



Connecting our community it's what we do

Our Connection Series aims to keep our Alumni connected to each other and the University. Our October edition features Alumni making a real impact within their communities, some new releases from our Alumni Authors, career development and the launch of our 2nd Virtual Fun Run.

With the countdown on until the end of year. I am sure many of us are starting to plan Christmas and look forward to seeing loved ones now that borders are opening across the world.

Our Alumni making an impact

Fullbright Scholarships

Congratulations to Charles Sturt Alumni who received the prestigious Fullbright Scholarships, in particular Mat Hardy and Kathryn Crowe. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission offers scholarships to Australian citizens across all career stages. Awardees take part in an academic and cultural exchange, pursuing research or study at a U.S. institution, experiencing life abroad and bringing back their knowledge and experience to share with their communities in Australia.

[Read more here.](#)

Our Alumni making an impact - Alumnigive Scholarship.

In 2021 we are proud to have awarded over 388 scholarships and prizes to a value of just over \$2 million to current students. We also have a Charles Sturt University Alumni Scholarship. This is funded by the generosity of you, our Alumni. This is another way that many Alumni give back through our Alumnigive program. [Read more or donate here.](#)

Scholarships; making a real difference for our students

We take great pride that our alumni have contributed to the Alumnigive Scholarship which continues to make a difference in our students' education. You can learn more about the [Alumnigive Scholarship here.](#)

Thrive

Thank you to all our Alumni who were featured in our 2021 edition of Thrive. The stories were uplifting and gives us all a glance into the lives of our Alumni doing amazing things within their industries and communities. You can read the [latest edition here.](#)



If you have a story you would like to share with us, please email alumni@csu.edu.au

Vale George Hampton

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of George Hampton. George was a former Mitchell College graduate and former Lecturer in Accounting at Charles Sturt University. We pass on our condolences to George's family, friends, and past colleagues.

News

Ms Renee Leon PSM appointed Charles Sturt Vice-Chancellor and President.

Ms Leon said she is honoured to lead Australia's leading regional university at a

time when the regions are playing an increasingly visible and important national role. [Read the full story here.](#)

Charles Sturt remains a leader for graduate outcomes

A national survey of graduate and postgraduate employment ranks Charles Sturt University among the top five universities in Australia. [Read the full story here.](#)

Charles Sturt establishes Agriculture, Water and Environment Institute to drive impactful research

The AWE Institute will be opened by December 2021 and will drive research outcomes that optimise farming systems and enhance the health of freshwater ecosystems. [Read the full story here.](#)

[Read more Charles Sturt University news here.](#)

Alumni Podcast

What podcasts are you listening to?

Alumna Stephanie Hunt has just launched an independent podcast called **And We're Rolling**. It showcases the world's best female foreign correspondents, presenters and leaders and looks at on-camera nerves and meltdowns and confidence slumps and the tools and lessons these women apply to help them find the grit to keep on going... and excel.

Fellow Charles Sturt alumna Melissa Doyle, Jessica Yates, Amelia Adams and Edwina Bartholomew are part of the series and there are more to come. You can listen to the [podcast here](#).

Book Releases

What books are you reading?

We would love to hear from our Alumni on any book recommendations and we will feature the top picks in our next edition of the Connection Series.

Email alumni@csu.edu.au with your recommendations!

Alumni Authors

Your HR Ally is by Alumna **Melissa Hume**. It is specifically written for those eager to prove their worth in the first few years of their HR career or anyone looking to understand human resources practices. Addressing topics traditionally avoided, such as corporate politics and internal tensions.

Hard-copy and e-book versions are available via www.melissahume.com and the book is out now.

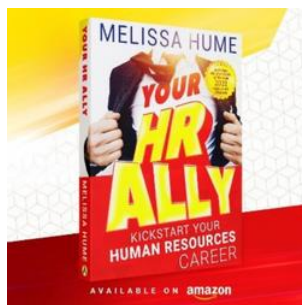
Dianne Salvador is proud to share news of her latest book **Cat Shapes**, featured on ABC earlier this year. Cat Shapes is a metaphorical guide for anyone navigating a period of change, for whatever reason. Cat Shapes is available for purchase online at

Craig Dent is pleased to announce the release of his 2022 Calendar Book, '**A Galaxy Forms in a Forest Glade**'.

Craig has always been inspired by the lives of friends and family, as well as the freedom of wilderness and the power of music and the arts.

'A Galaxy Forms in a Forest Glade', with its central theme of self-identity, within the natural world, captures his most personal moments from the summer of 1989 to the summer of 2020.

For more information and to place your order, you can message craig@craigdent.com.au.



Alumni Events

Virtual Run

Our alumni community are invited to get active with us and support the next generation of regional Charles Sturt University students!

Let's dust off those running shoes and raise funds for students from rural communities in need!

All you need to do to get involved is run/walk/ride up to 30 kms during the month of December and share your results on social media using the hashtag #runCharlesSturtrun.

That's just 1km a day - a 'k' a day you say? Easy!

- ✓ Get active
- ✓ Support fellow alumni & future students

✓ Win great prizes for weekly challenges

Register Now

**Please note that this event is only open to Alumni living in Australia due to timeframes and postage costs.*

UK Catch up

Join fellow UK Alumni to get involved with the University, keep in touch with fellow alumni and create new contacts relevant to your profession and interests.

Details

- DATE: Wednesday 3rd November
- TIME: 7:30pm – 8:30pm
- ZOOM LINK: <https://charlessturt.zoom.us/j/63982000557>
(Email singold@csu.edu.au and we will send you a calendar invite.)

Pinot & Picasso

This November we are holding a mix of physical and virtual events bought to you by Charles Sturt Alumni and Pinot & Picasso.

What a fun and relaxing way to catch up with fellow Charles Sturt graduates, drawing on your inner Picasso while sipping on a glass of your favourite wine. This event is designed for you to network and reconnect with fellow Alumni and the University. Whether it has been a long time since you connected or just yesterday, we would love to reconnect with you!

Tickets for this event will be available soon.

Careers and opportunities

Master of Health Management and Leadership



Are you a practicing healthcare professional looking to step into management? Learn the knowledge and skills required to lead in health services. Developed in collaboration with practising health leaders, our revitalised course will boost

your credentials and widen your career prospects. Study small, modularised subjects online – so you can fit your learning around your other commitments. Now available to start in January or June. [Check it out.](#)

Master of Nursing (with specialisations)

If you want to advance your nursing career and extend the real and lasting difference you make in your community, the new Master of Nursing (with specialisations) is for you. Designed for registered nurses looking to upskill for advanced nursing practice, with updated industry relevant specialisations including a new rural and remote nursing specialisation.

Developed in consultation with industry, this specialisation is the only one of its kind in NSW, and one of only two in Australia. It allows nurses to develop their capacity for safe and effective advanced nursing practice that meets the complex healthcare needs of people living in rural and remote communities. Delivered 100 per cent online and available to start in March or July, with exit points at graduate certificate and graduate diploma level you can complete the level of qualification that suits you. [Find out more.](#)

The first Graduate Certificate in Islamic Psychology course in Australia



Boost your employment opportunity by developing your knowledge and skills to better cater for a diverse multicultural community. The Graduate Certificate in Islamic Psychology is the first course of its kind in Australia, offered by experienced lecturers and Muslim clinical psychology practitioners. Charles Sturt has a strong reputation in Islamic education. Indeed, we established the Centre for Islamic Studies and Civilisation in partnership with the Islamic Sciences and Research Academy (ISRA Academy) 10 years ago. [For more information click here.](#)

Connect

A big shout out to our recent graduates! We hope that we will meet you at upcoming ceremonies planned for next year, but until then – Congratulations! 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