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The College and Community

Colin Bale / Acting Principal



In this edition of *Moore Matters* we are looking at the theme of community. Three features of the Moore College community, among others, are worth commenting upon. Firstly, we value community as the best place in which to shape men and women for gospel ministry. While the College courses are based around formal learning, the context of the community is where that learning is first applied. It is about community members, as they sit under God's word, growing in Christ-likeness, enjoying deepening fellowship with other community members and, most importantly, showing our love for Christ in the way that we relate to others in the community and love them as Christ commanded. That is why we value 'learning in community' as the best way to

shape men and women for lifelong gospel ministry.

The second feature of community at Moore is that it does not end when students finish College. For most students the time at Moore is significant not only for their further preparation for gospel ministry, but for the gospel-hearted friendships that develop. We often hear of past cohorts of students who still meet on a regular basis with their College peers to catch up and share about life in ministry. In February the College was able to host reunions of two previous cohorts – the 60th anniversary (1959) and the 55th anniversary (1964) groups. It was a great delight to hear from the members of both cohorts about their time at Moore, and how they have kept in touch over the years since leaving.



While the College community obviously changes for students when they graduate because of issues of proximity and opportunities of access, it is very pleasing to hear how many former students retain a community focus as they maintain College forged relationships over the years.

The third feature is that we are a community that trains people to send them out into all the world. We seek to honour that biblical mandate. At the College graduation in March this year, it was very apparent in the list of Bachelor of Divinity graduates and the ministries in which they are involved after leaving College. Slightly more than half of our graduates had taken up ministry positions outside of Sydney, or are undertaking training with mission agencies to do so:

- » **Greater Sydney** – 48% (more than half of those in the Georges River and Parramatta regions)
- » **Regional NSW** – 13% (New England, Newcastle, North Coast)
- » **Interstate** – 17% (Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia)
- » **Overseas** – 22% (some of the locations - Zimbabwe, England, Spain, Uruguay, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore)

The three features of community displayed at Moore also indicate some of the different perspectives of community: shaping, fellowshiping, sending. As I think of the College community in these terms, I am reminded, however, that there is an even greater purpose for our community than shaping men and women for ministry, as important as that is. We seek



above all things and through all that we do to bring honour and glory to the Lord:

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 4:8-11)



Formed, Equipped and Sent by God

Trevor Cairney / Head of Foundation

In March this year we celebrated with our 107 graduates from 2018. One of the reasons it is always such a great celebration, is that virtually all of them just months after college are serving God somewhere around the world. In this article, I profile three people who exemplify the diversity of our students, and the ways in which our God uses them. They arrive with varied expectations, plans and backgrounds and then God shapes them and sends them. Two quite different students and one graduate, from varied backgrounds, with one common goal: a deep desire to serve their God wherever he sends them.



1. Pedro Oliveira Woolmer

Pedro grew up in the northern suburbs of Wollongong and studied at the Conservatorium of Music (University of Sydney). He is from a non-Christian home and saw himself as an atheist at university. But he became curious about the Bible and read it from cover to cover. He found it was speaking the truth about life in this world, and came to faith in Jesus after university.

After a few years of piano teaching, he did a ministry apprenticeship for two years mostly at the Conservatorium of Music. In his words, "The traineeship grew me a lot as a Christian and gave me the encouragement to go to Moore to be better trained for ministry."

He is married to Joy and they have a four-year-old son, Mark. Joy also studied at Moore, doing the diploma of Bible and missions part-time while Pedro was doing the Bachelor of Divinity. They found it an encouragement being able to chat about their subjects together at home.

Pedro shared that the training at Moore "stretched him". "I couldn't have imagined how rich God's word really is before coming to College. It was wonderful

being able to see the Bible in high-resolution through knowledge of the original languages and seeing how wonderfully interconnected the doctrines of our faith are. Theology should lead to praise and I certainly felt that, even as I prepared essays and presentations."

"As we prepare for missionary service overseas, I am thankful for the rigorous training I received. The issues and questions that are arising around the world are complex and varied and require careful theological reflection. It was also great living and learning in community, being able to pray for one another and help to carry each other's burdens."

Pedro and Joy are currently doing cross-cultural training at St Andrew's Hall in Melbourne, as missionaries in training with the Church Missionary Society. God willing, they will be joining the staff team of an evangelical university student group in Uruguay.

2. Sam Darmo

Sam came to Australia as an Assyrian refugee from Iraq. He was born into the Church of the East tradition, and finished high school in Baghdad. He studied a Bachelor of Technology (Electrical, Electronics) at UWS Nepean (now Western Sydney University), graduating in 2003. During Study and after graduation, he worked with global software companies for 17 years primarily as a Sales Engineer at companies like IBM. Along the way, he completed half of a graduate Diploma in Divinity at SMBC. It was after his graduation from UWS that he came to faith, or in his words, 'faith' came to him:

"I didn't make a commitment to Christ, rather he



came to my rescue in a hotel room in Manila (Philippines) in August of 2005 at the lowest point of my life. He rescued my life and opened my eyes to the Bible to see how he loved before I even was. How can I not love a God like that?"

He has been married to his "godly wife Tania" since 2000 and they've been blessed with three children, Grace, Marcus and Matthew. They live at Hoxton Park and attend Hoxton Park Anglican Church.

"Financially, God our Heavenly Father, has been providing for my fulltime study and the needs of our family through many generous people and God's miraculous provision in varied ways. We've made some decisions including selling our properties, paying off our debts, cancelling our credit cards and not buying anything with debt money. This is how we now live as people who have put on the shoes of readiness to serve God wherever He sends us."

"There have been many highlights at College, but the fellowship with the students and faculty at Moore has been wonderful, which I expect will continue into eternity. I have also learned a lot in languages, philosophy, ethics, and history. My time here has refined and confirmed the theology that leads me daily to doxology."

"In parallel to College, I have been blessed with solid teaching at Hoxton Park Anglican under Rev. David Clarke since 2011, and this year at St. Thomas' Anglican with the ministry team under Simon Manchester. I have had numerous opportunities for ministry involvement at Church, Moore College and elsewhere."

"We are seeking God's will for life after college, but ultimately, we wait for our God to show us where He wants us to go after finishing our time at college this year. We desire to use the abilities He has given us like using the 3 languages, 2 native languages (Assyrian, Arabic) and our close to native level English."

3. Peter Carroll

Peter grew up in Kingsgrove in the 1940s and attended Kingsgrove Primary School before going to Canterbury Boys' High in the 1950s. He was also a keen scout member and leader of the Kingsgrove Troop.

In the Parish of St Thomas' Kingsgrove, he attended Sunday School, was confirmed and joined the youth group. He later taught Sunday School and was a Leader in the CEBS Group. His Christian Commitment was made at St Thomas following a challenging question by a fellow member of the youth group. Between School and Moore College he worked in finance, including banking and accounting.

While at Kingsgrove the Rector encouraged the Youth Group to attend events associated with CMS and with Moore College. The Catechist facilitated the youth group attending the Moore College Convention, which was held in a marquee on campus. This was where Peter first heard Alan Cole preach. At the time, Alan was a missionary in Malaysia.



With the encouragement of others, he decided to go to Moore College (1961-65). While at College he was also a catechist in the Parishes of Panania/East Hills/Moorebank; Padstow/Revesby; and also St John's Darlinghurst. He recalls his highlights at Moore included Old Testament Lectures by Dr Alan Cole, which were challenging and inspiring. He was supported while at College by a Catechist stipend, a Diocesan Scholarship, vacation employment and previous savings.

At High School he did poorly in French and Latin and didn't study them beyond 3rd form (Year 9). However, at College he did well at Greek and Hebrew, which led him in the direction of Linguistics and Bible Translation rather than Ordination. While single at Moore, he was engaged in his final years and married Thelma when he left College. Together they have been blessed with 4 children and 13 grandchildren.

After College, he worked with CMS as a Linguist and Bible Translator, then as a Linguistic and Cultural adviser to the Commonwealth and NT Governments, and finally as a Translation Consultant with the Bible Society. In the Northern Territory, he was an adviser to the Commonwealth Government on the social impact of uranium mining on Aboriginal people, and to both Governments in relation to Aboriginal Land Rights, and other issues.

In 1967 he was sent by CMS to the NT as the first missionary to work specifically as a Linguist and Bible Translator. As a consultant with the Bible Society he was a member of the team that produced the Kriol Bible, which when published in 2007 was the first complete Bible in any Australian Indigenous language.

Would you like to support our students?

Please pray for our students as God prepares them for gospel ministry around the world. Pray that He will sustain them in their commitment to studying his word and to be dependent on Him, rather than on their abilities and varied gifts. Pray also for our faculty as they teach God's word; as they oversee community life; and as they challenge our students to deeply trust and depend on their God. Praise to Him who has our lives in his hands: shaping us, equipping us and sending us into the world to share Jesus our savior with the lost.



"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Michael Sadler / Alumni Officer



ON MONDAY 11 MARCH, WE HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE OF WITNESSING THE GRADUATION OF THE 107 MEN AND WOMEN WHO MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR COURSES AT MOORE COLLEGE, AND WHO ARE NOW SERVING GOD IN VARIED CONTEXTS ACROSS THE WORLD.

By graduation, most have already begun roles in this next phase of their lives, although we were delighted that many were able to return for the celebration. Some are serving nationally and globally. It was exciting to hear of the locations where God has sent them. Locally, this group has been sent out all across Sydney. Nationally, they are now in Newcastle, Central Coast NSW, Wollongong, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Wagga-Wagga, Brisbane, Broome, Adelaide, Tamworth, Melbourne, Perth and Tasmania. Internationally, they are now ministering in Finland, France, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, Uruguay, Indonesia, Southeast Asia, England, Zimbabwe, Chile and the USA.

God is already using this group of graduates to spread the good news of Jesus' death, resurrection and promised return across the World.

We sang praises to our God and prayed for our graduates. Archbishop Glenn Davies enthusiastically handed testamurs to graduates and Simon Manchester spoke powerfully

from 2 Corinthians 3:7-12 (vimeo.com/325125614). Simon challenged the graduates to keep doing the ministry of the gospel, even when it's increasingly unpopular and people around them might not understand why it's their priority. Nothing is more important than "the Gospel work they do".

A major highlight of the evening was the awarding of two PhDs, one in partnership with Sydney University and the second the very first Moore College PhD. The latter was awarded to Andrew Spalding, and the title of his PhD is "Reading Ecclesiastes as Parental Discourse" (available to read in the Donald Robinson library).

The awarding of the first Moore College PhD was a significant moment for the College. As we seek to become a university of specialisation, this will strengthen our application. It also shows the strength of our Faculty that we are able to supervise and award a PhD in its entirety. With a growing number of candidates yet to submit, we anticipate the awarding of more Moore College PhDs in the near future.

We wish this graduating group all the very best as they enter a new phase of life, and we pray for God to continue to use them in building his kingdom for his glory.



A Great Depth of Fellowship

Michael Sadler / Alumni Officer

In early February, we had the great privilege of welcoming back the ordination class of 1959 and the graduation class of 1964 for their 60th and 55th reunion celebrations. The groups were greeted and welcomed by Acting Principal Colin Bale; before taking tours of the College; joining with current students for lunch in the dining hall; and taking afternoon tea; all while reflecting together on their times at College and the lives and ministries they've led afterwards.

It was a joy to listen to their stories of Moore College in the 1950s and 60s. There were many rich reflections on their time at College. They spoke fondly of the nightly residents' prayer gatherings at But-Har-Gra, weekly senior students' meetings with Broughton Knox in his first years as Principal, and being taught by a small group of godly faculty members.

Demographically, College was a different place back then, with only male students. The vast majority were from Sydney, although there were exceptions with students from India, Japan and Tanzania even then. The men were pleased to see and hear that College has not changed theologically since their time though. Although they marvelled at the new buildings and the use of modern technology, they probed and questioned to make sure College is still uncompromising in teaching the Bible according to Paul's instruction in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

It was encouraging to hear about their lives and ministries over the

following decades. Many remained in Sydney to become Assistant Ministers, Rectors and later even Bishops, whilst others served nationally and internationally in Tasmania, South Australia, Northern Territory, Southeast Asia, and beyond.

All are now retired, but still serve Jesus in new contexts. The 1959 group shared how they're involved in ministry through: writing books, prison ministry, parish ministry, leading Bible study groups, leading prayer groups, running seniors' groups, leading services, preaching, chaplaincy and evangelism at local clubs. Hearing of their combined ongoing active ministry was very encouraging.

They joked about arranging the next reunion celebrations in 5 to 10 years time. Although they conceded that this might well be before the throne of God. The depth of fellowship, concern for one another

and confidence in their salvation because of Jesus was inspiring.

If you and fellow students from your year group would like to meet together, College is keen to host reunion events for year groups at five-year intervals. We can arrange morning/afternoon tea, lunch in the dining hall, tours of College, room use for story sharing, and more. We're also always collecting stories of how God has been using Moore College graduates to build his kingdom. We frequently publish these stories on our platforms, so we'd be delighted to hear from you. Let us know if you'd like to share the story of your time at College and your life and ministry afterwards. *Please contact the alumni officer on alumni@moore.edu.au.*





Community and Learning: Necessary Partners?

Andrew Leslie / Lecturer in Christian Doctrine

IN THE SPACE OF JUST FOUR WEEKS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1938, THE FAMOUS GERMAN PASTOR AND THEOLOGIAN, DIETRICH BONHOEFFER WROTE A BRIEF, YET RICHLY DETAILED EXPOSITION OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, *LIFE TOGETHER*. FOR ALL ITS PRACTICAL WISDOM, WHAT REALLY DISTINGUISHES THE BOOK ARE THE DEEP BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS THAT UNDERPIN BONHOEFFER'S ACCOUNT.

What Bonhoeffer realised is that Christian community is above all a divine gift central to the Gospel itself. It is not a thing of our own creation but a miracle of saving grace that rises out of the wasteland of human sin, with all its enmity, fragmentation, and ultimately, isolation. To be saved by the death of Jesus is to be gathered. It is to be divinely reassembled as a human family after the scattering and exile of our fall into sin. It is to be drawn into no less than the holy and undivided fellowship of the Triune God (ponder, for instance, just what is entailed in Jesus's remarkable prayer in John 17:20-26!) And the climax of that gathering fills out the very content of Christian hope. For on a day and hour that no one knows, but a real day nonetheless, the Son of Man will send his angels to call his people together from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other (Matt 24:31).

Bonhoeffer recognised that the present opportunity for Christian community is the precious, God-given context in which we can embody the life-changing call of the Gospel and express our hope for what is to come. It is only a foretaste, of course, and naturally enough it is tinged with longing and disappointment. There is grief as brothers and sisters move away,

grow old and depart this life. There is the frustration of sin's lingering presence which so often reminds us of just how far our present experience falls short of our hope.

Even so, Christian community is an unspeakable gift. It provides for our instruction in the truth of God's word. It also offer opportunity for mutual encouragement, admonishment, hospitality and support. It is also a school for learning forbearance! All this is for our sanctification. As someone else has put it, Christian community provides a kind of "fall-out shelter" amidst a hostile and evil world which is determined to put all these things to an end.

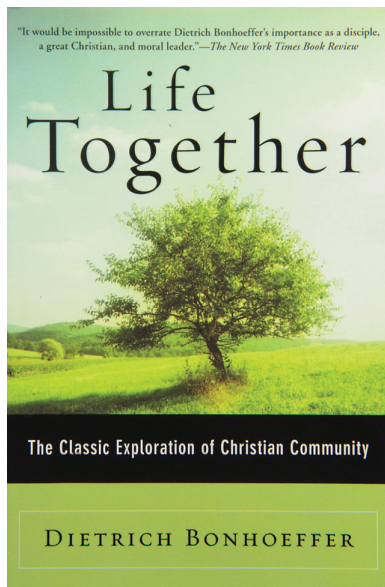
It is well known that Bonhoeffer's own experience of Christian fellowship was marked by the imminent evil and enforced separation of the Nazi regime. What is less well known is that his *Life Together* is actually a statement setting out a vision for the theological education of Pastors.

Until the Gestapo made it nigh impossible, Bonhoeffer devoted himself to expressing the ideals of Christian fellowship in a residential community of trainee Pastors. He was convinced that an authentic experience of Christian community is the best setting to form Pastors for ministry. Life in Bonhoeffer's seminary in late 1930s Germany was



more challenging and nomadic than what is typical in most residential seminaries today. But to his mind, the opportunity to count these costs served the end of forming disciples who might willingly take up their cross for the sake of flocks they would one day seek to pastor. Indeed, it is to take a leaf from the model of our Saviour himself, who engaged in intimate fellowship with the disciples as he shaped them for a mission to reach a lost world.

Since 1856 – well before Bonhoeffer penned his *Life Together* – these same ideals have been reflected in Moore College's commitment to residential theological education. Today it remains as costly and is increasingly unique. But if we seek to instill conviction and character, nothing quite substitutes for full-time learning in the context of real-time relationships. Intellectual content will touch convictions and character if it is "liveable"; and if it can withstand the scrutiny of functional



human community where its liveability can be tested, challenged, and refined.

At the heart of Christian ministry are lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is precious “content” here to be sure. But it is the kind of content that needs so much more than a book,

computer screen, webinar, or even classroom can deliver before it really touches our lives. God intends that the beautiful liveability of Gospel truth will be expressed chiefly in the context of Christian community. Gospel truths of Christ-likeness, of witness, courage, grace, compassion, and sacrifice, are just a matter of idle talk until they take shape in the concrete messiness of human relationships.

In a complex modern world where resources are scarce, there must be space for a variety of modes of learning. But there is a profoundly Gospel-centred reason for Moore College’s increasingly unique – and enviable – commitment to embody the ideals of Christian community at the heart of its programme of theological education.

The online learning environment can certainly bring some benefits. But its convenience comes at the cost of relative isolation, making it much harder to embody the ideals of

love and sacrifice that mark the very content it studies. Perhaps a person’s involvement in local church can make up some of what is lost. Yet even that is no substitute for studying God’s word in a community that daily seeks to mirror its content in the lived context of corporate worship, prayer, song, table fellowship, sacrificial love, accountability, and mission.

For staff, students, and faculty alike, it is such a rich privilege to belong to this kind of community, as together we (imperfectly!) muddle our way forward as disciples of Christ shaped by the transforming reality of God’s word. The quality of relationships that are formed here not only bear testament to that reality, they set the course for future Gospel ministry, and provide our graduates precious refreshment and support in this task for years to come. Anything of any value always comes at a cost. But for this, it is surely worth the cost.

MOORE COLLEGE'S MISSION TO THE WORLD

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.
(2 Tim 2:1-2)



Moore College prepares men and women to carry the gospel of salvation to the ends of the Earth. Will you partner with us in this great mission?

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Mission Leads to Community

Simon Gillham / Head of Department of Mission



Each year, all of the students, faculty and chaplains of the College leave the campus behind for 8 days of intentional mission experience. The annual College mission trips prioritise the preaching of the gospel as an integral part of our formation and preparation for ministry. Good theology and good ministry practice never exist independently of one another, so it is our expectation that anyone serious about theological study will remain actively involved in mission and ministry. The College's mission week, however, provides an opportunity for us to do this together, as an expression of our gospel fellowship with one another, and in partnership with the broader Christian community.

It was my profound joy this year to lead a mission team to partner with Johannesburg Bible College. Before leaving for South Africa, our team had only a few weeks to get to know one another. We spent time hearing one another's stories and finding out about one another's families and rejoicing in the way

that God has drawn each one of us to himself through Christ. There is a profound unity in Christian fellowship which is wonderful and comforting and encouraging, as it ought to be. As we packed up and shipped off together with the purpose of serving alongside one another in the gospel, this unity was given legs.

The experience of serving together, and of ministering to and with one another, transforms an objective unity into an embodied community. In the process of organising lifts to the airport, working out who was missing from the agreed meeting point and taking coffee orders – before most of us had even passed through the customs gate – we were practising obedience to the 'one another' commands of the New Testament. As the week unfolded there were plenty of opportunities to bear with (Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:2), forgive (Col. 3:13), encourage (1 Th. 5:11), exercise patience (Eph. 4:32), resist grumbling against (Ja. 4:11, 5:9), rejoice and grieve with (Ro. 12:15),



and in many other ways serve one another in love (Ro. 12:10; Gal. 5:13). The more intimately we share life with one another, the more intentionally we focus on the Lord Jesus and others rather than ourselves, the more profound our experience of Christian unity will be, and the more we will value Christian community.

Our annual College mission trips are a fundamental and integral part of the way that Moore forms us for Christian service. We don't just integrate theology and ministry practice, although that's true and important. As we go on mission together, we are integrated into a community centred around the Lord Jesus and the proclamation of his gospel, where we develop habits of genuine love for one another.



Our Time in Tamworth

Susan Duc / 4th year BD student

“The man was 92 years old, and he’d never seen a drought this bad before”.

As we sat on the patio of the farmer’s house, perched on the top of a hill on the outskirts of Tamworth, he explained the impact of the severe drought on farmers. It had been over two years since Tamworth had good rainfall. Chaffey Dam, the town’s major water source, had fallen below 20 percent. Water restrictions were up to level 3. Farmers were selling their precious breeding cows and leaving the land. Life was hard, even for Peter, the farmer, who had planned well, but couldn’t foresee when the rain would come.

Peter shared how the Lord had lifted his heart in these tough times, and was thankful for the opportunities the drought had created for evangelism. His family was part of the roam congregation at St Peter’s Anglican Church, South Tamworth. The rector, Rod Chiswell, had brought our 15-person mission team up to cast our eyes over the massive swathes of dried-up land. Peter gave an incredibly moving testimony about the damage wreaked by a drought which we had only read about in the paper, and prayed for from our sheltered city-based lives.

This was only the beginning of our rich experience of mission at St Peter’s South Tamworth. We were privileged to partner with the church in the vast array of ministries with which God had blessed it. We kicked off our mission week with four Sunday services (8am, 10am, 4pm and 6pm). We shared our conversion stories, preached,

organised kids programs and were warmly welcomed by the church family, which ranged from one who had just started coming, to another who had 45 years on the board.

The week itself was a hive of activity. We sat in at the inaugural Aboriginal Outreach Forum, which drew over 80 church members into conversation about reconciliation and unity. It was attended by three local Aboriginal Christian leaders, including Jum Naden, a recent Moore graduate. We performed a puppet show for the community in Coledale, a Tamworth suburb which is one-third Aboriginal, in the front yard of a local elder. On Saturday afternoon, we helped run the Fodder, Food, Family and Fun Day, which connected the church with drought-affected farmers who were unchurched and not Christian.

There were welcome breaks from the intensity of new ministry experiences in the form of the



familiar: doorknocking, men’s and women’s evangelistic events, Scripture classes in the local schools, and walk-up evangelism at the train station. On our final day, we came full circle, serving at the same four services which kicked off our partnership with the church.

Throughout the week, we were inundated with opportunities to teach, preach and share the gospel, in church and within the wider community. And the encouragement was unceasing. On our last Sunday, we saw two new Aboriginal people enter quietly a few minutes after the roam service started. They sat in the back row of the packed church, and watched and listened as the gospel was preached.





Visit from Graham Beynon

Jane Tooher / Director, Priscilla & Aquila Centre



In February this year, Moore College had the privilege and joy of welcoming Graham Beynon to join our community for two weeks. Graham is the senior pastor of Grace Church Cambridge (F.I.E.C & Acts 29), a church plant from Eden Baptist. He also serves on the faculty of Oak Hill in London, a college with which Moore has long had an association. He has authored numerous books, and his PhD was on the theology of Isaac Watts. Graham spoke at the annual Priscilla & Aquila Centre (P&A) conference and the John Chapman Preaching Conference and Clinic. He also did a podcast with Tony Payne and Moore's Centre for Christian Living (CCL), as well as spending time with some of our independent (non-Anglican) fourth-year students discussing evangelism, ministry, and church planting.

Over 280 women and men came to the P&A conference and Graham spoke on 'Gender Complementarianism: Gender, Ministry and The Local Church'. His talks are available online paa.moore.edu.au/conference/2019-conference/. Many people testified to how helpful they found the talks with one of our Bachelor of Divinity graduates, Anna saying: "The 2019 Priscilla & Aquila Centre

conference was excellent. Graham Beynon's talks were thought-provoking, relevant, helpful, and will change the way I do things. [...] I'm glad I was there." A wife of one of our first year students, who had recently moved from overseas to be here at Moore, said, "The 2019 Priscilla & Aquila Centre conference has moved me from seeing complementarianism from a 'thing which is right' and to be accepted, to a 'thing which is positive' and to be embraced. My husband said it was the best conference he has ever been to, and that it will help him give greater value to non-preaching word ministries, especially those carried out by women." Other delegates testified to how valuable it was to think more seriously about the relationship between the local church and the ministries of men and women.

Following his P&A talks, Graham continued to speak on complementarianism for both CCL, ccl.moore.edu.au/2019/03/03/podcast-episode-024/, and for The Pastor's Heart, www.thepastorsheart.net/podcast/2019/2/5/putting-the-complementarian-jigsaw-together-with-graham-beynon

Graham spoke and preached at the John Chapman Preaching Conference on 'Preaching and the Affections,'

with fellow guest David Cook. (moore.edu.au/resource/session-one-understanding-the-heart-graham-beynon/; moore.edu.au/resource/session-three-sermon-with-follow-up-explanation-luke-736-50/). As well, he led the John Chapman Preaching Clinic, a three-day preaching retreat, on preaching Malachi. The clinic hosted delegates from the Sydney region, country New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Argentina, and Egypt. Each delegate had an opportunity to preach a sermon for constructive feedback, as well as participate in giving feedback to others. Several in attendance remarked that it is rare to receive constructive feedback while serving in ministry, some having never been given intentional feedback in many years of ministry. Upon departure from the clinic many delegates commented that they planned to teach Malachi in their ministries this year, feeling both inspired and equipped to do so from attending the clinic.

Hosting Graham Beynon was a great opportunity for the Moore community to maintain good links with gospel partners in the UK, as well as to increase our connection with those working in the F.I.E.C.



Moore College Student Support Fund

Trevor Cairney / Head of Foundation



Securing the funds to attend College full-time is challenging. Many students will need to obtain varied forms of support to make it possible. Most Moore College students rely on savings from earnings before they come to College, as well as access to FeeHelp, scholarships, support from family, selling assets and more. Some Moore College students will have a head start in that they may have already built a financial support base before College, and some may have completed a ministry apprenticeship and have a committed ongoing support base. But gaining and retaining support is often demanding and difficult.

We have now established a new way for our students to raise funds, designed to make it easier for them to gain support while at College. In essence, it's a hybrid

form of crowdfunding administered with the security of the Moore College accounts system, and with the supervision and support of the Moore College Foundation. Approaching supporters can be hard for some, and easier for others. The use of the Student Support Fund as a separate vehicle for funding will help students to establish and maintain their support bases.

As well as helping students to gain support while at college, we're aware that many full-time ministry roles require some element of fundraising. So, our students are learning helpful skills for a lifetime of ministry. Another reason for this initiative is that some donors may well be more willing to give towards a student via the College Finance system because of greater accountability. This is instead of giving directly into the student's

account. The funds would then be available for use for living and educational expenses such as: food, accommodation, books and study-related travel.

It's our prayer that this new initiative will enable more Gospel-focussed men and women to come to College, and to secure funding for the whole course. We don't want financial constraint to be the factor that prevents anyone from preparing themselves for a lifetime of ministry. If you know a Moore College student, or someone who's thinking of becoming a Moore College student, why not encourage them to consider this option and perhaps even consider supporting their study in this way? If you've already been approached by some of our students or future students, and have any questions please contact me at FoundationHead@moore.edu.au.

Introducing Our New Marketing Strategy

Ben George / Marketing and Communications Manager



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Earlier this year, I was appointed as the Marketing and Communications Manager here at Moore. My role is to lead the department and to ensure that the things we share about the College are consistent with our mission and purpose. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve the College in this capacity, and for the privilege of working for a Christian community whose core business is to help men and women learn to love the Lord Jesus, teach the Word of God, and carry the gospel of salvation to the ends of the earth. Please pray that my team and I would strive to communicate these truths clearly, and that students would want to study here to be equipped for a lifetime of ministry.

In the first few months my work has focused around the recruitment of new students, and clarity of branding and messaging. This means communicating our core identity as a theological college through a consistent image, and providing feedback to Moore faculty and staff about any disconnect between who we say we are and how we are perceived.

In terms of our core identity, our team is excited to share five key points about who we are as a College. These form the basis of our branding and messaging through all our external communication platforms.

We are biblical – the Bible is at the centre of everything we do.

We are theological – we train students to think theologically.

We are reformed-evangelical – everything we do is characterised by the gospel.

We are missional – the global mission of the Lord Jesus Christ drives everything we do.

We are communal – we are shaped as Christian disciples, as we do life together in community.



I'm delighted to have come back after completing the Bachelor of Divinity at Moore, and then serving with the saints at Auburn and Newington Anglican Churches as Assistant Minister. My wife Elizabeth and I still attend Auburn Anglican, where I have the joy of serving the local church through teaching and discipleship. Prior to my time as a student at College, I also worked in marketing and communications at the University of Technology Sydney.

God is Doing Amazing Things



I've been in my role as Head of Foundation for almost 2 years and I continue to be encouraged by the support the College receives from many people, not just in the Diocese of Sydney, but around the world. Four things stand out for me:

First, just how many people and churches pray faithfully for the work of the college, including students, faculty and staff.

Second, that hundreds of people give generously to the work and have increased their giving in recent times as they have seen our key needs.

Third, that our donors share the vision of the College to equip men and women for gospel work around the world.

Fourth, that many of you have seen that the work of our centres like the Centre for Global Mission (CGM) has global significance for the gospel.

In this issue that you've hopefully just finished reading, there is evidence of the amazing things that God is doing through the College. In brief:

- 107 men and women who recently graduated have already been sent all over the world.
- Our stories about current students and alumni show how our diverse graduates are being used by God in extraordinary ways.
- College has a unique community in which

students grow in Christ as they learn together and are taught and equipped for gospel ministry.

- Moore College is a mission-focused institution with a global reach.

Please pray for the College that:

- Open Week and our recruitment drive for 2020 will see many new students joining us.
- That the financial support our students need will be found through programs such as our scholarship program, our new Student Support Fund and from the direct support of our churches.
- That our graduates will be sent to varied gospel-centred ministries around the world.
- That our urgent need to refurbish accommodation for our students will be funded.

As always, please feel free to email me at trevor.cairney@moore.edu.au or by phone at 02 9577 9900 (please leave a message if I'm not at my desk).

Trevor Cairney
Head
Moore College Foundation



JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOORE COLLEGE

JULY–SEPTEMBER



**Monday
29 July**

Is God Green? – Centre for Christian Living Event

Time: 7:30pm–9:30pm

Details: Moore College lecturer Lionel Windsor has recently written a book called *Is God Green?*, and in this CCL event, he'll introduce us to what the Bible says about the environment, where the world is headed, and what we should do about it in the here and now.



**Tuesday
6 August**

Life in Ministry Conference

Time: 9:30am–5:00pm

Details: Leading theologians, ministry workers and psychologists (including Archie Poulos, Paul Grimmond, Valerie Ling, Jenny Brown and Kirsty Bucknell) will share their experience integrating the latest psychological research with sound theology to guard and strengthen ministry lives.



**Thursday
8 August**

The Titus Strategy – Priscilla & Aquila Centre Seminar

Time: 6:30pm–9:00pm

Details: Come and join us for the evening as Richard Coekin takes us through an overview of the book of Titus, with a special focus on (i) elders, and (ii) the ministries of women that Titus mentions.



**Monday 2
– Friday 6
September**

Open Events

Come and visit our Newtown campus, experience a lecture and meet faculty and students. You can drop in for a day or part of any day during this week and attend regular classes, meet students and faculty, plus share in a morning tea and lunch. There's an Open Evening also.



**Wednesday 11
– Thursday 12
September**

School of Theology

Details: Doctrine for Declaration: Explorations in the Theological Foundations of Biblical Preaching.

Speakers: Simon Manchester, Mark Thompson, David Starling, Simon Gillham, Will Timmins, Phillip Jensen, Andrew Leslie, Jane Tooher, Tony Payne and Paul Grimmond.

For more information or to book now, go to moore.edu.au/events.

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Moore College prepares men and women for a lifetime of ministry and mission through in-depth theological training. Today over 1,300 students are enrolled in Moore College courses. The College has trained thousands of men and women for a great variety of Christian ministries locally, nationally and around the globe. Moore is world renowned for its faithfulness to the word of God, the excellence of the education it provides and the effectiveness of its graduates.

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