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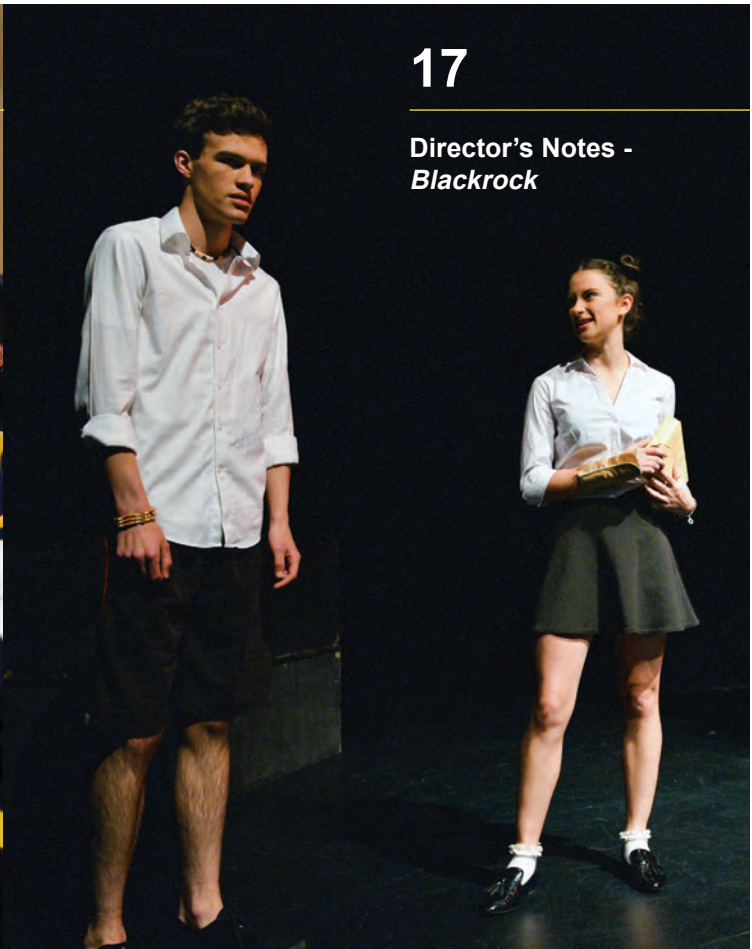
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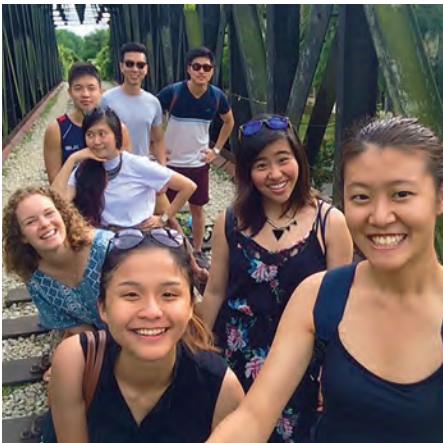
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# From the Head of College

Dr Deborah Seifert AM



" International House is a place where students truly learn to understand, appreciate and respect the principles, cultures and differences of others. "

As I walk around the IH grounds reviewing the current building works on the ground floor of the Founders Building, soon to be the Multi-purpose Study Room, I think back to this site over 60 years ago when a change of thinking and significant developments were altering the landscape of Melbourne. At that time, the foundations would have been laid and building well on the way to completion of Clunies Ross, International House's first wing; and excited young men were being interviewed to become our first intake.

I think back to what Melbourne must have looked like to those first IHers. The Prime Minister was Sir Robert Menzies; the Premier of Victoria was Sir Henry Bolte, Slim Dusty won his first gold record for *A Pub with No Beer*, and the price of a loaf of bread was eight pence. Melbourne's built environment was low-rise; and in the late 1950s the 19-storey ICI House (now Orica House) was the tallest building in Australia. The population of Melbourne was 1.3 million and predominately Caucasian. Indigenous people could not vote. The White Australia Policy continued to dictate the demographics of the population until well after World War 2 when Australia embarked upon a massive immigration program and gradually began to dismantle the preferential treatment afforded to British migrants.

Australian policy began to shift towards significantly increasing immigration. Legislative changes over the next

few decades continuously opened up immigration to Australia. In 1950 the Minister for External Affairs, The Hon Percy Spender, instigated the Colombo Plan under which students from Asian countries were encouraged to study at Australian universities. Creating the seeds of change and planting the hope of future understanding, some of the first IH residents and their counterparts published a paper in 1963 titled "Immigration: Control or Colour Bar?" that proposed eliminating the White Australia policy and was influential towards this end.

International House students of today continue to hold firm to the founding philosophy of providing an environment which encourages residents to be broadly educated and well-informed in international affairs. The House continues to aim to inspire everyone to acquire a keen appreciation of the values and cultures of others.

International House Melbourne is a unique environment in which academic success, personal growth and cross-cultural understanding are developed in an outstanding community of young men and women from Australia and overseas. It is a place where students truly learn to understand, appreciate and respect the principles, cultures and differences of others.

I am honoured to be part of this enduring legacy and have the privilege of helping shape our next generation of leaders.

In 2017, International House will celebrate its 60th Anniversary and we hope you will join us in rejoicing in the continuing

provision of a welcoming environment for so many students from so many nations. Our program of events is listed within this publication but please view our website for the most up to date information and booking details.

You have contributed to the history of International House, so please join us in celebrating our success. Thank you all for your ongoing support for International House, our ideals and our activities.

**Dr Deborah Seifert AM**  
Head of College

We are saddened to inform you that the Deputy Head of College, Mr Peter Cole, was involved in a kayaking accident on Sunday 16 October 2016. Tragically, Peter is still missing, and we will keep you updated with any news via IH's Facebook page. We thank those of you who have sent messages of love and support.

A Tribute for Peter was held at IH on Saturday 12 November to honour the great contribution Peter has made to International House over the past 11 years.

We understand that this might be distressing to many members of our community, so please look after yourself and others in our community and seek support if needed.

Please contact Tamra Keating for more information: [tkeating@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:tkeating@unimelb.edu.au)







# An International Citizen

Mrs Vi Peterson, Chair of Council



## Background

I came to IH as a mature-aged student aged 22, although a fresher, as I had a number of interruptions in my high school years due to family travel and movement from country to country. Until I came to Australia in 1977, I had never lived in any one country for longer than seven years in a row. I consider myself an international citizen. It is always a bit hard for me to answer the question which I am often asked at first meetings with anyone: "where do you come from?" Well, I was born in Vietnam, but my family left the country permanently in the mid-1950s when I was just a few months old. I grew up mostly in Laos (Vientiane), Hong Kong and Thailand (Bangkok), where I spent the longest stretch of time, so I couldn't really just say

that I come from Vietnam. In fact, I never lived in Vietnam until January 1993 when I was first posted to Hanoi by the ANZ Bank to help open their first branch there. I was stationed in Hanoi from 1993 to 2001 before moving to the US, but have been back and forth frequently for work since. Nowadays, the most genuine/spontaneous answer to that question would be: I come from Melbourne Australia (but I still get that strange curious look from a lot of people when I give that answer).

## Memories of IH

The three years I spent at IH and at the University of Melbourne were some of the best years of my life. I had a great time at IH and made lots of friends – probably spent more time having fun and partying than studying. I did not join the Student Club, but was involved in the many Student Club activities: Café, picnic outings, international nights etc. I recall a few things about IH: fierce water fights in Scheps – in those days the floors were segregated, so it was the girls on the fifth floor against the boys on the fourth; and people playing pranks on me, such as someone spreading vegemite all over one side of my toast while I was not looking and turning it over. I hate vegemite, so you can imagine the revulsion when I bit into that piece of toast.

This is so true of IH, as one gets to meet an incredibly diverse group of students from all over the world. This is what's

**"It is true that one tends to make more lasting friendships at school or university than later in working life."**

so unique about IH – students will form lasting relationships with people from many different countries.

I chose IH because its ideals and motto (Fraternitas) of fellowship across cultural and national boundaries really appealed to me – it fitted well with my own multi-cultural and international background.

## Time on Council

After graduation, I had very little to do with IH, as I was busy with a banking career and then lived and worked overseas from 1993 to late 2006. I was drawn back to IH when I was asked to join the IH Council in March 2010. It was such a delightful surprise to come back and see how much the college had grown and prospered since my time as a student there. My time on Council has coincided with a period of tremendous change within the University with the introduction of the Melbourne Model in 2008. Under the leadership of my predecessor, the IH Council has been quick to respond to the new challenge with the construction of the George Hicks Building.



Handing over the reigns: Mrs Vi Peterson with previous Chair of Council, Professor Emeritus Frank Larkins AM and Dr Deborah Seifert AM.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Glyn Davis AC with Mrs Vi Peterson.



Professor Emeritus Frank Larkins AM, Mrs Vi Peterson, Dr Gordon Walker and Associate Professor Ken Coghill.

IH is now well-equipped to support the University's Growing Esteem Strategy by providing a high quality accommodation and learning environment to attract excellent graduate students to Melbourne.

My challenge as I take on the role of Chair of Council in 2016 is to consolidate and build on the solid foundation that has been left by my predecessors. 2015 saw the first large intake of graduate students to

reside at the new George Hicks Building. I look forward to working closely with my fellow Council members, the IH Executive and all IH personnel to spearhead our next development chapter - one in which we are highly responsive to the changing needs of our students; where we create a continually positive and enriching learning experience for them in line with the ideals of International House and in support of the University of Melbourne's Growing Esteem

strategy; and one of growing engagement with our alumni, supporters and friends of IH and the international community at large.



# Undergraduate Student Club President's Report

Cindy Nguyen, Undergraduate Student Club President 2015-16



International House is an incredible place to live! There's no other community that can provide such a warm and welcoming environment. Having spent almost three years living at International House, nothing can compare with having friends who come from different parts of the world, where you have an abundance of opportunities not only to meet new people, but also to embrace so many diverse cultures, festivals and traditions that bring the world to IH.

Throughout the year, students work hard on their endeavours, their goals and their passions. Whether within or outside of IH, students are always supported and encouraged by the wonderful IH community.

One of the many things that I love about International House is the fact that we embrace and celebrate all of the diverse talents, attributes and cultures that students have to offer the community. We support one another and help each other out. The beauty of such a supportive environment is that it allows students to feel a special bond of friendship with each other and it fosters a sense of belonging in the IH community.

It's been a pleasure to work alongside my wonderful and hardworking Student Club Committee to bring together ideas from the community to create a number of IH events and activities that celebrate various talents and to provide diverse extra-curricular activities for students to get involved in, ranging from sports, music, arts, cultural and community events, and more! It's incredible how much of an impact getting involved in these student-organised events and activities can have. It's been a pleasure for me to see students grow and develop the courage to open their hearts and step outside their comfort zones. By getting involved, International House becomes more than just a residential college; instead it becomes a home and a family that students can come to for support.

After spending three years at IH, one of the biggest things that I learnt is to make the most of all of the opportunities provided here, and to always value, treasure and cherish all of the new people you meet, the special moments and the memories and that you make. The amazing and rewarding

feeling you experience when you put 110 per cent into all that you do, and working to achieve the best for the people around you, is beyond incredible. I have been so impressed by the great passion and spirit shown by the students at IH. They contribute positive ideas to the community and work to make each other feel supported and included. The teamwork and pastoral support shown by the students adds to the highly-spirited, energetic, homely and caring environment that we have here at IH.

It's been an absolute honour for me to have lived at IH throughout my undergraduate course at the University of Melbourne, and I'm truly blessed to have been part of the energetic spirit and passion that is spread throughout IH. By getting involved and making the most of every opportunity provided at IH, we students not only grow and personally develop, but we also benefit from a sense of family and belonging as we continue to live by the International House motto of fellowship, "Fraternitas". It's comforting to know that wherever we are in the world, we'll never forget the friendships and the memories created here at IH, because as the saying goes, "Once an IHer..., always an IHer".

*Cindy Nguyen came to IH in 2014 and was President of the IH Undergraduate Student Club from 2015-2016. She is studying Science at the University of Melbourne and is the 2016 recipient of the Sundarason Award.*





# Graduate Student Association President's Report

Jack Cairns, President of the IH Graduate Student Association 2015-2016



When the first graduate residents of the George Hicks Building came to IH early in 2015, we felt like pioneers entering uncharted territory. No one knew precisely what was to come, or how we as a group of older students would find our place within IH.

Shifting demographics at IH meant that the difference in age between the youngest and oldest students could be measured not only in years, but also in decades — including within the graduate student cohort.

Fortunately, although the future seemed foggy at the start, things have come a long way since the first students pulled the plastic off the furniture. What has become

clear over the past two years is that the IH vision of acceptance and understanding spanning diverse backgrounds is a reality that applies equally as much for graduate students as it does for undergraduate students. The longer you spend here, the more you feel you can connect with a broader variety of people than you once thought possible, the easier it is to question previous assumptions, and the more you develop the confidence to contribute to communities beyond those from your own background.

I will always remember how I have learnt here that there is nothing more rewarding than undertaking work that is for the benefit of a community. However, particularly when that community is a diverse one, there are also likely to be misunderstandings and other challenges. Handling this means always being tolerant of mistakes, including your own mistakes, and to strive always to understand better how things can appear differently from other perspectives.

Another challenge is that many graduate students struggle under the weight of an enormous coursework or research workload that can be isolating. I have been witness to many occasions where the community support at IH has provided encouragement to someone who may have otherwise felt that things were too difficult; the IH environment encourages us to be responsible both for our own wellbeing and for the wellbeing of other students.

Friendships that begin in O Week are made even stronger through this experience. By taking care of wellbeing, it is subsequently easier to return to studying with fresh vigour.

So, where the initial group felt like pioneers, we were in fact journeying along a familiar path that has been well-travelled since 1957. Graduate students bring even more diversity to IH, by bringing greater variety in terms of age, academic background and past experiences. There can be no doubt that graduate students are equal partners with all other IHers in promoting the IH vision, even where the specific form of the contributions made may differ.

It has been an honour to be part of such an incredible group of students, both graduate and undergraduate, and to be the first President of the International House Graduate Student Association (IHGSA). I leave the role of IHGSA President with great optimism about the role of graduate students within life at International House.

*Jack Cairns is from Warrnambool in regional Victoria and was President of the IH Graduate Student Association from 2015-2016. He received a Commonwealth Supported Place in the University of Melbourne's Juris Doctor program and aspires to work in commercial law in the future.*





# The 2016 Frank Larkins Oration: World Trade Disconnect

Rebranding and revamping before renewed protectionism destroys all

Abridged transcript presented at International House on Thursday 25 August 2016 by The Hon Timothy Fischer AC, and recorded live by ABC Radio National. Listen to the podcast on the ABC Radio National Big Ideas website at: <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/t4ga>.



Donald Trump spells disaster not only re world security as Kim Beazley has pointed out but also with world trade, in particular if the USA pulls out of the WTO as Trump has threatened. World trade disconnect will greatly increase if Trump is elected President of the USA in November.

World trade is vital to economic growth here and across the OECD economies and beyond.

Bilateral, Regional and Multi-lateral/WTO are all terms bandied around and all are at risk under a Trump administration.

It is time to rebrand the world trade equation if we are to win back the debate against those who contend all trade is a net negative and the root cause for all the economic ills in the world. Elements of major political parties in the USA and other countries are today solidly against trade and so called free trade.

As we do battle in the public square, let us delete the term 'Free Trade' and insert a more accurate term 'Facilitated Trade'. The truth is in this troubled 21st century 'Free Trade' it is not, Facilitated Trade it should be'. In other words most if not all FTAs are designed for win-win outcomes through joint trade facilitation.

Secondly, it is a fact that all USA rifles and bullets, indeed all legal weapons and ammunition made in the USA that are approved for export from the USA into Australia come with zero tariff on guns and zero tariff on ammunition.

For decades since the World Trade Organisation was established in 1995 with HQ in Geneva, the 'to go to' term and sought after objective is a world dominated by so called 'Free Trade', delivering jobs, growth and prosperity.

The economic theory is that in a pure universal circumstance, objects x y z will be made and are best made in the economy most efficient in making objects x y z and then exported all over the world.

Likewise food products, mineral, oil and gas will be produced at the locations where this is done with lowest costs and then exported all over the world.

In short, do more and export more of what we do well, likewise we will import that which we do not do well.

In turn this ensures profitable trade, efficient in supplies of everything, in fact transformative efficiency maximised and a bright future for all. If only this was the case because the notable objectives are always the subject of compromise and various barriers – there are some barriers falsely constructed around some quarantine requirements and other "Non-tariff barriers", in effect barriers that are really various forms of disguised protection.

So what to do, how to cut through against the shouting of Donald Trump types, the Bernie Sanders sway on the Democrats and Hillary Clinton, let alone deal with the extra protection that will be created by the post-Brexit saga and era.

Further, Australia is an export orientated economy whereby the standard of living of all Australians is boosted by our trading nation circumstance and yet this debate is not yet won, be it with Mr and Mrs Moonee Ponds or Mr and Mr Broken Hill.

The time has come to redefine trade and rebrand trade in the 21st century,



to cease using the at times inaccurate term 'Free Trade' and replace it with the term 'Facilitated Trade'. There are related moves to rebrand FTAs as Export Agreements.

In all of this it must be remembered that "Free Trade" or more accurately "Facilitated Trade" often confers diffuse advantage across millions but equally concentrated loss for particular locations leading to unbridled political assault on the issue of jobs.

Let us examine this at the bilateral, regional and multi-lateral levels.

## Bilateral

The case for "Facilitated Trade" is best argued by considering the reverse between say Australia and NZ under the very successful CER Agreements. Does anyone suggest that we should abolish CER and impose a new 100% tariff wall on all goods that travel across the Tasman in either direction? Of course not, and the truth is that CER over decades has conferred a win-win situation on both sides of the Tasman. It has grown the overall pie.

Now eight economists from ANU Adelaide Universities have weighed in sharply questioning bilateral benefits versus multi-lateral trade, a debate always to be had but if there is next to zero movement multi-laterally worldwide, then bilateral and regional must be pursued. The Doha Round is effectively dead.

Trade Minister Steve Ciobo is actively pursuing all opportunities and in particular this key bilateral relationship between Australia and NZ.

## Regional

Again the best descriptor might relate to the triangulation of trade under regional deals, e.g. NAFTA et al and maybe the Trans Pacific Partnership or TPP to come. However this depends on the outcome immediately after the US presidential and Congressional elections on 8 November 2016.

When I was Trade Minister, semi-processed wool went to Mexico from Dubbo on next to zero tariff and then was used to make coats and suits for the big USA market. In turn this Aussie wool went as coats and suits from the mills around Mexico City to the USA with zero tariff under NAFTA arrangements. Given the USA simply does not produce large numbers of sheep or wool, again a win-win-win situation is created.

## Multi-lateral

This hinges more on the WTO level of negotiations and has worked well with the IT area of trade but the Doha Round

following the Uruguay Round has resulted in drift and drift. WTO with HQ in Geneva and now 21 years old is doing its best but is tied to a consensual approach, nothing happens unless not one of its member nations does not object - in other words everything must be unanimous.

The BRICs have not been all that helpful at times in building consensus at the WTO level. Again what would help is if there was greater realisation of the huge advantages since 1945 in the world trade dynamic, in trade driven economic growth, helping all OECD countries and most but not all other countries.

Why do nations embark on the three pathways outlined; because it is in their net overall interests? For it read 'Facilitated Trade', and to cut to a colourful chase, may I quote P J O'Rourke from the USA speaking on the margins of the Byron Writer's Festival 2016? P J said that his daughters' wardrobes are stuffed full with various clothes and shoes and assortments because brisk world trade has halved the costs of this stuff vis-à-vis the time when their mother was growing up or earlier.

My submission here tonight is that there is a need to better articulate the cause of trade generally, in this regard we should replace the term 'Free Trade' with 'Facilitated Trade' as a better descriptor and at the end of the day, trade does deliver for OECD countries and most other countries in so many ways. Trade also indirectly helps security.

## USA / Guns / WTO

For years now there has been a zero tariff applying to the import of US guns and ammunition into Australia where they are in the permitted and legal size and type range. So the lethal poison flowing from the dysfunctional gun policies of the USA is facilitated over US borders to this part of the world.

Closer to the USA, it is estimated about two thirds of crimes carried out in Mexico are using illegally imported guns from across the border, from the USA.

The US Senate, just after the Orlando massacre where 49 were killed by guns in one night, repeatedly voted down approving background checks for those on the "No Fly" list. It has to be observed something is very rotten in 'The State of Denmark' as in within the US beltway of sheer power and corruption of public policy settings.

Now last year - 2015 - there were 372 "Gun Massacres" in the USA. This year Donald Trump has threatened to take the USA out of the WTO. Let me leave you with the thought

that if he does, all OECD countries should immediately impose a Tariff or 'Levy Assisting Gun Safety' or LAGS, equal to the number of Gun Massacres in the USA for the previous year, so impose a tariff at 372%.

Trump said in Michigan and I quote "We will walk". To explain he said we will walk out of NAFTA/WTO et al, unless everyone dances to the demands of one Donald Trump. If the USA walks and welches on long standing trade agreements, agreements facilitating trade for mutual benefit, then we should introduce "LAGS" and other T and NTBs.

Yes it is an unusual proposal that will infuriate the NRA and the USA but at present you are fifteen times more likely to be shot dead in the USA than Australia per capita, the gun poison and policy dysfunctionality of the USA is now so bad, our human rights miles from the USA are impacted.

Hence my unusual approach as a sharp riposte to the USA as to what awaits if they rip up 'Trade Agreements' and leave the WTO. Also through using the term 'Facilitated Trade' we have a much better explanation of what trade constitutes and the benefits it brings.

SA pasta today flows from Australia to Tuscany, Australian sand is exported to Dubai and Coffee Kularome is exported from Cowra to China and many parts of Asia. In return Fiats flow from Italy to Australia, railway carriages are to flow from South Korea to NSW. The world needs to trade and needs more and more 'Facilitated Trade'!



# A Snapshot of 2016





# PHILANTHROPY & SUPPORT

## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TODAY



**355**  
Residents



**280**  
Undergraduate Students



**56**  
Graduate Students



**19**  
Residential Academic Staff

### Global makeup



### Undergraduate:

International 57%  
Australian 43%

### Graduate:

International 89%  
Australian 11%



**6000**  
Library Books



**152**  
Bike Racks



**59**  
Years Young



**66**  
Tutorial Subjects

International house runs tutorials for first and some second year subjects on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. These tutorials offer supplementary learning and are compulsory for first year students.





## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

*Today our students live and learn in new ways, working together in groups and using advanced technologies. The buildings and grounds of International House provide the setting in which this learning and living takes place, and it is important that the places and spaces in and around the House are upgraded and re-worked for current needs.*

International House has an inspiring mission: committed to advancing the diversity, talent and health of the students, and the quality of their learning experiences within our buildings and grounds.

International House is a unique residential setting and plays a leadership role for the University of Melbourne in developing global citizens. In 2015, the George Hicks Building transformed the southern perimeter of the property. Its ground floor is devoted to academic pursuits with multi-purpose spaces for tutorials, seminars and lectures, and the shared learning spaces that students value for small group learning using ICT capability. This new building also created a fresh outdoor area for student use; and the student-run Café on the ground floor is a popular venue for relaxing and socialising.

The existing facilities of the entire College are now undergoing a program of upgrades and renewal aimed at matching this new facility.

With the expansion of the IH community to include nearly 60 graduate students, we have seen a huge demand on space; a positive problem which we are trying to solve with creative master planning.

Many options are being discussed, although large redevelopments are always constrained by budget and feasibility. Our current project is the Multi-purpose Study Room (MPSR) which is being built on the ground floor of the Founders building where the existing staff carpark is located. This will provide much-needed study space for all students, and an additional project room for small group work in close proximity to the current library and information technology laboratory.

Once the MPSR was ratified by Council, the hard work began. The commercial laundry situated in Founders building was relocated to Greycourt, sewerage outlets found in the carpark were moved, and light poles were relocated to allow car access off Mile Lane. The works will cover an area of over 150 square meters. This additional study space is a necessity in our ever-growing community.

Over the past several years the student room refurbishment program has been well under way with Greycourt, West Wing, the fourth floor of Wadham, and the top three floors of Scheps already refurbished. Our Five-Year Plan includes upgrades to IT servers and fibre cables,

furniture upgrades in Clunies, Wadham and Scheps, heater replacement programs, bathroom renovations, and new balustrade in Scheps. By 2020 we plan to have completed room renovations in Scheps, Wadham and Clunies. In addition, the Greycourt Walk development is proceeding well. This will provide another relaxing outdoor area for IH students.

International House invests close to a million dollars each year in maintenance and capital works. This is required to keep us competitive, and to keep our student bedrooms and facilities at a standard acceptable for a University of Melbourne residential college.

Financial support to complete these projects would significantly ease the economic burden on International House. International House is a self-funded, non-profit organisation that was founded through the efforts of philanthropists and volunteers. Over the years we have continued to rely on the generosity of our benefactors to provide funds and in-kind support for existing and new projects. If you are interested in supporting IH you can learn more by visiting [www.ihouse.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.ihouse.unimelb.edu.au).



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## COLOUR, LAUGHTER, SPICES

*One month at Affecting Real Change (ARC) orphanage in southern Rural India*

### Evie Dowling

Inspired to see more of the world, and a world different from Australia, I initially came to this orphanage for three months on my gap year in 2013. Thanks to the generous Global Citizen Scholarship from International House, I was able to return in January 2016.

For 120 children, aged from eight to eighteen, ARC India is a loving and caring home. It is run by Pastor Ratnam and his wife Suneetha Pallikonda, who is also Headmistress of the ARC school, with help from Alex Ralls, head of the ARC charity. The orphanage has grown to include a home for the elderly, an evangelical church, a second orphanage in a neighbouring town and a primary school catering for kindergarten to grade six.

### Diptee's dedication to study

My mother's sponsor child Diptee was one of the first children to join the orphanage. Throughout her schooling, she studied enormously hard which resulted in her being accepted into a Bachelor of Nursing. In my gap year, Diptee would be the first to welcome me with a bright and alert "Good morning Sister!" despite having been up at 4am studying.

One weekend we spent a whole morning looking at all her nursing notes and assignments. The joy on her face was clearly there, she was so proud to be showing me how to take blood pressure, and which nutrients were found in which foods. It was wonderful to see that her life at the orphanage had given her this opportunity to study nursing.

### Manimala's competitiveness at Carrum board games

Of course, it is not all study. Manimala will rush home from school every day, yell a quick "Good afternoon sister!" and be the fastest at showering so she can get a seat at the daily afternoon Carrum board games.

On my last night at the orphanage, much to the delight of Manimala and twenty other children, Pastor and Suneetha sat down amidst the Carrum board game huddle to play against one another. Every shot Pastor and Suneetha made, the former with brilliant technique and the latter with perfect comedic timing, the children roared with laughter.

There may seem to be a lot of study in the children's lives, but play time is wild time, with volleyballs, cricket balls, skipping ropes and Carrum board games all over the place. Pastor and Suneetha have been able to foster an incredible environment through recognising that all children are different.

### Akhila's memories of travel

One of the most significant lessons I learnt during my stay was the importance of creating and valuing memories over material possessions.

Each child at ARC India has one sports bag. In this one bag are all their possessions: three, maybe four sets of clothes, plus a Sunday church dress, their sandals, toothbrush and comb,

perhaps a toy donated by a volunteer, and their sleeping mat and towel. For Akhila, her most prized possession was not her earrings or her Sunday dress, but photos from a trip she had taken with other ARC volunteers to the Golden Triangle (New Delhi to Agra to Jaipur). Because the children do not have many personal possessions, it is their memories they hold most dear.

To me, this emphasised the importance of being able to travel back to India. Most volunteers come once, never to return. On my return, I brought a few gifts for the children, but their response to receiving them was incomparable to the delight on their faces when they realised that I had remembered their names.

From this experience, I have learnt so much about living a balanced lifestyle and taking joy in adventure and experiences.

I am so grateful to International House for providing me with the opportunity to travel back to ARC India and for their continuing support of ARC India which was the support charity for Café International 2016.

*Evie Dowling was a resident at IH from 2014-2015. From Hamilton, Victoria, she studied Arts at the University of Melbourne and was the recipient of the IH Global Citizen Scholarship.*



# A Tutor's Perspective

James McCluskey, IH Tutor



In February this year, I was pleased to join the International House community as a residential tutor. From that time I have benefited professionally and personally from the unique opportunities the college, staff and students provide. Under the leadership of Dr Deborah Seifert AM and Mr Peter Cole, International House is a flourishing community where both residential tutors and students are encouraged to support and learn from each other. Working at IH has been a highlight of my academic career and has provided me with a wealth of professional experiences.

I completed a law and arts degree from Deakin University in 2015, and throughout this year I have been completing an honours year in politics and international relations at the University of Melbourne. This has given me particular insight into the benefits the students receive by living at International House. Not only is the University a short walk away, the library and study facilities, as well as the academic programme of the College encourage residents to study and collaborate. Looking back on my studies, I certainly would have welcomed the added advantage of tutorials throughout my degree.

As a residential tutor I take great pleasure in preparing and leading weekly tutorials in a range of law and politics related subjects. Students are eager to learn, and in my experience they are a group of especially bright and dedicated young people. Living at International House means that I am often asked questions about course content throughout the day when I see students – their enthusiasm encourages me to ensure I provide the best academic support I can. I am also pleased that IH takes the personal development of students as seriously as their academic development.

By attending sports and cultural events or catching up with students on my floor I have enjoyed watching students throw themselves into college life. Having friends with which they can dance, form bands, or play games is something that many non-college students miss out on in the tertiary education system in Australia.

International House has certainly developed a community where residents can flourish personally while at the same time excelling in their fields of study.

One of the many opportunities International House provides is to network with professionals at weekly High Tables and other events. These opportunities are regularly extended to tutors as well as students. In April this year I took the opportunity to connect with Trent Smyth, Secretary of the Consular Corps in Melbourne, who joined High Table as a guest. Through this contact I have been able to leverage an internship into a part-time position with the Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of Rwanda in Australia and the Rwanda Development Board (RDB). As Project Manager and International Liaison for RDB I am tasked with connecting the Australian business, government and tertiary sectors with opportunities to invest and connect with Rwanda.

As a consequence of joining the International House community I have gained a variety of academic, personal and professional experiences which will no doubt benefit me in many years to come. The benefits which the community provides are a result of dedicated staff and highly capable students. I am thankful of their ongoing support.

***James McCluskey** came to IH as a residential tutor in 2016. He tutors in Australian Politics, Business Law, International Relations, and Free Speech and Media Law.*

# Student Tutorials

Will Parker, IH Resident



College is often thought of in terms of community and activities. While these are definitely significant features of life at International House, there are also many other facets of the college experience worthy of recognition. For me, one of these facets is the college tutorials.

Held before and after dinner on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, college tutorials provide an opportunity for students to improve their understanding of the content in their subjects through weekly consolidation. Most first year subjects have compulsory tutorials, and students in later years can also request tutorials if

they would like one to be run. While most university subjects do hold their own tutorials on campus, they are often impersonal and tailored to the needs of the group without specifically addressing individual issues or consolidating particular areas of concern. In contrast, the tutorials conducted at International House are significantly more flexible, and are able to address specific areas of concern raised by students. As a result, they can be highly beneficial.

As a student studying a Bachelor of Arts, a lot of my subject content is complex and theoretical. Because of this complexity, it can be easy to get lost without regular consolidation of subject materials. Luckily, with the support of International House's tutors, I've been able to keep up so far! The tutors I've had for my subjects have been amazing on a number of levels. Firstly, they have huge amounts of experience, both in their subject areas and in academia. Secondly, they're really interesting! Many times, when I've asked questions out of curiosity, I've received answers with personal examples that have been really thought-provoking. Thirdly, they care. While the tutors provide excellent educational support, they are often also quick to offer personal support when difficult situations arise. All of these attributes combine to create a really positive learning environment.

Another benefit of tutorials at International House is due to the students. Because the student body at International House is so diverse, everyone brings a different background to the tutorials, which means there is a broad array of perspectives to consider! This makes the tutorial experience extremely rich, with very fruitful discussions being held. Many times, I've been able to broaden my understanding of concepts by considering the nuances in how they apply to a variety of different cultural contexts. For example, discussing how theories of the media apply differently in the United States than in Singapore allowed me to consolidate my understanding of theories of media overall – which then helped me in my essays!

International House's tutorials have been great in terms of being fun and engaging, and they've also helped me to do well in my subjects. Through these tutorials, I've been able to take an active role in my learning, which not only empowered me as a person, but also benefited me as a student. My grades have definitely reaped the benefits of these tutorials, and I'm grateful to have had access to resources that allow me to reach my academic goals.

*Currently studying Arts at the University of Melbourne, **Will Parker** is from Western Australia and came to IH in 2015.*



# IH Day

Saturday 20 August 2016





# A Passion for Exploring Our International Community

Laura Mckoy, Former IH Tutor



I still remember the excitement of packing the essentials into my suitcase before uprooting my life to Melbourne (the essentials being sun cream, law books, and an article on how to identify venomous spiders and snakes). Never having been to Australia before, I had spoken several times with some of the existing tutors before I arrived and was armed with the best piece of advice that I still carry with me today – be a ‘yes’ person!

Being a ‘yes’ person means you should take advantage of all opportunities that present themselves (within legal/moral parameters of course!). With over fifty

nationalities represented at International House and more extra-curricular activities scheduled than there were hours in the day, being a ‘yes’ person proved quite exhausting but it also led to opportunities, pro bono activities and community work which shaped the path of my future career, and introduced me to some life-long friends scattered across the globe.

Until joining IH, my career had been focused primarily on the laws of England and I came to Melbourne to observe parts of the Australian legal system that could improve the English approach. However, rather than just uncovering Australia, IH gave me access to a dining room and classrooms full of individuals from across the world. Soon my passion for English law faded behind a fascination with international law.

Once my time in Melbourne was over, I headed to the International Criminal Court in The Hague. In my opinion, this court is the greatest example of the international community and international law coming together to deal with the gravest situations facing humankind. When I was there I witnessed the court’s first prosecutions for war crimes – a truly historic event that would certainly have passed me by, had my eyes not been opened at IH.

I then began exploring ways that I could use international law in my everyday practise in England. When I returned to London I qualified as a Banking Solicitor with Farrer & Co LLP, which means that I assist lenders and borrowers with a range of financing transactions and, most interestingly, lots of these have international aspects. My time at IH is something that my clients and colleagues continue to ask about, and is a great talking point since I am currently on secondment as in-house legal counsel to one of the world’s largest investment banks.

When I joined IH as the Law Tutor I greatly underestimated the amount I would learn from the students. What I gained - a passion for exploring our international community, conflict resolution, and further cultural understanding - continues to push me ahead in an international profession and a global work place.

*Laura Mckoy joined IH as a Law Tutor in 2011 having graduated from Cambridge University. After leaving Melbourne she returned to London where she now practises as a Banking Lawyer with Farrer & Co LLP. This year she has been shortlisted by the Law Society of England and Wales as their Junior Lawyer of the Year.*

As part of our 60th anniversary celebrations we will be holding an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia at International House for two weeks in July 2017.

We would appreciate donations of photographs and/or memorabilia - especially material dating from the 1960s and 1970s - from your time at IH. If you have items you would consider donating, please contact IH’s librarian and archivist Dr Caitlin Stone [ih-library@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ih-library@unimelb.edu.au) for more information.



# Director's Notes - *Blackrock*

Holly Nugent, Director



*Blackrock* by Nick Enright is a raw Australian play set in the early nineties, that uncovers and exposes the power of pack mentality, the effects of traumatic events on individuals, gender, and sexual assault. Directed by Holly Nugent, The play was performed by IH students at the Guild Theatre, Union House in September this year.

Being a Director is an experience a bit like a rollercoaster; definite ups and downs but something I'd do again no questions asked. Though *Blackrock* isn't the most pleasant as far as play content goes the issues it covers and exposes are things that need to be talked about, and theatre helps us start those conversations. The cast bonded into a team I couldn't be happier with. Working with them has been great, each person stepped up more than I could have

asked for, and the result was the quality performance that we had.

I've gained and learnt so much on the road to making *Blackrock* all that it is. From casting, to the first read through, and finally pulling the whole thing together, our amazing team always managed to impress. Everyone involved poured their hearts, souls and energy reserves into each performance. I had already studied *Blackrock* in High School so I knew the play quite well, but seeing it come to life was a whole different experience. From the beginning I knew that it had a lot of potential and it only grew as time went on. Somehow we put it all together, from pre-production to live performances in just over two months, which really is unbelievable and incredible.

I felt extremely lucky to have been in an executive position as a fresher. I hadn't done much theatre production work but was ready

to test my skills and learn how to successfully work with a large cast and crew. For me, as someone who is working towards/dreaming of becoming a film writer and director, the experience was incredibly valuable.

I'm so proud of everyone, especially considering that the cast consisted of many who had never even thought about stepping on stage. Having positive feedback after each performance fostered a healthy balance of confidence and ego-boost that has stuck with me.

Take it from me as the Director; *Blackrock* was a product of hard work and genuine talent from all involved.

*From Merimbula in NSW, Holly Nugent came to IH at the start of 2016 and is studying Screenwriting at RMIT.*



# Our community



Gin Teng Poh, Jade Tan, Sarah Quek, Evie Dowling, Natalie Ang, John Paul Phang, Gabriel Tham and Aiken Lim.



IH reunion in Kuala Lumpur.



Dr Deborah Seifert AM at the IH Reunion in Hong Kong.



Professor Emeritus Frank Larkins AM and family at the unveiling of his portrait.



Melbourne Law School will be celebrating its 160th anniversary of legal education in 2017. To commemorate this landmark occasion, there will be a Gala Dinner for MLS alumni, friends and the wider legal profession. James P. Gorman, CEO and Chairman of Morgan Stanley will give the keynote address at this event. For information and registration, please visit <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/4tca>.





Philip Wong visited Con Tsiganos at his holiday house on the Greek island of Patmos and spent a lot of time reminiscing about life at IH.



1986 IH alumni met up in Malacca, Malaysia in August 2016. Tan Seng Huat, David Wong, Yuen Ka Wei, Krishan Bheenick, Chuen Yee Chee, Low Pooi Yin and Natalie D'Cruz.



Sunday Graduate Academic Seminar held at IH.

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# Reunions

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## 1957 – 1966 IH Reunion

Thursday 26 May 2016



## 1976 IH Reunion

Thursday 19 May 2016





## 1986 IH Reunion

Tuesday 13 September 2016



## 1996 IH Reunion

Thursday 20 September 2016



## 2006 IH Reunion

Thursday 15 September 2016







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# 2017

International House  
60th Anniversary Events



## Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday 4 February 2017



## 1957-67 Alumni Reunion

Thursday 25 May 2017



## 2007 Alumni Reunion

Tuesday 19 September 2017

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## 1997 Alumni Reunion

Thursday 7 September 2017



## 1977 Alumni Reunion

Thursday 18 May 2017



## IH 60th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 12 August 2017



## Café International

Saturday 13 May 2017



## 1987 Alumni Reunion

Thursday 31 August 2017