

The Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics

# 2024 Annual Dinner

Thursday 7 March 2024

The Great Hall, National Gallery of Victoria 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne



# Thank you From the Deans

We are delighted to welcome our guests to the fourteenth annual Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics Dinner, and we are honoured to once again host the Alumni of Distinction Awards for 2024.

We recognise the support and generosity of table sponsors and donors over the past 14 years, as well as the invaluable contributions by our many volunteers. The Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics supports the best and brightest students to access a University of Melbourne education. Your support enables our students to become leaders in their chosen professions and the community through the scholarships program.

We acknowledge with gratitude Christian Bennett and Alison Conn for their service as Co-Chairs of the 2024 Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics Dinner Committee. We extend that gratitude to the other members of the Dinner Committee, Dr Peter Yates AM and Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp AO, and to the Chair of the Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics, Tony Burgess. The University greatly values the expertise and contributions of our many volunteers, without which events like this would simply not be possible.

2024 is a momentous year as it marks 100 years since the establishment of the Faculty. Our centenary festivities will commence in October, and we hope you will join us and share your stories as we celebrate generations of remarkable staff and alumni.

#### **Professor Paul Kofman**

Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics Sidney Myer Chair of Commerce

#### **Professor Jenny George**

Dean, Melbourne Business School
Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics



### Welcome to

The Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics

## 2024 Annual Dinner

The Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics was established by the Faculty of Business and Economics in partnership with its Advisory Board, and was launched with an inaugural dinner in Wilson Hall at the University of Melbourne on 15 March 2011.

The Foundation's purpose is to support the Faculty in its ambition to cement Melbourne as a global hub for business and economics education and research, and to strengthen our international standing and reputation for excellence.

Over the past 14 years, the Foundation has given bright minds a brilliant future by building a multimillion-dollar scholarship and bursary endowment for disadvantaged students.

As a result of the generous support of the Foundation, many deserving students have obtained the best possible education notwithstanding their circumstances

We are delighted you are here at our Annual Dinner tonight in support of the Foundation. The need for the Foundation today is greater than ever, as the post pandemic cost of living challenges reinforce the barriers to disadvantaged students.

Tonight, the special focus of the Dinner is to raise funds to provide scholarships to students with a disability to enable them the transformational opportunity afforded by a BCom. We are delighted to be partnering with The Dylan Alcott Foundation in this endeavour.

We invite you to speak to Advancement staff here this evening to discuss how you can best support the Faculty and the Foundation in this important initiative.

#### **Tony Burgess**

Chair, Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics

#### Christian Bennett and Alison Conn

Co-Chairs, Dinner Committee

Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics

## Program

## Exhibition viewing NGV Triennial 2023

Pre-dinner drinks and canapés

## Welcome address and Acknowledgment of Country

#### **Christian Bennett**

Co-Chair, Dinner Committee

Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics

#### Entrée

Miso & honey lamb, burnt carrot hummus, cucumber pearls, roasted cauliflower

#### Vegetarian/dietary

Heirloom tomatoes, grilled peaches, kalamata olive crumb, picked shallot rings, gochujang dressing (VG)

#### Faculty update

#### Professor Paul Kofman

Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics Sidney Myer Chair of Commerce

#### Student address

#### Sofia Ahmed

Bachelor of Commerce

#### Main course (Alternatively served)

Pan-seared barramundi, miso eggplant, caponata, zucchini ribbons

Free range chicken, king brown mushroom, choi sum, coconut cream

#### Vegetarian/dietary

Pumpkin gnocchi, roasted squash, asparagus, sage burnt butter (V)

#### **Alumni of Distinction Awards**

#### Alumni of Distinction Awards recipient address

#### **Anthony Shepherd AO**

Bachelor of Commerce 1969 **Outstanding Achievement Award** 

#### Introduction of keynote speaker

#### Professor Paul Kofman

Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics Sidney Myer Chair of Commerce

#### Keynote speaker

#### Dylan Alcott AO

Founder

Dylan Alcott Foundation

Interviewed by

The Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp AO

#### Closing address

#### Alison Conn

Co-Chair, Dinner Committee

Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics

#### Shared Dessert

Strawberry and Moscato ganache tart (V)

Chocolate custard tart, raspberry (VG) (LG)

Blueberry aguafaba meringue, coconut cream (VG) (LG)

Served with freshly brewed Coffee and T2 Teas

Thank you to Treasury Wine Estates for generously donating the wine. (VG) Vegan | (V) Vegetarian | (LG) Low Gluten



## Tonight's student speaker

#### Sofia Ahmed

#### **Bachelor of Commerce**

Growing up in India, I developed a connection to the region that runs deeper than just a cultural identity. I recognise the privilege I have being able to study in Australia and feel a strong responsibility to use my education to improve the well-being of people in Asia. It has become my mission to take on every opportunity I can while at the University of Melbourne to fulfil this dream

The Global Management Consulting subject offered a transformational chance to work in Kuala Lumpur as a consultant and meet people who share my aspirations. The John D. and Dagnija Balmford Travel Grant made it possible for me to seize this opportunity without the burden of travel costs and I was able to fully immerse myself in the program.

I met truly inspiring individuals in Malaysia who made rewarding careers by helping and uplifting people. It has left a lasting impression on me, and I hope to steer my future down a similar path.

I offer my time to university clubs and external organisations that focus on social impact and I am currently looking at how I can broaden my impact as I approach the culmination of my degree. Looking beyond, I aspire to empower people in Asia through education and eventually form my own microfinance initiative. I am truly grateful for the opportunities I have been afforded and I hope to become a tide that lifts all boats.

## The Impact of Your Support

The Faculty of Business and Economics seeks to address the major questions of our time, while educating our students to become leaders of the future.

Through the Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics, philanthropy can help scholarship recipients to fulfil their potential, and researchers to address some of the major social, economic and environmental challenges of our time.

Funds raised through table sales and donations this evening will go directly to scholarships, student support and research.



## Scholarships

#### Giving has so many benefits, for donors as well as recipients.

Stories of scholarship recipients on the following pages are just some examples of the best and brightest scholars the Faculty of Business and Economics has to offer Advancement staff are on hand to answer any questions you may have about supporting future leaders from all backgrounds through scholarships.

This year the Faculty is seeking more opportunities to support students experiencing disability, so that they may succeed in their studies

#### Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship

In 2024, the Faculty of Business and Economics is delighted to partner with the Dylan Alcott Foundation to create two new scholarships for Bachelor of Commerce students experiencing a disability or impairment. Each student will receive \$60,000 over the course of their degree, making this one of the most generous scholarships available.

The Faculty is grateful to the Dylan Alcott Foundation for supporting and encouraging the next generation of students to achieve their potential.

#### Josephine Ung

Bachelor of Commerce The Guy Langford First in the Family Scholarship



As the eldest child of immigrant parents, I was under tremendous pressure being the first person in the family to attend university. The Guy Langford First in the Family Scholarship has greatly alleviated this burden by providing the support I need to excel in my university life. I didn't have much of a support network or a background of affluence, but the community I have gained through the Abernethy Scholars Program has provided me with plenty of mentors and alumni to help guide me and ameliorate my fears.

This scholarship has also offered an abundance of enriching opportunities such as living at a residential college. By being exposed to a vibrant culture and likeminded individuals, I have grown and flourished. I have been able to participate in intercollegiate sport competitions and have been voted onto the college executive team as treasurer.

I have forged lifelong friends, memories, and a home at my college – all of which would not have been possible without the aid of my scholarship. I've had the opportunity to represent the university in global competitions and was one of four students selected to compete in the 2024 Marshall International Case Competition. This involved flying to Los Angeles expense-free to compete on behalf of the university in a consulting case competition against 20 of the top business schools in the world. Competing on such a scale is a privilege that has elevated my university experience by getting to travel internationally for free and making everlasting bonds with the brightest students around the world. These experiences have aided in my current work; securing a private equity internship at the end of my first year and gaining a wealth of knowledge to advance me professionally.

All of this would not have been possible without my scholarship for which I am incredibly grateful.

#### **Tony Shentu**

Bachelor of Commerce First in the Family Scholarship



The University of Melbourne is a dynamic place where dreams are nurtured and the First in Family Scholarship has empowered me to turn my aspirations into reality.

As a proud scholarship recipient, I was provided with unique and enriching opportunities, such as the 2023 Future Leader's Forum. This flagship event shed light on the concept of sustainable leadership and constructed a platform that allowed me to engage with influential industry leaders. Events like this are invaluable to my growth as a learner and it served to tie the concepts I have been taught in lectures with the real world

On a personal level, I felt recognised by the scholarship program and the invitations to various events have constantly reminded me that my voice is valued. Further, the financial support from the scholarship program has also prompted me to continue my studies over the summer.

Just like the words 'Find, Belong and Experience' from the Faculty of Business and Economics, I believe the scholarship program truly embodies these fundamentals. In 2024, I seek to uncover more possibilities and strive for academic excellence across my subjects. As a second-year student, I am thrilled by the stories and the people that await me in my future.

I would like to share my deepest appreciation for being one of the First in Family Scholarship recipients and the donors' unwavering support for Bachelor of Commerce students

#### **Ventl Lin**

**Master of Management** Melbourne Graduate Scholarship



Disability manifests in many forms and it is not confined solely to physical and visible impairments as commonly perceived. I have always had poor eve health due to genetics and have worn corrective lenses resembling the bottom of a glass bottle since childhood. This has meant that university has been a struggle for me with the shift to online education amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Although screen time increases were inevitable, my scholarship has enabled me to purchase flick-free monitors with blue light filters. These adjustments have markedly alleviated eye fatigue, putting me on par with my peers in academic pursuits.

My journey with the University of Melbourne has been remarkable and enriching, buoyed by the unwavering support of the Student Equity and Disability Services (SEDS) during exam periods. The facilitators of this program have been extremely helpful and have helped to organise external screens and laptops that allowed me to attend exams on campus. Undoubtedly, their assistance has been pivotal in fostering the academic success I've attained throughout my postgraduate studies.

#### Tanja Bogdanovic

Bachelor of Commerce First in the Family Scholarship



The importance of independence was instilled in me from a very young age as the eldest child in a first-generation immigrant family. My parents came from war-torn former Yugoslavia to Australia and embarked on a journey to establish a new life in a foreign country. Witnessing their hardship has motivated me to strive for excellence and fulfil my dreams. Every achievement I make is a testament to the enduring spirit of my family and an expression of gratitude for all the opportunities they've worked tirelessly to provide.

While this scholarship has proven to be a lifeline that has alleviated the financial burden of my studies, its impact extends far beyond this. The opportunities it has and continues to provide have been instrumental in enriching my university experience. The Abernethy Program, in particular, has allowed me to engage with mentors and connect with individuals who share similar backstories. These moments will forever make me feel acknowledged and valued within the university experience.

Now in my second year of university, I am eager to continue to further immerse myself in the endless possibilities that the Abernethy community provides. With my focus on majoring in Finance and Management, this upcoming year of study holds great promise, and I am excited to uncover the pathways this degree will open for me.

I take immense pride in being a recipient of the First in Family Scholarship and am eternally grateful for the doors it has opened. Recognising the transformative impact this scholarship has had on my journey, it is my aspiration to one day be able to give back all the incredible opportunities that I was fortunate enough to receive.



## 100 Years of Global Impact

The University of Melbourne's Faculty of Business and Economics is celebrating its centenary. While economics was taught for some years, the Faculty was formally established in late 1924 with the Bachelor of Commerce degree enrolling its first students the following year. To reflect this timeline, our centenary events will begin in October and roll into next year.

After 100 years of educating the best and brightest, we have much to celebrate and reflect on, including highlighting trailblazing alumni and major research findings. We hope you will share your stories with us as we collate and publish 100 stories on various aspects of our history.

Since the initial intake of predominantly part-time students in 1925, our student population has grown tremendously, becoming more diverse and representative of a changing global education landscape.

We are delighted to announce a special scholarship package, established with a gift from the Sidney Myer University Trust to celebrate the centenary. These scholarships have been awarded to more than two dozen students commencing their studies in 2024. Recipients included students experiencing financial disadvantage, high-achieving students who identify as women (cis-gender or transgender) or non-binary, students seeking asylum in Australia, and Australian humanitarian visa holders

The Sidney Myer Centennial Scholars have been awarded 100% fee remission for the three years of their undergraduate degree beginning in 2024. Recipients will not pay any tuition fees throughout the duration of their degree and several of the scholarships also provided scholars with a generous living allowance. The approximate value of the domestic scholarships is up to \$163,000, and the international award is valued at up to \$274,000.

## Keynote speaker



Bachelor of Commerce alumnus and celebrated athlete, author, and disability advocate, Mr Dylan Alcott AO will join us at this year's dinner.

Mr Alcott is one of the country's most successful and wellrecognised Paralympians with four gold medals in wheelchair tennis and wheelchair basketball. 23 Grand Slam titles, former Australian of the Year, and an Officer of the Order of Australia

Mr Alcott graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2016 with a Bachelor of Commerce, the same year as his double gold medal win at the Rio Paralympics.

The Dylan Alcott Foundation was created in 2017 to help young Australians with a disability achieve their goals in the workplace, on the sporting field or at university.

He was awarded the University of Melbourne's Rising Star for Young Alumni Award in 2020 in recognition of his outstanding community service, sporting achievement and leadership.

In 2021, he became the only male in any form of tennis to win the 'Golden Slam' in the same calendar year, winning the Australian, French, Wimbledon and US Open Championships, together with his gold medal from the Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Following his retirement from professional tennis in 2022, Mr Alcott has continued his advocacy work, including speaking at the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, and releasing a disability-led plan for the NDIS.

He is a key driver behind the federal government's disability employment scheme JobAccess, founded Get Skilled Access, a consulting organisation specialising in disability and access, and launched a fully accessible and inclusive music festival in Melbourne.

## Past Keynote Speakers\*

#### 2023

#### Jennifer Nason

Global Chairman, Investment Banking J.P. Morgan

#### 2022

#### Paul Perreault

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director CSI Limited

#### 2021

#### Panel discussion

#### Ross McEwan CBE

Group Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, National Australia Bank

#### Professor Sharon Lewin AO

Infectious Diseases Expert and Director, Doherty Institute

#### Moderated by

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp

#### 2020

#### Shemara Wikramanayake

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Macquarie Group Limited

#### 2019

#### Professor Duncan Maskell

Vice-Chancellor. University of Melbourne

#### 2018

#### Sir Michael Hintze AM GCSG

Founder, Chief Executive and Senior Investment Officer, COS

#### 2017

#### Jayne Hrdlicka

Group Chief Executive Officer, Jetstar Airways Pty Limited

#### 2016

#### John Fraser

Secretary to the Treasury

#### 2015

#### James Gorman AO

Chairman and Chief Executive. Morgan Stanley

#### 2014

#### Sam Walsh AO

Chief Executive. Rio Tinto

#### 2013

#### Professor Glyn Davis AC

Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne

#### 2012

#### Rod Sims AO

Chairman, ACCC

#### 2011

#### Simon McKeon AO

Chair, CSIRO

\*Role at the time of speech

## The Faculty of Business and Economics Alumni of Distinction Awards

Alumni of Distinction Awards are presented annually at the Melbourne Foundation for Business and Economics Dinner. The Faculty of Business and Economics wishes to recognise alumni and friends who have achieved excellence in their chosen professions and who have made a considerable contribution to the Faculty, the University and their communities through their endeavours.

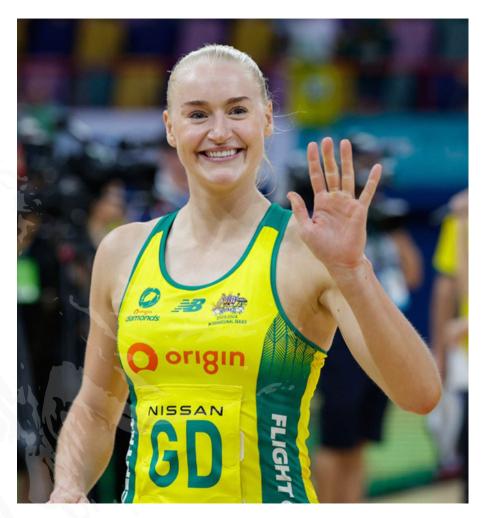
Alumni and friends of this Faculty reflect our legacy, with more than 79,000 alumni around the world and many engaged supporters. The Alumni of Distinction Awards program raises awareness of our alumni, friends and supporters and honours their outstanding contribution to government, business, education and the non-profit sector.



## Joanna Weston

Bachelor of Commerce, 2016

Rising Star Award for Young Alumni Recipient 2024



## Rising Star Award for Young Alumni

The Rising Star Award for Young Alumni is presented to an individual aged 35 and under who has demonstrated an outstanding level of professional achievement and community involvement since graduating from the University of Melbourne and/or recognition by colleagues and peers of outstanding leadership and impact as a global citizen, over a period of at least five years.

Ms Joanna Weston is a role model, a community leader and widely regarded as one of the best defenders in Australian netball with over 50 international caps. She plays for the Melbourne Vixens and the Australian Diamonds, making her a reigning world champion with wins at the 2023 Netball World Cup, and the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. She is a member of the Melbourne Vixen Leadership Group and a member of the Melbourne University Sport Board.

Ms Weston is well-known for fighting for fairer pay agreements for her fellow netballers as the President of the Australian Netball Players' Association. She is passionate about equality, equity and recognition for the fantastic achievements and sporting calibre of professional female athletes in Australia

She has used her platform to bring attention to important social, environmental and community issues. This includes her work as an Ambassador and Non-Executive Director for The United Project, a not-forprofit, charitable foundation working towards the prevention of mental ill-health and suicide through early detection.

Ms Weston joined the Victorian Institute of Sport honour roll as a winner of the prestigious VIS Award of Excellence in 2023. She is also a seven-time Constellation Cup winner, a Netball Quad Series gold medallist, Suncorp Super Netball premiership winner, an ANZ Championship winner, a two-time Melbourne Vixens Premiership player, and Melbourne Vixens Excellence in Sport and Life award recipient.

## Edmund Tan and Lim Shiew Li

Bachelor of Commerce, 2004

Entrepreneurial Leadership Award Recipients 2024



## Entrepreneurial Leadership Award

The Entrepreneurship Leadership Award is presented to those who have achieved significant and recognised impact in the entrepreneurial ecosystem over time.

Mr Edmund Tan and Ms Lim Shiew Li are the visionaries behind the innovative Malaysian ice cream brand, Inside Scoop. As co-founders, the couple have established over 40 stores across the country over the last decade, carving out a niche in the local food and beverage industry and disrupting a market once dominated by foreign brands.

After graduating from the University of Melbourne, they worked in Singapore's corporate world, Mr Tan as an investment banker and Ms Lim as an actuary. They combined their business acumen, entrepreneurial spirit, a course at Gelato University in Italy, and their desire to give back to their home country of Malaysia to create a successful brand with high customer satisfaction.

Alongside traditional crowd-pleasers, they push the boat out with uniquely South-East Asian flavours like cempedak (a fruit similar to jackfruit), durian, teh tarik (local black tea), and kopi peng (iced coffee with condensed milk).

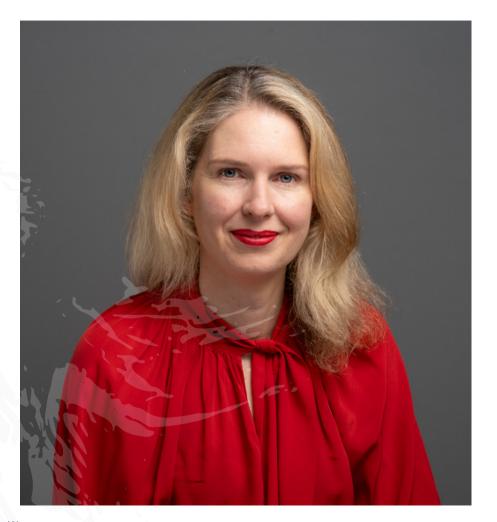
They adapt their offerings to serve and delight the community around them, including a halal option flavoured with chicken bakkwa (a dried meat traditionally eaten around Lunar New Year) and a late-night, drivethrough buffet during COVID-19 lockdown restrictions to cater to Muslim customers breaking their fast. Inside Scoop's revenue grew exponentially during the pandemic by pivoting to focus on takeaway and online orders when dine-in sales were limited

They have contributed greatly to their home country's economy and community throughout the supply chain, offering their predominantly local employees living wages and ensuring their products are made fresh using ingredients from Malaysian suppliers where possible. Inside Scoop now has an estimated value of over AU \$32 million with plans to create a new line of consumer packaged ice cream products to cater to the masses

## Danielle Wood

Master of Commerce, 2005 Master of Competition and Consumer Law, 2015

Leadership Award Recipient 2024



## Leadership Award

The Leadership Award recognises an individual who has achieved significant and recognised impact in business, government or the nonprofit sector through leadership in their career to date.

Ms Danielle Wood is the Chair of the Productivity Commission and is one of the most visible and highly regarded economists in Australia. She is a passionate advocate for women in economics through advocacy and example. She is the first woman to chair the Commission or any of its predecessors, and the first woman President of the Economic Society of Australia in its 99-year history.

Prior to joining the Commission, she was CEO of the Grattan Institute and Head of its Budgets and Government Program. During her time at Grattan, Danielle also held roles as a member of the Australian Government's Women's Economic Equality Taskforce, the Parliamentary Budget Office Expert Advisory Committee, the Jobs and Skills Australia Consultative Forum, and the Australia and New Zealand School of Government Research Committee.

Ms Wood has previously worked in senior roles at the ACCC and NERA Economic Consulting. She has published extensively on economic reform priorities, budgets, tax reform, women's workforce participation, generational inequality, and reforming political institutions. She is also a passionate advocate for women in economics and was the co-founder and first Chair of the Women in Economics Network. She is an Honorary Fellow of the Economic Society of Australia and a Research Fellow of the Women's Leadership Institute. She is currently an ex-officio member of the Australian Government's Competition Review Expert Advisory Panel.

Ms Wood earned her Master of Commerce (Economics) with First Class Honours from the University of Melbourne in 2005. She also earned her Master of Competition and Consumer Law from the University of Melbourne with First Class Honours in 2015

## Anthony Shepherd AO

Bachelor of Commerce, 1969

Outstanding Achievement Award Recipient 2024



## Outstanding Achievement Award

The Outstanding Achievement Award is given to an individual who has achieved long-term, sustained and outstanding achievement and leadership in business, government or the non-profit sector.

Mr Anthony "Tony" Shepherd AO is an accomplished business leader and corporate figure with a distinguished career spanning more than five decades. He continues to play pivotal roles across various public and private sectors and was made an officer of the Order of Australia for his services to business, the arts and sport.

Mr Shepherd graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1969 with a Bachelor of Commerce. He began his career in the public service with multiple roles across within the Defence and Transport and Infrastructure Departments. Upon joining Transfield in 1979, he pioneered private infrastructure with projects such as the Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Melbourne City Link and East Link.

He was the Chairman of Transfield from 2005 to 2013, steering the company's significant growth and diversification. His leadership played a crucial role in expanding the company's portfolio beyond construction services, embracing new sectors and markets. He has been a prominent advocate for public infrastructure development, recognising its importance in fostering economic growth.

He was the inaugural Chairman of WestConnex, and oversaw the listing of Transurban, Transfield Services and Connect East.

Mr Shepherd's tenure as the President of the Business Council of Australia was marked by efforts to foster collaboration between the business community and the government, emphasising the role of the private sector in driving national prosperity. He is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Patron of Infrastructure Partnerships Australia.

He has served on numerous boards and advisory bodies, providing his insights to organisations across multiple sectors. He is currently the Chairman of the respective boards at the Sydney Entertainment Quarter, Infrastructure SA (inaugural), Bingo Industries, and the Sydney Bradfield Oration. He is the Director of Virgin Australia International, Independent Non-Executive Director of Enviropacific and Director of NSW Racing Authority.

He has previously been appointed chair of Venues NSW, the GWS Giants, Sydney Cricket Ground Trust, ERG Limited, ConnectEast Group, ASTRA Subscriber Television, Macquarie Specialised Asset Management, and the Federal Coalition Government's Audit Commission into Commonwealth expenditure. He has held directorships at Snowy Hydro, Menzies Research Centre, NSW State Transit Authority, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, VicTrack, and the Migration Council of Australia (inaugural).

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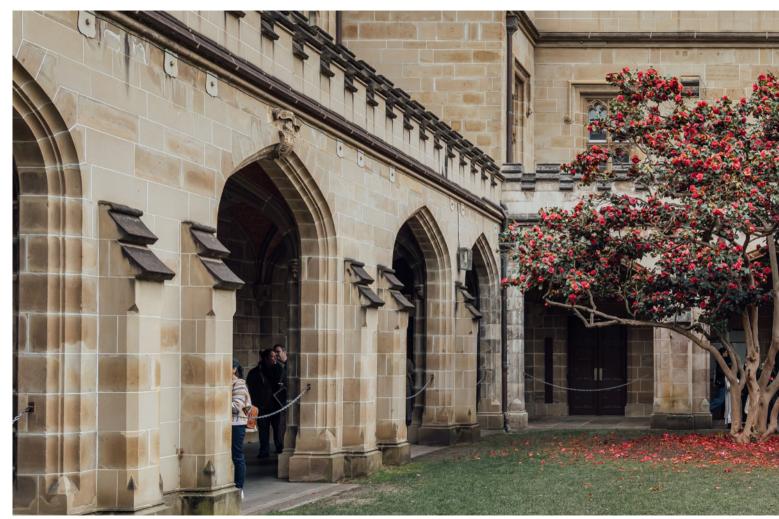
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