



Alumni News

Term 4 - October 2025



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Dear Redlanders

As we move into Spring, it's hard to believe the year is already more than three-quarters through ... and what a year it has been for Redlands.

In 2025 we have marked a number of significant School milestones that include 65 years since the inception of the Redlands Parents and Friends Association, 35 years since the purchase of High Country Campus and the opening of the Junior Campus, the 30th year of Winter School and the launch of our new Moonbah Program, a 9 week residential learning program for our Year 9 students, hosted at our High Country Campus in Jindabyne.

One of the highlights each year for me is our much loved Platinum Luncheon where we welcome back Redlanders who attended the School more than 50 years ago. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for our alumni to connect and reconnect, acknowledge and celebrate their enduring and diverse experiences, friendships and achievements. These cherished alumni thoroughly enjoy each other's company and delight in the speeches and musical performances, that includes singing the School Song.

It was a pleasure to welcome back Ms Coralie Amos OAM AM (RL 1964) and Dr Sue Morey AM (RL 1959) this year, our Scholarship Ambassadors with scholarships named in their honour in recognition of their significant community contributions.



Grant Birse
Head of Community Engagement

It was also lovely to welcome back Redlanders from the classes of 1985, 1995, 2005, 2015 and 2020 who celebrated their Milestone Reunions earlier this year. A wonderful photo gallery from the event is available to view [HERE](#).

We were delighted to host a dinner for Redlanders currently residing in Hong Kong in June of this year and it was lovely to see our alumni connect and reconnect after so many years. We will continue to ensure important connections with Redlanders are nurtured and developed through our dedicated alumni engagement program that includes interstate and international reunions and networking opportunities, and of course our Alumni News.

This year's Gala Ball was a sparkling evening at the Fullerton Hotel in Sydney, with more than 300 guests coming together to celebrate the spirit of Redlands. A true highlight of the night was the performance by the exceptionally talented jazz duo and Redlanders, Tamis Hunter and Omar Rihani (RL 2022). Their artistry and energy captivated the audience and reminded us all of the remarkable creativity and talent that Redlands continues to inspire in its students and alumni.

A search is currently underway for a new Alumni and Community Relations Manager. This important role will be a key link between the School, our Alumni, the Alumni Advisory Committee (AAC) and our parent community groups. overseeing programs and events that strengthen connections, support philanthropic initiatives and create meaningful opportunities for Alumni and the wider Redlands community. We look forward to sharing news of this appointment with you later in the year.

We are proud to have such an extraordinary community of talented alumni. As a valued Redlander, you belong to a unique network of over 20,000 past students, teachers and family members. In the pages ahead, you'll discover just a few of the many inspiring success stories that began at Redlands and we encourage you to stay connected to each other and the School.

We love hearing from our Redlanders, so if you have a story, update or idea to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Happening at Redlands

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

At Redlands, innovation isn't just a buzzword, it's embedded in the [way we teach](#), learn and prepare students for the future. Over the past two years, we have been building the Innovation and Entrepreneurial Learning Program (IELP), now known as Ignite. We believe every student possesses the spark to innovate, to lead and to make a difference.

Liz Green, our resident Innovation and Entrepreneurial Learning Strategist (P-12) has embedded entrepreneurial thinking across the school, empowering students to solve meaningful problems by stepping beyond the traditional and embracing new technologies and learning experiences. Her initiatives include the delivery of the Ignite Innovation program, a bespoke Entrepreneurial Startup Bootcamp, a forthcoming Year 10 Commercialisation Challenge and many other practical learning opportunities, ensuring every student has access to relevant, connected and impactful entrepreneurial learning.

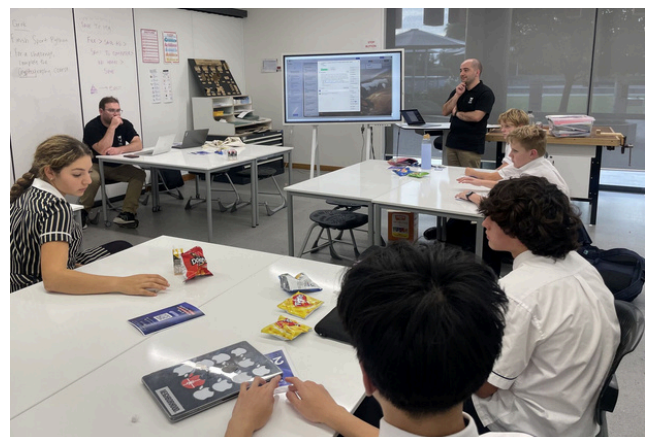
Throughout the year, Redlands students have had the opportunity to flex their creativity by connecting with alumni who are at the forefront of innovation in their respective industries, providing students with practical, commercially relevant industry experience which they will carry into their future careers.

There's nothing more exciting than seeing student ideas move from imagination to action.

Through Redlands' 'Startup Bootcamp: Idea to Action' Program, students from Years 7 to 10 (many with no prior entrepreneurial experience) stepped beyond the classroom, talking to real customers, testing ideas and embracing the uncertainty that real-world innovation demands.

Over the course of the program, students designed and crafted sustainable fidget toys, launched a sticker business within the school to promote personalised recognition and foster a sense of belonging within clubs, bottled honey from our rooftop and collaborated on Glue, a goal setting app.

With three returning alumni leading the way, our cohort showed that innovation thrives when students are given the chance to lead, collaborate and action their ideas.



Innovation and Entrepreneurship (cont.)

This year, Year 11 Redlands 'Explore and Experience' students spent the day at [Hulsbosch](#), the creative force behind Qantas, Woolworths and other Australian icons, to see how brand strategy comes to life.

From defining brand foundations to shaping customer experiences, they discovered how commercial creativity solves business challenges, why partnerships are powerful, and how truly great ideas always begin with people.

[Jaid Hulsbosch](#) (RL 1995) is Director of strategic branding and design agency, Hulsbosch. He works alongside his father Hans Hulsbosch who founded the agency over 40 years ago after emigrating to Australia from the Netherlands. A proud Redlander, Jaid's experience includes working with some of Australia's Top 20 ASX Listed companies and many of Australia's most recognised and loved brands. He spent six years in Europe working as Business Development Director with two leading design firms in London and Amsterdam before returning to Australia in 2010 to join Hulsbosch as a Director responsible for all aspects of business management: from strategy and planning to business development and client partnerships, to people and culture.



On World Children's Day last year, Liz met Redlander [Belle Brown \(née Simmonds\)](#) (RL 2012) who was working at [Howatson+Company](#), the creative force behind campaigns for [UNICEF Australia](#) and other major brands.

Fast forward to Term 3 this year, and Belle joined Redlands StartUp Bootcamp Program to deliver a powerful masterclass on Building Community - what it takes to do it well, and what happens when individuals or brands try to take shortcuts.

A big thanks to Belle for returning to Redlands and inspiring the next generation of community builders!



Innovation and Entrepreneurship (cont.)

Thank you to our expert judges – [Emma Shearman](#) (RL 2012) and founder of [SISUU](#), [James Powers](#), all round entrepreneur extraordinaire and our very own Director of Learning and Growth, [Ben Castelli](#) – for sharing their insight and encouragement, and to our staff, parents and wider Redlands community for supporting these future founders.

The Ignite Program is designed to provide extraordinary opportunities that challenge, inspire and empower our students to maximise their abilities. To continue offering these transformative experiences, we invite our community to support the program in ways that best suit them.

If you would like to learn more or are interested in working on a program as an Ignite partner, we'd love to hear from you. Email Liz Green on ignite@redlands.nsw.edu.au or register your interest [HERE](#).

To read more about Ignite, download our Ignite booklet [HERE](#).



[Emma Shearman](#) graduated from Redlands in 2012 and is the founder of [SISUU](#), a wellness brand she launched in 2020 from the Northern Beaches, Sydney. As a certified XPT Performance Breath and Cold-Water Immersion Coach, Emma combines her lifelong love of nature, water and outdoor adventure with her expertise in ritual, movement and restorative wellness practices. She creates natural products like tonics and magnesium recovery sprays to support body, mind and resilience.

Rooted in the Finnish concept of sisu, her work aims to empower people to live with grit, purpose and deeper connection to nature.



Class of 2025 Valedictory Dinner

In Term 3 we farewelled the Class of 2025 with their Final Secondary School Assembly in the morning followed by their Valedictory Dinner in the evening. It is always a special day as the student cohort, staff and parents come together to celebrate our outgoing Year 12 students.

The Final Assembly is sometimes dubbed “The Crying Assembly” and this year’s lived up to its name as our 12 Portfolio Captains each shared their personal and heartfelt reflections on their time at Redlands. Their tears were shared by many in attendance including students, staff and parents.

The Class of 2025 leave Redlands as young adults of character and substance who are ready to make as much of a positive impact out in the world as they made at Redlands. The 2025 graduates now form our youngest alumni in our ever-growing Redlander community and we can’t wait to see where the journey takes them. We look forward to welcoming them back to Redlands as distinguished alumni in the years ahead.

You can share in Year 12’s final farewell from the whole School, with students from Redlands House to Year 11 forming a Guard of Honour cheering them on through the Junior and Senior Campuses [in this video](#).

Speaking at the Valedictory Dinner, we were honoured to welcome back James Reid (RL 2020) who gave a very moving address to our departing students.



You can view the complete photo gallery of the Valedictory Dinner [here](#).

Class of 2025 Valedictory Dinner (cont.)

James Reid graduated from Redlands in 2020 before moving to Canberra to complete a double degree in Engineering and Science at ANU. During his studies, he gained experience in fire engineering and energy market analysis, which confirmed his passion for renewable energy.

James is now a graduate energy market modeller and analyst at Squadron Energy. Outside of work, he remains an avid sportsman and outdoors enthusiast – a passion that began at Redlands.

Highlights from James' Valedictory Address

In his address to the Class of 2025, James reflected on his own journey since Redlands and shared words of encouragement for life beyond school. He spoke about the resilience shown by this year's graduates as they began high school during the challenges of COVID, noting that the strength they developed will carry them forward.

James urged students not to fear uncertainty or failure, reminding them that "it's okay to change your mind" about study or career paths and that setbacks are simply opportunities to learn. He illustrated this with his own story of persistence in ANU's gruelling Inward Bound challenge and drew inspiration from Roger Federer's reflections on imperfection.

Above all, he encouraged the cohort to value and invest in their relationships and to keep saying yes to opportunities, to nurture their friendships and to seek out community as they step into the next chapter.



Alumni Advisory Committee

The first meeting of the new Redlands Alumni Advisory Committee (AAC) was held in September, following the Redlanders Alumni Association (RAA) Committee decision at a Special General Meeting of the RAA held on 25 March 2025 to transition to this new committee model.

The Alumni Advisory Committee, which includes both Alumni and School representatives, was created under a new Charter. Its aim is to enrich the lives of past students by building fellowship, support, and strong connections with Redlands, while also strengthening the wider Redlands community through meaningful engagement between the School and its Alumni. The Committee's purpose is to:

- Build lasting connections among Alumni and with the School, fostering pride and loyalty
- Support alumni engagement opportunities such as mentoring programs and scholarships
- Celebrate the contributions Alumni make to both Redlands and the wider community
- Understand and respond to the needs of Alumni, including social, professional, and networking opportunities

The AAC values broad representation from across the Alumni community and welcomes new members at any time.

For more information, or to get involved, please click [HERE](#).

Director of Development

We are delighted to announce that [Melinda Zanello](#) has joined Redlands as our new Director of Development.

Mel is a experienced philanthropic leader with a strong background in major gift strategy, donor engagement, and campaign development across both education and the not-for-profit sector. At Redlands, she will focus on growing philanthropic support for means-tested scholarships for students in necessitous circumstances, and for future capital works that will shape the school's next chapter. These priorities reflect Redlands' commitment to social justice and are being realised through the generosity of our community—past and present who share a vision for developing resilient leaders with a strong moral compass.



Mel is always happy to connect. Feel free to reach out for a coffee and conversation: mzanello@redlands.nsw.edu.au

2025 Platinum Luncheon

In May, Redlands was proud to host the 2025 Platinum Luncheon, a cherished tradition celebrating former students who attended the School more than 50 years ago. It was a truly special day, with more than 110 Redlanders returning to campus to reconnect, reminisce and share fond memories of their school days.

The luncheon was held in Redlands Hall, where guests were warmly welcomed by Year 11 students, who guided them to their seats and mingled throughout the event, embodying the School's spirit of service and community. A special archive display showcased Redlands' rich history. We were also honoured to welcome Dr Sue Morey AM and Coralie Amos OAM, our means-tested scholarship ambassadors, a reminder of the enduring impact of philanthropy for our School community.

Each guest received a beautiful handwritten card from a Junior School student, connecting past, present and future Redlanders.

The luncheon was elevated by outstanding musical performances: Nina by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi and Requiem by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul, both beautifully performed by Tara Ward (Year 10) and accompanied by Dr Jeremy Eskenazi, Redlands' Resident Associate Artist. Guests also enjoyed tours of the Redlands Learning Hub, Fahl Garden and Liggins Building, showcasing the School's continued growth and innovation.



Platinum Luncheon (cont.)

It was wonderful to hear from our guest speaker Ms Jennifer Anderson OAM (RL 1974). Jennifer was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia this year for her significant role in the establishment of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, whose vision is to change the lives of women and children fleeing domestic violence and facing homelessness. Her reflections were a powerful reminder of the values nurtured at Redlands and the extraordinary pathways taken by our alumni.

The Platinum Luncheon remains one of the most treasured events in the School calendar. It was wonderful to see the friendship and connection that endures among our Platinum ladies to this day and across generations of Redlanders. We hope to see you at next year's Platinum Luncheon.



[VIEW THE PLATINUM LUNCHEON PHOTO GALLERY](#)

2025 Gala Arts

It was an absolute joy to see the Redlands Secondary School thespians, dancers, artists and musicians shine at this year's Redlands Gala Arts, the School's annual creative and performing arts festival and House competition.

We congratulate all performers, staff and crew on an amazing night. One of the biggest highlights was the strong sense of community, which included parents in the audience without children performing, students cheering on their friends, staff

showing support for their students and alumni returning out of pride for the school and their ongoing connection to the community.

Gala Arts remains one of the standout events on the school calendar. Those who were unable to attend this year can see the photos below or follow the link to the performance video.



[VIEW GALA ARTS PHOTO GALLERY](#)

[WATCH GALA ARTS PERFORMANCE VIDEO](#)

Thank you to our Gala Arts Judges

We extend our sincere thanks to the panel of Gala Arts judges, made up largely of our talented performing and visual arts alumni. Their generous support of the event helped make the evening such a special celebration of Redlands talent.



Asha Boswarva – RL 2019, Arts Captain – Theatre Judge

Asha Boswarva, a proud Redlander and the School's 2019 Arts Captain, is now an accomplished Sydney-based actor. She honed her craft at the Australian Theatre for Young People, where she featured in the Glug Award-winning play *Intersection*, delivering a striking performance as Siaorse. Asha gained national recognition for her compelling portrayal of Young Margarita in the acclaimed Australian television series *Lambs of God*, earning the AACTA Subscription Television Award for Best New Female Talent.

She also captivated audiences at the Martin-Lysicrates Prize, an innovative theatre competition inspired by Ancient Greek festivals, showcasing her versatility and passion for new Australian writing for young people. Most recently, she starred in her first feature film, *The Big Dog*, as a fierce feminist psychology student.



Chloe Church – RL 2019, School Captain – Dance Judge

Chloe Church graduated from Redlands in 2019, where she was School Captain and an enthusiastic and active participant in the School's Arts community. She was a dedicated member of the Redlands Ballet and Dance Academy, training and competing in classical ballet, jazz and contemporary styles. Chloe completed her Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) certifications up to the Advanced 2 level, and considered Gala Arts a highlight of the school year. During her time at Redlands, Chloe's performances in Gala Arts were recognised with three awards in the Dance category, as well as the overall performance award in 2018.

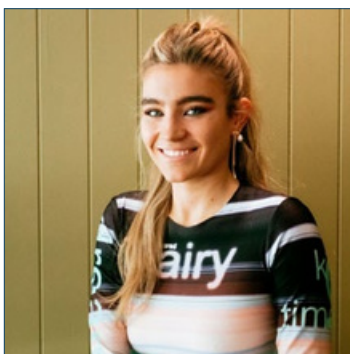
Since graduating, Chloe's path has shifted from dance to science. She is currently completing her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in Sydney. While her focus has moved from pointe shoes to puppies, she maintains a deep appreciation for the performing arts.



Rory Knott – RL 2013 – Instrumental Judge

Rory Knott (Redlander 2013) is a composer, ethnomusicologist and multi-instrumentalist. He graduated from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with a Masters degree. Rory is also a casual academic and works closely with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra as part of their production team. Rory's compositions offer an emergence of styles and genres taking influence from his work in Chinese music and studies of jazz, funk, rock, world and contemporary art music.

In addition to his creative and academic pursuits, Rory is a board member of BackStage Music, a grassroots organisation dedicated to supporting adventurous new music and providing a platform for the sonic melting pot of the new.

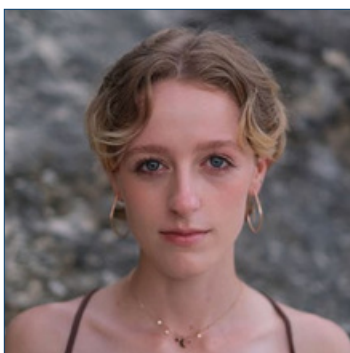


Sunday Stephens – RL 2020, Captain of Visual Arts – Visual Arts Judge

Sunday Stephens is a Sydney-based jewellery designer who launched her self-titled brand in 2022. During lockdown, she taught herself to carve rings from wax in her bedroom, turning a personal creative curiosity into a meaningful practice. Her work is known for its sculptural forms and the thoughtful use of colourful stones.

Sunday's jewellery has resonated with creatives across Australia and beyond, reflecting her own approach to design - intentional, considered and confident. Her pieces are expressions of personal style and craftsmanship, embodying a balance between artistry and wearability.

Through her work, Sunday continues to explore the relationship between creativity, sustainability and self-expression.



Eden Borrie – RL 2022, Captain of Bands – Vocal Judge

Eden Borrie (Redlander 2022) is a 20-year-old singer, composer and classically trained flautist. She was the 2022 Captain of Bands and is completing a Bachelor of Music in Composition for Creative Industries at the Sydney Conservatorium. Outside of study, she is a passionate performer and music maker. Eden appeared on season 13 of Channel 7's The Voice Australia in September 2024, and this year debuted original funk/soul/pop foot-tappers in live performances with her band 'Eden's Eight'. She is excited to be actively recording and producing her new music with this ensemble, soon to release as her second EP.

Redlands in Hong Kong

Redlands is proud of our warm, diverse and inclusive school community. Our local community is enriched by those from interstate and overseas, with more than 70 countries represented in our student and alumni cohorts. We are truly an international school for Australian families and an Australian school for international families.

Our alumni of Redlanders can be found locally and globally and in June we were delighted to host a dinner for Redlanders currently residing in Hong Kong.

This was the first alumni event we have hosted in Asia and it was lovely to see Redlanders connect and reconnect after so many years. Grant Birse, Redlands' Head of Community Engagement, was delighted to host our Hong Kong based Redlanders where he caught up with Pansy Lam (Class of 1963) who currently resides in Hong Kong, having first met Pansy at the Platinum luncheon in 2023 where she and her cohort were celebrating their 60th year as alumni of the School. Pansy recounted her brave and inspiring story of moving to Sydney by herself as a teenager to start at Redlands. She even found her own accommodation through posting an ad in the newspaper!

We will continue to ensure important connections with Pansy and other Redlanders are nurtured and developed through our dedicated alumni engagement program that includes interstate and international reunions and networking opportunities and of course our Alumni News.

These connections provide guidance and support, and sometimes just a friendly face, as our alumni unite and bond in places near and far. We look forward to connecting with our internationally based Redlanders through 2026 with alumni events being considered for China in March, along with Hong Kong and Taipei in June. We will update the events listing within the [Alumni section](#) of our website as these events are confirmed. We would of course be delighted to hear from Redlanders in these areas should they wish to preregister.

Please contact Jenni De Jager on alumni@redlands.nsw.edu.au to register.



2025 Australian Education Awards



A big congratulations to Redlands' own Rachael Riley on her outstanding achievement in being awarded the Secondary School Teacher of the Year - Non-Government at the 2025 Australian Education Awards! Rachael is someone who exemplifies the passion, care and innovation our teachers display at Redlands every day. Her dedication and thoughtfulness within her role here at the School has been inspiring.



Congratulations also to Nathan Stubbs, who was celebrated as a finalist in the Best Primary School Teacher - Non-Government category, and to all the staff involved in the development of our Student Wellbeing and Professional Learning Programs, which were also finalists in their categories.

About The Australian Education Awards

The Australian Education Awards are annual awards that recognise outstanding achievements in the K-12 education sector in Australia, honouring top-performing schools, principals, department heads, and teachers. Presented by The Educator, the awards are given across 29 categories, including School of the Year and Teacher of the Year, and are decided through a comprehensive nomination, research, and judging process.

Archives

School Archives are an essential and important component of Redlands School. Our Archives team continue to excel in passionately showcasing and sharing our School's rich history with our community through a diverse range of activities and initiatives that include exhibits, displays, storytelling and interactive activities. Thanks to the donations made by our alumni, members of staff and the wider Redlands community, our Archives are fortunate to have a rich and diverse collection of material which comprehensively documents the history of the School. The collection and preservation of our legally, intellectually, culturally and historically important records and artefacts functions as the memory vault for Redlands staff, students, families, friends and associates, past and present.

Our Redlands Learning Hub turned five in 2025 and to mark the occasion, our Archives team have created a virtual [Heritage Campus Tour](#) of the School. 'Redlands Heritage Tours' is a digital, self-guided experience that brings the School's history to life. Hosted on the STORY platform, this interactive storytelling app allows members of the School community to explore key heritage sites across the Redlands campuses, either on location or virtually. The first tour released features Redlands Senior Campus. The tour includes 12 stops, each stop covering a short overview of the site's historical significance with optional audio narration. Scrolling down the page on the app, you can find additional information and photographs, including 'ghost sites' (places that once existed but are no longer part of the campus).

Available as a native app on iPhones, iPads or Android phones, or as a [web-based tour](#), the Heritage Tour can be experienced in person or via your device in the classroom, at home or on the bus!

If you would like to join a physical tour of the Senior Campus, please get in touch with our Archivist **Marguerite Gillezeau** for available dates. Marguerite can be contacted on mgillezeau@redlands.nsw.edu.au



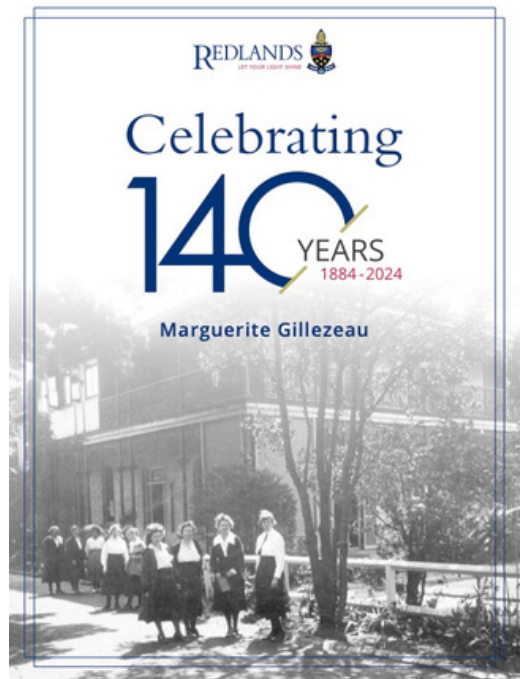
[View a promo video of the app](#)

Celebrating Redlands' History

For those interested in taking a deeper dive into Redlands' history, a School history was published in celebration of the Redland's 140th anniversary.

Redlands: Celebrating 140 Years, written by Redlands Archivist, Marguerite Gillezeau, celebrates key events in Redlands' history from its foundation as the College for Girls in 1884 in Milson's Point, to the vibrant School of today operating across three campuses. Each chapter covers a decade from the late 19th century to the early 21st century. The initial print run was a limited as a soft cover version and a second edition in hard cover is due to be released in the coming weeks.

Please email Marguerite at mgillezeau@redlands.nsw.edu.au to reserve your copy.



Heritage Week and Foundation Day

In June we celebrated Heritage Week, the culmination of months of preparing, curating and collaborating with our community to bring the rich history of our School to life.

A celebration of our High Country Campus was the theme of our annual Foundation Day Assembly held on Friday 6 June and in keeping with this theme, our popular annual Heritage Quiz was centred on our history of Outdoor Education and Snowsports, with our High Country Campus a central feature. Although the quiz is now closed you can still test your knowledge of Redlands' history [HERE](#).

The Foundation Day Service was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 141 Years of Redlands with special guests, including Tim James MP, NSW Member for Willoughby and Ann Marie Kimber, Mayor of Mosman.

We were delighted to welcome Redlander Daisy Thomas from the Class of 2024 who provided tremendous insight and inspiration to our Year 12 and Year 6 students.



Melbourne Cup Luncheon

We are delighted to invite our alumni community to join us for the Redlands Melbourne Cup Luncheon – a favourite in the Redlands calendar of events – to be held at Sergeant’s Mess, Chowder Bay on Tuesday 4 November.

Always a highlight of the social calendar, this event promises a spectacular afternoon of fine food, flowing champagne, breathtaking harbour views, raffles, fashion on the field and of course the thrill of the race that stops the nation. It is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with fellow Redlanders, enjoy time with friends and celebrate in style, all while supporting our School.

We are also seeking sponsorships and prize donations to help make this year’s luncheon our best yet. From raffle prizes and auction items to business sponsorships, every contribution helps create a memorable event and provides wonderful exposure for those involved.

Bookings are now open. Gather your friends, book a table and secure your seats early for this very special event!

For more information or to get involved, please contact Jenni De Jager at foundation@redlands.nsw.edu.au



REDLANDS
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MELBOURNE CUP
Luncheon

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER
12 - 5pm at Sergeants’ Mess, Chowder Bay

Join us for an afternoon of fun and frivolity with dancing, the race that stops the nation and a three course gourmet luncheon.

TICKETS
Early Bird \$175pp available until Monday 13 October
Standard \$190pp

BOOK NOW



Redlands Community Golf Day

Redlanders are invited to join us for our Inaugural Golf Day on Friday 14 November at the picturesque Long Reef Golf Club. The day will commence with breakfast followed by 18 holes of very social golf and a presentation lunch including plenty of great prizes. We will be playing an Ambrose format which is a very social team game that suits players of all ability levels, from beginners to pros!



REDLANDS COMMUNITY
GOLF DAY
2025
FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER | LONG REEF GOLF CLUB
ANZAC AVE, COLLAROY

SHOTGUN START 8.00AM | BREAKFAST FROM 7.00AM

- \$175PP - INCLUDES BREAKFAST, 18 HOLES OF GOLF, LUNCH & DRINKS
- \$210PP - INCLUDES BREAKFAST, 18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART, LUNCH & DRINKS (LIMITED CARTS AVAILABLE)

4 PERSON AMBROSE | LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Scan to Book Here



REDLANDS
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

This event is a great way to meet or catch up with parents, fellow alumni and friends of Redlands so get your fourball together, or come as a pair or by yourself and **BOOK** early as we expect this event to sell out quickly. Event partnerships are also available, and these are a great way to promote your business to the Redlands network. This is a morning not to be missed. For bookings and partnership information click [HERE](#) or click on the image above.



Upcoming Events

Alumni Awards

After much consideration, the Redlands Alumni Advisory Committee has decided to postpone the Redlander Alumni Awards, which were scheduled for Friday 31 October 2025. The decision was made so that the new Alumni and Community Relations Manager, who will play a key role in leading and supporting the event, can be appointed.

We expect this position to be filled later this year and are now working towards a new Awards date in early 2026.

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a nomination across the wide range of categories. With the event rescheduled into 2026, nominations will remain open. You can nominate [HERE](#).

We look forward to honouring our outstanding alumni and their achievements in a truly memorable way.



Three Lives in Colour - An Exhibition of Art and Friendship

SAVE THE DATE

OPENING NIGHT - THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025 6PM TO 8PM

Three Lives in Colour
An Exhibition of Art and Friendship
Gallery 109, Manly

THREE LIVES IN COLOUR An exhibition of Art and Friendship



Belinda Black



Judy Bray



Susan Rothwell

6TH TO 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

Once best friends at SCEGGS Redlands during the vibrant 1960s (RL 1965), these three women have shared a lifelong bond rooted in creativity and a deep love for the arts.

Belinda Black began her creative journey as a dress designer before turning her talents to painting. Now working in watercolour, acrylic, and oil, she creates evocative and beautifully crafted pieces that reflect her evolving artistic voice.

Judy Bray, an architect by training, brings a sculptural sensibility to her practice. Her lyrical sculptures, often crafted from found objects, are rich with narrative and emotion, shaped by decades of observation and travel.

Susan Rothwell has also enjoyed a dual path in architecture and visual art. Her vibrant oil paintings capture the charm and colour of everyday life, often inspired by her sketchbooks filled during years of global adventures.

This exhibition is a joyful celebration of friendship, shared histories, and three creative lives.

We look forward to seeing the inspiring works of our three talented Redlanders!

The exhibition runs from 6-16 November and you can find more details [HERE](#).

Alumni Spotlight



Rebecca Ordiz (nee Burchett) Redlander 2019

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of Redlands alumna **Rebecca Ordiz (RL 2019)**, who is making her mark on the Australian musical theatre stage. Currently performing in the national tour of *Beetlejuice the Musical*, Rebecca plays the crowd-favourite role of Skye the Girl Scout and covers the role of Lydia Deetz, with her Act Two number singled out by reviewers as a highlight of the show. A Redlands student from the age of three, she immersed herself in the School's vibrant Performing Arts program, excelling in Theatresports, Shakespeare performances, and Drama and Vocal Competitions and winning both the Vocal and Theatre categories at Gala Arts. She also shone in school musicals including as *The Artful Dodger* in *Oliver!*, *Wendy Darling* in *Peter Pan*, and *Fran* in *Strictly Ballroom* and was honoured with the Arch Mitchell Memorial Prize for Voice upon graduation.

After earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music Theatre) at the Victorian College of the Arts, Rebecca went on to perform in *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Urinetown*, and *Chess*, before taking on professional roles in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Parade*, and *West Side Story* on Sydney Harbour. Reflecting on her journey, she says, *"I am incredibly grateful for the excellent training that the Redlands Performing Arts departments have given me, and I want to extend a warm thank you to every teacher who saw potential in my dreams and never once asked for my 'back up plan'."* We are proud to see Rebecca's talent and passion shining on the professional stage and look forward to following her inspiring career.



David Porecki Redlander 2010

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of **David "Dave" Porecki (RL 2010)**, who recently retired from professional rugby after an outstanding international career. From his early days as a Seaforth junior to representing the NSW Waratahs and captaining the Wallabies, Dave's journey is an inspiration to all Redlanders. A Redlands student from the Northern Beaches, he graduated in 2010, having built not only strong technical skills but also the grit, professionalism and loyalty that came to define his career. After school, he played for the Manly Marlins before moving to England to join Saracens and London Irish. In 2020, he returned home to the NSW Waratahs, bringing experience and maturity to Super Rugby.

Dave went on to represent Australia with distinction, earning 21 Test caps for the Wallabies and captaining the national side in three matches at the 2023 Rugby World Cup – a reflection of his leadership and respect within the squad. Announcing his retirement in August 2025, he said, *"Rugby has given me so much to be thankful for and has been such a massive part of my life for so long but it feels like the right time for me to turn the page and start a new chapter."* Admired as a strong, accurate and selfless player, Dave's humble, team-first mindset earned him deep respect across the game. His journey from Redlands to the world stage is a testament to his talent and character, and we warmly congratulate him on a remarkable career.



Gianmarco Pradel Redlander 2024

Few alumni have accelerated into their careers as swiftly as **Gianmarco Pradel (RL 2024)**, who left Redlands last year to pursue professional motorsport. At just 19, he is racing with Rodin Motorsport in the 2025 GB3 Championship, building on impressive performances across European Formula 4 and the Formula Winter Series. Gianmarco began karting in Australia, regularly finishing in the top ten of the Australian Kart Championship before stepping into Formula 4 in 2022. Driving for AGI Sport, he secured two wins and five podiums from nine races, and later that year made his European debut in the F4 Spanish Championship, where he was also selected for Ferrari's World Scouting Final – an extraordinary honour for such a young driver.

In 2023, Gianmarco joined US Racing for the inaugural Formula Winter Series, claiming the Rookie Title, six podiums, a pole position and second overall, before competing in both the Italian F4 and Euro 4 Championships. His 2024 season brought further success, including a race win at Monza and multiple podiums and top-ten finishes across Europe. Now competing in GB3, Gianmarco continues to impress with his focus, maturity and skill behind the wheel. Nominated for a Redlander Alumni Award, he represents a new generation of Redlanders forging exciting, global careers and we look forward to following his journey as he accelerates toward the highest levels of international racing.



Lindsay McNeil Redlander 2019

From her early years at Redlands through to her studies at Cambridge, **Lindsay McNeil (RL 2019)** has exemplified academic excellence, leadership and resilience. At Redlands, she excelled both as a scholar and sportswoman, laying the foundations for admission to Newnham College, Cambridge, where she studied Law. In 2023, Lindsay graduated top of her college cohort and was recognised as the Dux female of Cambridge's Law graduating class, placing third overall. She achieved first place in multiple disciplines, including EU Law, Company Law, Equity Law, Labour Law and Intellectual Property – an extraordinary feat in such a competitive field.

Studying through the pandemic brought significant challenges, with long periods of isolation and remote learning, yet Lindsay maintained academic excellence while serving as captain of the Cambridge Women's Basketball Team in her final year. Accepted into London's top bar course, she is now preparing for the next step toward a distinguished legal career.

We congratulate Lindsay on her remarkable achievements and look forward to seeing where her talent and determination take her next.



Laura Holtheuer Redlander 2018

Since graduating from Redlands in 2018, **Laura Holtheuer (RL 2018)** has carved an impressive path in both academia and business. She completed a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Business Law and Economics) at the University of Sydney, graduating with First Class Honours and was one of only two recipients in her cohort to be awarded the University Medal.

Her Honours thesis, “Biopiracy and Native Title: An Exploration of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and Indigenous Knowledge Protection”, examined how Australia’s legal framework could better recognise and protect Indigenous knowledge systems. The work not only received an HD mark but also reflected Laura’s deep commitment to issues of justice, equity and reconciliation.

Today, Laura is a Senior Consultant at KPMG, where she brings the same intellectual rigour, curiosity and commitment to high standards that defined her university years. Her achievements highlight how the values nurtured at Redlands can be carried far beyond the classroom and into professional life.

Laura continually inspires her peers and family alike to set high standards and step outside comfort zones to achieve goals.



Margaret Thanos Redlander 2017

Margaret Thanos (RL 2017) is a Cypriot-Australian director and activist whose bold storytelling and commitment to truth have made her one of the rising voices in Australian theatre. Recently appointed to direct the Sydney Theatre Company’s 2026 production of *The River* by Jez Butterworth, she will bring her distinctive creative lens to the Drama Theatre at the Sydney Opera House.

Margaret’s directing credits include *Furious Mattress* (25A), *Posh* (Old Fitz), *I Hate People*; *Or Timon of Athens* (Sport for Jove), *Not Now, Not Ever: A Parliament of Women* (25A), *A Very Expensive Poison* (New Theatre), *Labyrinth* (Dream Plane Productions) and *A Grain of Sand* (KXT). She has also assisted on major productions including *Grief Is the Thing With Feathers*, *August: Osage County*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and *Animal Farm*.

An artist who weaves activism and social conscience into her work, Margaret is one of Plan International’s Advocates and co-leads Queen Hades Productions, known for its feminist sketch comedy seasons. In 2023, she received the Sandra Bates Director’s Award at Ensemble Theatre. Her upcoming direction of *The River* marks her Sydney Theatre Company debut and promises a sleek, emotionally charged and deeply thoughtful interpretation of Jez Butterworth’s acclaimed play. We celebrate Margaret’s appointment and look forward to seeing her artistry continue to expand, challenge and inspire audiences across Australia.



Sophie Cape Redlander 1993

From high-level sport to high-stakes art, Sophie Cape (RL 1993) has always embodied courage, physicality and a fearless engagement with the natural world. In 2025, Sophie won the prestigious Hadley's Art Prize, Australia's richest landscape art award, for her powerful piece "Thunder shifts the shivering sands."

Sophie creates her work outdoors, deeply embedded in the landscape, often using locally-sourced natural materials like soil, rust, charcoal, pigment and binder. Her winning artwork was produced in situ in southern New South Wales, in response to the floods and landslides of 2024, with the elements themselves (water, mud, decay, weathering) woven into the fabric of the piece. Her artwork was selected for best portrayal of the Australian landscape.

The judges praised her work as a "strong embodied, site-responsive, and honest record of environmental upheaval, of land torn by flood and landslide," noting how Sophie harnesses both instinct and finesse to balance elemental chaos with refined expression.

Before embracing art full time, Sophie was an elite athlete. A downhill skier and track cyclist, her dreams of the Olympics were cut short by injury and repeated extreme and invasive surgeries that ultimately ended her sporting career. Her life pivoted, but many of the qualities of athletic training - physical discipline, perseverance, risk and exposure to danger - now inform her art in visceral and literal ways. She conquered her physical and psychological

traumas and has transformed herself into one of Australia's most celebrated young artists. She draws on her catastrophic sporting injuries for inspiration in her artworks.

In 2010, one of Australia's greatest living artists, John Olsen, awarded Sophie his coveted John Olsen Prize for Figure Drawing while she was a student at the National Art School.

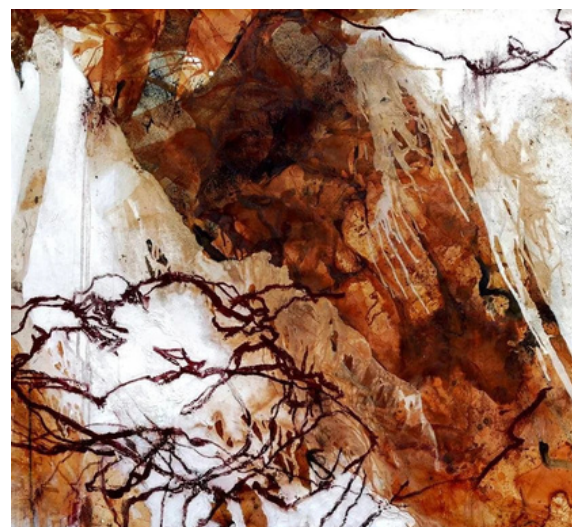
"My son and I saw Sophie's work and were immediately astonished by the sophistication of it, the drive of it. Very strong stuff," Olsen said.

His art dealer son Tim Olsen offered the young graduate an exhibition. Sophie now holds regular sell-out shows at his Sydney gallery. She has won a swag of art prizes, including the Portia Geach prize for a portrait of actor Dan Wyllie.

Sophie has been represented by Olsen Gallery since 2011, with numerous solo exhibitions and public recognition; her work is held in private and public collections and she is known for pushing the boundaries of how landscape art can engage with trauma, beauty, survival, decay and the raw power of nature.

Her victory at Hadley's not only underscores Sophie's individual mastery but also highlights how resilience can manifest in so many unexpected paths.

For Sophie, her epiphany is clear: "Art saved me." You can watch Sophie on ABC's Australian Story [HERE](#).



Thunder Shifts the Shivering Sands - Sophie Cape

Vale



Beverly Dainton (nee Harland) Redlander 1948

Redlands remembers with deep affection the life of Beverley Dainton (née Harland), who passed away peacefully on 3 September at the age of 93. Beverley began her Redlands journey in 1943 under Miss G. A. Roseby and graduated in 1948 under Mrs Isobel Humphrey. A talented and dedicated student, she served as Prefect, Senior Girl (School Captain) and the second-ever Captain of Roseby House. Known for her kindness and love of helping younger students, Beverley dreamed of becoming a Kindergarten teacher – a path her Headmistress warmly endorsed as “most suitable.”

True to that calling, Beverley graduated from Sydney Kindergarten Teachers College in 1951, with Miss Roseby attending her ceremony. At just 21, she became Director of a Kindergarten in Surry Hills, beginning a lifelong career in early childhood education, including 19 years as Director of the West End Uniting Church Kindergarten in Townsville. She

fondly recalled her time at Redlands, from church services in the old Liggins Hall to her participation in the 1944 Tildesley Shield tennis competition, where she was coached by Victor Edwards, later coach of Evonne Goolagong.

During the COVID years, Beverley reconnected closely with the school, sharing photographs and memories from her student days and taking pride in Redlands’ continued excellence in Early Childhood Education. Her life was one of devotion to family, faith, education and friendship, and she will be remembered for her warmth, generosity and lifelong connection to Redlands. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends and give thanks for her life as a treasured member of our alumni community.

Tracey Sturrock (nee O’Connell) Redlander 1962

The Redlands community is saddened to learn of the passing of Tracey Sturrock (née O’Connell), Class of 1962, who passed away in August.

Tracey joined Redlands in 1960 after Brighton College, Manly, closed and quickly became part of the fabric of the School during her three years here. She later returned to Redlands to complete her Prac Teaching, a time she remembered fondly, even remarking how unusual, but special, it felt to find herself in the staffroom just two years after having been a student.

Throughout her life, Tracey spoke positively of her Redlands experience, valuing the connections and sense of community it gave her. She went on to lead a full and family-centred life, raising her son and enjoying the joy of grandchildren. Tracey also faced challenges with remarkable courage, enduring a twenty-year battle with cancer with resilience and optimism. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Tracey’s family and friends. She will be remembered at Redlands as a valued member of our alumni community and as someone whose warmth and strength left a lasting impression.

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