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# CAREERS INSIGHT EVENING

Monday 4 March 2024

# PROGRAM OF EVENTS



**6.00pm:**           **Welcome by Linda Gomez**  
**Director of Career Development**  
WSA Seniors' Hall

**6.03pm:**           **Introduction to the OKGA by Rob Johnson (OKG78)**  
**OKGA President**  
WSA Seniors' Hall

**6.05pm:**           **Keynote Address by Sam White (OKG04)**  
**Head of Junior Academy**  
WSA Seniors' Hall

**6.40pm – 8.30pm: Career Insight Sessions**  
Various Classrooms

- 3 x 30 minute time blocks:   6.40pm to 7.10pm  
  7.20pm to 7.50pm  
  8.00pm to 8.30pm

Each career industry will run repeating sessions as per the following schedule. Each session will run for 30 minutes, plus 10 minutes in between the start of each session to enable travel time to the next session.

**Use this planner to write down your sessions:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject/presentation</b>	<b>Location</b>
6.40pm to 7.10pm		
7.20pm to 7.50pm		
8.00 pm to 8.30pm		

Please enter the Weeks Senior Academy (WSA) through the hallway at the southern end of the building. Signage will be displayed to show the way to the various venues.

# SESSION LOCATIONS

Industry	Room
Advisory	M0404
Agriculture	KCC307
Allied Health	KCC102
Allied Health – Psychology	M0407
Architecture	KCC207
Aviation	KCC211
Business – Accounting and Finance	KCC 201-205
Business – Entrepreneurial	WSA Hall
Business – Management Consulting	KCC213
Communications, Media and Marketing	M0303
Construction Project Management	KCC308
Creative and Design – Advertising	KCC103
Creative – Film	M0305
Cyber Security	KCC104
Defence Force	M0403
Education – Secondary	KCC310
Emergency Services	M0406
Engineering	KCC 301-305
Environment and Sustainability	M0307
Health and Nutrition	M0304
IT – Computer / Data Science	WSA Lecture Theatre
IT – Software Development	M0408
Law	M0409
Medicine	KCC Auditorium
Science	M0321
Sports Management / Coaching	M0306
Trades	KCC311
Vet Science	M0322

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **Location – WSA Seniors’ Hall**

## **Sam White (OKG04)**

### **Head of Junior Academy and History Teacher, Knox Grammar School**

Having graduated from Knox in 2004, Sam completed a Bachelor of Social Science, majoring in Anthropology, in 2007. Following this, he travelled extensively around the world for six months before deciding that his passions and skill set were well suited to a career in education and teaching.

Sam then completed a Master of Arts, majoring in History, followed by a Graduate Diploma in Education. Having been involved as a Rugby (1st XV Assistant Coach in 2011) and Basketball Coach, Cadet Officer, and Assistant Housemaster in Stage 6 Boarding at Knox in his final years of study, Sam was successful in securing a job as a full-time teacher at Knox in 2012.

Sam has gone on to teach History, including Ancient and Extension History for Years 11 and 12, care for students as a Mentor, serve as the Officer Commanding Alpha Company in the Cadet Unit and operate as the MIC of Debating, Public Speaking, Mock Trial, and Mooting. Sam has also had the opportunity to lead the inaugural Knox Kokoda Trip in 2014 and attend two History Tours to Europe.

From an educational leadership perspective, Sam has had the opportunity to contribute and develop Knox students through the positions of Assistant Team Leader and Team Leader of the Class of 2019, Head of Student Leadership (Years 7-12), Director of Student Development for Stage 6 and now is the Head of Junior Academy (Stage 4). In his current role, Sam leads, and has oversight of, the Junior Academy together with the associated staff and over 750 Year 7 and Year 8 students. In this role, Sam still teaches one to two History classes.

Sam loves that education provides the opportunity to let research inform practice, plan with a future-focused lens, work with and develop young people to meet the ever-changing needs and challenges of our society and world, teach about your passion and experience so many different leadership and interest opportunities with a continually changing clientele.

# ADVISORY

## **Daniel Rahme (OKG14)**

### **Economist, Oxford Economics Australia**

Daniel completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours in Economics) at the University of Sydney in 2018. Daniel majored in Economics and Finance and wrote a thesis on a theoretical search-cost model for ATM fees in Australia in his final year of study. After graduating, Daniel joined Oxford Economics Australia and has since worked across multiple teams in the business. Daniel currently works as an Economist in the Construction and Infrastructure team where he focuses much of his time on capacity and workforce studies across the industry. Daniel has worked on numerous projects that have helped large infrastructure organisations identify pinch points in their ability to complete their expected pipeline of work. Daniel has taken an interest in labour supply, working closely with the industry to determine how best to increase participation and productivity and ensuring best practices are implemented for effective career progression.

Daniel has also been a prominent member of Knox United Football Club. He served a number of years as President and is currently the Club Captain and Team Manager of the Premier League Squad.

## **Anthony Fotopoulos (OKG10)**

### **Senior Manager – Tax, Ernst & Young**

Anthony is a Senior Manager in Ernst & Young's private capital tax practice.

Anthony has significant experience providing income tax advisory and income tax compliance services to a variety of Australian and multinational businesses in the wealth and asset management sector including Australia's largest private equity and venture capital funds and their underlying investments.

Anthony also has a strong focus on post-deal tax implementation services in the context of mergers and acquisitions as well as exit and deal readiness tax services to organisations under private ownership to prepare them for a future sale from a tax perspective. This includes a broad range of organisations from start-up and scale-up through to private equity owned businesses and some of Australia's largest corporate organisations.

Prior to joining Ernst & Young in 2019, Anthony worked for four years at a mid-tier professional services firm where he completed his Graduate Diploma of Chartered Accounting in 2018. Anthony served three years on the NSW Young Chartered Accountants Panel from 2018 to 2020. Anthony is currently a Chartered Accountants Mentor supporting candidates and helping them develop on-the-job skills and knowledge needed to become a Chartered Accountant.

Anthony completed his Bachelor of Commerce (Double Major in Accounting and Marketing) at Macquarie University, which included one year studying at the University of Mississippi, USA. Whilst studying, he worked at Knox as a Basketball Coach and AFL Manager.

# AGRICULTURE

## **Mitch Highett (OKG06)**

### **Founder and Managing Director of Bullseye Ag and GM to Wyuna Regenerative Ag**

Mitch has been involved in the agriculture industry across five different countries and ranging across a variety of commodities. His involvement has been from the grass roots of on-farm production, through to large corporate mergers and acquisitions.

Working on a range of farming operations and spending time in Sydney as a Senior Consultant for a large Agricultural advisory firm has given Mitch fresh perspectives to develop within regional communities and take advantage of opportunities to promote agriculture awareness and the operating businesses.

Part of Mitch's involvement within the advisory firm required him to be relocated to Auckland, New Zealand during the dairy downturn of 2016 to assist dairy farmers in restructuring their businesses and to develop strategies to be more resilient and better prepared for future market conditions.

Mitch is the Founder and Managing Director of Bullseye Agriculture which specialises in Farm Management, Advisory and Consultancy services, based in Central West NSW. The company currently assists in the management of over 500,000ha of land within NSW and QLD and acts as conduit directly between land operators, corporate institutions, and Government.

In 2018, Mitch joined the NSW Farmers Association. He has chaired NSW Young Farmers and been a member of the Rural Affairs and Business, Economics and Trade Committees. He has a focus on lobbying and delivering 'bigger picture' results for farmers and is passionate about the future of agriculture and how best to assist the people who want to be a part of the industry.

In 2023, Mitch was the Australian winner of the Zanda McDonald Award, which celebrates boosting those in the rural sector to become better leaders and provides recipients with invaluable insights into the agricultural sector across Australia and New Zealand.

## **Luke Hutchinson (OKG93)**

### **Manager – Bunnamagoo, Paspaley Pastoral Company**

Following his graduation from Knox, Luke headed to North Queensland to work for Stanbroke Pastoral Company as a jackaroo. After this experience, he was given the opportunity to undertake an Agricultural Exchange to the USA, living and working for a family farm in Central Oregon.

On returning to Australia, Luke studied Agriculture at Hawkesbury Agricultural College (now Western Sydney University– Hawkesbury Campus). Luke then held several corporate roles, including Livestock Market Analyst, Marketing Officer for LAMBPLAN and a number of different roles for Elders.

Luke's real passion has always been living and working on the land, so in the mid-2000s when an opportunity to manage a prime lamb business in New Zealand became available, he jumped at the chance. Intensive sheep and pasture management, as well as managing stock through the extremes of a New Zealand winter, were some of the many skills honed whilst living in a high rainfall and high input system. After three years in New Zealand, Luke moved home to manage Uriarra Station on the ACT / NSW border.

After close to five years at Uriarra, Luke moved to the Central West of NSW to manage Bunnamagoo. During the past 11 years, Luke has managed the farm through drought, flood and fire. Bunnamagoo is a 5000-acre sheep and cattle block producing prime lambs for the domestic market and cattle for the feeder market. Current stock rate is 10,000 breeding ewes and 120 cows. At the peak of production in spring, there can be 22,000 sheep and lambs and 220 cows and calves. Bunnamagoo also has a small area of 300 French and English Oak trees producing black truffles.

# ALLIED HEALTH – CHIROPRACTIC AND EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

## **Ben Burton (OKG17)**

### **Exercise Physiologist, Exercise Collaborative**

Having completed a Masters of Exercise Physiology (AEP) and Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, Ben is a highly skilled Exercise Physiologist, with strong practical experience in clinical rehabilitation and high-performance environments. He strives to create a positive rehabilitation journey and quality of life for clients by combining the latest evidence with his own personal and professional experiences.

Having been exposed to a variety of conditions and fields within the Exercise Physiology scope, including neurology, oncology, mental health, musculoskeletal and general rehabilitation, Ben is conscious of the pivotal role exercise physiologists play in the allied health team when it comes to creating long-term positive and effective experiences for clients during their rehabilitation journey.

Ben has an extensive background of competing in high-level sports since a young age, with particular interest in football (soccer), as well as other sports such as athletics and ice hockey. He uses his own experiences with multiple injuries during his footballing career as a tool to relate to, and better understand, the biopsychosocial process which individuals experience during rehabilitation, and the challenges which can present with their pathology or health condition.



**Tim White (OKG15)**  
**Gonstead Chiropractor, Mascot Chiropractic Centre**  
**Gonstead Chiropractic Tutor, Macquarie University**

Chiropractic has been a part of Tim’s life from a young age, accompanying him through his early teens and into early adulthood, where he truly came to understand its influence on overall health.

After playing rugby for many years, Tim found it was chiropractic which enabled him to stay on the field and recover faster from injuries. Tim was injured during a game as a 19-year-old and was suffering from significant pain when walking. He received his first Gonstead adjustment to treat his injuries, and it had an incredibly positive impact.

A few years later, as Tim was approaching the completion of his Master of Chiropractic from Macquarie University, Gonstead was reintroduced into his life. After attending his first seminar, Tim was hooked on the Gonstead system, and he has not looked back since.

Gonstead has provided Tim with a deep passion for Chiropractic care. Tim believes the appropriate and specific adjustment in the correct area can promote optimal health, returning the body to its natural functioning state and improving an individual’s quality of life.

Tim is a member of the Gonstead Chiropractic Society, the Australian Chiropractic Association and currently teaching Gonstead at Macquarie University.

# ALLIED HEALTH – CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

## **Adam Wright (OKG04)**

### **Clinical Psychologist, Associate Lecturer, The University of Sydney**

Adam is a clinical psychologist in private practice, working at the Resilience Centre, a thriving practice based in Epping, NSW. Adam has been working at the Resilience Centre since 2013, after graduating from a Bachelor of Psychology (Hons) at Macquarie University (2008), and a Masters in Clinical Psychology at the University of Wollongong (2012). Adam works with children, adolescents, and adults, across a range of mental health conditions. He takes a special interest in the assessment and management of neurodevelopmental disorders such as ADHD and ASD and has contributed to education about these conditions through talks and seminars.

In addition to his primary private practice role, Adam has worked in a variety of roles in the mental health sector. First, he started working in youth mental health at Headspace, before he transitioned into a role at CanTeen, the organisation for young people affected by cancer. There, he was active in a research capacity, contributing to research into the needs of young people affected by cancer, and led the development, training, and supervision in the running of physical and mental health programs for young people.

In 2019, Adam moved into a clinical supervision role, starting at Macquarie University. Adam has a passion for equipping the next generation of psychologists, and worked with the Masters of Clinical Psychology program at Macquarie University, supervising students in therapy, psychometric assessment, and the running of a social skills program for primary school-age children. Just this year, Adam has moved to become an Associate Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Sydney, where he will continue his passion for supervision with the addition of the teaching of psychological assessment as part of their Masters of Clinical Psychology program.

**Hamish Phillips (OKG14)**  
**Clinical Neuropsychology Registrar**

Hamish is a Registered Psychologist with a First Class Honours degree in Psychology and a Masters degree in Clinical Neuropsychology obtained from Macquarie University. This unique branch of psychology, which is grounded in cognitive assessment, strives to understand the relationship between the brain and human behaviour.

With expertise in neuroanatomy, cognition and behaviour, a Clinical Neuropsychologist can work in many areas, as Hamish has done. He currently works at Calvary Health Care alongside Neurologists and Psychiatrists to support patients with a variety of neurological issues, such as diagnosing dementia. He also works at a private practice and conducts cognitive assessments for legal matters, under both criminal (e.g., assessment of brain injury and how it relates to criminal actions) and civil (e.g., NDIS eligibility) jurisdictions. Hamish has also worked in research settings, another direction a psychologist can take instead of clinical (patient-facing) work, and he is currently working as a Consultant Psychologist for an international research trial investigating the use of psychedelics for treatment-resistant major depression.

A career in psychology can take many forms, and according to Hamish, if you are passionate about understanding human behaviour, you can choose your own pathway.

# ARCHITECTURE

**Leonard Wong (OKG02)**

**Development Manager at FYVE**

**MArch (UNSW), BArchST (UNSW), LEED AP BD + C**

As the Development Manager at FYVE, Leonard steers the strategic planning and execution of ventures in the residential and commercial property development sectors. His expertise lies in project conception, development delivery and evaluating market trends. Leonard provides financial analysis during preliminary feasibility, liaises with stakeholders, and advises management on land acquisition options and risks.

With an eleven-year tenure as an associate architect in China and Hong Kong, Leonard has navigated the intricacies of a global environment, seamlessly collaborating across diverse cultures, languages, and time zones. His project portfolio spans Grade A office towers, flagship stores for international brands and an award-winning international airport, showcasing proficiency in managing large and complex construction projects.

Notable contributions at Buro Ole Scheeren include designing renowned towers in Southeast Asia and spearheading the Archipelago Cinema project, a floating cinema in a Thai lagoon. At Integrated Design Associates (IDA), Leonard delved into “high tech” and sustainable building design, managing the technical office, and delivering specialty Apple stores across China and Japan. In his recent role at CallisonRTKL, Leonard played a pivotal role in the Specialty Retail team, orchestrating flagship stores for global giants like Nike, Porsche, and Gucci.

# AVIATION

## **Andrew Humphries (OKG98)**

### **Pilot, Flight Examiner/Instructor, TOLL Ambulance Rescue Helicopter Service**

Having wanted to be a pilot since childhood, Andrew elected to pursue a career in the military as a pilot. Applying for both the Army and Air Force, the RAAF process happened faster, and in his first year out of school, Andrew entered the Royal Australian Air Force as a Direct Entry Officer – Pilot.

Andrew completed his ‘wings’ course (Pilot Training) before he was 21 years old and flew fast jets, the C-130J Hercules and he was a Qualified Flying Instructor on the PC-9/A Trainer and C-130J throughout his period of service. Andrew has flown over 400 hours in combat, being involved in operations throughout Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other campaigns.

Andrew has always had a passion for helicopters, and on leaving the RAAF, he pursued his childhood dream of flying rescue helicopters in Sydney. Andrew is now a Flight Examiner/Instructor and Pilot for the TOLL Ambulance Rescue Helicopter Service covering the southern region of NSW for NSW Ambulance. He is based in Sydney.

Andrew has 8,000 hours flying time in 14 different types of aircraft and is excited to chat with the students at Knox Grammar School about a career in Aviation.

# BUSINESS – ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

## **Tim Parker (OKG98)** **Principal, Bedford**

Tim is a Principal at Bedford, a Chartered Accounting and Consulting practice based in North Sydney. Tim joined Bedford in 2004 upon completion of his Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree at Macquarie University and has built a successful career, accumulating over 20 years of experience in the field. Since joining Bedford, Tim has been part of their growth from 15 staff to 70 staff today, and he has enjoyed working closely with his clients to support them through the many changes and challenges they have faced over this time.

Bedford work with a diverse range of clients and focus their services primarily on Business Advisory, Accounting and Taxation Advice, Family Succession Planning and Retirement Planning and Strategy. In providing services, Tim and the team at Bedford are committed to their clients through identifying opportunities, collaborating with external advisors when required and remaining curious and proactive to ensure the best outcomes are achieved.

Tim is a Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and is a Chartered Tax Adviser with the Taxation Institute of Australia.

The experience Tim has gained through his studies and career have led to some great opportunities to apply his skills and give back to the community through various charitable not for profit entities and community organisations.

Tim has maintained a keen interest in Rugby since his days at Knox and still enjoys a run with the Knox Old Boys' Rugby Club.

## **Andries Schreuder (OKG13)** **Manager, KPMG Actuarial**

Andries is a Manager in KPMG's Actuarial Analytics and General Insurance practice. He primarily works with private and government insurers, as well as in Climate and Health modelling. Andries has a passion for predictive data analytics and quantifying risks for his clients. Andries is a qualified Fellow of the Actuaries Institute and studied a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and Commerce (Accounting) at the University of New South Wales.

# BUSINESS - ENTREPRENEURIAL

## **Stu Adam (OKG03)**

### **Co-Founder and CEO of Agronomeye**

Stu Adam is the CEO and co-founder of Agronomeye, an AgTech company which has created the industry's first digital twin. Launched in 2015, Agronomeye has garnered recognition for its innovative approach to assisting with farm management and decision making. Agronomeye was a finalist in KPMG's Nature Positive Challenge in 2022, has collaborated with Microsoft and the CSIRO, and was recently listed in the Global Top 100 geospatial companies.

Agronomeye's platform, AgTwin, helps to unlock the full value of on-farm data so landholders can optimise profitability and natural capital. Agronomeye uses detailed Light Detection and Ranging (lidar) to scan and map the farm. Advanced modelling techniques allow farmers to see the unseen and deliver real-time insights to make informed decisions. This has been transformational to the way landholders and managers approach a wide range of decisions from erosion control to carbon projects and development planning.

With Agronomeye, Stu is helping to build a positive future for the agricultural industry in Australia.

## **Damien Cantelo (OKG96)**

### **CEO and Founder, Apollo Secure**

Damien is a technology entrepreneur who is passionate about building businesses with innovative products that people love to use. He runs a cybersecurity start-up called Apollo Secure which automates cybersecurity for start-ups and small businesses. He previously set up and ran a GPS tracking business called Pod Trackers.

# BUSINESS – MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY

**Aaron Price (OKG06)**  
**Director, KPMG Australia**

Aaron is a leader in KPMG’s Consulting division, specialising in the domain of technology and IT within the digital infrastructure sector. He has been with the firm for ten years and has experience across Asia-Pacific and North America. Aaron has spent most of his career in Telecommunications, working with companies such as Telstra, NBN Co, Vocus and Bell Canada. Prior to joining KPMG, Aaron worked for Vocus in Strategy and Corporate Development, covering network, data centre and cloud services.

At KPMG, Aaron leads advisory engagements for global digital infrastructure operators and investors involving mergers and acquisitions and operational transformation. He is known for strategy development, operating model design and implementation and technology evaluation throughout the deal lifecycle (from due diligence to integration/separation). Aaron’s role as a director involves client relationship management, growth and development of the firm and its people, and leading project teams to deliver outcomes for clients.

He holds a Bachelor of International Studies and Master of Commerce, both from the University of Sydney. Aaron was also a resident at St Andrew’s College within the university from 2009-2011.



## **Mike Way (OKG93)**

### **Strategy Partner, Management Consulting, Deloitte**

Mike's career to date has moved between management consulting and industry roles, taking him to London (three years) and Paris (nine years) before returning to Australia in 2018, with the last two years as a Strategy Partner at Deloitte.

Mike initially studied a Bachelor of Business (Accounting, IT and Law) at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and spent his first few years working as a Chartered Accountant in Chatswood, before moving to Deloitte as a technology and data consultant. From there, whilst with Deloitte he moved into business improvement, then into strategy and transformation, before relocating to London. Having met his now-wife whilst on holidays in France, he moved from London to Paris and spent nine years there with Aviva Insurance and HSBC Banking. Following the birth of their son and twin girls, he then returned to Australia with Westpac, before then re-joining Deloitte as a Strategy Partner.

Mike's experiences with Deloitte have been as varied as they have been engaging, ranging from strategy in banking to maintenance of heavy aircraft at Qantas, from supporting legal disputes in telecommunications to helping Sydney Water with their annual planning.

Mike's work continues to focus on strategy and transformation but has taken a greater focus on social and climate impact over recent years.

# COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND MARKETING

## **Mike Nicholls (OKG94)**

**Group Director, Portfolio Mgt, Foxtel Group**

**Qualifications: BBA (Bachelor, Business Administration), Project Mgt (Prince 2, Agile, Scrum and SaFe 5.0)**

Based in Sydney, Mike is responsible for product and technology development for Foxtel's portfolio of products, including Fox Sports Broadcast Channels, Kayo Sports, Binge and Flash streaming products, Foxtel's IQ Set Top box and Foxtel GO, and most recently the launch of Foxtel's product, Hubbl which launches to customers in March 2024.

Mike's role leads the commercial and product and technology development capability across Foxtel Group, connecting investment in products to the group strategy to deliver outcomes in subscribers, sales, and revenue (and ultimately profit for News Corp).

Mike has worked in telecommunications and media for over 20 years, with ten years at Optus in mobile sales and retail distribution, then the past 15 years in broadcast and digital media roles at Sky Racing / Tabcorp and Foxtel.

Mike completed a Bachelor of Business Administration at Southern Cross University and has also qualified in cloud technology and software development disciplines, as well as strategy development and program delivery.

Mike is a father of two, and enjoys watching the Old Boys' Rugby Club, golf, music and travelling.

**Andrew Yeung (OKG10)**  
**Regional Marketing Manager - Australasia, Ferrari**

Andrew is an internationally experienced marketing leader who has a proven track record of developing, planning, managing, and delivering industry leading marketing campaigns within the luxury segment. He currently leads Ferrari's marketing throughout Australasia, comprising of eight dealerships across Australia and New Zealand.

After completing a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney, Andrew started his career at Volkswagen Group Australia as a Commercial Vehicles Marketing intern before transitioning into the tech start up space where he quickly gained hands-on digital marketing experience with Xref which included a 12-month secondment in London at the age of 25. After launching Xref's EMEA office and experiencing Europe for the first time, Andrew took a nine-month solo backpacking sabbatical. He joined Ferrari upon his return to Australia and within 12 months became the youngest regional marketing head in the company's history at age 27.

Since then, Andrew has been a pioneer, delivering Ferrari's first brand-exclusive car show outside of Italy, as well as the first Casa Ferrari hospitality suite at a Formula One.

Andrew will speak about why marketing is an attractive profession, detail his typical workday at Ferrari and what he believes are the keys to success for a graduate in the corporate world.

# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT

## **Dan Morelli (OKG04)**

### **Head of NSW Interiors Division, Mainbrace Constructions**

Starting his journey with Mainbrace Constructions through the cadet program, Dan Morelli has significantly grown his career alongside the business, advancing to the position of Head of the NSW Interiors Division.

Holding a Bachelor of Business from the University of Technology, Sydney, Dan has transitioned from a promising cadet to a pivotal leadership role. His exceptional project delivery and client relationship skills are well-recognised.

In 2014, demonstrating his commitment and leadership capabilities, Dan played a crucial role in establishing Mainbrace's Victorian office, a testament to his integrity, direct communication, and leadership skills. This strategic move was integral to Mainbrace's successful expansion and further solidified Dan's reputation as a key contributor to the company's growth.

His deep commitment to sustainability has led him to take on the lead role in delivering Mainbrace's environmental strategy, underscoring the construction sector's potential for significant sustainable impact.

Dan's dedication to excellence and innovation was further honed at Harvard Business School through a Professional Leadership Development program, equipping him to steer Mainbrace towards being the preferred contractor for many clients through innovation, sustainability, and robust partnerships.

**Angus Greenwood (OKG07)**  
**Head of Data, Technology and Systems, Mainbrace Constructions**

Angus Greenwood’s journey at Mainbrace Constructions began in the cadet program, leading to his rise to Head of Data, Technology, and Systems.

With a Bachelor of Construction from the University of New South Wales, Angus has become a key figure in driving technological innovation within Mainbrace. His pioneering use of Business Intelligence software for project data analysis has redefined the way value is created for clients. In a bold move that underscores his role as an innovative change-maker, Angus shifted from traditional building projects to develop an iPhone app to connect sites with the office, marking a significant pivot in his career towards digital solutions.

In a quest for personal growth and broader perspective, Angus took a year off to travel the world. This sabbatical allowed him to explore new cultures, technologies, and methodologies, enriching his understanding of global construction practices and technological applications. This experience has been instrumental in providing Angus with a unique viewpoint on leveraging technology in construction, further fuelling his innovative approach at Mainbrace.

Angus ensures the company remains at the forefront of cutting-edge construction practices. Angus’s journey reflects a deep commitment to innovation, continuous learning, and adaptability, making him a vital asset to Mainbrace and the construction sector at large.

# CREATIVE AND DESIGN

## **Louis Molines (OKG97)**

### **Executive Producer, Louis&Co**

Louis&Co is a boutique advertising production agency which represents award-winning photographers and directors. They offer small to large-scale production services for photo shoots, film, and digital content creation.

Louis' company was founded in 2010 by drawing on his background in art buying and production for prominent advertising agencies in Australia.

You may know some of his work such as the Uber Eats campaigns with Kim Kardashian and other globally recognised celebrities, countless Toyota campaigns and work for brands such as Qantas, Fiji Tourism and Nike to name a few. No job is the same and this has allowed Louis to travel the world to remote and exciting locations bringing together some of the most sought-after artists to capture recognisable and iconic work which almost everyone sees on their day-to-day commutes.

## **Marcus Tesoriero (OKG93)**

### **Chief Creative Officer, The General Store**

Marcus's ethos in today's advertising landscape is simple: audience attention must be earned, not expected. That's why he champions the belief that modern agencies shouldn't just make ads, they should exist to solve their clients' business problems in whatever creative form that may be.

Accruing a wealth of experience in building brands at large, integrated agencies such as DDB, Ogilvy and Dentsu Creative, combined with a mix of more specialised shops, his work has won at every major, creative and effectiveness award show around the world, including the likes of D&AD, One Show, Clío, LIA, the Effies, London IPA for Effectiveness, Spikes, and the Cannes Lions.

Today, Marcus leads as Chief Creative Officer at one of Australia's fastest growing independent agencies, The General Store.

# CREATIVE – FILM

## **Calum Riddell (OKG15)** **Cinematographer, WORK:AGENCY**

Calum is an award-winning, Scottish-born, narrative and commercial cinematographer, represented by Work Agency. Since graduating from the Academy of Film, Theatre and Television with an Advanced Diploma in Screen and Media (Cinematography) and a Master of Arts Screen (Cinematography) from the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS), Calum has shot numerous short films, TV shows and TV commercials for brands such as Dior, Red Bull, Qantas, Warner Brothers, Adidas and more, as well as music videos for high-end recording artists including Ed Sheeran and The Rubens.

He is currently in pre-production for his first large scale feature film. Calum, who is also a tutor at AFTRS, will speak about the opportunities which flow from creating a portfolio of high-end motion pictures and finding a path through such a large industry.

## **Ben Hunter (OKG13)** **Actor**

Ben is a film and television actor. Ben studied Drama at Knox before going on to study Acting for Film at the New York Film Academy in Sydney and Los Angeles. Ben has had guest roles in RFDS (Channel 7) and *Mr Inbetween* (Foxtel). He has also appeared in several ads, most notably for TAB and KFC. Ben's most recent work includes starring in *Birdeater*, a "gender politics thriller" which took out the Audience Choice Award at Sydney Film Festival. *Birdeater* is screening at South by Southwest (SXSW) in Austin, Texas later this month and will be released in Australian cinemas later this year.

# CYBER SECURITY

## **Joshua Cutrone (OKG14)** **Senior Privacy Analyst, Deloitte**

Josh is a Senior Privacy Analyst specialising in Privacy and Data Protection within Deloitte's Cyber Risk Services practice. Josh's passion for privacy and cybersecurity has come from wanting to help clients build privacy outcomes into their products and services.

Josh has experience supporting major privacy transformations at a number of ASX-listed companies. Some of his areas of expertise include developing consent management frameworks, creating data usage guardrails, and performing privacy impact assessments for clients. Josh has also presented thought leadership pieces to the Digital Taskforce of Australia and the Attorney General of Australia's Office regarding artificial intelligence's impact on privacy.

## **Nicholas Pockl-Deen (OKG15)** **Head of Cyber Incident Response, Gridware**

After graduating from Knox in 2015, Nicholas was accepted into the co-operative scholarship program at the University of Technology, Sydney to study for a Bachelor of Information Technology degree.

Following university, Nicholas started his career working at various professional services firms including KPMG and KordaMentha. Discovering the art form of Digital Forensics at KPMG, like traditional forensics, the technical discipline focuses on investigating cybercrime conducted using technology.

After starting at Gridware in 2021, Nicholas now focuses on investigating cyber-attacks that impact some of Australia's largest organisations. Following the trail of evidence left behind on computers, servers, and other digital assets. His day is spent investigating cyber criminals, hackers and nation-state-sponsored cyber attackers. The investigations focus on how they hacked the company, what illegal activities were undertaken, whether any sensitive data, information, or secrets were stolen, as well as providing guidance and advice on preventing and recovering from these devastating attacks.

Nicholas will share his journey in cyber security and offer valuable insights and advice for students seeking or considering a career in the cyber area.



# DEFENCE FORCE

## **COL Stuart Cree, CSC (Current Parent) Army Officer, Australian Army**

COL Cree joined the Army in 1994 and subsequently graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) and then the Royal Military College – Duntroon (RMC).

COL Cree is an armoured cavalry officer with experience across tank, cavalry, aviation, engineer, and headquarters units. His time as a junior officer was focused on tank commanding, while his time as a senior officer has been focused on training delivery, including postings as the Commanding Officer of the School of Armour and later as the Director, Training Systems.

He has had operational deployments to East Timor, Afghanistan, and Iraq; and has also served in the United Kingdom and the United States.

COL Cree was awarded a Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours List for his efforts to modernise Army Training and Education.

He holds a Bachelor of Science, a Graduate Diploma in Military Technology and Masters degrees in Strategy and Policy, as well as International Relations.

## **Lieutenant (LEUT) Timothy McCarthy (OKG09) Royal Australian Navy (RAN)**

LEUT McCarthy joined the RAN in 2010 as a sailor undertaking the Gap Year Program. During this time, he completed Recruit School and a sea posting to HMAS Newcastle, taking part in an International Fleet Review, for the 100th Birthday of the Royal Canadian Navy, and RIMPAC 2010.

After completing university, LEUT McCarthy re-joined the RAN in Jan 2018, where he attended the Royal Australian Naval College. He then conducted the Maritime Logistics Officer Application Course and completed Assistant Maritime Logistic Officer postings to Fleet Logistics Support Element – Cairns, HMAS Melbourne, Surface Force Command and HMAS Canberra. On attainment of his Primary Qualification, LEUT McCarthy joined the Joint Logistic Unit North Queensland as the Operations Lieutenant in June 2020. During this posting, he was responsible for providing planning advice and execution to the logistics support for visiting ships and major exercises in the North Queensland region. In June 2022, LEUT McCarthy joined his current unit Maritime Deployable Robotic and Autonomous Systems Experimentation Unit (MDREU) as the Maritime Logistics Officer. MDREU is responsible for the integration and deployment of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles and Un-crewed Surface Vehicles in the Mine Countermeasure area.

LEUT McCarthy holds a Bachelor of Business and is currently studying a Master of Strategic People Management through the University of New South Wales (Canberra).

# EDUCATION

## **Russell Kam (OKG93)**

### **Dean of Students, Saint Ignatius College, Riverview**

Russell leads the pastoral care team and is a member of the College Board's Education Committee allowing him a wide input into all varieties of educational experiences at the College. He is a teacher of Stage 6 Chemistry and Biology in addition to Junior Science.

Prior to his career in Education, Russell completed degrees at the University of Technology, Sydney in Science (Environmental Biology) and Laws (Honours). Russell has previously enjoyed employment within the NSW Court system, in large law practices and he was a partner in a law firm specialising in construction and property law.

His experiences in professional services have given him a broad perspective on the purpose of education, with a firm belief in the education of the whole person. This is reflected in Russell's involvement with social justice, where he worked with Vinnies Night Patrol for many years providing food, beverages, and conversation to those who are sleeping rough. Russell has also led student groups through Central Australia and Jabiru to directly experience the difficult social conditions experienced in those areas.

Russell returned to the University of Technology, Sydney to complete a degree in Teaching in Secondary Schools and recently completed the Association of Independent Schools NSW National Flagship Program, which is designed as a rigorous and holistic program for experienced senior educational leaders.

When younger (and perhaps sillier), Russell occupied the front row of the scrum for the Knox Old Boys' Rugby Club.

**Richard La'Brooy (OKG10)**  
**College Chaplain, Newington College**

Pastor Richard La'Brooy is the College Chaplain at Newington College. He works across the College's three campuses providing Chaplaincy to students in Kindergarten through to Year 12. Richard is also a trained Secondary Teacher and currently teaches History and Philosophy and Religious Studies in Years 7 -10. He also teaches Religious Education in the Prep Schools. He is involved in the College's Pastoral Care programs and K-12 Wellbeing initiatives and is also a part of a variety of co-curricular programs including cricket coaching and gender equity initiatives.

After graduating from Knox in 2010, Richard completed a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Secondary) degree at Macquarie University while also undertaking Ministry Studies at the United Theological College. While studying, he worked as a Chaplain at Macquarie University. He also worked for the Knox Grammar School Cadet Unit for seven years, including three years as the Administration Officer of the Unit.

Richard serves on a number of Boards and Committees of the Uniting Church. He is currently a member of the Uniting Church's Assembly Standing Committee, the national governance board of the Church, and the Act2 Steering Committee, a major strategic direction committee of the Church. He previously served on the Board of UnitingWorld, the overseas aid organisation of the Church. He has ministry and governance experience at local, regional, and international levels of the Church.

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## **Thomas Lee (OKG18)**

### **Qualified Paramedic, NSW Ambulance**

Tom is a certified Paramedic stationed at Molong Ambulance Station, within the Western Clinical Operations division of NSW Ambulance. He holds a Bachelor of Paramedic Practice from the University of Tasmania's Sydney campus. Tom's professional journey began during his academic pursuits, as he was recruited by NSW Ambulance as a Casual Trainee Paramedic amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Concurrently, he engaged in roles as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with a private event medical service and served as a first aid instructor across multiple schools in Sydney.

Following the completion of his formal education, Tom secured a Paramedic internship position at Penrith Superstation with NSW Ambulance. Over the past three years, he has amassed extensive experience through deployments across metropolitan and regional clinical settings. Notably, Tom has contributed his expertise as a qualified Paramedic at Molong station for the past two years, where he also assumed temporary leadership responsibilities during various station management assignments.

Tom's presentation revolves around exploring the diverse entry pathways into the field of Paramedicine, while also examining the advantages and hurdles associated with pursuing an expedited degree pathway.

## **Alistair Wilson (OKG14)**

### **Plain Clothes Constable, Rural Crime Investigator, Monaro Police District**

Alistair commenced training at the New South Wales Police Academy in 2018, attesting in May 2019. Initially posted to the Northern Beaches Police Area Command at Dee Why Police Station, Alistair performed a General Duties role. In 2021, he transferred to the Monaro Police District (PD) at Queanbeyan Police Station, where he continued General Duties.

Alistair was selected for the Monaro PD proactive crime team in 2023, focussing on property and drug crime, as well as Operation Snow Safe in Jindabyne and surrounds. He transferred to Monaro Criminal Investigation this year, joining the Rural Crime Prevention Team as a Rural Crime Investigator. In his role as a criminal investigator, Alistair is a subject expert on Rural Crime, which is defined as "Incidents of crime that impact on the function of the pastoral, agricultural and aquaculture industries."

Alistair attended Macquarie University from 2015–2018, where he studied Environmental Science.

# ENGINEERING

## **Mark Tyson (OKG99)** **Consultant, Jacobs Australia**

Graduating as an Aeronautical Engineer from the University of Sydney in 2005, Mark joined Jacobs Australia, spending the next seven years working in Military Type Certification across a range of Naval and Air Force Capabilities.

Focusing on aeromechanical and unmanned systems, Mark transitioned to avionics, electrical, electronic warfare, and combat systems integration in the Air Combat domain, along with post-graduate studies in Project Management and Capability Acquisition and Sustainment.

A shift into the arts, working in audio design, production and tour management provided an exciting opportunity to apply skillsets and methodologies in a highly dynamic and global environment. Working across Australia, the Americas, Europe, and other corners of the globe, it provided a wonderful perspective in an applied technology context that is inherently fast paced, with a diverse workforce.

Returning to Jacobs in 2019 and Defence Industry more broadly, Mark continues to consult as an Aerospace Systems Engineer, focusing on Capability Development in the Air Domain. He is currently undertaking further post graduate studies at the University of New South Wales in Systems Engineering, Electronic Warfare, and Test and Evaluation.

## **Jason Zhao (OKG14)** **Project Engineer (Mechanical), Norman, Disney & Young (NDY)**

Jason is a Mechanical Engineer at Norman Disney & Young (NDY) a tetratech company, and global building services engineering firm. In this role, Jason is responsible for the delivery, design, and management of projects spanning commercial, retail, and transportation sectors across NSW. Most of his work is focused on delivering sustainable solutions to clients. Notable projects he has been involved in include the Barangaroo Towers, Victoria Cross Metro Station, and the Chatswood Chase refurbishment.

Jason holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of New South Wales, and his academics are complemented by his passion for continuous learning and development within the industry. He believes in proactively driving career opportunities, taking calculated risks to foster growth, and seeking mentorship to navigate the dynamic landscape of design and construction.

In his spare time, Jason enjoys staying active and engaging in sports, finding balance between professional pursuits and personal interests.

# ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

## **Alex Gale (OKG98)**

### **Environmental Representative, Healthy Buildings International (HBI)**

After leaving Knox, Alex pursued his interest in the natural environment at university, graduating from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in 2002 and from Macquarie University with a Master of Environmental Studies in 2004. He has since gone on to achieve specific qualifications including Infrastructure Sustainability Accredited Professional (ISAP), Lead Environmental Auditor and Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control.

Throughout his career, Alex has overseen environmental compliance on some of the state's largest and most complex infrastructure projects. Working for civil engineering contractors, including BMD, Lend Lease, Baulderstone and Theiss, Alex has been involved in projects such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge restoration, the Inland Rail build, Port Botany Expansion Project, and Bulahdelah Bypass. Having a thorough understanding of state and national legislation in relation to environmental practices with the construction industry, a large part of Alex's role is focused on mentoring and developing skillsets in less experienced environmental practitioners as well as stakeholder management.

Currently, Alex is working with HBI Consulting as an Environmental Representative in the construction industry, and he is one of only 20 people approved by the NSW Government to act in this role. Responsible for environmental compliance of some of the biggest infrastructure projects being built in NSW, Alex is involved with the construction of the new Sydney Metro line across three different projects to the Western Sydney Airport. He is also involved with the construction of the new freeway section from the end of the M1 to Raymond Terrace.

**Luke van den Honert (OKG14)**

**Senior Consultant - Climate Change and Sustainability Services, KPMG**

Having studied a heavy science load at Knox (Biology, Chemistry and Agriculture), Luke went on to graduate from the University of Sydney with a double degree of a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in accounting and commercial law) and a Bachelor of Science (majoring in biology).

After a year abroad travelling, Luke was accepted into KPMG's graduate program, where he worked in the Financial Statement Audit (FSA) division, providing audit and assurance services to a range of clients prior to the release of their annual financial statements. Key clients included Arnott's, Yum Foods (owners of KFC), Cochlear, Pfizer and Qantas. While with the FSA team, Luke also completed his Chartered Accountancy (CA) qualifications with CAANZ.

In 2022, Luke transferred into KPMG's Climate Change and Sustainability Services, a diverse team which provides the corporate and government market with a range of offerings, including circular economies, sustainability strategy, environment, responsible investment, and reporting and assurance services. The skills and experience gained working in FSA, and throughout the completion of his CA, has allowed Luke to specialise in carbon accounting and emissions measurement and reporting.

Luke predominantly provides assurance services to clients reporting on a range of sustainability topics for both regulatory requirements (e.g. NGERs, Safeguard Mechanism) and voluntary reporting (e.g. annual reports), with the aim of bringing integrity and trust to the figures reported by corporates to the market.

# HEALTH AND NUTRITION

## **Zack Jenetsky (OKG13)**

### **Mental Health Education Facilitator, Goanna Academy**

Zack has a degree in Sport and Exercise Management from the University of Technology, Sydney, with a background in fitness and sport supplements. He recently moved into the mental health industry to educate people, especially young men, about mental health, nutrition, and exercise.

After completing his HSC, Zack coached rugby, cricket and basketball teams at Knox Prep. He received a Sports Award for going above and beyond with his preparation and nurturing of the Prep 2nd XV Rugby team.

Zack transitioned to become assistant manager of a Plus Fitness 24/7 gym which ignited his passion for weight training and sport supplements. Zack spent two years as a Sport Supplement specialist with Mr Vitamins, and then became a Team Leader working across a number of stores in Sydney. Through this experience, Zack was given the opportunity to receive further sales training in Texas with Nutrabolt, the company owning popular supplement brands such as C4, Xtend and Cellucor.

He then worked as a Business Relationships Associate for the supplement company, EHPlabs for over two years, where he managed 200 separate sales accounts across Australia and New Zealand.

Moving into the mental health industry, Zack became a speaker for Beyond Blue, and youth organisation Batyr, to raise awareness about anxiety and depression and to encourage people to seek help. He is currently a mental health facilitator for the Goanna Academy, the first indigenous-owned and accredited mental health organisation in Australia. At the Goanna Academy, Zack works closely with the owner and former NRL legend, Greg Inglis, to deliver mental health education programs in schools. These programs focus on goal setting, self-esteem and self-care, and Zack uses his knowledge of health and fitness to educate the students about healthy habits.

Zack's interests include keeping mentally and physically healthy, golf, surfing, rugby, boxing/UFC and enjoying time with family and friends.



**Michael Morris GAICD (OKG04)**  
**General Manager, Canterbury Hospital**

Michael has more than 14 years experience in healthcare management. In his current role as General Manager of Canterbury Hospital, Michael is responsible for the overall performance of the hospital, ensuring operational and strategic targets are met. These include ensuring a high level of patient care is provided and building and fostering relationships with stakeholders, while maintaining a strong focus on financial performance, governance, and risk management.

Prior to his role at Canterbury Hospital, Michael was the General Manager at Balmain Hospital. He has worked as the Director of Corporate Service and Clinical Support at a range of hospitals in NSW and held operational and strategic roles within the healthcare setting over his career.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Business (Finance and Human Resources), University of Technology, Sydney and a Masters of Business Administration, University of Tasmania. He is also a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Michael will provide an insight into the inner workings of healthcare management on a daily basis and demonstrate that no day in the industry is ever the same.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – DATA SCIENCE

## **Jamie Priest (OKG12)** **Senior Data Scientist, Afterpay**

Jamie Priest currently holds the position of Senior Data Scientist at Afterpay, where he uses his expertise in data analysis and statistical modelling. He obtained his Bachelor of Advanced Science degree, with majors in Physics and Mathematics, from the University of New South Wales.

Jamie began his professional journey as a Project Engineer at Vision Intel (formerly known as ATF Vision), focusing on the development of analytic pipelines and predictive models. He later transitioned to Universal Music Australia as a Data Scientist, where he conducted in-depth analyses of short form content's impact on streaming and artist ecosystems, particularly in supporting emerging artists.

Since joining Afterpay in 2022 to support acquiring payments, Jamie has been dedicated to optimising payment processing costs through his statistical reasoning and technical skills. He has led data driven initiatives related to cost reduction using machine learning which have resulted in substantial cost savings. He looks forward to sharing his insights and experiences as a data scientist with those who are interested in the field.

## **Hani Rifai (OKG17)** **Head of Engineering and CRO at Step One, and Founder at Data101**

Hani Rifai is a technology leader known for deploying a multi-disciplinary skill set which spans data science and system architecture, mar-tech, and cloud strategy. He has a proven track record helping technology and SaaS companies go to market, as well as scaling existing businesses domestically and internationally.

Through his consulting company, Data101, he has worked across a diverse range of industries, including SaaS (software-as-a-service), customer experience (CX), fashion, financial services, retail, FMCG, telecommunications and aviation.

Hani's current specialisation is in direct-to-consumer E-commerce, where he previously led the E-Commerce and Digital strategy for SPC (Goulburn Valley, Ardmona Tomatoes etc.), and is now responsible for scaling StepOne Underwear's revenue and conversion metrics. This encompasses performance ads, data warehousing, personalisation, online selling channels and technology management strategy to increase revenue.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

## **Matt Watts (OKG15)** **Senior Developer, Innovior**

After graduating from Knox, Matt went on to receive his Bachelor of Commerce (Computer Science and Information Systems) degree from the University of Sydney.

Matt started his career at Westpac in 2019 through their graduate program. After a rotation in the Big Data team, he found his home in Robotics and Intelligent Automation. In this team, Matt worked on projects to automate mortgages and provide COVID-19 relief, as well as equipment finance, and legal compliance. Matt was also involved in designing the specialist graduate program and speaking to new graduates during their induction.

After a period in Banking, Matt moved to Innovior, a digital consultancy which works across Health, Education, Mining, Aviation, and Energy. Now working with Microsoft Power Platforms, he is designing low code applications and automations to enhance and simplify business processes for his clients.

Matt is passionate about helping students and graduates migrate into the workforce.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

## **Alex Taylor (OKG99)** **Global Head of Emerging Technology, QBE Ventures**

Alex is the Global Head of Emerging Technology of QBE Ventures, the venture investment and development arm of QBE Insurance. Alex and the team invest in, build alongside and partner with early-stage technology companies which have the potential to reshape the insurance industry.

Alex is an innovation and disruption specialist and futurist, helping established companies to see where the threats lie, and how they can play in the same field and with the same tools as the disrupters – and has spoken before a wide range of audiences on the Horizon 1 to Horizon 3 innovation and disruption journey, and how to navigate the bridge between.

As the technology lead on a number of AI/ML investments in VC and CVC environments, Alex has lived the challenge of applying machine learning and related technologies in highly regulated environments from visual and voice analytics, customer sentiment platforms and IoT to the challenges of vehicular automation.

Before joining QBE, Alex was the Director of Emerging and Innovation Technology and Entrepreneur in Residence at IAG.

QBE Ventures invests in, and works alongside, start-ups which have the potential to reimagine insurance. We partner with founders, leveraging the global strength of QBE to give them the confidence to achieve their ambitions. For more information, please visit [www.qbe.com/ventures](http://www.qbe.com/ventures).

# LAW

## **Kenneth Wong (OKG03)** **Head of Legal and Compliance, ANZ for Arthrex**

Based in Sydney, Kenny is the Head of Legal and Compliance, ANZ at Arthrex, a global medical devices company headquartered in the US and specialising in orthopaedics / sports medicine. He advises on all legal and compliance matters faced by the business, including employment, WHS, disputes, complex transactions, privacy, intellectual property, anti-bribery, and corruption and ESG.

Prior to this, Kenny worked in private practice and then later in-house at a number of multi-nationals across a range of industries (including construction and mining and resources). Kenny holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales.

He is passionate about using the law to provide a unique, value-adding perspective to any business he is a part of, and dispelling the myth law is boring and unhelpful.

In his spare time, he loves problem solving, tennis, spending time with his wife and two boys, and dropping as many movie quotes as he can into everyday conversation.

## **Edward Gregory (OKG08)** **Legal Counsel, Airtree**

Ed currently works as a legal counsel at Airtree, one of Australia and New Zealand's largest venture capital funds, where he is responsible for fundraising (including fund structuring and administration), advising on the various funds' investments and exits, providing ongoing support to portfolio companies, and providing ad hoc general commercial legal advice.

Prior to joining Airtree, Ed was a Senior Lawyer in LegalVision's corporate and capital raising team, specialising in business structuring, capital raising, M&A, and general corporate advice. Ed also worked in-house at the global engineering firm Arup, which is where he became interested in tech and the start-up space. Before moving in-house, Ed spent about four years at the US law firm, Dentons.

# MEDICINE

## **Clinical Associate Professor (A/Prof) James Burrell (OKG93) Senior Staff Specialist and Head of Department (Neurology), Concord Hospital**

Immediately after school, A/Prof Burrell entered the combined Arts/Medicine degree at the University of New South Wales, graduating with second class honours in 2000. His Arts degree, completed purely for academic interest, included a major in modern history.

A/Prof Burrell entered the medical workforce as an intern (John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle) in 2001. He returned to Sydney for basic physician training in 2004 (Prince of Wales Hospital), passing the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) exam at the first attempt in 2005. He then completed Neurology training at Royal Prince Alfred and Concord Hospitals. In 2008, A/Prof Burrell completed a fellowship in neuromuscular disease and neurophysiology at Concord Hospital, becoming a Fellow of the RACP (FRACP) in 2008.

Following clinical training, A/Prof Burrell was awarded a research scholarship from the Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia and the National Health and Medical Research Council and completed his PhD with Professor John Hodges and Professor Matthew Kiernan in 2012. He completed a post-doctoral appointment at Neuroscience Research Australia (2012-17). Since 2011, A/Prof Burrell has been a Staff Specialist Neurologist at Concord Hospital. He was appointed Clinical Associate Professor in 2019, as well as Senior Staff Specialist and Head of Department in 2020.

A/Prof Burrell balances a range of clinical, research, and teaching responsibilities. His research, which focuses on the overlaps between frontotemporal dementia and motor neuron disease and aspects of young onset dementia more generally, has led to more than 60 publications in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, as well as two book chapters.

A/Prof Burrell is married with three children and is now also a Knox father. A boarder at Knox from Year 7, he was a keen participant in the drama and music programs.

## **Dr Peter Roach (OKG98) Palliative Care Staff Specialist**

Dr Peter Roach studied medicine at the University of New South Wales, graduating in 2004. He went on to complete diplomas in children's health and palliative medicine, before training as a GP, which he completed in 2010. In 2015 he applied to train in palliative medicine and did a further three years of work and study to become a palliative care specialist. Peter now works in the Northern Beaches area, supporting patients with life limiting illness, in both hospital and community settings.

# SCIENCE

## **Jett van der Wallen (OKG14)**

### **PhD candidate at Sydney Uni and Cofounder of BioSensr**

Jett is currently an academic tutor and coordinator at the University of Sydney, as he completes his PhD in biomedical engineering, specialising in muscle sensors. Jett completed his bachelor degrees in Biomedical Engineering and Medical Science in 2019.

In his upcoming talk, Jett will discuss his journey from school to his current roles, offering insights and advice for those interested in STEM.

## **Duncan Thomson (OKG89)**

### **CEO, Culturon, General Manager, Headway Animal Health General Practitioner, Thornleigh Vet**

Duncan Thomson has a background of more than 25 years' experience in life sciences.

Graduating as a Veterinarian (University of Sydney), and then a Masters of Business Administration (Cranfield School of Management, England), he progressed from seeing patients to senior management positions in Europe, North America, and Australia in both big pharma and biotech.

Duncan has substantial global experience in managing, sales and marketing, research, trials, successful regulatory approvals, product launches, and licensing and alliances. He worked previously at Novartis Animal Health in Switzerland, the US and Australia, and for the last 10 years, Duncan has worked in biotech in Australia holding successful management roles in Regeneus, Captixbio. He has also held advisory roles at the Australian Veterinary Association (including Treasurer and Chair of the Vets in Industry) and at the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute (ARMI), where he currently chairs the industry advisory committee and is a member of the ARMI leadership advisory board.

He is the current CEO of Culturon, a start-up with ground-breaking technology for use in diagnostic testing and cell culture, General Manager of Headway Animal Health, an Australian veterinary generics firm, and (still) a practicing vet.

# SPORTS MANAGEMENT / COACHING

## **Harrison Fotopoulos (OKG06)** **Director of Sport, Knox Grammar School**

Harrison attended Knox between 2001 and 2006. A former Division 1 Athlete at Jacksonville State University, Alabama 2007-2008, Harrison was the first Knox Old Boy to go to College in America for Basketball.

He started working at Knox in 2009 and in this time, he has been a part of seven CAS Titles (in the role of Assistant Coach and Development Coach to the players). Harrison is the current Director of Basketball, a position he has held since 2021.

Harrison is a qualified Level 1 and 2 Strength and Conditioning Coach.

## **Reece Potter** **Head of Basketball, Knox Grammar School**

Reece has been Head of Basketball at Knox since 2020. Prior to commencing at Knox, Reece was the U18 NSW State Team Coach (2022-2022), the Hill Hornets NBL1 Head Coach (2020-Present), Assistant Coach U15 and U17 Australian Junior Team at Oceania Championships and Assistant Coach in the WNBL. Reece holds a Masters in Education.



# TRADES

## **Jarrod Cowley (OKG14)**

### **Carpenter/Builder for CKJ Building Services Australia Pty Ltd**

Jarrod is a Builder Carpenter for CKJ Building Services Australia Pty Ltd, a family company run by his father, in which his brother, Chad Cowley (OKG08), works as well. CKJ work in the residential and commercial sector all over Sydney and NSW.

After leaving Knox in 2014, Jarrod received his Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science from the University of Technology, Sydney, working with Sydney FC before finding his feet in the family company.

Loving being outside and working with his hands, this was the perfect opportunity to dive headfirst into the industry through working on a variety of projects which have given him experience in many different areas of building and problem solving. Jarrod has also worked as an apprentice under his brother's guidance on a project in Balmain which was featured on 'Restorations Australia'.

Since starting in 2018 as a mature age apprentice, Jarrod has received his Certificate III in Carpentry and Certificate IV in Building and Construction, as well as many other online courses for project management. Jarrod loves the constant challenge that building presents every day and drawing on the experience from his brother, father, and other senior members at CKJ.

## **Justin Kern (OKG92)**

### **Owner and Director, JFK Automation**

Justin F Kern (JFK) is a former cabinetmaker with a background in Industrial Design. He loves planning unique and innovative solutions for JFK's customers. It is rare for him to turn down a project, often being nick-named the 'yes-man'. If it's a little outside-the-box, then Justin is the man for the job!

Dating back to his childhood, Justin's many pastimes have ranged from photography to volleyball, flying two-line stunt kites and a multitude of adrenaline-inducing activities. He still plays volleyball every Monday and Thursday night (if not injured) and can regularly be found on the beach at Manly.

He has been taking photos since he was seven years old and used to run a small business specialising in sport, weddings, and family events.

He now has a young son and enjoys spending time with him playing with scooters, electric bikes, Segways, remote control cars and helicopters, essentially anything which has a motor.

# VET SCIENCE

## **Matt McLennan (OKG93)**

### **Veterinarian and Owner, Normanhurst and Cherrybrook Vet Practice**

Matt graduated from the University of Sydney with a goal to help pets and make their lives a little easier. This was his way of giving back to the wonderful pets and animals that had touched his life as a boy growing up in the local area.

Matt started Normanhurst Vet Practice in 2010. Initially the practice was solely mobile, but in 2011, the practice expanded to include the fully equipped vet clinic located at Normanhurst. Normanhurst Vet Practice has steadily grown over the years and is now staffed with 3.5 full time equivalent vets along with highly trained nurses, reception and grooming staff.

In 2022, Matt purchased Cherrybrook Vet Practice. At this time, the practice had only one staff member, the clinic was run down, and many long-term customers had left to find veterinary care from other vet hospitals. Matt has invested in new equipment, cleaned, painted, and fitted the hospital with new lights, established new and more streamlined processes to enable tasks to be successfully achieved with much more ease, and most importantly there has been a strong focus on the wellbeing of the pets as well as the physical and mental health of the staff. Now Cherrybrook Vet Practice has grown to be a hospital with 1 full time equivalent vet, with support from caring nurses, receptionists and groomers.

At home, Matt lives with a Sheltie named Tully who thoroughly rules the house. Tully has the task of choosing which of Matt's three children to sleep with at night! Matt relaxes by playing with Rubik's cubes and by going for runs along bush trails.

## **James Salmond (OKG12)**

### **Veterinarian, Normanhurst Vet Practice**

James graduated from the University of Sydney in 2018 and started his career on the Northern Beaches working in a busy, small animal practice before moving to Normanhurst Vet in 2021.


James has a particular interest in orthopaedic surgery and has extensive experience in knee reconstructive surgery as well as surgical management of fractures in dogs and cats. He is also undergoing further training and professional development in abdominal ultrasound.

He enjoys the technical challenge and the reward of seeing patients' mobility improve after surgery.


James is a local and shares his home with his wife and his elderly cat, Kisa.

# THE KNOX GRADUATE PROFILE

The **Knox Graduate Profile** reflects our commitment to nurturing courageous, future-ready leaders with empathy and an enterprising mindset who will shape the world positively, adapt to change, and inspire others.

**Moral Character:** They have a strong moral compass and act with integrity, courageously advocate for justice and equity, and stand up for what is right even in the face of adversity.



**Optimism:** They carry themselves with confidence and have a positive outlook, inspiring others with their hope-filled attitude to life.



**Resilience:** They have a tenacious attitude, able to thrive in challenging contexts, moving beyond disappointments with grit and determination.



**Enterprising Mindset:** They are critical and creative thinkers, resourceful and curious, with the drive to pursue opportunities; they embrace continuous learning, refining their skills and knowledge through reflection and commitment to personal growth; they are future-ready in an ever-changing world.



**Leadership:** They exhibit humility, empathy and a deep sense of responsibility to make a positive impact; they lead by example, building strong and supportive relationships, fostering inclusive and collaborative environments, ready to act in the service of others.



**Citizenship:** They value diverse perspectives, and are skilled communicators who can navigate an interconnected world; with both a local and global outlook, they are committed to leading the way for a more sustainable future.









