

FRENSHAM

Staff Professional Learning Scholarship PHIL ALLDIS ~ Head of Visual Arts

In April 2016 Phil Alldis completed the second stage of his Professional Learning Scholarship (awarded by Foundation in 2015) – a tour of artistic institutions and precincts in New York.

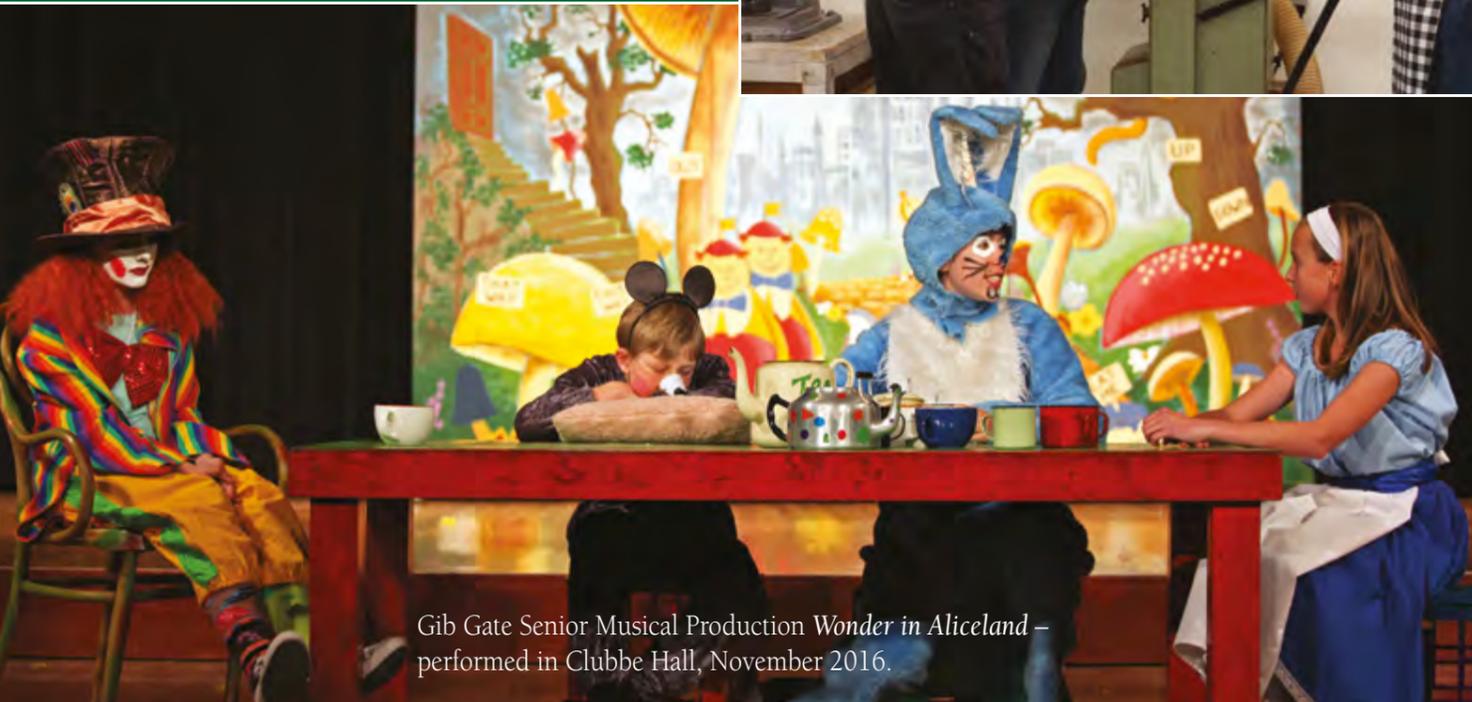


From Phil's submission to Foundation: *The aim of the tour is to gain a first-hand understanding of global trends in the Visual Arts by visiting a number of artistic institutions and precincts in New York.*

A broader understanding of global trends in the visual arts, experienced first-hand, directly benefits both me professionally and in turn the School. Currently, Frensham is clearly positioning itself as a school with a global understanding and outlook, which is evident through aspects such as the Jamieson Programme and links with Cambridge University through the Global Perspectives course. An important part of my role as Head of Visual Arts is to lead the development of dynamic and relevant teaching and learning programmes within Visual Arts.

On return Phil wrote: *The trip was an incredible cultural experience. I really appreciated standing in front of many works currently studied in our programmes. I return inspired and energised, and so keen to make sure that the experience feeds back into the classroom.*

GIB GATE



Gib Gate Senior Musical Production *Wonder in Aliceland* – performed in Clubbe Hall, November 2016.

STURT



Refurbishment Project LOWER WOOD STUDIO

The refurbishment to the Lower Wood Studio was completed at the end of Term 4, 2016, ready for operation during the Sturt Summer School, 2-7 January 2017. The expansion of facilities includes a fully equipped workshop accommodating work benches for 15 students and a tutor, with separate machine room, visually connected by a double-glazed partition.



CLUBBE HALL 50 YEARS ON

Built in 1967 Clubbe Hall was Keith Cottier's first significant project for the practice that is now known as Allen Jack & Cottier. It was awarded the Royal Australian Institute of Architects NSW Blakett Award for a Building of Outstanding Merit and helped established Cottier's reputation as a young architect of great talent.

Stained timberwork, face brickwork and exposed off-form reinforced concrete express Cottier's commitment to the Sydney School of Architecture's belief in the honest expression of materials.

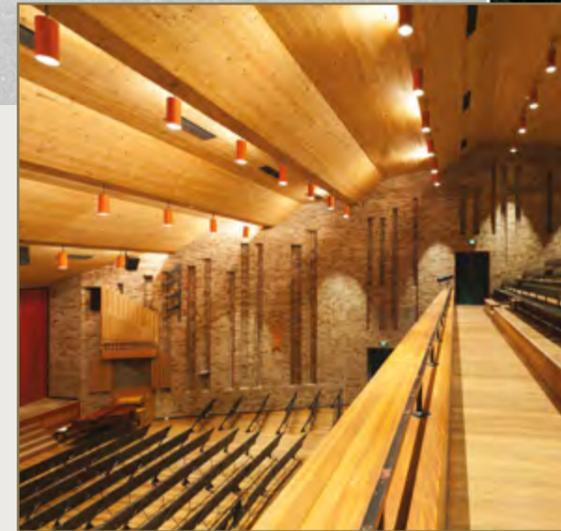
Clubbe Hall was built as a performance space for Winifred West Schools and also as a Southern Highlands venue for local and touring performances.

...as it was when it was completed, (Clubbe Hall) is a very much loved and cared for part of the Frensham campus. (Text from Allen & Jack Cottier website)

Funds generously donated by the Thyne Reid Foundation have allowed us to complete Stage One of the upgrade. To achieve Stage Two – sound, lighting, extension to stage replacement, heating and cooling – we are asking for community support. Current costing of the essential works is \$1.2 million.

Clubbe Hall is an architecturally iconic building of its time and is worthy of being maintained to the highest possible level.

Photographs courtesy of Allen Jack & Cottier



SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER
at FRENSHAM, 9am - 4pm
Shopping, rides & shows,
entertainment, food stalls,
raffle, silent auction
and more...
+61 2 4860 2000
mscamps@frensham.nsw.edu.au
wwsfoundation.com.au

At the recent AGM I was able to report that Foundation's plans for the future include:



- Supporting the vision of the Board of Governors as it undertakes the implementation of the new Master Plan which will guide the development of our Schools over the next twenty years. The plan is ambitious and innovative, and I look forward to working with Foundation to assist in realising the School's goals.
- Implementing the new Investment Policy. The Investment Policy Statement describes two strategies, with different allocations to each subsidiary fund.
 - ≈ A Short Term Pool for funds required for current programme
 - ≈ A Long Term Pool for funds to generate longer term income and capital growth
- The account opening process has begun with phased investment to happen over the balance of this year.
- Implementing the agreed outcomes of the review of Foundation's operations. The review will assist Foundation achieve its goals of raising funds, their stewardship and managing a sustainable source of funds for the future. All aspects of Foundation's operations have been reviewed including Governance, Structure, Policies and Procedures, Fundraising and Resourcing (including Personnel, Databases and Website) and Investment Management.

The future is indeed very exciting!

Rob Dulhunty
Chair, Winifred West Schools Foundation

At this year's AGM I was pleased to acknowledge the foresight of those responsible for the **1996 Master Plan**, and to commend Foundation for its part in enabling the School to realise the goals set – with all 18 projects detailed in the plan, now completed. This was a fitting context in which to introduce to Members the **2035 Master Plan**:



Developed over 18 months, with Tanner Kibble Denton (TKD) Architects, the new *Master Plan* includes commentary and proposal in designated areas including: *Opportunities and Site proposals for new and relocated facilities, Site Access, Built Form and Landscape, Heritage Context, Bushfire and Flooding plans, Zoning, Principles (re Environmentally Sustainable Design and Security). Projects include: Teaching Spaces and Staff Accommodation refurbishment (ongoing) – essential to provision of a best-practice learning environment for student achievement of excellence; Indoor Courts for Sport (to meet changing competition requirements and overall student Fitness/Health/Well-being needs); Music Recital, Teaching and Rehearsal spaces (to meet needs generated by our commitment to student participation in Music Tuition); facilities to support the Equestrian programme (in conjunction with Southern Highlands providers); and – a highly innovative 'Holt Project' to take the Jamieson Programme to the next level. [The Plan also includes the Kennedy House and Dining Room projects – already underway.]*

I look forward to doing all possible to support Foundation's efforts to capture your interest and inspire support!

Julie A Gillick
Head of Frensham & Head of Winifred West Schools



FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Foundation has set an ambitious target of \$5 million for the Scholarship Fund, to provide the greatest gift – a Frensham education – to up to six rural, regional and remote students, annually.

CATTLE HERD PROJECT



At the end of March 2017, the Cattle Herd Project is now worth around \$220,000, growing from just \$30,609 in 2014. This impressive growth is the result of the collaborative efforts of our rural and non-rural communities' support of this Project.

Chair of the Cattle Herd Management Committee, Ant Talbot, recently wrote to WWS current parents and Foundation members:

"2017 has already produced different challenges with some extreme weather events and fluctuating cattle prices, but, for Foundation to benefit, all that is required is that a fattened animal can be sold for more than it cost when it was less fat and I'm sure that this still holds good."

The Cattle Herd is rich with funds to reinvest, so new Host cattle farmers are being sought. As it says in the current brochure *"Foundation pay for the cattle. We just want your grass."*

It is the intent that funds raised through the Cattle Herd be spent funding Foundation's Rural Scholarships. The sooner the long-term target of 300 head is reached the sooner the Project can contribute to Foundation and make that the case.



Raising Capital by Raising Cattle

LINDEN TURNER HOUSE OFFICIAL OPENING

Linden Turner House completed for Term 4, 2016



Official Opening: Sunday 19 March by Chair of Governors, Gabrielle Curtin (Ms Gabrielle Curtin with husband Dr Paul Gibson)

DINING ROOM



Renovations to enlarge the Dining Room at Frensham to commence Term 4, 2017

KENNEDY HOUSE



Renovations to commence Term 3, 2017 – addition of central common spaces, addition of new staff accommodation and refurbishment of existing staff and student facilities.