



BURGMANN COLLEGE

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The **Bruadarach** *Medal*

Bruadarach is the Scottish Gaelic for visionary. The heart and vision behind the Bruadarach Medal is to reward the visionary ideas of students at the ANU. The award is comprised: the Bruadarach Medal, a Certificate, \$2000 in prize money, and recognition on an Honour Board at Burgmann College.

The Bruadarach Medal is awarded to a resident of Burgmann College who has shown an exceptional entrepreneurial spirit in providing an educationally beneficial experience outside of the normal student experience channels of the Burgmann Residents' Association.

These experiences include; a program or event that expands the cultural understanding of residents and brings together students of different social groups, a program or event that takes

students abroad to showcase sporting, cultural or academic talents, or a program or event that expands the reach of college residents further into the ANU community and the other Colleges, Halls and Lodges on the campus.

The stories of the Bruadarach Medal will inspire others to genuinely change the residential education experience for the betterment of students into the future.

2016

Andrew Nilon

Andrew Nilon showed outstanding initiative in organising the Jane Franklin Hall (Hobart) exchange to Burgmann College in 2016. He headed up the organisation of funding and executing an exchange where we brought thirty-eight Jane Franklin residents to Burgmann College for a weekend.



Pictured L-R: Chair of Burgmann College Council, Greg Mills, Sponsor & Alumnus Casey White (2011-2013), and 2016 Bruadarach Medal recipient, alumnus Andrew Nilon (2014-2016) at the 2017 Commencement Dinner, National Arboretum, Canberra.

It was the first time we had ever done this and it was a huge success. There were so many setbacks and uncertainties, yet Andrew persevered through some difficult times and really worked hard with his committee to make the trip a success – all with little thanks or appreciation of the scale of the task on top of all his other commitments!

2017

Henry Delves

Henry Delves was a Residential Advisor in 2018, and a Sports Representative on BRA in 2017. Aside from his extensive contribution to the College through his formal leadership positions, he also created, “River2Lake”, a local charity run of 47.5kms from the River starting at Jubilee Oval to Lake Wyangan NSW, in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). Efforts from the charity run went to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.



Pictured L-R: Sponsor & Alumnus, Casey White, and 2017 Bruadarach Medal recipient, Henry Delves (2015-2017) at Burgmann College with the Bruadarach Medal honour board.

Henry is passionate about the cause and strongly believes that young people should not ever have to go through childhood and young adulthood with the shadow of diabetes hanging over them.

Henry convinced a number of Burgmann residents to run the distance with him and a large number of residents got behind the cause and helped organise. Henry’s initiative raised over \$12,000 for JDRF.

2018

Timothy Hobbs



Pictured L-R: Sponsor, Casey White, 2018 Bruadarach Medal recipient, Timothy Hobbs (2016-2018), Gregory and Carmen White and Principal, Sally Renouf, at the 2019 Commencement Dinner, National Arboretum, Canberra.

Timothy Hobbs received the Bruadarach Award for his development of an App for Burgmann College. Tim said, *'It has been a very exciting process getting the Burgmann College App off the ground. Once it is released, it will have a transformative effect on the way our College communicates. I'm so excited to say the App is finished and the next few months will be about getting approval from Apple and Google. We're hoping for a launch in mid-2019.'*

2020

Benjamin Jefferson & Declan Duncan-Keen

Benjamin (Ben) Jefferson and Declan Duncan-Keen were recognised for their efforts to keep the Burgmann community connected during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. Ben and Declan revived the College's radio station (2RS), rebranded as BurgFM. Supported by a number of dedicated team members they broadcast out to Burgmann residents for up to 30 hours a week during a four-month



Pictured L-R: 2020 Recipients Benjamin Jefferson (2018 - 2020) and Declan Duncan-Keen (2019-2021) with sponsors Gregory White and Casey White at the 2021 Commencement Dinner, National Arboretum, Canberra.

lockdown period. Residents hosted a variety of themed shows from arts to sports, philosophy and even creative writing. Ben estimates the radio station attracted 17,000 individual listens from a listener pool of around 200 Burgmann residents. Resident feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with one resident

telling producers, *'I never thought I'd feel this connected to college when I'm so far away.'*

Rebecca Stoljar and Charlie O'Neill, as key contributors, and the 2020 BRA Vice Presidents, Lennie Payne and Georgia Brennan, were also acknowledged.

About the donors:

The White Family



During my time as a resident of Burgmann a situation arose where I needed to return home to Tasmania really quickly but I couldn't afford to do so and my family wasn't in a strong enough situation to support the cost of flying interstate either. One afternoon the then Principal, Dr Philip Dutton, spoke to me saying that some people associated with the College had given the sum of money needed for me to fly home. No strings attached, simply an act of support that was thinking beyond themselves for an interstate student whom they had never met.

The impact of that gesture has never left my mind. A crucial point here being the impact of a gesture.

From that moment we knew that as soon as practically possible we must provide support for students who also show commitment beyond themselves and thus the Bruadarach Medal was established.



— **Casey White**

Burgmann Alumnus (2011 to 2013) and sponsor of the Bruadarach Medal