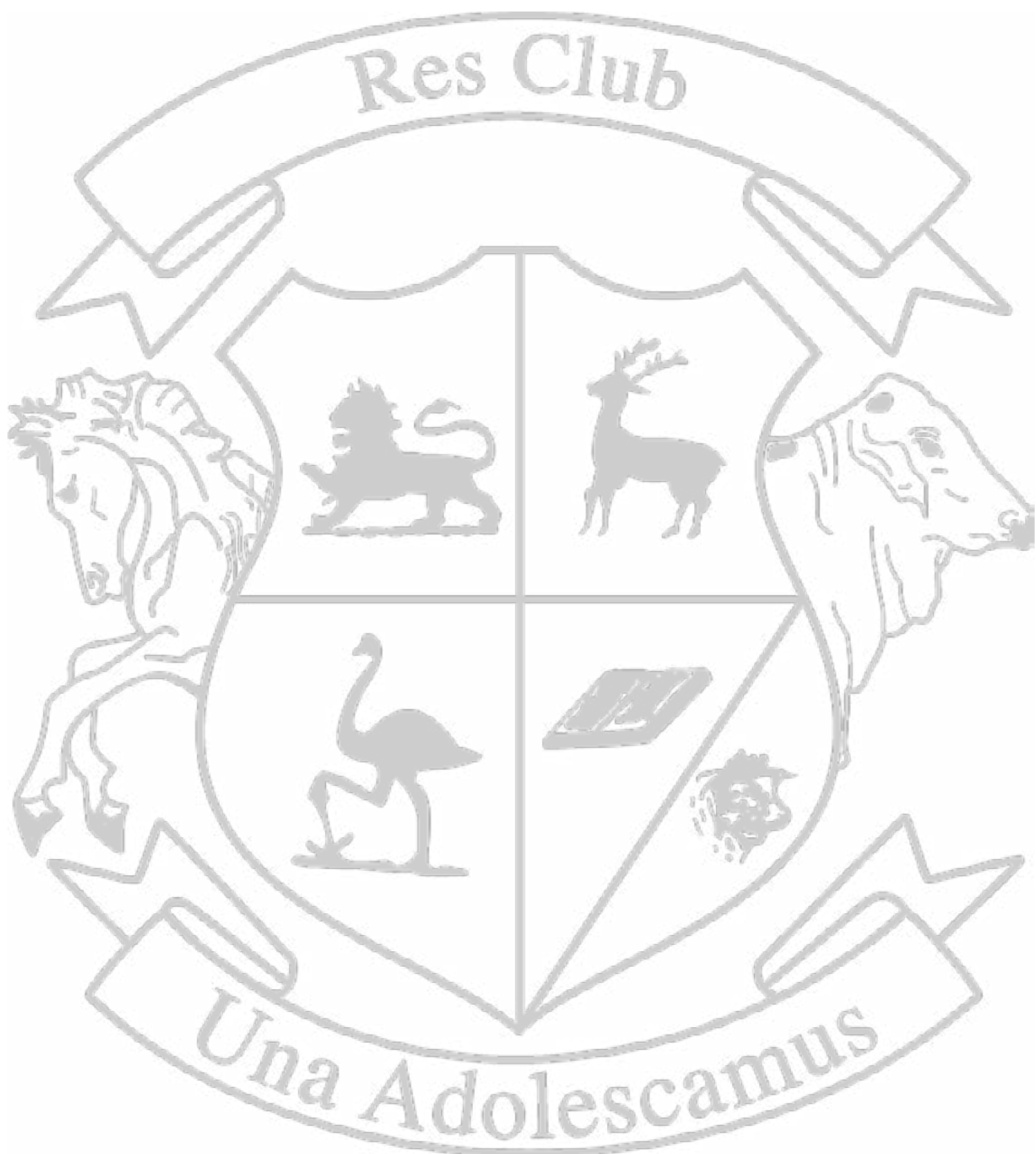


UQ Gatton



Halls Of Residence 2020



Edited by Andrew Gray, Murphee Foley, Georgie Lee, Will Anthony,
Holly Anderson, Joanna Elton, Corey Paulsen, Luke Pearson
Yearbook Front Cover Designed by Alana Todhunter
Special thank you to all who contributed to the making of this year's yearbook.



Gatton Residents Club



Edward Kowalenko

President

"I'm a pretty big deal"



Ryan Aitken

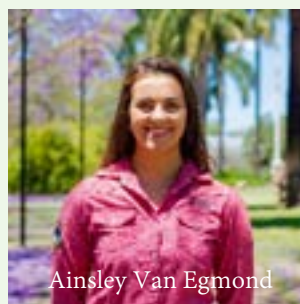
Sports Officer

Moans



Alvin Chong

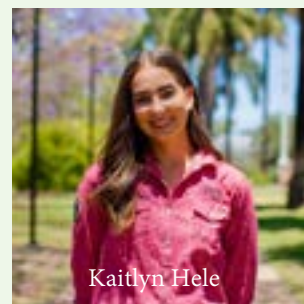
Treasurer



Ainsley Van Egmond

Vice President

"See you at Val"



Kaitlyn Hele

Secretary

"I'm sick of teaching Alvin the Wap"



Salomón Saygo Mejía

Riddell Cultural Rep

"I can't, I'm at St Lucia"



India Macrossan

Thynne Cultural Rep

"That's just how my brain works"



Brian Stockwell

Pitt Cultural Rep

"Fuck off, Indi"



Hannah Meyer

Shelton Cultural Rep

"I swear I'm not on the spectrum"



Andrew Gray

Riddell Media Rep

"Did you know I did the Kokoda Challenge"



William Anthony

Thynne Media Rep

Judge Stares



Murphee Foley

Pitt Media Rep

"I wasn't even that drunk and they kicked me out again"



Georgie Lee

Shelton Media Rep

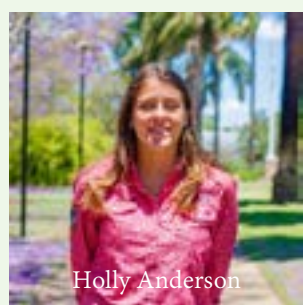
"I had 12 shots of pink gin tonight"



Joanna Elton

Riddell First Year Rep

"I grew up in the shade"



Holly Anderson

Thynne First Year Rep

"Why do I have to"



Corey Paulsen

Pitt First Year Rep

"I swear I'm not a virgin"



Luke Pearson

Shelton First Year Rep

"Did you know I drink craft beer"

2020 Staff Teams



Thynne Residential Staff

From left to right: Hugh McClurg, Ben Martin, Erin Baker, Wells McDonald, Alisa Martch and Carl Rudolph



Riddell Residential Staff

From left to right: Bethany McLeod, Jonathan Reid, Lauren Taylor, Issy Rossdeutscher and Georgia Anderson



Pitt Residential Staff

From left to right: Ella Fleming, Mia Sheperd, Alaric Martell, Liz Whatmore and Keely Sayer

Shelton Residential Staff

From left to right: Nick Stewart, Lucy Herring, Nicole Westerdale, Cartia Heinemann, Curtis Locke



Head of Halls

To say that 2020 has not turned out like you (or anyone!) expected or planned would be an understatement of epic proportions. Whilst you no doubt were expecting University in 2020 to be a stressful time, the global pandemic has certainly added an additional layer of complexity, uncertainty, and anxiety.

Not only have you been faced with the cancellation of on-site classes, interrupted studies and the challenge of transitioning to remote learning, but you've also been deprived of many milestones, social and sporting opportunities that would normally be the highlight of your year.

We in the Halls office are very proud that the Halls of Residence remains an outstanding place to live, work and study enhanced every year by the amazing young men and women in our leadership positions, those aspiring to be leaders and those whom are happy to be led and contribute to our wonderful community.

Our Hall's community is not a concept that should be taken to lightly in the troubled times we exist in globally. The skills that you learn in acceptance and tolerance of others bad habits, beliefs, differences, and the sense of ownership and belonging you have to your Halls, are a precious thing. Tolerance and respect are such vital aspects of our everyday lives in Halls and I can't help but feel that it is these two traits lacking in mankind that are causing so much grief in the world. Please be mindful of this yourselves as you continue to live in Halls or begin to make your way in the world. Never take for granted the small lessons in life skills you have learned whilst living in the Halls community.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Helen, Carole and Nicole, for the excellent job they do in supporting you as residents in the Halls, I am very conscious of their efforts on your behalf much of which goes unseen by you. A very big thank you to Wayne Kollegger and the Residential Staff Team, for what has been, another outstanding year of personal care and support for you, our residents. Without this team running effectively and being in touch with the community Halls is simply just not the same.

I guess you could argue that the 2020 Resident's Club have had the most disruption to their program and plans this year! It was heart-breaking after such successful cultural change to the O week Program for them to then lose most of their cohort. The Executive team of Kaitlyn, Ainsley and Alvin led admirably by Ed, after the initial disappointment, rose to the challenge of the online environment, then the reduced cohort, to provide a wonderful experience for you - their residents. Along with their outstanding committee they have provided a host of activities in Semester 2 affording you the most normal experience possible.



Finally, I would like to say a big than you to all of you, our residents, who constitute our community and the contributions large or small that you make to it. As far as facilities, location, community, and environment the UQ Gatton Halls of Residence is one of the best places in Australia to live while attending university and it is our aim to continue this well into the future.

Best of luck to those who are departing the Halls, be it to the lure of a shared house in town, or due to completion of your university career. I trust you will look back on your time in the Halls fondly and keep in touch with many of the friends you have made will residing at UQ Gatton Campus.

Best Wishes

Simon Scott
Head of Halls



Residential Programs Manager

I can hardly believe we have already reached the end of the 2020 academic year. An interesting year to say the least! I would like to thank all students who called Halls their home in 2020 and I hope you discovered a wonderful community and met many great people you now call close friends.

The most rewarding part of my job has been working alongside the team of Residential Staff and the Residents' Club. The responsibilities and challenges of Resident Assistants and Residential Supervisors are many and varied, seldom totally understood by the student body, let alone those without connection with the University residential environment.

Developing a supportive, safe, motivating, and dynamic community for university students is not an easy task. This year with the additional challenge of covid-19 restrictions, to my amazement they raised the bar yet again! Running our Halls without Residential Staff would be impossible as responsible student leadership is essential to the creation of success in our Halls. I am extremely grateful to serve our community to develop and implement programmes relating to the personal growth, leadership development and enrichment of the residents residing on campus. To the 2020 Res Staff team, you have my respect and admiration for your dedication and desire to have a positive impact on other peoples' lives, at times at the expense of your own.

I would like to give special mention to Alaric Martell, Cartia Heinemann, Jonathon Reid, Keely Sayer, Alisa Martch, Curtis Locke, Hugh McClurg, Bethany McLeod, Ainsley Van Egmond, Alvin Chong and Kaitlyn Hele who are departing the Residential Staff team and Residents' Club after many years of great service.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the Residents' Club for hosting a myriad of social, sporting, and cultural events commencing with an action-packed Orientation week back in February. After returning in semester two with restrictions eased, they finished off the year in style with a sensational events calendar making the most of the challenging year for all of us. The 2020 Residents' Club led admirably by our President and Valedictorian Edward Kowalenko had a truly amazing finish to the year! There were many highlights and it's your hard work and enthusiasm that provides our residents with some of the best memories of their time in Halls. I would also like to thank the Halls of Residence Office staff lead by our Head of Halls Simon Scott, Helen Haynes, Nicole Hartwich and Carol Brown. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you. Finally, congratulations to Riddell Hall who have earned bragging rights for the 2020 by winning the hotly contested Residents' Shield Trophy by the closest of margins.

I now look forward to catching up with those of you who are returning to the Halls in 2021 and best of luck to everyone who are finishing their courses or not returning. I hope you will look back fondly on your time here and keep in touch with the many friends you have made while residing in Halls.

Regards,



Wayne Kollegger

Manager, Residential Programs



President

Well, well, well. Somehow, we have made it through to exams, I honestly didn't think we would actually get here but somehow, we did. I have truly made some unbelievably good friends over the past year and ones which I will cherish forever. The year started off on such a high, smashing out an amazing O'week with my team and their committee members. I have never seen so much energy around halls, not one single person didn't want to be here, nor did they not love halls. Nothing brings more joy to me than watching 220 freshers wake up at 5am to go on a run after having a huge night at the club. It brings a tear to my eye.



Once O'week finished it was straight back into normal boring life, however the spirit and energy never seemed to die. Shave for a cure always seems to amaze me, some of the people who get up and volunteer their heads are the real heroes. In case you didn't know I've shaved my head for 3 years now, so I guess that makes me a superhero. Over the past 3 years one thing I have come to learn is that uni students love free stuff and especially free plants. Plant picnic going off like a frog in a sock, last year we did pretty well but holy moly this year absolutely blew my mind. Then BAM, COVID-19 struck, and I never realised how big it was living in our own little bubble out here. I remember my mother ringing me at least twice a week making sure we were



being safe and cautious. I gave her the exact same response every time, "nothing has changed out here, we are perfectly fine." Then week 4 rolls around and all of a sudden we get a whole week off uni and man I thought that was pretty cool, so like every other uni student I decided not to catch up on work rather watch movies and socialise. We were all convinced that this was what halls was going to look like for the rest of the year so we sat down with every staff and res club member to look at what we could do for you guys. Trust me, you are lucky I turned down naked sushi eating because there is a lot of people here who I do not want to see naked.

I'm honestly not sure what to write in this section so I might as well talk about my experience going home. Along with many people, I found it really nice to spend a quality couple of weeks with the family. I haven't lived at home in 3 years so adjusting to a schedule that involved unpacking the dishwasher, walking the dog and trying to go to the fridge every 3 seconds very challenging. Although COVID has brought so much pain to so many people across the globe it helped me do two things which I never realised I needed. It forced me to connect with my family more and I have never felt so close to the people I love the most. I'm sure most of you would share a similar opinion to mine. It also made me realise the gold mine we are sitting on out here, what we have and the Gatton family we belong to will never change, doesn't matter what happens to any of us. Now I could continue to reflect on the rest of the year but I think this is a good place to stop. I don't want to be remembered as the president that got us all through COVID because that's not me and there is so many other people who did so much more and will never be acknowledged for it. I want us all to reflect on this year and remember how resilient we are as a community. Always remember that if the brown Gatton dirt is stuck in your fingernails and your hair reeks of the piggery, you are a gattonite and nothing can stop you when you come together.

Your President,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Kowalenko'.

Edward Kowalenko



Treasurer & Secretary

Dear 2020,



TELL ME WHYY?!



You have been some of our greatest mems & our worst nightmares. Nothing could've prepared us for this year, however we managed to make it through. We definitely could not have done this without the help of Simon, Wayne & the Halls Team (Helen, Nicole & Carole). And, especially the Supervisors, & Executives!

We loved introducing the Fresher Shield this year & hope that it made O'Week one to remember. We hope that it continues to foster positive involvement & encouragement throughout Halls in future years, & of course to keep both the enthusiasm and competitive spirit amongst the Halls community going (yeah Shelton)!!

Although (triggering C-19 word) dealt us a bad hand at the start of the year, with a cloud of uncertainty looming ahead, we managed to pull it together & came back with an absolutely amazing second semester.

Undaunted by the fact that we were unable to run many charity events in Semester 1, we (Kaitlyn, Alvin & Brian) were able to successfully run Hall's first ever Charity Dinner. We are so proud of how it turned out & we believe it was a huge accomplishment. Thank you to everyone who sponsored & participated!

Our other favourite event had to be talent night – nothing beats pure comedic entertainment. Despite Kaitlyn teaching Alvin WAP for over 10 rehearsed hours, it was so well worth it (shameless self-promo: check out our YouTube channel @uqgresclub 😊)!

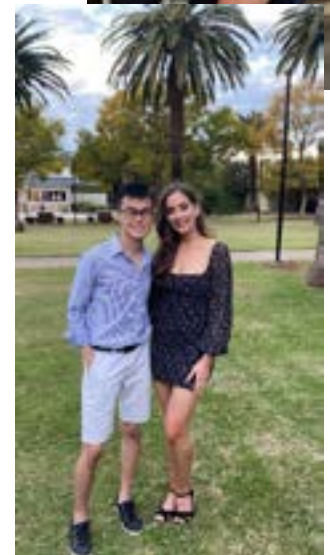
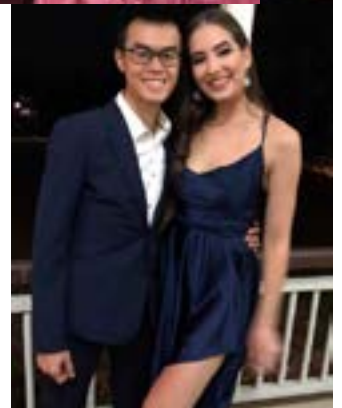
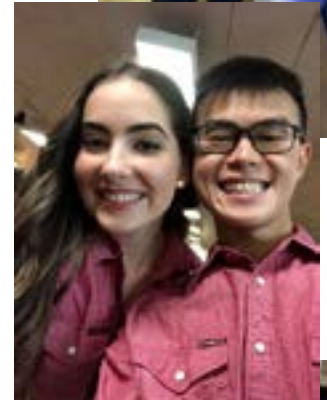
Thank you to everyone who stuck around and supported each a& every event that we ran. Without all of you, we wouldn't be able to have the memories that we do now. It has been such a pleasure to be a part of Res Club & seeing all of you enjoying yourselves. We want to give our final thank you to the entire Res Club team. You guys continue to surprise us with your unwavering enthusiasm & commitment to the role, & we have loved seeing you all grow into the strong independent leaders that you are today. We are so very proud of your extreme efforts through this crazy, chaotic year – you have made this year so enjoyable & we have loved every minute of working with you all.

We are excited to hand our roles over to Hannah & Salomón next year, and we hope that they learn & grow just as much as we have. We have full faith in the future Res Club Committee of 2021! We will definitely miss you all, but at the same time we are so eager to see what you guys accomplish next year & will always be cheering you on from the sidelines.

All our love & best wishes,

Alviennnn
Treasurer

Kaito
Secretary



Treasurer & Secretary

Dear 2020,



TELL ME WHY?!



You have been some of our greatest mems & our worst nightmares. Nothing could've prepared us for this year, however we managed to make it through. We definitely could not have done this without the help of Simon, Wayne & the Halls Team (Helen, Nicole & Carole). And, especially the Supervisors, & Executives!

We loved introducing the Fresher Shield this year & hope that it made O'Week one to remember. We hope that it continues to foster positive involvement & encouragement throughout Halls in future years, & of course to keep both the enthusiasm and competitive spirit amongst the Halls community going (yeah Shelton)!!

Although (triggering C-19 word) dealt us a bad hand at the start of the year, with a cloud of uncertainty looming ahead, we managed to pull it together & came back with an absolutely amazing second semester.

Undaunted by the fact that we were unable to run many charity events in Semester 1, we (Kaitlyn, Alvin & Brian) were able to successfully run Hall's first ever Charity Dinner. We are so proud of how it turned out & we believe it was a huge accomplishment. Thank you to everyone who sponsored & participated!

Our other favourite event had to be talent night – nothing beats pure comedic entertainment. Despite Kaitlyn teaching Alvin WAP for over 10 rehearsed hours, it was so well worth it (shameless self-promo: check out our YouTube channel @uqgresclub 😊)!

Thank you to everyone who stuck around and supported each a& every event that we ran. Without all of you, we wouldn't be able to have the memories that we do now. It has been such a pleasure to be a part of Res Club & seeing all of you enjoying yourselves. We want to give our final thank you to the entire Res Club team. You guys continue to surprise us with your unwavering enthusiasm & commitment to the role, & we have loved seeing you all grow into the strong independent leaders that you are today. We are so very proud of your extreme efforts through this crazy, chaotic year – you have made this year so enjoyable & we have loved every minute of working with you all.

We are excited to hand our roles over to Hannah & Salomón next year, and we hope that they learn & grow just as much as we have. We have full faith in the future Res Club Committee of 2021! We will definitely miss you all, but at the same time we are so eager to see what you guys accomplish next year & will always be cheering you on from the sidelines.

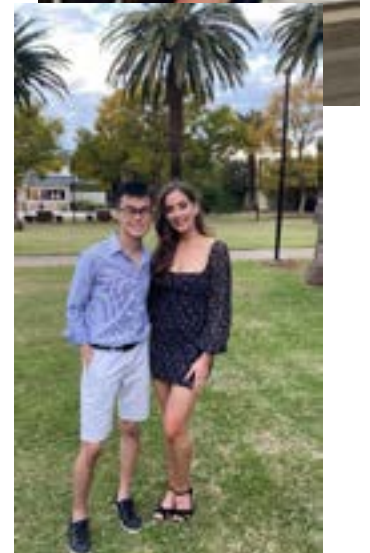
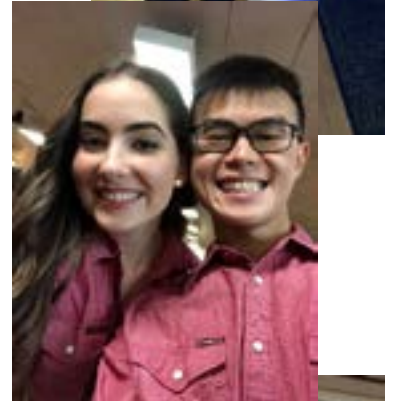
All our love & best wishes,

Alvienn

Treasurer

Kaito

Secretary



Sports Officer

2020 has been one crazy year, and Res Sport has been no different. After starting off the year with Dodgeball, Swimming & Water Polo in the first 3 weeks halls life was brought to a halt. The freshers had only gotten a taste of what res sport and halls life could be. Despite this and in opposition to early worries Semester 2 left a much brighter light on Res Sport and halls life. As said in the Semester 2 hype video and put simply: "Res Sport is back"! And back it sure was!

The momentum was regained as the whole halls' community looked on a joint mission to soak up as much as halls had to offer. The aim for this semester was to provide a revised schedule of sports that residents could enjoy and get around despite the new conditions. The netball/tennis courts became a new home of res sport and the open area provided more game time for residents as 2 games could be played at once. A highlight of the year was definitely the mystery res sport of the Dunk Tank & Slip n Slide. It was a rollercoaster day with the weather, but we got through an hour of fun with residents dunking their favourite/least favourite staff and Res Club. It was a great way to bring the year of Res Sport to a close.



The sporting cup was something I kept a keen eye on all year as I longed for Riddell to lift the shield. However, it proved to be a two-horse race between Thynne & Shelton and in circumstances not too different to last year only a few points separated them at the end with the trophy still on the line in the last few weeks of action. It was Thynne who came out on top however so a big congratulations to them!

A big thanks to my Res Club team whose support of Res Sport made it what it was this year. Also, a big thanks to Angus, Maddy, Liz & Sarah from UQ sport as without them Res Sport wouldn't function. It will be weird to no longer oversee Res Sport next year, but I am more excited than ever for what it will bring. I wish all the best to Stead & the rest of the Res Club team next year. Here's to a great 2021!



Officer out!!

Rutken

Ryan Aitken



O'WEEK!



O'week 2020 was an exciting week full of challenging activities, late nights and early mornings, especially for the freshers. This week was only made possible through the hard work and preparation from the Residents club, combined staff teams and the O'week committee.

This jampacked week was full of activities designed to get the freshers involved as much as possible, such as Water melon touch, campus challenge, Pool BBQ, Zombie Apocalypse, hall crawls, colour run, the morning run , Ag Olympics, lawn bowls, a trip to Wivenhoe dam, glow in the dark soccer, table top climb, cloud 9 and a ridiculous amount of club nights. 2020 O'week was undoubtedly the best way to start off a Gatton halls of residence experience.



O'WEEK!



AUSSIE



MEET

'N'



GREET

The Aussie Meet 'n' Greet was an absolute hit. The international students experience some of Aussie's amazing cuisine from meat pies, lamingtons, tim tams and caromellow Koalas. International students even participated in some good old trivia about Aussie's culture.



Shave for A Cure



Shave for a cure was the first charitable event for both the year and Res club and it truly set up for a great year. The volunteering residents raised money for this foundation by pledging to lose their hair either by waxing, cutting or shaving. With each new resident, the audience pilled their money together in preparation for the upcoming auction. As the money increased, and the specific milestones were met very quickly and the night concluded with two returning residents, Wells McDonald and Liz Whitmore, shaving their long locks. Such an act inspired all the residents to donate anything they could, putting on a perfect display of community and encouragement to finish off the night.





PLANT PiCNiC



Despite the overcast weather Residents turned out in force to one of the favourite events of the year, plant picnic. A perfect way to unwind after a busy Thursday of classes, everyone was able to release their inner green thumb and leave with a new addition to their plant collection. The copious number of snacks supplied also made it just that little bit better.





Latino Fiesta



The lights and various decorations turned the front of Riddell into an attractive and engaging environment for all residents to be drawn to the event. The activities included thong throwing, a pinata and chilli eating. All of which were appealing to students and created an exciting vibe where everyone was entertained. The limited drinks and music further added to the Latin environment created. The order of activities was finished up with the perfect ending in the chilli eating contest where Riddell, thanks to Jono, was able to take 1st place. The chilli eating contestants were rewarded with ice cream for their impressive efforts. This event provided the perfect bridge between the



Pool Comp



The 2020 Inter-Hall Pool Competition saw the best of the best go up against each other. From individual hall rounds, a hall champion was crowned who would proceed to play against the other hall champions in the finals. The finals took place in the Staffie and although COVID restrictions prevented a full house of spectators, a livestream was put on the Gatton Resident's Club facebook page to allow other residents to still watch the champions go at it! In the end, Jono from Riddell came fourth, Grady from Pitt came third, Josh from Shelton came second and Llywyllyn from Thynne won the finals!



Wine and Cheese

Enter the sophisticated world of wine and cheese, brought to you COVID style! Featuring a variety of red and white wines and their accompanying cheeses. The 50 attending residents arrived in their best old-timey outfits for a night filled with culture, smooth jazz and most importantly wine and cheese.



Treat Yourself Week

Treat yourself week focused on allowing residents taking a step back from their stresses and worries and take time off to relax. To begin Self-Care week, residents gathered outside Central Walkway for an important Mental Health Talk to raise awareness about the prevalence and importance of taking care of your own Mental Health. Along with Simmo from the Red frogs, some of our Residential Staff, Res Club & Supervisors also shared their own experiences with their mental health journeys as well as how they managed to cope with it. Another event that was included in the week was yoga which was suitable for all ranging from total beginners to seasoned yogis and left everyone feeling a little more relaxed, rejuvenated and ready to take on the week. Finally, a sudden and rather unfortunate change in the weather forced a late rejig, moving the movie from the touch fields into each of the common rooms. Each hall had a specific genre of movie and provided residents with delicious snacks and refreshing face masks while the Red Frogs provided a perfect warm pancake served with syrup or Nutella.

Yoga



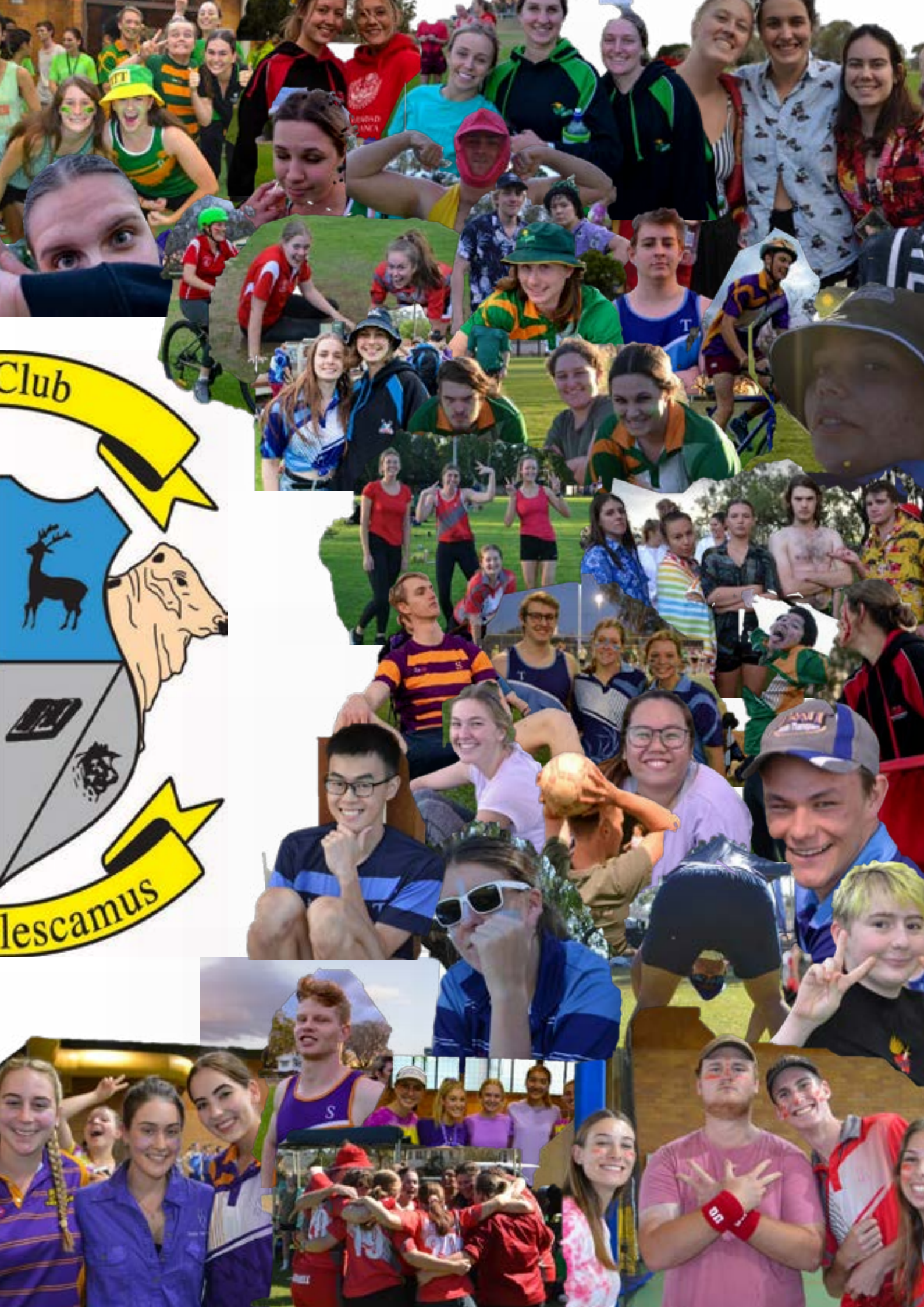
Movie in the Common Rooms



Mental Health Talk







ART AND LIT WEEK

Dance Class

Dance class was a day full of good beats and fast moving feet. The afternoon commenced at 4:30 and saw the arrival of a group of enthusiastic dancers. Many excited residents turned up having never danced before and left feeling on top of the world. Bekky lead us all through an intense hip hop warmup featuring foot work, isolations and rhythmic movement. The class continued with an array of small hip hop pieces. The final performance resulted from the merging of all these combinations into one fantastic dance.



ART AND LIT WEEK

Talent Night

Talent night is a very big night for all the residents as a handful of talented people put their hands up to sing, dance, play an instrument or any other special talents the residents have. It started with a nice dinner and a cold beverage before we all went inside to watch the acts perform. Everyone enjoyed all the acts with plenty of laughs and memories being made that night.



Art Competition

The art comp was a great way for the talented people on halls to showcase their art. The categories included paintings, photography, drawings, sculpture, literature, and Halls. The halls category was a new addition to the art comp this year, with the winner's artwork featuring on the front page of this yearbook! The winner for each category received prize money as an acknowledgment of their amazing talent. Art & Lit week wouldn't be the same without this fantastic event!



Halls Athletics Day



Halls Athletics day was a new event for the Gatton Halls community which was enthusiastically and competitively participated in by the residents. This event saw the four halls compete in teams against one another, playing sports such as the iconic Touch rugby, the surprisingly challenging “Under over”, the classic Netball and a halls favorite dodgeball.



Halls Athletics Day



CHARITY DINNER



In an attempt to raise more money for our nominated charity - Saint Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal, Res Club organised a night to raffle off some great prizes to the Residents. Everyone came dressed in country-themed to support outback Australia & enjoyed a fancy dinner & drinks whilst anticipating their winning 1 raffle tickets. The night turned out amazing & thanks to everyone we managed to raise over \$1500. We couldn't have done this without everyone's support. Thank you to our amazing sponsors, Royal Canine, Red Frogs, Esteem Medi Spa, Urban Medi Spa, Halls of Residence, GSA, UQ Union, UQ Sport, VSA, School of Veterinary Science, Faculty of Science, Porters Plainland, Dermocosmetica & Craft Wine Store.



BEER TASTING



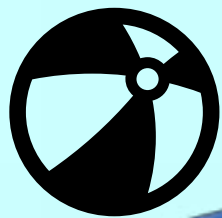
Our hipster residents were taken on a guided tour through an educational night of beer and culinary delights. Throughout the night, great tunes were played to set the mood. Overall, 5 beers were consumed throughout the night, ranging from the humble lager through a slew of different ales to the bold stout. Best dressed prizes were awarded to a male and female resident as recognition for their efforts on their hipster outfits. After the main tasting portion of the event was over, the fridge was opened to the residents and they enjoyed an extra beer or two of their choice.



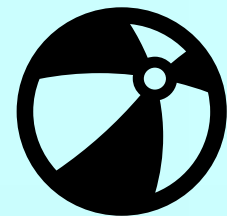
SPRING SESH

What a night to be out under the stars in the middle of Spring, dressed up in semi-formal, enjoying good food and drinks with the best company and performances put up for everyone. Spring Sesh was an unforgettable night. Residents were treated to a eat street style dinner which was enjoyed under the fairy lights in the beautifully set up area outside the café. It was a wonderful treat for residents to have a break from studying and let loose while enjoying the many talented performances of the night that were put on by their friends and fellow residents. It was awesome to see the wide range of talent that Gatton has, and it was nice to find some hidden talents among halls who braved the stage for the first time to amaze the crowd. It was a wonderful night to see all the halls community gathered together, relaxed and enjoying themselves after such a crazy year.





Straddie Trip



Finishing the year off on a high, Res Club attended the annual camping trip to Stradbroke island. Under the direct supervision of the mighty Simo himself we were able to take 60 residents to the amazing adder campground. We enjoyed 2 days of sun, sand, sunburn, and more sand until we were eventually hit with some of god's water. However, that didn't stop the Gatton spirit and we continued to party on even though the ground turned into a pool and some tents flooded themselves. Positive experience all round and would highly recommend attending next year if you haven't already been. This is a truly special event for Res Club and is a one of a kind.



RIDDELL SUPERVISOR

What a year it has been for us Riddell! We hit off 2020 with a cracker O-Week and a full house with 112 residents. The first three weeks of semester we smashed the other Halls in res sport and partied hard at club nights until the infamous week 4 hit us; COVID had arrived. It was a sad time to see a majority of our resident's head home however to those that stayed and soldiered on, I applaud you. You all made semester 1 the best that it possibly could be and I thank you for your ongoing energy during that time.



To the 56 Riddell residents who came back to join us, THANK YOU! You all came back full of energy and a fire to make this semester absolutely fantastic and you bloody did! You were all willing to be involved in every event possible and give 110% every time. I could not be prouder of you all! I have seen every single one of you grow and flourish this year into friendly, kind and generous people. You have made Riddell the place to be this year with your continued involvement, excitement, love and enthusiasm. AND IT PAYED OFF, WE WON THE ACADEMIC CUP AND THE RESIDENT'S SHIELD 2020! I have never had a prouder moment as Supervisor and I have you all to thank for that!



To the 2020 Riddell Staff team Jonathan Reid, Isabella Rossdeutsch, Bethany McLeod, and Georgia Anderson. I want to say a massive thank you to you all because this year definitely would not have been the year it has been without you all. You are the glue which holds these crazy bunch of residents together and have created a community which other Halls dream of having. It has been my pleasure watching you all flourish and I am going to miss you all so much! I would like to make a special mention to Curtis Locke and Lucy Herring, you two started the year so strong and Riddell was so lucky to have you for the short time we did! To my crazy res club team, Ryan Aitken, Salomon Sayago Mejia, Andrew Gray and Joanna Elton. I want to applaud you all for your continued effort and passion for Halls life throughout second semester. You have all worked to incredibly hard and it has been the biggest pleasure to watch you all grow this year into incredibly strong leaders. Both my staff and res club teams have brought so much excitement to Riddell this year through awesome events and an extremely positive attitude and for this I thank you all!



I hope you all have had the most amazing and enjoyable year here in Riddell and have made some amazing memories which you will never forget. To those Riddell residents leaving this year, thank you for your energy over the years you have been here and your contribution, you will be missed by us all but we wish you the best of luck for the future!

LET'S GET READY FOR ANOTHER CRACKER YEAR,
BRING ON 2021!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lauren Taylor'.

Lauren Taylor
Riddell Supervisor



RIDDELL FLOOR EVENTS



Downstairs' C Riddell Floor Event – Movies & Ice-cream

In Week 5 Downstairs C had a facemask, ice-cream and movie night in the commo! With uni stress already starting it was a great way to relax with our floor and eating way too much ice-cream!! With Matilda decided as the movie to watch for the night we all filled our ice-cream bowls to the brim with all kinds of mix-ins from freddo frogs to sprinkles, choc sauce and even some Oreos. We all kicked back on the couches in the Commo with our facemasks on; it was a great night to relax with our floor and to forget about the stress of uni for an evening.

Riddell Games Night!

Games Night and pizza was a very fun and relaxing night away from the stresses of uni. We had multiple games set up around Morrison Hall, all with the fun of COVID restrictions of course!

Myself, Kestrel, Anna and Amélie played Uno, while Nicole, Grace, Maddy and Shelley were showing their creative skills in Pictionary and JM and Jack were battling each other in Battleship. Lots of laughs and banter were shared between residents when we changed the game of cards against humanity into charades. Pizza arrived at 7pm with loads of garlic bread and soft drinks! We wrapped up the event a whole hour after we planned, which meant everyone loved it.



Sushi 'n' Chill

A healthy Gatton student's diet consists of at least sushi meal a week. Residents of Upstairs A got that chance and all gathered round for a feed of sushi, a friendly but competitive game of UNO followed by a movie in the Commo. It was a fantastic night and a brilliant way to end the week of mid-semester exams!



Riddell Hall – Paint, Pot & Pour

On Tuesday of Week 4 all of Riddell got a chance to connect with each other over some drinks and painting of pot plants. With a huge variety of colours and paint everyone got cracking on their designs, a few better than others, with everyone enjoying the sunshine out on the grass. There was a great turn out from everyone and so good to see everyone mixing together. On the following day before res-sport hype up the final touches were made with everyone getting some potting mix and a choice of their plant to pot in their newly designed creations. A few weeks on and most plants have survived so far which is great to see, others not so lucky, I guess not everyone can have a green thumb.

THYNNE SUPERVISOR

To my beautiful Thynne family,

2020 was not the year we expected, but certainly one we will never forget!

It feels like only yesterday that we welcomed you all back & kicked off the year with a bang. With a band of enthusiastic freshers & avenging returners, Thynne was looking to be a force to be reckoned with. Little did we know a worldwide pandemic would stop us only a month in. Those of us who stayed made the most of the quiet, some spent more time on the books while others upgraded the courtyard. Time dragged on & the Dining hall conversations grew stranger, but we finished the semester strong and with big plans for everyone's return.



Semester 2 did not disappoint with a jam packed 12 weeks, some highlights for most being Wine & Cheese, Charity Dinner, Talent Night & a spectacular Spring Session. With our side 85 strong & our drive to succeed high, we won a few accolades along the way, including:

- Many Res Sports
- Halls Athletics Day
- The Pool competition (uppa Wells!)
- & the Halls Sporting Cup

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who really made Thynne great this year. To my staff team – Carl Rudolph, Llywyllyn McDonald, Hugh McClurg, Ben Martin & Alisa Martch – I thank you for consistently raising the bar & going beyond what is expected of you. Although organising events is a critical element of engaging and shaping Halls culture, it is truly the work of RA's behind the scenes that makes Thynne a home away from home. I commend you for your dedication to our residents; I could not have done this year without you all! Likewise to our Residents Club – Alvin Chong, India Macrossan, Will Anthony & Holly Anderson – thank you for the tremendous effort you have put into making Thynne the splendid Hall it is, despite the setbacks you have faced this year. You rose to the challenges of 2020 and overcame them with grace. Without you all, our Halls would be dull, Wednesday afternoons quiet, and our spirits low.

Finally I would like to congratulate all of you – the people of Thynne! It is because you all live, breathe & bleed blue that we have been the powerhouse we were this year, and due to your kindness and loyalty that we have grown to become a family. I feel incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to lead you through this weird & wonderful year & look forward to serving again in the year to come. To those of you who are leaving us, I truly hope you have enjoyed every opportunity Halls has offered you & that you look back fondly on your time in Thynne. Best of luck for the future & I look forward to catching up with you at the campus club once it is back to normal. To those returning, have a fantastic Christmas break & I will see you on the other side for another exciting year in Thynne.

And with that, we say thank you to 2020 and to 2021 here we come!

Much love, one proud supervisor,

Erin Baker



THYNNE STAFF EVENTS

Upstairs A Movie Under the Stars

Upstairs A enjoyed the new David Attenborough under the stars on Sunday the 18th of October. Using a Bedsheet as a screen and the projector from Halls the area between the pergola and the common room became a very effective movie setting. Although the Bats in the trees joined us as well the night went well with the addition of popcorn and ice-cream for the warm spring night.



Thynne C Painting Event

When the sun went down, Thynne C set up the heaters in the courtyard, prepared their painting supplies and picked up the pizza delivery. We were all ready for some chill time, painting our plant pots along with great company. Everyone got creative and added a personal touch to their creations. It was a great way for residents to relax, enjoy each other's company and get creative!



Downstairs A Plant and Pizza Party



On Monday afternoon in Week 9, the Thynne Downstairs A community hung out in the courtyard to share some chill vibes for their semester two floor event. Everyone chose a small succulent for themselves and planted it in a large glass jar before having a Dominos pizza party. Everyone enjoyed the accompanying cool drinks and brownies for dessert and stayed around after the planting was done to chat and listen to some tunes. It was great to see everyone in Downstairs A having chill time in a relaxed atmosphere!

Powerhouse Dinner (Upstairs B)

On the 25th of August, the Mitochondria of Thynne (Powerhouse of Thynne) headed up the range to enjoy a fabulous Italian dinner at Vapiano's Grand Central. The 15 residents who attended indulged in cocktails and carbs galore, but still had room for an ice-cream treat on the way home. This was a much needed catchup with friends after the COVID-induced holiday.



Downstairs B Bowling and Vapianos



The greatest floor on halls strut their stuff in style to the heart of T Bar and was without a doubt the best bowling group to ever step foot in Bazinga Entertainment. We absolutely tore up the alleyway. Everyone approached the lane a little differently such as Sophie who approached it with a twinkle toe and rolled the ball between her legs, whilst Guy thought sending the ball rocketing down the alleyway was a better approach. For Vanessa and Bang it was their first time bowling and they absolutely owned it with some strikes and Vanessa winning her game! Tayla also surprised herself with a high scoring game, uppa my neighbour! After a couple games we headed to Vapianos where we indulged in a beautiful Italian meal. A great night with some amazing people... love ya's!

PITT SUPERVISOR

Alright alright alright, here we are, the end of 2020! There were times during quarantine that I would have loved to have fast forwarded to this point. Now we're here, it's a bittersweet feeling saying goodbye. Each resident in Pitt this year has been resilient in a challenging year. Congratulations to you all for pushing through and thank you for making Pitt your home this year.

Having said that, who would have thought the year would turn out the way it did! We had O Week and the first 4 weeks of "normal" university, watching the mixing of freshers and returners, club nights involving dancing! In bleak contrast, the "Quarantine" phase, saw most of Halls head home, pracs cancelled and lectures shifted online. I'd like to shoutout the "Last Ones Left" for staying during this time and pushing through that unprecedented semester. Semester 2 came around and we were ecstatic to be able to put on events again! Although our numbers were cut in half, the Pitt spirit came back strong and although we didn't win any shields this year, we did get a wooden spoon to stir our soup with.

In a year where it would be easy to lose morale, I was constantly impressed with the energy and effort the Pitt leadership team put into their roles. To Liz, who had the unforgiving job of being a lone, new RA during quarantine, you should be commended on your commitment to the role and yourself. To Mia, the cavalry who came to back to help Liz and I in our time of need, thank you for your support and entertaining haircuts. To Ella and Keely, who returned rearing to go, thank you for the energy and commitment you brought back in Semester 2! Your hard work helped get the ball rolling again after quarantine and get us over the line!

To Brian, Murphee and Corey, our Sem 2 res club, and all of res club, it has been a privilege to watch you work! You have brought us event after event throughout semester, despite COVID restrictions. I'd also like to mention Pitt's other leaders: our O Week Committee (Grady, Stead, Elyssa and Ellie), Maddison, Llywyllyn, Lucy and Ainsley who welcomed our freshers and got them settled in.



Pitt events began with camp chair decorating, meaning we could comfortably and fashionably social distance, followed by a game of Assassins kept everyone on their toes. Upstairs B loved their food and enjoyed a sushi night and some snacks watching the sunset over the beautiful Lockyer Valley. Pitt got creative this year too! We had strong performances at Talent Night and Spring Sesh, whilst residents had opportunities to personalise mugs and jars and do a bit of painting with Wine and Pizza. Finally, to top off the semester, we ended the year with the annual Pittmas party. In a shocking twist, when we were hunkering down from COVID-19 we had a surprise attack no one saw coming...a lice outbreak! In classic Pitt style, residents banded together and quickly contained the outbreak, whilst scaring the other Halls with the threat of infection.

If the last 5 years on Halls, especially this one, has proved anything to me, its that life is short. Make the most of it – wherever life takes you in 2021.

Big Love,

A. Marsell

Daddy Brolga



PITT FLOOR EVENTS

COVID may be throwing us a few curveballs but having nowhere to sit when social distancing is no longer one in Pitt. 30 or so very creative Pitt residents came together on the Ekka public holiday to jazz up a camp chair for Wednesday night drinks and res sport. Residents came with an enormous amount of enthusiasm and soon the Pitt commo and outside area had been turned into some extreme craft storm. Overall, I think the event was extremely well enjoyed and I am really proud of our residents for getting behind these new events that are a result of these crazy COVID times.



One Sunday afternoon a group of Downstairs C residents came together to have a couple of drinks and decorate some cups and jars. After becoming a bit of a tradition on the floor to drink your alcoholic beverage out of a jar we thought it was only fair to make our own personalised ones. A good afternoon was had by all residents that attended and every club night looks that little bit more special with everyone's decorated cups and jars.

Upstairs C and Downstairs B Pitt combined for a night of painting, bottomless wine and Domino's pizza. Residents gathered in the Foundation Building and after the initial artist's block, creative juices started flowing (thanks to the wine) and it was nice to see everyone's talent shine! Afterwards, residents enjoyed some pizza before heading back to halls. Thank you to everyone for attending and we hope you enjoy the new additions to your rooms!



Upstairs B headed down to the cow paddocks at the back of campus to appreciate one of Gatton's beautiful sunsets. Whilst snacking on pizza, garlic bread and brownies, we watched the sunset over the cow paddocks (unfortunately the cows didn't want to come join us). It was a really relaxing afternoon and we all thoroughly enjoyed chatting and destressing before mid-sem exams.

Pittmass 2020 was a great adventure and celebration of our past year in Pitt. A lot has happened with a pandemic thrown into the works which made our year a special one. We had a beautifully cooked breaky for dinner and had a special appearance from Tanta himself (fake-tanned daddy brologa). We handed out some great mock awards that highlighted some of the funniest moments of our year. Secret Santa was a blast and included in the gift was a photo with Tanta. Although 2020 was unexpected we made the best of it and made an amazing community in Pitt.



SHELTON SUPERVISOR

We hit the ground running in O'week with freshers ready to join the Shelton pride. Winning the first ever Fresher Shield in 2020 was sure to set us up for a year to remember and it certainly did. Shelton's journey throughout 2020 is a familiar one that has been echoed across all aspects of communities, schools and clubs this year. Despite this, we have built a closer community, made new friendships and learnt to be resilient in a world where COVID and student residential living don't go hand in hand. I hope that you will all take the different, yet good memories out of this year. To all the residents that went back to homes around Australia and the world, I cannot thank you enough for the time you spent in Shelton, and I hope you find your way back to us soon.



In semester 2 Shelton welcomed back 56 residents and it has felt like the year that could have been with every resident returning with the ultimate Shelton spirit. Some of the best moments for me as Supervisor in Shelton this year has been watching Shelton turn up to Res Sport every week with the same energy, whether we win or lose. This year we have once again brought home the cultural cup, a reflection of the community that we have built in Shelton. Each and every resident contributes to this culture and you should all be so very proud to be part of something so special.

This is my 5th and final year in the Halls of Residence and I could not be prouder to be finishing it as the Shelton Supervisor. Thank you to all the RA's that have joined me in Shelton this year; Nicole, Nick, Liv, Imogen, Shiori, Lucy and Curtis. You have all supported me enormously and faced the obstacles this year has thrown at you with absolute courage. To the Shelton res club; Georgie, Hannah, Ed, Kaitlyn, Luke and Ainsley, your hard work and dedication has helped create the Shelton community that we are all so proud of.



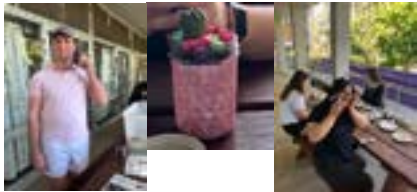
So as my journey here is ending for so many of you it is starting. I never thought I would live here for 5 years and in this time, I have made lifelong friends, and learnt that you're never too old to try something new. I hope that you will all get as much out of your Halls of Residence journey as I have. All the best, and I know you will bring the Res Shield back home to Shelton once more in 2021.

Cartia Heinemann
Shelton Residential Supervisor 2020



SHELTON FLOOR EVENTS

Shelton came together for a covid-19 friendly event – camp chair decorating! The afternoon was spent by many residents customising their own chairs which are now able to be used at all outdoor activities from now on. There were different levels of skill, with many resident's artistic ability on full display. It was great to see how each resident chose to personalise their chairs, from gluing to painting, everyone got stuck in. The following day, residents proudly showed off their chairs at ultimate frisbee, and it is now much more comfortable to sit on the oval



During Semester 2 Upstairs A in Shelton had a plant party for its floor event on the 31st August 2020, outside the Shelton common room. The afternoon was enjoyed by all members of the floor. Each resident chose a glass jar and either a cactus or succulent to plant. Following the potting, each jar was decorated and personalised using paints, glitter, seashells and other decorative items. It was a great event that gave everyone a chance to relax and get a free plant.

On Saturday 12th September, we had a Shelton outdoor movie night. It was open to anyone who was staying for the weekend, and everyone got to pick the movie. Although it was a little cold, everyone who came enjoyed it and it was a good new event to try as we had not done an outdoor movie in Shelton before. Everyone rugged up, we watched Back to the Future in Central Walkway with movie snacks, and it was a nice chilled Saturday night!



Shelton came together for terrarium building which was more difficult than anticipated! C block residents were given a jar and plants with other bits and pieces to decorate their own mini environment. Whilst the opening to the jars was limiting, residents were able to make some good-looking gardens – inside a glass container which should never need to be opened. The event was a great way for C block to spend some time together and come away with something that will hopefully thrive long after we leave halls.

On Thursday 15th October, Downstairs A made sushi for dinner in the Shelton common room. A lot of us love sushi and it was fun to have a go at making our own. We had a variety of ingredients to choose from, and despite not being experienced sushi makers we did quite well at putting together our sushi rolls. It was nice to catch up with everyone for dinner and have

To finish the year off Shelton celebrated with a Christmas party! The series of storms that came through in the evening left us taking cover in the common room for the night, but it couldn't dampen the Christmas spirit. Everyone enjoyed breakfast BBQ for dinner with a few drinks in the common room. There were lots of awards for the residents recognising some of our memorable people in 2020, along with our res sport heroes. We were lucky enough to have Santa join us to hand out secret Santa gifts that residents got for each other. The night finished off with all the residents signing the Shelton 2020 Canvas, having a few more drinks and some Christmas sing-alongs. It was a wonderful way to end the year in Shelton.



Valedictory 2020 Award Recipients

Resident of the Year

Riddell

Alisha Vikram

Thynne

Indi Macrossan

Pitt

Brian Stockwell

Shelton

Georgie Lee

Best Contribution by a First Year

Resident

Joanna Elton

Best Contribution by a Second Year

Resident

Indi Macrossan

Sportsman of the Year

Stead Schinkel

Sportswoman of the Year

Charlotte Duff-Clarke

Outstanding Service to the Halls

Community

Alvin Chong

Halls of Residence Quiet Achiever

Meg Tomkinson & Ellie Toering

Valedictory 2020 Award Recipients

Scholarships

Academic Achievement

Ben Martin

Meg Burge

Women in STEM

Katie De Jong

Indigenous

Holly Summers

Sporting Achievement

Stead Schinkel

Cultural Achievement

Georgie Lee

Outstanding Overall Contribution

Ben Martin

Coach's Award

Kaitlyn Hele

Halls of Residence Valedictorian

Edward Kowalenko

Valedictory 2020 Award Recipients

Academic Cup 2020

Riddell

Cultural Cup 2020

Shelton

Sporting Cup 2020

Thynne

2020 Halls of Residence Shield

Riddell





