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Celebrating over 30 years of achievement

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Agfest (Launceston, TAS)

4 — 8 June

Melbourne International 3 Day Event (Werribee, VIC)

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8 — 9 September

Westech Field Days (Barcaldine, QLD)

22 — 24 September *

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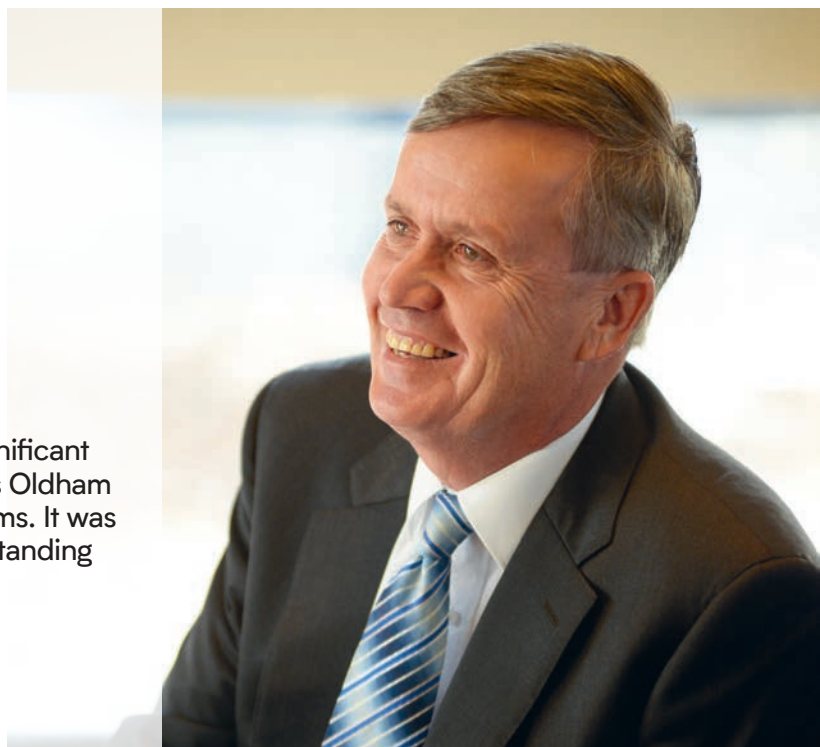
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dr Simon Livingstone

Last year the College community was informed of significant enhancements to the educational offerings at Marcus Oldham from 2020 in the form of accelerated degree programs. It was explained that these changes remain within the longstanding Marcus Model of Education, known for its immersive, residential experience and work-ready focus.



The Marcus Model of Education requires students to have worked for a minimum of one year prior to attending the College (many students have worked for two or more years); it offers an immersive learning experience with high contact hours and low staff to student ratios; and incorporates a practical year within the agriculture course.

In addition, there is an emphasis on work integrated learning; continuous assessments and feedback; integrated case studies and tours; a strong and supportive culture between academic staff and students; and close links with industry on a national and international scale. Details relating to the accelerated degrees can be found on the Marcus website <https://marcusoldham.vic.edu.au/courses-enrolment>

With the opening of the new Learning Centre in 2020, fine-tuning of the course offerings will ensure Marcus Oldham remains relevant for the long term, and our students continue to graduate with the necessary knowledge and experience to meet the challenging times ahead.

To best prepare our graduates for the future, the College has a clear focus on delivering higher education qualifications. The first Bachelor degree was offered by Marcus Oldham in 1998 which was a significant step forward for the College and that decision has proven to be very positive. Since then, the institution has developed and added other higher education courses to its suite of offerings.

As background, Australia's post-secondary education system comprises vocational and higher education sectors and the Australian Qualifications Framework is the national policy for regulating these qualifications.

The following table illustrates the Australian education sector and the level of qualifications that Marcus Oldham offers.

AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

QUALIFICATION LEVEL	HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR	VOCATIONAL TRAINING SECTOR
Doctoral Degree	•	
Master Degree*	•	
Graduate Diploma*	•	
Graduate Certificate*	•	
Bachelor Degree*	•	
Associate Degree/ Advanced Diploma*	•	•
Diploma*	•	•
Certificate IV		•
Certificate III		•
Certificate II		•
Certificate I		•

*Qualifications offered at Marcus Oldham

The Marcus Model of Education, which shines a clear focus on practical work experience, critical thinking and entrepreneurialism, continues to pay dividends for both our graduates and employers.

The Federal Government Report, 'Graduate Outcomes 2019 Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching' identified that Marcus Oldham has the highest full-time undergraduate employment rates (97 percent) at graduation of all higher education providers in Australia.

Dr Simon Livingstone
Principal

FROM THE MOCOSA PRESIDENT

Peter Stephens

For large tracts of the country, things didn't work out too well climatically in 2019; 12 months on from devastating flooding in Queensland most of the eastern seaboard was subject to bushfires spurred on by the terrible drought.



MOCOSA and the greater Marcus community feel for all affected and can only continue to ask that you make contact with your peers and ask them how they are getting on!

To this end, MOCOSA with the support of the College, hosted a number of 'get togethers' around the eastern states to coincide with our field day calendar. Agfest in Launceston in May, Sheepvention in Hamilton in August and last year we revisited Albury as part of the Henty Field Days.

Each event is a chance to catch up with mates, have a few beers, hear about recent goings on at Marcus and talk about the challenges of the season. MOCOSA are very keen to expand this interaction with alumni and are always looking at other locations of interest, so please feel free to contact me on 0447 224 969 if you have any suggestions.

Each year MOCOSA aims to provide a bursary to a deserving student who is the progeny of a graduate. Last year the Executive were very pleased to award this to Charlie Upton, son of past students, Simon (AssocDipFBM '85) and Kilie (AssocDipFBM '88). By coincidence, Charlie, just at the time of writing, was announced as Head Student for 2021. We wish Charlie every success including his year out in 2020.

As another MOCOSA initiative we have decided to make a small contribution to the new Learning Centre in recognition of all those who have passed through Marcus since 1962. There is no doubt that the new centre and the acceleration of degree courses are a game changer and together will ensure that Marcus will continue to lead in the Agri farm/business and equine sectors. This in turn makes our qualifications as graduates still as relevant and respected as ever.

Finally, I welcome to the MOCOSA community the graduates of 2019 who received their qualifications at Costa Hall at Deakin Waterfront Campus on December 6 and congratulate Simon Staughton (DipFM '68) on being awarded the 2019 Graduate of Excellence. The 2019 nominations were truly outstanding and is testament to what Marcus graduates can achieve in their chosen fields.

Thank you to the MOCOSA Executive and the College for your support in 2019 and I wish you all a great start to 2020 wherever you may live.

Cheers,

Peter Stephens
MOCOSA President



FROM THE FOUNDATION MANAGER

Alannah Halloran

We are pleased to confirm that not only has the new Learning Centre been completed in time for the commencement of 2020, it has, by the testimony of those who have already seen it, exceeded expectations.

Through methodical planning and clear vision from a forward-thinking Council, under the direction of College Chairman, Bruce Wilson and Principal, Dr Simon Livingstone, Marcus Oldham's future looks bright. The elevated level of learning experience now available, is one that will hold our future students and graduates in good stead for many years to come.

A commitment to build without securing most of the funds needed was bold and risky, but the necessity to advance and improve our facilities and educational abilities was essential.

The "We Need Great Minds" Learning Centre campaign was launched back in July 2017 and in just over two years, our community has contributed almost \$2.5 million towards this much needed and 'game changing' initiative. This is on top of the very generous seed funding made available by Philip Myer for the Centre.

As Chairman of the College Foundation, Mr Antony Baillieu said in an address recently, "we can never say thank you enough – thank you!".

"It is the support of our College community that provides the backbone for how Marcus Oldham can perform today and testament to those who deeply believe in what we do for the betterment of Australian agriculture", said Mr Baillieu.

Our work is by no means done, and the hope is to raise another \$2.5 million before the campaign concludes at the end of 2020. The Learning Centre is a showpiece of brilliant design and functionality. If you have been considering supporting this project, please come and see the facility for yourself.

The official opening of the Learning Centre will be held at the College on Thursday 27 February 2020, however, open day is every day. If you would like to attend the opening or are passing through Geelong at any time, please reach out, we would be delighted to show you around.

The 2019 Foundation calendar was a full one, with 2020 looking just as busy. Our Annual Golf Day Fundraiser is now in its 14th year and will be held on Friday 13 March at the newly renovated Eynesbury Golf Course & Homestead. The highly popular Foundation Cocktail Party will be another opportunity to meet with like-minded people and hear about our accomplishments, including future plans.

"It is the support of our College community that provides the backbone for how Marcus Oldham can perform today" – Mr Antony Baillieu

The Foundation Executive are working tirelessly to ensure that every opportunity to advance our students' learning experience is seized; through provision of financial support and first-class teaching facilities.

Our scholarship program remains strong with greater than 20 percent of our students receiving some kind of financial support. The Oldham Society is also another way in which you may like to consider Marcus Oldham. There are wonderful opportunities to be actively involved with the College during your living years whilst still acquiring tax deductible benefits or through the promise of a bequest.

To all of those who have supported the College, our students, the Foundation and the Learning Centre project so far, thank you.

I look forward to seeing you this year.

Alannah Halloran
Foundation Manager



The newly completed Learning Centre

Selling a Flinders Island experience

Jo Youl BB(Ag) '10 and her husband Tom create an unforgettable lifestyle experience on the picturesque Flinders Island.





The Youl family

Visiting Flinders Island is a unique experience, so imagine living and running a business on the outpost in the windswept wilds of Bass Strait.

Flinders Island sits neatly just above the right “ear” of Tasmania on the north-east coast, symmetrically on the opposite side to its slightly smaller, but better-known rival, King Island. Squashed between it and Tasmania is Cape Barren Island.

Jo Youl and her husband Tom have taken on the job of selling a lifestyle experience on Flinders Island, which has been their home for the past eight years.

The Youls have taken no prisoners in their desire and passion to make Flinders Island a place to visit, eat and enjoy, and that includes a massive expenditure to develop The Flinders Wharf that is not only a café and restaurant of the highest quality, but also a hub from where the full Flinders Island experience begins.

The Flinders Wharf is at Whitemark on the bottom western corner of the Island and it faces the rages of the open sea in Bass Strait. The Youls knocked down and rebuilt the old port shed to show off a smorgasbord of Flinders Island delights.

Some of Flinders Island’s most important businesses operate from The Flinders Wharf complex, which was opened in March, and is a one-stop showcase of the best of what Flinders Island has to offer — featuring live crayfish tanks, beehives set into the wall providing honey at the turn of a tap, a zero-waste whiskey distillery and a provedore.

It’s a first-hand experience of what this incredible island of less than 1000 residents has to offer.

The uniqueness of the Flinders Island experience is not only in its rugged, windswept terrain but also in its exceptional passion for home-grown produce, be it crayfish the size of baby wombats, the magnificent local beef and lamb, or even wallaby, and the honey, oh the honey.

The Youls are an incredible couple, full of passion and love for where they live. The fact the pair have been able to develop such a complex and at the same time raise three young children — Alice 5, Billy 3 and Georgina 8 months — is a credit to them and their capacity to work.

The Youls farm, Quion, has the most beautiful sweeping views of Killiecrankie

Bay on the northern end of the island. The property has been in Jo’s family since 1932, when her great grandfather Peter Grant Hay bought the land. Peter Grant Hay is worth a “google” as he is famous for introducing pasteurisation to Australia’s dairy industry and is an icon of the brewing industry.

“I had a wonderful childhood from which I developed a love of farming and riding horses.”

Jo spent a lot of her childhood visiting the farm with her grandmother, Kathleen (Hay) Clarke, the wife of her grandfather, Sir Rupert Clarke.

Jo Youl (née Clarke) is a sixth-generation Australian farmer. She grew up on the historic Bolinda Vale property of her ancestors at Clarkefield, just north of Melbourne, that is now in the ownership of her father, Sir Rupert Grant Alexander Clarke, the 4th Baronet Clarke of Rupertswood.

“I had a wonderful childhood from which I developed a love of farming and riding horses,” she said.



Jo was no slouch on horseback, representing Australia in youth dressage events, travelling to the USA, South Africa, Germany and New Zealand.

“Flinders Island lends itself to adventure tourism, it will never be a traditional tourist destination.”

“Horses were my passion and hobby, but I knew that farming was going to be my career, which is why I started a Rural Business Management course at Marcus Oldham. I really enjoyed my time there and completed my Bachelor in 2010.”

Schooled at Geelong Grammar, Jo used her skills in agribusiness and marketing in a variety of jobs in Melbourne before deciding it was time to do her own thing on Flinders Island, with the first step to redevelop a fairly run-down Quoin farm in 2012.

“I have the amazing opportunity to live and work on a beautiful property on Flinders Island. Life doesn’t get much better,” she says with enthusiasm.

Apart from running 500 head of prized Angus breeding cows, the Youls, with Tom running the farm and Jo doing the books and the marketing, are developing part of the property, now close to 1300 hectares for adventure tourism.

“Flinders Island lends itself to adventure tourism, it will never be a traditional tourist destination,” Jo said.

“We have built seven queen-sized bed accommodation huts on the farm with plans to double that next season. We want visiting Flinders Island to be a boutique visitor experience and it goes hand in hand with what we are doing at the Wharf.”

The Flinders Wharf is a \$1.5 million investment that is reaping the rewards for the hard work and foresight of this dynamic couple.

The aim is to not only sell the Flinders Island experience, but also the incredible produce. The Youls have employed a

fantastic former Sydney chef Mikey Yeo to showcase such delights as the local crayfish, flounder, Cape Barren geese, wallaby and abalone.

Through January to March, The Flinders Wharf will host guest chefs in what is called “On-Island Time” when the visiting culinary experts get an opportunity to forage and hunt for the best local produce and present a menu in their own style.

It’s a tough life on the island. Winters can be horrendous, which causes the business to shut down.

“Our season is from December to April, but we are working on building a ‘shoulder’ season from September to December,” Jo said.

They say a good marketing person can sell snow to Eskimos, but when you think about it, Jo Youl has it even easier — good food, good whiskey and a good time, what’s not to like about a Flinders Island experience.

And everyone who’s had a Marcus Oldham experience is invited.



A selection of images of the Flinders Island experience.

The ride of their life

Sam Chisholm DipAgri '12 and Sally Conway
AssocDFBM '18 competed in the world's longest
and toughest endurance ride, the Mongol Derby.



Sam Chisholm and Sally Conway riding together during the Mongol Derby



Adventure is nothing new for Sam Chisholm. This is a young man who has packed more into his 31 years than most of us ever think of in a lifetime.

Chisholm was born with specks of red dust on his forehead, having been raised on the 1.5 million-acre cattle station, Napperby, 200kms north of Alice Springs.

Cattle mustering on the vast property was as second nature as kicking a football, but it wasn't enough. Late in his teens he took to mustering the cattle from the air, flying helicopters, daringly skimming the treetops and looping close to the ground — a pursuit that has become his business.

“The first couple of days are the hardest mentally and physically. Your body goes numb after three days. You get over the three-day blues and your body just accepts it.”

Since then he has ridden a motorcycle the length of the Americas — from Argentina to Alaska — wrecked a car during the Mongol Rally in 2015, and even found time for some “adventure” in Victoria when he completed a Marcus Oldham Diploma of Agribusiness in 2012.

However, none of this properly prepared him for riding the feisty Mongolian ponies in the Mongol Derby 2019, a 1000km endurance ride that follows the path of Genghis Khan across the formidable and inhospitable steppes of Inner Mongolia — a ride that has been dubbed the toughest equine (and human) endurance race in the world.

“It's the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. No doubt, by a long way. Probably mentally as much as physically,” Chisholm said.

He was able to overcome his mental demons after getting through the first three days of horrid rainy weather and 13 hours a day in the saddle which left both his mind and body crying for him to stop.

In the end, it was Chisholm's body that cost him a finishing spot in the grueling race. A race which started with 45 international riders and ended with only 27, a handful even ending the race in a Mongolian hospital. “The first couple of days are the hardest mentally and physically. Your body goes numb after three days. You get over the three-day blues and your body just accepts it.”

Chisholm pulled a peroneus tendon in his ankle midrace. “It was like a repetitive strain injury and normally you'd stop, but I just kept going. About 30kms from the finish I tore it completely and couldn't put my feet in the stirrups.”

It was miraculous that Chisholm was able to finish eighth. He would have been further up the leader board if it wasn't for the injury that resulted in “veterinary” time penalties.

He returned to Australia in need of an ankle operation, although he was soon on call “water bombing” the fires in northern NSW for his employer, Truenorth Helicopters — a rigorous and dangerous job he has been constantly attending to as Australia's eastern coast burns.

Chisholm joined the Mongolian adventure after his cousin, Pip Chisholm, encouraged him to join her. Unfortunately for Pip, a fall in the training camp before the race resulted in her cracking a few ribs and puncturing a lung, so she didn't make the starting line.

It was natural for Chisholm to team up with another Australian and it was natural for him to choose a fellow Marcus Oldham alumni, Sally Conway, who completed the three-year Associate Degree of Farm Business Management in 2018. They had met when Chisholm returned to the campus to give a talk.

Conway, at 22 the second youngest of the competitors, and Chisholm started well, but on the fifth day Conway, when leading, fell ill with a stomach bug. She rode for 100kms unable to keep down any water and became dehydrated and delirious.

Conway's temperature rose to 41.7 degrees and she was in grave danger. Luckily the quick thinking of the medical team got her evacuated to hospital just in time with what was diagnosed as a severe form of sun stroke.

Conway, from Taroom in the Western Downs of Queensland, was planning to compete in the Mongol Derby in 2018 but postponed when she realised she not only needed time to hone her riding skills but also to give her time to develop her charity message around mental health and suicide awareness.

The issue was something very close to her following the death of her aunt Lee. With the help of friend Nicole Gibson, Conway raised \$23,000 in funds for her ride under the banner of Ride with me, ride for Lee. Conway supported two charities — the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Gibson's Rogue and Rouge Foundation, a group that focuses on mental health awareness particularly in rural regions.

Conway's love of horses has taken her far and wide — from a safari lodge in Kenya to riding thoroughbreds in trackwork in France and, incredibly, as part of a trick-riding team in California.

There was nothing tricky about the gruelling Mongol Derby. She realised she needed all of her skills and fitness to be able to complete the varied course that included mountains, river flats and rolling sand hills along the edge of the Gobi Desert.

To epitomise her toughness “and stupidity” after spending three days in hospital, her parents drove her to watch her fellow competitors ride across the finish line. Such was her determination to get the best out of the Mongolian adventure, she found her saddle, grabbed a quiet pony and rode the final leg.

Despite her mishaps on the trip, Conway said the experience was one she will always cherish. “I had so much fun, and to be honest I don’t think I’d want to do it again, because I enjoyed this experience so much, I’d hate to spoil it,” she said.

Conway reflects fondly on her time at Marcus Oldham where she completed the farm management course before returning to run the family property in Taroom, Queensland. “I loved my time there,” she said.

“Doing the course there has made a huge difference to me. The lecturers made the course very real and what we learn can be practically applied, which is perfect for bush kids.”

Chisholm found himself at Waurin Ponds by chance.

“The lecturers made the course very real and what we learn can be practically applied, which is perfect for bush kids.”

“I went cattle mustering, flying in the Kimberley and I was the Operations Manager of the company I was working for. To be honest I was wheeling and dealing and had no idea what I was doing. One of my mates was going to Marcus Oldham and he said to come down.”

“I did one year at Marcus Oldham, which was enough for me — a Diploma of Agribusiness.”

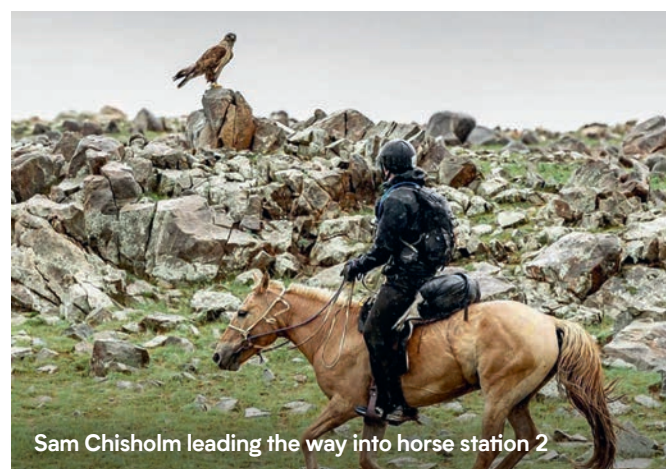
“I really enjoyed it. Importantly, it opened doors. I did my work experience in China for a Brisbane consultancy company and I finished up working for them for a number of years.”

Chisholm and Conway are perfect examples of the Aussie adventurous spirit and wonderful ambassadors for Marcus Oldham College.

Footnote: The Mongol Derby 2019 was won by 71-year-old Bob Long, from Idaho USA, a veteran cowboy who rode by the motto: “Age is just a number — preparation trumps youth”.



Sally Conway thanking the owner of the gelding she rode into horse station 3



Sam Chisholm leading the way into horse station 2



Herders saddling a stallion in preparation for its rider

It's all in the genes

Life as a farmer has taken some interesting turns for Phil Gough AssocDipFBM '87. Since being at the heart of a succession plan to take over the family farm, his passion for agriculture, breeding and genetics has seen it evolve into a thriving venture that continues to inspire and challenge him every day.

A graduate of Farm Business Management at Marcus Oldham, Phil was working for fellow former Marcus student Richard Maple-Brown in 1986 when the subject of cross-breeding first piqued his interest.

"Richard was producing a four-way cross breeding program to maximise heterosis in cattle. This was an interesting concept to me, and an innovation that stayed with me," he said.

The seed was sown, and it would ultimately go on to redefine his career and the future of his farming operations.

"My father had always been very good at giving me responsibility. He worked on the philosophy that you learn by your mistakes and was kind enough to let me," Phil recalls.

In 2001, armed with that responsibility and with his wife Maz and two young daughters by his side, he set the wheels in motion to transform the business, focusing on producing prime lambs for retail sale and applying his growing knowledge of genetic selection and heterosis (hybrid vigour) to improve productivity.

Phil combined science, maths and best practice farm management to improve production, lift lamb survival rates, improve wool cuts and ultimately produce more efficient, profitable animals. Utilising the LAMBPLAN database to select high genetic merit animals for breeding, he developed a cross-breeding program based on Corriedale and Coopworth at the family's prime lamb operations at Branhholme and Hotspur in Western Victoria.

And the numbers tell the story, with the resulting lambing percentage per ewes joined increasing from 127 to 154 percent over the last 10 years.

"Measure everything," is his advice, because "things that can't be measured can't be managed. Do what you enjoy doing, you will be better at it, and start doing it as soon as possible. Set goals. Not unachievable ones, but small ones that can be crossed off and reset.

"I get a great deal of satisfaction by producing, finishing, selling, and getting feedback on my product. And it's a profitable business, which helps. Production results and breaking new

ground – whether that comes from genetics or from better management techniques – it always gets me excited.

"As our season closes down in December, summer crops allow us to better utilise our genetics by feeding lambs to a heavier weight and selling in February or March. Lambs are weighed and sold directly to Coles and this gives us clear feedback and forces us to focus on a target market," he explained.

"He worked on the philosophy that you learn by your mistakes and was kind enough to let me."

And the secret to his success?

"I write down objectives and goals. I have production charts that can be referred to and also keep all my historical data to see how we are tracking, and watch our trends. I certainly have a passion for what I do and I like to stay informed on our industry.

"We benchmark so we can see where we sit compared to our peers and educate as often as possible by attending field days, information days etc. In terms of production we are always trying to source better performing genetics."

Rewarding himself is important too, whether that's with new equipment and facilities, an annual overseas family holiday or going fishing at Portland, which he does as often as he can.

And more than 30 years on, the impact of Phil's time at Marcus Oldham is still evident.

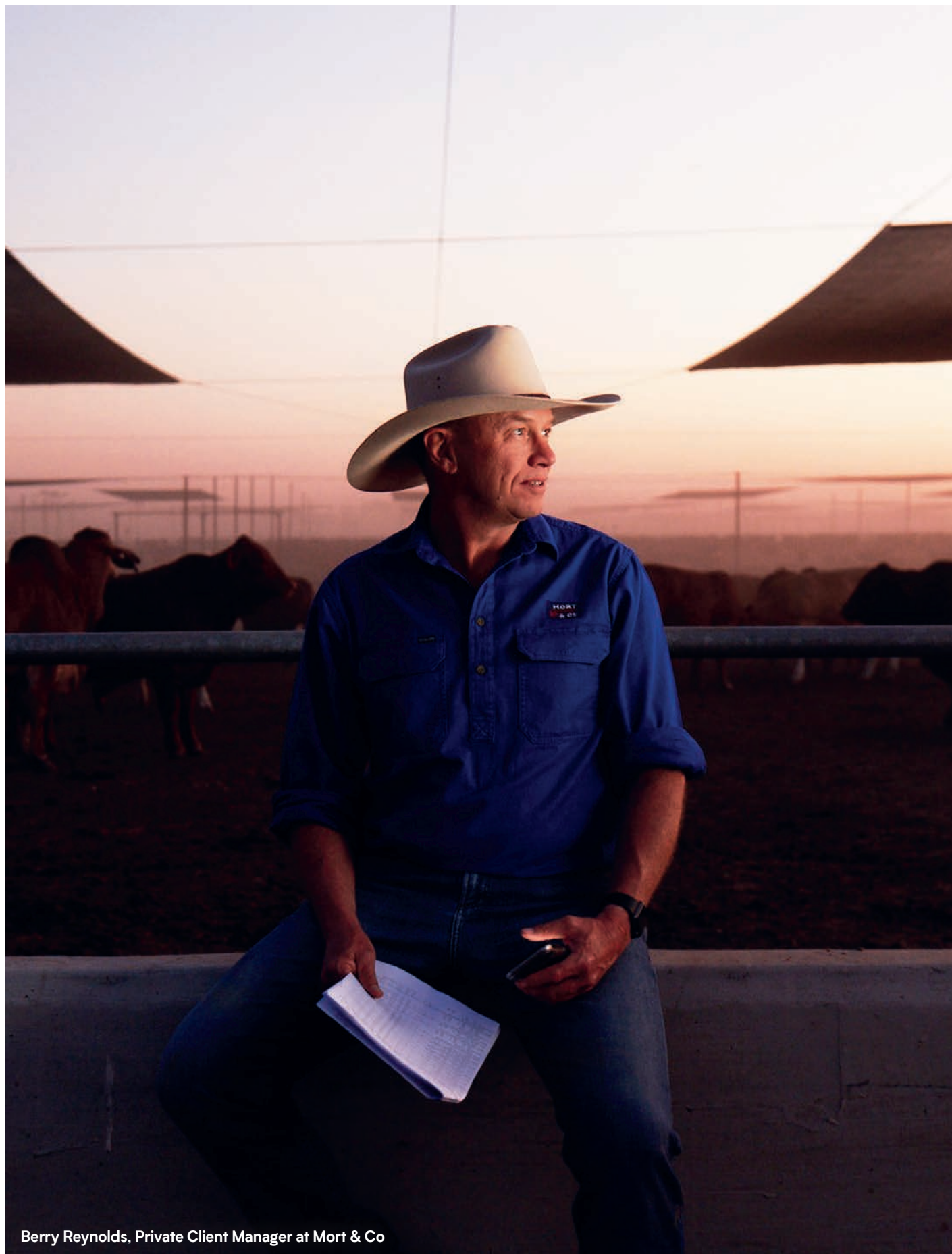
"Marcus Oldham gave me a very solid foundation, particularly in the area of economics, genetics and the ability to learn. With my small lamb group we still go off on farm tours searching for new ideas or challenges and the College has also given me many great friends and contacts.

"If I think about the young people that are now, or recently have gone through the College from our area, I see terrific people that will continue to promote Marcus just by association."





Phil Gough



Berry Reynolds, Private Client Manager at Mort & Co

Berry Reynolds: Making his own luck

Berry Reynolds DipAA '98 wasn't your typical student when he arrived at Marcus Oldham. He was 32 with a wife and two children, and a burning desire to see what life – and his career – might hold beyond the family farm. The opportunity to study meant leaving the multi-generational 1900-hectare family property in Queensland's Darling Downs, a mixed farming business primarily in stud cattle operations, but it's a decision that changed everything for him.

"I realised I needed to do more to keep abreast of what was happening in agriculture and ever-changing technology. I had to get to Marcus Oldham and my year there was fantastic. The skills learnt, the critical thinking, the finance and IT, there's just a myriad of advantages in undertaking such a well-rounded course," the instantly likeable 53-year-old said.

"It was a major adjustment for us to move to Barwon Heads with two children, and my wife had to be the bread winner for the year but that's what we did. Bella and the kids blended in with College life with all the other students really well – I couldn't recommend it more highly for other young married couples to do what we did. I was no academic scholar at school but I graduated with a distinction and a prize for effort and determination. It gave me the confidence to do what I'm doing now," Berry reflected.

Today, he's the Private Client Manager at Mort & Co in Toowoomba, where he's been since 2014 after returning to the farm post-Marcus. It's Australia's largest privately-owned feedlotting company, turning over approximately 200,000 head of cattle each year through two feedlots in South East Queensland.

Berry has embraced opportunities to grow with the business over the last six years and now manages Mort & Co's thriving Wagyu operations, working in partnership with a wide range of beef producers to improve their processes and their product.

"Over the years my role has evolved. It was initially servicing clients who were custom feeding cattle in our feedlots. That was really just an extension of what I'd been doing in my seedstock years. Now I'm working with clients to breed better cattle by educating them to have sound nutritional and management tools to allow for optimum feedlot and carcass performance."

"I realised I needed to do more to keep abreast of what was happening in agriculture and ever-changing technology."

"It was an easy transition from that custom feeding role into a more genetics-based role with Wagyu because I'd had that seedstock background," Berry reflected.

"I see myself as a mentor now because I've had years of breeding expertise. I enjoy talking to my clients and imparting my knowledge when they've asked for advice. My passion for cattle and genetic improvement along with fostering long term relationships has really helped expand Mort & Co's Wagyu program. We have just under 16,000 Wagyu on feed which underpins our premium Wagyu brand, The Phoenix, which is now being exported all over the world, particularly into Asia and the Middle East."

"Each time I go to Grassdale (Mort & Co's 79,000 head flagship feedlot), I pinch myself because I realise this is my work day in, day out — I couldn't have asked for a better role to have in my career."

But it wasn't a traditional path from College to employment either — it was 15 years between leaving Marcus and joining Mort & Co.

"There's a culture here within this company that's just phenomenal."

"I graduated from Marcus in '98 but it wasn't until 2010 when we dissolved the family partnership and sold the family property that significant changes occurred. I continued running my Red Angus stud herd remotely while my wife and I also operated two Eagle Boys pizza franchises."

His time at Marcus taught him that the family farm wasn't the future, but it wasn't until deciding to dissolve the seedstock operation that the position at Mort & Co came onto his radar.

"Literally, the day I put the Red Angus herd on the market, I looked in the paper and this position was being advertised, so that was great," Berry said.

Over the last five and a half years Berry's made his mark at Mort & Co, helping hundreds of producers improve their approach to genetics and has been an integral part of the company's expansion.

He says that relationships are the key. "With a niche market like Wagyu, it's critically important to get the genetics, management and nutrition right — but first you must build a strong relationship so that both parties prosper.

"If you're not feeding feedlot and carcass information back to them and you haven't built that rapport, then there's really nothing to learn. Wagyu in particular is about genetic evaluation so that generationally the end product is better year after year."

Berry's enthusiasm for his work is palpable, and it's clear he can't imagine doing anything else.

"The company has been going through a significant expansion phase and it's exciting to be working together as a team to achieve these plans. Some time ago, management adopted the Rockefeller Habits approach which in part is to have a quarterly management meeting where the one, five and ten year plans are broken into quarterly goals. We reflect on the past quarter and work toward the next — this process is so powerful and it's exciting to be part of the team and being an influence in the decision making," he said.

"There's a culture here within this company that's just phenomenal. I'm just lucky that I've never experienced anything else, as I've literally come from a farming background to this. I'm a very lucky man."





Living the entrepreneurial dream

Entrepreneurialism remains as alluring and intimidating as ever, and in Australia the startup culture has well and truly hit its stride. At Marcus Oldham we have a long and proud tradition of producing self-starters, exemplified by these three alumni who've spent the past few years building their unique businesses from the ground up.

We sat down with Emily Riggs DipHBM '09 of Iris & Wool, Paula Pownall DipHBM '03 of GrubsUp and Rupert Ballinger DipAgri '12 of Wundar to discuss their time spent at Marcus Oldham, what ignited their desire to become entrepreneurs, and how a support system is essential in the unrelenting — and unforgiving — world of business.



Emily Riggs, Director & Designer of Iris & Wool

PAULA POWNALL — GRUBSUP

Pownall's journey into entrepreneurialism formed from the most unlikely of places — beginning with work in the unique field of mosquito management.

"I was working on alternative uses for mosquitos at larvae stage," she says. "I wanted to know whether we could use them as a feed source versus just killing them, and through that research I discovered that insects are very high in protein. So I quit my job and started a business on the idea that agriculture needs protein to feed their animals, so why can't we feed 'protein insects' to animals such as pigs and poultry instead of a high-grain diet?"

Her business, GrubsUp, has only been active since 2016, but Pownall says she's already experienced the heady highs and challenging lows that come with starting a company from scratch.

"When I founded the business, I thought I would only be working in the animal-feed market, but the human-food market came to us very quickly," she says.

"I still can't keep up with the demand. Our long-term plans are to scale our production facility so it becomes commercially viable — because at the moment, we're still very much in the infancy stages."

Pownall likens some days of entrepreneurialism to being consumed by a relentless wave — but says passion and resilience are essential for success. "If you're passionate about something, you will be working on it 24/7, and it will definitely consume you. If you're passionate about your idea, then don't take no for an answer."

RUPERT BALLINGER — WUNDAR

Despite taking a number of years away from education between high school and tertiary study, Ballinger found his feet — and founded his business, an online mentoring platform called Wundar — in the education industry.

"The business idea led from my own personal experiences, and I could see there was a big gap between transitioning from high school into the real world, and transitioning from university into the workforce," he says.

"I wanted to try and close that gap. I thought building a mentoring platform to connect school-leavers and university graduates with a mentor would be a great way to solve that issue."

But entrepreneurialism hasn't always been rosy. Like Pownall, challenges have arrived just as often as successes for Ballinger. "It has been very challenging at times because I'm new to the industry. I've stumbled over a few obstacles," he says.

"From a commercial standpoint, you've got to make sure the business model works and keeps ticking over so you can pay the bills. That's been extremely challenging. Sometimes you reflect and think to yourself, 'Why am I doing this?' or 'Is this really going to work?' But I just remind myself that our mission and purpose to connect students with mentors is much bigger than any obstacle in our way."

Considering Ballinger's business model, he's already a strong advocate for mentorship, saying it's what kept him going with the Wundar idea for years, despite only launching the service in May 2019.

"Compared to the rest of the world, tech and software are still relatively in their embryonic stages in Australia, so it took me a while to find some suitable mentors for myself. Now that we have some really experienced technology entrepreneurs on our team, we're ready to hit the ground running."

EMILY RIGGS — IRIS & WOOL

Similar to Ballinger, Riggs identified a gap in the market where her entrepreneurialism could shine. So with her passion for fashion and exclusive woollen garments, Iris & Wool was born.

"Merino wool is the best fibre in the world," she says. "So combining my love of fashion with a high-quality product seemed like the perfect business idea that would sell itself."

Riggs also says mentorship is essential for entrepreneurs, and being under the guidance of some influential figures in the industry has helped her during the financially challenging times. Still, she's always looking to the future, and says her dream is to get Iris & Wool products into small, high-end boutiques in the near future.

"I'm particularly excited that my Autumn Winter '20 collection will include equestrian wear, and I'm also designing and researching the process of manufacturing Merino-blend breeches!"

Riggs credits her resilience in business and life in part to a diagnosis with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 10. "Having cancer made me grow up and become independent," she says. "It definitely made me a stronger person."

AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

For each of these alumni, their journey into entrepreneurialism began well before the spark of their business idea caught fire. And their time spent studying at Marcus Oldham continues to play a pivotal role in their long-term ambitions.

"I studied the Diploma of Equine Management in 2003 and was one of a few people to come over from Western Australia," Pownall says. "It was a really great experience and I made lifelong friends, but the highlight was easily the study tours we went on in New Zealand and New South Wales."

"They gave me a hands-on connection to the stud owners, trainers, people and businesses in the agricultural system. That's a level of contact you often don't get with other universities."

Ballinger has similar praise for his time studying a Diploma of Agribusiness, which he completed in 2012.

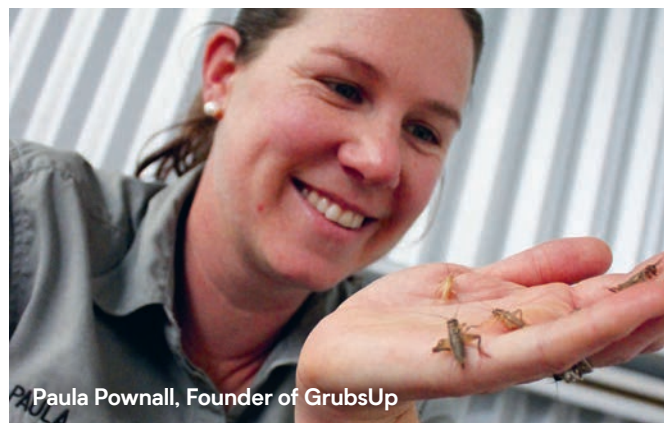
"I didn't go to Marcus until I was 24," he says. "I hadn't studied since high school and I was really ready to study again. What I love about Marcus is their entrepreneurial spirit — they're very open to thinking outside the box, being creative and applying that to the business world with their processes and structure."

It's this never-give-up attitude that Ballinger says was drilled into him at Marcus Oldham, and he believes it's what every entrepreneur needs to keep fighting — even when chips are down.

Riggs, who studied a Diploma of Equine Management, says her time at Marcus was integral to kick-starting her own business.

"I had the best time at Marcus Oldham — the course, the people, the place. It was just right for me," she says. "The contacts and networking have been invaluable to my specific industry, so I'd say to anyone considering Marcus Oldham to just do it."

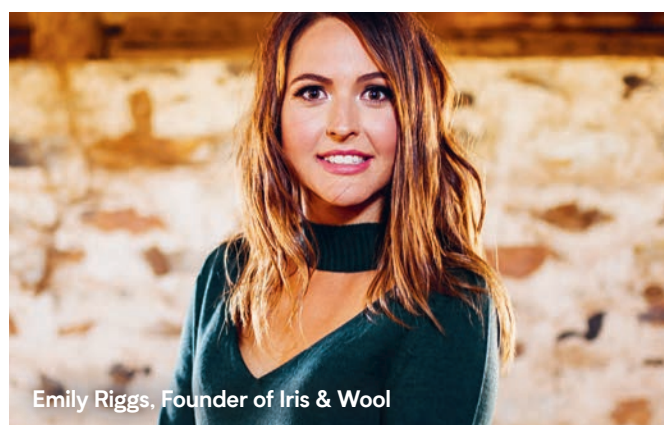
"It's the best thing I've ever done."



Paula Pownall, Founder of GrubsUp



Rupert Ballinger, Founder of Wundar



Emily Riggs, Founder of Iris & Wool



Luke Wilkinson

Luke Wilkinson: The race to success

When Luke Wilkinson DipHBM '02 set out to be a racing steward, he didn't imagine he'd end up being part of a Blue Diamond winning team, breeding and trading his own thoroughbred portfolio, and eventually representing powerhouse Chinese breeding and racing operation Yulong Investments.

Knowing the right person to get you started in an industry is always a help however, you must have the desire to work hard as success is never handed to you.

Werribee born and bred, Luke was working at the Westside Tavern in Laverton for the Day family who had sponsored his father Rex during his VFL football days, when he first heard about Marcus Oldham College at the age of 20.

"Mrs Day was horse mad. She helped me get the job and she took a keen interest in my life. She advised me to go to Marcus Oldham to have a look around after I finished my Accounting degree," the now 40-year-old said.

"Simon Livingstone showed us around and I really liked the place. He advised me to apply for a scholarship, which I didn't even know existed. I knew that the schooling was about \$30,000 and I wouldn't have had 30,000 cents!

"When I went for the interview I'd just had a knee reconstruction, so I was on crutches and I barely squeezed into my best suit because of the bandaging but I was determined to make a good impression," he said. Whatever he did, it worked.

"What's that saying... don't ask permission, beg for forgiveness? Well my parents hadn't known I was applying for a horse school. My Dad's face lit up but my Mum's jaw dropped to the ground," he said with his characteristic cheeky grin.

The commute from Werribee grew old quickly, and when Wilkinson signed up late to live on campus he found himself living in the girls' dorm.

"I made a great friend called Lisa Dopper and now Lisa's daughter and my daughter compete with each other at pony club. I think they'll both go to Marcus Oldham sooner or later."

With an Accounting degree behind him and a passion for horses driving his innate desire to succeed, Wilkinson completed his Diploma of Equine Management with a Distinction and approached his job search with the bravado that has helped him carve out a remarkable career in the racing industry.

He did everything from work experience with Racing Victoria stewards to club administration, selling stallion nominations at Eliza Park, filling in at Mick Price Racing and even selling wedding packages at The Valley.

"It was horrible. I hated the bridezillas! But that final year that I did wedding packages, I sold more horses than anything.

Mick would give me a horse to focus on and I'd just start writing up spiels. I did everything but sell wedding packages," he recalls.

The young go-getter had found his calling and, in January 2010, his career took off when leading Caulfield-based trainer Mick Price offered him a new role as Bloodstock Manager.

"I remember he used to say to me that 80 yearlings a year, that was par. And we got 90 the first year, then 100, 110, 120. I used to love being able to get horses from the sales that we didn't have to pay for.

"People would buy horses at auction and then I'd walk up to them and say 'Congratulations, is there any chance you could send it to Mick to train?' and I'd be talking to trainers who were buying for themselves. Now that's embarrassing."

It was a steep learning curve and one that saw Wilkinson spend almost half of every year inspecting foals and attending yearling sales, through which his own passion for breeding grew.

Almost a decade later, after experiencing the absolute highs of racing with Blue Diamond winners Samaready and Extreme Choice, elite Group 1 sprinters Lankan Rupee and Flying Artie and VRC Derby winner Tarzino, the approach from Yulong owner Mr Zhang came along and Wilkinson decided it was time to move on.

"I just want to buy two-year-old winners for Mr Zhang now. I remember going to China the first time three or four years ago thinking I would like to work for him because he's going in the right direction. Working for Mr Zhang allows me to get horses that I could never have imagined owning, which is so exciting.

"I think 20-year-old Luke would be happy with how it's worked out. It's probably one of the best thrills in the world, to be involved with horses winning at the highest level."

Wilkinson has been back to Marcus Oldham twice in 2019 – once to film an interview on Racing.com and once to show his horse obsessed nine-year-old daughter Emma around.

"I couldn't believe how much development has been done. That's the thing that I'm most proud of about Marcus, that every year something different is getting done. So many ex-students donate to the school now and it shows that it means a lot that the school is successful," he said.

2019 Graduate of Excellence: Simon Staughton

At Marcus Oldham we have a strong heritage of graduates who've gone on to have major success in widely diverse industries — it's why our Graduate of Excellence title has been so competitive since we started awarding them in 1997.

From James Riordan, 2017 recipient, who started Riordan Group as a one-man grain and fertiliser operation back in 1996, to 2018's Graduate of Excellence winner Richard Longbottom, of major fruit exporter Walker Longbottom, we're proud to honour the achievements of our best and brightest.

Simon Staughton DipFM '68 picked up the 2019 accolade for his unmatched contribution to the Australian food production industry, in particular his manufacturing divisions that focus on pet food and treats.

The Marcus Oldham College of today is a far cry from the campus Simon attended in the sixties. He describes it as being "a different kettle of fish back then" and that students were less experienced than they are now. Which is probably why one of his favourite anecdotes of his time at Marcus is how he spent most Monday morning classes trying to catch up on sleep.

"I remember speaking to Don Lawson, who was one of our lecturers, a number of years ago", he says. "Don remarked that of all the blokes who went and sat up the front of the classroom, it was the ones at the back of the class — who were always playing up or sleeping — who ended up doing well for themselves later in life."

If you look at Simon's career in-depth, from his early farming days in North East Victoria to his years spent mustering in the Northern Territory and eventually to the formation of the Staughton Group as an offal processing plant more than 30 years ago, "doing well for himself" is quite the understatement.

No matter what manufacturing division Simon has focused on over the years, he's always found ways to be successful despite intense competition. In a recent article in PACE magazine, the author focused on how Cool Off — an arm of Staughton Group that produces raw meats for pet food — is using automated technology to meet increasing consumer demand. Simon's company now employs over 380 staff and is Australia's largest exporter of pet food ingredients.

But it's not just burgeoning innovations that Simon is using to maintain his upper hand in the market. It's his insistence on monitoring the entire production process for quality control.

"By having chilling systems at our abattoir that we control remotely, for example, we have full visibility of everything that's happening on that site," Simon says of one particular quality control solution. "So we can watch the raw materials from the abattoir into our factory — we control the quality of the product all the way from kill floor to freezer store."

"That's meant we can make a lot of products that no one else can because only we have these types of retrieval systems at our abattoirs."



2019 Graduate of Excellence Simon Staughton with son Edward Staughton

Spend an entire day chatting with Simon about his career up to this point and you'll only be scratching the surface of his accomplishments. It's this dedication to every facet of his business — from the most menial tasks all the way up to long-term innovation strategies — that has undoubtedly contributed to his success.

But it's also this dedication that keeps him humble.

"When Sam Inglis rang to tell me about the Graduate of Excellence Award I said to him, 'You've got the wrong bloke!'," Simon recalls. "It was very, very surprising. I've had a pretty entertaining time doing all this stuff over my lifetime, so I was thinking 'Why the hell would you pick me?'"

"It's absolutely a genuine honour, but I can't say I wasn't gobsmacked."

Simon received his Graduate of Excellence Award at the Graduation Ceremony on 6 December. You can find out more about his business operations at staughtongroup.com.au

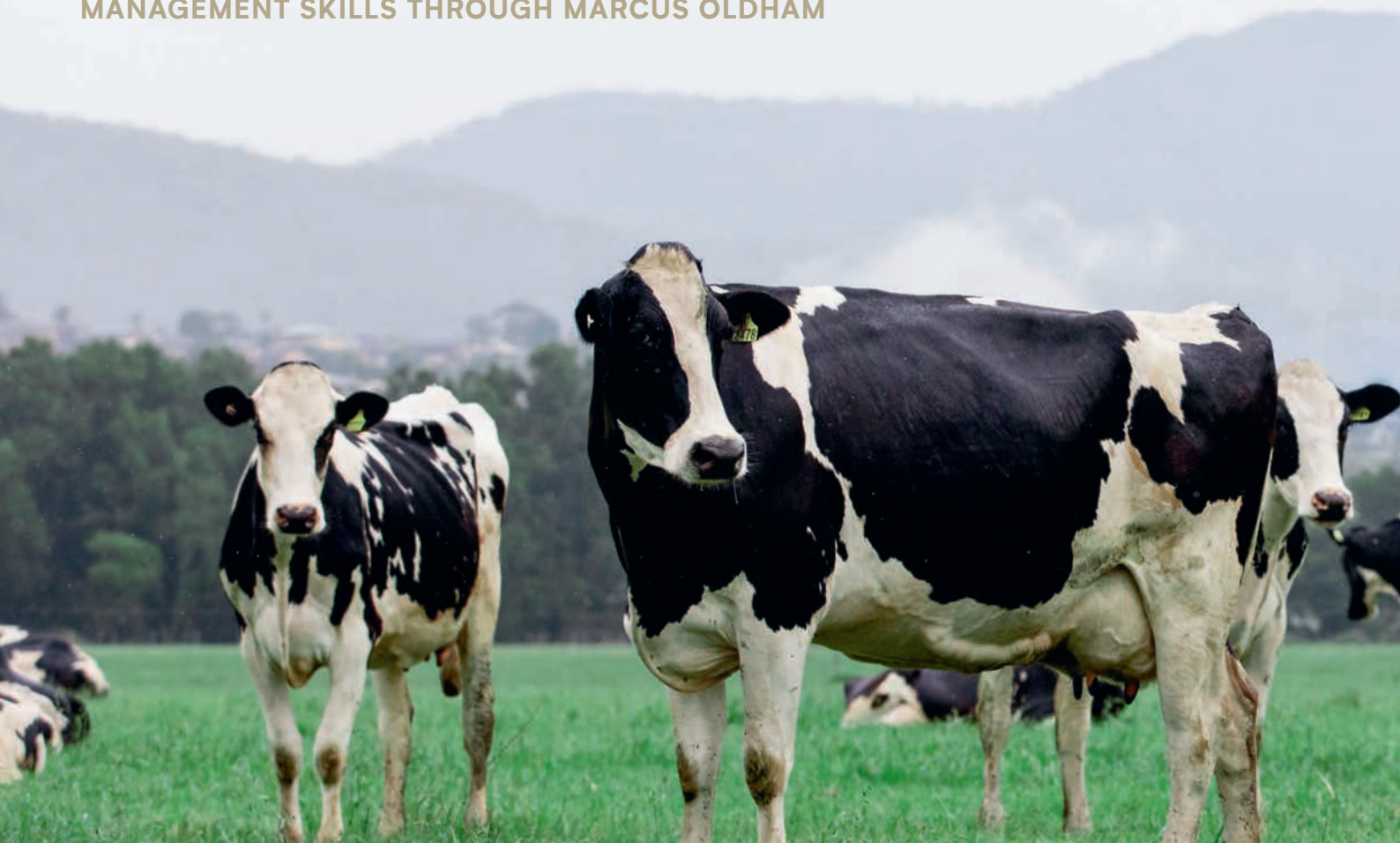


Peter Stephens, Simon Staughton and Rachel Fowles



Dairy Scholarships

DAIRY AUSTRALIA INVESTS IN FARM BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT SKILLS THROUGH MARCUS OLDHAM



In 2019 Dairy Australia partnered with Marcus Oldham, offering three new dairy focused scholarships, in a bid to support the development of business management capabilities in Australian dairy farming.

The scholarships are available to those individuals with a passion for the Australian dairy industry, who are studying, or intending to study, the Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) course at Marcus Oldham. The scholarships have been designed to support students to develop dairy specific skills through a carefully designed Dairy Learning Plan.

The Learning Plan, developed by Dairy Australia, aims to complement the agribusiness skills and knowledge provided through the Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) through dairy

specific contextual learning. As part of this Learning Plan recipients are required to undertake their 11-month industry placement year on a Dairy Enterprise. The scholarships are valued at \$50,000 each, with the student receiving \$25,000 in their first year of study and \$25,000 in their third and final year of study.

“Our hope is that this course at Marcus Oldham College will enable people to kickstart their farm management careers and be industry ready upon graduation.”



Photo credit: Dairy Australia

Dairy Australia Managing Director, David Nation, said: “The combination of skills required to run a successful dairy farm keeps increasing. Expertise in business management can often be the deciding factor in whether a farm turns a profit or not. Our hope is that this course at Marcus Oldham College will enable people to kickstart their farm management careers and be industry ready upon graduation.”

The 2020 scholarships have been awarded to Lachie Davis (Camperdown, VIC), William Renyard (Timboon, VIC) and Jim Conn (Flinders Island, TAS). These students are currently studying the Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) and are entering their second year of the course, the practical placement year. As part of the Dairy Learning Plan the

students are completing their year out on approved dairy properties, located in Gippsland and Tasmania, gaining valuable practical skills. Lachie, Will and Jim will also take part in various dairy focused seminars and courses throughout the year before returning to the College in 2021 to complete the third and final year of the course.

Applications for the 2021 Dairy Australia Dairy Farm Managers Scholarships open in March 2020. For any enquiries regarding these scholarships please contact:

scholarships@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au
or call Jess Chandler on 03 5247 2927.

Graduation 2019

* Denotes High Distinction

◇ Denotes Distinction

Diploma of Equine Management

Eva Isabella BATEY-FRANCIS ◇	Alice Springs	NT
Rachel Maree BOXSHALL	Werribee	VIC
Chloe Jane CANHAM	Woolsthorpe	VIC
Mitchell Frank CONNERS	Warwick Farm	NSW
Chloe Grace DIXON	Garfield	VIC
Stacie Amelia EGAN ◇	Warrnambool	VIC
Shanae Emily JENKINSON ◇	Shelford	VIC
Bianca Rose KARP	Lal Lal	VIC
Mark Robert KENDALL	Furnissdale	WA
Samantha Ann KERR ◇	Wellington Mills	WA
Katie Neen MCINTYRE	Epping	VIC
Joshua Rex OWEN	Melbourne	VIC
Georgia Michelle PAYNE	Murray Bridge	SA
Melissa Patricia PEET ◇	Bentleigh	VIC
Emma Grace PEGLER ◇	Grange	QLD
Stephanie Ann PEJKOVIC	Aroona	QLD
Claudia Jane RICHARDSON	Malvern	VIC
Tabitha Lea STEPETZ	Narellan Vale	NSW
Saffron Switz TRELOAR ◇	Gherang	VIC
Calypso Ferrier TUTTLE	Foster North	VIC
Nikki Lee WHITE	Miners Rest	VIC

In Absentia

Sophie Kate BOAG	Great Western	VIC
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Diploma of Agribusiness

Maxwell John Macquarie ALCORN	Armidale	NSW
Ripley John Barnsley ATKINSON	Tamworth	NSW
Joshua Thomas BOLAND ◇	Moree	NSW
Tameka Renee BROOKS *	Jerramungup	WA
Jeremy Kennan BROWN ◇	Bittern	VIC
James Kemp CARSON	Dirranbandi	QLD
Michael John CORCORAN ◇	Inverell	NSW
Thomas Stuart CORLIS	Garah	NSW
Angus Stuart Keith DENHOLM	Jerilderie	NSW
Renee Betty DONPON *	Dalby	QLD
Patrick Gerald FOLEY ◇	Cullerin	NSW
Dugald Harvey GRIEVE ◇	Millmerran	QLD
Oliver Paul GRINTER	Muckatah	VIC
Hugh Stephen Kimpton JENKINS ◇	East Prahran	VIC
Elizabeth Margaret KELLY *	Caramut	VIC
Jack Berry KIMPTON ◇	Carrathool	NSW
Jack Walter LAWRENCE ◇	Hay	NSW

Diploma of Agribusiness cont.

Matthew LOCKE	Weemelah	NSW
William Alexander LONG *	Butler Tanks	SA
William John MACKLEY	Duchembegarra	VIC
Joseph O'Shea MAKEHAM ◇	Walcha	NSW
Sophie Ellen MAUDSLEY ◇	Mitchell	QLD
Darcy Donovan Kenneth MCKENZIE	Blackwater	QLD
Isaac James REILLY *	Norlane	VIC
Angus Lachlan RIGNEY	Thallon	QLD
Nicholas James ROE	Rosewood	NSW
Angus James ROGERS ◇	Cunderdin	WA
Jack SALTER ◇	Point Lonsdale	VIC
Angus James SMITH	Condamine	QLD
Hugh David Lamprell SPENCER	Barraba	NSW
Damon Edward SYMES	Lake Rowan	VIC

In Absentia

Timothy James Francis ALLEN *	Bochara	VIC
Kate Grace CANNINGTON *	Narrabri	NSW
Thomas Samuel Dutton FISCHER	Armadale	VIC

Associate Degree Of Agribusiness

Kate Amanda AUSTIN ◇	Pinjarra Hills	QLD
Logan Helen BROWN ◇	Kangaroo Ground	VIC
Isobel Grace FAY	Carranballac	VIC
Shelby Skye GARNETT *	Gnowangerup	WA
Jock Baillieu MACSMITH ◇	Orange	NSW
Edward Alexander MATTSCHOSS	Birdwood	SA
Georgia Anne MCGRATH	Tocumwal	NSW
Oscar Donald MCLEAN ◇	Toowoomba	QLD
Jack Francis O'NEILL ◇	Narrabri	NSW
Kaitlyn Alice POWNE *	Wondai	QLD
Madison Jane RIDGWAY	Carngham	VIC
James Angus TROWBRIDGE	Keith	SA
Liberty Jane WALKER	Dalby	QLD
Edwina Louise WARBY *	Glenmorgan	QLD
Zachary Joe WEBSTER	Cowra	NSW
Thomas William WETHERALL	Coonawarra	SA
Lachlan James Peter ZANKER *	Caltowie	SA

In Absentia

Lily Emma BINGHAM *	Mingay	VIC
Sarah Rosalie HOTTER	Modeware	VIC
Fenella Clare MILLING ◇	Leadville	NSW
Jane Roslyn PINKERTON ◇	Charlemont	NSW

Associate Degree of Farm Business Management

Rudelle Stephanie Laurel ANDERSON ◊	Naracoorte	SA
Jackson James BARTON	Eunanoreenya	NSW
Hamish Bouchier BENNETT ◊	Lawloit	VIC
Forbes Richard BOYDELL	Attunga	NSW
Georgia Nicole BUCHHOLZ ◊	Mingay	VIC
Maxwell John Ralph Baillie CAMERON	Chudleigh	TAS
Lauchlan Russell Hastings CORRIGAN	Bowna	NSW
Matthew James Dunsmuir DARE ◊	Dumbleyung	WA
Charles Alan Bligh FRIEND ◊	Walgett	NSW
Kaleb James GERSCHWITZ *	Maitland	SA
Harry David HEAD	Cobbitty	NSW
Jarita Holly HOPWOOD ◊	Oberon	NSW
Timm Oliphant HOUSE ◊	Inverleigh	VIC
Timothy Francis HOUSTON ◊	Mungindi	NSW
Damon Matthew HUMPHRIS ◊	Jamestown	SA
Andrew Wishart JACKSON	Woolsthorpe	VIC
Thomas Fullerton LONGMIRE ◊	Esperance	WA
Jeremy Alexander LUSH *	Keith	SA
Lachlan Dean MOLONEY	Jerilderie	NSW
Henry Nicholas MOYLE *	Glenormiston North	VIC
George Hunter Aird MURRAY	Spring Ridge	NSW
William George Balda NICHOLAS	Molong	NSW
Thomas John PITCHFORD	Echunga	SA
Bailey Robert POHLMAN ◊	Toowoomba	QLD
Darcey May SHEIL ◊	Bald Hills	QLD
Margo Jane SULLIVAN *	Mataranka	NT
Nicholas Andrew THOMAS	Wheeler's Hill	VIC
Georgia Anne WHITE *	Coolah	NSW

In Absentia

Charles Angus SCOTT	Willow Tree	NSW
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Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness)

Hannah Renee BIRD	Edgecliff	NSW
William Alexander BOYD	Highton	VIC
Kyle William BULL	Boree Creek	NSW
Teeah Eileen BUNGEY	Cremore	NSW
Isabelle Fiona CAMERON	Ross	TAS
Jessie Alison CHANDLER	Brookfield	QLD
Nathan Howard Michael DENNY	Deniliquin	NSW
Isabelle Ann FENTON	Mount Samson	QLD
Thomas Adair FULTON-KENNEDY	Double Bay	NSW
Simon Charles Russell GABB	Shelford	VIC
Michael Seamus GILTRAP	Jindera	NSW
Benjamin Andrew GOLDSWORTHY	Beechworth	VIC
Samuel McGregor Ronald GUNN	Epping Forest	TAS
Thomas Hilton HICKMAN	Woodstock	NSW
Hamish Samuel MCGUINNESS	Boorowa	NSW
Michael Alexander MCMANUS	Roseville	NSW

Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) cont.

David Alexander Joseph O'NEILL	Garah	NSW
Angus Geoffrey PHILLIPS	Talwood	QLD
James Hamilton RIDGE	Bourke	NSW
Jenny Therese SCHWAGER	Narrabri	NSW
Benjamin Robert STRAHLEY	Inverell	NSW
Alexander TOUMAZOS	Prospect	SA
Claudia Scarlett TURNBULL	Hernani	NSW
Peter Guy VAN ZEYL	Kendenup	WA
Adelaide Elizabeth VIVERS	Armidale	NSW

In Absentia

Matthew Peter HIVES	Leongatha	VIC
Molly Holcombe MACKAY	Coonamble	NSW

Bachelor Of Business (Agriculture)

Samuel Lynton Murray BRUCE	Kadina	SA
Samuel James DURNAN	Pascoe Vale South	VIC
Timothy Donald FINGER	Mansfield	VIC
Tyler Sydney LEWIS	Ascot	QLD
Hannah Margaret Alison MARTINDALE	Derrinallum	VIC
Jarah MCCONACHY	Castlemaine	VIC
Alexandra Mary MULCAHY	Kyvalley	VIC
Holly Caitlin O'REGAN	Dubbo	NSW
Megan Elizabeth WEBB	Bridgewater	VIC

In Absentia

William Fairlie FERGUSON	Triabunna	TAS
Camille Grace HOLMFIELD	Caldwell	NSW
Dougal William MORRISON	Oatlands	TAS

Graduate Certificate of Agribusiness

Gregory Stephen LEWIS	Mildura	VIC
Jennifer SCOTT	Sunbury	VIC

In Absentia

Jordan Paul BRUCE	Kadina	SA
Cecilia Louise Bailie CAMERON	St Kilda	VIC
Christopher Paul DELAHUNTY	Murtoa	VIC

Graduate Diploma of Agribusiness — In Absentia

James Marcus CANT	Norwood	SA
Fiona Rae GODFREY	Barrabool	VIC

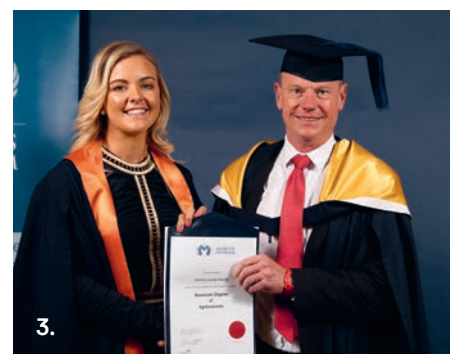
Master of Agribusiness

Wesley David LEFROY	Sydney	NSW
Victoria Elizabeth MULCAHY	Tongala	VIC
Lachlan John SUTTON	Wentworth	NSW

In Absentia

Gary Linton WEHR	Moree	NSW
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2019 Graduation Award Recipients



1. **Angus Rigney DipAgri '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham Principals Award for Effort and Achievement
2. **Bianca Karp DipEM '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham Old Students Association Award for Practical Skills
3. **Edwina Warby AssocDA '19**, recipient of the G21 Agribusiness Forum Award for Strategic Planning
4. **Elizabeth Kelly DipAgri '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham Chairman's Award

5. **Emma Pegler DipEM '19**, recipient of the Henry Dwyer Racing Award for Equine Business Management
6. **Eva Batey-Francis DipEM '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham Principals Award for Effort and Achievement
7. **Henry Moyle AssocDFBM '19**, recipient of the Ivo Dean Memorial Award for Agricultural Production Technology

8. **Isaac Reilly DipAgri '19**, recipient of the Graham McConell Award for Business Planning
9. **Jack Kimpton DipAgri '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham College Old Students Association Award for Accounting and Finance
10. **Kaleb Gerschwitz AssocDFBM '19**, recipient of the Garth Massy-Greene Memorial Award for Farm Business Management and Marcus Oldham



- College Old Students Association Award to the Dux of the Associate Degree of Farm Business Management
11. **Kaitlyn Powne AssocDA '19**, recipient of the Rimfire Resources Pty Ltd Award for Human Resources and Marketing
12. **Lachlan Zanker AssocDA '19**, recipient of the West Carr Harvey Accountants Award for Accounting and Taxation and the Beggs Family Award to the Dux of the Associate Degree of Agribusiness

13. **Logan Brown AssocDA '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham Principals Award for Effort and Achievement
14. **Saffron Treloar DipEM '19**, recipient of the Ballarat Veterinary Practice Award for Horse Husbandry and Horse Health
15. **Samantha Kerr DipEM '19**, recipient of the EQ Saddleworld Award to the Dux of the Diploma of Equine Management

16. **Samuel Bruce BB(Ag) '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham College Award to the Dux of the Bachelor of Business (Agriculture)
17. **Teeah Bungey BB(Agri) '19**, recipient of the Marcus Oldham College Award to the Dux of the Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness)
18. **Wesley Lefroy MAgri '19**, recipient of the Laguna Bay Pastoral Company Award to the Dux of the Master of Agribusiness

2019 Scholarship Recipients



Back row (L-R):

1. Henry Moyle (Glenormiston, NSW) Lowes Petroleum Scholarship, **2. Jeremy Lush** (Keith, SA) Warrawdigee (Farm Management) Scholarship, **3. Kaleb Gerschwitz** (Maitland, SA) Bill Ruse Memorial Scholarship, **4. Charlie Wrigley** (Condobolin, NSW) The Calvert-Jones Foundation Scholarship, **5. Nikki White** (Miners Rest, VIC) Australian Racing Scholarship, **6. Charles Brumpton** (Mitchell, QLD) Dr Alastair Mackenzie Scholarship, WISS Woolbrokers, B J Underwood Pty Ltd and Australian Wool Education, **7. Cara Fagan** (Coonamble, NSW) Te Mania Angus Scholarship, **8. Elizabeth Kelly** (Caramut, VIC) Helen Macpherson Smith Trust Women in Agribusiness Scholarship, **9. Jack Salter** (Point Lonsdale, VIC) Golden Egg Farms Scholarship, **10. Rachel Boxshall** (Werribee, VIC) Sandra Dent Bursary, **11. Angus Denholm** (Hamilton, TAS) Warrawidgee (Agriculture) Scholarship, **12. Andrew Bridle** (Dalby, QLD) Peel Agriculture Cadetship, **13. Joseph Makeham** (Walcha, NSW) Yiddinga Farm Management Scholarship, **14. Charlie Grellman** (Moree, NSW) RC & EC (Cappur) Webb Trust (Agriculture) Scholarship, **15. Harry Fairchild** (Mangoplah, NSW) Australian Farm Management Scholarship, Sudwolle Group and Geoff & Helen Handbury Foundation, **16. Lachlan Davis** (Camperdown, VIC) Warakirri Agricultural Trusts Scholarship, **17. Mark Kendall** (Furnissdale, WA) Australian Equestrian Scholarship, Equestrian Victoria, **18. Samuel Hotchin** (Miners Rest, VIC) Lawson Grains Scholarship, **19. Samuel Muller** (Clifton, QLD) Dalara Foundation & Dalara Pastoral Scholarship



Front Row (L-R):

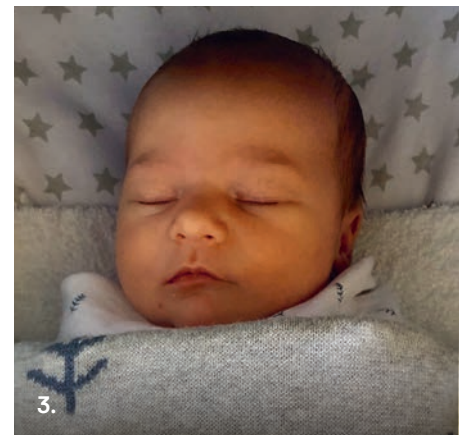
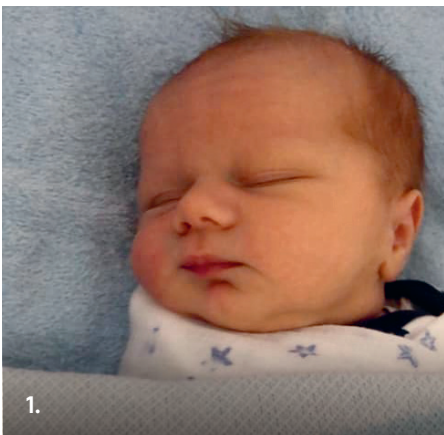
1. Nicholas Thomas (Whealers Hill, VIC) RMA Network Scholarship, **2. Edwina Warby** (Glenmorgan, QLD) BBM Global Industry Scholarship, **3. Charlie Upton** (Moree, NSW) MOCOSA Bursary, **4. Georgia Buchholz** (Mingay, VIC) Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Scholarship for Emerging Leaders, **5. Georgia White** (Coolah, NSW) Ingleby Farm Management Scholarship, **6. William Fagan** (Moorbel, NSW) Hazeldean Livestock Production Scholarship, **7. Harold Oates** (Boomi, NSW) Mutooroo Pastoral Company Scholarship, **8. Thomas Sleigh** (Jerilderie, NSW) Wealthcheck Management Scholarship, **9. Nicholas Sullivan** (Merricks North, VIC) Ingleby Farm Management Scholarship, **10. Andrew Abell-King** (Garden Suburb, NSW) Warrawidgee (Farm Management) Scholarship, **11. Timothy Allen** (Bochara, VIC) RC & EC (Cappur) Webb Trust (Agribusiness)

Absent:

Rudelle Anderson (Naracoorte, SA) Warrawidgee (Agriculture) Scholarship, **William Boyd** (Geelong, VIC) Freemasons Foundation Scholarship, **Forbes Boydell** (Attunga, NSW) Greenham Agricultural Scholarship, **Samuel Carberry** (Narrabri, NSW) Upper Namoi Cotton Growers Association Scholarship, **Mitchell Connors** (Warwick Farm, NSW) Australian Thoroughbred Scholarship, Thoroughbred Breeders Victoria and Coolmore Australia, **Fenella Milling** (Leadville, NSW) Lowes Petroleum Scholarship, **Jane Pinkerton** (Charlemont, VIC) RC & EC (Cappur) Webb Trust (Agriculture) Scholarship, **Margo Sullivan** (Mataranka, NT) RC & EC (Cappur) Webb Trust (Agriculture) Scholarship, **Sarah Sutton** (Sulky, VIC) Nick Petersen Memorial Scholarship

The Network

BIRTHS



1. Alex (Zan) McCallum (McNamee) DipAgri '14 and husband Joel McCallum welcomed Jack David McCallum. Born on 30 November 2019, weighing 7lbs 13oz.

2. Ross Uebergang AssocDipFBM '07 and his wife Ingrid are very excited to announce the arrival of their second son, Angus John Uebergang, born on 1 July 2019 weighing 7lbs 12oz. Angus is a little brother to Hugh.

3. Tim McDonald AssocDipFBM '13 and wife Fiona are thrilled to announce the birth of their first daughter Harriet Macleod McDonald. Harriet was born on 20 August, 2019.

4. Will Drury DipAgri '18 and Kate Drury DipAgri '18 welcomed their first child, Primrose Elizabeth Kate Drury, on 10 December 2019 weighing 6lb exactly.

5. Stuart Tait BBFM '13 and wife Isabel welcomed their first child Henry Stirling Tait into the world on 7 June, 2019.

6. Ben Egan BBFM '12 and wife Eleanor welcomed Emilia Thea Egan on 4 April 2019 weighing 7lb 9oz.

MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS



1. Carl Rodger BB(Agri) '12 married Sophie Sutherland on 4 May 2019 at Sophie's family property in Tooma NSW. The bridal party included Emma Sutherland DipAgri '11, Hugh Cox BB(Agri) '14 and Ben Grice BB(Agri) '12.

2. Stuart Tait BBFM '13 married Isabel Head at the McIntosh family property "Denbigh", Cobbitty NSW on Saturday 12 October. Izzy's two brothers Harry Head AssocDipFBM '19 and Jim Head AssocDFBM '15 were the MC's, and George Pagan AdDipFBM '12 and Rendall Groat AdDipFBM '12 were groomsmen. A number of other Marcus classmates attended the wedding.

3. Tom Upton BB(Ag) '15 married Anna Brown on 31 August 2019 at Ceres in Victoria. The bridal party from left to right, included; Will Sharp, Laura Brown, Ollie Warner BB(Agri) '15, Georgie Upton, Tom Upton BB(Ag) '15, Anna Brown, Charlotte Malon, Jim Higgins BB(Ag) '15, Joanna Macleod & Lachie Barclay AssocDFBM '14.



4. Monique Roche DipEM '15 married Thomas Carberry on 13 April 2019 at the Augustine's Catholic Church in Creswick, Victoria, followed by a reception at the Ballarat Turf Club. Thomas and Monique met in 2016 when they worked together and bonded over a love of all things racing as they studied towards obtaining their training licenses.

5. Charlie Edwards DipAgri '18 and Sally Conway AssocDFBM '18 announced their engagement on 22 August 2019.

DEATHS

Michael Hogarth-Scott 29/11/1946 – 15/10/2019

1966 graduate from the Farm Management course passed away on 15 October 2019. He is lovingly remembered by all those who knew him.



Jeremy Pekin 14/11/1983 –14/07/2019

2006 graduate from the Farm Business Management course Jeremy Pekin passed away on July 14 2019. Jeremy will be greatly missed by all.



James (Jack) Russell 15/09/1970 — 30/05/2019

1992 Farm Management graduate Jack Russell was tragically killed in an accident in the Northern Territory on the 30 May 2019. Jack is survived by his children Henry and Georgina and much loved family and mates across Australia.



Vale William Robert Ricardo Beggs AM

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An extract from the Eulogy given by Stewart McArthur AM at the Chapel of All Saints, Geelong Grammar on 1 August, 2019.

William Robert Ricardo Beggs would have been 85 years old on 27 October 2019. He lived life to the full, with a record of significant contribution to the community and a legacy of good and genuine friends throughout the country. Robert Beggs had the unique quality of engaging with people from all walks of life that made them feel special. The usual and inevitable response when his name was mentioned was a discussion of his fine qualities as a human being: he was a gentle man interested in young and old, humble and modest, and yet dedicated to so many different causes.

Robert was a leading farmer, a devoted family man, and an excellent board chairman, leader and innovator. And yet he remained throughout his life, the quintessential Australian good bloke. He was proud of his Anglo-Irish heritage in Australia. His father, Arthur Beggs CBE, was a role model as a farmer and advocate for the wool industry. Robert got on well with his father during their farming operations together.

A turning point in Robert's career and farming life came when he was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship in 1970. Having never been off the farm, this experience broadened his outlook enormously and he gained an understanding of the problems facing farmers the world over.

Robert made his mark as Chairman of the Fine Wool Growers Association of Australia. It was his drive and forethought that made this small group influential in Australian wool politics. Robert was always of the view that there was insufficient recognition of the role that fine wool — 17 to 19 micron — had in the Australian wool industry. He spent considerable time and effort ensuring there was a closer cooperation between woolgrowers and processors, in particular the well-known suit designer, Ermenegildo Zegna.

One of Robert's great passions was the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, whose Council he joined in 1977. He later went on to take up the role of Vice-President then President (1990-93). He remained an active Councillor for just over 2 years before he accepted Life Membership of the Society. His charm, diligence and awareness of the exhibitors' problems won him many friends over the years.

As a director of the Pivot Phosphate Cooperative for 15 years, he enjoyed some good and not-so-good times, as the Cooperative was subject to takeover. His good



humour, calm approach and common sense ensured that the Cooperative survived and — although it was under siege — Pivot continued to provide fertiliser to farmers.

In 1992 Robert was awarded an AM — a Member of the Order of Australia — for his contribution to agriculture, the fine wool industry and local community organisations including the local CFA and the Beaufort hospital. This was a well-deserved honour and one which Robert was proud of for the rest of his life. He was also awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001.

Robert spent more than 20 years as a state and federal board member of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. Recipients of Trust awards travelled overseas to study an area of interest they were committed to, and they would return to Australia to share that knowledge and experience.

A less well-known quality of Robert Beggs was that he was a prodigious letter writer. His distinctive hand conveyed messages of congratulations, thanks, condolences, acknowledgements of a job well done, and many heartfelt personal messages. Hundreds of Victorians were uplifted by his words. In many cases his letter was the only formal recognition they ever received for a lifetime's commitment to a particular charity or cause or community organisation.

In 1984 Robert joined the Council of Marcus Oldham College and he became Chairman in 1997. He remained Chairman of the Council for 10 years. Like his father before him, as

chair, he provided strong moral leadership of the Council's deliberations, and he was the embodiment of Marcus Oldham's values of integrity, sound management and good fun. As Chairman, Robert became involved in all aspects of the College's life — the Foundation, alumni, current students, supporters and parents spread throughout Australia.

He brought impeccable credentials as a very good farmer and as a leader in Australian agriculture. He was meticulously prepared for every meeting and event. His personal reputation greatly assisted Marcus Oldham in maintaining the College's pre-eminent reputation for innovative farm management in Australia. The College owes a great debt of gratitude to Robert for his selfless and energetic devotion to the College's future well-being. He was proud that Marcus Oldham bestowed upon him an honorary degree — an accolade his former headmaster Sir James Darling would never have thought possible for a mere farm boy.

His most generous and dedicated contribution to his fellow Australians, and his exemplary personal life, are an inspiration to us all. Margie and her daughters, Jenny, Jane and Sarah and their families, know that their Dad was one of the very best.

Stewart McArthur AM

Grazier, Meningoort, Camperdown
Chairman, Marcus Oldham Council 1976-1996
Federal Member for Corangamite 1984-2007

Reunions

FM 1970 — 50 year reunion

On Saturday 28 September 21 graduates and some partners, plus 3 lecturers, making a total 43, gathered at Marcus Oldham College, to renew friendships at a luncheon in the College dining room. The graduates arrived at 10.30 for a morning coffee, before being introduced to the Principal of the College Dr. Simon Livingstone.

At 11.00 a tour was held at the College, showing the wonderful improvements available to the students today. A comment was overheard "Imagine what I could have achieved if we had facilities like this 50 years ago!" Dr. Livingstone told us about the teaching programmes of the 2000s and where the College is heading.

The student recreation area was a real eye opener. A far cry from the shearing shed we used for our recreation parties. We then returned for lunch, where the College turned on a great meal with drinks.

As the Grand Final was a real 'wash out!' we all sat and talked about our lives since we left the College. In the evening 23 of us went to dinner at the Sofitel Hotel in Geelong. As we are all getting on in years, it was decided to have another get together in about 5 years or less.



FM 2001 — 18 years on

The Farm Management class of 2001 came together in Melbourne in the first week of August 2019 to catch up and talk about the old days. A great reunion was enjoyed by all.



FM 1989 — 30 year reunion

Members of the 1989 Farm Management course got together in Coffs Harbour, NSW, on the weekend of the 17th of August 2019, to celebrate 30 years since finishing at Marcus Oldham College. The event was very well attended and a big success, enjoyed by all.



FM 1969 — 50th Reunion

On the weekend of 5th and 6th October 2019 — 23 of our past students — many with partners — attended a great weekend to celebrate this milestone. It was good to see all there looking in pretty good fettle, considering our age. A memorable photo was taken in the same location as the first one in 1969, just after we had all viewed Neil Armstrong stepping on to the moon!

We met on Saturday morning for morning coffee/tea and then were treated to a very informative talk and tour around the College by Simon Livingstone. We were all very impressed with how the College has progressed over the years, and by the potential for the future with the new Education Centre.

An informal buffet lunch and drinks in the dining room was perfect.

Saturday evening was a grand buffet in a private room at the Torquay RACV Resort. Fabulous food and an opportunity once again to reminisce on past days.

Then on Sunday we had a barbecue lunch at the Torquay Surf Club which was a great way to wind up a wonderful weekend.

Our thanks to the College staff who assisted in the organising and provision of the caps, and special thanks to Simon for giving us his time. We should also acknowledge the fine management education we were given at Marcus all those years ago — which resulted in our event making a small profit — which we gladly donated to the College Foundation.



FM 2000 – 19 year reunion

The Farm Management class of 2000 caught up in October 2019 at Penola, SA, for their 19 year reunion. The group are planning on organising a 20 year reunion for 2020.

FM 1986 – 33 year reunion

Members of the class of FM '86, along with their partners attended a reunion in September 2019. This event, held at the Royal Pines Benowa Queensland, was a great success.



Reunions Upcoming

FM 64/65 Reunion

The Farm Management class of 1964 and 1965 are organising a reunion for March/April 2020. The date is yet to be set, but for any enquiries please contact Graham (Harry) Hooper on 0408 501 960.

For anyone planning a reunion, please contact alumni@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au
or call Jess Chandler on 03 5247 2927

Marcus All Over

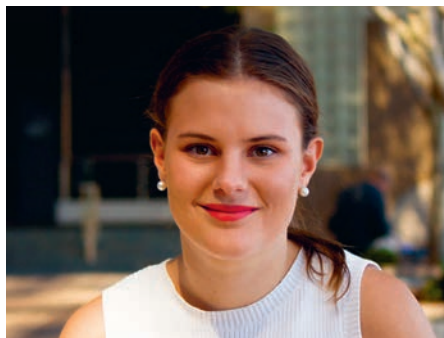


New staff member: **Dr Ben Jones** **Lecturer in Agronomy and** **Agricultural Technology**

Ben joins the lecturing team bringing a solid base of academic qualifications, industry experience and networks in industry and research. In 2010 he founded the online precision agriculture start-up PASource, on the family farm in Manangatang, Victoria. Its sale in 2016 to GrainGrowers Limited led to his most recent position as Head of Science with remote sensing start-up FluroSat in Sydney.

Previous roles have included: Research Consultant for Birchip Cropping Group and Mallee Sustainable Farming, on projects around farming systems, precision agriculture and agronomy; Research Scientist with Department of Primary Industries on novel agronomy with GPS in the Mallee; and several years farming.

Ben holds a PhD (topic: wheat nitrogen management), and a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons) from the University of Melbourne.



New staff member: **Jess Chandler BB(Agri)** **'19, Scholarships &** **Communications Officer**

Recent College graduate, Jess Chandler from Queensland, joined the Marcus Oldham team as the new Scholarships and Communications Officer in March 2019. Jess replaced longstanding and respected staff member, Janet Craigie-McConnell who retired at the end of 2018.

Jess holds a dual degree from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), in Business and Creative Industries, majoring in Marketing and Interactive and Visual Design, as well as a Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) from Marcus Oldham College.

Prior to attending the College, Jess was the Marketing Manager for Austpec Holdings, managing a diverse portfolio of businesses across agriculture, HR, equine and fuel distribution. Jess also spent some time at The North Australian Pastoral Company in the role of Marketing Coordinator while completing the work placement component of her Marcus studies.

Jess is passionate about Australian agriculture and is excited about the significant role Marcus is performing in preparing graduates to be leaders in their field in the years ahead.

Jackson Hernando **DipEM '15**

After graduating from the Diploma of Equine Management, Jackson went to work with Rod Brown at Equus Australia, Kulnura, NSW. After that he had an opportunity to manage an equestrian facility in Bali, Indonesia.

Originally from Jakarta, Jackson returned to his roots to run a property in Bogor, West Java which is an hour drive from Jakarta. Jackson and his team break in young horses for both racing and equestrian pursuits. He breeds local ponies and crosses them with warmbloods and thoroughbreds.

Currently Jackson is part of a project to build a breeding facility in the east of Java Island. Jackson is looking after the conceptual work for the facility together with the design of the property. He is grateful for the opportunities his course at Marcus Oldham gave him to learn and grow these skills.



Student meat judging team

Picture over 150 students suited up for the abattoir: white coats, gumboots, safety helmets and clipboards, split into groups of 15, surrounding four practically identical beef carcasses.

They are told they have 10 minutes to judge the carcasses and rank them in order and have all distinguishing features noted. These features include meat colour, fat colour, eye muscle area, marbling, ossification, sex, hump height, fat coverage, defects, and overall muscling. They are then told to turn around and face away from the carcasses, put their notes away so they can't be used, rank the carcasses 1 to 4 and answer a series of questions (often unrelated to the 11

features you just spent 10 minutes taking notes on). This is what 12 Marcus Oldham students participated in from 9-13 July during their holidays, judging beef, lamb and pork.

The competition comprised 14 separate classes including: retail cuts, primals, saleable items, eating quality, pricing and multiple beef, lamb and pork carcass classes. The Marcus team did incredibly well with Margo Sullivan placing in the top 11 out of 150 students. This came from her outstanding performance in the 'placings and questions' component of the competition and her ability to captivate the judges in her interview using her Northern Territory charm. Angus Rigney, was selected as Coach's Pick from the Marcus Oldham team, for his commitment and enthusiastic behaviour within the team. Margo and Angus both attended a week-long Brisbane and Darling Downs tour in September.



Standing (L to R): Jackson Barton (coach), Charlie Brumpton, William Fagan, Charlie Wrigley, Joshua Boland, Charlie Upton, Forbes Boydell, Hugh Jenkins, Jack Gallard, Isaac Reilly, Angus Rigney, Jarita Hopwood (coach) Front: Kafie Cannington, Margo Sullivan

Dan Coulthurst and Oli Le Lievre elected as Directors of the Future Farmers Network (FFN) Board

Dan Coulthurst BB(Agri) '17 and Oli Le Lievre BB(Agri) '17 were recently elected as Directors of the Future Farmers Network (FFN) Board. They join Lachlan Lynch BB(Agri) '15 on the board. The FFN mission is to provide young people in agriculture with educational and connectivity opportunities with a view to empowering and retaining these young people in the agricultural industry.



John Munckton OAM honoured

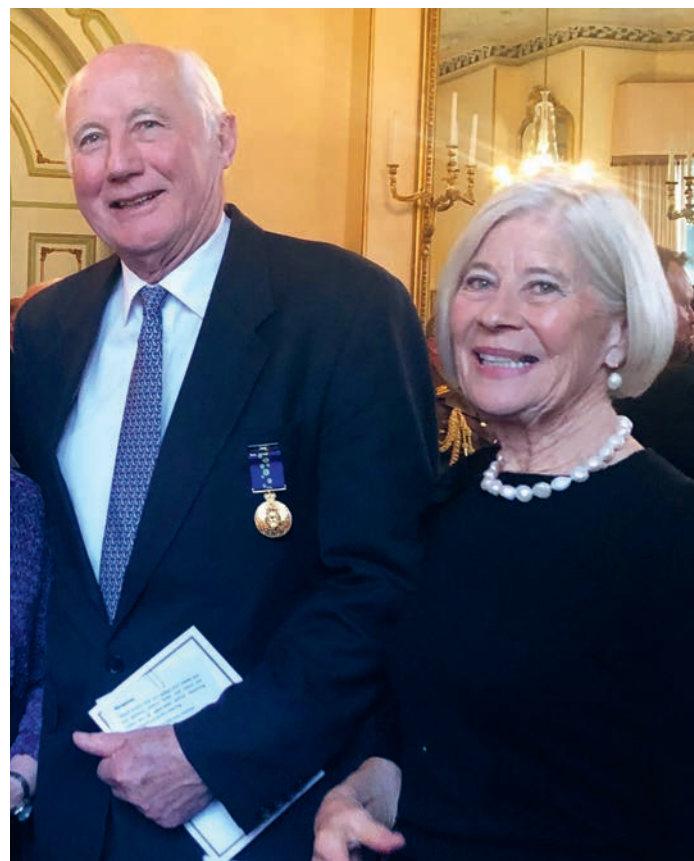
John DipFM '71, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2019 Queen's Birthday honours for service to the community of Seymour.

His citation included service to local government – Shire President (twice), past President and Life Member of Seymour Agricultural and Pastoral Society, The Victorian Wine Show – past President, C.F.A. – past President and Life Member, and a number of other organisations.

He received his award in September at Government House. John and his wife Jenny continue farming at Glenaroua near Seymour. They have two children, David and Sarah and five grandchildren.

Former College Council member and farm management graduate, Mr Ian McMichael DipFM '67 awarded an OAM

Long-standing College Council member and Farm Management graduate, Mr Ian McMichael from Ouse in Tasmania, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) at the Australia Day honours, for service to community health in rural areas.



Post Graduate student awarded 2019 Young Farmers Scholarship

Jessica Knight (Left), a current post graduate student who completed her Graduate Certificate in 2019 was awarded an 'Upskill and Invest' Scholarship on Tuesday the 26th of November 2019. The Young Farmers Scholarships aim to provide opportunities for young farmers to invest in themselves and their careers. Jessica plans to put this scholarship towards completing a Master of Agribusiness at Marcus Oldham College.



Marcus Oldham graduates among 2020 Nuffield Scholarship recipients

On the 17th of September 2019 twenty-two of Australia's leading primary producers were awarded Nuffield Farming Scholarships at the Nuffield National Conference Annual Awards Dinner in Brisbane. Marcus Oldham graduates Paula Pownall DipEM '03 and Harry Kelly BB(Agri) '14 were among the award recipients. The scholars receive a \$30,000 bursary to research new agricultural technologies and techniques.

Paula Pownall, 2003 Equine Management graduate, plans to use her scholarship to investigate scaling insect production using the latest research and technology. Paula is the founder of Grubs Up Australia.

Harry Kelly, 2014 Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) graduate, was awarded a scholarship with support from Rabobank to research ways for the Australian agriculture industry to multiply profitable business models, retain the right people and embrace change to become a more attractive investment. Congratulations to both graduates.



Hunter Smith's Frankland Estate wins Wine Awards

Congratulations to Hunter Smith AdDipFBM '99 and the Smith Cullam family of Frankland Estate. They took out three trophies at the 2019 Melbourne Wine Awards including the highly prestigious Trevor Mast Trophy for Best Shiraz, Best Organic Wine and Best WA Shiraz.

The wins are the culmination of over 30 years of devoted work, first by Barrie Smith and Judi Cullam in planting the vineyard and setting a determined course towards elegance and depth in the wines. Their children Hunter and Elizabeth Smith — together with Elizabeth's husband winemaker Brian Kent — have built on this platform with tremendous dedication and continue to drive the ongoing success of the winery.



James McManus BB(Agri) '15 – Five years on

After leaving Marcus Oldham in 2015 with a Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness), James McManus commenced a role with Paraway Pastoral at Merrimba Station, Warren, in January 2016. This role was as livestock overseer progressing to Assistant Manager. During the same year, James welcomed his first child, Charlie Ernest McManus on the 29th of December 2016.

On the 6th of July 2017 James married Sally (Taylor) in Yorkshire, England. Charlie Wythes BB(Agri) '15 and Richie Inglis BB(Ag) '14 were groomsmen on the day. Other Marcus students in attendance included, Lachlan Lynch BB(Agri) '15, Tom Dyring DipAgri '13, Mel Gramin, Mark Brett BB(Agri) '15, Tom Oldfield BB(Agri) '15, Will Ridge BB(Ag) '17, Jock Mort DipAgri '15, Harry White DipAgri '14, Ed McManus AssocDA '15 and Mikey McManus BB(Agri) '19.

In 2018 James took the opportunity to progress his career as a Manager on a new property for Paraway in South West Queensland, Moira Runda, Condamine. Moira Runda is a 5000 hectare, cattle backgrounding operation for Paraway's northern cattle properties. On the 21st of May 2018 James and Sally welcomed their second child Molly Rose McManus.



Agribusiness student Edwina Warby awarded travel scholarship to America

Current Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) student, Edwina Warby has been awarded a 2019 BBM Youth Support Global Industry Agribusiness Scholarship. This award will support Edwina to deepen her knowledge in sustainable farming and agricultural practices by travelling overseas to America to meet with and learn from industry leaders.

Jessie-Lee Mihocek's New Zealand success

Jessie-Lee Mihocek (née Herman) DipEM '17 competed in the FEI 2* 2019 Oceania Championships (traditionally Trans-Tasman) as part of the Australian Equestrian team. We're pleased to hear that Jessie placed 3rd overall and the Australian team placed 2nd to New Zealand by just 3 points in the teams event. What a fantastic achievement!



Marcus Oldham Events 2019

Sheepvention Cocktail Reception

Alumni and friends of the College gathered on the 5th of August 2019 for the annual Marcus Oldham College Sheepvention drinks held at The Hamilton Club. Speakers on the night included College Principal, Dr Simon Livingstone and Chairman of the College Foundation, Mr Antony Baillieu. The night was a great success and enjoyed by all those in attendance.



1. Bernie Grant GCertAgri '94, James Tehan AssocDipFBM '87, Dr Simon Livingstone AssocDipFBM '87, Sam Stephens AssocDipFBM '87, Cate Mercer-Grant

2. David Bufton BBAM '03, Nick Baulch BB(Ag) '16, Asta Vickery
3. Hugh Fulton-Kennedy (Current FM student), Timothy Allen DipAgri '19, Georgia McGrath AssocDA '19, James Carson DipAgri '19

Sheepvention continued...



1. Will Mercer BB(Ag) '12, James Liston GCertAgri '17, Ian Farran
2. Campbell Jeffery, James Ellis BB(Ag) '12, Michael Alderman
3. College Foundation Chairman Antony Baillieu DipFM '71, Sheepvention address
4. Paris Zilm BB (Agri) '16, Angela Kenna, Lachlan Seed AssocDFBM '15

5. Antony Baillieu DipFM '71, Fil Alvarez de Toledo DipFM '93, Sam Stephens AssocDipFBM '87, James Tehan AssocDipFBM '87
6. Georgie Evans, Ellie Falkenberg, Lucy Fenton AssocDFBM '18
7. Clive Fairbairn-Calvert DipAgri '13, Jock Lawrence

CSA (Centre for the Study of Agribusiness)

On Wednesday the 14th of August the Centre for the Study of Agribusiness held a forum on 'The Impact of the Social Licence'.

Presenters on the day included; Kevin Folta (Professor in Horticultural Sciences, University of Florida), Jacqueline Baptista (Community Programs Manager, Meat and Livestock Australia), Rhys Ryan (Managing Director, Porter Novelli Melbourne) and Carly Dixon (Executive General Manager, Racing Victoria).

When it comes to the rural sector, the term 'social licence' has been tossed about in the press in an increasing fashion. What we can and cannot do when it comes to producing our products is being debated more frequently by urban dwellers. So, what does this mean to us? The expert panel addressed this question and shared advice on how the primary production and equine industries can manage this going forward.



1. **Panel members with CSA Director David Cornish (L—R):** Jacqueline Baptista, Carly Dixon, Kevin Folta, David Cornish, Rhys Ryan
2. **Carly Dixon** presenting 'The Science of Reputation'
3. **2019 Equine Management students** Chloe Dixon, Claudia Richardson, Stephanie Pejkojovic, Melissa Peet and Shenae Jenkinson during the forum break

4. **Jacqueline Baptista** presenting 'Challenging Change'
5. **CSA Director David Cornish**
6. **Panel forum** 'The Impact of the Social Licence'

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