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Building for the future

Dr Mark Thompson

For many years now Moore College has been feeling the squeeze from buildings that no longer provide the space necessary for learning in community and preparing men and women as thoroughly as possible for a life-time of gospel ministry. Even though for years we have only housed a fraction of the entire library collection in the old building at 1 King Street, there has not been anywhere near enough space for our students and others to study there. We have not had enough teaching spaces and this has put increasing pressure on the College timetable, among other things. Just as importantly, there has not been enough space to meet together in small groups to discuss what we have been learning and to pray together. We are grateful for the buildings we have been able to use over the last forty years and more, but it has been clear for a long time that substantial development is needed if Moore College is to grow as a centre of biblical and theological teaching and research for the diocese and the city and others further afield as well.

Plans for this development have been drawn and redrawn over the past ten years at least. I remember talk

about the need for a new library—let alone all the rest—when I first joined the faculty in 1991. When the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre was completed in 1994 it was clear that this was only stage one of something much bigger. In the ensuing years, we seriously explored whether moving to a different site might be a better option. It became increasingly clear, though, that this would not only bring other, even greater, challenges but it would be far more expensive as well. So we returned to the question of what would be needed to make the best use of the Newtown campus. Gradually, the opportunity to build something that would significantly increase the effectiveness of what we do emerged.

The goal has never been to build a bigger and better building for its own sake. It has always been about facilitating and enhancing the College's ministry of serving the advance of the gospel of Christ in all the world. Our dream is of a place where men and women can enjoy meeting together to help each other grow in their knowledge of God and in their ability to share that

knowledge with others. Our dream is of a well-equipped teaching, study and research centre that brings together people and resources and provides the facilities that will encourage men and women from across the city, around the country and even from overseas to join this Christian fellowship as they prepare to proclaim Christ and serve his people.

Many people, through their generosity, advice and expertise, have helped to make the dream a reality.

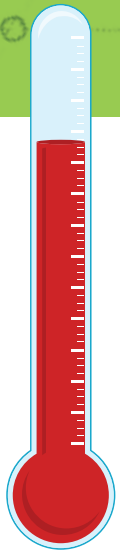
Substantial gifts towards the building were received throughout

the first dozen years of this century, from the Diocese of Sydney and from other generous friends of the College as well. However, the funding campaign began officially on 3

July 2013 with a target of \$20 million. By November 2014 sufficient funds had been raised for the College Governing Board to agree to build, and it accepted the tender of Kane Constructions. As God has provided \$15 million through the generosity of his people so far, we trust he will provide the \$5 million left to

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reach the target.

The building work has commenced. The town houses from 3-7 King Street have been demolished and work has commenced on dismantling the old building on 1 King Street. Before this happened, of course, the library and the administrative offices were relocated.

This was itself a massive undertaking. An astonishing amount of work was done by our own property development team on the old White Horse Hotel. It now houses a very pleasant set of offices which will eventually become seminar and teaching rooms.

We are expecting the building to be complete by the middle of 2016. On the ground and lower ground floors will be a bigger library, housing nearly 120,000 of our 230,000 volumes, but also seating space for close to 300 students (there were only 60 seats in the old library). The ground floor will also be the location of a 450 seat auditorium. The first floor will house



the offices of the College faculty (they are presently scattered all over the campus) as well as a postgraduate study area. The second floor will be the location of Student Services and the other administrative offices. The third, fourth and fifth floors will be available for others to lease, and it is hoped that some diocesan organisations may choose to relocate to Newtown as part of a new 'training precinct'.

This is a tremendously exciting time for the College. The future is being built before our eyes. We are very grateful to God and to all those he has gifted and encouraged to contribute to this project. If you are one of those people, thank you very much. Please join us in praying that this building will in fact do what we have been dreaming it will do—enable us to be more effective in the service of the risen Christ and his gospel.

Mark D Thompson
Principal



From Carcassonne (France) to Moore College

Peter Hynes (First Year)

Rebecca and I were both working full time, Rebecca as a nurse and I as a technical representative for a British engineering firm. We both enjoyed very much our work, which was both rewarding and interesting. We were also helping the local independent Evangelical Baptist church that my dad established and were involved in beach missions in the summers.

With my involvement in church increasing, my dad suggested to me to consider doing a few months at a Bible college to help with sermon preparation and managing a full time job. Over time we felt that a year or more at Bible college would be good. We were starting to feel the need of a break from the intensity of a small church in a small town in France.

Our decision to go to Bible college was made 3 years ago. We quickly decided to go to an English speaking college where we would find also rest in a more stable and strong community. Through The Briefing magazine and several visits to Sydney to visit Rebecca's sister we decided to aim to come to Moore College. It seemed more like a dream at first, but God has provided for this first year so far.

We are feeling spiritually refreshed by the community at Moore College and our local church in Newtown. During this year we are enjoying spending time with Rebecca's sister's family as we haven't spent much time together for the last fifteen years. I also hope to be better equipped to handle and preach God's word and feel more confident to feed God's people. We would like to stay on longer in

Sydney. However, our future is still very much dependant on the sale of our house in France. We are also considering the possibility of going to New Caledonia to serve in the local church there. We really feel that God wants us in a French speaking country.



Praying for the growth of gospel centred ministeries in Africa

Tawanda Masango (First Year)

My name is Tawanda Masango, married to Shupi, and we are both from Zimbabwe. We are so excited for the opportunity we have for me to study at Moore College while Shupi does MTS at UNSW. This comes as an answer to our prayers for a number of years. By God's grace I had the privilege of coming to do one year of ministry training with AFES here in Sydney from 2010 to



2011. During this time I was struck by the solid and faithful teaching of God's word within AFES and in all the Sydney Anglican churches I visited.

Despite having been a Christian for a long time, I heard for the first time the clearest teaching on what the gospel is and how it is central to all of life and ministry. This changed everything for me. I could not help think of my fellow Africans, many of whom are seeking to know God but short of Christian leaders who can handle the word of God with clarity and faithfulness.

It didn't take me long to realize that many of the people whom God used to shape my gospel convictions during my time in Sydney were all Moore College graduates. From that time I started praying for an opportunity to get such solid training in handling God's word. I returned to Zimbabwe in 2011 and after serving with the Fellowship of Christian Unions in Zimbabwe for 3 years God opened an opportunity for us to come and study at Moore College.

Under God, we plan to return to Zimbabwe and continue with student ministry after being equipped here at Moore. Our prayer and vision is to see gospel centred ministries growing in Africa where the church has been growing wide but not so deep.

Being equipped to serve in the UK

Daniel McKinlay (First Year)

My wife, Kirsten, and I made the decision last year to come to Moore College and devote time over four years to prepare for full time ministry back in the UK. I had already studied at Cornhill Scotland part time for five years, getting a good grounding in how to handle the Scriptures, as well as working for a church in Edinburgh for three years. Kirsten had studied history and theology at St. Andrews University and was ready to take up work. Our families then wondered what on earth we were doing returning to study full time.

The options for theological education in Scotland are either within secular institutions, which are often detached from evangelical ministry, or at Cornhill Scotland, which is a great introduction to theology but is unable to provide the depth of a full degree. There is a small seminary in Edinburgh, the former Free Church College, and encouraging work is happening there; however resources there are limited as there are so few evangelicals in Scotland.

It is my hope to complete a full Bachelor of Divinity degree, and Kirsten is doing the one year diploma, thanks to a generous scholarship. The course has been stretching and stimulating so far, with particular focus on the Biblical languages. This confirms our choice to come to Moore, as few institutions are so rigorous when it comes to teaching students Greek and Hebrew. We have particularly appreciated the emphasis on Reformed Theology, and the value the College places on exploring complementarian ministry in the Church. We know that as we draw from the rich theological heritage, and reformed evangelical experience, of both Moore College and the Sydney diocese at large, we will be better equipped to be useful to the Church in the UK.



Being shaped for a unique life and ministry

Hugh Jonas (Fourth Year)



"I'm hoping to become a delicious, fragrant sausage! Maybe chorizo, or one of those chicken sausages with nuts—the special ones that cost more than steak, that won first prize at the Royal Show, you know?"

This is my most appropriate answer to the question as to why I came to Moore.

See, the track I've been on, perhaps even conveyor belt, has richly been described as a "sausage factory". Shaken at university by the need for a personal and living faith now apart from my parents, I was questioned about how I would live my life in light of God's mercy. I worked in IT for a few years, was trained as a ministry apprentice for two, and then headed for Newtown. Classic.

I do admit, on this path of perpetual motion, looking back over one's shoulder (as sausages do) often reveals that an inertia has directed me. But I maintain the track is worn because it is a good one, and God, in his generous grace, has carried me through quality control, even when my convictions have lagged behind.

There are basic shapes and qualities for life as a chief servant; this is why I can prepare and train alongside 100 others at college. But all the while, I hear God speaking to me as an individual, telling of His unique love for me and how it will shape my unique life and ministry.

So my wife Jess and I have decided we're happy to be sausages. We gave birth to our first cocktail frankfurt Daniel in January, praying that one day he might reach full maturity. What a privilege to be shaped and used by God through his word. May we spread the delicious "fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere... an aroma that brings life" (2Cor 2:14-16).

College Mission to Schools

Rev Ed Loane, Lectures in Theology and Church History



The Moore College Chaplaincy team spent a week sharing the good news of Jesus with over 3,000 staff and students at St Luke's Grammar and Shore. From preschool to year 12 we had opportunities to proclaim Jesus in classrooms, chapel, lunch time groups and around the playground.

The classrooms were the 'bread and butter' of our mission where we covered topics such as the return of Jesus, the forces of evil in this world, the fulfilment of the Passover, the reliability of the Bible, knowing God, and the good news about Jesus' death and resurrection. Throughout the week we

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performed skits, sang songs and shared our testimonies.

Rapport was built with the school community by cooking pancakes for students, engaging in handball at lunch and playing other crowd-drawing games such as 'hit that bin' and 'GAC Attack'. The week was also a great encouragement for the Moore team as we partnered with two schools who are Christocentric in their philosophy and vision of school education. Our school mission was a time for many of us to consider our calling into schools ministry. However, this was merely secondary to sharing the gospel, with the hope that students would respond by repentance and faith. By God's grace, we witnessed a lost

sheep enter into God's fold. During our final day on mission, we had a student ask us "what must I do to be saved?" What followed from this question was the student committing his life to Jesus right there before our very eyes—Praise be to God!

God is indeed at work through staff and students at these schools. We thank Shore and St Luke's for the privilege of partnering with them in the gospel, and we hope that this will be the beginning of a flourishing relationship between schools and Moore College.



College Mission to the Solomon Islands

Dr Peter Orr, Lectures in New Testament

On 19th April a team of 11 Moore College students and two chaplains travelled to Honiara in the Solomon Islands as part of the annual College Mission. Although we were crossing cultures, in some ways we were going back in time—perhaps to 1950s Australia when the majority of the population identified as Christians. The latest figures suggest that 90-95% of Solomon Islanders identify as Christians. However, as with 1950s Australia, much of the Christianity in the Solomon Islands is nominal—with high levels of alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

Most of our ministry was church based. We worked mainly with the South Seas Evangelical Church—a

denomination which was founded by returning cane sugar workers in the late 19th-C who had been taught the gospel by Florence Young (great-aunt of former principal Broughton Knox).

In the course of our time we visited around 25 churches, with the team dividing into two or three groups each evening to visit different congregations. We decided not to try and compete with our hosts' musical abilities (spontaneous four-part harmonies have not yet made it onto the Moore College curriculum) and instead concentrated on encouraging them with testimonies, kids' stories and teaching from God's Word. We also had opportunities to organize a women's conference and an expository preaching conference, and to preach the gospel at a high-level prison.

It was a great privilege to be able to proclaim God's Word during our time in the Solomon Islands. We found a real hunger for God's Word amongst the churches. We also found



a real need for theological education. Some pastors had barely any training. As a team we were left with a strong desire to maintain connections with our brothers and sisters and to support them in their desire to bring a deeper knowledge of Christ to the people of the Solomon Islands.

Digges La Touche

Rev Dr Colin Bale
Vice Principal

As we remember the centenary of the ANZAC involvement at Gallipoli in 1915, it is timely to recall one Moore College man, Everard Digges La Touche, who died in the campaign. He was born in Ireland in 1883 into a family that had Protestant Huguenot origins. Digges La Touche was a very able scholar, undertaking both undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Trinity College Dublin. He was awarded a D Litt in 1910. In 1907 he was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England, serving a curacy at a parish in Durham, England. After his priesting in 1908, Digges La Touche went back to Ireland for a short time, before returning to England in 1910 to work in a church at Bradford. At this time he married Eva King and subsequently the couple had two sons.

After completing his D Litt, Digges La Touche joined the faculty of Trinity College Dublin. His lectures from this time were later published as *The Person of Christ in Modern Thought*. In 1911 he came to Australia for health reasons. He left his wife and sons behind in Ireland and was never to see them again. For a short period, he worked in the Diocese of Armidale. In 1912 he moved to Sydney and was appointed

as a lecturer in theology at Moore Theological College. He was also the Sydney Diocesan Missioner from 1912 to 1914. The two roles indicate the brilliant scope of his abilities. Contemporaries spoke of his dynamic preaching and attractive personality. He was a convinced evangelical who was not afraid to publicly dispute with anyone who espoused ideas he thought were not supported by Scripture. In 1914 he resigned from Moore College after a disagreement with the Principal, David Davies, who Digges La Touche believed was too open to liberal theology.

At the outbreak of the First World War he offered himself as a Church of England chaplain with the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force (later the Australian Imperial Force) but no positions were available. In spite of the wishes of the Archbishop of Sydney, Digges La Touche enlisted as a soldier with the rank of private, but was discharged for medical reasons. He underwent treatment and re-enlisted in December

1914. In *Sydney Anglicans*, Stephen Judd and Ken Cable remarked on his enthusiasm for the British cause, noting that he saw the enlistment of men such as himself 'as an example to the manhood of the nation to do the same'. He was convinced that the British Empire had to fight the war to protect itself from the evils of German militarism and so safeguard civilization. Later, one of the men he fought with said that Digges La Touche 'convinced us of the righteousness of our cause and likened this present

struggle for liberty to a Holy Crusade, so when we finally sang *Onward Christian Soldiers*, we meant it'.

The army soon recognized Digges La Touche's leadership qualities. He rose to the rank of sergeant while in training and then attended the Officers' School of Instruction from December 1914 until March 1915. He was gazetted as a Second Lieutenant with the 2nd Battalion AIF in May 1915, embarking the same month for Egypt. In August 1915, when an officer was needed to take reinforcements from Egypt to Gallipoli,

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Moore College to offer its own PhD



Digges La Touche volunteered for the job. On the morning of the 6th August 1915, he landed his men at Anzac Cove when the attack on Lone Pine was imminent. He could then have chosen to go back to Alexandria, but Charles Bean, the official Australian war historian, says that Digges La Touche begged leave to join the attack. At 5.30 am, he went over the top with the first wave, only to be mortally wounded almost instantly. He managed to make his way back to the Australian lines, where he died twelve hours later.

The Anglican Dean of Sydney, Rev A. E. Talbot, was at Gallipoli as a chaplain and he conducted the funeral of Digges La Touche, who was buried in Lone Pine Cemetery. After the war the family of Digges La Touche chose the following inscription for his headstone:

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

QUIS SEPARABIT

(Transl. Who shall separate [us])

It is the Latin translation of the beginning of Romans 8:35—*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?* What better epitaph could there be for someone who knew this truth and who taught it to others?

Moore College is to be the first Anglican College in Australia and one of very few non-university institutions in the country to award its own PhD. The College has been supervising PhDs for many years in conjunction with the University of Sydney and the University of Western Sydney. Now a Moore College PhD will be available.

On 13 April Professor Nicholas Saunders AO, Chief Commissioner of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), informed the College of the decision to grant self-accrediting authority for AQF Level 10 Doctoral Degrees in the field of Philosophy and Religious Studies. This means that Moore College now has the same range of awards as any public or private university—from diploma through to PhD.

When making the announcement, our Vice Principal and Academic Dean Dr Colin Bale commented, "I want to thank our Registrar, Rhonda Barry, for the excellent and thorough preparation of the application. The Chief Commissioner noted the high level of co-operation that the Commission had received from the College during the application process. This decision stands the

College in very good stead as we prepare for re-registration in 2016."

Rhonda Barry was thrilled at the news. "It is a recognition of the quality of the work done at the College over many years that this authority has been granted to us. We are looking forward to enrolling the first Moore College PhD students."

As the College launches this new program, it will offer a one-off Moore College Postgraduate Award which will cover all fees and provide a small living allowance each year for three years. Details and application forms for the PhD program and for this Award will be available shortly on the College website.

Our Principal, Dr Mark Thompson, is enthusiastic about this new development. "This will enable us to extend our service of the churches both at home and around the world by providing the best theological preparation possible for their future leaders", he said.

Text taken from the Moore College website <http://www.moore.edu.au/news/29-04-2015/moore-college-to-offer-its-own-phd>

Lionel Windsor

Lectures in New Testament, Greek and Hebrew



Who's in your family?

I'm married to Leonie Bronwyn and we have three kids: Adelaide

(13), Harry (11) and Ellie (8). We are also providing food and board for two mini lop rabbits called Basil and Pippin, and a kissing gourami fish called Miss Pink.

What story does your family like to tell about you?

The kids call it "The Gas Story". It is the story of the epic struggle I had to get the gas put on so we could have heating in our 160-year-old university townhouse in Durham in the North of England for 3 years of PhD study. Episodes include: "Do you really think we're going to need heating? We have thermals." (September 2009), and "The company can't install it now because it's been snowing non-stop for a month" (January 2010), and "What do you mean your company regulations won't allow you to drill a hole in our wall to put a gas pipe

through, that's your job, isn't it?" (February 2010) and "Let's never turn this new heating system off, ever!" (April 2010). We loved our time in England—really!

What can you tell us that not many people know about you?

I was injured in a terrible bungee jumping incident. Well, sort of. As a child, I had hip problems ("Perthes disease" for the medicos). As a result, I spent a lot of my childhood on crutches and not doing impact sport. My surgeon was brilliant though, and successfully fixed my hip. He even took my X-rays on tour. So at the age of 21, I didn't think twice when I had the opportunity to go bungee jumping on the Gold Coast, off a 15-storey crane with a giant elastic band around my ankles. It turns out this wasn't such a good idea. I'd damaged something or other in my hip and now I provide regular employment for physiotherapists.

How and when did you become a Christian?

I grew up in the far North-West of Sydney, in a family that didn't believe in God. But I heard the Bible taught

each week by SRE ("Scripture") teachers in primary school. My Year 6 SRE teacher, Mrs Round, focussed her lessons especially on Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; and I understood clearly for the first time that my sins could be completely forgiven through Jesus' death on the cross and that I could have that firm hope of everlasting life by trusting in him. I would say that is the point I became a Christian. It turns out that in the same year my sister had also come to know Jesus—through the same Scripture teacher, Mrs Round! And when I went to high school Mrs Round was teaching Scripture there too. She invited me along to a lunchtime Bible group and gave me a book to take home about what it means to believe in and live for Jesus. My Mum picked up the book and was interested in what it had to say (it was by Cliff Richard, and she was a great fan!). Mum became a Christian through this book—and Mrs Round came to visit her and encourage her. We started going to the local Anglican church. My Dad was resistant at first, but about a year later, through a series of events which showed him that he wasn't really in control of his own life, Dad became a Christian too. It was a joy to grow up together in Christ.

What is your role at Moore College and what would you like to accomplish here?

In terms of my teaching role, I am a lecturer in the New Testament department. This year I am teaching

subjects in New Testament Greek, Mark's Gospel, and biblical Hebrew. Yes, I know that Hebrew is the original language of the Old Testament, not the New Testament! But I enjoy teaching both biblical languages and actually it makes a lot of sense. My research interests centre on the Old Testament / Jewish context of the New Testament writings, and on the biblical theological underpinnings of Christian ministry. My PhD was about the way in which Paul's apostolic ministry was shaped by his identity as an Israelite,¹ more recently I have written on the use of Genesis 17 in Galatians 3,² and I'm currently writing on the Jewish context of Ephesians / Colossians.

What would you like to accomplish?

I long for the students to be gripped and transformed by God's word, so that they are equipped to speak God's word faithfully and appropriately into the various life situations of those under their care. I want them to be rapt in the depth, the richness, the insight, the surprise, the delight, the power, of God's word; to be equipped to preach God's word, in the power

¹ Published as *Paul and the Vocation of Israel: How Paul's Jewish Identity Informs his Apostolic Ministry, with Special Reference to Romans*. BZNW 205. Berlin / Boston: Walter de Gruyter, 2014.

² "The 'Seed', the 'Many' and the 'One' Galatians 3:16: Paul's Reading of Genesis 17 and its Significance for Gentiles" in *"All That the Prophets Have Declared": The Appropriation of Scripture in the Emergence of Christianity*. Edited by Matthew R. Malcolm. Authentic Media (Paternoster), 2015.

of God's Spirit, into the hearts and lives of their hearers. Deep engagement with the biblical texts in their original languages is a key way to do this, so it's a great privilege to have the opportunity to teach these things.

Like all faculty at college, I also have a pastoral role, with a mission / chaplaincy group of 23 students. This involves individual pastoral care, a weekly chaplaincy group gathering, and larger group chapel services 3 times a week. I also have administrative responsibilities: I am the faculty coordinator for Moore College missions. I also assist the faculty in working out how we can share Moore College's riches with the wider community and inspire future students to consider training for Christian ministry at Moore.

Did parish ministry prepare you for your work at Moore College?

Of course! Parish ministry gave me the context and the purpose for the work I do at Moore College. Moore College's vision is "to see faithful, thoughtful and biblical ministry



which honours the Lord Jesus Christ in all the world". This focus on deep theological and biblical engagement as a preparation for Christian ministry is one of Moore's great strengths. My 3½ years on the staff team at St Michael's Wollongong and 2 years on the team at St Augustine's Neutral Bay (as well as my MTS training at UNSW) have taught me much. These experiences have helped me to learn more about God and how he works in the lives of individuals; to see the joys and sufferings that come from sharing life and God's word with people; to understand the challenges and pressures faced by those in vocational ministry; and to cement in me the conviction that Christian ministry trainees need a solid and intimate grasp of the Bible to enable them to hold on to it and to teach and share it in many different situations.

Have you ever considered a career other than ministry and if so, how did you make the choice?

I studied Electrical Engineering at the University of New South Wales. When I graduated, I started working for a solar energy company as a research engineer, and loved every minute of it. We were making a real difference in the world, we got to do lots of fun engineering and sciency things—and as part of the bargain they even paid us! But I had been challenged by a number of people, including Phillip Jensen, who at the time was leading Campus Bible Study at UNSW, to consider what would be the best use of my time and resources. What the world needs most of all is not solar cells—valuable as they are. What the world needs most of all is to hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be saved from God's coming judgment, and to become his children. I remember being struck by a point that Francis Shaeffer made about the causes of environmental degradation; he put it down to greed and haste. I realised that the people in the green company I worked for were just as greedy and hasty as anyone else—we wanted the rewards that came from rolling out solar cells to the world, and we wanted them quickly! Greed and haste are ultimately only overcome by finding salvation in Jesus Christ. I realised that the particular gifts God had given me could be put to

use sharing the gospel with others. After two years working full-time in solar energy research, I decided to take up a ministry apprenticeship (MTS). Interestingly, I think I had the most fruitful conversations about Jesus in the few months after I announced that I was leaving the company. People really wanted to know what it was about Jesus that made me take such a “radical” step!

How can we pray for you and your family?

Life as a faculty member is a great privilege and we love living in Newtown. However, this role (like most vocational ministry roles) is all-encompassing and can put significant demands on family life. There are always more opportunities than can possibly be taken up—and they're all good! Please pray that I will be generous yet disciplined in my use of time and energy, that Bronwyn and I will be able to work at loving one another in marriage and that the children will grow up knowing Christian ministry both as a joy and as a worthwhile sacrifice for the sake of Jesus Christ.



Open Night

Monday 31 August,
7:15pm – 9:00pm

Open Week

Monday 31 August –
Friday 4 September

Open Day

Saturday 26 September

Open Events 2015

These are for you to find out more about studying at Moore, giving opportunities for people considering theological study to visit the campus and experience College life.

For more info or to arrange your visit, please call (02) 9577 9928



Effective Ministry Forum

Archie Poulos

Head of Department of Ministry, Director of
Centre for Ministry Development

So many Christians and pastors rightly bemoan the loss of children and youth from our churches as they transition through life stages, and many also know the research that clearly shows retaining and engaging children and youth is one of the greatest opportunities for Kingdom growth.

What do we do? So often we are left to our own devices, the most recent book, or the one size fits all answer—with varying effectiveness.

The problem is so large and urgent that on March 25 Moore College's Centre for Ministry Development (CMD), Anglican Youthworks, and Effective Ministry joined together with over 100 pastors and youth and children's leaders at Moore College to conduct an Effective Ministry Forum, exploring how to best integrate children and youth into the whole of church life.

College's CMD was involved because developing this integration requires development in the planning and thinking of clergy. Youthworks was involved as they train practitioners, and Effective Ministry has conducted extensive research and analysis of that research.

Archie Poulos helped the forum

explore the place of generation-to-generation ministry; Bill Salier synthesized what the Bible says about children and youth; Tim Sims from Effective Ministry showcased the evidence of where we are at and suggested ways forward; John Thorpe and Emma Collett of Youthworks reflected on practice; and Peter Mayrick of Effective Ministry and CMD showed how to build best practice in developing ministry. Participants were treated to great wisdom from practitioners such as Dave Lanham, Sandy Galea and Hayden Smith.

The partnerships forged were invaluable; partnerships between the three organisations, partnerships between children's and youth workers and clergy, and partnerships across congregations. The Forum was just the beginning. Now the real work, in which Moore College is actively involved, of integrating these ministries will begin.



(Videos of the presentations are available on the Effective Ministry Website, effectiveministry.org/youth-ministry/ and will soon be on Moore College's CMD website)

2015 Graduation



Welcome to our Winter 2015 edition of *Moore Matters*



In this issue, Moore College Principal, Dr Mark Thompson, writes of the need for additional space at our Newtown campus. For over 160 years, men and women have believed the work of Moore College to be significant and strategic for the growth of the gospel around the world. We have been greatly blessed by the generosity and vision of our benefactor, Thomas Moore, and by generations of men and women who have responded to our needs. Their support has provided property and resources to develop Moore College into the community-based College it is today—a College we believe enriches training for Christian ministry.

Now that our College has grown from its humble beginnings of only 3 male students to approximately 390

undergraduate students and 190 postgraduates, our inadequate and cramped working, learning and research environment has become an enormous challenge. It is with thanks to God that our plans for redevelopment of our site at 1 King Street have now translated into action. Plans have been completed and approved, demolition has begun, and a serious capital campaign to raise the necessary funds to complete this project has been underway for a little over a year.

As he has before, God has again raised up generous people who have contributed in a wonderful way to this capital campaign. To date, over \$15 million has been raised, with a further \$5 million still to be raised for us to meet our target.

This current generation of Christian men and women who value the work of Moore College has supported and encouraged us in substantial ways. If you have partnered with us in this

important undertaking—thank you so very much.

For those of our friends who are not yet convinced of the value of this redevelopment, or who wish to enquire further, please don't hesitate to contact me on 02 9577 9798 and I will be happy to talk with you or refer you to another of the Moore College team.

If, however, you feel you are able to make a tax deductible financial contribution to this new and important building, please would you do so as soon as you are able using the tear off slip attached to Moore Matters, by calling me or by donating online (<https://www.moore.edu.au/secure-online-financial-giving>).

Please consider your partnership in this venture as an important investment in the training of global gospel workers for many generations to come.

Thank you so much for your support.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2015

**Advancing Your Preaching Workshop –
The Parables in Context**
Thurs Jun 11

The Battle of Waterloo and Moore College
Peter Bolt
Thurs 18 June

Moore College Sunday
Sun 2 Aug

Annual Moore College Lectures:
Dr KJ Vanhoozer
Fri 7, Mon 10 – Fri 14 Aug

Priscilla & Aquila Evening Seminar:
Men and Women in Ministry
Willie Philip
Thurs 20 Aug 7-9pm

Open Night
Mon 31 Aug 7:15-9pm

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Mon 31 Aug – Fri 4 Sep

School of Theology
Thurs 10 Sep 9:30am-5pm

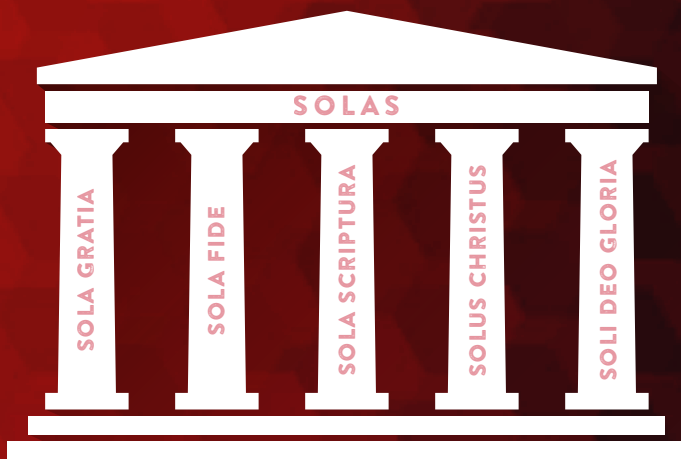
Open Day
Sat 26 Sep 9:30am-1:30pm

Priscilla & Aquila Evening Seminar:
Mary – the Second Eve?
Peter Jensen
Wed 21 Oct 7-9pm

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**Mere Protestant Christianity:
How Singing *sola* Renews Biblical
Interpretation (and Theology)**



Speaker: Dr Kevin J Vanhoozer

Friday 7 August
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