



### PETRA BULLOCK (18) – MUSICIAN

A student at Takapuna Grammar School, Petra is an accomplished musician from barbershop to classical singing, song writing and performing.

In 2011 she was placed in the finals for the 'Matariki Song Writing Competition', and received second place in the 'University of Auckland song writing competition'. Petra made it to the Smoke-free Rockquest North Shore Regional final, and was also placed in the finals for the Auckland Singer-songwriter competition. She was also invited to perform a set at the 'Kiwi Day Out', held at Auckland Domain with a crowd of 70,000. She completed her Grade 8 Classical singing exam, and was awarded with a High Distinction, placing her in the Top 2%.

During New Zealand Music Month, she was placed in the finals for the 'Hook-line and Sing-along' song writing competition; and she won the 'Matariki Song Writing Competition'. Petra was also invited to perform at The Langham Hotel to esteemed guests such as Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and Hon. John Key at "The World Class Awards", and was invited to appear on TV One's 'Good Morning show', where she performed two of her original songs live. She has also recently been announced the winner (from over 360 entries) of the National Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition, the winner of the Auckland University Songwriter of the Year: Secondary Schools Competition and the winner of an Adastra Scholarship.

Petra is currently working on a music video for her new single 'Remember the Rain', to be released in December. She plans to release her debut EP next April, and aims to travel to New York late next year and distribute her music there.

### NICK HALL (23) – MUSICIAN

When in Year 9 at Rosmini College, Nick's music teacher announced that she desperately needed Trumpet players for the school Jazz Band; seeing an opportunity Nick put up his hand. By 2007 Nick was the First Trumpet in the Rosmini College Jazz Band and applied for the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra Secondary Schools Trust Scholarship which he won.

Nick completed a Bachelor of Music, majoring in Trumpet Performance at the University of Auckland, in 2011 with First Class Honours. He was the recipient of the Anne Bellam Scholarship and given a Senior Music Prize (awarded to the 10% of students with the highest grades). Notably, he was the first Trumpet student to be awarded an A+ in a solo recital and was made Principal Trumpet of the Auckland University Orchestra in his first year.

Nick has played in various orchestras including the New Zealand National Youth Orchestra, the Auckland Youth Orchestra, St. Matthews Chamber Orchestra, Manukau Symphony Orchestra, the Auckland Symphony Orchestra and the Auckland Chamber Orchestra. Highlights from playing in these orchestras include playing with Placido Domingo at a charity concert for the Christchurch earthquake and touring to America with the Auckland Youth Orchestra in 2008.

Earlier this year Nick flew to Canada and America and was accepted into the soloist program at the Manhattan School of Music and also the orchestral/soloist program at the University of British Columbia – choosing to study at the University of British Columbia.

Nick commenced his Masters of Music Degree recently and plans to study to become a Doctor of Musical Arts at a University either in America or Canada.



### TENEALE HATTON (22) – SPRINT KAYAKER AND SURF LIFESAVER

A former student of Carmel College, Teneale is currently completing a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in International Business and Commercial Law at the University of Auckland, she was awarded a Blues award for 2010/2011 and a National Blues Award in 2010.

Teneale was immersed in Surf Life Saving from a young age, which has led to her being firmly embedded into the NZ high performance squad for both Surf Lifesaving and Sprint Canoeing.

At only 22, she has recently returned from her first Olympic Games in London, where she was placed a very impressive 7th in the B Final. She is very clear about her ambition to be the world's best in the K1 500m.

Teneale is soon to represent New Zealand again, this time competing at the World Surf Lifesaving Championships in Adelaide.

From the end of February to May 2013, Teneale is to attend a training camp in Florida with a group of top international female kayakers that have invited her to join them, she will then continue on to the World Cup series to meet up with the rest of the New Zealand Kayak team. 2013 is also the first ever under 23 World Championships for Sprint kayaking, which she is currently aiming toward.

### SARAH MITCHELL (23) – MECHANICAL ENGINEER

A past-pupil of Takapuna Grammar School, where she was Proxime Accessit in 2007, Sarah graduated in April with a Bachelor of Engineering degree with First Class Honours, specialising in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Auckland. She was on the Dean's Honours List for all four years of her degree.

The final year of her degree involved a year-long research project equating to a quarter of that year's grade. Sarah's project involved developing algorithms that would characterise the geometric variability of carbon fibre materials to enable greater accuracy of simulation and prediction of composite materials manufacturing methods. Sarah and her research partner were awarded the Composites Association of New Zealand Prize for this work.

Sarah was awarded the BECA Part IV Engineering Scholarship and graduated third overall (and top female) in her class. Sarah sees a PhD as the key to a pathway in 'specialist' professional engineering and wanted to gain her PhD from one of the top Universities in the world. Impressively she was accepted into a Mechanical Engineering PhD program at both MIT and Caltech (California Institute of Technology in Pasadena). She chose to study at Caltech (the 2011 and 2012 Times Higher Education Number One University in the World), specialising in computational solid mechanics within Professor Michael Ortiz's Research Group (Professor Ortiz is a world leader in his field).

Sarah has recently been awarded a Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Student Award and commenced her studies at Caltech in the beginning of October.

Her professional ambition involves utilising the skills and knowledge gained during her PhD in a commercial environment.



### MATTEA MRKUSIC (17) – COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR

Mattea is currently Head Girl at Takapuna Grammar School. In June, she sat across the table from an Australian asylum seeker who had once sewn his lips together as a last resort protest about the conditions in the Christmas Island refugee detention camp. In her words, she was riveted, tremendously saddened and yet ultimately felt empowered. Human rights have always been her passion.

Now, at age 17, she has been selected to represent NZ at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) conference as the Head Delegate and has been chosen to lead the NZ delegation of 22 to debate world issues.

Mattea has held a variety of community leadership positions including being a North Shore Youth Councillor, School Prefect and Devonport Youth Forum representative. She helped organise the North Shore Converge Youth Leadership Forum, helped organise the Devonstock concert, wrote for 'Appleseed' (a North Shore community website for youth) and has volunteered regularly for the Wilson Home.

Accomplished at public speaking, Mattea won her intermediate school speech competition with a speech on racism, and went on to win the overall North Shore Rotary Speech competition. Mattea is a three-time delegate for the national NZ Model United Nations in Wellington, has been a delegate at Model Security Council and won "Most Thought Provoking Speaker" at Auckland Model UN. Her ultimate dream is to work at the UN or the International Court of Human Rights.

Mattea plans to study a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in International Relations and Human Rights.

### JEREMY REID (23) – PHILOSOPHER

Educated at Kristin School, Jeremy went on to study at the University of Auckland, graduating in 2012 with an Arts Degree with First Class Honours in Philosophy, a Bachelor of Music in Musicology, and a Diploma of Languages in Ancient Greek and Latin. He received first-in-class awards for Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy, and Epistemology.

Earlier this year Jeremy was accepted into the six-year PhD programme in Philosophy at the University of Arizona on full scholarship. He will also be doing an MA in Classics concurrently with this. The University of Arizona is currently ranked as the 15th best philosophy programme in the world, on par with such prestigious schools as Cornell and the University of California at Berkeley. In addition to this, the University of Arizona has especial strengths in the main fields in which Jeremy works, being ranked 7th for ancient philosophy, 6th for epistemology and ethics, and 1st for political philosophy.

Impressively, Jeremy was one of six students to be given a place out of over 200 applicants, the only one not affiliated with a top-10 Philosophy programme and the only one from outside North America.

Whilst committed to his studies, Jeremy is most passionate about teaching and aspires to teach for many years to come. He is fortunate to be working under the supervision of Regents Professor Julia Annas, whose PhD students have all gone on to receive extremely competitive postdoctoral research scholarships or tenure-track positions at major universities.



### BEN SANDERS (23) – AUTHOR

A former student of Long Bay College where he received honours for top student in both years 11 and 12, Ben is the author of two novels published by Harper Collins New Zealand: THE FALLEN (2010), and BY ANY MEANS (2011). His third novel, ONLY THE DEAD, is due for publication in June next year.

THE FALLEN was submitted for publication in 2009, one week before his twentieth birthday. Upon release the following August it was a number one New Zealand fiction bestseller for five consecutive weeks, remaining in the top ten for two months. THE FALLEN was also included in The New Zealand Listener Magazine's top 100 books of 2010. His second novel, BY ANY MEANS, reached number three on the New Zealand fiction bestseller list, and remained in the top five for five consecutive weeks.

All of Ben's books are crime novels set in Auckland, and revolve around a police detective named Sean Devereaux.

Impressively, all three novels were written while Ben was studying civil engineering at the University of Auckland; he graduated in April with a Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours and was named on the Deans Honours List. Whilst writing is a passion it is also a hobby and he is currently employed as a graduate structural engineer with Airey Consultants Ltd in Takapuna.

Ben plans to travel to European literary festivals in 2013 in order to meet foreign publishers and secure an overseas contract.