

Newington Medallist 2010

Mr Barry Collins (ON '52) OAM

Kevin Barry Collins commenced his education at Newington in February 1949, leaving in December 1952 after an interesting school life which includes sporting achievements in athletics, cricket and rugby. At the same time Barry was also an enthusiastic and talented tennis player. Barry's lifelong passion for basketball started while he was still at Newington, in 1952.

Not restricted to the sporting fields, Barry was a member of the Newington Library Club and served on the Library Committee in 1952. Since the College was without a library for several years prior to 1949, the Committee decided to build and catalogue a collection over the next few years. In 1951 the library was housed in a new room and re-named the AD Arthur Memorial Library, in honour of long serving senior master, 'Bert' Arthur,

who had died in 1949.

While serving as a Cadet at Newington, Barry also served as Drum Major in the College Bugle and Drum Band. On leaving the College, his student record card noted that he was an 'Excellent Drum Major'. No doubt Barry's enjoyment and experience in the Cadets helped inspire him to undertake his decade of service in the Citizen Military Forces following his National Service in 1953. He continued his military link by joining the Citizens Military Force (1953-1963). During this time Barry joined the NSW Police Force in 1958. He was stationed in Darlinghurst where he crossed paths with many infamous and seedy characters until his retirement in 1980.

Barry's greatest interest however, pre and post his career, has been the growing and propagating of orchids. He is the founding member of the Australasian Native Orchid Society and remains a life member of the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society. He is a current life member of the Orchid Society of NSW which he joined 45 years ago and was its President for some time. Barry frequently attended State, National and International conferences as a Registrant and has won a number of medals for his cut flower displays. He has also written a number of articles on Orchid Culture. Barry is considered an authority throughout NSW and Australia and was a judge of the NSW Horticultural Society.

One of his many affiliations, Barry is also a life subscriber to the Returned and Services League of Australia and is a member of the Coogee RSL Club where he has been President for the last five years. During ANZAC week he arranges RSL presentations to school children around his district; he also frequently checks on old soldiers in Eastern Suburbs nursing homes and hospitals.

Barry has expanded his interests in the sporting field; managing an eastern suburbs basketball team and has been closely associated with the Randwick Rugby Club, initially as a player and later as a coach. He first joined the City of Sydney Basketball Association 54 years ago as a player, became a coach, then secondary President; he is still a life member. He is also a founder and member of various other sporting clubs in and around the Eastern suburbs.

Returning to Newington after his tremendous involvement in the community, Barry has been an active member of the Old Newingtonians' Union since leaving school which has ultimately led him to become an ONU Council Member and being involved in the 70 Club of which he is currently Chairman. In 2010, Barry became one of two patrons of Newington's Founders Society and reached beyond his own lifetime to become one of the 25 founding members of the Society by bequeathing a gift so that future generations of Newington boys could discover what's possible in their lives.

Barry received his OAM in 2000 for service to the community, particularly through the Australasian Native Orchid Society and the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and to amateur basketball. His commitment to the Old Newingtonians' Union, the 70 Club and to philanthropy makes Barry Collins a high achiever and a valued and inspirational member both within the Newington family and outside in the wider community.



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Ian Thomas (ON '63)

Ian Frederick Thomas attended Newington College from 1958 to 1963 and comes from an illustrious line of Newingtonians including three generations of Duxes.

Ian was a keen Cadet at Newington and while his initial couple of years in the Cadet Unit were still compulsory, Ian was one of those who stayed on and reached the position of Warrant Officer 2. With 1963 being his last year at Newington, Ian was at the College to participate in many other of the multi-faceted centenary celebrations of that year. Ian has since described his six years at Newington as amongst his happiest and '...generating the best friendships one could ever have in life.'

Since leaving Newington College, Ian has built a highly successful career in management consulting. He was transferred to Toronto from Sydney in 1971 as a specialist consultant in the planning and development of large scale retail

projects. The firm which bears his name has undertaken projects in over 60 countries around the world. Branch offices are located in Korea and Australia and affiliate offices in Dubai and Mumbai.

Although located in Vancouver, Canada, Ian has maintained a long and devoted connection with the school. Ian has lent his talents and experience to support the Newington community during his frequent visits to Australia, for example, acting as Master of Ceremonies at the ONU's 98th Annual Dinner in 1993 and speaking to the inaugural ONU Business Forum in 2006. Amid his busy business life, he has served as the ONU's Vice President for Canada for many years and he was the first Chairman of the AIS USA Foundation when formed at Newington's instigation over 5 years ago. The Foundation came about as a result of Newington receiving special dispensation from the U.S Government for Old Boys living in the US who could make a donation to the Foundation and receive a tax deduction. The program has been so successful that it has spread to 23 leading private schools in Australia.

In 2010 Ian reached beyond his own lifetime by becoming one of the 25 founding members of Newington's Founders Society by bequeathing a gift so that future generations of Newington boys could discover what's possible in their lives. His connection to Newington extended to his son, Trevor (ON '96), when he attended Newington for a short time, and Ian is thrilled that a grandson is due early 2011.

A graduate of York University (Toronto, Canada) and a Certified Public Accountant, Ian has authored award winning articles for organisations such as the Urban Land Institute in Washington, D.C. His article "New Thinking for Regional Shopping Centres" won Urban Land's Award for best article.

Ian is sought after around the world for speaking engagements together with interviews by all aspects of the media – television, radio, newspaper, and magazines on retail/shopping centre issues. He sits on the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC) in New York which comprises the most senior executives of the world's largest retail and development companies in the world. He is also the first Australian to be appointed to this prestigious Board. He also sits as a Director of their Foundation Board. In addition, he is the Chairman of ICSC's International Design & Development Awards program. In 1989 he started the "Whistler Winter Conference", which today attracts over 3,000 delegates. In 2002, he also initiated "The Leading Edge" Conference in Vail, Colorado now called "REvent."

Ian has also served on the Board of leading public companies including: Future Shop, Coast Appliances, City Xpress, in addition to charity Boards like Vancouver Opera.

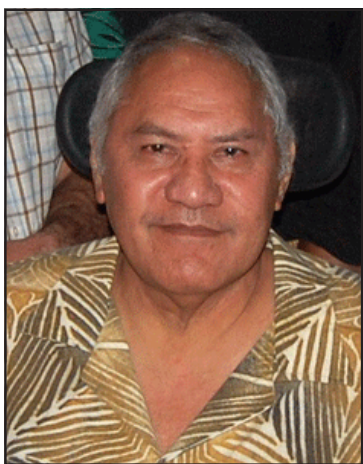
Ian Thomas' commitment to his chosen profession, business development, and personal and active dedication to, not only Newington's philanthropic culture but Australian Independent Schools, is a credit to his family and the wider Newington family thus being an inspiration to all Newington boys.



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Newington Medallist 2011 (International) Mr Sitiveni (Steve) Finau (ON '66)



Sitiveni (Steve) Finau travelled to Newington College for the first time in 1956 by boat from Tonga with fellow student Kelepi (Gus) Tupou. Although initially unable to speak English he soon developed firm friendships in the classroom, the playground and on the sporting field due to his generous yet unassuming nature. He was welcomed, at weekends and holidays, in the family homes of fellow boarders, only travelling home to Tonga every couple of years.

In the Senior School Steve honed both his academic and sporting prowess and also passed the initiation of the senior boarding house. His warm and affable nature and genuine love for Newington won him admiration and respect. He inspired his fellow students with strong adherence to fellowship and the values that Newington espoused. He completed school in 1966 with an impressive sports record and significant academic achievements to matriculate to The University of Sydney, where he played representative rugby, his passion. He later completed his degree at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, majoring in International Economics.

On returning to Tonga in the mid 70s, Steve quickly became interested in local issues and government, business development, sports program development and education. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Lupeti Finau (ON '36) in becoming Chief of his village, a position he held with responsibility and pride. In 20 years of public service for the Government of Tonga he held the positions of Deputy Taxation Commissioner, Head of Customs Department and later, Postmaster General. He is currently the Executive Officer for Tourism Tonga.

At the community level he became involved in assisting Tongan athletes and was CEO for both the Tongan National Olympic Committee and Tongan Commonwealth Games Association and, in this capacity, was advisor to Michele Ford, South Pacific delegate on the Olympic Committee.

In recent years, Steve's passion for Newington reignited the Newington/Tongan relationship. With great support from the Old Newingtonians' Union, the Headmaster and staff at the College, the international relationship is flourishing once again as evidenced by the increase in the number of Tongan students currently attending the College through the ONU Tongan Bursary Program. To this end Steve is a mentor at Tupou College (Newington's brother school in Tonga) and is the ONU Regional (International) Council Member in Tonga. He chairs the selection panel for the ONU Tongan Bursary Program.

Sitiveni Takaetali Finau embodies internationalism and citizenship. His personal commitment to his homeland Tonga, Newington and the relationship between the two is of great benefit to the future of both. He understands Newington's capacity to offer extraordinary opportunities through mentoring and educating outstanding young Tongan boys; he recognises the potential for young men, like himself, to discover what's possible for themselves, their school and their country and return the investment many fold. In awarding the Newington Medal (International) we celebrate Steve Finau's outstanding contribution.



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Newington Medallist 2011 **Mr James Service, AO (ON '49)**



Jim Service attended Newington College from 1945–1949 and achieved significant academic and College honours during his time as a student. A very keen and sharp scholar, he gained his Intermediate Certificate in 1946 and Leaving Certificate in 1948 in which he obtained First Class Honours in English. In his final year he added First Class Honours in both Chemistry and Geology. Recognition for his academic ability and diligence saw him awarded the Wigram Allen Scholarship in 1947; the Edwin & May Grainger Scholarship and the Holliday Scholarship in 1948; and the RT Baker Scholarship in 1949.

In 1981, Jim founded JG Service Pty Ltd, a national property and development consulting company. His extensive experience in the areas of financial services and property led him to positions in public company leadership and governance across a variety of sectors including tourism, finance, utilities, telecommunications and development, including National President of the Property Council of Australia and Deputy Chairman of Advance Bank. Jim is currently a Director of CapitaMall Trust Management Ltd in Singapore.

Jim has been involved in a number of company boards and committees such as the Canberra Chamber of Commerce, the CFMEU Children's Healthcare Trust, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the ACT Cancer Society Committee, and many more that serve the community.

Jim has received numerous national and community honours for service to, and beyond, the business world. He was a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977; Member of the Order of Australia in 1990 for his service to the community; Canberra Citizen of the Year in 2001 and Order of Centenary Medal for service in developing Australia's construction industry, also in 2001. He received Officer in the Order of Australia in 2004 for service to business and to the community through support for the arts, cultural and charitable organisations. In 2009, Jim was an ACT Finalist for Senior Australian of the Year 2009 where he was described as a 'philanthropic businessman'.

An original member of the re-established Newington College Foundation Board from 2006–2010, Jim's involvement in business, his tireless service to the broader community and his dedication to the College is exemplar. With this medal we proudly recognise this philanthropic business leader and most valued member of the Newington College community.



PETER H. R. GREEN, MB, BS, MD, FRACP, FACG (ON '64)

Dr Peter H. R. Green, M.D. is Professor of Clinical Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University in New York, and Director of the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University, New York City. Peter attended Newington College from 1959 to 1964; first at Killara preparatory school, then the senior school at Stanmore.

He was an excellent student, winning a succession of prizes during his school career. These included the Senior Art Prize and a General Proficiency Prize at Killara Prep, the Science Prize in Fifth Form, and the Geography and Ancient History Prizes, along with a General Proficiency Prize, in the Lower Sixth Form. In his final year he won the Geography (Joseph Horner Fletcher) Prize, also gaining first class Honours and second place in the State in this subject in the Leaving Certificate.

Peter was also an active sportsman at school. At Killara Prep, he was Captain of the Swimming team and played in both the 1st XI and the 1st XV, being described as 'a good hooker & forward generally'. As a member of the College's 1st XV in his final year, he was awarded Football Dates for the season. In summer he took up rowing and was a member of the 2nd IV in 1964.

His moral qualities were recognised early with his appointment as a Monitor (the Prep equivalent of Prefect) at Killara Prep. He served as a Sub-Prefect and as a Cadet Under Officer and Platoon Commander in his final year at school. His Form Master's final comment at the end of 1964 was: 'Sparkling personality. Works hard and does well.'

After leaving Newington Peter went to medical school at The University of Sydney where he graduated, MB BS with First Class Honours in 1971. He also received the William Henry & Eliza Alice Sharp Prize in Clinical Surgery and the Glaxo-Allenbury (Australia) Prize in Surgery.

While in medical school he played rugby with the Newington Old Boys. Over the years the 'NOBS' won the competition in several of those years. He also joined the Palm Beach Surf Club and is still a member of the Cabbage Tree Club at Palm Beach.

After graduation from The University of Sydney, Peter did his medical training at the Royal North Shore Hospital where he became the senior medical registrar, trained in gastroenterology and became the Clinical Superintendent in 1976. He obtained his MRACP in 1974 and FRACP in 1978.

In 1976 he obtained a position at the Beth Israel Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. This was followed a visiting fellowship in medicine at Presbyterian Hospital and a position on faculty of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York where he has remained. Since then Peter has risen to Professor of Medicine. He is an Attending Physician at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center.

Peter obtained an MD from The University of Sydney in 1979 based on research performed at Harvard and Columbia Universities. The MD thesis was titled. "Intestinal Lipoprotein formation: Studies in rat and man"

Peter's medical career has been devoted to patient care, medical education and research. He has over 300 publications in medical journals that include original research, invited reviews, editorials and book chapters. He has been honoured for his teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows with the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Foundation Mentors Research Scholar Award in 2007, and for his expertise in the field of gastroenterology by the award of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) with the Master Endoscopist Award for 2007.

He has served on educational and research committees of the AGA and ASGE and is a past president of the New York Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and is currently on the executive council of the Society. Peter is a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology.

Peter's area of expertise is celiac disease. His research includes epidemiology, clinical manifestations, associated diseases and pathophysiological mechanisms of celiac disease. He has established collaborations with national and International experts in the field of celiac disease research, including very active research collaboration with the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. He has mentored many individuals who have gone on to careers in academic medicine.

He is an invited speaker at many hospital and medical school grand rounds in the United States, as well as at National gastroenterology meetings and International meetings in South and Central America as well as Europe and Asia: was an invited speaker at the NIH Consensus Development Conference on Celiac Disease in 2004: and is on the Scientific Advisory Boards of several pharmaceutical companies.

Peter is the author of a book titled "Celiac disease, a hidden epidemic", first published by Harper Collins in 2006 and currently in its second edition. He appears regularly in the media (news papers, magazines television and radio) in the United States as an expert on celiac disease and gluten related disorders.

This award acknowledges Dr Peter Green's work, profession, skill, dedication to education, generosity, contribution to the medical profession and support for sufferers of celiac disease as it has been one of enormous benefit to the sufferers of this disease. It also recognises Peter's love for, and philanthropic contribution to Newington. He was a founding Director in 2006 of the Australian Independent Schools USA Foundation, a board on which he remains, now benefiting 27 other Australian Schools.



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DOUG CAMERON (ON '46)

Mr Doug Cameron's association with Newington began with the arrival of three Cameron brothers between 1937 and 1940. The eldest, Lindsay ('Lin'), was known to his schoolmates as 'Boop' or 'Big Boop'. His brother, Robert ('Bob'), was also known as 'Boop' ('as all Camerons must inevitably be known', according to The Newingtonian). Doug finally arrived and was inevitably known as 'Boop' when he entered Wyvern House Preparatory School in 1940.

Doug was an outstanding scholar. He started as Dux of the Prep and finished in 1946 as joint Dux of the School and winner of the Hardy Medal for best pass in the Leaving Certificate. Among the swag of other prizes and scholarships, he won The Grainger Scholarship in 1946, earning him £21, which was deducted from his school fees for the year and he was awarded the very prestigious Old Boys' Prize in 1945 and 1946 which reflected his all-round abilities and respect in the school. Doug also obtained University Exhibition on his Leaving Certificate, giving total remission of university tuition fees – one of the 100 granted in NSW.

He loved cricket and played in the 1st XI three years in a row, including as Captain for two years. He played rugby in the 1st XV for two years, served as Vice-Captain in the 1st Rifle team and was awarded Cricket and Shooting Colours. He edited The Newingtonian, and served as Sergeant Major in the Cadets, as a Prefect, as Captain of Fletcher House and as joint Senior Prefect in his final year. Doug eventually produced Newington Senior Prefects of his own through his sons and grandsons. He went on to Sydney University Law School and graduated with First Class Honours. After leaving university, he played rugby with Drummoyne (the "Dirty Reds") in Fourth Grade and eventually became First Grade Hooker for two and a half seasons to 1952; he played first grade cricket for Balmain and Northern District and ran in the City to Surf races from their inception until well into his sixties. He also played club cricket with the Wyvern Cricket Club for many years as their Club Captain and is a Life Member of the Club. He was a long-serving member of the City & Suburban Cricket Association's Management Committee.

Doug spent most of his legal career as principal of his city-based firm, Cameron Gillingham Boyd. When he retired from practice, he held an unblemished practicing certificate for over 50 years of service. Doug earned the respect of his colleagues and adversaries for his wisdom, diligence and respect for his clients as well as for his legal learning and his integrity. He also served the public for a number of years as a member of the Commonwealth Government Social Securities Appeals Tribunal, a quasi-judicial role, and was a member of the Legal Professional Conduct Review Panel in the early 1990s.

He served on the College Council from 1973 to 1983, and in addition to being a Life Member of the ONU, he has been an active member of the 70 Club, serving on its Committee since 2001 and as its Chairman from 2004 to 2007. During his time on Newington's College Council, Doug was also on the Council of MLC School from 1973 to 1985, serving as Vice-Chairman in 1974 then as Chairman from 1975 to 1983. He was the first lay person to be Chairman of the Council. Doug's service at MLC covered, among other things, the introduction of equal pay for female teachers, the commencement of the school's modern building plans, the renaming of the school and the first fundraising appeals. Today, Doug continues at Newington as a current and long-term Archives Volunteer on special projects.

Doug acknowledges the enormous input, support and wisdom given to him by his wife Margaret throughout their 60 year marriage.

This award acknowledges Doug's unwavering dedication to 'Dear Newingtonia' across a number of areas. He is considered a fine example of quiet dedication to our College and the embodiment of a true Newington gentleman and therefore well-deserving of the Newington Medal (Australia). In awarding the Newington Medal (Australia) we celebrate Doug Cameron's outstanding achievements particularly in the areas of profession, community service and what it means to show '...my love for thee shall never, never die'.

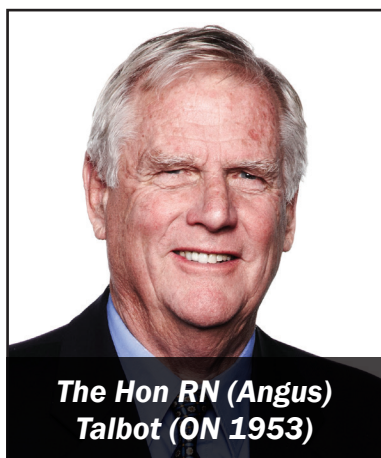


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The Hon RN (Angus) Talbot (ON 1953)



Robert (Angus) Talbot was at Newington from 1949 to 1953. He graduated LLB from Sydney University in 1959, was admitted to the Bar in 1982 and appointed a Judge of the NSW Land and Environment Court in 1992, serving for 15 years. He retired from the Bench in 2007. Angus has been a long standing member of the ONU, serving as President in 1997- 98. In 1999 he was appointed as an ONU representative on the College Council, a position he has served with distinction for the past 15 years. Angus was Deputy Chairman of Council from 2002 to 2007 and served as Chairman to this year end, having earlier announced his retirement. Angus'

term as Chairman has seen 'Floreat Newingtonia' writ large. The physical presence of Newington and her educational reputation is without compare. He has brought wise counsel, diplomatic, judicial and governance skills and experience to bear on all his official Council responsibilities and has been a firm advocate and visionary for the future direction of the College. As Chairman, Angus was responsible for the appointment in 2009 of Dr David Mulford as Headmaster. Dr Mulford has been most fulsome in his praise of the support, wisdom and friendship of Angus Talbot. It is with great pride that the Newington Community has the opportunity to recognise a lifetime of community service with the awarding of the 2013 Newington Medal to this fine Newingtonian.

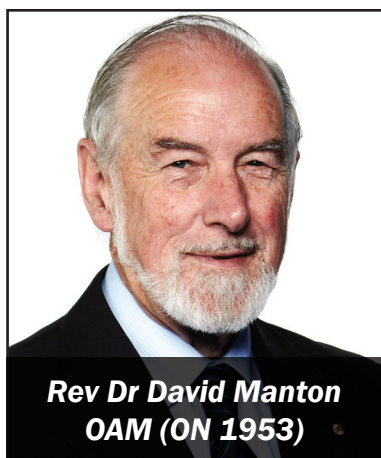


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Rev Dr David Manton OAM (ON 1953)



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Edwin (David) Manton is a member of a notable Newington family whose association covers the entire life span of the College. Whilst this is a personal award, in this Sesquicentenary year, it is appropriate to mark the contribution of the Manton family over the past 150 years. David attended Newington from 1949 to 1953. As an ordained minister of the Uniting Church in Australia he served in a number of rural and city parishes, whilst obtaining his Doctorate of Ministry. In 1998, he was appointed the NSW Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia, a position he held for three years. It was for this life of service to the community

through his range of Uniting Church ministries that David was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2005. David's service to the College has been notable, effective and sustained. He joined the College Council in 1984 and steps down this year after an extraordinary 30 years of service. His membership of the Council has been an active one, culminating with the Property Committee, that has overseen the development of the wonderful buildings that grace the College campus. David Manton's warm, dignified personality, ever present sense of humanity and his commitment to community and the College make him an outstanding example of a Newingtonian and a worthy recipient of the Newington Medal.



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Judge Harry Bell (ON 1943)



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Hubert (Harry) Bell started as a 12 year old boarder from Wee Waa in 1938. Son of an Old Boy, Hubert Bell (ON 1888), he participated in all aspects of school life but excelled in academic subjects. In the 1943 Leaving Certificate, Harry gained second place in the State for English. Upon leaving school, Harry enlisted for World War II and served with the 2/9 Commando Squadron of the 2/6 Cavalry Regiment in New Guinea for a total of 19 months. Harry later wrote of his time at Newington and his subsequent war service in a book entitled Wee Waa to Wewak. Upon discharge in 1947, Harry commenced law at The University of

Sydney and graduated with Honours. He was admitted to the Bar in 1952 and appointed a District Court Judge in 1974. Following retirement in 1997, he acted as a District Court judge for a further three years and served two six-month terms as an acting Judge of the Supreme Court. Throughout his post school life of nearly 70 years, Harry has maintained a close relationship with the College, keeping in contact with alumni, supporting events and being a significant contributor to the College archives. He is a founding member of the 70 Club, which he served as Vice President. Harry Bell is a man of many parts – scholar, poet, author, debater, boxer, soldier, lawyer, judge, husband, father and grandfather. He is a man that can well serve as a role model for all Newingtonians and a most worthy recipient of the Newington Medal.

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**Prof Graham Colditz
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NEWINGTON MEDAL (INTERNATIONAL) 2014

Graham Colditz was a student at Newington from 1967 to 1972. It is safe to say that whilst gifted academically, he was also a leader and a student well respected by his peers and teachers alike.

The Newingtonian of 1972 records the Headmaster Tony Rae observe, "The school has been led by two young men of distinction in Captain Tony Bosman and Vice-Captain Graham Colditz". G A Colditz also received the Old Boys' Prize for Leadership, Scholarship and Sport and his Valete notes he played 1st XI Cricket, 3rd XV Rugby, Athletics and was Cadet Senior Under Officer and Vice Captain (now Deputy Senior Prefect).

Graham and his younger brother Ian (ON 1974), were also keen photographers, with Graham achieving a first and a third in the 1972 NSW Secondary Schools Photographic Competition. As a result of this interest, they have a rich photographic archive of life at Newington at this time.

Graham graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Medicine and later Doctor of Medicine from the University of Queensland Medical School and his academic and medical research career since would rank him as one of Newington's most distinguished Old Boys. He achieved his Masters and then Doctorate of Public Health at Harvard University and with his extensive research into the causes of cancer, particularly in women, he is now internationally recognised as a leader in cancer prevention.

Based at Washington University in St Louis, Missouri, he is the Niess-Gain Professor of Surgery and a Professor of Medicine; Chief of the Division of Public Health Sciences in the Department of Surgery; Deputy Director of the Institute for Public Health at the School of Medicine; and Associate Director of Prevention and Control at Siteman Cancer Center.

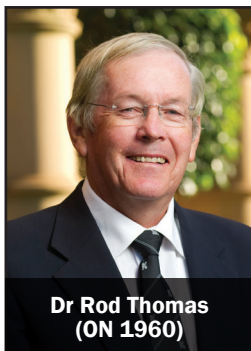
He was both a Fulbright Scholar and Knox Fellow at Harvard University and has won numerous awards and scholarships over a distinguished 40 year career. In 2011 he was honoured with the American Cancer Society's highest award, the Medal of Honor and in 2014 the American Society of Clinical Oncology awarded him their highest award, the American Cancer Society Award.

Earlier this year, the College was pleased to have had the opportunity to also recognise Graham's achievements and support with the naming of one of our Science Laboratories in his honour.

Through a life of selfless dedication to the cause of medical research and cancer prevention, Professor Graham Colditz has brought great distinction to himself, his family and Newington College. It is with much pride that the College honours such service to humanity in awarding him the Newington Medal (International) for 2014.

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**Dr Rod Thomas
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NEWINGTON MEDAL (AUSTRALIA) 2014

Rod Thomas was a student at Newington from 1955 to 1960. Throughout his time at Newington, his academic abilities were in evidence, culminating in the award of Dux of the College in 1960. His First Class Honours in Chemistry and Second Class Honours in both Physics and Mathematics saw him gain a Commonwealth Scholarship and entry to study Medicine at the University of Sydney.

As Dux of the College, Rod was awarded the Halse Rogers Prize and Schofield Scholarship whilst his Leaving Certificate results earned him the Hardy Medal, awarded for the best pass in the Leaving. Rod's father Noel (ON 1930) and his son Peter (ON 1988) were also Dux and Hardy Medallists, being the only instance of three generations of the one family so recognised in the College's 151 year history. Earlier this year, the Thomas family honoured the memory of Noel by endowing the College and naming the Chemistry Superlab in his name.

Rod was also an accomplished sportsman, playing cricket and rugby, rising to the 2nd XV in 1960. He was a keen rower but golf was his passion. With the establishment of golf as a school sport in 1958, Rod regularly represented Newington at both District and State competitions and the sport remains a passion to this day. He was also a Prefect and Cadet Under Officer (CUO) in 1960.

As a medical practitioner, Rod took over the family practice at Northbridge from his father Noel and served the local community with distinction for many years. Rod and his wife Ann's three sons all attended Newington via Lindfield Prep, David (ON 1985) and twins Peter and Richard (ON 1988).

Rod has remained an active member of the Newington Community all his life. He served on the Council of the Old Newingtonians' Union (ONU) in 1961 and 1962 and was a regular competitor in the ONU's annual golf days and later tennis competitions. In 1995, the Centenary Year of the ONU, the ONU Centennial Trust was established and following Peter Thomas being named the inaugural endowee, Rod, together with his brother Ian (ON 1963), have become the major benefactors, with Rod the driving force behind its now unqualified success.

In recent years, Rod has also been the Chairman of the Founders Society, the College's Bequest Program, leading from the front, as usual. After only five years, the Founders Society can boast a membership in excess of 100, with the eventual goal of 400 active members.

Rod Thomas continues to be an example of the very best that Newington can produce and it is with great pride that we have the opportunity to recognise a lifetime of service to the Newington and greater community with the awarding of the 2014 Newington Medal (Australia) to this fine Newingtonian.



2015 Newington Medal - International

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Professor Chris Rodger (ON 1973)

Chris Rodger was at Newington from 1968 to 1973 and his list of achievements whilst a student at the College is outstanding and diverse. For four years in a row, Chris was awarded the Bellhouse Prize for excellence in and contribution to Music. A keen and accomplished cricketer, Chris was in the 2nd XI for two years before rising to the 1st XI in 1973. Academically, he excelled and won the Wigram Allen Award for outstanding scholarship in Year 11 and the George Lane Prize as runner up to Dux in Year 12. In 1973 as a Prefect, he was awarded the Jack Thorncraft Trophy for loyalty and service. His brothers Mark Rodger (ON 1976) and Stuart Rodger (ON 1970) also attended Newington.

Currently, Professor Chris Rodger holds the Don Logan Chair in Mathematics at Auburn University of Sciences and Mathematics in Alabama. His research area, is Discrete Mathematics: Combinatorics; Graph Theory and Design Theory and he has published prolifically in this area with over 180 research papers, chapters, journal volumes and books to his name.

It is for his passion and brilliance for teaching mathematics and his innovative mathematics instruction outreach programs where Chris' exceptional commitment and talents are evident. As an award winning mentor, he has seen his own PhD and Masters students flourish academically with several receiving prestigious awards. His own list of major grants and awards for mathematics outreach programs is staggering and varied, spanning a multi-million maths curriculum development project to a Maths camp in Central Australia for Years 5 to 9 students.

When in Australia, Chris reconnects with Newington and inspires and engages our current students in the maths classroom as a guest teacher.



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Mr Ben Swane AM (ON 1944)

Since 1944, Nurseryman Ben Swane's dedication and passion for horticulture, in particular his beloved roses, is legendary. Not just in the nursery and garden industry but in the wider community as well. Referred to as "Gardening Royalty", Ben has reached the pinnacle of excellence as a Nursery owner of Swane's Nursery in Dural; a rose breeder of distinction; exporter; adviser and educator. He has received many accolades throughout his long and distinguished career and yet still finds time for charitable works.

Ben Swane attend Newington from 1941 to 1944, as did his brother Geoffrey, and left after completing his Intermediate Certificate. He rowed in the 2nd IV as well as singing in the College choir. In later years, he acknowledged his passion for all things plants and gardening began during his Newington years. His two sons, Robert (ON 1980) and Philip (ON 1981) attended Newington. Ben regularly returns to the College for 70 Club lunches.

His contribution to the Nursery industry has been immense, serving on boards of the Nursery and Garden Industry Association and the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW for many years, attaining life membership of both. He is valued for his eminent body of horticultural knowledge and industry experience. For many years he has been advising the Australian Citrus Propagation Association, the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute, the NSW Department of Industry and Investment, Plant Breeders' Rights Committee with the Department of Primary Industries and the International Plant Propagators' Society. He is a long serving member of Rotary and served for three decades as a district co-ordinator for the Red Shield Appeal.

Widely acknowledged for his vast specialised horticultural knowledge and one of Australia's most accomplished rose growers, Ben's special gift is as an educator. Whether advising the novice gardener as a radio commentator, or speaking at gardening forums or conventions, his ability to engage the practical gardener in a calmly informative yet accessible manner, is unparalleled.

Ben Swane is a worthy recipient of the Newington Medal (Australia) for 2015.



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Dr David Lo AM (ON 1953)

David Lo came to Newington College in 1946 and was an active member and leader in the College community. David's family lived in Darwin where his father was a Methodist Minister, serving the Chinese community. As a boarder at Newington, he soon displayed personal qualities that gained him the respect and affection of his fellow classmates and College staff.

David was a first-class scholar at school, and was Dux of Wyvern House and runner-up to Dux in his final year at school. He won a Commonwealth Scholarship with his Leaving Certificate, including two Honours passes and an 'A' pass, and matriculating to Medicine at the University of Sydney.

David participated fully in the life of the College. He contributed significant articles to The Newingtonian, for which he was co-editor in 1953, and displayed leadership through being a Monitor in 1948, a Prefect in 1953, as a Cadet Lieutenant and as a student representative in the Student Christian Movement.

David excelled at sport. He was a member of the College Athletics team for each of his five years, gaining athletic colours in 1952. In 1953 he was a member of the 1st XI and of the premiership winning 1st XV for which he was awarded rugby colours.

Following graduation in Medicine at the University of Sydney, David worked in Sydney's RPA & Royal North Shore hospitals and then in Brisbane. In 1967, he relocated to Darwin, where he was appointed as a Senior Physician at Darwin Hospital. He remained employed by the hospital in senior positions, before retiring in 2000 after 33 years' service and operating a general practice in Darwin. During his long and distinguished career he made a significant contribution to the health care of the community of the Northern Territory and of Darwin in particular. When Cyclone Tracey struck in 1974, he remained behind in Darwin and provided valuable medical support at a very critical time.

His contribution to medicine in the Northern Territory was formally recognised in 2000 when he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to medicine in the Territory as a specialist physician assisting the development of medical services, including improved access for Indigenous Australians to health services. His book, The Long Road to Territory Health is regarded as the definitive history of medicine in the Northern Territory.

David was an outstanding scholar and sportsman during his years at Newington and his professional life and service to the community over many years has brought great distinction both to himself and the College. He is a worthy recipient of the Newington Medal for 2015.

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Dr Ian Penn (ON 1970)

Ian Penn was a student at Newington College from 1966 to 1970. He was a member of the Student Representative Council in 1968 and the Fletcher/Metcalf House Vice Captain in 1970.

Awarded a Commonwealth Secondary Scholarship in 1968, Ian was identified by his teachers as, "Having gifted qualities and a fine academic future." Ian also achieved success as a member of the College's 1st Debating team and on the stage where he played the role of Caliban in the Tribal-Love-Hate Musical, based on Shakespeare's The Tempest, in his final year.

Ian went on to train in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at The University of Sydney, then in Interventional Cardiology in Calgary, Alberta and subsequently in Phoenix, Arizona where he worked with Dr Richard Schatz, the pioneer of coronary artery stents.

Dr Ian Penn spent over 20 years developing coronary stents, initiating and implementing a Canadian trials group that investigated their safety and efficacy in the early 1990s. From 1992-2000 he was Director of Interventional Cardiology at Vancouver General Hospital and is a co-founder of Evasc, an endovascular medical device company.

Often referred to as cardiologist and artist, Ian Penn completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver to accompany his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. He has also studied Philosophy and Political Science.

Ian Penn is the son of Holocaust survivor parents and it is this family history that has strongly influenced his art. His first solo exhibition was held in 2011 at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre where he explored the second generation's relationship to the Holocaust through a number of media.

Ian has been recognised for his work in the art world, having been awarded the Contemporary Art Society of Vancouver Emerging Artist's Award upon graduation from Emily Carr. He has published over 120 abstracts and articles and has an active art practice.

Through his remarkable body of work, both in medicine and art and the impact that both have had on the world's population, Dr Ian Penn has brought great accolades to himself, his family and Newington College. It is with much honour that the College awards the Newington Medal (International) 2016, to Dr Ian Penn.



2016 Newington Medal

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Ian Webster (ON 1970)

Ian Webster was a student at Newington College from 1963 to 1970. He is one of many of the greater Webster Family to have attended Newington over many decades.

Ian was a Prefect and achieved good results in the 1970 HSC, being awarded a Commonwealth University Scholarship. During his time at the College he was a keen sportsman, but enjoyed and excelled in the Cadet Unit. By 1969 he was appointed a Cadet Unit Officer (CUO), commanding 2 Platoon in A Company and in his final year Ian was appointed Senior CUO, the student post with the highest responsibilities.

Since leaving Newington College, Ian has been a leader in the Australian publishing world. Universal Publishing for many years produced the annual Gregory's Street Directory and following sale of the business in 2009, Ian was appointed Managing Director, a position he held until 2012.

Ian has also run a very successful family business, Sally Milner Publishing for many years as well as the family rural property at Binda in southern NSW.

Ian's service to Newington over the years has been immeasurable. He has been a member of the ONU Council or a Country Vice President for most of his adult life and served as President of the Old Newingtonians' Union from 1993 to 1994. In 2002 he was elected as an ONU Member of the College Council and served with distinction in that role for over a decade.

Ian is also an enthusiastic supporter of the College's philanthropic endeavours. He was the founding Chairman of the ONU Centennial Trust and nurtured it in the early days to the respected foundation it is today some 20 years later. Ian is also a founding member of the Founders Society, the College's Bequest Program.

Ian was the inaugural Chairman of the College's Sesquicentenary Committee and was responsible for setting the Committee on a path that led to the successful Sesquicentenary celebrations for the College in 2013. Ian also provided, at no cost to the College, the editing and publishing resources for the Sesquicentenary History Book published that year.

Ian's connections with Newington took on a further dimension when his sons Alexander (ON 2003) and Thomas (ON 2007) attended the College. No doubt, we will see more generations of Websters at Newington in the years to come.

Ian's leadership in the publishing industry and his lifetime support of the Newington community as an Old Boy provides an inspirational example of achievement for past and present students of the College. It is an honour to name Ian Webster as the Newington Medallist (Australia) for 2016.



2017 Newington Medal - International

BRIAN SOMMERLAD (ON 1958)

Brian Sommerlad was a student at Newington College from 1954 – 1958. In 1956 he was awarded the Stretton Waterhouse Memorial Prize, was a member of the 1st Debating in 1957-58, won the Moulton Prize in 1957, was awarded the Wigram Allen Scholarship in 1957, and in 1958 was Cadet Lt./CUO, a Sub-Prefect and was a member of *The Newingtonian* Committee.

Upon leaving Newington College, Brian attained his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery in 1966 from the University of Sydney. Brian was the Resident Medical Officer at Sydney Hospital (1966-1968) and Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney (1967-1968) holding both junior and senior positions in both hospitals. The United Kingdom beckoned in 1969, where Brian commenced his career at the Great Ormond St Hospital for Sick Children, London as a Senior House Officer (Plastic & Orthopaedic) and it continues today as a Consultant Plastic Surgeon.

In 1970 Brian was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and in 1998 became a Fellow of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (Hon). In 2000 he became, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh (Hon).

In 1971, Brian was a Surgeon in the Australian Surgical Team, Bien Hoa Hospital, South Vietnam. For service Brian was awarded the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal and the Australian Active Service Medal.

For the last four decades Brian has held positions as a Plastic Surgeon throughout hospitals in England, specialising in surgery for children and adults with cleft of lip and palate and associated conditions. He has been particularly involved in the development of the operating microscope for cleft palate repair and in re-repairing the cleft palate as an alternative to pharyngoplasty in some patients.

Brian's skill and knowledge has commanded numerous surgical and teaching posts, he is a Full Member of eleven international Medical Associations. He is the past President of both the British Association of Plastic Surgeons and the Craniofacial Society of Great Britain and Ireland. His highly specialised skill has directed Brian to teach fellow surgeons in Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Bangladesh and China. It is via these experiences that led to his philanthropic work.

Brian regularly visits countries where cleft lip and palate services are less well-developed, to work with local surgeons and to assist in their development of multi-disciplinary teams. He is a Trustee of Interface Uganda, and also works with cleft teams in Sri Lanka, Iran, Egypt, Bangladesh and Venezuela. He is an honorary member of the Indian Society of Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies and regularly attends meetings in India. He is a member of the Medical Advisory Board of Smile Train, a US based charity dedicated to empowering and supporting local surgeons and teams to carry out cleft lip and palate surgery.

This lifelong and extraordinary contribution to medicine and the impact it has on so many people provides an inspirational example of achievement for past and present students of the College. It is an honour to name Brian Sommerlad as the Newington Medallist (International) for 2017.



2017 Newington Medal - International

IAN DIERY (ON 1967)

Ian Diery commenced at Newington College in 1958 and graduated in 1967. Whilst at the College he was a member of the 2nd XV in 1966 and in 1967, the year the 2nd XV won the GPS Premiership. Ian was a Cadet Lt./CUO, in 1966 awarded Letters – Rugby, and in 1967 was a Sub-Prefect.

Ian was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship and went on to study Civil Engineering at the University of New South Wales. After completing his studies he commenced work in 1970 as a Salesman at Apeco of Australia. In 1976 the desire to travel led Ian to the United Kingdom. After a year of travel and working in different roles in the United Kingdom, Ian commenced at Wang U.K. in 1978 as a salesman – computers and word processing.

From 1978 to 1984 Ian undertook many roles within Wang U.K., until 1984 he was appointed Wang Vice President – Northern Europe. 1985 saw the promotion of Ian to the position of Wang Senior Vice President, Europe, Middle East and Africa. With each year passing, Ian's skill and knowledge was acknowledged by Wang; 1986 Wang Senior Vice President USA Sales and Marketing, 1987 Wang Executive Vice President World Wide Sales and Marketing.

In 1989 Ian was appointed by Apple Computers in the position of Senior Vice President – Asia Pacific, Canada and South America, an incredibly large remit and a role that Ian distinguished in and that led him to become Apple's Executive Vice President World Wide Sales and Marketing in 1991. 1992 was the pinnacle of his career at Apple, he was appointed the Executive Vice President World Wide Sales, Marketing, Manufacturing and Engineering. At the time it was the second highest position at Apple. An amazing achievement in consideration of the achievements of the organisation since its inception. Post Apple, Ian continued on in the Technology industry, he was the President and CEO of AST Computers and later a self employed Consultant.

In 1997 Ian became President and Chief Executive Officer of Electronic Scrip, Inc. (ESI), a California-based corporation dedicated to establishing relationships between commerce and community, to provide resources to organisations and projects that support children. ESI introduced the eScrip program in 1999 and has distributed over \$250 million to schools and youth organisations across the United States.

Since 2007 Ian has been a Board Member of the Australian Independent Schools USA Foundation. He has supported Newington College through his position on the Board and encouraged fellow Australians residing in the USA who attended Australian Independent Schools to give back to their School via this foundation.

It is noted by Ian's fellow classmates, that he is indebted to the experience gained at Newington, both academically and through sport to achieve a career in a technically evolving industry, to be a leader of many and to attain professional relationships that span the globe. Ian is a mentor to many. It is for his leadership both professionally and personally, that it is an honour to award Ian Diery the Newington Medal (International) for 2017.

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2017 Newington Medal - Australia

GREG GROGIN (ON 1976)

Greg Grogin was a student at Newington College from 1967 – 1976. Greg commenced his Newington journey at Wyvern in Year 3. During his time at the College, Greg participated in many productions, 1975 saw Greg awarded the ONU Service prize for Rugby, in 1976 was the House Captain of Le Couteur, won the Jack Thorncraft Trophy in 1976, was Cadet Lt./CUO and a Prefect.

It was noted on his final report that he was “cheerful, co operative, a full participant in all the school’s activities, a Prefect who set a fine example, always resourceful and reliable”. It is these attributes recognised at the time that led Greg to pursue a career in the New South Wales Police Force, where, amongst other duties, he was the Police Reporter on Sydney AM Radio. It was during his time as a Policeman, however, that he discovered his true vocation, the law.

Greg commenced his legal studies through the Solicitor’s Admission Board whilst working as a Police Prosecutor. Greg was admitted as a Solicitor and later to the Bar. In 2010 was appointed a Local Court Magistrate a position he has served with distinction and some notoriety. He has recently been appointed an Acting District Court Judge being due recognition and acknowledgment of his seven years of Magisterial service to the people of New South Wales.

Newington College has been the recipient of Greg’s community driven spirit for fifty years. This contribution to the College commenced as a pupil giving back to his fellow students, leading them as House Captain and CUO and engagement in multiple extra curricular activities. At the same time as building his career, Greg contributed to the College as a volunteer Rugby Referee, in 1999 and 2000 he was President of the Old Newingtonians Union and in 2000 was appointed to the College Council.

Greg served sixteen years on the College Council until his retirement earlier this year. He diligently served as a Councillor, Honorary Secretary and most recently as Deputy Chairman. He served under four Council Chairman and worked with three Headmasters, helping to steer the College through some of its most challenging times in living memory.

Current College Chairman, Tony McDonald (ON 1976) states “Greg’s contribution to the Newington Community has been outstanding and selfless. It is his tireless devotion to the culture and ethos of the College, leading by example in terms of resilience through various challenging times and most importantly his innate strength of character and substance in putting others first when governing the College, focussing on outcomes rather than personal kudos. He has set the bar for future Council members with his unstinting and unselfish devotion to what is in the best interests of the boys and the Newington Community as a whole.”

Acknowledging Greg’s outstanding contribution to Newington and the people of New South Wales, he is first and foremost a family man. With wife Wendy, they have successfully raised two outstanding Old Boys, Nicholas (ON 2009) and James (ON 2012).

It is due to Greg’s 50 years of tireless work, commitment and enduring love of Newington that it is an honour to name Greg Grogin the Newington Medallist (Australia) for 2017.





2018 Newington Medal - International

Ronald Lu (ON 1962)

Ronald Lu entered Newington in Term III, 1959 and completed his secondary education at the end of his Sixth Form year in 1962.

Considered “a student of steady application and reasonable achievement”, he obtained B class passes in English, Mathematics I & II, French and Physics in the State Leaving Certificate examination. In 1962 he was awarded the ONU Service Prize for Shooting.

Ron attended University of Sydney to study Dentistry, although his passion was Architecture. He made the change to study Architecture at the University of NSW where he graduated with honours. He followed this with a post-graduate degree in Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the US where he graduated in 1973 with a Master of Architecture in Advanced Studies.

In 1976 he founded Ronald Lu and Partners (RLP) in Hong Kong. RLP is dedicated to the delivery of world-class projects across the globe. The firm has become a specialist in delivering high-density, mixed-use developments especially Transport-Oriented Development over rail stations in response to the demands of Asia’s modern fast-growing economies. Under Ron’s stewardship RLP has become the leading architecture practice in Asia. With over 500 staff, they are headquartered in Hong Kong with offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.

Ron’s work has been globally recognised winning many international architecture awards and has partnered with the internationally renowned Frank Gehry on Gehry’s first two projects in Asia. RLP is committed to charity and social responsibility with the firm being awarded the Caring Company Logo for six consecutive years.

At the forefront of Ron’s success has been education and sustainability. He has steered the team at RLP to ensure all projects create greater economic, social and environmental value. Over the last forty years Ron has mentored and ensured that those with his passion for architecture are provided with the opportunity to do more, learn more, and create more. He has established a travelling scholarship at the School of Built Environment at University of NSW and their studios in Shanghai and Hong Kong, to foster greater cultural understanding and tolerance in delivering culturally sensitive Architecture.

In 2001, UNSW awarded Ron Doctor of Science Honoris Causa.

Ron lead the creation of the first Zero Carbon Building in Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong. This project is a prototype for exploring measures such as wise use of renewable energy, energy efficient design and technologies, higher greening ratios, more advanced recycling and waste management measures. All these measures ensure a progress towards the long-term vision of carbon-neutral communities.

Ron is a practising Christian, a philanthropist and a passionate golfer. He is a member of the Hong Kong Baptist Church. He is currently the President of the Hong Kong Golf Club and the Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Golf Association.

This lifelong and extraordinary contribution to Architecture, including as the Past President of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects and The American Institute of Architects (Hong Kong Chapter) has impacted so many people, providing an inspirational example of achievement for past and present students of the College. It is an honour to name Dr Ronald Lu as the Newington Medallist (International) for 2018.

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2018 Newington Medal - Australia

ROB WILD (ON 1965)

Robert Owen (Oscar) Wild has had a lifetime association with Newington. Rob attended Newington from 1958 to 1965. His Father Owen also attended Newington from 1930 to 1933 and his son Christopher from 1986 to 1991.

Rob was a keen sportsman whilst at the College commencing during his time at Wyvern House, where he played in the 1st XI and 1st XV and was awarded Cricket Colours. In the Senior School Rob was a specialist middle and long-distance runner. He won Open 880 yards and Open Mile races in the College's Annual Sports carnival and in 1964 was runner up and in 1965 the winner of the Ellison-Stewart Trophy for middle distance running. Rob was a member of the 1st XV and 2nd XI and was awarded Football Colours in 1964 and 1965.

It was not only on the sporting field that Rob displayed his leadership qualities. By 1964 he was a Cadet Platoon Commander and also served on the Student Representative Council. In 1964 he was appointed a prefect and in his final year in 1965 he was Senior Prefect.

In the December 1965 issue of *The Newingtonian* Rob wrote 'No matter how many years go by, no matter where I go or how I live, no matter what happens, I shall never forget those eight wonderful years as a schoolboy at Newington: and no matter how much the times change, "Dear Newingtonia" will always warm my breast and "Adieu, Old School" will choke my voice.'

Rob's leadership qualities were evident early on, not only from his time at the College but in his early career where he started in the building products division of CSR, whilst also completing a BA in Marketing and Business from the University of Wollongong. He had several management positions within CSR before he moved onto Cordells, where he spent 25 years before retiring as Managing Director.

Rob's commitment to the College has been steadfast throughout the years. Rob has been an active Old Boy through becoming a member of the Founders Society and, until recently, a Committee Member of The 70 Club.

In 2011, Rob and Jenny Wild tragically lost their beloved son Christopher. To honour Chris, they established The Chris Wild (ON 1991) Indigenous Bursary. Chris was a school teacher and his passion was teaching Indigenous children. Chris and Jenny along with family and friends wanted to honour Chris' passion for Indigenous education. Rob works tirelessly with the College to ensure the sustainability of the Bursary and to ensure that many Indigenous boys will have the opportunity to have a Newington education.

Rob has lent his support to many families that have experienced the same loss that they have through the mentoring programme Compassionate Friends NSW, an organisation which offers and provides friendship and support to bereaved parents and their families following the death of a child.

In addition to his work with Compassionate Friends, Rob, over recent years, has also been providing support for Newington families who have lost a child. Considering the personal tragedy that has overtaken him and his close and loving family, his commitment to helping others deal with their own tragedies marks him as a man of extraordinary character and faith.

It is because of Rob's community spirit, his leadership qualities and unwavering love of Newington that it is an honour to name Rob Wild the Newington Medallist (Australia) for 2018.

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2019 Newington Medal - International

MR RIC WELLS (ON 1973)

Ric Wells has been one of Australia's most outstanding diplomats of recent decades, holding key ambassadorial posts, heading major trade missions and serving at the highest levels of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Ric attended Newington College from 1968 to 1973. He had a stellar academic career, in which he was Dux of First Form (Year 7) and Fourth Form (Year 10) and runner-up to Dux in Fifth and Sixth Forms (Years 11 and 12), the latter with leading passes in English, Latin, Ancient History, Modern History and French. He was a keen debater, leading the Firsts team and winning the Richard Thompson Prize for best debater in 1973. He was also a keen stage performer, with major roles in College productions of Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound* and Sheridan's *The Rivals*.

Having joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) following university studies, Ric served in the embassies in Cairo and Jakarta and as Deputy Head of the Australian Mission to the World Trade Organisation in Geneva. In Australia between postings he served at the Assistant Secretary level in management and policy roles, focusing on trade policy, in DFAT and in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The latter roles reflected his expertise in, and commitment to, a holistic and integrated approach to conducting Australia's diplomatic, security and economic relationships.

From 2003 to 2005 Ric headed DFAT's South Pacific, Africa and Middle East Division as First Assistant Secretary. He then concurrently headed the China Free Trade Agreement Task Force, laying the groundwork for the free trade agreement signed in 2015, and the equivalent FTA Task Forces for Japan and Korea. In 2009 he was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Department, serving concurrently as Australia's Ambassador to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) group. His final diplomatic posting was as Ambassador to France from 2012 to 2014.

Ric's lifetime of service to his country, much of it serving overseas in senior diplomatic and trade mission roles, and his crucial contributions to the building of Australia's economic relationships with our major trading partners, make it an honour to award Ric Wells the Newington Medal (International) for 2019.

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2019 Newington Medal - Australia

LT. COL. (RET) JOHN MOORE (ON 1953) AM RFD CMC

For generations of Australians, John Moore was the voice of Anzac Day, providing engaging and knowledgeable commentary for the ABC broadcasts of Anzac Day marches, Dawn Services and Australian War Memorial commemorations over more than forty years. John has performed the same service at Newington's Anzac Service and Parade for many years. He has also commentated many times for the Head of the River, rowing championships and other sporting events.

A student at Newington from 1949 to 1953, John served as a Sub-Prefect and as a Cadet Sergeant. A keen sportsman, he represented the College in Athletics, Rowing and Rugby. In his final year at school he rowed in the Bow position in the 1st VIII and played in the 2nd XV.

John's long career in broadcasting, communications and public relations included working in the Rural Department of the ABC, in which he created material for and hosted such iconic radio programs as The Country Hour and To Market, To Market; serving in the Department of Defence, including as Chief of Army Communications (while still presenting the weather forecast at the end of the ABC TV News in Canberra); and becoming Newington's first Director of Community and Alumni between 1996 and 1999. He served for many years in the Citizen Military Forces (now the Army Reserve), reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

John has remained a keen member of Newington's alumni community through the Old Newingtonians' Union, Lodge Wyvern and The 70 Club. In addition to his long voluntary service as commentator at the College's annual Anzac Parade, he has been a keen contributor and donor, often behind the scenes, to a range of College initiatives and events, particularly for the Newington College Cadet Unit and Rifle Shooting.

In 1980 John was awarded the National Medal and in 2014 was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his significant service to the commemoration of Australian military and sporting events as a radio broadcaster and television presenter.

John's life of service to the nation, the enjoyment and learning that he has contributed to the national community, and his continuing love of Newington and service to our community all make it an honour to award John Moore the Newington Medal (Australia) for 2019.

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2020 Newington Medal - International

STUART FULLER (ON 1984)

Mr Stuart Fuller commenced at Newington in 1979 and graduated in 1984. Whilst at the College, he was awarded Academic Merit Awards in 1979, 1980, 1982 and 1983. In 1984, he was appointed Sub-Prefect. During his time at Newington, he played rugby and tennis and was known for his keen intelligence and intellectual curiosity.

After finishing school, Stuart attended the University of New South Wales and obtained a Bachelor of Commerce/Laws.

Stuart was at King & Wood Mallesons for 27 years as a capital markets/securitization and regulatory partner. A 10-year career in management culminated in his role as the inaugural Global Managing Partner for the firm. He is recognized globally for the merger between Australian firm Mallesons Stephen Jacques and King & Wood China. He managed to successfully merge the differing East/West legal practices for King & Wood Mallesons to become a leading international law firm headquartered in Asia. He is an acknowledged market leader in securitization and led the peak industry body, the Australian Securitisation Forum, for a number of years.

Stuart joined as the Head of KPMG Law in March 2018 and was appointed the Global Head of Legal Services in August 2019. He is also the Asia Pacific Regional Leader for Legal Services.

Stuart is an acknowledged leader in Australia/Asian relationships, having been a member of the Business Council of Australia's Global Engagement Task Force and a number of Australian coordinating bodies. Stuart has a strong track record in the legal and finance industries and is connected and well-respected across financial institutions, non-bank lenders, investment banks, regulators and government.

Stuart is the Chairman of the Asia Society Australia, a Director of NSW Foundation Limited and a member of the Law Advisory Council of the UNSW Law School.

Stuart believes alumni have an important role as advocates for the College and as contributors to its future development. He is a powerful embodiment of the College's values and has demonstrated his commitment and support to the College as an Old Boy and a Past Parent (Alec Fuller (ON 2016)). Stuart contributes to life at the College and to the ONU as a donor, volunteer and host of ONU events. He led the inaugural ONU strategic planning day, which resulted in the first-ever ONU strategic business plan.

Stuart's continual service to the law and his continuing love of Newington and service to our community all make it an honour to award him the Newington Medal (International) for 2020.

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2020 Newington Medal - Australia

ALEX BAYKITCH AM (ON 1982)

Mr Alex Baykitch was a student at Newington from 1971 to 1982. During his time at Newington, he was regarded as a keen student and an excellent team player. He was a member of rugby and basketball teams throughout senior school.

Alex has 30 years' experience in cross-border litigation and international commercial arbitration. He has appeared as counsel and sat as arbitrator in arbitrations conducted across the Asia-Pacific, USA, South America, Middle East and Europe.

Alex is an advisor and member of the Australian Government's Delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group on Arbitration and has participated in negotiations pertaining to key arbitration instruments, including the Mauritius Convention and the UNCITRAL Transparency Rules.

Alex was a partner in the Sydney office of the international law firm King & Wood Mallesons and is a past President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2017. He has consistently been listed in major legal directories as a leading individual in cross-border litigation and international commercial arbitration.

Newington College has been the beneficiary of Alex's community-driven spirit for more than 30 years. He is an Old Boy, current and past parent, a donor and most recently was the ONU President from 2017 - 2019.

While acknowledging Alex's outstanding service to the law, he continues to be a dedicated and committed contributor to the Newington community. His sons Daniel (ON 2018), Asher (ON 2020), and Joshua (Wyvern House Year 2) are all proud Newingtonians.

It is due to his tireless work for, commitment to and enduring love of Newington that it is an honour to name Alex Baykitch AM the Newington Medallist (Australia) for 2020.

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2021 NEWINGTON MEDAL AUSTRALIA

MR GREG MITCHELL (ON 1970)

Mr Greg Mitchell commenced his education at Newington College in 1963 at Wyvern House Preparatory School in Year 5. Throughout his time at the College, Greg excelled in his studies, sport, cadets and was a highly respected member of his cohort.

Greg was a valued member of the 2nd XI cricket team, winning the GPS competition in the 1969/1970 season. In his final year at Newington, Greg was a member of the 1st XV, playing in the position of five-eighth. He was awarded rugby 'blues' (a term used in this period for colours) for 1970.

In addition to academic and sporting pursuits, Greg was very active as a cadet. By 1969, he was a Cadet Under Officer (CUO), commanding the 1st Platoon of C Company. Discharging this responsibility with credit, he was made Commander of A Company, comprising the senior cadets, the following year.

In 1970 Greg was elected a prefect — indeed, he was described in his report card as an 'excellent prefect' — and was appointed School Vice Captain (the term used at the time for Deputy Senior Prefect). He also served as Captain of Kelynack-Johnstone House. Following his Higher School Certificate, Greg gained a Commonwealth University Scholarship and entry into a combined Arts/Law degree at the University of Sydney.

Greg graduated from university in 1976 and commenced a 12-month postgraduate articulated clerkship with the law firm Laurence & Laurence. He was admitted to practice as a solicitor in March 1977. Greg subsequently became a partner at Laurence & Laurence before moving on to become a founding partner in the firm Harris & Company in 1987.

In addition to general areas of law, such as family law, wills, estate planning, probate and conveyancing, the main focus of his work was always in the areas of property development, construction and leasing. In 2004 Greg became a partner in the long-established migration advisory firm Hitchcock & Associates. Greg retired from the law in 2014.

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Greg has maintained his connection with Newington through the Old Newingtonians' Union (ONU). He has served the ONU as Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Councillor and as a Metropolitan Vice President.

In addition, Greg served as a member of the College Council between 1994 and 2000. He became a Benefactor of the ONU Centennial Trust in 2000 and in 2011 Greg, along with his late wife Jeanne, became a member of the Founders Society. Greg currently serves as the Chairman of the Founders Society.

Newington College is proud of Greg's many achievements as a student and in his subsequent life, and is grateful for the many ways in which he has selflessly served our community. It is due to his commitment to Newington and the excellence he displayed in his professional career that it is an honour to name Greg Mitchell the Newington Medallist Australia for 2021.

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