

## 2015 Achievements

395	Students
139	Full Time Equivalent Students
57	Degree Graduates
1009	Degree Units Taken
513	Ridley Certificate Subjects Taken
*	Development of Expanded Online Learning

# Partnership in Mission & Ministry

#### OUR ROLE

- We seek to equip men and women for God's mission in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex world.
- We are committed to academically rigorous theological training in the Anglican, Reformed and Evangelical traditions that engages seriously with contemporary culture.
- We value learning, formation, community, and mission and ministry.
- Our objectives are to equip students for contemporary ministry challenges, to deliver traning and formation in ways that respond to our changing environment, to extend our reach across Melbourne, through Australia and beyond, and to engage internationally as a thought leader.

#### YOUR OPPORTUNITY

We encourage you to participate in the ministry of Ridley:

- Pray for the faculty, staff, student community and Board members.
- Subscribe to the Ridley email list Email: info@ridley.edu.au
- Recommend Ridley College to prospective students.
- Become actively involved in the Ridley Community by attending events.
- Consider supporting Ridley financially.

# From the Chair



#### Claire Rogers | Chair of the Board

For Ridley 2015 has been an exciting year with the continued roll out of the new Ridley Online units and the new initiative of a 3rd semester whereby three online units were offered over summer from mid-November until mid-February. Ridley Online is a significant 5 year investment by Ridley which commenced in 2014 as we respond to the trends in Australian theological education and the need for online flexible high-quality study courses that also provide support and the opportunity to interact and connect with other students. We have had excellent feedback from students

Another highlight of year was the increase in Ridley Certificate subjects undertaken by individuals and churches, assisting them to develop their Bible knowledge and ministry skills that will equip them to grow in faith and be more effective in lay ministry.

At our graduation each year it continues to be incredibly encouraging to hear of the number of denominations and the variety of ministries in which Ridley graduands have been called to serve.

I hope you too will be encouraged as you read overleaf about students who have gone into ministry roles across Melbourne and beyond.

The development of Ridley Online and other initiatives is only possible through the generous support of many donors who share our vision. Ridley Online has given us the opportunity to teach people who are studying and working concurrently, many in underserviced

parts of Australia, along with people ministering overseas. The Board and I are thankful for our many supporters - for your prayers, encouragement, participation and financial contribution, without which our vision and the current and new ministry initiatives would not be possible.

This is my last report as chair, as both Stephen Hale and myself will be retiring from the Ridley College Board, Stephen after 10 year and myself after 8.5 years. It has been a privilege to serve Ridley during what has been a period of substantial change. I am confident that Ridley is well placed as a leading centre of mission and ministry training delivered in supportive communities through flexible study modes both now and into the future. I am delighted to be handing the baton as Chair to Greg Baxter, whose heart for Ridley, career in tertiary education and reflective listening spirit will be great assets to the College and its Board.

We acknowledge and give God thanks for the Board members, the leadership team, faculty and staff for their dedication in serving Jesus Christ at Ridley and their willingness to explore and engage in the new initiatives God is so clearly calling us to. We are also grateful to those who share our vision and support Ridley as we strive to equip men and women for God's mission in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex post-Christian world.

- Claire Rogers





Diplomas & Degrees of the Australian College of Theology

#### ANDREW ADAMS

Serving at the Melbourne Japanese Christian Church and preparing to leave for long-term missionary service in Japan with Pioneers.

#### BRETT AUSTIN

Departing for Asia next month to commence gospel work among unreached people groups.

#### DEBRA ASAMAPHAN

Currently completing a Graduate Diploma of Arts in Linguistics and a Certificate IV in TESOL with a view to future work in Bible translation and/or literacy with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### DANIEL BALLINGER

Continuing to advance his studies at Ridley while he serves his local congregation at Barrabool Hills Baptist Church.

#### JULIE BERNARDSON

Working as Associate Nurse Unit Manager caring for palliative and vulnerable aged residents and also volunteering as a bus driver for the Prison Fellowship.

#### DAVID BLYTH

Ordained priest in the Diocese of Tasmania and serving as Curate in Charge in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Ulverstone.

#### HEATHER BOREHAM

Serving as a soldier of Wyndham City Salvation Army and a volunteer at a referral stand at Werribee Plaza. Hoping to be involved as a courtesy 'Auntie' to disadvantaged children and mentor to young disabled adults.

#### LYNNE BOWDITCH

Rector's wife in the Anglican Parish of Burnie, Tasmania, continuing to be actively involved in children's ministry, leading a Bible study group and a singing group, with occasional service leading and preaching.

#### SAMUEL BRAID

Continuing to serve as chaplain and teacher at Highview Christian Community College in Maryborough and as a member of the Maryborough Church of Christ

#### TIMOTHY CESNAK

Doing further study at the University of Melbourne at Masters level in Primary Teaching and hoping to serve God as a primary school teacher and as an active member at City on a Hill West.

#### NICOLA CHANDRA

Continuing to shake up the notion that ministry is limited to a church sphere.

#### FIONNA CHIA

Serving in a lay capacity at St Mark's Camberwell, and on the Board of Camberwell Girls' Grammar School, and continuing her role of Practice Manager in a surgical practice.

#### TIM COLLISON

Honouring God through living for Him.

#### NICHOLAS COOMBS

Continuing in his role as Executive Pastor at City on a Hill.

#### SAMUEL CRANE

Ordained Deacon in St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, and licensed as Assistant Curate at St Hilary's Anglican Church, Kew, as Youth and Young Adults Minister and Assistant Minister.

#### HANNAH CRAVEN

Serving as Assistant Curate at St Michael's North Carlton, with a particular focus on ministry with children and families.

#### TANYA CUMMINGS

Serving as an Authorised Stipendiary Lay Minister at St Marks, Reservoir West, and continuing her journey towards Anglican ordination.

#### MIRIAM DALE

Working at Scripture Union in their missions support team with an eye towards overseas mission in the future.

#### JAMES DAWES

Will serve Christ as a high school teacher and also as a Sunday school teacher at 3 Crosses Church (WPC).

#### PAMELA FERRAR

Working as a Spiritual Care Worker in Community Palliative Care which brings together her background in nursing and counselling with her theological study and a greater understanding of her own Christian faith. Grateful to Ridley for the opportunity to study theology

#### KARL FORSYTH

Has returned to Adelaide, where he is taking up an appointment as Associate Pastor of Trinity Inner South.

#### JAMES HALE

Currently studying a Masters of Teaching in order to become a school chaplain.

#### **RUTH HANLON**

Serving as the Assistant Minister at St David's Cathedral, Hobart.

#### AIMEE HARDIE

Continuing to serve on Parish Council at St Jude's, Carlton and in various ministries there.

#### MARILYN HURST

Serving at Bridge Church Richmond, actively involved in baptisms and apologetics ministry and teaching foundational courses to new Christians. Also leading a Christian connect group at her home in Hawthorn.

#### MARK JUERS

Ordained Deacon in St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, and serving as Assistant Curate in the Parish of St Hilary's Anglican Church, Kew.

#### PIETER KEUNEMAN

Continuing to serve God as a chaplain in Ivanhoe and completing a Masters of Teaching.

#### ROSSLYN KING

Continuing to go on short-term mission trips, and serving her church and community.

#### KIRK MACKENZIE

Continuing to serve at St John's, Diamond Creek as the Youth and Young Adults minister.

Celebrating the variety & value of Ridley students who have gone on to ministry roles across Melbourne and beyond.

#### MARK MCDONALD

Continuing to serve in ordained Ministry at St Hilary's, Kew as the Site Coordinating Minister.

#### **HEATHER MILLARD**

Continuing as Chair of the Parish Council and Warden at Gungahlin Anglican Church, Canberra and starting the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology with St Mark's College Canberra.

#### JONATHAN NEWMARCH

Using his theological training in his role as Research Coordinator at City on a Hill, as a Religion and Values Education teacher at Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School, and in lecturing.

#### CLAIRE PATTINSON

Adjusting to life in a foreign land (NZ), using pastoral skills learnt at Ridley to serve at her new church, St Stephen's, Christchurch, and stepping into unfamiliar territory as a speaker at a women's retreat.

#### JAMES PATTINSON

Ordained Deacon in the Christchurch Cathedral, and serving as an Assistant Curate in the parish of St Stephen's Anglican Church, Christchurch.

#### DAVID RAY

Undertaking postgraduate studies at Ridley in Old Testament theology and further studies in German and linguistics at Monash University.

#### KATE RICHARDSON

Continuing to serve at Beaconhills College, Pakenham as School Chaplain and teacher.

#### ANDREW SEEDHOM

Continuing to serve as Chaplain at Heathdale Christian College and looking to transition into pastoral ministry in the near future.

#### MATTHEW SKELTON

Starting study for an MA (Min) and serving in a number of areas at St Bart's Toowoomba.

#### BENJAMIN SODERLUND

Ordained Deacon in St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, and serving as Assistant Curate in the Parish of Christ Church Berwick.

#### ANTHONY STONES

Ordained Deacon at St Paul's Cathedral and serving as Assistant Curate in the Anglican Parish of All Saints, Clayton.

#### **ELIZABETH STUART**

Continuing to work in IT contract management and serving in children's ministry and the Mothers' Union at Ormond Anglican Church.

#### **CHERYL SULLIVAN**

Hoping to be ordained to the distinctive diaconate to further the full participation of people living with disabilities by helping to equip churches in the Diocese of Melbourne to become more inclusive.

#### VALERIE TRIGGER

Serving God as a lay minister looking after pastoral connections and events at Oaktree Anglican Church, Caulfield.

#### STEPHEN URMSTON

Serving as the children's and families' minister at St Bart's Anglican Church, Toowoomba (his puppets are slowly settling into the warmer climate).

#### KATELYN VERCOE

Commencing as Worship and Family Pastor at Bendigo Church of Christ and continuing as music and Christian living teacher at Creek Street Christian College in Bendigo.

#### KEVIN VO

Continuing to serve God as an optometrist, and actively involved at City on a Hill as a gospel community leader.

#### CLARE WHITTLE

Continuing to serve God in her role as mother of three children and through her local Presbyterian church's Sunday School.

#### JEREMY WATSON

Undertaking a student placement at St John's, Diamond Creek, while he completes further study and pursues Anglican ordination.

#### DUKU WOLIKARE

Continuing to serve God in crosscultural parish ministry. Ridley College Certificate of Bible & Ministry for Karen Leaders

#### **BAW MU HTOO BLEH DAH MOO**

Continuing to serve God faithfully in his home congregation.

#### RAY LER MOO

Continuing to serve in ministry in her local church.

Postgraduate Coursework Degrees of the Australian College of Theology

### NOEL BOWDITCH Graduate Certificate of Theology

Continuing to serve God as Rector of the Anglican Parish of Burnie, Tasmania and Enabler to the Parish of Circular Head.

## KAREN HALE Master of Arts (Theology)

Continuing to work as Head of Religious Education at Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School.

#### MARK TIBBEN

Continuing to serve on staff at Suburban Baptist Church and the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches of Australia.

## SHARON VALENTINO Master of Arts (Theology)

Continuing to serve as Minister in Charge of Tongala Anglican Church in the Diocese of Bendigo.

#### IAN WEAVER

#### **Graduate Certificate of Ministry**

Soon commencing as the Director of Evangelism and Discipleship with the Church Army Australia and continuing as Vicar at St Matthew's, East Geelong.

Postgraduate Research Degrees of the Australian College of Theology

## MICHAEL ROE Doctor of Philosophy

Serving with CMS Australia and moving in June to Windhoek, Namibia to join the faculty of the Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Ridley Awards

#### SCOTT BUCHANAN

Theology Award

#### **DAVID BURT**

John Wilson Hebrew Award

#### TIM CESNAK

Outstanding Contribution to the College Community Award - Chapel Music

#### **CONRAD CHIU**

John Wilson Hebrew Award

#### ADAM CH'NG

Best First Year Student Award

#### FELICITY CLIFT

Christian Ethics Award

#### ELIZABETH CULHANE

Georgina Serpell Old Testament Award Church Missionary Society Award for Mission

#### **RUTH HANLON**

Anglican Institute Award

#### BENJAMIN HEWITT

Preaching Award

#### MICHAEL PHILLIPS

David Williams Greek Award

#### PATRICK SENN

Christian Thought Award

#### MATTHEW SMITH

Outstanding Contribution to the College Community Award - Chapel

#### STEPHEN URMSTON

Outstanding Contribution to the College Community Award - Ridley Student Committee Chair

#### KATHLEEN WHITE

Mildred Morris New Testament Award

#### DUKU WOLIKARE

Ministry Award

Australian College of Theology Award

#### MARK JUERS

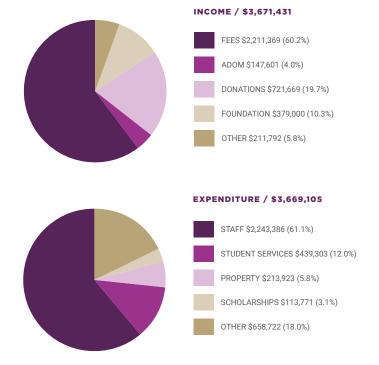
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# 2015 College Operations

We give thanks
to God for all who
make Ridley a
priority in their
stewardship of
what God has
entrusted to them.
Their gifts help
men and women
to be equipped
and formed here
at Ridley for
God's mission.

The net results of the College Operations was a profit of \$2,326 comprising —



College Operations excludes the Foundation Fund and Non-operating items.

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