

Celebrating Singapore



More than 50 international visitors – including leading citizens of Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and the USA – gathered at Trinity in May for a weekend of activities to celebrate the close ties between Singapore and Australia, and to witness the formal installation of Trinity alumna Dr Susan Lim as the youngest, and first Singaporean, Fellow of Trinity College.

At the **Singapore–Australia Dinner** on 21 May, guest speaker Dr Susan Lim highlighted the friendship and goodwill that has blossomed between Australia and Singapore, 'so that today Singapore is Australia's largest trade and investment partner in South East Asia.'

Dr Lim, who in 1990 performed Asia's first successful liver transplant, told of the 'dramatic changes' taking place in the field of medicine. A leader in robotic surgery and adult stem cell research, she gave her audience a tantalising glimpse into future possibilities in medicine.

She also told students: 'Trinity College provides one of the best educational springboards,' and urged them to become 'true citizens of the world.'

Delivering the address at **the installation of Dr Susan Lim as a Fellow** of Trinity College, the Vice-Chancellor of Monash University and Fellow of Trinity College, Professor Richard Larkins, said that Dr Lim 'epitomises the energetic pursuit of knowledge, excellence and dedication to community service that Trinity College wishes to impart.'

Brigadier General Peter Dawkins flew from the USA to be guest speaker at a dinner following her installation. He spoke of 'Big Ideas' – including biotechnology – and Susan Lim's 'instinct that the time is ripe for frontiers to be challenged.'

In response, Dr Lim said: 'This honour has invigorated me and added further to my commitment to push the frontiers of medicine.'

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The Singapore–Australia Dinner brought together guests from around the world, including, from left, Ms Penelope Pengilly (Australia), Dr Susan Lim (Singapore), and Brigadier General Pete Dawkins (USA).

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The Warden, Professor Don Markwell, said the College was delighted that such an outstanding scholar and leader of students had been appointed as Dean.

'Peter Tregear's energy and inspirational capacity have made a deep and positive impact in Cambridge, as they did previously in Melbourne,' Professor Markwell said. 'We look forward very warmly to the contribution he will make as Dean of Trinity College.'

Dr Tregear said that he 'relished the opportunity to work closely with Trinity students, tutors and other staff, and alumni and friends, and with colleagues throughout the wider University'.

Fay Marles elected Fellow



The recently retired Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, Ms Fay Marles, AM, MA, DipSocStudies *Melb*, has been elected a Fellow of Trinity College.

A student at Janet Clarke Hall (JCH) when it was part of Trinity College, Ms Marles is also a Fellow of JCH. She has been an active supporter of many Trinity College activities, including advising the College on its initiatives in Indigenous education.

Appointed by Sir Rupert Hamer as Victoria's first Equal Opportunity Commissioner (1977 to 1987), Ms Marles again made history in 2001 when she became the first woman Chancellor of the University of Melbourne after serving for 14 years as Deputy Chancellor. A portrait of her in her Chancellor's robes hangs in the Trinity dining hall.

Trinity Anglican Leaders

Both incoming and outgoing Primate of the Anglican Church in Australia are Trinity alumni.

The College warmly congratulates the newly elected Primate, the Most Revd Dr Philip Aspinall, who is also Archbishop of Brisbane. As well as studying theology at Trinity, Dr Aspinall has degrees in science and business administration, and a PhD in education.

Outgoing Primate, the Most Revd Dr Peter Carnley, recently led a panel discussion at Trinity on the 'Windsor Report', a report commissioned specifically to address the future of the Anglican Communion. He was also guest speaker at the April graduation ceremony of the Melbourne College of Divinity, where he was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Sacred Theology. A Fellow of the College, Dr Carnley will be in residence at Trinity in 2006 as a visiting scholar.



The Warden, Professor Donald Markwell (left), with Trinity's incoming Dean, Dr Peter Tregear, who will take up the appointment in January 2006.