



## Connecting our community

### It's what we do

Welcome to the third edition of our Connection series – bringing our community together online.

In this email we're excited to share with you stories about our alumni and community from the latest edition of [Thrive](#). Check out a few of the highlights here or read it in full online.

[It's time to celebrate you!](#) First up, we're very excited to introduce our inaugural Alumni Awards. More than ever we want to take the time to celebrate our alumni, especially given the challenges we're facing thanks to COVID-19. If you believe you're making an impact and inspiring others through the work that you do, or know someone who is, be it as a professional or a volunteer, we want to know about it. [Nominate now](#)



[Life in lockdown.](#) We asked some of our university community to share their thoughts on life during the pandemic. Hear how it's affecting them, the people around them, their work and more. From psychologist Rachel Tomlinson, to school principal Norman Meader, Victorian paramedic Ian Hunt and communications expert Lindsay Rogers, we've got a story for you.

[True crime calling.](#) Alumna and 2019 Logie-winner Justine Ford has worked in crime reporting and producing for decades and has some tips for the next generation of content creators.

[Researching our recovery.](#) In April the university announced \$200,000 to fund research grants for studies focused on understanding the impacts of COVID-19 on the health, wellbeing, business performance, communities and economy of Australia. While 12 projects received funding there's many more than didn't, which is why Charles Sturt University Advancement has established a fund for philanthropic support of these research projects. Lend your support [here](#).

[First medical students set to start 2021.](#) After years of lobbying for a rural medical school, Charles Sturt University and Western Sydney University School of Medicine have partnered to create a brand new Joint Program in Medicine, a five-year undergraduate program based in Orange NSW, starting in 2021.



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If you're an alum and keen to get involved in our Connection Series, get in touch! We'd love to hear from you if you're an expert in your field or if you've got a story or an opportunity to share. Please email us your ideas at [alumni@csu.edu.au](mailto:alumni@csu.edu.au)