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John and Moya  
for 10 years of  
faithful service  
at Moore College**





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# God's work continues

**It has been** an immense privilege to be actively involved in the work of Moore College, in one way or another, for more than 40 years. The last 10 years in which I have served as Principal have been a particular blessing to Moya and me. Many of you will have heard that I will be retiring from this role early in 2013. We will move to a new phase of our lives with a deep sense of gratitude for these many years in the rich and important fellowship that is Moore College.

We want to say 'Thank you' to readers of *Moore Matters* who have supported the College, encouraged us all, and prayed for our students through these years. You are part of a broad and deep fellowship expressed in many ways—in prayer, interest, encouragement, friendship, financial support and advice. I am very grateful, dear friends, for your constant and generous support in these and other ways over the years. I thank God for the blessing of sharing with you in the life and work of this remarkable fellowship of God's people. I thank

each of you for the ways in which you have been partners in a remarkable work of God.

In the last *Moore Matters* I wrote about the importance of healthy, strong churches—and therefore the importance of well-trained and godly Christian ministers who will serve these churches. Over the last ten years 1,089 men and women have graduated from Moore College to serve in establishing and building the churches of the future. That is what I am calling a remarkable work of God.

These last ten years have been times of extraordinary (I have sometimes felt, turbulent) change. The College was granted Self-Accrediting Institution status by the Federal Government. This means that the quality and maturity of the College's teaching, resources and processes is recognised as of university standard. We entered into agreements with two universities to jointly supervise PhD students. These and many other achievements through these years were guided and accomplished through the

faithful work of a dear brother, the late Alan Höhne.

Other changes have included the full integration of the training of our women students into Moore College (with encouraging support from Anglican Deaconess Ministries), the establishment of two Centres (The Priscilla and Aquila Centre and

The Centre for Christian Living), the introduction of part-time studies at the Year 1 level, the development of online learning support, and the gaining of approvals for major infrastructure developments on the campus.

The latter was achieved through the very hard work of Doug Marr.

The College has great days ahead. By God's enabling, our staff and faculty are doing a wonderful job, and are more than able to respond to the needs of the years to come. The body of students that the Lord sends us continues to be outstanding. I really am excited about the coming years of the College's life.

*John Woodhouse*

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# John Woodhouse as Principal

When John was invited to consider becoming the Principal of Moore College, it was not a foregone conclusion that he would accept the role. He was flourishing at Christ Church St Ives and it was a wrench for him to leave the people whom he and Moya had grown to love. But he has a keen sense of duty and when he was urged to accept the appointment by a number of people, he agreed, for which I remain very grateful.

Whatever else the Principal of Moore does, he has two indispensable tasks.

First he must himself model the Christian teaching ministry, both in being an excellent teacher of God's word and in the example of his life. The College cannot flourish without such leadership, and John has given it without stint. In particular, he has fittingly given leadership to the College through his much appreciated preaching ministry in the chapel. He speaks with compelling and attractive truthfulness.

Second, he must draw around him as faculty a fellowship of pastor/teachers who will be the core of the College's life and a source of blessing to the students and to the wider world. This, too, John has accomplished.

But of course John has done much more as well. In his time, the

College has changed for the good in all sorts of ways.

The student body has grown significantly in numbers, and consequently the faculty and support staff has also grown. John has also

been responsible for ensuring that the administration of the College matches its needs and obligations. Hugely important decisions about the location and development of the College have been worked through, and the next



*John Woodhouse with students*



Almost the entire 1982 faculty –  
Back row: Graham Cole and Bill Lawton.  
Front row: Peter Jensen, Margaret Rodgers,  
Broughton Knox, Peter O'Brien, Robert Doyle  
and John Woodhouse

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phase of building will owe a great debt to what he has fostered. Likewise, he has led the College both through growth and also through the financial challenges posed by the GFC—not an easy task. At the same time, there have been great changes in curriculum and in teaching and learning. As well, the College's academic integrity has been recognised by the fact that it is now self-accrediting as far as its degree work is concerned, a considerable achievement.

Furthermore, John has encouraged the essential scholarly work of the faculty. The College has a commitment to the authority and unity of scripture which enables graduates to preach and speak with confidence about what scripture says. In contemporary terms this is unusual, and yet it is indispensable for developing the skills needed for preaching and pastoral work in the churches. In the last decade the College faculty has had a very significant impact

globally through research, writing and speaking. Furthermore the work of external studies has grown in truly remarkable ways. In John's time the international significance of the College has been reinforced and the opportunity for Moore to play a key role in theological education world-wide greatly enhanced.

John has also overseen the development of the Priscilla & Aquila Centre, which is already giving important leadership in thinking through the implications of a complementarian position in the contemporary world. Likewise, the Centre for Christian Living is deepening our appreciation about the application of the word of God for today.

But I guess in the end it is the quality of the students sent forth into ministry which counts more

than anything. In John's time over 1000 students have graduated, and you only have to know something about the scope and quality of their ministries to realise that the blessing of God has rested upon John's ministry at the College during these years.

There is so much to be glad about. I know that everyone connected to the College will be able to thank God with joy because John and Moya have given themselves so faithfully to this ministry, and pray that their future ministry will be equally blessed.

Peter Jensen  
Archbishop of Sydney



Alfred Olwa with  
John Woodhouse 2012



### The Gospel – a great chain of little links

**Julia Bollen**

Third Year Student

I am thankful to God for the people who patiently read the Bible with me as I turned up to study at university. While I spent some excellent time at my criminology

studies, my most valuable knowledge gained was in understanding the riches of God's word. I had always trusted Jesus, but it was reading and being encouraged by wiser Christians that helped me to see how this faith transformed every part of life.

As meeting one-to-one was modeled to me, I've been delighted to share this joy with others, as we read and share together. Now some of the women I met with have in turn begun to meet with other younger sisters in Christ. Seeing this has shown me how this ministry of the gospel is a great chain of little links. I was training through Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) to be a part time gospel worker, but the opportunity to study at Moore College and pursue ministry in a full time way has been fantastic.

Having thought that I would study for only three years, I am excited to be staying on for a fourth. I hope it will continue to equip me to better serve God's people and grow in greater awe of the one who is over all things. Studying at Moore has been a great privilege. As I have learned much, I am also learning more and more what I do not know.

Being at college has tested me in many ways, seeking to understand the Bible, ministry and life better—and trying to live out what I am learning. I am thankful for those I study with, discussing together, sharing life and connecting our experiences with what we are learning.

After college I hope to return to university student ministry. I pray that I will have many more opportunities to read and share the riches of God's word with the students I meet.

### From New Zealand to Moore

**Sam Anderson**

First Year Student

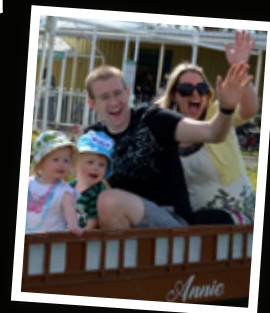
Paula and I came to Moore College from Christchurch, New Zealand in January. We had been considering training for ministry for a number of years, and after two years of MTS we knew it was what we wanted to do. We had little confidence in the training colleges in New Zealand and that meant that we would have to go overseas. We also know many people who have trained at Moore College, including my brother-in-law, and so were very confident that Moore was the right place for us. The decision has been costly but well worth it!

I know that there are other great colleges but we couldn't be happier with our decision to come to Moore. One of the great strengths of this college is the faculty. We have felt cared for pastorally, and this is hugely important. It is astounding how much access students have to the faculty and how willing they are to engage in our lives. Their love for God and their commitment to the gospel are clearly evident and are a great encouragement.

The second great strength of Moore College is the student body. It has been fantastic to study alongside so many like-minded men and women. I know that we are building friendships that we will have for a very long time.

Finally, we are very grateful to God for the wonderful community at Croydon Park. We came to Australia with James (2) and Isobel (1) and almost immediately found out that Paula was pregnant. We have no family here and so it has been humbling receiving so much support from the other families. Edmund was born in October and we continue to be looked after by people who have busy families of their own.

So while the content at college is stimulating and stretching, it is really the community that has made Moore College outstanding. We are very grateful.





## Susie James

DipB&Miss 2009. Wife of Al James, Fourth Year Student

As the end of 4th year rapidly approaches, many conversations turn to that timely question: "How are you feeling about leaving college?" My answer is not straightforward. I have such mixed emotions! Sometimes it's easier to list off the practical things that need to be organized as we prepare to move our family to a new church and a new home, while at the same time managing our day to day life through the final stretch of college assignments and exams. My answer includes anticipation and excitement, as there is so much to look forward to as we embark on a new stage in life and ministry. But amidst all of this, as we prepare to leave college and the people we have shared it with, I mostly think of all that we are going to miss. I have a sense of impending grief.

Of course, the irony is that we came to college in order to leave. This was always going to be a temporary stage of life and we weren't meant to stay. But it's still going to be very hard to leave! We came to be shaped by God's word, to grow in our Christian thinking, and to learn how to serve God with the whole of our lives. It has been such a blessing for us both to have been part of the college community over these years. Life and learning at college goes far beyond the walls of the classroom. Life in community has taught us much about love, generosity, patience and friendship. We have loved living amongst such close friends. I have loved the fellowship and encouragement of women's Bible studies, Moorewomen Talks and Community Chapels. Our children will miss the friends they have known their whole lives. There is so much we will miss, but ultimately we will leave college thankful for this time and all that God has taught us.



## Moore College— was it worth it?

### Michael Wong

Fourth Year Student

I've come to the end.  
Four years—almost  
done. As I look back on  
my college experience,

there is one question that comes to the fore: Was it worth it?

I quit my job as a high school teacher; moved my wife and child back from Wagga; basically uprooted my life and many of my relationships; all so I could go back to being a student... to the horror of some.

Four years later, I've had the blessing of experiencing it from the inside. I've engaged in four years of full-time, residential, theological training. I've consumed countless hot lunches and burnt off the calories playing cricket. I've sat under the gifted and godly direction of a range of lecturers. I've shared the journey with an amazing year group as we've encouraged and sharpened each other. It has been a joy and a privilege and I'm very thankful to God for the opportunity.

But it does not end now. Study at Moore has been worth the effort because I have been equipped for a lifetime of ministry: that's the point. I don't have all the answers. I don't even have *most* of the answers. But I do believe that Moore has given me a firm foundation for Gospel ministry for the rest of my life.

As I head off to Albury Presbyterian next year, I'm conscious that there is so much still to learn. And that's fine. I didn't expect to be the 'complete package' after finishing at Moore. But I *am* ready to build on the foundation that I've been given.

Has it been worth it? My answer: definitely.  
Now it's time to get out there.



# Wenceslas in Oz

**W**enceslas. That one took me several years. It always came out *Wenshlesslessch* or some such. It might have helped to know one, as in, 'Hey Wenshlessless, wanna play handball?' But who names a kid that? Maybe if someone had explained he was a tenth-century King of Bohemia ... not that any of my seventeen teachers knew. We were all just killing time, waiting for Wikipedia.

I'm still hazy about Bohemia. Was he 'bohemian'? That's a nice image: some dude dressed like Spandau Ballet, looking down on the feast of Stephen. I didn't long ponder what the feast of Stephen looked like. For there we'd be, sweating out a thirty-plus Sydney summer,

*When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even.*

It turns out that Bohemia—Czechoslovakia, as it happens—was cold, damn cold. But my family weren't much for skiing, so the set-up was lost on me.

*Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel.*

Again: whatever.

*When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel.*

This made sense, although for ages I thought he was gath'ring winter 'gruel', because poor people do a lot with gruel. When I finally got that it was 'fuel', this was Christmas and I'd get our summer confused with their winter, so I thought he was after barbecue briquettes or something, all scattered around. Wenceslas' response therefore seemed like an overreaction:

*'Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine  
When we bear him thither.'*

We'll skip the verse where the servant explains that the man lives 'underneath the mountain, right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain.' I mean, if this carol ain't bewildering enough, that address right there will totally do your head in.

But good on the King, I guess. 'Bring me flesh' is creepy, and so is how they'll watch him eat. 'Bear him thither' sounds like they'll sling him on their



shoulders to get him to the palace. This is all to be expected though, as Christmas dinners are awkward for everyone.

Then there's a long bit where the servant nearly dies as they set out toward the poor man, across that even snow. The carol gets bogged in the snow, like they're Ranulph Fiennes



walking across Antarctica. The poor man must have waited for them very patiently. He just wanted to get back under the mountain, with his briquettes, to fuel his gruel.

But at last it gets to the point for Christian men:

*Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing.*

Christian women generally handle such situations more sensibly. But the point is clear enough: the rich king helped the poor guy. So go and do the same.

Except: if you're a king, there are better ways to help the poor, like lowering taxes. And: most of us find it hard to cover the cost of Christmas, let alone helping dudes out on the nature strip who are scrounging for briquettes.

So actually, this carol sums up much that bugs me about Christmas.

First: it's incomprehensible. Australians get quite lost singing about tenth-century Czech winters, and for that matter, about first-century Jewish babies in Roman Palestine. Second: why this annual inspection of kindness? It's as if these yearly thoughts about kindness inoculate us from actual kindness for the rest of the year.

So I'm reminded of Matt Chandler's

book, *The Explicit Gospel*. (Now there's a good present—in ebook formats too!) He tells of how he spent too long hanging around churches, hearing that Christianity's about being moral, and *not* hearing what 'powers' that. What could possibly make Wenceslas step down from his house, and feast with a woodsman? Only that a greater King stepped down from heaven, to give you and me *everything that mattered to him most*.

We scrounge about, doing our thing and thinking we're fine. But we're not. Jesus Christ gave away his relationship with his Father, experiencing God's wrath, so that *we* can feast in heaven where we don't naturally belong. We are dearly loved. *Good King Wenceslas* would be a great carol if it made that explicit. Legend has it that Jesus' kindness to Wenceslas fuelled years of generous reign in Bohemia, until Wenceslas was murdered on his way to church.

There's nothing wrong with being kind on Boxing Day (the 'feast of Stephen'). By all means, be with someone older, lonelier, poorer, sicker or sadder, and give to them from the wealth of your food, your time, your gifts.

But let's be explicit, not incomprehensible: that *can* only happen each year, because One came who did it for us. He 'did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage' but took 'the very nature

of a servant', and became 'obedient to death—even death on a cross!' (Phil 2:6–8, NIV 2011)

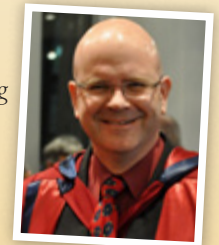
In this way, 'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Cor 5:21, NIV 2011).

Don't mishear me: I'll still sing *Good King Wenceslas*.

I'm hardly going to waste the 40+ years it took to understand it. But don't just sing it, and don't assume what's behind it. What's it all mean, 'Wenceslas' and the whole tsunami of odd Christmas symbols? We're the *only* ones to tell it, because we're the *only* ones who *know*. So let's sing it, and live it, and tell it while we live it.

Andrew Cameron

Director, Moore College  
Centre for Christian Living  
Chair, Social Issues  
Executive  
Lectures in Ethics, Social  
Ethics and Philosophy



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*Seminar participants in Lahore*

# Marriage enrichment in Pakistan



**H**ow did we end up in Pakistan? We blame our friends from church, former CMS missionaries Vic and Pam Tow. Their persistence won in the end. “Come to Pakistan and help the local church leaders develop a marriage enrichment program that can be used throughout Pakistan.” Our response was, “Are you kidding?” However, they eventually talked us around and we said, “We don’t think we have much to contribute, but we will come.” And that set the scene for two of the most challenging and yet extraordinary weeks of our lives.

To be honest, we felt like anxious, weak and empty vessels and not the “marriage experts” we were purported to be. We knew in our heads that we are totally dependent upon God in every situation, but the reality of that struck home in a profound way as we found ourselves far removed from our comfort zone. How thankful we were for those who were praying for us and for our gracious God who so mercifully answered those prayers.

Vic and Pam had carefully organised a program that involved us working with two different groups of

church leaders—first in Rawalpindi (adjoining Islamabad) and then in Lahore. In each location we began by spending a day workshopping with a core group of five couples. We asked them, “What makes a good marriage?” and “What makes marriage difficult?” A picture began to emerge of the particular issues that hindered God’s design for marriage. While many of these echoed difficulties in western marriages, other concerns were more culturally specific. For example, what does it mean to give priority to the marriage relationship (the “leaving father and mother” of Genesis 2:24) when many couples live in the same home as the husband’s parents? The participants in these workshops shared what they thought was necessary in a marriage enrichment course and all agreed that the key to challenging unhelpful patterns was to reflect carefully upon the Bible’s teaching.

Following the workshops we ran three seminars on three consecutive evenings from 4pm to 7pm at each

location—a ‘trial marriage enrichment course’. About fifteen couples came to each. We learnt a great deal from our experience in Rawalpindi and made changes for Lahore. We found that small group work helped couples do some tough thinking about what the Bible really says. We also asked our core couples to help us by participating in some role plays where they raised ‘issues’ relevant to their culture. This elicited much laughter and once again helped them engage with the material. We saw God’s word have a

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powerful impact and confront many cultural norms. In particular, some husbands were challenged by the Bible’s teaching that women were equally made in the image of God, that they were called in love to put their wives’ needs before their own, and the importance of forgiveness in a marriage even when it seems like a threat to one’s sense of status. The course is now being revised and translated with the hope that others can be trained to run it and many marriages might be strengthened for good.





*Sarah and Keith Condie (centre)  
with Vic and Pam Tow*

While staying in Islamabad Keith also had the privilege of teaching about Christian relationships at the Zarephath Bible Institute. It was a great encouragement to share in fellowship with these brothers and sisters who had come to know the Lord from a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds, and were so eager to see others built up in Christ. We were also blessed by the hospitality and friendship of CMS

missionaries Steve & Jenny Sonneman and David & Georgina Newmarch.

The adventure did not, however, end in Pakistan. On the way home we stopped off in Hong Kong for more marriage enrichment work at St Andrew's Church Kowloon. We had a very enjoyable time running these seminars, getting to know members of the church, and catching up with Moore College graduates John & Janelle Menear, Dan & Skye Evers, and Alex & Megan McCoy.

*Keith & Sarah Condie*

*Keith is Dean of Students at Moore College and lectures in Ministry and Church History.*

*Keith & Sarah have been running a marriage enrichment program for college students for a number of years and have used part of Keith's study leave this year to further develop this material.*

## Moore welcomes Chinese delegation



On 26 October Moore College welcomed six visiting delegates from the Fujian Province on the southeastern coast of China. Included in the delegation were three leaders from the Three Self Patriotic Movement Fuzhou City and one delegate from the Fujian Theological Seminary.

Over morning tea with faculty members and several of Moore College's Mandarin speaking students, Pastor Chen Lifu, of the 10,000 member Fuzhou Flowerlane Christian Church, spoke through a translator of how the Seminary first began. Its origins were as a theological secondary school attached to the Flowerlane Church. Since then it has grown into a seminary training pastors and church workers. It now has over 100 students studying full-time, and the aim is to develop the course into a 4 year program.

In an answer to prayer, the Chinese government has given the Seminary 23 acres for the construction of a new building. This will allow the Seminary to grow to about 500 students. The leaders of the Seminary are seeking to build a reformed theological foundation and extended an invitation to Moore College for faculty members to visit.

*Rhonda Barry  
Registrar*



*Couples' session in Hong Kong*

# External Studies – A Global Mission



*Shirley Morley*

The Moore College Department of External Studies began in the 1940's. It arose because there was a need to train lay preachers for Anglican Churches within the Diocese of Sydney. Initially, students attended lectures in the evenings by the Principal, Archdeacon T.C. Hammond. Gradually the course which was offered by correspondence to those not able to attend the lectures, developed into the Certificate in Theology (ThC) of which the Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) is the first level. Today it is an international learning community with thousands of members scattered right around the globe, where individuals and whole communities, particularly in developing countries, are being transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ through this ministry.

On the NSW north coast, 70 year old Shirley Morley has been working through the distance program and is close to achieving her ThC. Shirley began with a goal to get to know Jesus better. As she has developed in her understanding of the history and teaching of the scriptures, Shirley believes she now not only knows Jesus better, but has a closer relationship with him.

Jeffrey Willey's Assistant Minister convinced him to do the ThC, and he has now completed 12 subjects, including New Testament 1 & 2 and Doctrine 1 & 2. He says he now has a greater sense of the Bible's big picture, more insight into God's plan for salvation and a clearer understanding of Paul's writings and their impact on our lives today.

Kara Schaffler lives in Madagascar with her husband Peter and three young sons. She writes, 'Several of the country's 18 tribal groups live in town as they are drawn to schools, university, hospital or potential employment. One of our roles here is to teach Bible stories in English twice a week at the Anglican Church to a class of mostly university students.

'Madagascar has a population of 21 million with high rates of illiteracy. It is a traditionally oral culture and the telling of stories is culturally relevant. Bible 'storying' makes the Bible available to all people, regardless of their literacy levels and is an effective way of evangelising.

'My Moore studies have enhanced my understanding of God's overall plans for restoring his Kingdom, enabling me



*Kara Schaffler*

to draw out the major themes and answer many of the questions that are asked by the students. For example, God's purposes for Israel, the Law of Moses, the consequences of disobedience and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus are some of the topics covered in the ThC course. These work with the study of the Bible stories to

drive the point home of a relational God where we are included in His history.

'Our prayer is that each of our students will be drawn closer to God and that they will take these stories back to their families and villages, effectively becoming missionaries in their own country. As a result of Moore's ThC we have been provided with a powerful tool for spreading the good news of Jesus resulting in transformed lives.'

These are just three examples of the impact the ThC is having for the gospel every day, all over the world. To find out more about External Studies visit their website at [external.moore.edu.au](http://external.moore.edu.au).

*Vicki King*



# Alumni: Where are they now?

## Peter Sholl

### The ministry of MOCLAM in Latin America

My name is Peter Sholl. I studied at Moore College from 1998 to 2001, and am now a CMS missionary living and working in Monterrey, México. I'm the director of MOCLAM—Moore College en Latinoamérica. We offer the External Studies (ThC) courses in Spanish to students all over Latin America.

As I write this I am packing my bags to spend 2 weeks in a small, restricted access Latin American country. Each time I visit this country my luggage always contains certificates to be presented at a local graduation ceremony. This time, I'm carrying awards for 75 PTC, 15 ITC and 6 ThC graduates.

While this country presents some special challenges—such as lack of internet and reliable transport infrastructure—the need for the courses we offer is typical for Latin America. The majority of pastors have little or no theological education. They have few books or resources, no training conferences to attend, and they are not part of a culture which places a high priority on study and theological formation. For many, they are the pastor because they saw a need and started doing the work.

Most of them have 'day jobs' so they pastor their churches at night and on the weekends—and yet they face the same (if not greater) pastoral challenges that pastors everywhere else face, they have the responsibility of leading and teaching their congregations, and they are doing their best to present the gospel to their communities.

In this context, MOCLAM offers quality courses that provide the basic building blocks of gospel-centred theological education. Our aim is to equip pastors and leaders to so understand the Bible that they are excited and gripped by its message, and have the desire and abilities to be able to teach it to others. The Moore College External Studies courses are a perfect tool for this task, as they invite students to think deeply and carefully about God's word—in the form of the study of particular books of the Bible, doctrine, the Christian life and church history.

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*Peter Sholl (2nd from left) with other Latin American pastors*

The flexibility and accessibility of the MOCLAM courses is a key factor in their successful use throughout Latin America. Courses are low cost and are delivered via the internet, and students can study as individuals, in local groups or at a local intensive class. Due to this flexible model, we now have students from different denominational backgrounds and ministries studying in locations as extreme as the freezing heights of El Alto in the Bolivian Andes and the sweaty and dusty streets of Guatemala.

Please continue to pray for External Studies, and for the work of MOCLAM.

*Peter Sholl  
Moore BD Dip Min Graduate 2002*

# Robert Doyle Retires

Dr Robert Doyle has been a member of the Moore College Faculty since 1982. He is esteemed and loved by his colleagues and students.



He is a serious and disciplined scholar who reflects deeply and engages rigorously with the great thinkers of history, a teacher who stretches his students and expects much of them, and a faithful minister of the new covenant who selflessly serves the Lord and his people.

Robert is an accomplished systematic theologian and church historian who consistently and deliberately subjects his understanding to the teaching of Scripture. His teaching has had a profound impact on generations of students who now serve in many places around the world. It is not unusual to hear a former student recall Robert's

teaching as among their most important experiences at Moore College.

Robert's doctoral studies were pursued under J.B. Torrance in Aberdeen in the theology of John Calvin. He has published a major theological book: *Eschatology and the Shape of Christian Belief*, and numerous scholarly articles.

He has made significant contributions beyond Moore College to theological education and inter-denominational relations, as well as Christian mission. In recent years he has made regular visits to George Whitefield College in Capetown, South Africa, where his wisdom, experience and teaching have been greatly appreciated.

There can be no doubt that in his 30 years on the Faculty at Moore College, Robert Doyle has had a major shaping influence on the College. All who value Moore College will be thankful to God for Robert Doyle and his ministry here.

Robert retires from the College at the end of this year, and we wish him and his wife Ros God's rich blessing as they continue to serve him (including another visit to Capetown next year).

John Woodhouse

**Moore College also farewells two incredible women who have been a vital part of our fellowship.**



**Wendy Colquhoun**

has been teaching Hebrew at Moore since 1992. Generations of Hebrew students have

thrived under her tuition and many look back on those lessons as some of the most memorable in their College experience. Wendy also served the College as the Acting Dean of Women in 2008 and since 2009 has been a valuable participant in the College chaplaincy program. Students, staff and faculty will all miss Wendy's cheerful countenance and her massive contribution to our common life.



**Kay Avery**

completed the Diploma of Bible and Missions in 2000 and a year later began helping struggling

students master the basics of New Testament Greek. Her pastoral approach has been critical in enabling students to persevere and make it through. Kay has also run a course in theological German for postgraduate students and exercised a general ministry of encouragement. Kay too will be missed by us all.

Mark Thompson



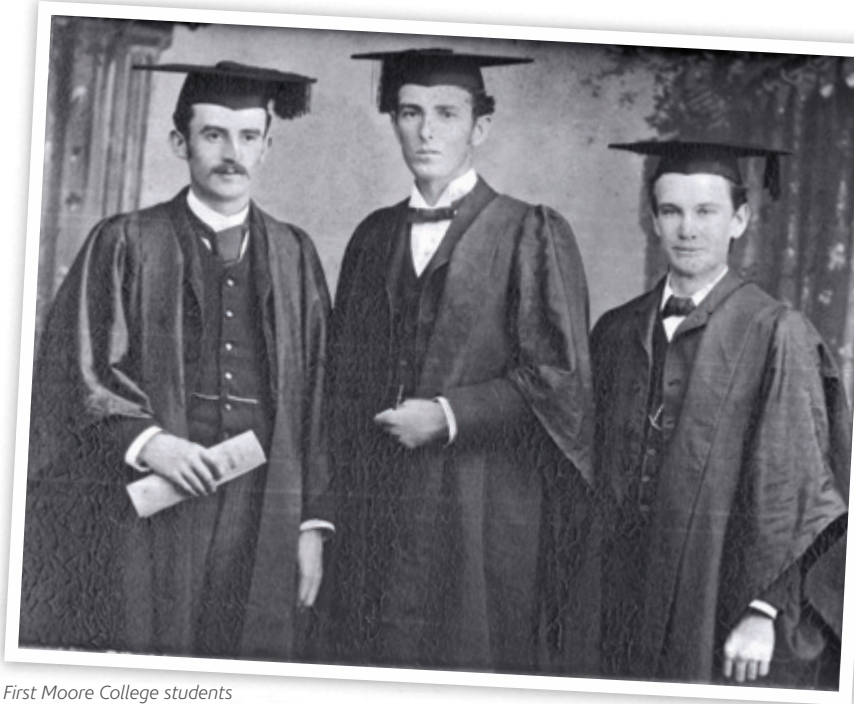
## There was once a man

who had a vision to expand the gospel of Jesus here in the fledgling colony of 'Sydney Town'. He dreamt of a place right here in Australia, where men 'of protestant persuasion' could be educated for Christian ministry. Upon his death in 1840, his vision began to be realised. He had bequeathed a substantial amount from his fortune for the purpose of establishing a Christian college, and in 1856, the doors of Moore College were opened with three students – Stanley Mitchell, Thomas Kemmis and Marcus Blake Brownrigg.

The man of course was Thomas Moore, a ship's carpenter who settled in Australia in 1792. As a result of his legacy, Moore College was established. Over the past 156 years, it has grown from a mere three male students to a world-renowned college, where thousands of men *and* women from all over the world have been and are being trained and equipped to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

What an incredible vision! What an incredible legacy! Thomas Moore's vision and generosity have, under God, resulted in the salvation of thousands and thousands of people—people like us—through the global ministry of Moore College.

But the story of vision and generosity doesn't end with Thomas Moore. Since 1856, God has provided a wonderful partnership of men and women who have faithfully ensured the growth of the College and the



First Moore College students

expansion of its work. You are an important part of this story—of this partnership—as through your gifts and your prayers, you help continue the vision and ensure the expansion of the gospel not only in 'Sydney Town' but around Australia and overseas.

May I ask you to continue your generous support? We are currently in great need to provide an urgent upgrade to student facilities. We need to raise an additional \$145,000 before the end of the year to provide an elevator in the Broughton Knox Centre for disabled access to the upper lecture room, to build a fire escape from the student study room, and to resurface the roof of the single men's living quarters. Will you please consider

making a tax deductible donation towards these facilities?

Whatever gift you can make will help transform the learning environment for our students and be a personal investment in future generations of gospel workers—continuing the legacy of Thomas Moore.

Thank you for your support.



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We ask **YOU** to please actively support Moore to ensure that together we can continue this vital gospel work under God, for His eternal glory.

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#### About Moore

Moore College prepares men and women for a lifetime of ministry and mission through in-depth theological training. Today 600 students are enrolled in courses at Moore. Currently around 5000 people in over 50 countries are studying by distance education. 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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### Faculty Q & A



#### What's your favourite way to spend your free time?

With family & friends, or watching a movie at home.

#### What can you cook?

Lots of things—because I never try and cook anything too complicated!

#### Favourite film?

My favourite film changes all the time, but recently I have enjoyed watching the BBC series *Garrow's Law* and thinking more about 'innocent until proven guilty'.

Jane is the Director of the Moore College Priscilla & Aquila Centre—a centre for the encouragement of the ministries of women in partnership with men. For more information on the Priscilla & Aquila Centre, visit the website: [paa.moore.edu.au](http://paa.moore.edu.au)

#### Favourite holiday destination?

Country NSW—visiting family, the space, the landscape, the colours. I find it very refreshing.

#### How do you celebrate Christmas?

With family in Sydney. We normally all go to my parents' home or everyone comes to mine. I have 5 brothers and sisters so I guess there are a lot of people (including spouses and kids), but it feels normal to me and we all love it.

#### What do you want to accomplish in your life?

Be welcomed by Jesus at the end when I go home.

#### Tell us something about you that not many people know.

I have a twin brother—David.

#### What do you enjoy about your role at Moore?

Helping train men and women who want to go to all corners of the globe to share Jesus with others.

#### How did you become a Christian?

I grew up in a church-going home, but I was never sure that I was going to heaven. A girl I met at the beginning of high school asked me along to the Christian group at school and I remember thinking, "I know everything about Christianity, I know the order of the first 5 books of the New Testament". But obviously I knew nothing! Well nothing really helpful anyway since I wasn't sure I was going to heaven. In that group I started studying the Bible for the first time and in God's mercy he showed me that Jesus' death on the cross was sufficient for my sins. I grabbed on to the fact that Jesus was my saviour, but because I didn't really know God's character, it took longer to accept that Jesus was my Lord. When I came to the point of understanding God was good and his way was best for me, that made it much easier to trust him, to say yes to him, and to delight in his ways. Looking back, I think before studying the Bible I would have described myself as a God-fearer. I was just waiting for someone to share the gospel with me. We never know who God's Spirit will be at work in do we? We just take opportunities and leave the rest to God.

You are invited to  
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**Monday 4th February 2013**



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