Come back to Burg

We are delighted to invite you to this special 50th anniversary event, celebrating half a century of the place more than 10,000 students of the Australian National University have called home, since 1971.

This three-day weekend is about reconnecting with old friends and colleagues, while bridging generations of ‘Burgmannites’ and ‘Burgies’; from earliest residents to current day, along with the staff and many other supporters who have helped shape our rich collegial culture over the last 50 years. The program allows ample opportunity to catch up and share memories, participate in familiar, much-loved traditions, and to see how our cherished Burgmann spirit lives on.

If you have any questions about the program or how to register, please do not hesitate to contact our Advancement Team.

We look forward to welcoming you home!

Sally Renouf
Principal
Burgmann Resident 2010-present

Matthew Lobb
Chair, Burgmann College Alumni Association
Burgmann Resident 1989-1991
Former BRA President 1991

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To register

All events are described in detail in this brochure. You may register either by completing the accompanying Registration Form OR online at burgmann.anu.edu.au/back-to-burg

Note: Due to venue limitations and the possibility of COVID-19 capacity restrictions in August, we encourage you to register as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Once registered, you will receive confirmation and receipt for payment. Further important information will be sent to you one week prior to Back-to-Burg, and you will receive a Registration Pack upon arrival, with everything you need to know to fully enjoy your weekend.

Special highlights

There are a number of special highlights during the weekend to which we would like to draw your particular attention:

• Gala Dinner

A 3 course formal dinner with drinks; join special guests including ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt, past Burgmann Principals/Masters and members of Council. The night also includes the presentation of the Inaugural Burgmann Alumni Awards (see below), cake cutting and raising of the 50th commemorative flag.

• Inaugural Burgmann Alumni Awards

We are delighted to announce the launch of Burgmann Alumni Awards, which will be awarded for the very first time at this year’s Back-to-Burg Gala Dinner. These awards recognise and honour the achievements of alumni, and the valuable service of our staff and volunteers. Visit burgmann.anu.edu.au/burg-alumni-awards to nominate by 9 July!

• Pre-Dinner Drinks & Burgmann College Alumni Association (BCAA) AGM

A pre-dinner event for alumni, friends and all members of the Burgmann community. While the BCAA AGM will cover some brief official business, the main attraction for this event is the opportunity to hear, and contribute to, our exciting new plans, over pre-dinner canapés and drinks. All welcome.

Lost Alumni

We still have a large number of Burgmann alumni and former staff to “find”. Please help us spread the word—see our “Lost Alumni” lists at burgmann.anu.edu.au/articles/lost-alumni

Access for all

While we have done our best to keep registration fees low for our Back-to-Burg weekend, we don’t want anyone’s financial circumstances to prevent them from attending and reconnecting with our community. Please contact the Advancement Team to access a confidential fee reduction on hardship grounds.

Alternatively, if you would like to chip in to support someone who might not otherwise be able to make it, please contact our Advancement Team.

Let others know you’re coming

As registrations grow, we will publicise a Back-to-Burg Registrant List on our website, so you can see who is coming. This is a great way to encourage attendance from those who may be worried they won’t know anyone. If you are happy to be included on this list, please check the box on the Registration Form.

Accommodation

The Hyatt Hotel has offered a 10% discount on its daily rate with a minimum of 10 bookings for Burgmann alums—if you would like to take advantage of this, use the code BQTS when you are booking.

There are a wide range of accommodation options near to the College, check out booking.com for options.

Burgmann merchandise

Throughout the weekend, attendees will have the opportunity to renew their Burgmann colours and kit, as well as purchase special commemorative items.

Enquiries

For all enquiries about Back-to-Burg Alumni Weekend or any other Burgmann Alumni & Friends activities, please contact the Advancement Team:

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# Back-to-Burg Alumni Weekend Program

**Note:** Details were correct at time of printing but may be subject to change.

## FRIDAY 20 AUGUST

### Midday-6:00pm
**Back-to-Burg Registration (Common Room)**
Collect your Registration Pack for the weekend’s festivities. This is also an opportunity to purchase Burgmann merchandise and wear it with pride over the weekend! Complimentary tea and coffee available.

**Burgmann Merchandise Sale (Common Room)**
An opportunity to buy Burgmann-branded merchandise and wear yellow with pride.

### Midday-4:00pm
**Burgmann College Tours (Meet at Reception)**
Join a group tour to revisit favourite haunts and see new developments, hosted by a current resident (approx. 30 mins per tour—please arrive at Reception on the hour or half-hour).

### Midday-8:00pm
**Back-to-Burg Exhibition (A.R. Main Room)**
Take a stroll down memory lane viewing photo and memorabilia displays. Don’t forget to sign the guestbook before the weekend ends.

### 6:00-7:30pm
**Welcome Reception (Common Room)**
The official opening of the weekend’s festivities—meet old friends and new over drinks and canapés, with entertainment provided by current residents. While catching up, create new memories with the Back-to-Burg Photo Booth.

### 8:00-10:00pm
**OPTION 1: Trivia Night, ft. Monsterbrain Challenge (Dining Hall)**
Carry on the evening’s fun and amp up the hilarity with a trivia extravaganza, featuring a Monsterbrain round inspired by the regular pop quiz hotly contested by Burgmannites of the 1970s. Create teams of 8 to 10. Musical interludes continue throughout the evening. *Catered event with cash bar available.*

**OPTION 2: Arrange your own casual catch-up**
We know some of you won’t have seen each other for a long time and will be keen to just catch up—please feel free to use this time for your own informal arrangements with friends and we’ll see you Saturday!

## SATURDAY 21 AUGUST

### 9:00-10:30am
**Burg Day Themed Breakfast (Dining Hall)**
A reflection of one of Burgmann’s most popular traditions, join in the sharing of Burg Day stories including St Beryl and the ‘Blessing of the Brick’ with current residents. This will feature the breakfast tradition, pancakes served with maple syrup and fresh fruit. Hear recollections of Burg Days past, including the history of when the divine influence of St Beryl was first noticed.

*(If you’re a former St Beryl, please let us know in advance.)*

### 10:30-11:30am
**Burgmann Merchandise Sale (Common Room)**
Another opportunity to buy Burgmann-branded merchandise and wear yellow with pride.

**OPTION 1: Celebrating Burgmann Through Song – Master Class with Associate Professor, Kim Cunio (Chapel)**
Warm up your vocal cords—and memories—in advance of the Luigi’s Sunday sing-along, with a run-through of traditional Burgmann songs, guided by Associate Professor Kim Cunio, Burgmann Residential Fellow and Head, ANU School of Music.

**OPTION 2: Recreational Activities (Front Lawn)**
Some gentle afternoon exercise, with pétanque, frisbee and croquet on the front lawn, playing against current residents and each other. *(Co-ordinated by the 2021 Sports Reps)*

**OPTION 3: Burgmann College Tours (Meet at Reception)**
Join a group tour to revisit favourite haunts and see new developments (approx. 30 mins per tour—please arrive at Reception on the hour or half-hour).

**OPTION 4: ANU Campus Tours (Meet at Reception)**
Choose your own adventure with a self-guided tour around the ANU Campus: Acton Heritage Trail; Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Heritage Trail; Sculpture Walk. See full details of these and other tours by downloading the ANU Walks app. Come to Reception on the hour or half-hour to meet with other likeminded strollers.
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<td><strong>Group Photos (Front Lawn, in front of the ivy)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Don’t miss the chance for an official Back-to-Burg photo with your decade groups with our professional photographer. There will also be photo calls for former BRA Presidents, former Principals, etc.</td>
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<td>12:30pm-2:00pm</td>
<td><strong>BBQ Lunch (Back Lawn)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Enjoy a networking BBQ buffet lunch with current residents in a familiar spot. A great opportunity for our Burgmann Alumni Mentoring (BAM) mentors and mentees to catch up, plus hear the latest update on how we are restoring the undergraduate courtyard and BBQ area between Homer and Barassi wings as part of Building a Bigger Burgmann Vision. The new purpose-designed outdoor oasis will be a multi-functional community space—which we hope to invite you back to for the next Back-to-Burg!</td>
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<td>2:00pm-4:00pm</td>
<td><strong>OPTION 1: Callum Fryer’s All-Stars Game (Fellows Oval)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Don your merch and join us for an exhibition AFL match in memory of a special resident.</td>
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<td><strong>OPTION 2: Mini Dawborn Snooker Tournament (Common Room &amp; Le Chat Noir)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Are you a former Dawborn challenger or would-be challenger? Register your interest for a mini tournament of play-offs with other alumni and current residents.</td>
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<td><strong>Gala Dinner &amp; Inaugural Alumni Awards Presentation (Dining Hall)</strong>&lt;br&gt;This is the premier, stand-out highlight of Back-to-Burg: a beautiful three-course formal dinner, with drinks, featuring reminiscences across Burgmann’s 50 years of history from special guest speakers, presentation of the inaugural Burgmann Alumni Awards, and concluding with a ceremonial cake cutting and toast to officially mark the College’s 50th birthday. Not to be missed!</td>
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<td>11:00-12:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Luigi’s at the Lodge &amp; Sing-Along (Principal’s Lodge)</strong>&lt;br&gt;The weekly tradition of scones with jam and cream, hosted by the Principal Renouf and named in honour of former Principal and foundation resident, Rev Dr Lewis Rushbrook, featuring a sing-along of traditional Burgmann songs.&lt;br&gt;<strong>This ends the weekend’s official proceedings.</strong></td>
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<td>12:00-1:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Lunch (Dining Hall)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Enjoy one last Burgmann meal in the Dining Hall before you hit the road!</td>
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<td>1:00-4:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Still need time to catch up? (Dining Hall)</strong>&lt;br&gt;For those still reminiscing, please feel free to continue your trip down memory lane in the Dining Hall, over tea and coffee.</td>
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<td>2:00-4:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Former &amp; Current Staff Gathering (Chapel)</strong>&lt;br&gt;An event specially for former and current staff to meet and mingle, hosted by Principal Sally Renouf.</td>
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<td>4:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Waving fond farewells – we hope to see you at next year’s Back-to-Burg weekend.</strong></td>
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