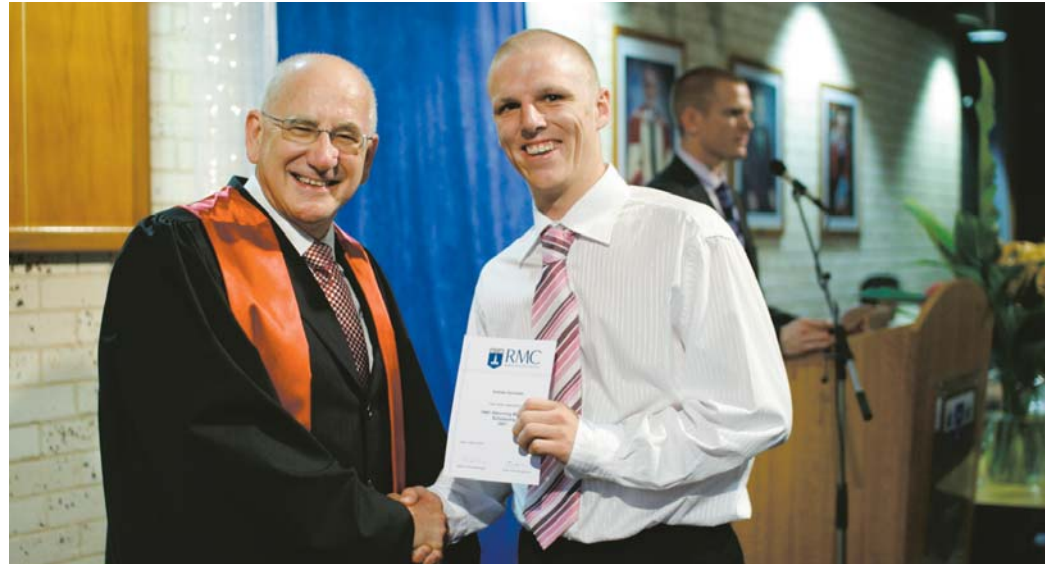


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## From the Master

Every time I conduct an exit interview with a member leaving at the end of their course they comment on the richness of community life that they have experienced at RMC.

Here at one of Australia's younger universities RMC is providing the sharing, networking, growing and learning community experience that is a strength of college life in much older universities around the world. This is a fulfilment of the RMC Vision statement 'Forming the Person, Transforming our World'. There is great benefit in this experience. And, so that this experience may be shared more widely, I am writing to ask for your generous financial support for the RMC Annual Appeal 2007.

In this issue of RMC Now we have focussed on increasing Bursary Fund assistance for new and returning members. The rural recession and an appreciating Australian dollar have challenged the affordability of the College experience for Australian and International students alike. We want to help them because we know how valuable this experience really is.

There are two other areas of need that I am also bringing to your attention. The first of these is to furnish our newly renovated Members' Lounge. The second is to strengthen our capacity to offer further RMC Visiting Academic Fellowships and RMC Theological Education Fellowships because they broaden and deepen our life together.

The text and pictures inside this issue will give you the background. I hope you will join with the College community and me in supporting these initiatives.

**Chris Bellenger – Master**

# COMMUNITY LIFE@RMC



Aussie dinner



International night



Fun & games



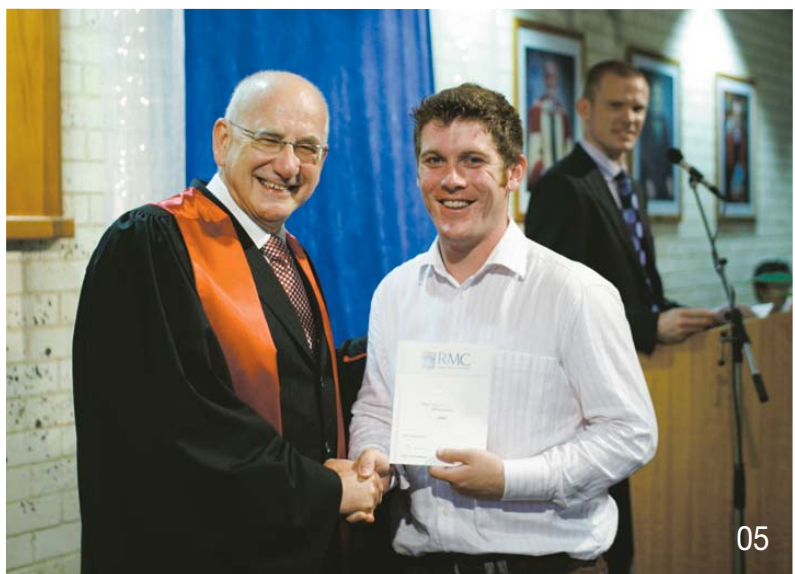
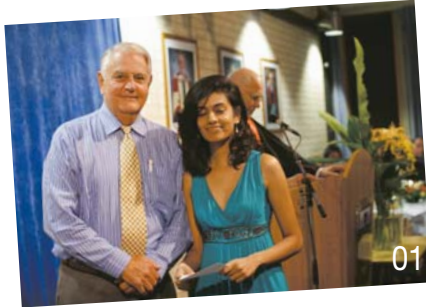
# RMC Scholarships: for new & returning members

Most Australian RMC members are drawn from families who live beyond greater Sydney. Many people in provincial and rural Australia are experiencing real difficulties at present with drought, recession and significant increases in living costs. Families of members coming from overseas are finding that the sustained appreciation of the Australian dollar has significantly eroded their capacity to pay for tuition and accommodation for their sons and daughters at RMC.

Fortunately even relatively small amounts of financial assistance can still make the difference between staying at College or having to find a less satisfactory alternative including much travel to and from university.

In addition to demonstrated financial need the criteria for awards to returning members include academic performance and service to College life, while for new members the focus is on academic, sporting or artistic achievements, leadership, and school, church or community service.

At present RMC has the capacity to award about \$24,000 in scholarships each year. These funds come from three main sources supplemented by some conference income. First the College receives support from several supplier companies. We acknowledge with gratitude our supporter companies: Charmax Property Maintenance Pty Ltd, Apek Computer Technology Pty Ltd, Aladdin Laundry Pty Ltd, Mastercut Meats and Starnet Systems. Secondly we have one privately named scholarship, the Chubb Scholarship. Mr Geoff Chubb, College Administrator 1993-2001 is generously making an annual contribution for ten years to this fund (see picture). Thirdly the College has a Bursary Fund and the interest earned on this fund is available for scholarships each year. The capital in the Bursary Fund currently is \$123,600. If we can grow this fund to \$400,000 we could award around \$20,000 from it annually while maintaining the capital base.



**01** Former RMC Administrator Mr Geoff Chubb presenting Shanti David Victor with the annual Chubb Scholarship

**02** Mr Paul Zammit presenting Simon Massey with an Undergraduate Scholarship donated by Charmax Property Maintenance

**03** Mr Geoff Gruber presenting Rachel Jung with a Returning Postgraduate Member's Scholarship donated by Aladdin Laundries

**04** Mr Din-Ming Lam presenting Joo-Won Oh with a Postgraduate Scholarship donated by Charmax Property Maintenance

**05** Student President Steven Wright receiving his Returning Undergraduate Scholarship for 2007

“My RMC scholarship enables me a university experience that would not be attainable for a country student like me – education, friendship, fun and fellowship!”

Steven Wright, Student President 2007

# The Common Room: //ADDITIONS

Growing a vibrant, engaging and supportive community is core to everything we do at RMC.

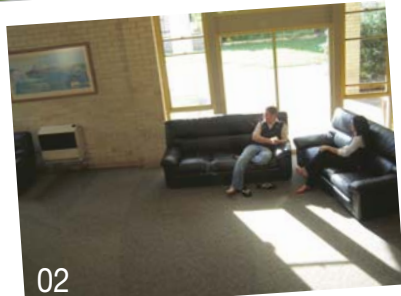
We have been working to improve the capacity of the Common Room to facilitate community development and over the past 12 months several improvements have been introduced. One of the most popular improvements has been the ceiling-mounted video projector for TV, DVDs and Foxtel (pay TV). This facility has been extraordinarily popular with members for major sporting and cultural events (World Cup Football and Cricket) and for screening photomontages from College social events (harbour cruise, scavenger hunt etc).

Traffic flow has been re-oriented through the Games Room, while the Members' Lounge (the smaller Common Room) has been enclosed and the ceiling has been lowered. New carpet has been installed throughout. We have arranged to be able to borrow art works from the Macquarie University collection but we need new furniture to create areas within the Members' Lounge that will encourage members to sit, relax and talk in small groups. To this end beanbags, lounges and some small tables and chairs will be purchased at a total cost of \$4,500.



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“One of the most popular improvements has been the ceiling-mounted video projector.”



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01 The data projector in action during the World Cup

02 Patiently waiting for furniture in the Members' Lounge...

03 Professor Bob Linder, RMC's first Visiting Academic Fellow, with the Master

04 Ian Packer, RMC Theological Education Fellow

## Two New Fellowship Categories

In 2006 the College established two additional fellowship categories: RMC Visiting Academic Fellowships and RMC Theological Education Fellowships.

These fellowships (ranging in value from \$5,000 to \$10,000) support strategic work in the academic and spiritual work of the College. Initial fellowship holders were Professor Bob Linder as a Visiting Academic Fellow and Ian Packer and Paul Yeates as Theological Education Fellows.

Professor Linder, who has been a regular visitor to the College for many years, continued his historical research and writing. Ian and Paul were funded by the College's Trinity Chapel members and assisted with the ministry of Trinity Chapel while they pursued full-time theological study. Contributions towards funds for each of these fellowships will enable the College to make further appointments in 2008 and beyond..



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“The RMC Theological Fellowship generously helped provide financially for me and my family, enabling me to focus on my theological studies, as well as the opportunity to serve in a lively Christian community.”

IAN PACKER



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