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Nominations close for:

Gatton Gold Medal

The nomination process for Gatton Gold Medal has changed. Members will receive an email soon which will explain the altered process. We anticipate the *close of nominations* will remain in July.

Distinguished Past Student Award 30 September 2017

See our website for full details.

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Gatton Gold Medal to Dr Wallace Taylor OAM

Dr Wallace Taylor OAM accepted the award at the 2016 graduation ceremony for the School of Agriculture and Food Sciences on December 8 at UQ Gatton Campus.

Wal's more than 50 years devotion to improving socio-economic conditions in rural and regional communities, locally and in developing economies has been recognised in the award. Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Peter Høj, said in his citation that, "He exemplifies how a Gatton graduate can have a positive influence on industries and societies, by remaining adaptable, innovative, and willing to learn throughout a long career."

After earning a Queensland Diploma in Animal Husbandry from QAC, Wal served as a Queensland DPI extension and research officer in north and central Queensland.

In the mid-'70s, Wal was ready to take new risks. Australian beef prices were in the doldrums, and he was keen to see sustainable industry improvements; so he stepped up and spent his long service leave volunteering to co-found the Cattleman's Union of Australia.

In the early '80s Wal studied for a Bachelor of Applied Science at the University College of Central Queensland, for qualifications in management, and then for a PhD about the internet and regional communities at Central Queensland University – where he also worked as an academic.

He understood that many rural families and communities would need higher skills in leadership, creative thinking and business practice, to withstand the fickle winds of primary production and global commodities markets. He took on facilitation of the set-up of the Centre for Agricultural Technology – a collaborative venture which developed a rural leadership program which went on to train 1200 people across Queensland from 1991 to 2008.



Internationally, Dr Taylor used his diverse knowledge in rural development and information technology to offer new ways for universities, governments, businesses and civil society to collaboratively apply new technologies to community problems. This included the establishment of the national Government's e-skills institute in South Africa, where he became Foundation Professor in Community Informatics at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

At home Wal helped build Beef Australia from a debt-burdened cattle show into a triennial expo of international significance.

He has written or co-authored more than 90 refereed papers and contributed to dozens of national and international conference proceedings, books and government policy papers.

On Australia Day 2016 he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the information technology sector, and to rural development.

The UQ Gatton Past Students' Association Committee and members congratulate Wal on his award.

The Last Word

UQ agricultural research leads the world

QAAFI is the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation formed late in 2010. It combined the scientific expertise of agricultural researchers from The University of Queensland and the Queensland Government. It is already a world leader in the field and ranked No.1 agricultural research institution in Australia, No.1 in agricultural patents lodged in Australia, and No.7 agricultural research institution in the world.

QAAFI consists of three research centres – the Centre for Plant Science, Centre for Animal Science and Centre for Nutrition & Food Sciences. It hosts 450 staff, adjunct researchers and affiliates including about 160 current PhD research students plus more than 40 others who have already graduated and embarked on careers in agricultural research across the world. QAAFI has external research funding approaching \$200M covering around 100 current projects and research collaborators in more than 30 countries. All that has been achieved in less than seven years.

QAAFI personnel work at 15 sites across Queensland including the UQ Gatton Campus, where research activities are expanding rapidly in both plant and animal sciences.

For more information just Google 'QAAFI' or go to qaafi.uq.edu.au to find out about what really is *The Last Word* in agricultural research.

President's Report



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Thank you to those of you who have congratulated me on my new role as President, either in person or via social media. I really appreciate your support.

I thank our Past President, Gary Mason, and the 2016 Committee for their hard work and dedication to the Association. Gary, after a number of years on the committee, has chosen to spend time on other pursuits. I appreciate his support in encouraging me to nominate.

It is good to see that most of the committee are continuing in 2017. We do have a new member, Trevor Pezet. Read more about Trevor on the back page of this edition.

WOW, have you ever seen a *Back to College Weekend* like it???? It was memorable, not least for record temperatures and the huge storm which hit just as we all needed to walk to dinner in our finery. A near record crowd, a great representation from all the Feature years,


particularly the younger groups 1986 and 1996. The committee do take pride in so many saying it was one of the best ever. So our aim now is to carry this enthusiasm to 2017.

It is so good to see so many graduate groups choosing to work hard on bringing as many of their year back. We had two groups prepare booklets with so much information and photo memories. I would encourage other groups to consider doing the same – such a great memento of your reunion.




As well as a new President we also have a new Patron: Peter Douglas. We thank Jim Galletly for his year of service. Peter has tasked the Association with ensuring we keep it healthy by setting us a goal of a “new branch every year”. Well, we have accepted this. Stay tuned for information about activities being nurtured on the Darling Downs.

My personal focus as President is on getting younger graduates interested, boosting our communication through social media and building relationships with UQ Gatton to spread the word about the Association – in particular the resources in the Museum.

Now let's get on with it...



GATTON CAMPUS CELEBRATES
120 YEARS
1897 * 2017



Foundation Building 1906, courtesy John Henry Library
Students in Courtyard Building, courtesy Rob Taylor, supervisor of photographer J.C. Blomwich, ca 1950

Happy 120th Birthday

Gatton Campus is celebrating 120 years of educating excellence this year, with a long lunch in the Central Walkway on July 27. The Agricultural College was officially opened on July 9, 1897, but that is the middle of the midyear holiday,

so we will be waiting until the students return to ensure as many past and current students as possible attend. If you would like to be kept up to date as the program is finalised, please register your interest at: gatton.uq.edu.au/event/session/668

Distinguished Past Student Award 2016

The Distinguished Past Student Award recognises the tremendous achievements of graduates of QAC and The University of Queensland Gatton Campus. Whether it be in education, the public service, industry, politics, science, sports, the law, journalism or community service, the achievements of graduates of QAC and UQ Gatton, by any measure have been outstanding.

Vicki Taylor

Vicki graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Food Technology) from QAC in 1976.

After six years working in the food industry she took up a position in the Food Advisory Standards section of the Commonwealth Department of Health. This led to a Policy Officer position for Equal Employment Opportunity, a new public sector area at that time.

On completion of a 12 month Public Sector Executive Development program she was promoted into Public Health Policy. Over the next five years Vicki was involved in a number of areas including, alcohol and drugs, HIV/AIDS, nutrition and mental health.

During this time she represented Australia at several international sector forums, in particular the UN World Health and Food and Health Organisation's conventions on Nutrition Policy and the Rights of the Mentally Ill.

It was her experience in public health that led her to Indigenous Health policy and related programs, where she has largely remained. On leaving the public sector and completing her Masters in Public Health and Tropical Medicine at James Cook University, she took a position managing the newly formed Division of General Practice in Alice Springs.

During this time, Vicki was nominated for, and was awarded the NT Telstra Business Women's Award.

Continuing her career, she has held positions in Menzies School of Health Research heading corporate services, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress managing remote health services and now in Tjuntjuntjara managing a remote health service with clinical, aged care and youth services.



Distinguished Past Student Award recipients David Lovell, Vicki Taylor and Ross Murray

David Lovell

David Lovell graduated from QAC in 1965 having completed a Diploma in Animal Husbandry, with 1st Class Honours and was Dux of the College.

Like a number of graduates at the time, he went on to study Veterinary Science at UQ St Lucia where he graduated in 1970, was awarded the University Medal and was Dux of the School.

David went on to work at Werribee, in Victoria, and Dalby before heading off to work as a vet in New Jersey, USA. He returned to UQ St Lucia to take up a position as Lecturer in Equine Surgery.

He holds a PhD and has served with a number of Equine Associations and Boards, including the Australian Equine Veterinary Association, the Australian Veterinary Association, the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council, the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists and the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland.

He has published numerous scientific papers both in Australia and the United States.

David was significantly involved in 2007 with the equine influenza outbreak that devastated the horse industry. This disease has since been eradicated in Australia. Since the initial outbreak in 1994 of "Hendra Disease" David has served on the Horse Industry Bio-Security and Market Access Liason Group, initially involved in the formation of this group and now as a consultant.

Ross Murray

Ross Murray also attended QAC in the 1960's. He completed a Diploma in Animal Husbandry, with honours, in 1966 and a Bachelor of Applied Science from QAC in 1974. He also holds a Masters in Agricultural Engineering.

Ross' contribution to agricultural education has been as a lecturer in farm mechanisation at UQ Gatton from 1981 to 1991 and senior lecturer from 1996 – 2005. He has been a long term advocate for agricultural skills training and assisted with delivering courses at certificate, diploma, degree and postgraduate levels.

While the main focus of Ross' teaching was in the area of mechanisation for conservation cropping and sustainable land management, other notable areas included agricultural explosives, surveying and farm buildings.

At his farewell dinner in 2006 he was described as a "truly excellent lecturer" and his significant contribution to the Faculty and School administration was acknowledged.

His contribution to the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association has been outstanding. Ross was made a Life Member of the Association in 2003.



New Patron elected at AGM

At the 2016 AGM Peter Douglas was elected as UQGPSA Patron.

Peter was a student at QAHS&C from 1953 – 58 (QDAH). He was well known for his sporting achievements. The plan after leaving College was not to be on staff at the College, but that was how it ended up. Peter remained on staff until 1973 when he moved on to the private sector, eventually running his own business.

We all know that Peter has been working tirelessly for the UQGPSA for many years. His interest particularly lies in ensuring that the historical material of the Association is preserved and that information is accurate. Many of the booklets available for sale about different aspects of College history have been penned by Peter.

The UQGPSA welcomes Peter to his new role and gratefully acknowledges the contribution made by Jim Galletly who has held the position for the past year.

UQ-GVEC Introduces a New Diploma in Agribusiness Management to the Gatton Campus

2017 has seen the introduction of a new Diploma in Agribusiness Management to be delivered via UQ-GVEC, The University of Queensland's vocational educational training provider. The new Diploma is a one (1) year full time program and it is the first time that a Trimester program has been delivered at the Gatton Campus. The two (2) year Integrated Diploma program has now been replaced by the one (1) year Agribusiness program which is more in line with other offerings for Diploma level qualifications.

UQ-GVEC Director Mr Mark Pace advised "It is important for this Centre to maintain the charter and relevance of Diploma programs at the Gatton Campus which has been delivering this level of qualification since it began as the Queensland

Agricultural College in 1897. Whilst the charter of academic offerings in Agriculture are paramount under The University of Queensland, Diploma level offerings ensure that students seeking more applied programs can still look towards The University of Queensland and the Gatton Campus for their career choices in Agriculture".

It is intended to expand the selection of Diploma programs on offer with the Diploma of Agriculture being mooted for commencement in 2018 along with the Agribusiness as a dual offering.

For any enquiries into the new Diploma programs at Gatton, please contact UQ-GVEC Student Administration on 07 5460 1353.

Historical Collection

The donations received prior to and on the *Back to College Weekend* constituted the usual wide variety of items. Most have been catalogued and are available for viewing.

Books, Programmes, Brochures: Bill Martin, Paul Sattler, Tony Brett, Eric Gallagher, Gatton Catholic Church, Pam Fielder (Foxcroft), Rob Freeman, Elizabeth Jones, Allana Dobson (Muir), Mrs Ivy Reuter (on behalf of the late John Reuter) and Jim Galletly.

Certificates: Don Faulkner, George Woodward, Bill Martin, Eric Gallagher, Pam Fielder, and Andrew Johanson (2).

College Magazines: Gatton Catholic Church (12), and Mrs Ivy Reuter.

QAC/UQG Sporting Photos: Campus Club (Simon Joseph).

College General Photos: Tony Brett, Rob Freeman, Bob Englebright (School of Agriculture and Food Sciences).

Clothing: Simon Joseph.

Archival Material: Carol Corless.

The Unusual: 1988 QAC Council Gold Medal, Henry Nix.



Henry Nix 1988 Gold Medal Recipient presenting his Gold Medal to the UQGPSA Museum

Sign depicting Campus Club Dress Standards, Simon Joseph.

College cup and 2 saucers, Gatton Catholic Church.

We thank all the above donors for their contributions to our valued collection.

Peter Douglas would also like to thank Val Kilah and Julie Reid for their continuing dedication to the Collection and to Trevor Arthur and Don Oxenham for their ongoing support.

Back to College Weekend

The 2016 *Back to College Weekend* was a wonderful success with 292 people registering for the weekend reunion which was just short of the record of 296 set in 2013. We will blow that record away this year as already a couple of the year groups are very well organised.

The *Feature Years* are those years who completed their Gattton study in 1957, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997 and 2007. Please note it is the year study was completed and not necessarily the year of graduation, as for quite a while, graduation was around May of the following year.

Also returning are the 1952, 1959, 1962, 1972 and the 1976 Valuation group.

Please note that partners as well as those who did not complete their course are most welcome to attend the reunion.

During the Dinner on the Saturday night last year a very interesting report was given by John Leslie about the feet up and down the water tower in 1955. Practically every student of Gattton has heard the story about the feet up and down the water tower. Well, John Leslie and John Barrett carried out the stunt in the middle of the night and they were both invited to the dinner last year. It was John Barrett who went over the top, tied to a rope. Unfortunately John Barrett passed away a couple of weeks before the dinner. However, a wonderful report was supplied and thoroughly enjoyed by all at the dinner.

We look forward to seeing you on the first weekend in December this year. Full details are on our website.



Ron Swanwick interviewing John Leslie (1955) about the feet up the College Water Tower



1956



1966

Check out the rest of our photos on Facebook !



1986



1970 – 71



1996



1976 Foodies and partners

Branch Reunions

New Members

- David Noel **Collyer** (1966)
- Richard Stanley **Crook** (1986)
- Ian Kenneth **Dart** (1986)
- Michael Martyn **Donnelly** (1988)
- Roger William **House** (1986)
- Mark William **Lewis** (1981)
- William Roe **Martin** (1956)
- Peter Gerard **McCarthy** (1975)
- John David **Odlum** (1966)
- Robert Maxwell **Radel** (1951)
- Karen Lee **Schroter** (1978)
- Tanya Maree **Smith** (2003)
- David Lawrence **Stent** (1967)
- Susan Meryl **Thompson** (1978)
- Peter Lawrence **Young** (1967)

Gold Coast Reunion

Our 29th Reunion Lunch on 4 February was attended by 40 members, spouses and friends.

31 apologies were accepted.

Special guests included Association Past Presidents Bob James and Graham McClymont, 1990 UQ Gatton Gold Medallist Jim Miller, Distinguished Past Student Award recipients Ray O'Grady (2011) with wife Moya, and Darcy Gibbs (2013).

Our evergreen Honoured Old Boy Clive Gilchrist 1934 – 38 and Patron Bill Laver were present together with Association Honorary Life Members Val Kilah (Whip) and Julie Reid (Stark).

We were pleased to welcome first timer Andrew Douglas 1980 – 81.

Peter Douglas would like to give a big thank you as always to Diana and to treasurer George Hannaford for their assistance at the door and to Ron McMahan, Daryl Edwards and Bob James for conducting the Raffle which realised \$269.00.

Sunshine Coast Reunion

Once again, the Caloundra reunion was an enjoyable success. This time, it was a bigger turnout, with 78 attendees. It was heartening to witness the fraternity and close friendships, plus to be part of good, positive feelings that were generated. Holding such a reunion felt so worthwhile. All contributed through their attendance.

Peter and Diana Douglas made their regular trip, with this time marking Peter as our Association's Patron. Peter also circulated printed history on the College's military training units. Frank and Clare Natoli came from Brisbane. It was a privilege to have their company, given that Frank, with Barry Bendixen, was the power behind years of Caloundra reunions. Ray Montgomery, as a staff member who totally absorbed College history, provided written information and anecdotes to all those interested. Eric Gallagher circulated a photo album that featured the venerable Stan Petherick. These examples, of members contributing in meaningful ways, suggest that something worthwhile and fulfilling occurs at reunions such as ours.

While the majority of attendees are from the pre-'70s Diploma years, numbers of younger attendees increased. Special thanks to the Hospitality contingent, for their enthusiastic presence. Hugh Clelland (Horticultural Technology) made the trip from Hamilton Island, recounting College stories both hilarious and controversial. Hugh encourages his peers to attend reunions, because he needs others to refute his versions of College history!

To all who came along, thank you sincerely for making that day truly memorable.



Nev Vallis, Andrew Douglas and Dick Schoorl – Gold Coast Reunion



Harry Jamieson, Graeme Elphinstone and Peter Jacobson – Sunshine Coast Reunion



Jim Miller and Clive Gilchrist – Gold Coast Reunion



Younger members – Sunshine Coast Reunion

Gone, but not forgotten...

*Because I could not stop for Death
He kindly stopped for me
The Carriage held but just Ourselves
And Immortality.*

Emily Dickinson

ALDRIDGE, Robert

QDDM 1946. At College 1943 – 46.
1946 1st XV.

He spent most of his working life running a variety of farming enterprises in a number of districts.

Bob passed away 7 August 2016.

ALIFERETI, Filipe

B App Sc 1988.

Filipe passed away in Fiji in December 2016.

BOURNE, Robert John

QDA 1946. At College 1944 – 45.

Robert passed away 14 February 2017.

BOWMAN, James Joseph

Diploma student 1952 – 53.

1952 College ATC Flight.

Jim passed away 30 August 2016.

CHRISTIE, Paul

B App Sc 1997.

Paul passed away 17 October 2016.

COLEMAN, Frank R.

QDA 1959. Prefect 1958 – 59. Shelton.

1959 B Grade Basketball.

He spent 13 years in PNG as an Agricultural Extension Officer and Regional Planning Officer. Frank passed away 2013.

COLLINS, Russell

Advanced Cert.in App Sc (Stock & Meat Inspection) 1975.

Russell passed away 7 December 2016.

COPLEY, Neville H.

Prefect 1964. Pitt. 1962 Athletics Under 17

Champion. 1963 Athletics held Under 18 hurdles record. 1964 1st XV.

Neville passed away 26 September 2015.

LUCAS, James A.

Thynne. 1946 – 47 Boxing. 1948 Boxing. "B" Grade No.2 XI. 1949 Boxing. 3rd XV – Vice Captain
James passed away 20 February 2017.

MATHESON, James St Clair

QDAH 1950.

1949 – 50 B Grade XI.

2nd Junior Judging Pigs & Cattle, Gatton Show.

Jim passed away 10 January 2017.

McILWRAITH, John D.

High School Student 1949 – 50.

1950 College ATC Flight.

John passed away 18 November 2016.

McLAREN, Brian Chauvel

QDAH 1958. At College 1953 – 57.

1953 – 56 College Senior Cadets. Corporal 1954.

Cadet Under Officer 1955 – 56. 1957 College CMF unit. 3rd Dairy Cattle Junior Judging, Ipswich Show. Gained a BVSc in 1962.

Brian passed away 13 April 2016.

NEWTON-TABRETT, David Alan

QDAH 1957. At College 1955 – 57. 1957 3rd Dairy

Cattle Junior Judging, Gatton Show.

David passed away 29 January 2017.

SPARKES, Walter John

QDA 1951. Thynne. 1947 ATC. 1948 Runner-up

Junior Athletics Champion. 1950 Runner-up Senior Athletics Champion.

Walter passed away 15 September 2016.

STEVENSON, Peter

Assoc Dip. Rural Tech 1987.

Peter passed away 15 January 2017.

STRUSS, Alan Leslie AM

High School Student 1937 – 38.

1937 Regimental Cadets 25th Battalion. 1938

Cadet Corporal, Regimental Cadets.

Served as a Infantry Captain, AIF, 1943 – 45.

Chairman Beaudesert Shire Council 1979 –

91. Awarded Rotary International Paul Harris

Fellowship and Lions Medal of Merit. Honoured

with an AM in the Queen's Birthday Honours in

2000 for service to Local Government and to

the Community of Beaudesert through service,

agriculture and aged care organisations.

Alan passed away 17 January 2017.

TWOMEY, Edward J.

Assistant teacher of General Subjects in the

High School from 1948 to January 1951.

Lieutenant in College Senior Cadet Unit 1948

– 49. Captain of College Rifle Club 1949 – 50.

Ted passed away 26 August 2016.

WALKER, David

Assoc Dip. Hotel & Catering Services 1988.

David passed away 24 November 2016.

WATKINS, David

QDAH 1947. Thynne House Captain 1947.

Prefect 1947. 1946 – 1947 Athletics, Boxing,

1st XV. 1947 1st XV Captain.

Well known and respected Beef Stud Stock

auctioneer. He joined Australian Estates, Roma

in 1948. Transferred to Rockhampton in 1950.

He remained with the company through a

number of amalgamations and name changes,

for 45 years.

Dave passed away 14 March 2017.

WEBSTER, Dudley Garcia Seymour

At College June 1929 – December 1931.

Shelton. High School Student. 1930 2nd XV,

3rd XI. 1931 2nd XV, 2nd XI.

Dudley passed away 26 March 2016.

Mackay

Branch Reunion

West Tigers Mackay
Walkerston

Sunday
21 May 2017

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

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John Whitaker

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Bundaberg

Branch Reunion

East End Hotel
58 Princess Street
East Bundaberg

Sunday
11 June 2017

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

Mike Moller

☎ 0478 154 593

mmoller57@gmail.com

Gold Coast

Branch Reunion

Labrador
AFL Sports Club
Ashton Street
Labrador

Saturday
29 July 2017

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

Peter Douglas

☎ (07) 5546 6350

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Brisbane

Branch Reunion

Easts League Club
Langlands Park
40 Main Avenue
Coorparoo

Saturday
19 August 2017

11:30am for
12 noon luncheon

Slade Lee

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Sunshine Coast

Branch Reunion

Caloundra Bowls Club
Cnr Arthur Street and
Burwah Terrace
Caloundra

Saturday
10 March 2018

11:30am for
12 noon luncheon

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Introducing...

Trevor Pezet



It was 1996, the end of a millenia and my final year at UQ Gatton College. I graduated with a B.App.Sc in Horticultural Technology, majoring in Plant Production.

The four years prior felt so much longer, but in a good way. I was a naïve, barely 17 year old embarking on an unknown but exciting time. Ironically my enrolment had started in Food Technology but following the second round of offerings, I switched to Horticulture.

Many Gatton graduates feel the same about the life long friendships, connections, experiences and memories that are held so very fondly. Living on and off the Halls of Residence, it really was a great time. I'd been involved in the Horticulture Society, holding fertility feasts each spring and the Theatre group performing and directing plays in the Sir Leslie Wilson Hall. It was a shock in my final year to have been awarded the Cultural Excellence award.

My initial career developments were staggered but I knew that it was production horticulture I wanted to pursue. What also came about was the staggering amount of redundancies – four in 20 years.

Starting out in forestry biotechnology and robotic tissue culture, living back in Brisbane and the city life, it had been very exciting couple of years but unfortunately short lived.

Friends had started to do working holidays abroad and I started dreaming up my own adventure. I spent a year or so in Bunnings managing the nursery and with a pocket full enough, I headed off to Canada for 12 months. The ease and ability of recent generations to travel are so very fortunate, slightly indulgent, and not so costly but hugely rewarding.

Returning to the motherland, it was time to knuckle down and I moved interstate to Narromine, central NSW. It was the start to a so far 15-year journey in the vegetable industry.

Beginning with Yates Vegetable Seeds as a Parental Seed Officer, it started to pave the way in all things seeds. As it often happens, YVS was sold to Enza Zaden, a Dutch breeding company, which launched our humble research station onto a global stage. My role changed significantly to managing global parent, commercial and breeding seed productions predominantly in onions, lettuce and brassicas. The role also fuelled my travel bug and I was fortunate to do more extensive travel to some wonderful locations.

With family health issues developing in 2007 it was time to move back to Queensland where I changed companies to work in Product Development Management, for another Dutch company, in vegetable seeds and in Gatton. I'd come full circle. This role too however was short lived.

Onwards and upwards I branched into the commercial arena as an Area Sales Manager for Rijk Zwaan, yet another Dutch company, selling vegetable seeds throughout SE QLD, but still based in Gatton.

I'm now back in the rich Lockyer Valley dirt as a Farm Manager for Wavertree Farms, running their herb production range for the retail supermarkets.

In all my travels, roles and movements, it never ceases to amaze me where you'll bump into a Gatton graduate.

I've only just connected with the UQGPSA last year, but was very timely in being able to be a part of our graduation 20-year reunion at the *Back to College Weekend*. I look forward to reconnecting with past students and interacting with the committee from here on in.

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