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Charles Sturt University Alumni

Connection series

Bringing our community together

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Dear Sheridan,

Welcome to the first edition of our **Connection** Series for 2021 and a big welcome to our newest Graduates!

Our **Connection** Series aims to keep our Alumni connected to each other and the University - and although we hope to hold real life events this year, it is important to keep connected the best way we can.

In this edition we have some stories on love at University, congratulating our Australia Day Award winners and offering discounts on some short courses for you – plus a few extras!

Congratulations to our Australia Day honours and award winners.

The contributions made by current students, staff and alumni were recognised in this year's Australia Day awards and honours. A big congratulations to Alumnus Mr Edward Maher; Manager of Charles Sturt Sustainability for being named 2021 Environmental Citizen of the Year by Wagga Wagga City Council.

Congratulations to all our Alumni award winners; with a special mention to the below:

- Mrs Lisa Gardner – Public Service Medal
- Ms Clare Lawlor – Young Citizen of the Year (Wagga Wagga City Council)

[Click here](#) for a full story on all our Australia day honours and award winners.

Happy 100th to Lis Kirkby

Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Arts (Honours) 2009



Elisabeth Kirkby (OAM) Celebrated her 100th birthday in January. What a wonderful example of lifelong learning. Lis has had an amazing career, spanning politics to the stage where she starred, among other things, as Lucy Sutcliffe in the iconic Australian TV drama, Number 96. We hope you had an amazing day!

Love is in the air

In celebration of Valentine's Day we are sharing some of your stories of love made at University! Thanks to the below Alumni for sharing.

Hanna Murphy + Christian Bada

Hanna and Christian met in their first year at Wagga in 2010. An event 'Cottage Crawl' was organised to encourage all the people living in the

cottage accommodations to meet and mingle in a fun costume themed environment, where Hanna and Christian hit it off immediately. Both were studying completely opposing degrees; Hanna studying Television Production and Christian studying Medical Science; it was their ability to make each other laugh that started this relationship. Hanna will always remember their first date; she had just arrived home from work and was invited to Christian's cottage to have dinner. Christian had served up 2 plates of food then walked them straight to his bedroom. Hanna a little confused followed him to find a picnic setup on the floor and fairy lights sticky taped to the brick walls. This is Hanna's favourite memory.

10 years down the track they are still together, Christian now a Paramedic for NSW Ambulance and Hanna a Director's Assistant in television. They also married in October of 2019 (9 years after meeting at CSU)

Krytsal Fuggle + Micky Thomas

Krystal and Micky met 10 years ago as first years in 2011! They married in 2014 and now have 3 kids.

They were studying similar degrees while living across the hall from one another and spent a lot of time working on projects together in TV Land!

They've been inseparable since the day they met. Their favourite things about each other are how their weaknesses are complimented by each other's strengths. Just after Christmas last year they took a road trip back to Wagga Wagga to show the kids where they met and take a trip down memory lane.

AJ Williams + Caroline Schaub

Following a residential school in Wagga a group of students along with a Swiss contingent departed on a two-week South Australian winery tour. That's where AJ got to know his now wife.

They briefly stayed in touch after the wine tour. In 2013 they crossed paths again, and at the beginning of 2015 they decided to commit to one another with Caroline coming out to Australia, but only stayed for a while. In January 2016 Caroline returned to Australia with her mum where her mum and Caroline stayed until July. The following year entailed visits back and forth – true love!

Caroline and AJ are now living in Meadows in the Adelaide Hills. Caroline is now a permanent resident of Australia and is an Assistant Winemaker with Unicozelo while AJ is a viticulturist in Langhorne Creek. Together, they have their wine

label, Next Crop Wines which they make together.

Australian Health Professionals (except Dietitians) we need your help!



To help better understand how non-dietician health professionals can be supported to give nutrition advice, we hope you can participate in the below survey.

[Survey](#)

Diet-related disease is such a big issue in Australia. It would be great if we could understand how non-dietitian health professionals could be better supported to give nutrition advice. All responses are completely anonymous.

CSU Human Research Ethics Committee has approved this project (protocol number: H19398).

Are you looking to reskill or upskill? Study now and save!



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Been thinking about a career change or keen to take the next step in your health career?

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Get an overview of the course and our facilities, entry requirements and the application process, including the University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand (UCAT ANZ). You'll meet our team and have all your questions answered. You'll need to register for UCAT ANZ by 17 May 2021 if you want to study medicine in 2022.

- Wagga Wagga: Tuesday 16 March 2021, 6.00–7.30pm*
- Orange: Monday 22 March 2021, 6.00–7.30pm*
- Bathurst: Tuesday 23 March 2021, 6.00–7.30pm*

- Online: Tuesday 4 May 2021, 6.00–7.30pm

*Subject to COVID-19 advice from government agencies closer to the event.

[Book your spot now](#)

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And finally, a huge shout out to our 253 alumni who participated in our [#runcharlessturtrun](#) Virtual Event in December. With your help we raised over \$2500 for the Alumni Scholarship. We are going to host another event later in the year - if you have any ideas on how we can improve please let us know!

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've got a story or an opportunity to share. Please email us your ideas at alumni@csu.edu.au



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