

# Make a Lasting Legacy

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within the University of Sydney



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# *A message from the*

## Rector of St John's College

Since the sandstone was first laid in 1858, St John's College has prospered from the support of our alumni and benefactors.

One of the most impactful ways you can ensure future generations of alumni are able to enjoy and benefit from college life is to include a gift in your Will.




**Gifts in Wills are deeply entwined in the history of our College**.

Your gift in Will can create a lasting legacy by:

- establishing a scholarship or a bursary for a future student for whom St John's would otherwise not be a possibility.
- helping to grow the pool of long term, perpetual capital within the Foundation, which ensures the College has the resources it needs to attract the best and brightest students well into the future.
- making it possible to build for the future while preserving our storied past.

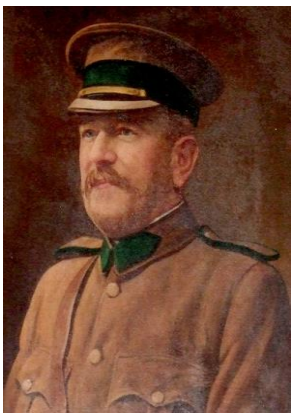
Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to St John's College.

**Dr Mark Schembri**
Rector, St John's College

# *Celebrating*
## our history of philanthropy

*Read the stories of some of the generous alumni and College community members who made the powerful decision to include a gift in their Will to St John's College.*





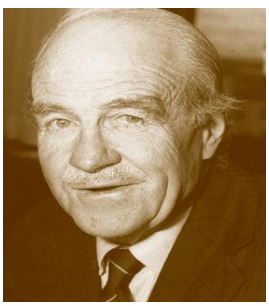
### MR FRANCIS BEDE AND COUNTESS EILEEN FREEHILL

Francis Bede Freehill (1871) and his wife Countess Eileen Freehill demonstrated their passion and love for St John's with a bequest and donation. Francis was the founder of the law firm, Freehills, now Herbert Smith Freehills.

On his death in 1908, the bequest left by Francis provided for the establishment of a scholarship. In addition, the Countess also provided £15,000 in her lifetime to complete the construction of the Freehill Tower (1938) in her husband's memory as well as several College Chapel furnishings. This pledge would be valued at about $1,644,185 today.

### THE HONOURABLE JOHN HAILES FLOOD NAGLE AO QC

John Hailes Flood Nagle resided at St John's from 1929 to 1935 and served on the College Council (1959-1987). In addition to the donation of two stained glass windows in the Chapel, his Will provided for the restoration and endowment of the College Library, funding the refurbishment of the Philosophical Room and Reading Room, with the balance held in trust for the permanent endowment to maintain the Library.





### GLEN (HERB) AND SUZANNE COOREY

The generous legacy of Glen John and Suzanne Coorey is forever embedded in the history of the College. Glen John Coorey, known as 'Herb,' was at St John's College from 1951 to 1956, and a year later obtained his degree in Medicine from the University of Sydney. Herb served on the College Council from 1988 to 2005. Herb and Suzanne Coorey were married in 1959 and enjoyed a long marriage of more than 50 years. Suzanne was a physiotherapy graduate who served as a catechist, sang in choirs both sacred and secular, and was always ready to serve her parish and the school communities when asked. In their immense generosity, Dr Glen and Mrs Suzanne Coorey left a bequest to be split equally between the Foundation and the College to establish the *Glen and Suzanne Coorey Scholarship.*

# *The gift of a scholarship's*

## lasting impact can be felt years afterwards

Dr John Graham Richards was the recipient of the Watson scholarship, which was an endowment established in 1938 under the Will of Ellen Maude Watson. **Dr Richards went on to establish his own scholarship endowment.**



**Dr John Graham Richards**
(College 1944-1949)
**Watson Scholarship Recipient**

"*In 1947, I was the recipient of a Watson Scholarship at St John's and I continued to gain financial help from the College for the next two years, making the difference between finishing my degree or perhaps not completing it at all because of financial constraints.*

*How different my life might have been if it had not been for the generosity of those good people who put the funds in place for the benefit of students such as ourselves!*

*I will never forget such generosity and indeed I have acted on my gratitude, by donating funds to endow a similar scholarship each year as a tribute to the benefit that I received all those years ago*."

Bridgette Hynes was a student at St John's College in 2016 who benefited from the Richards scholarship.



**Bridgette Hynes**
(College 2016-2018)
**Richards Scholarship Recipient**

"*I studied for a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine during my time at John's.*

*I was a recipient of the Richards Scholarship which enabled me to focus on my studies and participate fully in college activities as well as placements as part of my degree*."

# *From the bush to benefactor*



**JACK GOODACRE**
SJC 1974-1975

> *“I hope that my bequest might help someone, or a few, become as good as they can be.”*

*From the bush to being a benefactor: Jack Goodacre’s journey of gratitude and giving.*

Jack Goodacre’s time at St John’s College and the University of Sydney left a lasting mark on his life. His motivation is simple yet profound: to give others the same opportunities he was afforded and to create a lasting impact on the lives of students who need that extra bit of help to succeed.

Jack Goodacre grew up in a regional town, hours away from the bustling city. “I came from the bush, so staying at home to attend university just wasn’t an option,” he recalls. When he earned his place at the University of Sydney, St John’s College became his new home. The transition was dramatic.

*“I’d never really used public transport, never really been to the beach or worn formal dinner suits to balls, but I think when you’re 17 it’s all new and you just adapt.”*

Jack quickly found a home within the university and especially the College. *“It turned out that university was a great place for someone like me, and College was a fantastic place to start”*, he says.

St John’s College, with its rich traditions and tight-knit community, provided Jack with more than just accommodation; it became the centre of his personal and academic development. Surrounded by peers from diverse backgrounds and supported by a collegiate environment that encouraged growth, Jack began to find his feet.

*“I spent two years in college, and then a total of five years at university,”*

*“I did reasonably well, and it wasn’t a hard living because of the arrangements we had in those days with free university education and assistance for students like myself to pay for accommodation.”*

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical with Honours from the University of Sydney in 1978.

*"Free education got me to university, and then I got a good job. One thing led to another, but it's about getting that start and then being able to capitalise on it that matters."*

Jack and his wife have donated towards the St John's scholarship fund and have also left a bequest to the College in their will. Jack is motivated to give in his lifetime as well as leaving a legacy in the form of a bequest.

*"Regarding philanthropy sooner or bequest later – why not both, if you can. Philanthropy has a compounding effect, so earlier is better and who knows, today's recipients may well turn out to be tomorrow's benefactors."*

The impact Jack hopes to have through his bequest is multi-faceted. It's not just about levelling the playing field for students who might struggle to afford university, but also about enriching their overall experience.

Reflecting on what philanthropy means to him, Jack describes it as a way to give back to the society that has supported him over the years.

*"I hope that my bequest might help someone, or a few, become as good as they can be. Everyone needs a leg up at least once in their life. College and uni were mine."*

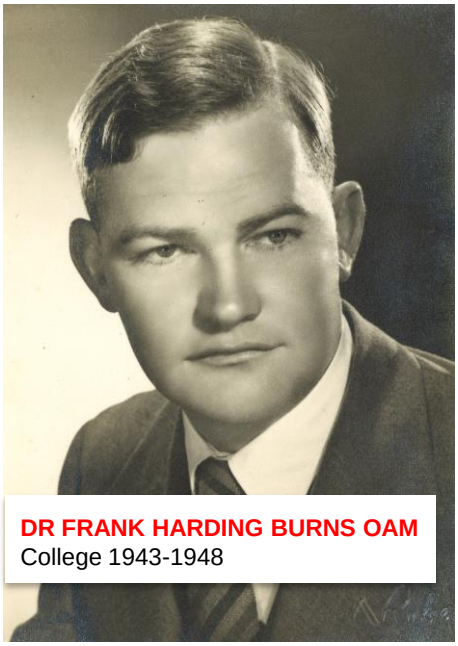


Jack cycling through Stelvio Pass, Italy.



With wife Susan Sheath.

# *It is an honour to be a benefactor*



**DR FRANK HARDING BURNS OAM**
College 1943-1948

> *"St John's College changed my life and opened doors to a life of opportunity and Learning."*

Looking back at his life, Francis Harding Burns is deeply grateful for his time at St John's College and is very aware of the power of education and all that it enables.

Harding started at St John's in 1943 after high school at Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview. At first Harding found his time at College challenging, as it proved difficult to find his place. It did not take long for him to acclimatise and before long he began to find his feet and make friends. Harding recollects at the time St John's was a quite different place, the buildings in need of repair and the grass overgrown. He is amazed at how far the College has come and delighted to see the buildings in their current state.

Harding began to find his place studying Medicine in his second year and began to feel the camaraderie and sense of belonging, so often felt by St John's graduates. He remembers fondly how the students began to take pride in their College, getting involved by setting up a magazine, and tidying up the gardens. Some of his closest friends were Anthony Proust, Peter Rogers, and Thomas D'Arcy-Burke.

Harding married Mary Horsley in the Chapel at St John's College in 1955. Mary was Senior Student at Sancta Sophia College and graduated in Architecture. Mary also completed a Master of Fine Arts at Stanford University in the USA. They went on to have five children. Harding has a long family history entwined with St John's and Sancta Sophia, as he had three uncles who attended St John's and a younger sister and his wife who attended Sancta. He recalls fondly coming along Missenden Road and the hallowed grounds of both Sancta Sophia and St John's.



Harding Burns and Mary Horsley on their wedding day, College Chapel, c.1955.



Newlyweds Harding Burns and Mary with family.

Harding feels deeply grateful for all the opportunities he has received, starting at Riverview, moving to St John's College, and then working at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He feels that his time at St John's was fundamental in the formation of a positive attitude to work and establishing a career in Medicine. He made friends for life and appreciates the deep connections that remain to this day.

As he reflects on these stages of his life, he is keen to support students of the future and create a legacy that will enable future students to benefit from the opportunities of residential life.

Harding feels that giving back to the place that opened so many doors is an honour. St John's is deeply grateful to Harding for his kindness, and we recognise his years of engagement and support for the College. We thank Harding for his bequest.

*"It is an honour to be a benefactor",* says Harding.

# *Some ways your gift*

## can help St John's College

### SCHOLARSHIPS
### PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

With your support through a gift in will towards our scholarship program, we hope to attract and retain those that might not otherwise consider the College to be able to do so well into the future.

We have a history of offering many deserving students scholarship funding which has enabled them to flourish and make the most of the St John's experience.



### CONSERVATION
### PRESERVE THE PAST AND BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

Leave a gift to help preserve our magnificent heritage buildings St John's is a unique, neo-Gothic beauty, but the preservation of our heritage buildings requires continual financial resources. Historic buildings also require new upgrades to continue to provide a safe comfortable environment for both students and staff.



### PERPETUAL
### SUPPORT THE FUTURE THROUGH THE FOUNDATION

Donations to the St John's College Foundation are in a capital, preserved trust. They provide long term support to the College and ensure your impact is everlasting.





# *How you can include*

## a gift in your Will

*Every gift will create an impact and can be tailored to your preferences.*

### SPEAK WITH US ABOUT YOUR VISION

Please contact us so we can understand more about your interests and plans. If you would like to know more about a specific area of support, we welcome you to call or visit us at a convenient time.

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### CREATE YOUR GIFT

We can assist in the drafting of your wording for your will to ensure long term impact.

### SHARE YOUR INTENTIONS

We would be grateful for your gift should you decide to leave one and would like to acknowledge your generosity.

### OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

We understand that you might change your mind at any time, and that for many of you family or loved ones come first.

We promise that 100% of your gift goes directly to the area of your choice.

### SUGGESTED WORDING IN YOUR WILL

**FOR GENERAL PURPOSES**

"I give (% of my residuary estate/insert dollar amount) to St John's College ABN 77 142 270 315 for the general purposes of St John's College

**FOR THE FOUNDATION**

"I give [insert dollar amount / % of my residuary estate] to St John's College Foundation ABN 56 897 601 043 where your capital will be preserved for the future, for the purposes of the St John's College Foundation."

**FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

"I give [insert dollar amount / % of my residuary estate] to St John's College ABN 77 142 270 315 to support one or more scholarships with a preference for [insert general description of the area to be supported if required e.g., medicine, law, Arts]. It is my preference that the scholarship is awarded to students on the basis of (insert criteria). [Each scholarship is to be called the [insert name of scholarship]."

### THE FREEHILL LEGACY SOCIETY

Those who make the generous decision to leave a gift in their Will to St John's College receive an exclusive invitation to join the St John's College Freehill Legacy Society.

The Society is named in recognition of St John's alumni and legacy donor, Francis Bede Freehill.

As a member of the Society, you will meet other St John's graduates and friends of the College who are all passionate about the College.

Membership comes with a range of benefits, including:

- Invitations to society-only events
- Invitation to Mass and luncheon at the College
- Behind the scenes tours
- An annual newsletter with updates on the College




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