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TOGETHER**

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We acknowledge that we are the descendants of the Anaiwan, Argun, Biripi, Dunghutti, Kamilaroi, Wiradjuri and Woppaburra Nations.

We acknowledge the Pambalong Clan of the Awabakal Nation, the Darkinung Nation and the Biripai Nation where the University of Newcastle campuses are located.

We pay respect to all Elders past, present and future who continue to protect this land and foster cultural connection. We acknowledge the sovereignty was never ceded and that always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.

We pay respect to all First Nations people as we travel through country and across seas.



From little things, big things grow

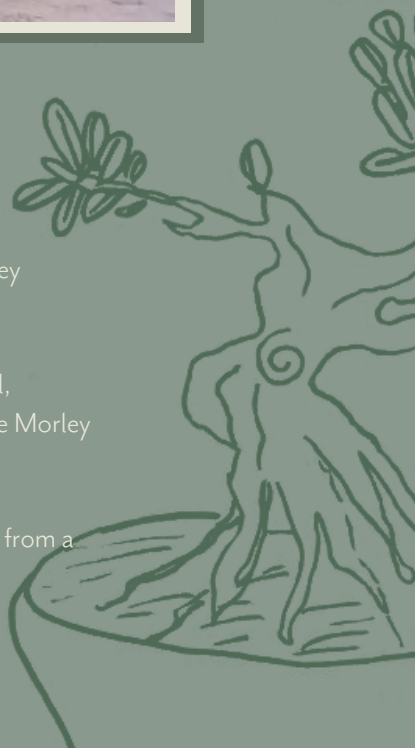


From one chance meeting, a
friendship grew.

This friendship is the one between Ken Morley, the Morley family, and Jack Ma.

From this meeting a bond was formed, debates were had, memories were made, and in the 29 days he was with the Morley family in Newcastle, Jack's life was changed forever.

From one friendship, an incredible career grew, and Jack, from a tiny apartment in Hangzhou, founded one of the largest companies in the world.





His career continues to grow and change as his philanthropic endeavours flourish in his work with the Jack Ma Foundation. Throughout all, Jack maintains the values instilled in him by the formative friendship with Ken and the Morley family.

From one person's career, a new generation grows. This is a generation of globally aware and socially conscious leaders, inspired by the friendship and values close to Jack and Ken.



This group are the Ma & Morley scholars, recipients of a scholarship gifted by Jack to the University of Newcastle to help cultivate individuals that will make a positive difference in the world.

From little things, big things grow, and from this one small moment in time when two lives crossed, a group of change-makers is growing.

'This zine shows part of their story.'

Scholar Profiles

The 2019 Ma & Morley scholarship program has been filled with exciting, humbling and life-changing experiences.

The following pages are a visual record of the moments that collectively shaped the scholars China immersion trip.

We asked the group to reflect and share with us some of their favourite memories, whether funny or profound.



Samantha Beverley

Co-ordinating with the colour of the flowers amongst the Forbidden City garden in Beijing.

"Loving every minute of the Liangzhu Foundation library and wishing we could stay."



Mia Bowden

Enjoying the scenery as the group catches a boat through West Lake in Hangzhou.

"Demosnrating how to drink tea through a tim-tam at the Jack Ma Foundation."

James Burt

Smiles for a portrait inside an incense making session held at Liangzhu Community in Hangzhou.

"The only one awake on the train to Beijing and helping Daniel climb the Great Wall."



Jaida Damstra

Smiles excitedly during a tour of Ali Baba in Hangzhou hours before meeting Jack Ma.

"Jaida sharing her grapes from the markets. It was a kind gesture and they tasted so good!"

Sophie Draganic

Taking a portrait at a resturant in Hangzhou.

"Walking with Sophie along the river in Beijing and being so happy to have someone who understands the way I look at the world."





Olivia Gallimore

Holds her Chinese calligraphy during a workshop at the Hangzhou Normal University.

"When Olivia was asking who gives good chopstick lessons?"

Elyssia Gasparotto

Smiles for a portrait as she sits along the edge of West Lake in Hangzhou.

"Riding around on an automated luggage scooter at the airport in Beijing."



Tully Hambridge

Stands among rows of tea fields in the rolling hills outside Hangzhou.

"The backgammon queen who beat Cubby and Liam despite them thinking they were top guns."

Renae Lamb

Smiles for a photo with Chinese tourists outside the forbidden city in Beijing.

"Encouraging everyone to get painted up in ochre for the Indigenous dance in China."





Peter Lin

At West Lake moments after the group finished their dance performance.

"Peter's dancing during our visit to West Lake. I thought he did amazing!"

Donna Marzinotto

Sits outside on a boat that moves across West Lake in Hangzhou.

"Red faced and laughing hysterically with Clare on the Wollumbi trip."



Paul Olson

Getting a portrait taken in front of a wall featuring traditional Chinese paintings.

"When he fell asleep on the bus and everyone started taking selfies with him!"

Jarrold Sansom

Taking in the view of the tea fields at the top of a mountain in Hangzhou.

"Every time I listen to Ray Warren commentate now, I think of Jarrold's impersonation."





Liam Scanlan

Stands for a portrait outside the Jack Ma Foundation in Hangzhou.

"Exclaiming loudly 'A Chinese woman stole my hat!'"

Samuel Sebastian

Stands among rows of tea fields in the rolling hills outside Hangzhou.

"Impressively using his Madarin skills to try and order us buns from a convinience store."



Clare Sephton

Sitting on the floor of the hotel in Beijing ready for the final group reflection.

"Red faced and laughing hysterically at the Wollombi cultural immersion."

Jacqui Sharah

Smiles as she talks to Chinese teachers during a workshop at the Jack Ma Foundation.

"Could regularly be found a few steps behind the group caught up in taking photos."





Sarah Sheath

Takes photos as she walks up the long series of steps along the Great Wall of China.

"I can't pick a favourite moment with Sarah, she's literally an angel!"

Kieran Shipp

Gets ready to perform an Indigenous dance at West Lake where Jack and Ken first met.

"Listening to his speech at Alibaba day was moving, I could feel tears."



Danielle Simmonette

Talking with other scholars as they ride the Maglev train at 310km/h into Shanghai.

"Posing in the background of all of the tourist's photos with Paul at West Lake."

Annie Simpson

Trying her best to avoid some of the rain at the tea fields in Hangzhou.

"She was so confused with virtual reality shopping until she figured it out at Alibaba."





Gabrielle Smart

Walking down an aisle of green tea leaves at the top of a mountain in Hangzhou.

"The speech she gave at the Jack Ma Foundation about rural education was amazing."

Amy Stephens

In front of a beautiful tree-lined staircase while the group explores Hangzhou.

"Seeing Amy stop to get a closer look at nature and look out for local bees."



Jasmine Stuart

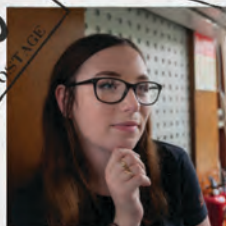
Holds the incense she made during a workshop at Liangzhu Foundation in Hangzhou.

"Holding hands with Tara as they walked through the airport in Beijing ready to leave China."

Georgina Thompson

Listens to stories of how Ken and Jack met above a boat that floats across West Lake.

"Her passion for the environment came alive when she gave a speech at Paradise Foundation."





Tara Tolhurst

Stands among rows of tea fields in the rolling hills outside Hangzhou.

"She ate extensive amounts of plain rice at each meal and loved every minute of it."

Daniel Turner

Reaches out for a leaf as part of a workshop activity at Paradise Foundation in Hangzhou.

"When he was piggybacked onto the plane by Kieran after rolling his ankle."



Katherine Waria

Kat standing outside West Lake with a fan after leading the Indigenous dance.

"The silence and captivation in the room as she sang her blessing song for Jack Ma."

Marli Wright

Taking photos with Mia at the back of the boat sailing over West Lake.

"Watching Marli dance along the riverbank of Shanghai together with a group of locals."



Postcard from the Gardener

Melia azedarach – *the white cedar tree* – spans hemispheres, continents and oceans. It has survived the gradual tectonic separation that now define our geographical understanding of the world.

It breathes the humid air of Hangzhou to the north and the salty air of Newcastle to the south.

In between these two great cities the white cedar exercises great acts of leadership within the ecosystems it serves. During times of ecological disturbance it sprouts from the ground quickly and sternly, providing habitat and protection to the plants, animals and soil beneath its limbs. This selfless act ensures that where chaos emerges, abundance can thrive.

The 2019 Ma & Morley Scholars have left their mark in Newcastle and Hangzhou. Painted in ochre, and dressed in sacred patterns, together they performed an ancient dance with a contemporary step, on the global stage.



Like the white cedar this act of leadership will provide a nurturing environment for new ideas, conversations and actions about what it means to be a global citizen to germinate and flourish.

This most courageous act is in only the first year of their journey together as Ma & Morley Scholars. Within the pages of this Zine, you will find the memories of the start of this journey expressed creatively with heart, skill and integrity.

May the winds of the white cedar carry your inspiration to the four corners of the globe.





We the Ma and Morley scholars refer to each other as a family. Its not the blood that traces our veins that ties us but the assortment of memories and experiences we've shared and the collective passion we possess to make a difference in the world.

Who could have imagined that in this select group of unique and inspiring individuals we all would find a family? In true Ma and Morley fashion, this once in a lifetime opportunity has produced an even more amazing encounter.

During the welcome event in February 2019, we nervously shuffled into one of the new teaching rooms at the university. Overcoming our shyness, we eventually got to know each other by sharing our ideas and filling the room with an indescribable passion and the heart-warming determination that we were going to be the reason for a better tomorrow.

Our bonds grew as we moved through the room scanning the nametags and trying our very best to commit as many names to memory as possible, but there was one that stood out to me the most. There was another scholar whose name I couldn't help but smile at, what a coincidence that they also shared my Grandmother's maiden name.

Their face seemed familiar and then I recalled we had actually met before, it was on our interview day for the Ma & Morley scholarship program a year earlier. We were both sweaty-palmed and nervous, we exchanged smiles and comforting remarks and looked down at each other's outfit and we both chose the exact same outfit!

They became as intrigued as I was and we began poking around our family history, "Where's your family from? Do you know any family from around here? How many siblings do your grandparents have?"

We went our separate ways with the determination to find the link that joined our two families together.

It was amazing just
arriving in China
and seeing it for
the first time.



The Bund is 2.6 km long.

Shanghai Oriental Pearl TV Tower is 468 meters tall it is the third tallest TV and radio tower in the World.



The Shanghai Tower is a 632-metre, 128-story megatall skyscraper.

The Bund translates to 'Outer Beach.'



Your attention has been caught,

Through the window of the bus by swirls of green, red, white and pink.

The colours are splashed across the city.

Sometimes in little dabs, other times streaked. You try to capture it through the window, but your own reflection is an obstruction.

So, you abandon the idea and busy yourself with other subjects and thoughts.

Wandering across paved swaths, the colours catch your attention once again.

A wall has been covered with a natural mural; green, white, pink and red swiped across in blobby strokes.

A natural work of art.



"where they've come in terms of
integrating city life into kind of
a traditional way of living"



As we arrived in Westlake, Hangzhou, I was filled with so many emotions: *anticipation, awe, gratitude, pride*, and others I can't even describe.

A simple act of friendship between 2 young boys would grow into a lifelong bond between Jack Ma and the Morley family. This was where the journey of my fellow scholars and I on our China immersion trip would begin.

Visiting this special place was made so much more incredible by being surrounded by the most amazing bunch of people, people I am so lucky to call my friends.



When I look back on my first year as a Ma & Morley scholar, there is one constant that shines out through all the incredible experiences we have shared, and that is friendship.



The first awkward but enthusiastic conversations at the welcome event, opening our hearts to each other in the cultural sharing circle, supporting each other's successes, connecting to each other and to our country through Aboriginal dance, laughing together at Tony's jokes on the bus and the many conversations about important things we are passionate about with others who we know feel the same way.

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It's been these moments of friendship that have always left me feeling welcomed, hopeful and inspired.

Maybe friendship can change the world.

I never would have had the opportunity to develop these beautiful, diverse new friendships without the chance meeting between Ma & Morley and the amazing international friendship that developed between them, which has gone on to change the lives of myself and so many others.

When we continue to be inspired and motivated by each other, who knows what we can achieve.



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"What's caught my eye is

definitely how green it is.

Hangzhou is just

so lush and green."

"I love it here, I feel like

I'm in a forest in a city.

It's amazing."



"We're probably thousands of
miles away from home, and we're
sharing our precious First Nations
peoples culture with Chinese
locals and they responded to it in
the most beautiful way, they
were so enthusiastic and
mesmerised by it."





"I keep thinking about
West Lake"

MA & MORRI
SCHOLAR

"Ambassador of courage, wisdom
and responsibility" - Jack Ma





"after West Lake, it was really special

and what made it more special is just

how we were embraced afterwards."



Tony Tales

The One, The Only, Tony

Tour guide, translator, harbinger of knowledge, storyteller, and most importantly, friend. Tony is the adoptive parent of our Ma & Morley experience.

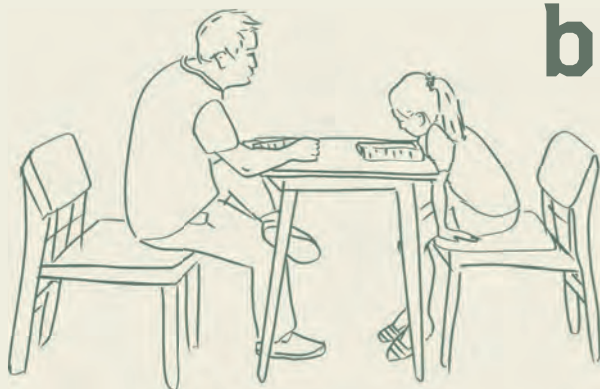
A local of Hangzhou, Tony knows every single detail of the home of Alibaba - from the folklore origins of West Lake to where to find the best eats around.



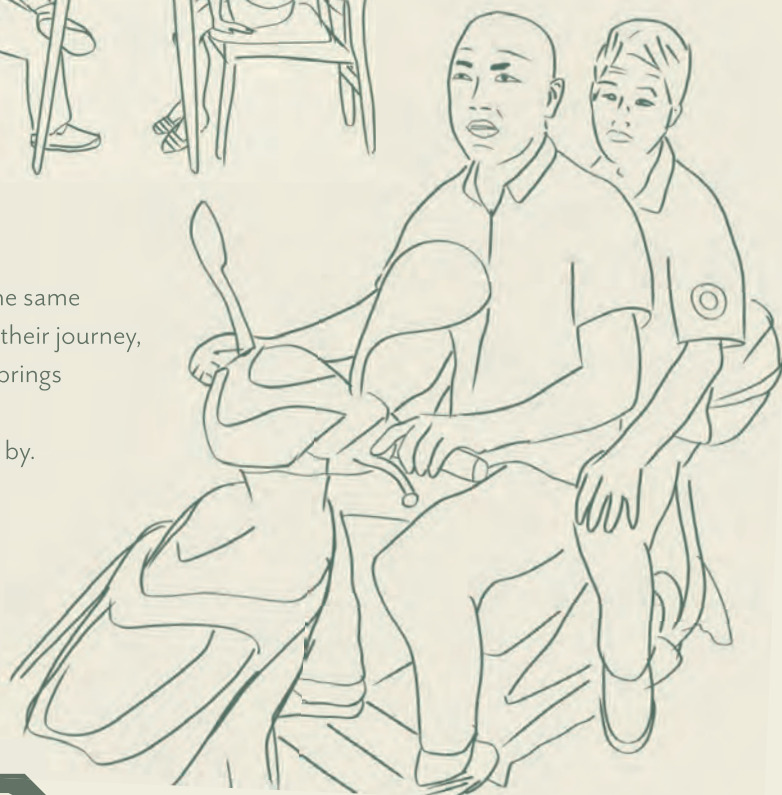
He loves to drop pearls of wisdom, know as 'Tony Tales', regularly recited to us throughout our trip.

If going to China isn't special enough, Tony made it just that extra part special.

Opposite but still



Opposite, but still the same
At opposite ends of their journey,
the search of peace brings
them together,
time ticks trickles on by.



the same

On the outside they
seem different,
but on the inside,
they are still the same.



You see it peeking through gaps in the concrete.

You are drawn in.

The spines, the page, the words, even though you know you can't understand their value or meaning; they call to you.

It's so bright inside, the outside spilling in through the glass, washing the room in a natural glow.

Spines from floor to ceiling, seemingly organised by aesthetic rather than subject. Your eye is drawn by a pillar of orange.

The stairs lead you to more spines, some spine out others, showing their faces
and others their pages pressed together, touched by the sun and age.

You think you could live here, happily passing the time.

But alas adventure calls you and you must tear yourself away.



Jack Ma Foundation

“It’s been very interesting to get an insight into their lives -

like for rural teachers, its the passion that they have for what they’re doing.

It’s just really encouraging that people all around the world share the same heart first.”



IQ is important, but know that LQ

- or the quotient of love -

is more important.

Be compassionate.

Be optimistic.

Be humble.



Believe in the power of
people to change the world.

Those real relationships you have with people are the most important parts of life. They really are what changes your entire life.



It is a family and a big community of people that believe in something bigger than themselves.





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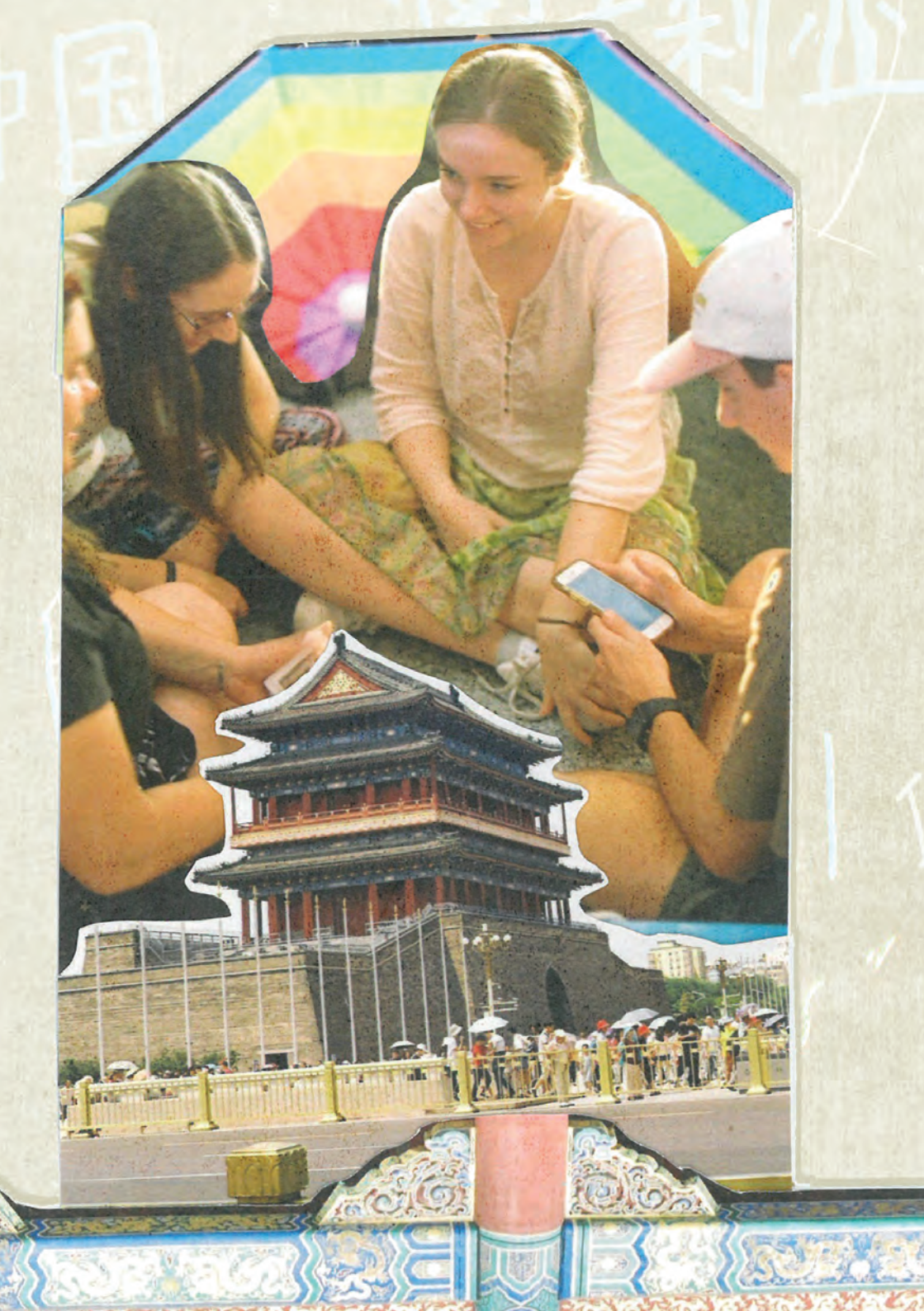
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The Ma and Morley
journey is about the
life long friendship
between Ken and Jack,
and the life long
friendship between
us as scholars.









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I blinked and before I knew it, the 27th of June was upon us. Our Ma & Morley family was off to China!

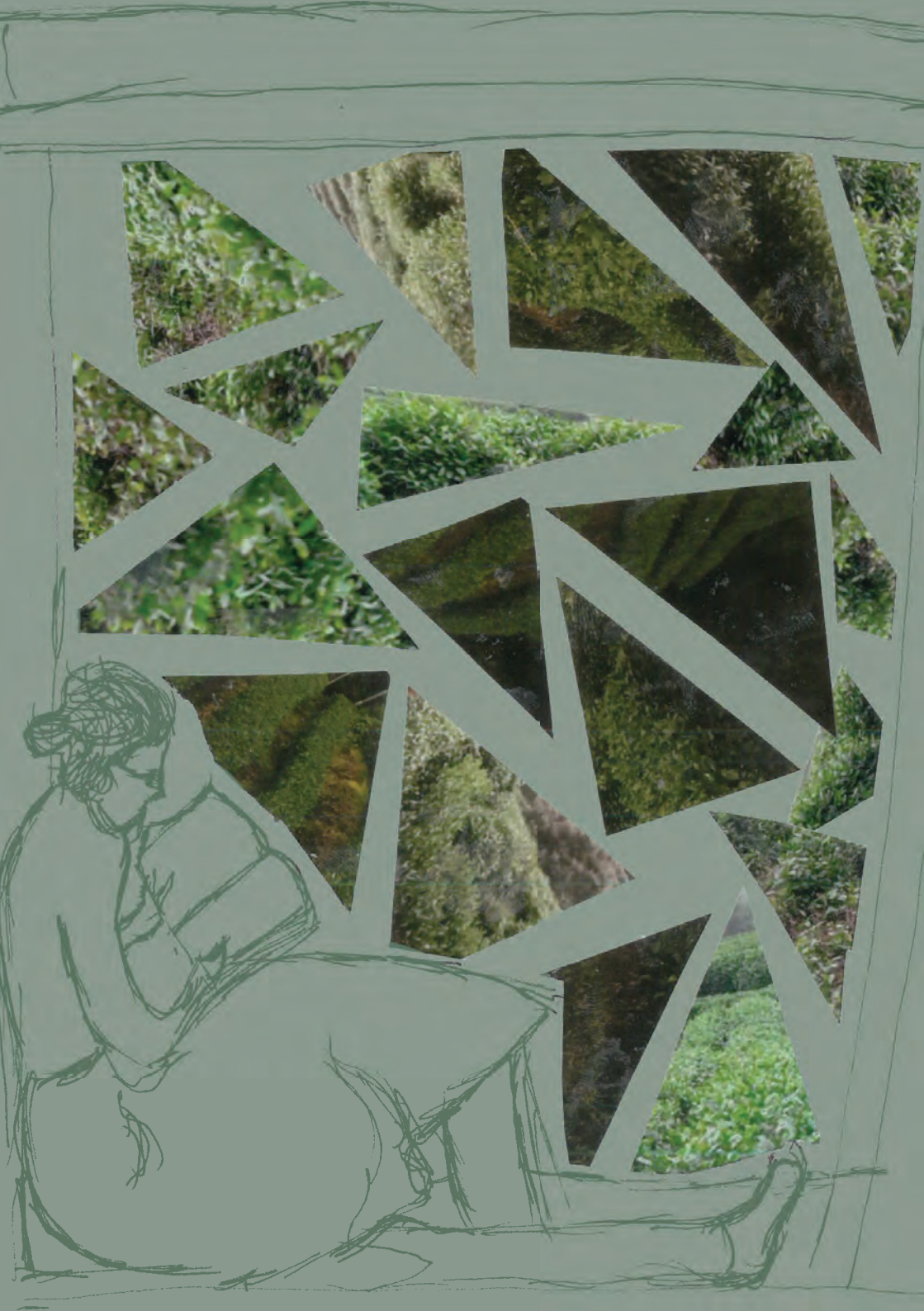
The whole trip felt like a dream, throughout our time there I was constantly surrounded by the love and laughter of the whole Ma & Morley crew as we shared the experiences of exploring new ground.

On the first night I found out my roommate from the welcome event was to be my roommate throughout the China trip too!

Our relationship as scholars was constantly deepening. We were exploring a new country together and able to support each other through the ups and downs of the highly emotional yet heart-warming journey.

We were side by side dancing as we shared our Indigenous Australian culture with the crowds at West Lake. The dance was so special, enabling us all to take our traditional ways of life across the sea to China.

Towards the end of our trip under the scorching Chinese summer sun, we all climbed the Great Wall together. Step by step, stopping to wipe away the sweat, catch our breath and admire the epic view. Through it all our Ma and Morley family bonds grew stronger, we supported each other up the thousands of steps and triumphed with hugs over the backdrop of rolling hills at the top.





Moments are things that come and go
As the journey continues on
But all the experiences, good and bad
Are what make those moments full

Breezing past the bright skyscrapers
In all of their tall majesty
Then moving by the old houses
Whose walls stand to crumble

Forging the most fulfilling friendships
So nothing could break them apart
But missing the ones that we love
Waiting back home for us

A smooth ride throughout the days

Evoke experiences of wonder
And through the days full of chaos
Unforgettable memories were made

The things that made us glow
with excitement
Provided an unending buzz
Until we sat down and our
eyelids faltered
With exhaustion felt deep in our
bones

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You are tired.

You aren't sure you've ever been this tired.

Your legs hurt and you're not sure how you're still able to breathe. Why does it feel like you've swallowed a whole container of cotton balls?

You have made it.

You think back to the climb. How you tricked yourself into getting here, telling yourself at each fortress that you could stop.

Stop and turn back. How you kept saying that until there were no more and all you could do is turn back.

You think back to the moment you were nearing the last bend. The stranger you met there who told you "They're all waiting for you."

He was right, they were. You rounded that corner and they were all clustered, taking in the view. So, you joined them and took in the view too.

Standing at the top, staring at the mountains and the wall travelling away from you, you feel as though you could be in any time in the past few hundred years if you ignored the carpark and the tour buses.

You have made it.



The Horizon

They all started as children, an endless horizon beyond them. Looking out at the expansive green landscape, only dreams in their eyes. A gentle smile on his face, surrounded by the company of brothers and sisters, each in their own world marvelling what lay beyond them. A picture that captured a moment in time, when life was uncomplicated, boundless with potential.

I wonder what went through their minds, young 20-somethings, taking a moment to catch their breath as they climbed the stairs young people like themselves had built hundreds of years ago.

Did they know what they were getting themselves into?
Did they think they would create a juggernaut on par with the one they stood on?

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Recreating this photo gave thought to our own journeys as scholars. We do not know where this we take us, no one really knows what will happen in the years to come.

Chances are none of us know where this will take us. But much like recreating this photo, we are not aiming to replicate exactly what has already been done.

Becoming a leader means not just following the same footsteps, the same recipe, but forging a path that works for you. We have each been given a platform, an opportunity to enact our own change in the world for the betterment of others.

We look to that same horizon, and we see what they saw 20 years ago.

A endless expanse of what is possible, and what is yet to come.

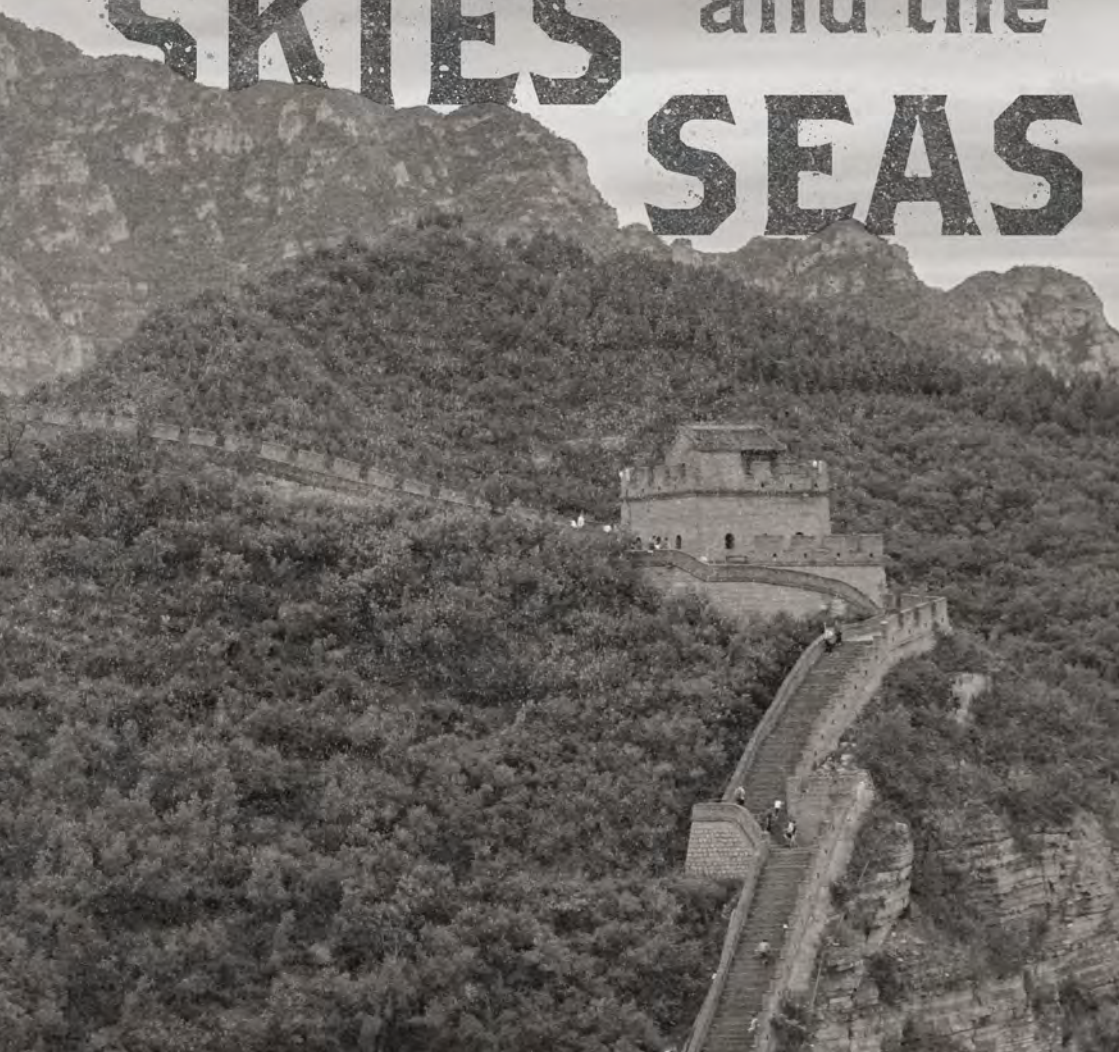


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Alibaba Proverb

Our Journey reaches beyond the **SKIES** and the **SEAS**





Up to this point, my roommate and fellow scholar had become to feel more like a sibling. I hadn't been able to trace back our ancestry, but forget the proof, we were too similar to ignore all these coincidences, we were family.

However, if there's one thing that the Ma & Morley program has taught me, it's that family runs deeper than blood. Family includes those whom you share a connection, a cultural link or a significant shared experience. Just like the meaning of a family name, or a trip overseas, these things are ingrained so deep in my heart that I truly struggle to find the words to do them justice.

While we come from all walks of life, we now have shared experiences, common values and a collective dream. After just one year we now identify as one mob. This family of ours will continue to grow, we will continue to pass down our stories and the drive to create change for our future generations.

This is what it means to be a Ma & Morley scholar and it's just one example of how the Ma & Morley program has brought people together.



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white cedar carry your
inspiration to the four
corners of the globe.



During the zine production workshop the title
'Stronger Together' was suggested by a
Ma & Morley Scholar.

The title across three languages highlights the cross
cultural connections that have been at the foundation
of the scholars experience this year.

