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“Agriculture has a multi-generational strong future.”

Andrew Forrest AO



Principal's Perspective



As the World's population continues to grow, we must ensure that Australian agriculture is equipped to make the most of its opportunities. Education will play a key role in achieving significant productivity goals for the rural sector over the coming decades. Leading farm business managers of the future will be those at the forefront of technologies; who can analyse, adopt and implement the latest technical and scientific practices into their production systems. To this end, Marcus Oldham has a bold ambition to build a state-of-the art Learning Centre which will ensure our students are at the forefront of their industry upon graduation.

Several key issues emanating from strategic planning sessions held by the College Council over recent years have led to the decision to build the Centre. These issues have included the desire and need to grow student enrolments; to value-add to the existing face-to-face learning students currently receive; to provide a richer educational experience to the off campus postgraduate students; to connect our students with rural leaders and educators nationally and internationally through advanced technologies; and to renew and revitalise the campus infrastructure.

The Learning Centre will provide a modern resource for the whole community to share ideas and experiences; connecting lecturers,

students, international academic visitors and graduates alike. Marcus Oldham will access knowledge sharing from Chief Executive Officers of some of the world's most progressive companies. Leading educators will provide a rich insight into international best practice and future entrepreneurial opportunities for students. Integrating lectures with international thought leaders will be an innovative component of the learning that Marcus Oldham will have the ability to offer through the Centre's advanced technological capabilities.

The Learning Centre will comprise several key areas. A main component will be three flexible learning spaces that facilitate modern teaching concepts, opening to a 200 seat

facility which will allow all students and lecturers to come together to participate in seminars and forums. External teaching spaces will provide students with invaluable practical insight and hands on experiences, and a state-of-the-art meeting room will connect global industry leaders with students and staff. Virtual interaction, recording and editing facilities in the media suite will benefit all students. An interactive technology hub will allow students 24 hour access to innovative learning spaces where they can work individually or in collaborative groups. A reading lounge will provide students with a quiet area to reflect and relax.

...and connect great minds all over the world and provide learning opportunities never before available to a Marcus student.

Strategic Advisor on Learning Environments, Dr Peter Jamieson, has been actively involved in the development of this project and says 'the Centre will provide each student with a rich mix of innovative study and teaching spaces to optimise their learning experiences'. The new Learning Centre will have the phenomenal ability to fuel and connect great minds all over the world and provide learning opportunities never before available to a Marcus student. The future of Australian agriculture is rich with opportunity. Marcus Oldham needs to take action to grow our pool of new industry leaders, ensuring they are equipped with the skills and vision to successfully respond to the challenges and opportunities the future holds.

The Learning Centre was launched on Friday 14 July at the Foundation Cocktail Function. The College has begun its 18 month fundraising campaign, led by Foundation Chairman and graduate, Antony Baillieu, to ensure this most important development project is realised. A prospectus, which documents and outlines in detail this exciting project, will be circulated to alumni over the coming weeks. Our graduate network has always been loyal, and this project, more than any other, will be reliant on your support.

Dr Simon Livingstone
Principal



Andrew and David Forrest arrived in Andrew Facey's helicopter for a campus tour with Simon Livingstone

From the President's Desk



This edition will be highlighted by the exciting news of the launch of the Learning Centre to be built at Marcus Oldham. Indeed, this new building will become the heart of our College. Not only will the College be building for the future but the Learning Centre will also capture the past! From a past student's point of view, I am thrilled that much of our history will find a proper, permanent home and be on display. Examples of how our history could be exhibited have been "tabled" and I am delighted with the proposed ideas. It will be great to reveal our memories which have been stored away for far too long.

After an extensive review of the Equine Management Program, the College offers a restructured course for 2018. Included is an eight-week industry training program to allow students to work with prominent industry leaders and enterprises in both Australia and New Zealand. Elective units incorporate horse industry structure, horse sport administration and event management, buying and selling horses and career development. There is also, the opportunity to undertake EA NCAS Riding, Horse Management and Coaching Certificates and/or Certificate III in Racing (Advanced Stable Hand). Please let any prospective students know of these exciting changes.

I recently attended a crop nutrition workshop during which we learned

how to "listen" to our crops! Yes... it was on a Friday, but I assure you it was a morning session! Although I didn't come away feeling as if I was Kevin Costner in "A Field of Dreams", I did realise that words don't always need to be spoken for you to hear something. Again, as challenges continue to present to your family and friends, be sure you are not just listening, but you are hearing. I continue to encourage you to "Call a Marcus Mate" at any time, to touch base and "chew the fat".

I personally thank the group of current students who gave their time earlier in the year to head to the Dunedoo and Cassillis region in New South Wales to assist with the recovery after the devastating Sir Ivan fire in February. The MOCOSA

also donated \$1,000 to the Blaze-Aid organisation to assist with recovery efforts.

The Graduation Day of 2016 saw another wonderful group of super-excited and enthusiastic students proudly accept their graduating awards and prizes. It was yet another great ceremony, appropriately hosted in the once "Dalgety" wool store on Geelong's waterfront. I welcome the graduating students to the MOCOSA and wish them every success for the future.

Good luck with your projects!

James P Bufton FM 94
MOCOSA President

Graduates of Excellence

At the 2016 Graduation Ceremony, the recipients of the Marcus Oldham Graduate of Excellence Award were **Cameron Dean AdvDipFBM 99** and **Muppi Dean AdvDipFBM 01**, who accepted the Award.

Cam and Muppi operate their business "Gin Gin & Dry" at Gin Gin in Queensland. They are renowned as the leading dried fruit suppliers in Australia. Locally grown produce is preserved using unique, innovative drying methods in the drying facility on the property. As a result, they don't need to add preservatives, colouring or additives to their healthy, natural dried fruits.

Last year, Cam and Muppi received a Coles Nurture Fund grant to turn second grade fruit into premium

grade snacks and the \$500,000 grant meant they could start a proposed project earlier than they thought. The new facility will allow Gin Gin & Dry to keep up with the huge demand for its dried mango, banana, kiwifruit and other fruits, and triple its dried mango production, double its semi-dried tomato production and also experiment with a new range of fruits. For farmers who are faced with second grade fruit that is blemished or too ripe to travel, drying the fruit is a "win-win" solution.

Gin Gin & Dry has an online business and supplies health food, organic and whole food retailers and distributors in Australia, as well as China and Japan.

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*Muppi Dean with
MOCOSA President, James Bufton*

Mark Inglis

Farm Management 1992

Farm Assurance and Supply Chain Manager JBS

How do I describe my position and my role within the global protein company, JBS? I suppose it is unique, especially within the processing industry. People who know me now and my peers from Marcus days would know livestock, animal husbandry and production have always been my passion. What choice did I have with my father a lecturer in animal production at Marcus Oldham?

The role with JBS stems from working with Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) in the Meat Standards Australia (MSA) team. I had been working with the JBS Livestock team, helping them set up their supply chains in and around their MSA brands. I had assisted with producers and producer days from Townsville in Queensland to their Longford Tasmania plant and all the other feedlots and processing plants in between.

The opportunity arose over a beer with JBS Livestock Managers whom I had been assisting. JBS had just bought out the Tasman Group, and Tatiara Meats at Bordertown, South Australia, which included some sheep and lamb plants. They were looking for someone to set up and manage a farm assurance QA program for lamb, to allow them to export to UK supermarkets.

Spending three weeks out of four away from my young family, this attractive challenge beckoned and I started at JBS Australia in January 2011.

We developed and implemented the Lamb Farm Assurance program at our Cobram plant through 2011, growing the supplier base to about 500 producers and exporting to the second largest supermarket chain in the UK. It was the first time an Australian organisation had done this as New Zealand really had the monopoly on this market.

In 2012, Sam McConnell, originally from the Riverina in New South Wales, moved back to Australia from the US where he had been working for JBS, to assume the role as Southern Chief Operating Officer. Recognising trends in the US around natural and grass fed livestock, Sam led a small group of us in developing a dual species farm assured grass fed certified brand. Over an eight month period we developed the brand, Great Southern; a certified third party audited, beef and lamb value chain backed by Meat Standards Australia's grading system.

The difference to other QA programs was that these were customer based programs. Both the Beef and Lamb programs were developed in conjunction with end users of the product as well as producers supplying into it, so it was a very commercial program addressing customer and consumer preferences.

From the original 500 lamb producers and 80 beef producers, the Farm Assurance program has grown in



five years to 2,500 beef and 1,100 lamb producers. It is one of the largest on-farm QA programs in Australia, and on the grass-fed beef aspect, it's one of the largest in the world, processing around 3,000 grass fed certified animals a week.

This was where my role within the JBS Southern business started to expand. Having MSA knowledge, I was being called upon to look into the systems around the MSA component, as we were now grading 75 – 80% of what we processed in beef, and were growing our MSA lamb business.

Very early in the journey, along with the Department of Agriculture Victoria, we identified big gaps in compliance and producer understanding around meeting market specs, both company and MSA. In conjunction with the Departments of Agriculture in Victoria and New South Wales, MLA and an agriculture consultant in Tasmania, we embarked on a producer education program.

We set up six JBS producer groups spread across three states. JBS also saw the future benefits in this and we invested in the JBS trailer. The idea is to take the processing plant to the producers to show them what we want and what we don't want as well as teaching

them about compliance and what influences this. So producer education has become a big part of what I do, analysing producer feedback, looking at areas where they can improve, looking at their systems and nutritional background of the animals we are processing. It's a bit different to other organisations which just put a grid out there and say, supply to that. We actively help producers get better results.

From the work with producers and their feedback, we noticed that the quality of that feedback was fairly ordinary so we, again, teamed up with MLA to utilise the livestock data link program (online carcase feedback system). We quickly realised that current carcase measurements were archaic and the accuracy of some of them questionable. At the same time we were installing cutting robotics in our Bordertown plant. In conjunction with the Australian Sheep Industry Cooperative Research Centre (Sheep CRC), we worked out that the x-ray machine used to guide the cutting robot might also be useful in predicting Lean Meat Yield (LMY) in lamb. After some research and development with the Sheep CRC, it was proven that the Dual X-ray (DEXA) will give us an accurate LMY % outcome. This will now be transferred to the beef industry.

Somehow, I ended up taking on the coordination of the Livestock R & D for Southern JBS. I now represent JBS on a number of R & D Committees and groups such as the ALMTECH Steering committee which a government and industry backed project associated with more objective carcase accurate feedback.

When I first moved to JBS from MLA I was quite critical about industry making on-ground decisions about what processors' customers wanted, without any contact with a processor. On the flip side I was also critical of processors not wanting to give guidance to these organisations on what our customers wanted. Well, that dug a hole for me so the other part of my role has been to represent JBS on numerous industry committees.

One of the highlights was being appointed to the Beef Sustainability Steering Committee by the Red

Meat Advisory Council (RMAC). Eleven of us were selected, representing the grass roots of the beef industry from feedlot operators, processors, producers, both northern and southern Australia, market analysts, backgrounds in Landcare and social responsibility, as well as sales and marketing of Australian beef.

One of the really positive things that has come out of the implementation of the Livestock Data Link program was our ability in utilising Australian Meat Processing

rates and supply are measured and rewarded.

Reflecting on the many roles I have had, as well as looking at the Marcus JBS cadets and the Marcus graduates currently working with JBS, there are common themes emerging and I am sure it's the days spent at College that have instilled this in them. They all show initiative and drive; they are very commercially minded (I don't see this from other students); and are adaptable and prepared to look outside the square. Certainly



Mark Inglis, Jose Webb AssocDegFBM 16,
Steve Chapman, JBS Southern Livestock Manager

Corporation channels to start a JBS Marcus Oldham relationship with prac year students from the Farm Management course. Over the past three years, following the Farm Management First Year students' visit to the JBS Brooklyn plant, and a guest lecture from me on meat science at College, we have invited interested students to apply for a position at JBS. In 2015 and 2016 **Jose Webb AssocDegFBM16** and Laura Wishart, have been outstanding. Not only have they completed industry projects that can be viewed on the MLA website but they have also been instrumental in benchmarking both our beef and lamb producers for the Producer of the Year Awards, where a producer's compliance

my time at Marcus had a huge influence on the way I currently conduct myself in this role.

Am I spending more time with the family? Probably not - but it's been a fantastic ride so far. The future is very exciting for both the beef and the lamb industry, especially with enhanced feedback.

So how do I describe my role? Jack of all trades and Master of none, seems to sum it up quite well.

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Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) 2015

More than a dozen eggs

Upon graduating from Marcus Oldham in 2015, I had gathered knowledge from the many study tours, both within Australia and internationally, and was ready to return to the family farm at Dunndonell, Western Victoria. Jaskro Park is primarily a prime lamb, beef cattle and cropping business - until October 2015 when we ventured into the ever evolving free range egg market.

A fifth-generation farmer, I was excited to return to the family farm having worked within the agriculture industry in a variety of roles and locations in Victoria, New South Wales and Canada. With the growth of the agricultural industry within Australia and the current trending influx of the next generation coming through it is a truly exciting time to be a part of the agricultural industry. The rate of efficiency and productivity seen now on farms makes me excited to look at new ventures possible within the industry.

'Caravan Eggs' was a business idea generated from the skills and knowledge of the whole family. All six family members had a large input into the business and, up until that point, had been focussing themselves on many different areas and industries. The key focus points for Caravan Eggs is sustainability, consumer satisfaction and continual growth.

Each chicken also doubles as a mobile fertilising unit, improving soil health whilst remaining productive.

Sustainability has been a huge focus of the business with two key sustainable aspects being environmental and operational. It is key that Caravan Eggs fits in with the Jaskro Park production as a whole. Thus, my focus is spread across a multitude of enterprises keeping me busy and entertained.

Each caravan is self-sufficient; they run solar panels to operate the electronic belt, automatic nesting boxes and lights. The caravans are also equipped with two tanks and the run off from the roof filters back to the chickens' drinking troughs. Each chicken also doubles as a mobile fertilising unit, improving soil health whilst remaining productive.

One emphasis pushed through the business model was the structuring of the team and communication within so that if one team member is unable to work within the



business for any period of time the production continues without issue. Although simple in theory, this proves to be one area we have found a challenge.

An important area of Caravan Eggs I appreciate, is getting to know the consumer. So easily in farm production, we focus on the product and delivery but rarely do we find ourselves in



Back row: Kate and Jill Warner,
Front Row: **Milli Le Lievre DipEqMgt 14**, Ollie,
Sarah, Robert and Alex Warner

a position to connect and get direct feedback from the consumer. This comes from weekend markets and also instore on deliveries to local outlets.

A strong focus from the beginning for Caravan Eggs has been brand recognition and it has paid off. It's one thing to produce a product but being able to sell it in an ever growing competitive market remains the challenge and requires a product to stand out. Our unique packaging is a common source of feedback from retailers and consumers and one we are most proud of. We outsourced the design of our packaging but had a strong input on the final design. With a black carton and natural card colour sleeve, our cartons stand out in the supermarket and at the farmers markets.

The strong ethics at Caravan Eggs has come through with our social media campaign. This allows us transparency with the consumer and allows us to market our products to a greater audience that would, otherwise, prove difficult to reach.

It's important for us to get our story out and let consumers know exactly where their eggs are coming from. A strong sense of community is important for our customer and with constant updates from our social media pages they are able to feel a part of our story. As proof that social media has the power in today's marketing, we have spent a total of \$10.17 on marketing and our business has grown to five times its beginnings in 18 months.

A happy chicken is a productive chicken. If we look after their best interests they'll keep laying for us.

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Craig Lister

Advanced Diploma of Farm Business Management 2002

Bachelor of Business (Agricultural Management) 2005

Genomic testing has revolutionised dairy cattle breeding



June 2017 marks the end of a remarkably tumultuous year in business for Craig and Sharon Lister, with the challenges of managing through one of the Australian dairy industry's darkest periods contrasted by success in their Calister Holsteins breeding enterprise. Their business was one of hundreds impacted by Murray Goulburn Co-operative's devastating retrospective milk price cut in April 2016, the result of corporate mismanagement by Australia's largest milk processor in a falling world dairy market. Contracted to supply Murray Goulburn until the end of the 2016/17 financial year, Craig and Sharon had no option other than to knuckle down and find a way to navigate Calister Dairy through the season, despite the uncompetitive milk price being paid by the Co-op.

The only strategy that allowed the business to minimise significant equity damage was to drastically cut herd numbers, reduce staffing and eliminate any non-core operating costs. Between May and October 2016 a total of 217 dairy cows and 57 replacement heifers were sold, providing valuable cashflow and reducing the stocking rate to a level where the business was self-sufficient for fodder requirements with only minimal inputs. With the assistance of Farm Management Deposits (FMDs) and a favourable growing season, the strategy has enabled the business to escape the difficult economic

conditions without increasing debt to date.

The couple farm 702 hectares of irrigation land (396ha owned and 306ha leased off Craig's mother, Judy) at Calivil in Northern Victoria. Depending on irrigation water availability, approximately 100-150ha is utilised for grazing the dairy herd, with the remaining land farmed dry or opportunistically irrigated to carry replacements, dry stock and produce fodder. The grazing area consists of lucerne or Spanish/Italian ryegrass and clover pastures, while annual ryegrass and sub clover crops provide the

bulk of the fine-chop silage harvest (500-800tDM/year).

A roaming 100ha cereal cropping rotation provides the herd's rough hay requirements, while assisting with weed control and the pasture renovation program. The current dairy herd consists of 350 cows (80% registered Holsteins), with plans to steadily rebuild herd numbers while retaining a high level of forage self-sufficiency. Homegrown forages are supplemented with a custom grain, legume and mineral blend in the dairy, of which the composition

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and amount fed is altered to balance the herd's nutritional requirements. The 50-stand rotary dairy has automatic cup removers and retention bars, so that the herd can be milked by a single operator for optimal labour efficiency.

While a difficult period for the dairy business, the 2016/17 season was very positive for Calister Holsteins with the stud building a reputation as a key source of elite dairy genetics. When Craig commenced share farming in 2003, the Holstein herd he purchased was ranked below national average for genetic merit. In April 2017 Calister Holsteins broke into the top 10 Australian herds for genetic merit ranked according to profitability (BPI).

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Consistent pursuit of a clearly defined breeding strategy, combined with a willingness to invest in quality genetics and early adoption of genomic testing technology, are credited for the rapid genetic gain relative to the national dairy herd. Genomic testing, the science of using DNA to substantially improve the reliability of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs), has revolutionised dairy cattle breeding internationally and is the most important technological advancement in herd improvement since Artificial Insemination.

Involvement in industry projects during the development of genomic breeding values convinced Craig of the technology's merit and the business subsequently began investing in genomic testing once it became commercially available in 2011. The value gained from the



Craig, Oliver, Emily, Alex and Sharon Lister

early results was compelling, to the point that since 2014 every heifer and approximately 25% of bulls are now sampled within weeks of birth.

For the bulls, the genomic results determine whether they are destined for a career in AI or to be sold as herd bulls (in the event of a poor result they are castrated and grown for beef). For heifers, the increased data reliability provided by genomic testing enables more accurate breeding decisions, especially for low heritability traits such as daughter fertility and longevity. Heifers that receive elite breeding values from the genomic testing are used as donors in the embryo transfer program, with the lowest genetic merit and xbred cows in the herd used as recipients to carry the pregnancies.

The other significant highlight from April was the graduation of Calister Maebull as the number 2 BPI Australian daughter proven sire, who is now receiving extensive use in Australian dairy herds. Maebull was bred from a package of embryos purchased and imported from Morningview Holsteins in Iowa USA, when the advent of online embryo auctions, coinciding with a high Australian dollar, provided the opportunity to cost effectively invest

in previously unattainable maternal bloodlines from North America.

The strength of genomics is that it doesn't discriminate according to high profile imported pedigrees or marketing hype though, and several of the stud's most potent maternal bloodlines originate from cows purchased at the 2008 Calivil Creek Holsteins dispersal sale of next door neighbour, and fellow Marcus Oldham graduate, **Warren Miles FM 72**.

The elite genomic heifers and AI bulls being bred from the current herd descend from a wide variety of foundation stock purchases, with bloodlines bred on from domestically purchased animals competing with the newer imported maternal lines for breeding opportunities. Regardless of their origin, all cows are bred with the goal of producing efficiently productive, fertile and durable Holsteins for profitable dairying.

Craig's experience with the practical implementation of genomic selection and understanding of business analysis led to his 2015 appointment as Steering Committee Chair of the ImProving Herds project, a \$3.3 million dairy industry collaborative project verifying the contribution of better herd data and higher genetic merit to on-farm financial performance. In November 2016 Craig was selected as an inaugural director of Datagene, the dairy industry's new independent herd improvement organisation responsible for precompetitive functions including genetic evaluation, herd data systems, herd recording software and herd test standards.

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Calister Holsteins



Henry Dwyer

Horse Business Management 2007

Maximising the Potential

Although not following the conventional path in establishing himself as a top level trainer, Henry Dwyer is quickly establishing himself as a rising star on the Melbourne training landscape.

Henry's passion for the Thoroughbred Industry was evident from a young age and has only strengthened in recent years to bring him to where he stands now: the privileged position of being able to do a job he loves, every day of the week.

Henry's long term goal is to establish a viable and sustainable business through providing an enjoyable racing experience to like-minded individuals. Henry places great weight on the principles of honesty, integrity and transparency in all business and personal dealings and believes his strong work ethic and single-minded dedication to succeed will see him do just that.

As a student studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Arts degree at The University of Melbourne, Henry worked in the stables at Flemington and the love affair with the horse began. While mucking out boxes, strapping horses and showing a surprising aptitude for working with horses, he knew that this could be more than a part-time job or hobby.

After graduation, Henry moved to Euroa in north-eastern Victoria and spent a year at Ealing Park Stud, where he gained an understanding of the journey of a racehorse from birth to when it enters the stable.

In order to formalise what he had learned at Flemington and Euroa, Henry completed an Advanced Diploma in Horse Business Management at Marcus Oldham, graduating at High Distinction level.

He was approached by Robert Smerdon to be his Foreman and later, Assistant Trainer at Caulfield, a post he held for four years. Whilst working under Robert, he had the pleasure and responsibility of



Trainer, Henry Dwyer, discussing Mendivil's form with jockey, Damien Thornton

looking after horses of the calibre of Mosheen, Lone Rock and Tinamou, as well as champion jumpers, Some Are Bent and Black And Bent.

As his career developed, Henry became Assistant Trainer at Macedon Lodge later in 2011. Here, he was exposed to a more European style of training horses and was fortunate to be involved in Green Moon's 2012 Melbourne Cup victory. This experience at Macedon Lodge whetted the appetite for an overseas jaunt in 2013 which took in Dubai, Newmarket, Chantilly, The Curragh, Ballydoyle (Coolmore's training base in Ireland), Hong Kong and numerous other studs, stables and racecourses throughout the course of his travels.

Having returned to Australia in mid-2013, Henry has well and truly broken into the competitive Victorian training market. He has enjoyed enviable early success, often with cast-offs from other major stables – most notably winning the G1 Queensland Derby with Sonntag and the G1 Sangster Stakes in Adelaide with Precious Gem.

Training Centres

Henry Dwyer Racing (HDR) is in the enviable position of being able to prepare horses from Victoria's two

premier training centres, Caulfield and Ballarat, as well as having the flexibility to switch horses to the beach stable at St Leonards.

Most horses commence their preparations at Ballarat where they can get back into the swing of things in a more relaxed setting. They are usually then shifted to Caulfield in Melbourne after completing five to six weeks of base conditioning work. However, on some occasions and depending on the horse, they may spend their entire preparation at, and race out of, Ballarat.

Caulfield Racecourse is ideally positioned just 8km southeast of the city. Its various training tracks include two grass gallops, two sand tracks and a new all-weather Polytrack which has proven very popular since its construction early in 2013.

The new St Leonards training facility, nestled on Victoria's beautiful Bellarine Peninsula, allows HDR to train racehorses in a far more natural environment utilising the purpose-built property and nearby St Leonards and Barwon Heads beaches.

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Purchased in early 2017 and ninety minutes from Melbourne, HDR St Leonards provides flexibility to train horses as individuals and provides an alternate training regime away from the hustle and bustle of Caulfield.

Set on 35 acres, the property sits upon natural sandy soil giving the perfect environment to train horses out of the paddock all year round. Given its coastal proximity, the property is naturally temperate i.e. cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

Features of this new property include: 18 horse American style barn, five covered outdoor yards, 16 half acre sheltered paddocks, and a purpose-built undulating 1400mm 600mm deep sand track.

Henry said he has 'the full Marcus entourage' working at St Leonards: Manager, Nick Roe, former Equine Course Director and Lecturer, **Damien Ford HBM 07**, **Katrina Wood HBM 2006**, **BBusAgrib 15** and **Sheree Gotts HBM 13**. Marcus graduate, **Phoebe Casserley DipEqMgt 15** works at Caulfield and **Ashlee Finch HBM 13** is a former employee. Head track-rider and Assistant Manager at St Leonards is former jockey, Peter Mertens.

The Ballarat Turf Club is one of Victoria's oldest racing clubs, dating back to 1854. Over recent years it has developed rapidly and has the advantage of providing a more relaxed lifestyle for some horses whilst still providing excellent facilities for trainers. The new \$2.4m Pro-Ride Hill Track constructed in



2011 has been a fantastic addition to the facilities at Ballarat, and proven to be a great method for keeping horses sounder for longer.

HDR's near-new property at Ballarat sits adjacent to the Hill Track and features a custom built barn with tie-ups, wash bays, sand roll and feed and tack rooms. Day yards and paddocks surround the barn and are encircled by an 800m trotting and cantering track.

Henry also has direct access to the facilities at the Ballarat Training Centre including grass gallops and sand tracks, swimming pool, bullring, hurdle lane and barriers. The track is only an hour from Melbourne's major metropolitan racetracks and less than an hour's drive from 10 other racetracks including Geelong and Werribee.

Henry focuses on three core objectives which he believes are the keys to success in the business

of horse training. While many horse trainers are highly proficient at one or even two of these core objectives, he believes that what stands HDR apart, is the ability to succeed at, and integrate into his business, these core objectives on a daily basis. Understanding that external factors can interrupt plans, Henry believes that if all the ducks are in a row internally, success will follow.

...and satisfying aspect of his job to be maximising the potential of the horses in his care.

Henry's objectives are: *To treat each horse as an individual in order to get them to the racetrack at the absolute peak of their powers; To place each of those horses in their optimum race to achieve maximum return on investment for owners; and to treat each of those owners with the respect and transparency that their investment deserves, in order to provide the most enjoyable and successful racing experience possible.*

He achieves his objectives by employing terrific staff, dedicated to the health and wellbeing of each horse under their care; engages the services of the best vets, farriers, dentists, chiropractors and others as necessary, with the aim of presenting horses at their best on race day.

The most enjoyable and satisfying aspect of his job, is to be maximising the potential of the horses in his care. Once everything is taken care of in terms of having the



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horse at its peak physically, Henry spends countless hours mapping out race programs, studying form and assessing upcoming races to work out where each horse is best placed to provide the maximum return on investment to owners.

Henry attends all major yearling sales throughout Australia and New Zealand and aims to select yearlings he believes will turn into resilient, successful racehorses which should generate the best return on investment for his clients. He is also very interested in purchasing tried horses both privately and at public auction. He also sources tried horses, both domestically and internationally, through extensive video and form analysis.

Since his first year of operation in 2013 when he purchased four yearlings, Henry has increased his presence each year, purchasing 12 yearlings in 2015 and 22 in 2016.

Stakes Winners:

SONNTAG

1st G1 BTC Queensland Derby (Eagle Farm)

1st LR Sale Cup (Sale)

BEIRUT

1st G3 SAJC Spring Stakes (Morphettville)

PRECIOUS GEM

1st G1 Robert Sangster Stakes (Morphettville)

1st LR Anniversary Vase (Caulfield)



LUCKY LIBERTY

1st LR MRC Christmas Stakes (Caulfield)

SNITTY KITTY

1st LR Lightning Handicap (Doomben)

HDR also focuses on the riches available to owners with the great incentives and prize money available through Super VOBIS. This is a world leading incentive scheme that rewards owners and breeders who invest in Victorian bloodstock. Super VOBIS and VOBIS Gold offers \$20 million of prize money and bonuses across Victoria.

Recent HDR horses to take advantage of these bonuses include *If Not Now When*, winner of the \$167,500 VOBIS Gold Rush [1100m] at Bendigo, and *Rocky Boomboa*, winner of the \$150,000 VOBIS Gold Carat [1200m] at Moonee Valley.

Although winning Group One races is fun, Henry finds setting a plan in motion to win a Maiden with a very limited galloper, equally fulfilling.

He recognises that racing horses is not only a financially intensive pastime, but an emotional journey that can take owners to great heights and equally, to great depths.

HDR does their utmost to ensure that significant financial and emotional investment is reflected commensurately in the quality of communication provided to owners so they feel a sense of transparency and an understanding of what is going on with their horse, for the better or worse.

To quote Henry, 'success is all in the planning'.

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Field Days and Equine Events

The first half of 2017 has been busy with our off campus marketing events across the nation. There are still plenty of places for graduates, family and friends of Marcus to stop by at our marketing sites at field days and equine events. We love to see you and hear your news, so if you are at any of the places listed, please call in.

August 7 - 8	Sheepvention	Hamilton VIC
August 22 - 24	Agquip Field Days	Gunnedah NSW
August 30 - 31	Dowerin Field Days	Dowerin WA
September 12 - 13	Westech Field Days	Barcaldine Qld
September 19 - 21	Henty Field Days	Henty NSW
September 26 - 29	Australian Equestrian Interschool Championships	Toowoomba QLD
September 26 - 28	Yorke Peninsula Field Days	Paskeville SA
November 16 - 19	Australian International 3DE	Adelaide SA
November 23 - 26	Equitana NZ	Auckland NZ

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John Pascoe

Farm Management 1990

Committed to holistic management

It's almost 27 years since my last round at the Ponds. Is that half my farming career? Probably.

Martina and I farm with Louisa (11) and Tom (7) at Arthur River in the western Great Southern region of Western Australia. Generally this should be reliable 18" sheep and cereal country. Last year we had an unheard of 26" which was unbelievably good, the year before 8" which was equally bad.

And this year started like the last but is beginning to look like its predecessor. Crops are barely emerging and pastures half toenail height...it's pretty grim.

In the last 20 something years I have become something of a cynic. Not conservative, just an absolute non-believer. Unless I've seen it myself and demonstrated it to myself in a series of replicated trials, I just don't believe it anymore. This principle we apply to everything: fertiliser, chemical, genetics, and machinery. Marcus Oldham is probably somewhat to blame because I think it left us with a pretty well-sharpened and inquiring mind, and in the robust reality of agriculture, that's a useful tool to have.

To that end, I have tried most things. We are, after all, deluged with products in this game. Just open the rural press and you find a virtual pea soup of products and services. (There are not too many that we persist with.)

There is one, however, that has proven useful and we have



continued with, for almost 20 years. 'Holistic Management', originated from the hand of Alan Savory, an Anglo African gamekeeper, soldier and farmer.

Probably the first thing that springs to mind for most, is some sort of rotational grazing. This is, indeed, an important part of it. Our sheep move most of the year in one or two large mobs. They graze, trample and move on. The speed of movement is governed by the speed of grass growth - what we call our recovery period. The result is simple management, fresh grass and more of it, resulting in increased output.

The crux of it all is our holistic goal.

For eight weeks in lambing time (around June), the ewes are dispersed over about 30 individual paddocks and, given the terrible season, we'll be feeding for all of

that. I don't even want to know how many gates I open each week!

Grazing management is only a small part of holistic management. The crux of it all is our holistic goal. This isn't the usual sort of goal where you set an end result and the steps you take to achieve it. Instead, it is a statement of how we want our land, and our lives, to be. Ours is only one page but it took a fair bit of crafting and revisiting to achieve.

Probably the most involved part of holistic management is realising the ways in which we test our business decisions against that goal. Decisions we make on the farm are all tested against our goal. Alternatives may be discussed until one is found that takes us towards our goal. If a choice is made that leads away from the goal it will probably find conflict and be poorly executed.

Financial, biological and societal issues are taken into account. If we decide to progress an issue we then identify the weak links and start on those first. It's a broad topic and hard to do it justice in a few short paragraphs.

If you wish holistic management to be your goal and would like more information, I recommend, "Holistic Management" by Alan Savory (Island Press). It's useful and powerful stuff.

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Hugh Kater

Diploma of Agribusiness 2005

Establishing science and technology collaboration between Australia and China especially in the fields of environment, energy and agriculture



Hugh and Meixian Li celebrating their Wedding Day with friends in Beijing

After working on our family sheep and cattle property near Bombala in New South Wales, I studied Agribusiness at Marcus Oldham - a move that was to change the course of my life. My first time overseas was our international study tour to South China and the economic bustle of China really caught my eye. Some of us were enjoying our time in China so we flew to Beijing for an extra week after the study trip. Foreigners were still quite a rarity in Beijing, even in 2005, so to see a group of lanky Aussies awkwardly riding around on small pushbikes, not having a clue where we were going, was very entertaining for the locals!

Something on that trip really appealed to me and when I came back to Australia I knew that I wanted to work in China someday, but I had no idea how.

As a graduate, I worked at an agri-accounting software company in Canberra and then took a procurement role at a large facilities management firm, UGL Services (now Cushman and Wakefield). This position was quite a change from working in agriculture, but I have always been willing to try new things, so I gave it a shot.

After two years, I accepted a position in UGL Services' environment and energy team. I really enjoyed this role and found a passion working on environmental management and energy projects and decided as well,

to undertake a part-time Masters in Environmental Management at the Australian National University (ANU).

While at ANU, I got to know some Chinese classmates. Although I couldn't speak any Chinese at the time, I used to tell them about the fun I had in China on the Marcus trip. One of my classmates started to teach me a few words of Chinese on the weekends, which I really enjoyed. As I was nearing the end of my degree I was trying to work out what I'd do next - go back to UGL Services or try something else. My Chinese friends suggested I try to find work in China.

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This idea excited me. Searching for a job online and through contacts on the ground in China was unfruitful and I realized I just had to go to there. So I booked a one-way ticket to Beijing and set off jobless and with not enough Chinese language skills to buy the groceries. But this was my chance to fulfill the dream.

By the end of October 2011 I'd arrived in Beijing and was staying at a hotel not far from a couple of my Chinese ANU classmates. They were a huge help in those first couple of weeks – I was way out of my comfort zone, but somehow not panicking and totally enjoying it. I started meeting up with some of the Aussie expats and networking for jobs. One night I attended an AusCham event and who should I run into?...None other than Marcus Oldham's own Campbell Jeffery!! It seemed like Beijing wasn't such a big place after all.

Through various contacts I was fortunate enough to secure a job running a climate and energy organisation. My role was heavily fund-raising and business development focused. I was tasked with turning a very small organisation into a non-governmental organization (NGO) with sustainable funding. It was very tough to start with, but we eventually identified the organisation's real value and how to sell this to donors.

More Chinese lessons allowed me to enjoy the small wins such as ordering food in Chinese, or directing a taxi driver. After a couple of years of part-time study I realized that to use Chinese effectively in the workplace I would need to ramp up the Chinese training, so in 2013 I started full-time Chinese study while continuing to work part-time.

...was to sell nuclear waste technology to China's State owned nuclear power companies.

That year I met my wife to be, a local Beijing girl and quickly had a Chinese family. For an expat it brought a whole new dimension to living in China and understanding the culture and people and, of course, improving my language skills.

The following year my Chinese was good enough to be useful in the workplace. I took a position as the China representative for a US nuclear waste management firm, Energy Solutions. I was also invited to join the Board of the NGO I had been working for. Energy Solutions' objective in China was to sell nuclear waste technology to China's State owned nuclear power companies.

Our local team were all Chinese and the role required me to speak Chinese most of the time and interpret technical meetings. Through this role, I was exposed to complex high value cross-border transactions. When the Marcus Farm Management students were in Beijing on their China trips I used to meet with them and they

were amazed that I'd gone to Marcus and was now working for a nuclear waste management firm in China.

Nearing the end of my second year at Energy Solutions, my wife, Meixian Li, was pregnant and we decided to move to Australia for our daughter, Padma, to be born. Within a few months I started at the Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) as Business Development Manager in Canberra. Most of my work involves establishing science and technology collaboration between Australia and China, especially in the fields of environment, energy and agriculture.



Meixian Li, Hugh and Padma

This is a great role because it allows me to use my work experience in China, my Chinese language skills as well as my background knowledge. Also, being based in Canberra means I can help my parents on our family farm on the weekends and keep a sense of reality about where it all started.

The path I have taken is definitely not for everyone, but it shows that the world really is your oyster, and Marcus is a fantastic platform from which to launch your career, no matter what direction you want to take.

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2018 Fellowship applications open 1st February 2018.

Reunions

Year 1973

You Probably Think This Song Is About You

There is a theory that when Carly Simon wrote and sang her major hit of the 70s, she was referring to the likes of Warren Beatty and Mick Jagger. Even though their faces are now weather beaten, this notion is immediately challenged when Marcus Graduates from the Farm Management courses 1972, '73 and '74 were observed whilst walking into the party at the Cypress Lakes Resort. Clearly, this song was intended for all these graduates, and no one could be excused from concluding that the tune "You're So Vain", was the Marcus theme song for this period of the early 70's.

Perhaps there were never more disparate Farm Management student groups than during the early '70s. East coast Australia was struggling out of a long drought, which ended in 1968. Livestock prices barely made the job worthwhile, wool was 60c/kg, yearling steers were under a \$1/kg cwt. with prices to crash in 1974, all making gross margins a challenge to balance, so that case studies could come out in front with a prudent and optimistic approach. *(Certainly compliance costs etc., were nothing like those that must be contended with nowadays.)*

With this economic environment, rural Australia was severely under financial pressure. This translated into lower enrolments at Marcus Oldham College, exacerbated by Glenormiston starting up during this period. Mike Stephens refers to this difficult time for the College, in his book, "Daring To Differ", marking the first

50 years of College history. As a result of this difficult time, many more non-farming background students (males) than usual, introduced a different set of group dynamics.

A diversity in backgrounds and correspondingly, career directions, meant that over the last 40 years, compared with other student years, the opportunities for getting together have not been as frequent. No sale yard catch ups; the MCC Long Room is not the Common Room that it was for some years, and perhaps there simply was not the Alumni spirit that is seen in other years. So it must have been with a degree of trepidation that Ian Crombie, Steve Sullivan and Dave Fearon put together a reunion package for the FM 72, 73 and 74 years, following the funeral of **Jim Street FM 73** who was a great friend.

Held during November 2016 at the Cypress Lakes Golf Resort in the centre of the Hunter Valley wine region in New South Wales, the attendance was very pleasing. Distance was no barrier with 30 past students arriving from all States. Some played golf; others visited wineries, whilst a group of hopefuls inspected "Coolmore Stud" to come away wishing they had been born as a thoroughbred stallion. Various opportunities to gather materialised, with drinks at the Golf Club bar, a refreshing ale at the back of a ute, an informal dinner and of course, as is the way, many more "beers back at the room".

Group dynamics has changed significantly over the 40 years, with all attendees interested in the well being of those who attended and who could not attend. Discussion tended to be about "selling up", instead of

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See above for the "You're So Vain" candidates

Back: L-R: Dave Fearon, Rob Rush, Ian Smith, Ewen Sutherland, Rob Shannon, Rod Thomson, Pat Dawkins, Graeme Burnham, Steve Sullivan, Andrew Urquhart, Alan Schmidt, Crichton Collins, Geoff Barker, Mark Chapman, Warwick Fisher, Dave Gorman, Tom Dennis, Steve Merriman, Ian Taylor, Andrew Kidman, Dave Glasson, Ian Jackson

Front: L-R: Eric Pearse, Ned Hamilton, Ian Crombie, Martin Wettenhall, Owen Grieve, Warwick Cowley, David Reid, John Waller

management strategy or growing the business. Health and welfare, having a good time, looking towards retirement and taking some of the reward for the hard journey recently taken, was a priority.

We laughed at the fact that when we were students there were no computers and our just-introduced calculators, for those who could afford them, were not portable. We reminisced over some of the lecturers' antics, our own billiard room behaviour, of Ivo's ducks and their messages and just how we would or would not have coped had the College been co-ed at the time. No one asked, "When do you get your autumn

break?" There was embarrassment when names and faces from 40 years ago, seemed not to fit. Age has wearied some of us. On the other hand, hard work and/or good breeding has kept the beer gut off many. We spoke reverently about those departed and referred disparagingly to those who had not bothered to make an effort to attend, but understandingly about those unable to attend due to health reasons. We also constantly kept "*one eye on the mirror*".

For some, there may still be "*clouds in your coffee*", but don't let that deter you from attending the next early 70's reunion, which we resolved to ensure won't be in 40 years time.

Martin Wettenhall FM 73

Class of '77 40 Year Reunion

The weekend of Friday 21 April to Sunday 23 April 2017, commenced with dinner at the Gold Digger's Arms in Newtown, apparently home venue for the Old Geelong College crowd. As everyone was mostly of the same vintage, this made it initially difficult to recognize the 27 students and their spouses. However, as time passed in the warm up to a great meal and great beverages, there was recognition and much to catch up on in rekindling old friendships. The food was excellent even to the point where Monksy was able to eat his Cape Grim steak without the use of the provided steak knife, although the spuds left Dave Matuschka whining that the "only decent spuds come from Koroit".

The next morning, those fortunate to relive the accommodation of their Marcus days breakfasted at a nearby venue where their Marcus appetites were beaten by the sumptuous breakfast. Aiming to whip up a thirst for the oncoming evening, five intrepid golfers Alan Green, Murray Mountjoy, Nick Keatinge, John

Carson and Dave Robertson, headed off for a round of golf. The less energetic moved to Little Creatures for lunch where boutique beers were consumed and more banter was exchanged.

Relaxing in the pleasant afternoon, a small group then gathered at 6.00pm for a short tour of the College hosted by the Principal, Dr Simon Livingstone. We all found this most interesting, especially noting the luxurious bar and recreational facilities that were not there in our day, as well as the new residence for the Principal - something Ivo would have appreciated!!

Over pre-dinner drinks, Simon welcomed 31 class mates, with an additional 18 made up of wives/partners. He gave a short talk outlining developments since 1977, the proposed future developments for the College, and academic strategies over the next 20 to 30 years. He then introduced graduate, **Mike Stephens DipFM 66**, our host for the evening.

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L-R (back): Pat Barrett, Mark Hordern, David Matuschka, Mike Propsting, Jeff Rathjen, Kent Johnston, Ken Jones, Mike Wilkinson, Terry Walsh, Bruce Cam, Nick Keatinge, Bob Barclay, Charlie Koebel, Bill Bennett, David Monks, Ian Metherall, Tim Eyres

L-R (kneeling): Alan Green, Andy D'Espeissis, Peter Newell, Tim Durham, Murray Mountjoy and John Carson

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Once seated, Mike proceeded to entertain us with his rib-tickling poems and anecdotes. Between courses there was a photographic trip down memory lane... thanks to Duzza, and a series of insightful interviews with Al Pal, Muzza, Buggerrall, Keatinge and Scotty (McKay), carefully steered by Mike Stephens. Our year group has certainly diversified and spread its influence far and wide.

The formal part of the evening concluded with the auction of a variety of donated quality items. The healthy total, when augmented by Mike Stephens generously waiving his fee, raised \$7,500 for the Foundation. This donation was directed to the Learning Centre project. Al Pal did a great job as auctioneer with the theatrics punctuated by the crack of his stock whip to knock down the items at great value. Many thanks to those who donated and to those who helped bid up the items.

It was decided, as a result of such a successful weekend, that we should try to meet in five years' time, as the years seem to be getting shorter.

Many thanks to the Organising Committee of Bill Bennett, Peter Newell, Tim Durham, Alan Green, John Carson and Scott McKay, together with the finer details and keeper of the keys, Sarah Campbell.

Look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

Mike Wilkinson

Young Warriors!



*David Sleight FM 79, Miles Mulligan FM 79,
Murray Mountjoy and Bill Bennett*



*Ian Metherall, Jeff Rathjen and
Andy D'Espeissis*



*Scott Glasser FM 79, Pat Barrett, Tim Eyres,
Scott McKay FM 79 and Deb Barrett*

Year 1984

In June this year, ten graduates of 1984, the 'Lunch Cutters', gathered at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Joining us, was Belinda McKindlay, wife of Andrew, who passed away a couple of years ago, and Andrew's sister, Sally Burston. Andrew (Mort) was always a participant in this lunch group, so it was very fitting to have Belinda and Sally be part of the day.

The football match was secondary to our gathering. We had a great venue, lovely lunch and the best company. A few lies were retold and perhaps some embellished on the day. Where possible, wives joined us for dinner that night.

John Waterhouse FM 84



L-R: John DeBomford (Bommer), Sally Burtson, Jeremy Upton (Uppy), David Canney (Saffo), Mark Skilbeck (Skilly), Leeson White (Puddin), Angus Grant (Grunter), John Waterhouse (Spouty), Ian Barnetson (Barnos), Belinda McKindlay, John Douglas (Machine), Bruce Agnew (Aggers)

DEFYING THE DRIFT!

It has long been recognised that young people leave rural and regional communities in the search for education, jobs and lifestyle.

An excellent and valued program, 'Defying the Drift' is a Rotary District 9780 initiative available to Victorian secondary students in Years 10 and 11 who are considering a career in agriculture and related industries.

It is designed to:

- Identify and explore agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities
- Build communication skills
- Develop career-enhancing networks

**The 2017 Program will be held from
Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 September
at Marcus Oldham College.**

Since its inception in 2010 'Defying the Drift' has helped young people discover pathways through further education and work experience to great careers in agriculture.

For more information and application form visit
www.ruralsupport.org



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.

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Marcus Oldham OPEN DAY

Date: Sunday August 13, 2017

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



The Centre for the Study of Agribusiness

Discovering Success in Agriculture

Stories have a powerful way of capturing our imagination and a unique ability to teach and motivate us to explore opportunities – big or small. On 10 May 2017, the Centre for the Study of Agribusiness hosted a forum that revealed the career journeys of four successful Marcus Oldham graduates who have discovered their niche in the agribusiness sector. An audience of staff, students and industry guests were captivated by the array of successful business stories ranging from establishing a small agricultural business through to working with corporate agribusiness. These stories have been captured in a series of videos that can be viewed at the following link <http://www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au/events/forum-discovering-success-in-agribusiness>

Muppi Dean Kath AdvDipFBM 01 **Co-owner, Gin Gin & Dry**

Coming from a German family in Gympie with a horticultural farm, the nature of hard work has been instilled into Muppi from a young age. After graduating, Muppi and her husband, **Cam Dean AdvDipFBM 99**, dabbled in the corporate agribusiness world, working for Boundary Bend Estate olives. Although thoroughly enjoying the corporate nature and regional Victorian life, the desire to be back in Queensland saw them explore other options. They wanted to work together and have something of their own and went about it in a unique way to find a small fruit drying plant in Gin Gin that is now Gin Gin & Dry. Beginning with dried mangos from their mango orchard, the business has expanded to

produce dried fruits all year round including pineapple, apple, pear, orange, lemon and strawberries as well as semi-dried tomatoes.

Scott Jenkin DipFM 97 **Manager Internal Appraisals, Rabobank**

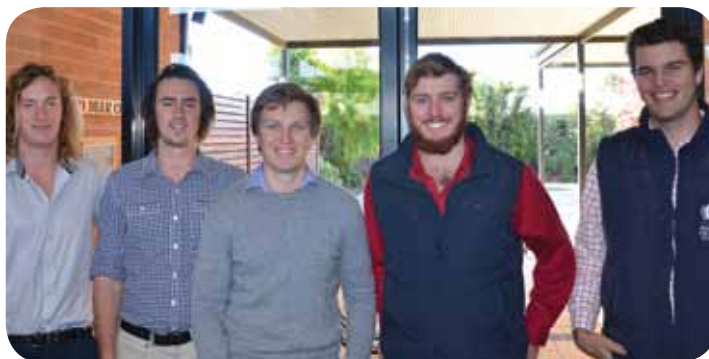
For as long as Scott can remember, he has always wanted to work in the farming sector and his time at Marcus Oldham certainly opened a world of opportunities. After graduating, Scott spent two years on the family owned beef and lamb property in Lower SE of South Australia. Scott joined Rabobank in 2003 based in Adelaide and within 18 months found himself in a Rural Manager role with clients spread across pastoral South Australia, Western New South Wales and Mid and Lower North of South Australia, followed by a Senior Rural Manager role in Mount Gambier. His time at Rabobank has exposed him to most agri-sectors carried out in southern and central Australia, meeting hundreds of operators and financially analysing their businesses to help meet their needs while managing risk and relationships. Scott is now part of the southern Australian team covering assets in Western Australia, South Australia, southern Northern Territory, Western New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.

James Mann AssocDipFM 87 **Managing Director, Donovans Dairying Pty Ltd**

James has always had an interest in livestock and during his College course he soon learnt that 'Cash is



*Presenters: **Scott Jenkin DipFM 97**,
Simon Heuzenroeder Agrib 95,
Muppi Dean AdvDipFBM 01,
James Mann AssocDipFM 87*



*Justin Wishart Agrib 1, Nathan Denny Agrib 1,
Jack Littler Agrib 2, Tom Hickman Agrib 1, Harry Head Agrib 1*



*Jenny Schwager, Claudia Turnbull, Isobel Fay,
Lucy Fenton, Agrib 1 students*



*Alex Toumazos Agrib 1, Nick Thomas,
Kody Hall, Will Nicholas, FBM 1 students*

King', of which dairying fulfilled both of those needs. James and his wife Robyn, bought their first farm in 1989 with a total of 120 cows, in the Goulburn Valley, Northern Victoria. In 1998, they started Donovans Dairy, south of Mount Gambier with a herd of 1,200 cows and a total of 1,200 acres of land. Currently, they own 4,200 acres of land and lease another 500 acres. Donovans Dairy now milks 2,000 cows and sells 20 million litres of milk per year. James has a passion for R&D and has been involved in the Australian dairy industry as Chair of Dairy SA from 2004 to 2015 and is currently a Board Member of Dairy Australia.

Simon Heuzenroeder Agrib 95
Director, Mildura Insurance P/L

As an only son, Simon had the option of being the fourth generation on their family station south of

Broken Hill. During the wool floor price collapse of the late 1980s this option did not sound very attractive, so knowing he still wanted to be involved with agriculture, Simon commenced studies at the College. This was the perfect solution to obtaining skills in marketing, accounting and IT for what lay ahead. After graduating, Simon spent time working in contract agriculture and mining, when an opportunity opened up working for Elders Insurance. Within 12 months he started his own franchise under the Elders banner which, now 20 years later, has offices in Mildura, Swan Hill, Alice Springs, Broken Hill and Victor Harbour. Simon enjoys specialising in working on risk mitigation strategies for large mostly agri-based entities, and as a pilot, he is able to offer unparalleled service to clients direct to their farm or station, all over Australia.



*FBM 1 students Tom Pitchford, Tom Longmire,
 Jeremy Lush, Bailey Pohlman*



*Matt Dare FBM 1,
 Lachlan Gregory Agrib 1*

Women in Agribusiness

To celebrate the role women have in agriculture, the College hosted a 'Women in Agribusiness' High Tea on 24 May 2017 which was proudly sponsored by West Carr & Harvey, accountants in Geelong.

The gathering of 50 like-minded women, comprised of students, staff and external guests, were treated to stories from successful women who have forged their careers around agribusiness. With over 40 percent of the Marcus Oldham College student cohort being represented by females, there is a strong driver to provide opportunities for the students and staff to build and nurture confidence in women to develop a career in agriculture.

Presenters were: Liz Duncan, NAB Regional Agribusiness Manager, South West Victoria, and Sally Kehoe, Rowing Olympian. Liz has had almost 20 years' experience working in financial services in Australia. She leads a team of Agribusiness specialists providing finance solutions to clients involved in agriculture post farm gate, and the production of food, fibre and beverages. Based in Warrnambool for the past three and half years, Liz grew up in South West Queensland on her parent's beef cattle operation. This experience influenced and informed her world view and leadership ethos - the challenges that face Australian agriculture and small businesses, combined with the importance of looking at the long term, while working to build sustainable relationships and businesses.

Sally Kehoe is a three-time Olympian, World Record holder in the Women's Double Scull, a multiple World Championship and World Cup medallist, 20+ national champion and has had a successful 15 year career rowing for Australia. Hailing from Toowoomba in Queensland, Sally started rowing in 1999 after she was introduced to the sport whilst at boarding school in Brisbane. She won her first national championship at the age of 14 and her first Junior World Championship at 16. At the age of 21, Sally made her first Olympic debut as part of the Women's Eight at the 2008 Beijing Games. She then went on to compete in numerous World Cups and Championships, the 2012 London Olympics and most recently, the 2016 Rio Olympics in the Women's Double with partner, Genevieve Horton. Sally has a Bachelor of Business Economics from the University of New England and a Masters of International Finance from Deakin University. Whilst rowing, Sally worked as a Senior Credit Analyst at NAB Business Banking for the New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory region and is now working for Macquarie Leasing Pty Ltd in risk analytics.

Hosting events to showcase that women are skilled and capable influencers and decision-makers in the agribusiness sector will be pivotal in supporting our female students to develop career pathways and opportunities in Australian agriculture. Undeniably, the opportunities for women in agribusiness in regional and urban areas are enormous, particularly as Australia has such a developed agriculture sector and is positioned on the edge of the strongest growing region in the world.



Bel Davies, NAB, Liz Duncan, Tegan Bathgate Agrib 2



*Sophie Bingham Agrib 2, Alice Mort Agrib 2, Hannah Bird Agrib 2, **Kari Moffat AssocDegFBM 16***



Sally Kehoe



FBM 1 students: Georgia Buckholz, Georgia White, Darcey Sheil, Margo Sullivan, Grace Teate, Jarita Hopwood, Rudelle Anderson



Nicole Gilder Agrib 2, Dee Cummins and Charlotte Morrison NAB, Lucy Gubbins KPMG



Kate Beasley and Rose Roberts of West Carr & Harvey, Yasmin Chalmers, Director of CSA and Postgraduate Program

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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Applications for the 2019 Round of Scholarships will open on 1st April 2018.

Positive outlook comes with a warning from Andrew Forrest AO

Andrew Forrest AO, was warmly welcomed by alumni, supporters and friends of Marcus Oldham at the College's Foundation Reception in Melbourne on 14th July. As Guest Speaker, Mr Forrest spoke enthusiastically for the future of agricultural prosperity in Australia. The Fortescue Metals Chairman, whose expanding beef business includes a 50,000 head Angus-Droughtmaster herd and West Australia's Harvey Beef meatworks, says he will be investing further in agriculture.

He also hopes to see regional communities make the most of big opportunities he foresees in a "strong multi-generational future" for the farm sector.

However, "Twiggy" Forrest is also worried about Australia's relatively expensive farm exports, particularly livestock products, losing market ground to less ethical, low-cost producers and processors – many of whom are now our customers.

"I have enormous faith in our agriculture sector," he told farmers, agribusiness leaders and students. Generation after generation of Australian farmers, including family farmers, will have a strong future, particularly if we can come together and sell our agricultural production under a recognisable Australian label to overseas customers," he said. "We, as a group, should demand a label to represent our agricultural produce."

Corporate investors, too, were playing invaluable roles, testing and introducing technology to cut costs and make productivity gains unimaginable a generation ago. Agriculture needed those breakthroughs, and the skills and work ethic of agricultural graduates and others in the rural sector, to maintain the industry's newfound export momentum and earnings growth.

Demand for Australian food exports in the next 15 years would be far beyond our ability to deliver. But, Mr Forrest warned, Australia could waste its valuable agricultural resources and high production standards by becoming little more than a saleyard or grain store for buyers with foreign processing and profit agendas.

Australia's comparatively small, but highly credible, farm productivity effort and expertise was threatened by fast emerging rival food producers and processors who lacked the same sort of ethical credentials or priorities.

He particularly cautioned against the beef industry being "very much in a hurry to export live cattle overseas". Australia risked giving countries with less credible standards and employment regimes, the chance to convert our livestock into high value meat products, effectively undermining our own higher cost processes, with their own low cost, low care operations.

Australia's credibility as an ethical, responsible and humane producer of quality livestock or cropping products came at a cost which some foreign players did not wear, and these food market rivals would use that competitiveness to grow their own marketplace, their economies and the future for their children – "and we will just be their saleyard".

Raised in northern WA's Pilbara cattle country, the mining magnate's "Minderoo" farming business now covers 1.5 million hectares on six stations.

(Edited report from Fairfax Media - National Agribusiness Writer, Andrew Marshall.)



Andrew Forrest AO



Laura Wishart, Student President and MC for the evening



Principal, Dr Simon Livingstone



Antony Baillieu, Foundation Chairman

A man and a woman are shown in profile, looking upwards with expressions of hope and anticipation. They are standing in a field of tall, golden wheat. In the upper right corner, a small drone is visible against a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, creating a sense of optimism and future potential.

We need great minds

“Of all the philanthropic possibilities that the Myer family could contribute to, the combination of agriculture and education was one of the most exciting. Developing the next generation of keen minds to manage Australia’s agricultural resources is why I chose to partner with Marcus Oldham.

I am very proud of the importance my family and the provision Murradoc farm has played in seeding this project.”

– Philip Myer

Educating Great Minds...

"It is with great pleasure that the College Foundation proudly presents the next chapter in Marcus Oldham's history..."

Launched at the recent Foundation cocktail party at Crown Casino, the "We Need Great Minds" campaign aims to raise impact for the new art Learning Centre.

Recognising the profound role Marcus Oldham plays in Australia's agricultural arena and after years of careful planning, this new building will be a catalyst for the ability of advancing and escalating the educational experience of every student, graduate, industry executive and mentor in the region. The impact this will mean for Australian agriculture is the assurance that future employees, managers and leaders are equipped with skills and knowledge to thrive in a global market.

Antony Ba



Please note that the concept for the interior design is a progressive process and differs to the pictures featured in the prospectus.



Design by 3id Architects



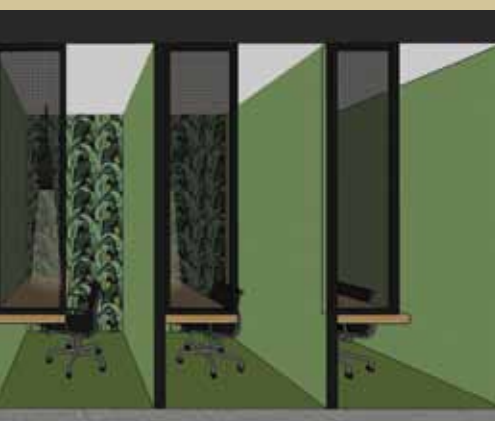
Dynamic study space

Interior concept design

important funds to build a state of the

phenomenal initiative will have the
involved with the College. What this
and knowledge never seen before. “

illieu FM 71 – Foundation Chairman



feature throughout the building



The Learning space will have the flexibility
to be used in a multitude of ways



Spaces for individual and group interaction
between lecturers and students



Innovative spaces to explore and utilise technology
and communication systems



Formal meeting space enabling opportunity to link in
with key influencers worldwide

We need great minds... we need your support

The Marcus Oldham Foundation has been an important arm within the College for almost 30 years. Through the initiative of a dynamic team back in the 80s which included Principal Graham McConnell, Finance Manager John Miles, Executive Officer Mike Stephens, the inaugural Chairman, Robert Beggs AM (later to become longstanding College Council Chairman) and a dedicated committee of voluntary minders, the Foundation sought to raise important funds for the provision of student scholarships, bursaries and building development needs.

Over this time, the Foundation has only experienced two changes of guard, Antony Baillieu replaced Robert Beggs as Chairman in 1997 and John McIntosh took over from David Asimus AO as Foundation President in 2000. Combined, this leadership group has been responsible for raising more than \$15 million for College improvements and student benefit.

Whilst this may seem impressive, the funds only go so far and it has become increasingly apparent that Marcus Oldham will need to advance in a number of ways in order to remain competitive and at the fore. This means the College will need to have the ability to grow without compromising our uniqueness and personalised teaching style. Facilities will need to be dramatically improved to provide each and every student with a range of dynamic learning and technological experiences. Our reach must extend to enable our students to connect with leaders, managers and educators throughout Australia as well as worldwide. Our programs need to be at the cutting edge and delivered in a way that ensures we are not only encouraging those from the land to stay but also enticing new blood.

This year, the College Foundation in association with the College Council is about to embark on the single most important fundraising project to date.

After years of careful planning and with a very generous donation from Philip Myer through the provision of his Murradoc Farm in Drysdale, Victoria to seed this project, it is planned that the College will commence works on a state of the art Learning Centre in 2018.

On Friday 14 July, the College Foundation launched the “We need great minds” campaign at its annual cocktail party in Melbourne. With encouragement from his brother and graduate, **David Forrest DipFM 80**, renowned entrepreneur, Andrew “Twiggy” Forrest, was our special guest who engaged all 360+ guests with insight into his world of business, farming and philanthropy. Supported by new function partner, Suncorp, and hosted beautifully by our first female Student President, Laura Wishart, this evening also provided guests with a first look into what this new building will mean for Marcus Oldham.

In the coming weeks, graduates will receive a copy of the “We need great minds” prospectus. Please take a few moments to look through this wonderful booklet and see if there is a place in your heart to support this campaign in some way. Whilst we have been successful in securing 50% of the funds needed, an additional \$5 million needs to be raised.

Should graduate groups wish to band together, chairs within the Learning Centre will commemorate those contributions. For larger organisations and supporters, there are a number of Naming Right opportunities available within the Centre.

On a personal note, I am so excited to be back at the College at this time and together with Foundation Officer, Megan Cole, we look forward to catching up with many of you during this exciting and important development project.

Should you wish to discuss options for giving on a more personal level, please feel free to contact me, Megan or any one of the Executive Members whose details can be found at right.

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Foundation News

Foundation Reception



Representing Suncorp Bank, sponsor of the function, were:
Rod McClure, District Manager Agribusiness, Tim Taylor,
Regional Manager, John Debenham, Head of Business Customers,
Ben Grierisch, Relationship Manager



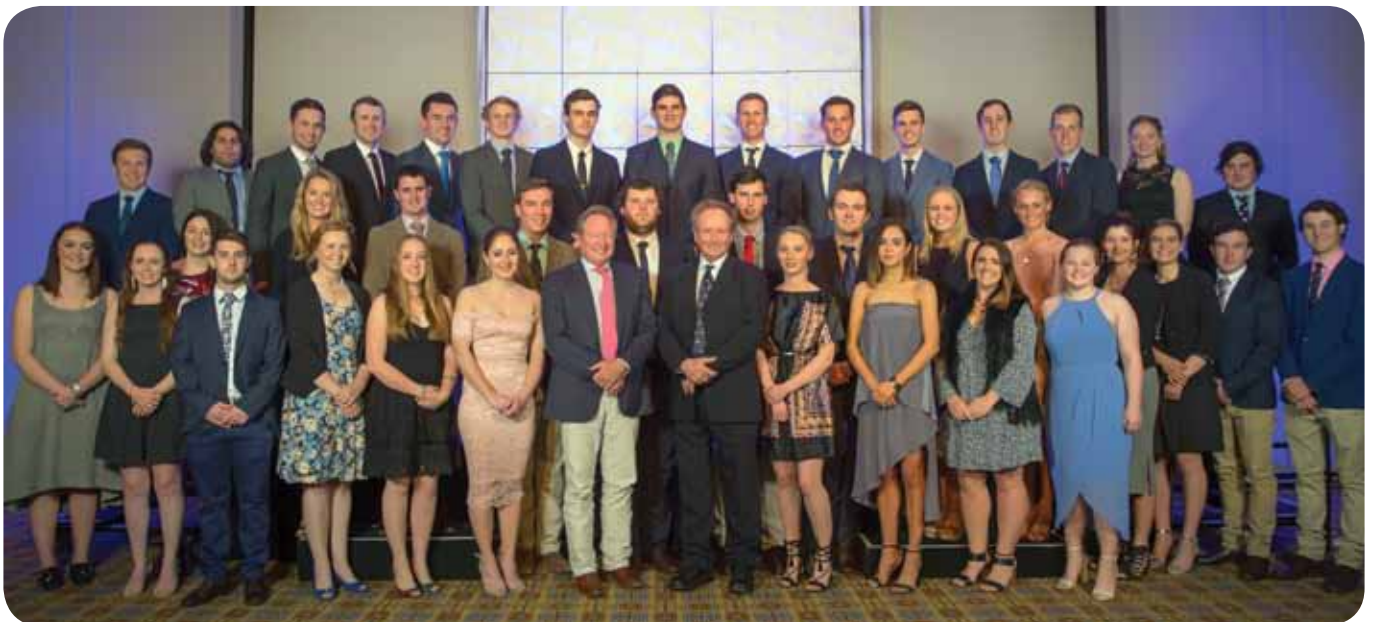
Sponsor of the Hazeldean Livestock Production
Scholarship, Jim and Libby Litchfield, with
recipient, Forbes Boydell FBM 1



Rosemary Metherall, **Andrew Facey DipFM 66**,
Leanne Montigue, **Ian Metherall DipFM 77**



Kate O'Sullivan AssocDipFM 89,
Council Member, with Scholarship sponsors,
Patrick Clancy and James O'Brien,
Thoroughbred Breeders Victoria



Marcus Oldham 2017 scholarship recipients featured with Andrew Forrest AO and **David Forrest DipFM 80**



Representing National Australia Bank, Roger Gaudion, with Tony McMeel, Deputy Principal and Tim Shearwood



Louise Brooks, Janet Craigie-McConnell, Scholarship Co-ordinator, **Bevan Brinkley DipFM 67**



Paul Chalmers, Jenny Polkinghorne, Dr Yasmin Chalmers, Director Postgraduate Program and CSA, **Andrew Polkinghorne BBus(AM) 04**



David Forrest FM 80,
Anthony Baillieu FM 71



Rachel Gill, Director Mutooroo Pastoral Company (Scholarship sponsor) and Andrew Gill



Colin Hacking former Lecturer with **AssocDipFM 87 graduates,**
James Tehan, Dr Simon Livingstone, Principal, Phil Gough,
Chris Lee, Matthew Morrow



Andrew Baker, Director Agriculture and Agribusiness, Toby Campbell, Lecturer



Tom and **Jack Hawkins DipFM 75**



Lorna and Quentin Wallace, International Racehorse Transport



Ian McMichael FM 67 former College Councillor, **Andrew Forrest**



Mark Inglis DipFM 92, JBS Australia, **Sam Inglis DipFM 66**, Director Corporate Training, **Peter Stephens DipFM 83**, Jeff Rodgers, Virbac



Lowes Petroleum Scholarship recipient, **Jack Littler Agric 2**, with **Don McRae DipFM 69**



Bruce Wilson FM 66 Council Chairman, **John Miles** former CFO



Sophie Sutherland, Marketing Officer, **Mary Morton**, Foundation Executive



DipFM 71 graduates **David Koch** and **Robert Bugge**



Richard House, WA Prac Year employer with **Andrew Forrest**



Alannah Halloran, Foundation Manager, **Megan Cole**, Foundation Officer



Lachie Wilson BBusAgric 02, **Sam Christensen AdvDipFM 03**



3id Studio Architects, **Sean Lonergan**, **Mike Nowson** and **Lauren Delacca**

Golf Day 2017

A beautiful sunny day greeted the 100 golfers who turned out for the 11th annual Marcus Oldham Fundraising Golf Day at Eynesbury Homestead. Teams worked their way around the course playing a 2 Ball Ambrose event, with food stations, massages, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drives and a \$5,000 Fuel Voucher Hole in One competition, courtesy of Riordan Fuels, to keep them entertained throughout the morning.

Not just a day out for the golfing fan, Marcus Oldham was proud to host internationally acclaimed artist, Jane Flowers, on the Eynesbury Homestead Verandah for an art masterclass. Twelve budding artists were inspired and guided through different painting techniques with Jane, before setting up an easel in the beautiful Homestead Gardens to create their very own masterpiece!

The Golfers and Masterclass participants then met in the Homestead marquee for a provincial style luncheon,

at which guests were treated with premium olive oil from Cobram Estate and beautiful wines provided by the Baillieu Vineyard. Geelong Cats Coach, Chris Scott, also joined the group as guest speaker and gave some insights into the Cats and their inspiring club culture, before opening the floor to questions which gave the guests a look at the AFL through the eyes of such a notoriously private person.

The Marcus Oldham Foundation thanks all who attended, with the day raising just over \$20,000.

Congratulations to our Winners:

1st Ross Sutherland & Matt Meehan

2nd Carlie Ryan & Nick Ryan

3rd Geoff Fiskien & Jim Bambridge

Nearest The Pin: Ant Baillieu

Nearest The Pin: Nellie Ramsay

Longest Drive: Tom Blackford

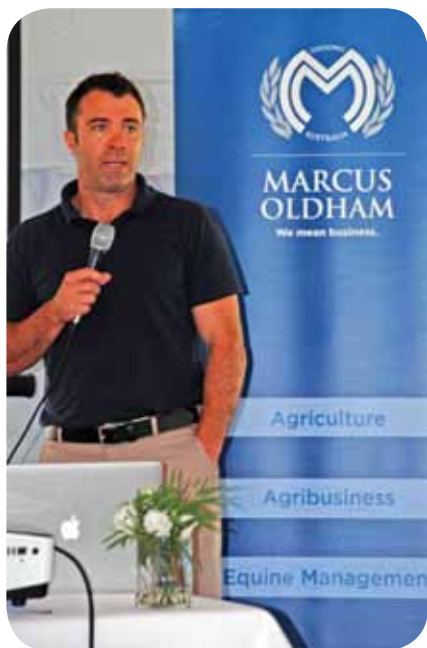
Longest Drive: Maxi Campbell

Sponsors



Dr Yasmin Chalmers, Director Postgraduate Program and the Centre for the Study of Agribusiness, enjoying a creative morning





*Chris Scott,
Coach of the Mighty Cats*



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A Fine Night of Racing for Friends and Supporters

The second Marcus Oldham Race Night, which was held in the Committee Room at Moonee Valley Racecourse, was another wonderful night for friends and supporters of the College to come together and be thoroughly entertained with first class night racing, wonderful food, great company and a punt or two.

The 260 guest evening was a testament to the eclectic group of people that form such an important part of the Marcus Oldham community. Industry sponsors, corporate supporters, Foundation members, graduates, graduate families, committee members, staff and scholarship recipients provided a blend of generations, interests and associations.

Valued sponsors such as the Bennett Group, Rosemont Stud and Cobram Estate had races named in their honour and Australia's very own champion jockey, Greg Childs, entertained us with his racing story and the special bond with racing great, Sunline.

Thank you to our MC, Casey Bruce, and her father, Rob Gaylard, for sharing the night with us and Bruce Falk for his auctioneering services.

All guests were treated to a bottle of Cobram Estate Olive Oil and a 12 month general admission membership to the Moonee Valley Racetrack. Table prizes to Channel 7's AFL Game Day were kindly donated by Hamish McLachlan and our Auction, which raised over \$11,000, offered items such as a service fee to Rosemont's Stud exciting stallion, Nostradamus, a 2 hour scenic helicopter ride donated by Rob McGavin, a

Dining Package to the Cox Plate donated by MVRC and a painting celebrating Australian female jockey (and last year's guest speaker) Michelle Payne, donated by Equestrian artist, Leonie Varisco. These funds will be put towards the much needed upgrade of the College Float which has also been supported by our friends, International Racehorse Transport.

Thank you to each and every one of our guests who made the 2016 Race Night such a success!

To record your interest in the 2017 Race Night please feel welcome to contact Alannah on 5247 2919 or email halloran@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au.



L-R: Brett Gilding 07, Dom Rhoden 14, Ryan Arnel 09, Henry Dwyer 07, Rebecca Gribble 06. Katrina Wood 06 and BBusAgrib 15, with Dr Nick Roe, Lecturer



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To make a secure on-line donation please visit:
www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au/donate

Scholarship Program

The Marcus Oldham Scholarship Program continues to grow as sponsors, with the desire to contribute to the Program, approach us. This is very encouraging and augers well for the future of the valuable Program. Such strong interest reflects well on how our education programs are viewed by the wider community. It's apparent that our innovative, entrepreneurial and successful graduates are making their mark within the corporate world or their own operations, in the agricultural, agribusiness and equine industries.

This year we are proud to offer for the first time:



The Te Mania Angus Scholarship valued at \$10,000 is open to a student intending to study the Agriculture Program and with an interest in cattle breeding. Te Mania was founded in 1928 by Edwyn Wilding, father of Mary Gubbins, in the South Island of New Zealand. In 1971 Andrew and Mary Gubbins imported two young sires and 58 females, from Mary's brother, Frank, creating Te Mania Angus, Australia.

In 1980, the first ever on-farm embryo transfer program was carried out at Te Mania Angus. It has been used every year since that time, to accelerate genetic gain by multiplying the highest performing bloodlines. The Te Mania Angus herd now spans 1600 stud females and 400 recipient cows, managed by Tom and Lucy Gubbins at Mortlake in Western Victoria, and Hamish and Amanda McFarlane at Connewarre near Geelong.

Approximately 750 bulls are marketed each year through two bull sales, contracted volume sales and the bull leasing program, Team Te Mania. Semen from stud sires is marketed, and senior stud females are available for sale.

www.temaniaangus.com



The Wealthcheck Scholarship is valued at \$46,000 and covers two scholarships each valued at \$23,000. Students from the New South Wales Riverina intending to study the Agriculture Program and with a genuine interest in corporate farming are encouraged to apply.

Wealthcheck Funds Management is an investment manager that sources opportunities to invest in the Australian agricultural property sector. They have a 'hands-on' approach and a proven background in actively managing farms from the ground level up. This approach, combined with structured finance and business expertise, drives performance, and gives clients the option of actively or passively managed investments.

They are active in various geographic areas across Australia. Their experience covers most agricultural crops and commodities including irrigated row cropping, horticulture, permanent plantings, dryland cropping, livestock enterprises and financial markets for risk management. Their involvement with irrigation means they are also active in temporary and permanent water markets in various regions. Wealthcheck Funds Management adapt their investments to capitalise on horizontal and vertical integration where appropriate.

www.wealthcheck.com.au

GOLDEN EGGS

A Western Australia operation with interests in the East Coast, Golden Egg Farms is Western Australia's leading supplier of eggs, packing and processing over 1,000,000 eggs every single day. They have seven farms across the state, producing free range, barn and cage eggs to a range of Australian industry standards. The operation has over 200 people employed in farming, processing, management, marketing, distribution and more.

The Golden Egg Farms Scholarship is valued at \$10,000. It is open to a student intending to study the Agriculture or Agribusiness Program, with an interest in poultry, egg production and agriculture.

<http://eggs.com.au>



A brand new exciting opportunity has been presented to Marcus Oldham students who have commenced their studies on campus. The BBM Youth Support Award is open to Year 1 Agriculture or Agribusiness students who, in the second year of their study, will be prepared to include at least four weeks of their practical experience in the UK. This Award helps develop specialist skills that awardees may not be exposed to in Australia; to meet international experts in their field and to learn; experience and perform on a bigger stage whilst developing extensive international networks to help them excel in their chosen field. Valued at \$8,000 the Award comprises airfares and a cash component to cover accommodation, tuition and living costs.

The Big Brother Movement (BBM) was founded in 1925 to facilitate migration of young men to Australia from the UK. Over twelve thousand boys settled here up until 1982. The Movement had a 600 acre property near Liverpool NSW and in 1983, with the termination of the sponsorship scheme due to changing migration rules, the farm was sold and the funds invested and now used in the BBM Youth Support scheme.

www.bbm.asn.au



The Equine Management Program offers a bursary from the Victorian Wakeful Club Inc. Valued at \$3,000, the bursary will be offered every second year to a student planning a career in the Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding Industry. The Club was established in 2001 by a group of like-minded women to encourage the networking and participation of women throughout all facets of the Thoroughbred industry, and was named to honour the famous race mare, Wakeful.

An Australian bred horse, Wakeful was a late starter as a racehorse, not competing until she was four but she certainly made up for lost time winning 19 weight for age races during her career. She also ran second in the 1903 Melbourne Cup carrying 63.5 kilograms.

www.wakeful.com.au

Thank you also to:



Our Australian Thoroughbred Scholarship has benefited from \$6,000 from Star Thoroughbreds - a syndication company based in Sydney. Established by Denise Martin in 1994, this premier Australasian syndication company offers high quality horses sought from the leading yearling sales, to race in share partnerships. Over 20 years of racetrack success has been the hallmark to the longevity of the now famous Star Thoroughbreds purple and white stars racing colours.

www.starthoroughbreds.com.au



The College is delighted to receive the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Scholarship directed to an indigenous student for on campus accommodation to the value of \$13,000.

www.commbank.com.au



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www.mustad.com.au

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plasvacc.com

The valuable Scholarship Program is attractive to many aspiring students. In awarding a scholarship, the interviewers look for a passion for the chosen industry and industry experience, aptitude, personal qualities and academic results. However, it is important to remember that scholarships are not necessarily awarded to the most academically gifted person. An awardee is likely to demonstrate qualities that will make a positive impact on their chosen industry as they progress their career.

Marcus Oldham thanks, most warmly, all our supporters of the Scholarship and Bursary Program. I acknowledge with respect, our long-term and very committed sponsors who have given many students the financial support which has allowed them to advance towards their career. I'm sure the most recent supporters of our Scholarship Program will also experience the satisfaction of encouraging our bright young people to gain a worthy education.

Janet Craigie-McConnell

Scholarship Co-ordinator

Editor's Memo



As I move from one role at Marcus Oldham to another (and this has happened more than once), I'm reflecting on the first time Graham and I drove up to Marcus Oldham. It was May 1978 and we were arriving from New Zealand for the interviews for the position of Principal.

The Common Ground resembled a paddock shut up for hay; the road south of the tennis court led to the top circle between the West and East Hostel wings, and accommodated utes with long aerials, signage, bull bars and a bank of lights. There was one wing containing three lecture rooms. There was one course.

The interviews were successful; we returned several months later with a young family of two boys and stayed 16 wonderful years.

During those years, developments included the James Darling Library, Scobie & Claire Mackinnon, and Robert Law-Smith accommodation wings, Beggs Centre,

McCann Stables, Riding Arena, Buckland Wing, more education programs to offer, a new Administration Building, short grass on the Common Ground and numerous bits and pieces.

Returning in 2006 after 11 years, I can cite the extension of the Geoff Neilson Administration Building, extension of the Library, extension of the Dining Room area becoming the Ivo Dean Centre, Scobie & Claire MacKinnon Stables, additional staff offices, Buckland Wing extension, another Degree to offer and a Postgraduate Program, Principal's Residence, and the latest build, the fabulous Recreational Hub which was funded by our generous Alumni and supporters.

All this, points to the success of Marcus Oldham and the growth of your College. So, now is the time to look to the next development, the Learning Centre, a magnificent structure that will sit proudly in the centre of the campus. You will have poured over the images (perhaps wishing you could be a student again) and you'll be glad for the students following in your footsteps, who will be educated in modern learning environments with access to the latest adapted technology.

I urge you to consider taking part in ensuring this building reaches its full potential.

Janet Craigie-McConnell

Editor



Graduation 2016



Eliza Babazogli, Dux of Equine Management, with Director, Emma Morel



Chelsea Gay, co-recipient with **Eliza Babazogli**, of the Marcus Oldham Lanwades International Stud Management Award UK, with Director, Emma Morel



Oliver Vidor, Dux of the Associate Degree of Farm Business Management, with Director, Andrew Baker



Jack Littler, Dux of Diploma of Agribusiness, with Director, Andrew Baker

Diploma of Equine Management

Pass

Jordan Thomas Almond	Haddon	VIC
Ayla Baker	Wandong	VIC
Olivia Maree Hunnam	Torquay	VIC
Kripa Nayal	Uttarakhand	INDIA
Tejaswinee Potekar	Dewas	INDIA

Credit

Kirra Skye Bourke	Balnarring	VIC
Samantha Danielle Brooks	Werribee	VIC
Jaimee Hancock	Croydon South	VIC
Emma Kate Hoffrichter	Ceduna	SA

Distinction

Emma Kate Brooks	Werribee	VIC
Chelsea Liza Gay	Hamilton	QLD
Lilly Dianne Herzer	Drysdale	VIC
Holly O'Regan	Branxholme	VIC
Sarah Richards	Barrabool	VIC
Meg Elisabeth Stanley	Inverleigh	VIC

High Distinction

Eliza Ward Babazogli	Glossodia	NSW
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Diploma of Agribusiness

Pass

Andie Elloise Murphy	Sydney	NSW
Samuel Patrick Kenneth O'Brien	Walgett	NSW

Credit

Hannah Renee Bird	Bushfield	VIC
Kimberley Cherrie Byrnes	Moree	NSW
Samuel McGregor Ronald Gunn	Epping Forest	TAS
Hugh Rutland Everitt Macdonald	Coleambally	NSW
Boaz Jacob Meron	Goondiwindi	QLD
Brendan Paul Murray	Moree	NSW
James Scott Richmond	Torquay	VIC
William Rowden Robertson	Goroke	VIC

Distinction

Sophie Georgia Bingham	Mingay	VIC
Daniel Bernard Boland	Mallowa	NSW
Jarryd Brett Dolling	Padthaway	SA
Simon Gabb	Beaufort	VIC
Benjamin Andrew Goldsworthy	Beechworth	VIC
Timothy Walter Gregory	Boorowa	NSW
Sam Alexander Harris	Moree	NSW
Rebecca Leigh	Mingenew	WA
Shannon Innis McCormack	Wallacetown	NSW
Doone Mitchell	Bollon	QLD
Alice Mary Mort	Toowoomba	QLD
Shingirai Nyabonda	Leopold	VIC
James William Rollason	Alexandra	VIC
Nicholas Scott Tarca	Frances	SA
Jake Wilson Taylor	Hamilton	VIC

High Distinction

Katherine Lucinda Bain	Stockyard Hill	VIC
Tegan Louise Bathgate	Clarence Town	NSW
Mackinlay Oliver Cookson	Borambola	NSW
Nicola Ann Gilder	Merriwa	NSW
James Vaudan Heggaton	Kojonup	WA
Grace Elizabeth Ives	Hay	NSW
Jack David Littler	Warwickshire	UK

In Absentia

Thomas Adair Fulton-Kennedy	Moree	NSW
James Andrew McLean	Hay	NSW
Reilly Andrew Thompson	Tara	QLD

Associate Degree of Agribusiness

Pass

Angus Geoffrey Phillips	Talwood	QLD
Andrew Thomas Huntly Sloan	Curlwies	VIC

Credit

Alice Fitzpatrick	Rowsley	VIC
Howard Phipps McDonald	Toowoomba	QLD
Jessica Louise Parker	Russells Bridge	VIC
Benjamin Robert Strahley	Inverell	NSW

Distinction

Ellie Hays	Roma	QLD
William Park Laurie	Kybybolite	SA
Oliver Andrew Le Lievre	Wahroonga	NSW
Lucy Morrissey	Blampied	VIC
Alex Jordan Roberts	Prairie	QLD

High Distinction

Daniel Leo Coulthurst	Wagga Wagga	NSW
Ian Joel Hume	Galong	NSW

In Absentia

Caitlyn Donaldson	Bogantungan	QLD
Jade Dunston	Ballan	VIC
Elle-Jay Montana Hornery	Brookfield	QLD
David Alexander Joseph O'Neill	Garah	NSW
Madeleine Camille Thompson	Wayville	NSW

Associate Degree of Farm Business Management

Credit

Nicholas John Archer	Cressy	TAS
Archibald Douglas Bell	Scone	NSW
Samuel Ian Alexander Blight	Willbriggie	NSW
William John Bowden	Bothwell	NSW
Alastair William Bowman	Montana	TAS
Jennifer Lee Cotter	Henty	NSW
Patrick James Hanrahan	Stony Creek	VIC
Amelia Sophie Mackinnon	Tintaldra	VIC
Jacklyn Rose McGrath	Tocumwal	NSW
James Edward Morrison	Wurdiboluc	VIC
Joseph Patrick Norman	Gunnedah	NSW
Genevieve Alexandra Norton	Leongatha	VIC
William James Ridge	Bourke	NSW
Rory Christopher Stonestreet	Barry	NSW

Distinction

Chad Raymond Baker	Jan Juc	VIC
Hannah Melissa Bodey	Camperdown	VIC
Jessica Lee Brogden	Warrick	QLD
Grace Shannon Evans	Camperdown	VIC
Bronte Rose Gorringe	Brucknell	VIC
Clare Hannah Grainger	New Norcia	WA
Samuel Kellock	Lake Rowan	VIC
Keeden Bryce Mickelburgh	Woodend	VIC
Kari-Melise Moffat	North Melbourne	VIC
Natalie Anne Poole	Stockton	NSW
Johnathon Robert Waterhouse	Alexandra	VIC
Josephine Anne Webb	Urana	NSW

High Distinction

Harrison Stonnill	Jerilderie	NSW
Oliver George Vidor	Bellarive	TAS

In Absentia

Samuel Michael Davidson	Young	NSW
Lachlan Charles Procter	Quirindi	NSW

Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness)

Daniel Christopher Carey	Frogmore	NSW
Claudia Kate Fox	Coonabarabran	NSW
Courteney Anne Moffat	Esperance	WA
Lucy Alison Read	Medindie	SA
Lauralee Tanya Terlich	Pleasant Hills	NSW
Gabrielle Elizabeth Wright	Fairfield	VIC
Paris Zilm	Moree	NSW

Graduation 2016



Ian Hume, Dux of the Associate Degree of Agribusiness, with Director, Andrew Baker

In Absentia

Emily Jessie Elder	Yelarbon	QLD
Bennet Stuart Forrester	Gidgegannup	WA
Kimberley Janet Hoepner	Balaklava	Sw

Bachelor of Business (Agriculture)

William Robert Baxter	Pipers River	TAS
Sam Nevill Bell	Millicent	SA
Edward Nicholas Crozier-Durham	Derrinalum	VIC
Thomas Amesbury Frankcomb	Lethbridge	VIC
Callum James Manson Kinnear	Lismore	VIC
Alexander Laurence MacAlpine	Marra Creek	NSW
Georgia Anne Munro	Moree	NSW
Hugh Raymond Nott	Tallawang	NSW
William Murdoch O'Connor	Campbell Town	TAS
Frederick James Stephan	Nhill	VIC
Charles James White	Guyra	NSW

In Absentia

Angus William Ashby	Gulnare	SA
Louis St Clair Guerin Bannister	Cockburn	SA
Scott Munro Hall	Wagga Wagga	NSW
Nicholas Charles Pitt	New Town	TAS
Lloyd Nicholas Schwerin	Dingo	QLD
Lawrence William Ferguson Simpson	Oaklands	NSW

Graduate Certificate of Agribusiness

Arthur Manning Doughty	Hay	NSW
James McRae Hawkins	Neuarpurr	VIC
Ian James Johnston	Armidale	NSW

In Absentia

Glenn Aldridge	Cambewarra	NSW
Kate Louise Bates	Wallumbilla	QLD
Steven Bray	Rockhampton	QLD
Deborah Judith Chenoweth	Macarthur	VIC
Georgina Winfield		
Carleton Edwards	South Yarra	VIC
Thomas Vaudan Heggaton	Milvale	NSW
Jack Cottier Ross Johnston	Shelford	VIC
Shaun Christopher McKinnon	Brisbane	QLD
Peter John Meichelboeck	Naremburn	NSW
Jake Alexander Musson	Parkville	VIC
Jessica Mary Philp	Newport	VIC
Graham Walter Ramsay	Bundaberg	QLD

Graduate Diploma of Agribusiness

In Absentia

Joseph John Batten	Jamestown	SA
William Page Clarke	Greenwich	NSW
Kirsty Frances Flower	Urrbrae	SA

Honorary Degrees

Two Honorary Degrees were awarded at the Marcus Oldham Graduation 2016

The success of Marcus Oldham over its 55 year history is attributed, in part, to the students, staff, ethos and uniqueness of the institution. But the success of Marcus Oldham is also due to the significant contribution from individuals who provide time and valuable input to the organisation.

Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals who have made, and continue to make, a significant positive contribution to an institution's success. An honorary degree is one of higher education's most significant accolades. It is the policy of Marcus Oldham to award

honorary degrees on a selective basis, to distinguished individuals who merit special recognition for genuine achievement and distinction in a field or activity in line with the mission of the College.

An honorary degree may be awarded to a person who satisfies the following criteria:

- Service to Marcus Oldham and the Community
- Service to Agriculture or the Equine Industry
- Academic Excellence and / or Business Success
- Demonstrated Leadership & Commitment.

Mr Robert Riordan

Bachelor of Business (Agriculture)



Robert joined the Council in 2003 and was elected Deputy Chairman in 2008.

Robert's early business skills were honed as a livestock buyer for the large meat company, Swifts. As an energetic young affable stockman, he traversed much of pastoral Eastern Australia. This was the foundation of his

incredible knowledge of rural Australia and especially the people who operate in the vast hinterland.

Robert returned to Colac in Victoria and became involved in the family quarrying and fuel distribution business and numerous rural ventures. This culminated in his marriage to Elizabeth and a family of James, Paul, Mark and Louise; three of whom are graduates of Marcus Oldham.

Robert has been a wonderful contributor to Council. He has a sharp eye for figures and is never short of ideas on a vast range of subjects. As Deputy Chair, he has been of great assistance on Council matters and as Chair of the Land Development Committee of Council, is always aware of opportunities.

Robert is the Managing Director of Riordan Fuels, a Shell distributor spanning remote bulk tanks through Eastern Australia.

The Council Chairman, **Mr Bruce Wilson FM 71**, acknowledged Robert's passion for family, rural Australia business and his dedication and commitment to Marcus Oldham.

Sam Inglis

Bachelor of Business (Agriculture)



Successful organisations are built on culture, and for Marcus Oldham, Sam Inglis has been a key influencer of positive culture over a sustained period.

Sam's association with Marcus Oldham began as a student in 1965. It continued after he graduated when he worked for the South Australian Department of Agriculture, and in a career move, joined the College's staff in 1981.

He has held positions at Marcus Oldham of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Course Director and Deputy Principal. Sam was very involved in the development of the College's first degree program in 1998.

As well as his official duties, Sam has been the backbone of the Marcus Oldham College Old Students Association, and also in sport and social activities at the College. He has a skill in motivating students, ensuring they do their best and that they represent the College at the highest level.

Two of Sam and Cheryl's three children are graduates of Marcus Oldham.

Mr Bruce Wilson FM 71 Council Chairman, warmly acknowledged Sam's dedication and commitment to Marcus Oldham College.

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Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program

The Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program commenced with a vision: *"The future of Australian agriculture will be guided by tomorrow's leaders. To ensure a healthy tomorrow, we need outstanding leaders for all areas of agriculture from leading farm managers, grower organisations, agri-politicians, co-operatives and industry organisations, to special interest groups."*

Held in June, a highlight of the week-long course was the NAB Agribusiness Industry Dinner. Participants, industry representatives, friends and staff gathered in the Ivo Dean Centre and were very appreciative of the address by the Guest Speaker, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Mr Robert Doyle AC.

This evening also recognises an outstanding contribution to the beef industry when Marcus Oldham and the Australian Beef Industry Foundation (ABIF), annually present the Boehringer Howard Yelland Beef Industry Award. This award is in recognition of Howard W Yelland, a pioneer in the industry through his championing of objective selection and performance recording in the Australian Beef Industry. The Award seeks to recognise individuals who have given service to the Beef Industry above and beyond their normal role.

In 2017 the recipient of this Award was Tom Gubbins of Hexham Victoria, who was recognised for his contribution as a significant and multi-faceted contributor to not only the Angus sector, but the Australian beef industry. He achieved this by being at the forefront of the adoption of 'new age technology' to develop and promote objective measurement and genetic selection as the basis for the genetic destiny, market performance, long term viability and security of the beef cattle industry.

His commitment to providing a strong connection between seed stock producers, geneticists, researchers and technologists in Australia and internationally, has ensured that the genetic evaluation systems for livestock production in this country continue to be placed at the forefront of world's best practice.

In the absence of Tom Gubbins, Director of Te Mania Angus, Hamish McFarlane, accepted the Award on his behalf.



Sam Inglis, Director Corporate Training, Amanda and Hamish McFarlane, John Gunthorpe ABIF



Along with Graduates, the Postgraduate Students studying the Leadership Unit enjoyed the address by Robert Doyle AC:

Back L-R: James Bufton DipFM 94, Tom Upton BBusAgric 15, Rebecca Stacey, Matt Hodge Agric 95, Jack Courts FBM 2, Lachlan Polkinghorne DipFM 80, Kate Bates GradCertAgrib 16, Jen Scott.

Front L-R: James Hawkins GradCertAgrib 16, Bruce Wilson DipFM 71, Mike Stephens DipFM 66, Laura Wishart FBM 3, Student President, Ashlee Hammond, Gary Wehr DipFM 90, GradCertAgrib 15



Jack Courts, Student President Elect 2018 introducing the Guest Speaker



Guest Speaker, Robert Doyle AC, Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Campus Columns

Michael J Dowling AM



The Council, Management and Staff acknowledge the honour awarded to Michael Dowling in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2017. The citation read: *"For significant service to the Community of Geelong through leadership with a range of social welfare, business and education organisations"*.

Michael has lived in Geelong for forty years. He is married to Lynne, and their children and grandchildren live in Geelong and interstate. Michael's community interests include:

Education: Former Member of Council of The Geelong College; Former Deputy Chancellor of Deakin University, and is a Member of Council of Marcus Oldham College where he also sits on the Finance and the Planning Committees.

Social Welfare: Former: Honorary Secretary and Past President (and a Life Member) of the Geelong Gallery; President of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce; Campaign Director of United Way (now Give Where You Live); Chair of Community Council of St John of God Hospital in Geelong; Chair of Samaritan House Geelong, and is President (and a Life Member) of Karingal Inc. (now Karingal St Laurence Limited).

Business: Former Managing Partner Day Neilson, Chartered Accountants; Former Chair of GMHBA Limited; Inaugural Chair of Victorian Regional Channels Authority, plus positions in a number of private businesses, especially in the agricultural and agribusiness sectors.

When at Day Neilson, Michael was in partnership with Mr Geoff Neilson AM, who served Marcus Oldham for fifty years in a range of different roles.

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Dr Nick Roe

World class event rider, veterinarian, Lecturer in Equine Studies, and licenced racehorse trainer, Nick Roe enjoys a multi-faceted life with the majestic horse. In April, Nick was farewelled as a Lecturer in the Equine Management Program, to embark on a new path. He has taken the management reins at the **Henry Dwyer Racing** property at St Leonards on the Bellarine Peninsula VIC. Through his term of about 12 years at Marcus Oldham, which included many years as Director of the Horse Business

Management Program, Nick shared his vast knowledge, much to the benefit of the students; and for some staff who may have had the urge to back a few runners, he was a good a source of information.



Bill Cockram

Bill was appointed to the position of Practical Skills Co-ordinator in the Equine Program following the resignation of Dr Nick Roe in April this year. Breeding, educating and racing Thoroughbreds has been in his family for three generations and Bill has devoted his life to the race horse industry.

He has worked as a stallion manager and horse breaker with Arundel Thoroughbred Stud Farm; Racing Manager with Group One Racing Club and Winners Circle Club; and Principal of Glentree Downs Pastoral Company. Bill has owned and operated his own business for over 15 years and bred and owned numerous Group 1 winning Thoroughbreds, with 'Jameka' being his current flag bearer.



Sophie Sutherland

Hailing from a mixed farming operation at Tooma, New South Wales, Sophie enjoys the role of Marketing Officer. She has a Bachelor of Agriculture from the University of Melbourne and for the past six years has been busy rowing at an elite level as part of the Mercantile Rowing Club and representing Australia at the 2013 Under 23 World Rowing Championships and 2015 World Rowing Championships as the Women's Eight reserve. While rowing, Sophie worked for The Weekly Times newspaper for about three years on the digital and magazine team, working on social media campaigns, magazine production, print and online content creation and audience development. Sophie's sister is **Emma Sutherland DipAgrib 11**.



Megan Cole

Prior to joining the College in January as Foundation Officer, Megan lived and worked in Melbourne where she completed her Bachelor of Arts and Business degrees, and began building her

experience in a wide range of events including the Australian Open, beyondblue National Roadshow and the BMW Caulfield Cup Carnival.

Her most recent role was Account Manager at Max Events, where she looked after key corporate and sporting clients including Caulfield Racecourse, TAC, Melbourne Victory Football Club and Sensis.

Cross Country

Numbers were up a little on last year's Cross Country. The record for Fastest Male fell from 18:48 set in 2015 by **Liam McGuane AssocDegFBM**. Congratulations Nick Thomas FBM 1 for setting the new benchmark of 17:53! Issy Cameron Agrib 1 came in first for the girls in a solid time of 24:04. Staff numbers proved solid again with Andrew Baker, Director Agriculture and Agribusiness 21.57; Scott Vanderkley, ICT Manager/Lecturer 23.03; David Cornish, Lecturer Marketing and Business Communications 25.57; Matt Robertson, Lecturer Animal Production and Management 27.54 and Yasmin Chalmers, Director of Postgraduate Studies and Centre for the Study of Agribusiness making a comeback with 30.45.



Down Up Pedals Going Down Up Down

Well done, Andrew Baker, Director Agriculture and Agribusiness, and winner of the 44-49yo category in the Australian Veterans Cycling Championships Time Trial held in April 2017 at Maryborough, Victoria. Andrew also achieved Third Place overall.

Inter-Collegiate Meat Judging

Marcus Oldham students competed at the Inter-Collegiate Meat Judging in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. Led by Coach, Laura Wishart (and Student President), the Team represented the College well, with a special mention going to Isabelle Fenton from Mt Samson in Queensland. Isabelle won the Coaches Award and goes forward to further training and development in Brisbane later this year.

Shannon McCormack DipAgrib 16, a participant in the 2016 Marcus Oldham Meat Judging Team and currently working with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, was at the career expo which is part of the event. Shannon achieved his job as a result of the 2016 career expo.

Kari Moffat AssocDegFBM 16 and studying for her degree, is working for Wellard Rural Exports and was a member of the 2017 Marcus team.

Scott Hall BBusAgric 16 was also working at the career expo with Delta Agribusiness.

Sponsors of the Marcus Oldham Team were Irelands Angus, Landmark - Meat & Livestock, Wellard and Greenhams Tasmania.



*Back L-R: Laura Wishart, Thomas Allsopp, George Thompson, Jackson Barton, Isabelle Fenton, Dayna Grey, Tegan Bathgate, Assistant Coach
Front L-R: Cameron Gugger, Dylan Hassett, Jarita Hopwood, Kari Moffat*



*Shannon McCormack
and Isabelle Fenton*



Kari Moffat

Marcus Minds Weekend

During the weekend of 23-25 June the College hosted 28 prospective students to the free Marcus Minds Weekend. During their visit they were informed of the structure of the Marcus courses, career pathways in the agriculture, agribusiness and equine industries, a farm visit, met graduates and relaxed with a dinner on the Saturday evening. This initiative, which has been in place for several years, always results in enrolments. Participants travel from all areas of Australia to enjoy this weekend and establish in their minds that they are making the best decision to enrol in the College.



MOCOSA

MARCUS OLDHAM COLLEGE
OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the Marcus Oldham College Old Students Association (MOCOSA), the Executive agreed to support the recovery program in the Dunedoo and Cassillis region of New South Wales, which was burned in the Sir Ivan fire in February this year. The Old Students Association donated \$1,000.00 to assist this area in which graduates operate their agricultural businesses.

The devastating fire ripped through 55,000ha, claiming 32 homes, damaged eight, destroyed a community hall, church, and 114 outbuildings, damaging another 39, which were all valuable agricultural infrastructure. Also destroyed were 5500km of fencing and a stock count in the hundreds.



We congratulate our achieving graduates

The College is proud to acknowledge our recently successful graduates:



Byron O'Keefe BBusAgrib 11, Landmark International/Australian Livestock Exporters' Council Young Achiever of the Year 2016.



Ian Brady HBM 91 Stud Manager at Wattle Brae Thoroughbred Stud in Queensland was honoured for excellence at the 2016 Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards. Ian won the Leadership Award.



Jeremy Rogers HBM 98, Racing Manager at Darren Weir Racing, was honoured for excellence at the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards June 2017. He carried away the Thoroughbred Excellence Award and the Dedication to Racing Award.

Jock Nivison AdvDipFBM 05, NSW Farmer of the Year Finalist 2016.

Lewis Johnston DipAgrib 98, one of nine farmers chosen as a 2016 Grain Farm Leaders Program participant to attend a national program for young grain producers.

Will Coulton AdvDipFBM 08, Coles/The Weekly Times Farmer of the Year 2016 Finalist.

Fleur McDonald Agrib 94 was a 2017 state finalist for the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Rural Women's Award.

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The Network

Engagements

James Ellis BBusFM 12 is engaged to Alex Chirnside who comes from Skipton VIC. Both James and Alex live in Horsham VIC and have chosen 4 November 2017 for their Wedding Day.

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Olivia Conway BBusAgric 14 and Tom Martin announced their engagement in April 2017. They currently live at Sugarloaf Creek 80km NE of Roma in QLD. Originally from Mansfield VIC, Tom moved north over four years ago. Marriage plans are for July 2018.

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Marriages



Laura Malishev DipEM 14 wed Dr Robert L. Long on 28 April 2017 at Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God, Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Melbourne, and celebrated at their Reception held at the Langham Hotel in Melbourne. Equine Management Program friends, **Stephanie Stephen** and **Livia Carl** were bridesmaids, and attending as guests, were **Eliza Hart** and **Lucy Gunn**. Laura and Rob, who works at CSIRO, live in Geelong. lauramal91@gmail.com



Peter Kelly BBusAgric 14 and **Amber Ladyman DipHBM 11, BBusAgric 14** were married on 22 April 2017 at "Waldara", Oberon NSW. Marcus guests included: **Georgie Broome, Sarah Anderson** and **Yolanda Heineman** all **DipHBM 11**, **Kynan Onions, Andrew Fisher, James Hillcoat** all **BBusAgric 14**, **Cec Woolley Archer AdvDipFBM 13**, **Jock Blackman BBusAgric 15**, **Hugh Cox** and **Prue Phillips BBusAgric 14**, **Mitch Harris BBusAgric 12**, **Dan Carey BBusAgric 16** and **Dougal Kelly DipAgric 14**.



Ben Egan BBus FBM 12 youngest son of Michael and Sue Egan, “Kiameron” Warren NSW and his Bride, Eleanor Miller, youngest daughter of Gai and Steve Miller from “Bowen Park” Trangie NSW, married on 1 April 2017 at St Mary’s Church, Warren NSW. After the ceremony, they hosted 140 guests at the Reception on Ben’s family property “Kiameron”.

Eleanor’s Bridesmaids were Lucy Thrackray, Ange MacAlpine (wife of William), Emma Wilson and Pip McGrath. Best man for Ben was **James Ellis BBusFBM 12**, and Groomsmen, **John Porter AdvDipFBM 11**, **William MacAlpine DipAgrib 09** and **Hugh Landale BBusFBM 12** supported. Accepting the role of MC was **Nick Milliken DipAgrib 11**. Guests included **Adam Dye AdvDipFBM 11**, **Toby Hammond** and **Alex Madden** both **BBusAgrib 12**.

Births



Jillian Lindley Witherow BBusAgric 14 and Tom Lindley’s daughter, Jennifer Anne Lindley, born on the 24 June 2016, recently celebrated her 1st Birthday. jillian@tabeeltrading.com.au



Singirai Nyabonda DipAgrib 16 and Alice Marange, were delighted to welcome their son, Farai (meaning Rejoice), born in Geelong on 8 February 2017. A playmate for their daughter, April. Shingi is currently studying the Second Year of the Agribusiness Program. shingirainyabonda@gmail.com



Jacqui Murray DipAgrib 07 and her partner, Rodrigo Souza, have a son born 9 February 2017 in Brisbane QLD, named Marcus Murray Souza jaqsmurray@gmail.com

Charlie Wythes BBusAgrib 15 and **Leah Morrison BBusAgrib 13** were excited to bring home their first child, Darby Charles Hanrick Wythes, born 14 March 2017. leahmorrison@live.com.au

Sam Christensen AdvDipFBM 03 and his wife, Katrina, welcomed a sweet daughter, Grace Helen, on 27 March 2017. Katrina is the daughter of **Ian Metherall FM 77** and god-daughter of **Alan Green FM 77**. sc9860@hotmail.com

Tom Ellis BBusFM 09 and his wife, Hilary, have two sons: Thomas (Ted) Chute born 2 July 2015 and William (Bill) Charles Chute born 17 February 2017. Grandfather to these boys is **Tom Ellis DipFM 74**.



Wade Burridge DipHBM 05 and his wife, Cecile, had a son born on 14 May 2017, weighing 4.3kg and measuring 53cm. Named Charles Claude Steven Burridge, this little boy with French/Australian parents was born in Singapore. wade@premierracing-partnerships.com



Rob Binks BBusAgric 14 and **Jade Dunstan AssocDegAgrib 16** celebrated the birth of their son, Lachlan James Binks, in February this year. jdunston_17@bigpond.com

Deaths

Mark Jordan-Hill FM 91, tragically lost his life in a kayaking accident on the Surf Coast near Geelong, on 5 November 2016. His widow, **Philippa Duncan HBM 89**, and their sons, Jack and Nicholas, live on the farm near Winchelsea, VIC.

Leon Bradley FM 70 was first diagnosed with melanoma in 2011 and lost his life to cancer on 21 December 2016. A passionate grain farmer from Bolgart WA, Leon is survived by his wife, Pat, and two sons, Phillip and Ben. Leon lobbied for the deregulation of wheat export marketing. He loved horses and horse-racing and bred his own horses and took pleasure in owning several Thoroughbreds. When at Marcus, he forged his life-long commitment to the Geelong Cats AFL team.

Warwick Cookson FM 82 died on 16 May 2017 succumbing to cancer. With his wife, Trish, he lived at Borambola NSW. They raised four children, Will, Jack, Molly, and MacKinlay, who is studying Agribusiness at Marcus Oldham.

Marcus All Over

William Comiskey aka Dingo DipAgrib 11 competed in the Mongol Derby in 2016 and shared first place with a Canadian and a New Mexican. Well, would you believe that he is doing it again this year? His mission is to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service – last year he raised \$15,000 and he aims to double that figure this year. Let's support Dingo in his dollar challenge – and the challenge to beat the saddle sores, heat stress, mental exhaustion, summer ticks and mosquitoes!

'None of us know when we may need to be saved by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.'

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/will-comiskey-mongol-derby-2017>

Warren Sutton HBM 90 has also been training for an amazing ride! He too, is heading towards one of the world's toughest horse races, along a 1000km route set by Mongol warriors. Although he is wired for horse racing he's not tackled anything like the Mongol Derby. Warren has been a professional horse educator and breaker for 30 years and will join about 36 riders (generally more women than men) who will attempt to crack this endurance race. The tortuous route traces the ancient messenger service established almost 800 years ago in 1224 by Genghis Khan.

When in Australia, Warren works for South Australia's national trainer, Tony McEvoy, on the banks of the Murray in the Riverland. However, such is the emerging growth in racing – China, Thailand, then South Korea, that Warren, with his specialist services in equine education, horse import and export, film and advertising services and property design, travels the globe. He's also been the horse wrangler on the film sets of *Ghost Rider*, *Sun and Moon*, *The Frontier* and many TV commercials and special events. We wish him well and look forward to the stories he's going to share.
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Starting on 9 August, the 2017 Mongol Derby can be tracked on: www.theadventurists.com

Dan Korff BBusFM 12 by November will have been Chairman of the Future Farmers Network for two years. Dan believes that farmers, young and old, need to present a more cohesive message about their industry to our political leaders, to maximise the industry's potential. Dan says "Agriculture is underpinned by strong individual businesses but we've also got a whole industry that we need to represent, so it's not just about me or you or any one individual, on any one day, if things go wrong.

"Communication is a very broad topic and there needs to be a cohesive way of going about it. We need to have greater appreciation of each other's positions and we also need to pick our battles and be smart about how we communicate. It's best if emotion is kept out, which is not always easy, but when the pressure is on it can make all the difference to the end result. It's also important in any organisation, that leaders are supported and don't burn out."

Where there's poor knowledge or lack of communication and understanding of the practical aspects of the agricultural history, Dan would like to see a strong bunch of leaders. Such leaders could communicate

clearly to politicians, industry bodies and the public, about what they do and how they do it. It's often a lack of knowledge that has the potential of causing damage resulting in unintended consequences.

Dan is Finance Officer at Rabobank, Wagga Wagga NSW.
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Dean McHardie HBM 88 was walking along the street in Scone NSW and happened to meet Emma Morel, Director Equine Management, when she led the 2017 students on a study tour to the Hunter Valley.

Bill Bishop DipFM 68 was an owner driver in the Hunter Valley NSW until 1994 when he moved to the city and became a stockbroker. "While appearing very different, it's not really very different to being at a cattle sale, with all the same characters, except they're in suits, and all pushing their own barrow". He advises, "Always back self-interest, at least you know it's trying!"

Bill has three daughters; one in Australia, one in Colorado and one in London. In 1977 he attended a Marcus Oldham short course called "The Management of Booms and Busts". He commented that this proved to be applicable to both agriculture and city commerce, and there have been several. A mining boom, a share market boom and bust, a real estate boom in Sydney and Melbourne and now the biggest agriculture boom for two generations.
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Donald Coles DipFM 80 is the newest member of the International Seed Federation Executive Committee. Donald was elected Second Vice President by the General Assembly at the ISF World Seed Congress on 24 May 2017. President of the Australian Seed Federation, Director of the Australian Seed Authority and Managing Director of Valley Seeds, Donald's 40 year career spans supply chain management, quality assurance systems and retail. He has experience in a range of industries including biotechnology in plants, forage, turf, lawn and vegetable seed, as well as potato, beef, mutton and wool.
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Andy Nicholls DipFM 69 and his wife, Colleen, have moved from the Adelaide Hills to a retirement village in Murray Bridge SA and are relishing their new and relaxed lifestyle.

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Cheri Hicks HBM 81 says she is 'still playing with ponies'. They (Orleton Farm) had great success at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada last year, winning five out of the six coaching classes. Cheri lives in Bethlehem, Connecticut USA. cherihicks@aol.co



Pete Stevenson AdvDipFBM 01 and **Anna Cockerill DipHBM 98** are leading a busy life. Pete is managing a beef cattle property at Kingstown on the western edge of New England, for a Sydney based investment fund. They run about 1,200 breeders and are looking to expand to 2,000 breeders.

Anna is busy expanding her equine therapy business which covers northern New South Wales. They have two children, daughter, Abby 13 and son, Riley 9. Pete recently had an amazing month in Azerbaijan, where he was training horses and riders, camels and donkeys for the Opening Ceremony of the World Islamic Solidarity Games.

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Andrea Van Niekerk HBM 2004 and her Dorper Stud Dell at Moama VIC enjoyed major success at the Australian Sheep & Wool Show in Bendigo Victoria. The ewe, Dell Stretchy, took out the Supreme Ribbon for a third time in a row, to add to her win in the Senior and Grand Champion awards. Andrea said it was probably the first time a ewe had ever won the Grand Champion title at the national Dorper show and the ASWS. A nine month old ram, Dell Joel Junior, won the Grand Champion Dorper ram ribbon.

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Andrew Donoghue AdvDipFM 99.

Herefords Australia recently announced that Andrew, previously the Breed Development Manager, has been appointed General Manager. His role is to focus on providing high quality services to all classes of members. To this end, the Board will ensure that he has the support and facilities to build a staff that is highly equipped

to ensure that elements, such as the constitutional review, member services and finances, are managed to an exemplary standard. Andrew is highly regarded within the Hereford and beef industry. The Board has every confidence that he will ensure delivery of the change process, services to members and a renewed confidence in the Hereford breed.

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Jasmyn Allen Crimmins DipAgrib 99 farms near Geraldton WA with her husband, Rodney, and three children. She currently is a participant in the Grain Growers leadership course.

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Kirra and Nikko competing at Camperdown Horse Trials earlier this year, where they placed 4th in the EvA95, despite the torrential rain.

Kirra Bourke DipEqMgt 16. Since graduating, Kirra moved to the Snowy Mountains NSW to be a groom and rider for ex-international four star eventer, Merran Wallis. Merran Wallis Eventing is based at Arthella Pastoral Co in Middlingbank just outside of Cooma, so while Kirra mainly works with the horses, she is also getting to learn about sheep, cattle and farming, which is something she developed an interest in during her time at Marcus.

Kirra says this kind of job is perfect upon leaving Marcus, as she's consolidating, expanding and putting into practice all the information and skills she learnt: such as breeding, breaking, stable management, training, marketing and more.

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Scott McLachlan DipFM 82 has retired from farming and leased the farm near Naracoorte SA. He has developed a bee-keeping business and currently manages 100 hives. He calls this his transition to retirement. Scott's community interests also involve a role as Councillor in his local government.

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Alastair Macarthur BBusAgrib 15 undertook studies in International Business and Marketing at California Polytechnic State University USA. He then gained valuable experience when he joined the Australian Agricultural Company (AACo) in 2015. Alastair has recently accepted the role of Assistant Manager at Alexandria Downs in the Northern Territory. Owned by the North Australian Pastoral Company (NAPCO), Alexandria is the second largest cattle station in Australia, spread over 3.98 million acres and running 80,000 head of cattle.

Fleur McDonald Agrib 94 is a bestselling Australian author, farmer and women's rights advocate, living in Esperance WA. With eight of her nine novels set in regional Australia, Fleur is often referred to as 'The Voice of the Outback'. Fleur has farmed on the south coast of Western Australia since 1996. She was a state-finalist for the prestigious RIRDC Rural Women's Award in 2017. Fleur is currently starting a not-for-profit organization to support women and children suffering from domestic violence in remote Australia.

A solo mother for the last three years to her two children, Fleur is an active and devoted local community leader in her home town, with roles on the Committee of Farming Champions, the Bay of Isles Community Outreach Committee (BOICO) and the Esperance & Districts Agricultural Show.

Fleur is an active member of the Rotary Club of Esperance Bay and is the first female Co-Director of Prickle Farm. A champion for the voice of rural people, particularly women, Fleur has always strived to positively promote and celebrate women in agriculture. She is the founder and Chair of 'Breaking the Silence' which is a project close to her heart, as she wants to lift the lid on domestic violence – it's not always physical – and connect women in remote Australia who may not have the resources to find the help they need.

Apparently, one in four rural women will experience some kind of domestic violence in their lifetime.

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Colin Beckett DipFM 69 is an Executive Director of Quadrant Australia, the tour company that has evolved from AgTour Australia, which was the company he co-founded in Rockhampton in 1985. Today, Quadrant Australia has three operational bases: Coffs Harbour, Armidale and the Brisbane team which he works with. It is primarily focussed on inbound agricultural tours in Australia, and now he manages that from his home office on a farm in the Free State in South Africa.

Colin married Hestie Crous from South Africa, who is the fifth generation on the farm they live on near Kroonstad. Tragically, they lost their first daughter, Laura, in a drowning accident seven years ago. Today, their lives are blessed with their daughter, Amelia, now five.

They live in the heartland of the Afrikaans people. The farm is just under 2,000 hectares – roughly 50 percent arable and the balance suitable for grazing. Most of the arable land has been leased out but they have the grazing rights of crop stubble which, with maize, can be considerable. Their current objective in building up livestock numbers is to run 200 breeding cows and 1000 ewes, with all offspring to be taken through to slaughter.

The cattle herd was previously Bonsmarra, but Colin wanted a few more Aussies running around the place, so a couple of years ago he purchased his first Droughtmaster bull. Now he has two Droughties and is very happy with the results. Their sheep are the Meat-Master breed (they look more like goats than sheep) but they live up to their name re their growth weights!

The region is summer cropping country: maize, sunflower and soybean. Some of the biggest dryland potato farmers in South Africa are also in the district. Most farms have some livestock, mostly cattle (Bonsmarra is the prominent breed), but some have sheep for both wool and meat. In the main, livestock play second fiddle to the cropping activities.

In recent years, game farming has become big business and Colin and Hestie's neighbouring properties have breeding herds of buffalo, rhinoceros, wildebeest, and all sorts of antelope as well as one of the largest lion farms in South Africa.



Over the last couple of years, two of Colin's best mates from Marcus have visited: **Grant DipFM 69** and **Jo Nivison** from Walcha NSW and **Chris DipFM 69** and **Poss Blomfield** from Toowoomba QLD.

They really enjoy having visitors from Australia and offer an invitation to members of the Marcus community who may be travelling in South Africa, to make contact. colin@quadrantaustralia.com

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