has moved away from owning a tyre franchise in Bioela Qld to Station Manager at Carlton Hill Station at Kununurra WA. Andrew and Karla have three sons, Will 15, Mac 11 and Ned 9. alokarla3@gmail.com

Hugh MacGillivray FBM 07 is living in Shanghai, China where he has formed a new company called Workshop Asia. Workshop is a brand management company for brands entering China and is working with a wide variety of products from agriculture, F&B, fashion, entertainment and talent. Everything from beef to One Direction (The boy band). The company provide support for brands each step of the way; from the logistics of distribution and sales, to tailored, smart and cost-effective branding and marketing. hugh@workshop-asia.com

Edric Lee HBM 10 at the end of 2013 represented his country, Malaysia, in the South East Asian Games in Myanmar. The Malaysian equestrian team bagged three gold medals.

In October 2014, Edric was given the opportunity by the Malaysian Equine Council to be one of three Malaysian delegates to attend an international equestrian coaching conference in France - the IGEQ (International Group Equestrian Qualification). The conference is held every year in different countries under the IGEQ body. Equestrian Australia is also part of the IGEQ group. The conference is held to discuss and compare the standards of coaching qualifications around the world using a certain matrix system. Edric says it was a huge honour for him to attend.

On the 26th to the 29th of November 2015, The Penang Turf Club to which Edric is attached, is organizing their first International Horse Show, with equestrian events and carnivals. edric_eventer@hotmail.com

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Tim Williams FM 93 is back in Victoria living and working in Rochester, near Echuca. He keeps busy as the Warehouse and Logistics Officer at Ward Bros Earthmoving, who do a lot of irrigation channel refurbishment. tim.810@hotmail.com

James Crossle DipAgrib 07 recently moved from his role as Agribusiness Manager with Suncorp in Tamworth NSW to relocate to the Mid-North Coast. He and Kristy reside on one of her family's beef cattle farms and James is working in Business Banking at NAB on one of the senior portfolios, and is based out of Port Macquarie NSW.
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Jim Simmons FM 82 is located in Derby in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia. He's semi-retired on a 20 acre bush block 25 kms from the town of Derby along the Gibb River Road. Jim is developing a small orchard of semi tropical fruit trees and experimenting with other fodder trees that may, in the future, be used as an alternative food source for the cattle industry.

The Kimberley area of Western Australia is about to have a huge change in the next 20 years. Mining of coal, mineral sands and fracking for gas are possibilities. In the agricultural area, the state government is investing in food security programs with some of the local indigenous groups; and mining magnates such as Andrew Forrest and Gina Rinehart are investing in cattle stations; and the Chinese are looking at joint ventures with indigenous cattle station owners. The only thing stopping this progress at the moment is a lack of infrastructure in the area.

This is an exciting time for the Kimberley region and Jim hopes that in this quest to develop the Kimberley region, people learn from past mistakes.
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Jack Tansley FM 78 and Sally live at Leabrook SA. Jack is Operations Manager - Viterro Eastern Region.
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Isabelle Whatley HBM 13 The beautiful Cotswolds of England is where Isabelle is living the dream while working for Blyth Tait, one of New Zealand's elite riders in England for the eventing season.

A New Zealander and a competent rider, Bella has been coached by Blyth for quite some years and says that watching him ride is experience you cannot learn from anyone else.

There are six horses on the yard, ranging across all levels in their education and performance. Most have been with Blyth for a couple of seasons and she has been lucky enough to have lessons on one of Blyth's 'greener' horses. This was a wonderful learning curve as he is so different to any of the horses she has ridden in Australia or New Zealand.

Training includes taking the horses out to the gallops to increase fitness, and schooling them for the cross-country element of eventing. These immaculate animals receive top level care to avoid any injury which could potentially devastate their performance during the season.

Bella's OE in the UK has included employment as a groom at a dressage yard, followed by rider/groom work at a private yard keeping the owners' horses fit and at competition level. It's also not surprising that the bright lights of London beckoned prior to Bella's move to the Cotswolds.

One of the delights Bella is looking forward to is travelling and supporting Blyth at the major competition events staged at exciting locations. She aims to absorb as much as possible about the eventing scene and put this knowledge into practice when back in Australia and training her horses in Sydney.
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Bill Bailey FM 68 since graduating, produced merino wool in the Western Districts of Victoria, and took time out to play cricket and tennis, and have adventures on the Tanami and Birdsville Tracks, to end up at Broome WA.

Bill says that the Coleraine Football Club has been the innovators in getting wool back into the 'good old' footy jumper. In collaboration with Australian Wool Innovation they acquired new 50% wool-lined jumpers which are beautiful to wear and, very importantly, the same price as the synthetic item. Other clubs in the area are moving to this form of jumper too. Other Marcus graduates connected to the Coleraine Footy Club are: **David FM 79** and **Guy Robertson FBM 07, Wal (James) Dyer FBM 03, Josh FBM 05** and **David Vickery FBM 06, BBusAM 07.**

Kirsty Cameroo HBM 10 worked in the mines and in 2011 took the position of Second in Charge at 'Wallangra' Angus Stud at Wandoan Qld. She is married to Rod Clare, and kept busy managing four children and combining station work, cattle and riding horses.
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Daryl Heath FM 66 has retired after a career of managing stations in South Australia. He was responsible for shipping sheep to Red China and cattle to Bangkok and Korea. Living at Howlong NSW, Daryl and Denise have two children, Justin and Kristian (dec).
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Richard Moncrieff FM 79 has managed an interesting career: since leaving Marcus he worked in the shearing industry as a shearer for about 18 years while living and working around Lucindale in SE South Australia. He travelled within his industry throughout Australia and experienced seven shearing seasons in the USA where he noted that the method and shearing conditions were very different to Australia's.

After hanging up the handpiece he studied Massage Therapy - this interest was generated by the regular massages he had as a shearer. For the past 14 years Richard has been a Massage Therapist in Port Pirie, SA, and an Authorised Driving Instructor. A fall through a roof resulted in major back surgery early last year which has curtailed the massage therapy.
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Shearing Shed being dismantled to rise again on a property close by



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