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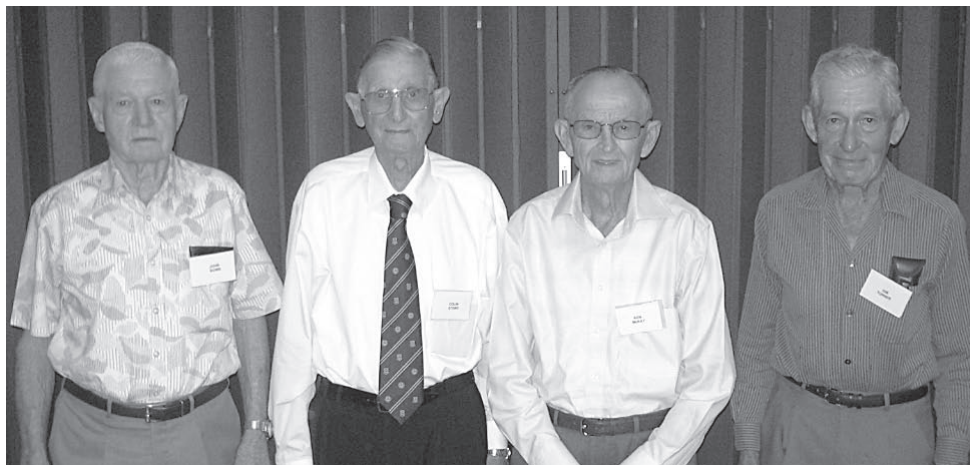
As reported in Summer 2007 edition of Re-Connect, the Gatton Campus Fitness & Aquatic centre was granted \$3M from the VSU Transition Fund. Updates on the progress of this major project will be provided in Summer 2008 edition of Re-Connect.

Closing date for submissions to Summer 2008 edition of Re-Connect is **19 September** for distribution in November.

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MACKAY BRANCH CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



Four of the original charter members attending the Mackay branch reunion from left: John Rowe (1941–43), Col Story (1933–34), Ken McKay (1940), and Gib Turner (1946–47)

The Mackay Branch, UQ Gatton Past Students Association held its 60th anniversary reunion and dinner at Wests Rugby League Club, Walkerston on 17 April 2008.

Twenty nine members and guests attended, including four of the original 23 charter members present on 22 June 1948. Colin Story (1933–34), Ken McKay (1940), John Rowe (1941–43) and Gib Turner (1946–47).

At the inaugural meeting, years at College for the 23 charter members ranged from 1898 to 1947, providing a spread of ex-students from the establishment of Gatton College in 1897 to the then recent 1947 students.

President Col Story recalled that the Mackay Branch has had seven Presidents and seven Secretary/Treasurers over the past 60 years and related other historical information

and anecdotes. He also reported on the “Back to College Weekend” and Annual General Meeting of the UQGPSA held in December 2007.

Graham McClymont, President of UQGPSA, spoke on the UQ Gatton Scholarship Fund, the camaraderie of past students and parents and branch reunions.

Senior Vice President, Peter Douglas, told those present of the UQ Gatton Historical Collection and the work of the volunteers.

Harry Bishop and Mark Hetherington were elected President and Secretary / Treasurer respectively, replacing long-serving office bearers Col Story and Peter Amiet, who have retired.

Those attending enjoyed a pleasant evening reminiscing on their time at their *alma mater*.

THE LAST WORD

by Craig Tunley

I'd like to start by thanking Nicole for standing in as Editor for the last Re-Connect. I must say it was a bit different to just receive the Re-Connect in the mail rather than having to read it a number of times before it went out. Thanks Nicole.

Once again I am back in the editor's suite and trust that you enjoy catching up with all the happenings. Top of the tree for my money was the 60th anniversary of the Mackay branch. The longevity of this branch is a real credit to the commitment of past students living in the Mackay region. May the next 60 years be just as successful.

I also wanted to launch a new section for the Re-Connect. On the advice of my good wife, herself a past student, I invite all readers to make known significant events in your lives. "Hatch, Match and Dispatch" is a celebration of events, births, marriages and passing for all association members and will be regularly found on page 7. It's success will depend on your contributions. Email is easiest, c.j_tunley@bigpond.com

See you in the summer!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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Last December at our Annual General Meeting, the members elected me President for the fourth year which is immensely satisfying. Mal Ferguson and Fiona Ferguson retired from the management committee and I thank them for their contributions during the years that they were on the management committee. We also welcomed Don Oxenham, John Guthrie and Morris Lake to the management committee for the first time.

The University of Queensland maintains our membership list and we are very pleased with the outcome. We are all aware that the University sends us fund raising mail from time to time and some people advise the University that they do not wish to receive further mail from them. However, as a result we are not able to communicate with those people as no mail can be sent to them. If you advise the University regarding mail, please add that you wish to continue receiving mail from the UQ Gatton Past Students Association. We currently have around 15 members with whom we cannot communicate and they do not receive Re-Connect. They may not be aware of the situation.

We currently have over 1,000 members and the number is growing each year. Unfortunately there are still around 65 members from the past that we cannot identify. In many cases we only have a surname and initial which is often not enough to identify a past Gatton student, especially when we do not know when they were at Gatton. If you know of anyone who is a member but

not receiving Re-Connect, then please advise our office and we will place them on our membership list.

Last year at our Annual General Meeting, John Hardy QDA 1966 donated a CD of photos taken during the 2006 Back to College weekend. It is titled "UQGPSA Photographic Collection Present to Past". A copy of the CD can be purchased from our office for \$10. Thank you John.

Don't forget that we also have other merchandise for sale. The ties make a great birthday or Christmas present. The ties are very distinctive and immediately identify men as being Gatton men. We don't have any merchandise specifically for Gatton ladies, but we are open to suggestions. A merchandise form is available from our website if you wish to make a purchase.

I have attended reunions at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Mackay so far this year. They are always very enjoyable. Peter Douglas and I attended the 60th consecutive annual reunion of the Mackay branch and it was wonderful to see four people at the reunion who also attended the first Mackay reunion in 1948.

We will be working with UQ Gatton marketing staff this year to assist in promoting UQ Gatton to prospective students. If you would like to assist by helping on the stand at the Ekka or the Toowoomba Ag-Show on 2-4 September, then please contact Peter Douglas or our office.

At the Anzac Day service held at UQ Gatton this year, 90 people attended and Iean Russell represented our Association. Thank you Iean for donating and laying the wreath on our behalf.

BIRTH OF A COLLEGE ICON – PART 1

THE CREATION OF A NEW UQGPSA BADGE/LOGO

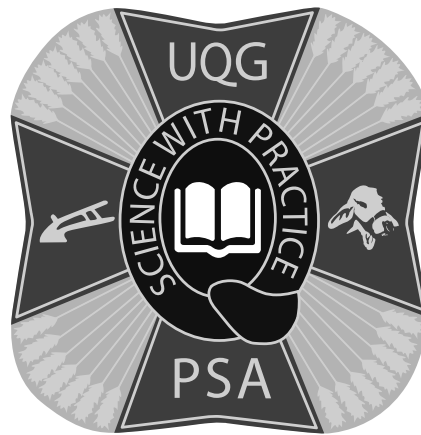
By Ron Swanwick

The rolling tide of time at College has brought with it many changes, some welcome some unwelcome but most of them profound. The Past Students Association has endeavoured to keep up with the changes, to influence them if possible and to adapt itself to the new reality.

The UQ Gatton Past Students Association has needed to re-brand and re-badge itself as part of the unrelenting onward flow of progress in order to remain *avant garde*, contemporary and relevant. After a difficult conception and a prolonged, tedious, and at times painful labour, a new badge/logo was recently delivered and presented to a proud, exhausted and relieved “Father” and his admiring “extended family”. To complete the analogy, we now have an heir and worthy successor to the previous Past Students Association badge/logo. Here is a full, intimate and uncensored account of how these events occurred. No punches are pulled. Parental guidance is recommended for readers under the age of three.

It had previously been conveyed to us that there were two aspects of the College identity which were proved marketing tools for the College, both with students, industry and community. Whereas today’s students wanted to be part of and graduate from a University, the University of Queensland, and not just a College, even Gatton College, they in fact identified strongly with both institutions and valued their membership of both. The PSA took notice of this intelligence and incorporated it into its policy for the creation of a new badge and symbol.

A previous youngster in the form of the new PSA tie was a product of that



policy, which reconciled a desire to retain the old and much loved symbols of the previous College and the need to recognise the new symbols of the University of Queensland.

Attention then turned to the pressing need to modify the existing badge/logo which was still marked G.C. (Gatton College).

The origin of the old badge is lost in the mists of antiquity but is thought to have materialised in the 1920’s and up to the present had undergone a number of changes and modifications. A feature of the old badge was that the centrepiece maltese cross was lost and overborne by the visually dominating wheat sheaves which filled the gaps between the four limbs of the maltese cross. On the printed page, it often looked like a four bladed aeroplane propeller superimposed on a concave bread and butter plate.

Ed Holmes should be credited with first producing the genetic material which resulted in time in the new miracle of creation with its tasteful combination of old and new. Yours truly then took up the “A I straw” (to revert to the previous analogy) and implanted it in the appropriate place for it to conceive, implant and grow.

Part two and conclusion to the saga in Summer edition of Re-Connect.



The old PSA badge/logo

DID YOU KNOW?

The Foundation Day Sports held on the 8th July 1939 to celebrate our 42nd Anniversary included the following events:–

The Erection of Wire Entanglement (double--apron fence).

Assembling and Mounting Lewis Gun.

Assembling and Mounting Light Mortar.

Squad Drill. Squads of twelve other ranks commanded by an NCO from each House.

MEMBERS

HOLD ALL MAIL

The University of Queensland maintains the membership list of the UQ Gatton Past Students Association and we are very grateful for their assistance. It saves us a lot of time and expense.

The following members of our Association have advised UQ that they do not require mail from UQ to be sent to them. Unfortunately this means that we are also not able to send them mail including our newsletter Re-Connect, as we do not have their contact details.

If you know any of the following, please ask them to contact our office by email or in writing, confirming that they would like to receive mail from the UQ Gatton Past Students Association and we will forward the information to UQ.

- Jack Edward Bean
- Alexander Denis Buckley
- John Cornelius Burchill
- Clifford John Courtney
- Thor Cruse

- Michael Evans
- Douglas Garioch
- Michael Aloysius Hannigan
- Desmond James Harrison
- Jane Margaret Jamieson
- Ian James McKenzie
- MacDonald Newman
- Paul John Christopher Phelan

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following who have taken up membership over the past year.

- James Walter Hales (1959)
- Keith William Entwistle (1957)
- Morris John Lake (1960)
- Donald Charles Pollock (1978, 80)
- Kenneth Reginald Marshall (1971)
- John Frederick Limpus (1968)
- Paul Anthony Walmsley (1983, 87 and 2003)
- Christine Ann Prendergast (1977)
- Geoffrey Frederick Cox (1959)
- Ronald Graham Wright (1951)
- Ian Trevor Dixon (1989)
- Brian Douglas Anthony Baker (1977)
- Gary Edward Hambly (1982)

- Terry Von Lossberg (1982)
- John Sinclair (1959)
- William Alan Palmer (1965)
- Owen Phillip Black (1948)
- Fritz Arndt (1947)
- Glen Rodney Powell (1985)
- John Dawson Gray Armitt (1951)
- Geoffrey Grant Meredith (Staff 1954–59)
- Jeff Tullberg (Staff 1968–2006)
- John Paul Barton (1972)
- Brian Robert Whelan (1966) (Junior Officer 1967)
- Andrew John Blum (1967)
- Michael Kenneth Cumes (1989)
- Bernard Leslie Edward McFadzen (1967)
- Richard Albert Cobb (1958 non-graduate)
- Ian Donald Clarkson (1987)
- Peter James McGuire (1977)
- Roy Lewington (1946)
- Donald James Oxenham (1958)
- Kelvin Joh Cranston (1957)
- Peter Donald May (1981)
- John Nicklin Horsley (1954)
- William Hector Fullerton (1960)
- Christopher Malcolm Bazley (1980)

HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Donations to the collection continue to be received. At the Back to College Weekend last December we were given a number of assorted magazines and photos which were a great help in filling some of the gaps in the collection. Fred Arndt QDA 1947 donated the original Telegram his brother Walter QDA 1942 sent to his parents the day the US Army occupied the College. He was asking them what they wanted him to do with Fred (Sub Junior) as all students other than Diploma students were told to leave that day.

Daryl Stewart QDAH 1967 donated his Honour Blazer, black in colour, which is in complete contrast to its maroon predecessor.

The Gatton Campus authorities returned a framed collection of the 1929 sporting etc group photos and a framed collection of photos of the 1938

Foundation Day Sports. These had been in back rooms of the Dining Hall and are a welcome addition to the display. We thank Mr Simon Scott for their return.

The Past Students Association financed the purchase of picture rails in the Blue Display Room.

The Campus donated a large glass enclosed display cabinet which now houses many of the sporting trophies.

In the last issue of the Re-Connect we put out a request for a photograph of the "LAWES" platform sign. Thank you to Reg Andison for answering the call. It is now displayed along with the actual sign.

Does anyone have a photograph of the old black and white timber QAHS&C sign at the then main entrance on the Toowoomba Highway?

Peter Douglas

*Allan Baker QDAH
1956 won the UQ
Gatton Gold Medal
in 2007.*

*Full story in
Summer edition of
Re-Connect.*

BACK TO COLLEGE WEEKEND

The annual Back to College reunion was held on the first weekend in December at UQ Gatton and once again it was a wonderful success. Almost 200 people attended the reunion.

Many of the 1952 graduates as well as those who attended High School in the early 1950s arrived on Friday afternoon to commence their reunion with a social BBQ in the Staff & Graduates Club under the Foundation Building.

The majority of people arrived on Saturday morning and the Dining Hall was well patronized for lunch. Saturday lunch is traditionally when past staff make the effort to attend and this tradition is ongoing.

Ross Murray again drove the bus on both days and his entertaining

commentary during tours of the campus was one of the highlights of the weekend. Thank you Ross.

At the Annual General Meeting, Mal Ferguson was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Association. Congratulations Mal on an award well deserved. We look forward to seeing Mal and Leanne at the dinner in December this year to receive a framed certificate.

This year the feature years are those who graduated in 1998, 1988, 1978, 1968, 1958 and 1948. The 1962 and 1963 graduation groups are also planning a reunion on the weekend. The 1978 group are planning on having their reunion with a rugby theme as all three rugby teams of that year were in the grand final.

BRANCH REUNIONS

GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast branch held its 11th Reunion Lunch at Conrad Jupiters on Saturday 9 February 2008.

After the usual formalities, Association Patron Stan Petherick said grace and 59 past students, past staff and guests sat down to a hearty meal.

We were once again privileged to have Association President Graham McClymont and Carol, Past Assn Pres Rod Jensen and Enid and Gold Coast Patron Bill Laver in attendance.

We thank Honorary Life Member Agnes for bringing Stan Petherick.

The absence of younger past students, including females, is quite

evident. Regardless of how we try to get them to attend they appear to be totally disinterested.

Maybe a couple of our younger members reading this report can organise a small group to attend in August and it can grow from there.

The future of the Association and its Branches depends on them.

SUNSHINE COAST

The Sunshine Coast branch held its reunion lunch at the Coloundra Bowls Club on Saturday 8 March and 65 past students and friends had a great time.

GOLD COAST BRANCH REUNION

Food Fantasy
Jupiters Casino

SATURDAY
9 AUGUST 2008

11:30 AM FOR
12 NOON LUNCHEON

Peter Douglas ph 5546 6350
koalamen@bigpond.com

BRISBANE BRANCH REUNION

Sherwood Services Club
Clewley Street, Corinda

SATURDAY
23 AUGUST 2008

11.30AM FOR
12 NOON LUNCHEON

Bob James ph 3349 1738
rjames3@primusononline.com.au

Morris Lake ph 3444 1426
lakem@gil.com.au

SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH REUNION

Caloundra Bowls Club
Cnr Arthur Street and
Burwah Terrace, Caloundra

SATURDAY
14 MARCH 2009

11AM FOR
12 NOON LUNCHEON

Barry Bendixen ph 5499 6576
Frank Natoli ph 3264 1242

OFF THE CAMPUS – NEWS FROM UQ GATTON CAMPUS

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY

The simple act of sharing a cup of tea has helped Australia begin to close the gap currently experienced by Indigenous Australians.

The University of Queensland Gatton Campus hosted a morning tea as part of National Close the Gap Day on Tuesday 22nd April in an effort to increase awareness and raise funds for the cause.

The morning tea was one of 630 events that were held nationwide as part of Oxfam Australia's Campaign towards Indigenous health equality.

Staff and students rallied together to share a 'cuppa', in an effort to demonstrate the growing public concern regarding the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People compared with non-indigenous Australians.

Organisers of the UQ Gatton Campus event, Mr Russ Wolfe, First Year Co-ordinator and Mrs Natalie Herbert, Equity and Diversity Consultant, were thrilled with the turnout on the day.

FEAST

The annual FEAST camp once again took place on the Easter School Holidays. Attendees travelled from Cairns, Blackall, New South Wales and across Queensland to converge on the Gatton Campus for FEAST 2008.

The five-day residential school held at the Gatton campus offered high school students in year 11 and 12 the chance to sample university life and career options in the agricultural, animal, environment and food industries.



Organisers of the event received a record number of over 200 applications, from which 100 students were selected to attend the April round. With such an astounding response, FEAST coordinators have decided to host another FEAST camp in the September school holidays to cater for those that missed out on attending the April camp.

ORIENTATION

February saw in the commencement of the new academic year with Orientation Week.

The campus welcomed its new and returning students on Wednesday 20th February with Market Day. Offering information stalls, lunch and live music, the day saw staff and students bask in the sunshine in the Central Walkway.

As of April 18th 2008, a cohort of 372 first year undergraduate students had been introduced to university life at Gatton Campus.

Academic Administration Manager, Ms Sue Morgan, was the chief organiser of the orientation activities and was pleased with the variety of support services and student clubs who were involved in the program this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Exhibition
7–16 August

Gatton Open Day
24 August

**Toowoomba
AgShow**
2–4 September

**Back to College
Weekend**
6–7 December

HATCHED, MATCHED AND DISPATCHED

A SIGNIFICANT EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

We would like to hear from you news of members activities. Career moves, marriages, births and other interesting events.

Hatched, Matched and Dispatched is the page for making sure that everyone knows.

HATCHED

TUNLEY, Benjamin Rex

Born: 3 October 2007
4.8kg 10lb 10oz 54.5 cm

Son of Craig & Jennifer, brother to James (4) and Hayden (2)

DO YOU USE THE SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE FACEBOOK.COM?

Add the group "*Gatton Campus Community*" to your profile and keep up to date with what current and past students and staff are up to.

APOLOGIES

We are very pleased to report that Nick Horsley QDDM 1954 and John Wedmaier QDAH 1966 are both alive and well contrary to the report in the last "Gone but not Forgotten".

Nick attended the last Gold Coast Branch Reunion and has since become a member of the Association.

John served in the Armoured Corps in Vietnam as a National Serviceman and now resides on the North Coast.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS 2008

Gerry Collins QDAH 1957 was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for service to the Tourism Industry in Far North Queensland through the development and promotion of ecotourism projects, to the cattle industry, and to local government, sporting and youth organisations.
Congratulations Gerry.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Alan Thomas BELL

QDS Second Class Honours 1937. Prefect 1936–37. 1st XV 1936–37.

Alan graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Science UQ. He served with the RAAF as an Observer in WWII, was shot down over Germany and spent some time as a POW. Director of the DPI Sheep and Wool Branch. His 32 years of service with the Department made a substantial contribution to the Wool Industry in Queensland.

Alan died 2 April 2008.

Clyde CAMPBELL

QDA 1937. Prefect 1935–36. 1st XV 1935. 1st VI 1936.

Joined the College Staff in 1955 and held such positions from Instructor in Agronomy, Officer in charge of Grounds and Gardens, Work Master to Instructor in Plant Science. Clyde died on 25 December 2007.

James (Jim) HEADING

QDA Second Class Honours 1944. Prefect 1943–44. House Captain Shelton 1943–44. 1st XV 1943–44.

Jim died 6 January 2008.

Coll HICKEY

QDA 1954.

Coll was a member of the College Office Staff 1952–54. After gaining his Diploma he was appointed Assistant Instructor in Agronomy and was promoted to Instructor in August 1958 and resigned in January 1966. Coll died 14 March 2008.

John HUNTER

QDAH (Hons) 1968.

Under 19 College Rugby Union Team 1968. Under 17 College Rugby Union Team 1967. Appointed as a Temporary Junior Assistant (Animal Breeding) College Staff 1969. John was in

the final draft of the diplomats attending QAC from 1966–1969. He was drafted for National Service and spent the first 2 years after college in the army as a medical officer at the RAAF base at Amberley. After National Service, he joined the family hardware business in Mackay, managing the business on the retirement of his father. John passed away on February 22, 2008 after a 20 month battle with motor neurone disease. He is survived by Sharon (whom he met during his College years) and two children, John (Lawyer) and Mandy (Executive Assistant).

Gordon KENT

QDA Second Class Honours 1948. QDH 1952.

He was a member of the College Staff being appointed Assistant Instructor Botany and Agristology in June 1950, Instructor 1952, Senior Instructor 1961 and Lecturer in Pasture Agronomy in 1966. He resigned in May 1969. Gordon died 12 December 2007.

Alan Alexander ROSS

QDA First Class Honours 1934 (UQ BAgSc with 1st Class Honours 1938, Masters 1945). Prefect 1934, Intercollegiate Rifle Shooting Team 1934. Appointed Queensland Department of Primary Industries Deputy Director General in December 1965 and Director General in 1976. Alan died on 25 May 2008.

Phil SMITH

College Painter and Glazier from February 1946 to April 1972. His daughter Patty was a member of the College Office Staff 1959–64. Phil died 21 November 2007.

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INTRODUCING ...



MAL FERGUSON

Born and received my primary school education in Goondiwindi. My interest in agriculture

blossomed because of many school holidays spent on family friends farms.

Secondary education was at Toowoomba State High School and was awarded a Department of Education Teaching Fellowship to attend QAC, commencing the Associate Diploma in Rural Technology in 1969. When College changed from the Department of Education to its own Council, was one of the two students elected to the Council.

Following a year at Kelvin Grove Teachers College in 1972, was appointed to Bamaga High School and then Lockyer District High at Gatton until 1976. Returned to College in 1977 to complete the Bachelor in Applied Science and remained on staff as a Tutor in Agronomy until the end of 1980.

Became the R&D person for Roche Maag in Narrabri in 1981. Joined

DuPont in 1982 and worked in southern Qld and the wheat belt of WA, leaving them in 1994 to become the Northern Business Manager and a partner in Macspred Pty Ltd, suppliers of herbicides to forestry and other non cropping users of plant protectants.

Have been on the committee for the Past Students Association for a number of reasons. I am very grateful for the opportunity that I had to receive such a well rounded practical agricultural education that allowed anyone to communicate with others involved in all levels of agricultural research and production. I therefore felt I needed to give something back so that others would receive this same opportunity. With the current shortage of appropriately trained graduates for agriculture, there is no better time for the Association having input into UQG courses, to improve promotion of agriculture as a green rewarding career and to provide incentives such as scholarships to attract people into our industry.

Married Leanne in 1982 and currently live in Karalee.



Prior to the April UQ Gatton PSA Management Committee Meeting, five students from the UQ Gatton Student Association joined Committee members for dinner in the Campus dining hall. The group then undertook a short walk to Morrison Hall for a tour of the Historical Collection and a brief talk before the Committee meeting. It is hoped that this and future "getting to know you" gatherings will foster a closer working relationship between the PSA and the UQ Gatton Student Association.