

## **Stories from the Archives: John Hay Goodlet, a PLC Founding Father**

JOHN HAY GOODLET (1835-1913) was a famous Presbyterian because he combined success in business with the spirit of true philanthropy.

His company, Goodlet & Smith, manufactured timber goods, bricks, tiles, pottery piping, Portland cement and stained glass windows from sites in Sydney and the South Coast.

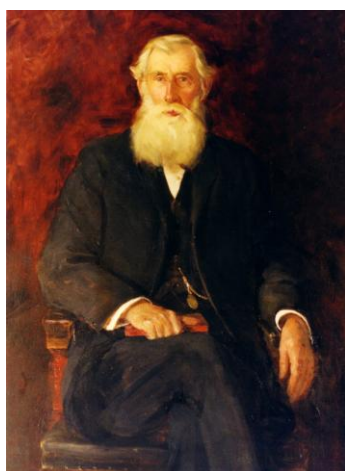
The firm was prosperous and enabled Goodlet to support a wide range of charitable organisations. For example, he built the first hospital in NSW for patients with tuberculosis.

He was one of the first councillors of St Andrew's College at the University of Sydney and was also a founder, elder and Sunday School superintendent of Ashfield Presbyterian Church.

Goodlet was a member of the Planning Committee of the College and a councillor from 1888 until 1913.

In 1889 he was on the sub-committee that found Shubra Hall; indeed, it was Goodlet who successfully bid and purchased the site for the College for £7,500. He was one of the guarantors until the sale was approved by the Presbyterian Church.

Items relating to Mr Goodlet are currently on display in the Marden Heritage Centre.



*Portrait of John Hay Goodlet  
by Emily Meston (1864-1914)  
Painting hangs in St Andrew's College,  
University of Sydney*



*Shubra Hall as it appeared when the College purchased it in 1889.  
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