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Fruitful career leads to Gatton Gold Medal



Dr Gavin Porter has been awarded the University of Queensland Gatton Gold Medal for his impact on the horticulture industry and education.

The UQ Gatton Gold Medal is awarded each year to a past student who has made an outstanding contribution in their field.

Gavin Porter grew up in Gatton and graduated from the Queensland Agricultural College, now known as the UQ Gatton Campus, in 1983 with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Horticultural Technology).

After managing a vegetable property for two years he returned to UQ, where for the following 17 years he lectured and undertook research to become an industry leader in the field of intellectual property management and commercialisation of new fruit varieties.

During this time he mentored and taught hundreds of students who went on to have successful careers in agriculture and horticulture.

“From my time teaching at Gatton it was abundantly clear the staff and the practical training across all aspects of the programs were preparing students very well to go straight into industry,” Dr Porter said.

“Unfortunately there are not many horticulture programs left in Australia, and the horticulture industry needs graduates more than ever before,” he said.

His philosophy of ‘learning something new every day’ has been his secret to a successful



Gavin Porter (right) in the Goulburn Valley orchard of Turnbull Bros. in Shepparton Victoria, during the international company's AGM.

career, stating that regardless of where you work every day there should be something new to learn that creates excitement and enthusiasm.

While at UQ Gatton he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (Botany) for his study in physiological and biochemical factors contributing to the postharvest characteristics of peaches.

In 2002, Dr Porter transitioned to industry taking up a position of company secretary and treasurer in *the Associated International Group of Nurseries* based in Washington State, USA – eight years later he became their CEO.

Dr Porter is currently the CEO and general manager of the *Australian Nurserymen's Fruit Improvement Company* and the CEO for *Horticulture Fresh Australia*.

The Last Word

by Gary Mason

The last word on agricultural training facilities. Finally, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry minister, John McVeigh has appointed boards to the Emerald and Longreach campuses who are charged with appointing a Director to each, so they can be managed at a local level.

When considering the large number of students who gained an education and life skills at Gatton College (UQ Gatton Campus) over the years, the number who are members of the UQ Gatton Past Students Association is proportionally low.

At the annual general meeting (Dec 2012) it was revealed we have 1115 members at present, an increase of just 155 in the past seven years.

No doubt there are many and varied reasons for not being a member, however, we (the committee) encourage those who are members to get others involved.

We would also like to encourage those who are perhaps further away to consider establishing a local branch of the Association. At the moment we have four, including the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Mackay.

Of course the biggest and best reunion is the 'Back to College Weekend' held at the Gatton Campus on the first weekend in December every year – an event which seems to be growing each year.

Mark your calendar now for the weekend of December 7-8. Get in touch with your friends, mates and get a group together for a memorable occasion.

Feature years for the 2013 reunion are for those who finished their studies in 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003.

The 1958 and 1968 year groups have advised they will be celebrating their 55 and 45 year reunion respectively.

A reunion of staff, both past and present is also included with a luncheon on the Saturday, where all are invited to participate.

As an aside, it is interesting to note that in the 2012 academic year there were a total of 2056 students enrolled with 74% being female, while 321 were international students from 30 different countries.

President's Report



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I can't believe that I am in my ninth year as president of this wonderful Association. Never in my wildest dream did I imagine that I would be president for nine years, and if it wasn't for the arm twisting of committee members nine years ago, I would not have become president in the first place. The management committee and volunteers over the past nine years have been fantastic and it would not have been possible for me to continue in this role without wonderful support.

At our AGM last December, Peter Douglas, Don Oxenham and Alison Van Ansem did not seek re-election onto our management committee, and on behalf of all our members I thank them for their contribution over the years. We also welcomed Kevin Lewis onto the management committee.

Our membership numbers continue to increase and a special welcome is extended to Archibald Bouchon-Small, a 2012 graduate. Please encourage any of your friends from Gatton who are not a member to join our Association and remember they don't need to be a graduate, simply a former student or staff member of UQ Gatton.

Carol and I attended the Sunshine Coast Branch Reunion in March and had a very enjoyable lunch. We signed up five new members on the day and sold a full box of merchandise, which was great. Branch reunions are held at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Mackay each year and we are able to help should anyone like to arrange a branch function in their local district.

Nominations have been called for the UQ Gatton Gold Medal and I urge you to consider nominating a high achieving UQ Gatton graduate for this prestigious award. In my travels I see and hear of numerous

high achieving Gatton graduates who would be worthy recipients of this award. Full details are on our website.

Late last year we started a Facebook page and already we have 135 people who LIKE our page. If you are into Facebook, then please follow our activities on Facebook. I have gone from a non-believer to a believer in only a few short months. Facebook has already superseded email and phone as the preferred method of communication for the younger generation. To many, email is considered old technology. The Facebook link is shown on the front of this newsletter.

We will again award a \$5,000 scholarship this year to a first year UQ Gatton student. Rob Nielsen is our representative on the selection committee and I thank Rob for his dedication to this task since the scholarship commenced. The scholarship recipients receive \$5,000 per year for the duration of their course and I am sure this is a wonderful help to a needy student. We have paid a total of \$65,000 to UQ Gatton students as at the end of 2012 and a further \$20,000 will be paid in 2013. If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, then details are on our website or you could contact our office.

We welcome the following new members:

Dennis Lindsay Boothby (1967)
Archibald Bouchon-Small (2012)
Terence Raymond Brown (1962)
Ian William Buss (1967)
Richard Shane Copland (1962)
Arthur Edward Egan (1968)
Norman Victor Egelstaff (1953)
Italo Vittorio Frizzo (1951)
Thomas Bartholomew Hall (Matthews) (1962)
Graham Roderick Kenny (1993)
Alexandra Mary Lincoln née Clark (1972)
Robert James Middleton (1960)
Alan Graham Murray (1957)
James Edward Norcott (1967)
Adrian James O'Connor (1968)
Peter Brian O'Sullivan (1967)
Peter Brian Oxenham (1973)
Joseph Frederick Rickman (1969, 1977)
John Ashley Simpson (1960)
Evan Graham Stacey (1979)
Charles Douglas Tilley (1967)
George Woodward (1966)

Gemma Kajewski farewells UQ Gatton



From left: Gemma Kajewski with UQ Gatton Academic Administration officer Fay Logan

When it comes to memories Gemma Kajewski has plenty she would love to recall, and probably a few others which will no doubt stay under wraps.

Gemma, a local girl started work at the then Queensland Agricultural College in February 1969 as a stenographer/clerk typist on the princely sum of \$19 per week.

She claims to be part of history as it was February 1969 that the College accepted it's first female enrolled students – all five of them.

A momentous occasion said Gemma, which was also a life changing event for the 400 male students at the time. Female enrolments now represent 74% of the student population.

In what may surprise many, Gemma and other female staff also lived on the College in the 'female quarters' located near the old administration building and the water tower, under the strict rules of Miss Lecky, where they paid \$8 per week for full board and lodgings.

Some of the real characters she worked with and which many past students would remember included Brian Grant, Tom O'Connor, Ossie O'Grady, Ray

McNamara, and Johnny Reuter, the head garbologist.

Gemma spent eight years working in the JK Murray library and associated areas of the administration of the College, including time in enrolments, examinations, graduations, on the switchboard, relieving in the School offices, working in the student centre and more recently 14 years as the examinations officer.

Gemma thanked everyone for providing an interesting and challenging workplace, and stated that, "a truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery even on a detour, and there have been many detours in my time at College. But luckily I've always managed to keep enjoying the scenery".

Historical Collection

The appearance of the front of the Museum has been greatly improved by the installation of two sets of glass double doors, replacing the two unsightly roller doors. Our sincere thanks are extended to the Campus Director, Janelle Zahmel, for contributing \$5,000 towards the cost and to the PSA Gold Coast Branch for \$218, being the balance.

The Back To College Weekend was again the dominant period for receipt of memorabilia.



The appearance of the front of the Museum has been greatly improved

Historical Collection

We thank the following people for their donations:

- **Ken Rickert** QDA 1962: assorted sporting and group photos 1958 – 62.
- **Jim Bourke** QDA 1957: photocopies of 1957 Ag Dips and Stock Dips group photos.
- **Col Middleton** QDA 1957: sports and First Aid certificates, programs and photocopied memorabilia. Col's Honour Blazer is also on display.
- **Jim Thomson** QDAH 1957: his Old Boys Blazer together with tennis colours and Pitt House pocket. We have long awaited such a rare item as this.
- **Peter McLean** QCAH 1971: the gold crown from his maroon College football jersey.
- **Alison Van Ansem** BAppSc (RurTech) 1977: a boxed set of three veterinary glass syringes and some small ID photos.
- **John Taylor** AssocDip (RurTnqs) 1982: lecture notes, hand books, assorted papers and a copy of his Associate Diploma.

PS: There is a blank space in our Pocket Display cabinet awaiting a Riddell House pocket if anyone has one they would like to donate.

Distinguished Past Students Award



Peter McLean

Since the commencement of this award the UQGPSA committee has selected a single recipient annually, however, in 2012, considering the huge number of former students who have transitioned into the workforce, it was considered appropriate to award three past students.

These awardees are a true reflection of the diverse employment opportunities available to those who gain an education and life skills as students of the Gatton College now UQ Gatton Campus.

These awards were presented at the annual 'Back to College Weekend' dinner held on the first weekend in December.

Peter McLean

Peter received his award for outstanding achievement in both business and sport following his graduation in 1971 with a Queensland Certificate in Animal Husbandry.

His working life began as a stock agent for the former Winchcombe Carson Ltd., with time spent in Brisbane, Charleville and Goondiwindi from 1972 until 1975.

This was followed by 36 years in the hospitality/hotel industry, which included 12 years as a licensee and 24 years with Lion Nathan Breweries with positions of sales executive, group account manager and regional sales manager based in Mackay and Toowoomba.

However, many will associate the McLean name and rugby union, and Peter was fortunate to maintain this association through his selection as part of the Australian Wallabies from 1978 until 1982, playing in 16 tests.

In 1979 he was a key member of the Wallabies which won the Bledisloe Cup. The first Australian side to do so since 1949, a feat they repeated in 1980.

It has been suggested that Peter is likely to be the only Gatton graduate to have been selected to play for the Wallabies.

From 1976 until 1982, Peter also represented Queensland, playing 84 games during a golden era of Queensland rugby along side players such as his cousin, Paul McLean, Mark Loane and Tony Shaw.

Peter gives full credit to Bill Logan, who was his coach in the Queensland Agricultural College under 18 side, and whose passion for the game was unsurpassed, helping him to transition from school rugby to club rugby and eventually international rugby.

His achievements both on and off the field make him a worthy recipient of the Distinguished Past Student Award.

Jim Galletly

If you needed answers to questions about baseflow, basalt aquifers, irrigated alluvium or integrated catchment management, then probably the best man to ask would be Jim Galletly.

Jim was presented with his Distinguished Past Student Award for his lifetime of work involving soil and water conservation as well as education.

Arriving at the Queensland Agricultural High School and College in 1943, Jim went on to complete a Queensland Diploma in Agriculture (2nd class honours) in 1946.

He was fortunate to get an Open Scholarship to UQ and completed his Bachelor of Agricultural Science in 1950.

Joining the Soil Conservation Section of the then Department of Agriculture and Stock in Brisbane with extension work in the Redland Bay and Nambour districts, he was later posted to Pittsworth from 1951-54.

He then returned to Gatton as lecturer in Agronomy at the start of 1955.

With a wide range of teaching responsibilities, he was later to share the classroom and the load with others, including Pat Grogan, Bob Talbot, Fred Kleinschmidt and Lochie Rule.

Jim was awarded a Master degree in 1968 for his study into the development of pastures in association with water harvesting on the solodic soils of the College.

In the 1960's a Catch 22 situation developed when seeking people to teach 'field engineering', with neither engineers nor agriculturalists suitably qualified to fill the role.

In the end, Jim was appointed lecturer in Agricultural Engineering, and played a major role in the development of the hydraulics and hydrology laboratories at the College.



Jim Galletly



Lex Carroll

In 1972, Jim undertook a six-weeks tour of Britain and a further six-weeks in Israel which yielded valuable information in the soil and water conservation methods of those countries.

Of particular note was the idea of a rotating disc rainfall simulator to demonstrate the use of stubble mulches in preventing soil erosion – Jim borrowed the idea and had one built for teaching purposes, which later led to soil saving techniques such as ‘conservation tillage’ and ‘controlled traffic farming’.

He was also very heavily involved in Australia’s first Integrated Catchment Management scheme comprising scientists, engineers and farmers who developed the Lockyer Watershed Management Association.

Catchment management groups were tasked with tree planting and salinity management on the uplands while water managers were formed on the alluvium to come to grips with water management during droughts.

Another group known as the ‘Crowley Vale Water Board’ was formed to administer water allocation from a purpose built ring tank of 350ML with distribution to 12 farms – this scheme continues to operate today.

Retiring from the College in 1987, Jim could not let go, and proposed that the

baseflow to Lockyer Creek was from basalt aquifers and not outflow from alluvial aquifers.

This proposal and study proved to be successful, resulting in Jim being awarded his PhD in 2008 at age 81.

Lex Carroll

Raised on a cattle property at Injune, attending Queensland Agricultural College was a logical step for Lex Carroll, who received his Distinguished Past Student award for service to the veterinary industry.

Lex graduated from the College with a Queensland Diploma in Animal Husbandry (1st Class Honours) in 1960 followed by a Bachelor in Veterinary Science (1st Class Honours and University Medal) in 1965.

Subsequently, he was awarded a MANZCVSc and FAICD by examination in 1979 and 2001 respectively.

During these years Lex started his working life as an associate veterinarian at a Bendigo, Vic. mixed animal practice.

From 1969 until 1980, he was a partner in the firm Tatura Veterinary Clinic and senior partner from 1975-1980, where the majority of the work concentrated on the equine industry, 70% of which involved stud work and 30% medical and surgical.

Practice experience included the planning and implementation of preventative

medicine programs, the detailed investigation of disease problems in collaboration with laboratory personnel, and the utilisation of herd based disease control measures.

From 1981-83, Lex was VO – Equine Species Specialist, Department of Agriculture, Victoria before being appointed Principal Veterinary Officer (Intensive Livestock Health) Department of Agriculture Victoria.

In 1984 until 1986, Lex was the acting Chief of Division of Veterinary Field Services, Victoria – Chief Veterinary Inspector and Chief Inspector of Stock, delegated duties as Chief Veterinary Officer.

He was responsible for implementation of animal disease control programs in Victoria, including coordination of eradication of virulent Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) in 1985.

Lex left the Department of Agriculture in 1986 to take up a successful land selection ballot at Rolleston in central Queensland, where he became a beef cattle grazier, part time veterinary consultant and participated in agripolitics.

Lex has had a very wide involvement in the equine and beef cattle industries, taking part in research, teaching, producing a large list of publications, post graduate training as well as professional interests and industry organisations.

Honorary Life Membership to Bob James

Fifty-three years of service to the UQ Gatton Past Students Association culminated with Bob James being bestowed with Honorary Life Membership of the Association.

This strong and enduring affiliation with the Association began soon after Bob graduated with a Diploma in Animal Husbandry in 1958 and continued until 2011.

He was president of UQGPSA from 1981 – 1982.

A yearning to learn and study saw Bob graduate with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Horticulture) in 1974; followed by a Graduate Diploma in Management and a Masters of Science (Environmental Science).

Bob has lectured in horticulture, was the first manager of grounds at UQ St Lucia (13 off campus sites) and was the principal scientist with an environmental consulting company.



Bob James received his Honorary Life Membership certificate from Peter Douglas.

Back to College 2013

The annual Back to College Weekend will be held again this year on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December. The early arrivals are expected in the afternoon of Friday 6 December for a casual BBQ and socializing at the Staff and Graduates Club beneath the Foundation Building.

The main weekend activities commence from 10am Saturday 7 December with registration at Morrison Hall and the activities continue non-stop until after lunch on Sunday 8 December.

The feature years are those groups who finished their study at Gatton in 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003 and a great roll up is expected. We have also been advised that the 1958 and 1968 year groups intend to be at the weekend to celebrate their 55 and 45 year reunions respectively. Please note that the 1968, 1973 and 1983 year groups finished their study at UQ Gatton in December of that year, but officially graduated in May of the following year. We always work on the reunions being from when study was finished, not graduation as from 1965 for almost 30 years, graduation was in May the following year.

A reunion of staff both past and present is organized over lunch on Saturday 7 December. There has been a great roll up of former staff in previous years and the numbers tend to grow each year as the word spreads.

The annual dinner held in the Dining Hall is always well attended on the Saturday night.

There will be bus tours of the Campus on both Saturday and Sunday as well as guided tours of the new Vet facilities on the Saturday. The AGM of our Association will be held at 3pm on Saturday 7 December beneath Morrison Hall. All are welcome to attend our AGM.

Branch Reunions

Gold Coast Reunion

Our 21st "Coming of Age" reunion was held at the Labrador Sports Club on Saturday 2 February.

Numbers were down compared with previous occasions, due mainly to the devastating floods and heavy rain the previous weekend.

However, 50 in attendance had an enjoyable time with many staying until after 4pm. There were 33 apologies.

Special guests included UQG Campus Director Janelle Zahmel, UQG Marketing Coordinator Erin Pearl, Assn Past President Bob James, Gold Coast Patron Bill Laver and Honoured Old Boy Clive Gilchrist 1934 – 38. Also attending were 1999 UQ Gatton Gold Medallist Jim Miller, 2011 Distinguished Past Student Ray O'Grady, Honorary Life Members Val Kilah and Julie Reid together with PSA Admin Officer Margaret Reisenleiter and John Keevers representing Hawkesbury Ag. College Old Boys.



First timers at the Gold Coast reunion were Barry O'Neill 1950–51 and 1955–57; UQ Gatton Marketing Coordinator, Erin Pearl and Mike Cooper 1959–63.

A unanimous decision was made to donate the proceeds of the Raffle to the Red Cross Flood Appeal. This resulted in an amount of \$285 which included some donations.

My ongoing appreciation to George Hannaford and Diana Douglas for their assistance at the door, to Ron McMahon and Bob James for conducting the raffle and to the donors of the raffle prizes.

The next Reunion will be at the same venue on Saturday 13 July 2013 at 11am for 12noon.

Gold Coast Branch Reunion

Labrador
AFL Sports Club
Ashton Street
Labrador

Saturday
13 July 2013

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

Peter Douglas
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Brisbane Branch Reunion

The Greek Club
26 Edmondstone Street
South Brisbane

Saturday
24 August 2013

11.30am for
12 noon luncheon

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Sue Moyle
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Mackay Branch Reunion

Railway Hotel
Eton Road, Marian

Sunday
2 June 2013

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

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Sunshine Coast Branch Reunion

Caloundra Bowls Club
Cnr Arthur Street and
Burwah Terrace
Caloundra

Saturday
8 March 2014

11:30am for
12 noon luncheon

Peter Jacobson
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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

ARCHIBALD, Joseph Bob

QDAH 1952. At College 1949 – 52.
Under 7 Stone 7 lbs XV 1949.
Senior Cadets 1949 – 51, Sgt 1951. CMF 1952.
Won Junior Judging Large White Pigs at Gatton Show 1952.

After leaving College he worked on properties in and around McKinley, Boullia, Julia Creek and Winton.

Also tried his hand with a bottled milk run in Gympie and a dairy farm in the Maleny district. Bob passed away 22 April 2012.

BAUMBER, Donald Eric

QDH 1954. Pitt House. 1951 3rd XV.
1952-3 2nd XV. 1954 11stone Division Boxing Champion. CMF 1953-54

Don spent most of his career in the agricultural chemical business, firstly with Ciba Geigy and then in his own business specialising in applications of ultra low concentration. During this latter period he invented the famous Weeding Wand.

In recent years he was a speaker, at international level, on prostate cancer to which Don succumbed on 23 April 2013.

BRECKENRIDGE, Alec

QDAH 1st Class Hons 1965. Pitt House. Prefect 1964. Deputy Senior Prefect 1965. 1963 – 65 Judo. 1962 ATC Acting Sergeant. 1963 – 64 Cadet Under Officer.

CROZIER, Karen Beryl

B.Bus (Hospitality Management) 1987. After graduating she worked in Canberra, at the Expo 88, on the Victorian snow fields and in Sydney.

In 2008 she formed a partnership becoming a successful business woman in her own right.

Karen, who was the daughter of the College electrician Keith, passed away 19 January 2013.

DAVIS, Myles

QDA 2nd Class Hons 1948 QDAH 1953.
1947 BXI.

On leaving College in 1948 he joined the British Food Corporation growing sorghum at Peak Downs.

In July 1953 he returned to College and gained a QDAH and then proceeded to the Queensland Teachers Training College. He taught agricultural subjects at Nambour High School later becoming Principal of the Agricultural School in Katherine. Brother of Ian QDAH 1957.

Myles passed away 8 August 2012.

GLOVER, James Arthur

QDA 1957. At College 1953 – 57. Senior Cadets 1953 – 54. CMF 1956 – 57.
Brother of Col, QDA 1958.

HIGHFIELD, Charles Jackson

QCAH 1969. At College 1968 – 69. Riddell. Swimming 1969. A2 Tennis Team 1969.

Charles passed away late 2012.

HOOD, Edward Les

QDAH 1946. Thynne. 1st XV 1945 – 46. Captain 1946. Boxing 1945 – 46. Athletics 1945.

Junior Judging 1946 RNA, 2nd Shorthorn Bull.

Les passed away mid 2012.

JONES, Robert "Josh" Graydon

QDDM 1960. Riddell. An exceptionally talented swimmer and athlete.

1956 Runner – up Under 15 Swimming Champion. Athletics. Under 15 XV.

1957 Under 16 Swimming Champion.

Under 17 Athletics Champion setting records in 440 and 880 yards.

1958 Swimming. Athletics won Open 440 yards.

1959 Runner – up Open Athletics. Swimming.

1960 Won College Open 440 for third consecutive year.

Won DDSS Open 440 in a record time of 51.3 secs, equalling the College record time set by Jack Elliott in 1936.

He donated his Honour Blazer to the PSA Museum in 2011.

Josh passed away 15 January 2013.

LEWIS, Robin John

QDAH 2nd Class Honours 1949. Pitt. Prefect 1949. Inter – Collegiate Rifle Shooting 1948 – 49. Captain 1949.

Won CH Jamieson Cup for "Best Shot" in Inter – House Competition 1949.

Robin passed away 27 September 2012.

McCOSKER, John Ewan

QDAH 1963. QDAH 2nd Class Hons 1964. Prefect and Thynne House Captain 1965.

Appointed as a JO at College in 1964. He then proceeded to UQ and was awarded a BVSc with First Class Honours in 1969. After gaining experience in veterinary practices throughout Australia and in Scotland, John returned to the QAC in 1978 as Lecturer in Farm Planning – Animals.

He was the resident veterinarian in conjunction with lecturing in Animal Health.

For a period of 10 years the family resided at the Homestead where John had the additional duty as Master of Halls.

He spent 1986 as a lecturer at the Fiji College in Agriculture.

Back at QAC he was heavily involved in experiments in the production of twin calves.

John retired from UQ Gatton in 2006 and passed away on 26 December 2012.

Brother of Stuart QDAH 2nd Class Hons 1962.

SMITH, Lindsay

QCAH 1969. After graduation he obtained a position in DPI and was immediately posted to Ayr where he spent many years. During this time he won eight premierships as an amateur jockey. A transfer to the Wacol Research Centre followed. Retirement saw him operating his own real estate business in Hatton Vale until September 2012.

Lindsay passed away on 8 February 2013.

WALTON, Jon Christopher

Dip. Bus (Valuation) 1977. He was involved with the development of the Currumbin Ecovillage, an environmentally sustainable community of 147 eco – homes. In 2006 he received the Minister's Award for Leadership in Sustainability and in 2008 the Gold Coast's Annual Environmental Citizen of the Year Award.

Chris was tragically killed on 23 December 2012 in an awning collapse on a footpath in Burleigh Heads.

WEDMAIER, John Norman

QDAH 1966. Shelton. 1st XI 1963. Debating. Served in the Armoured Corps in Vietnam as a National Serviceman.

John passed away 18 October 2012.

WILSON, Jack Bevan

QDDM 1950. Thynne.

1949 1st XV. Won Open Sheaf Tossing.

1950 1st XV, Captain. Won Open Sheaf Tossing.

Came to College in 1949 after serving four years in the Royal Australian Navy during WW2.

After Gatton he joined the Dept. of Ag and Stock. His first position being a Dairy Officer in Gladstone. A transfer to Boonah followed and in 1966 he was appointed manager of the Boonah Butter Factory. His retirement was spent breeding Santa Gertrudis,

Jack passed away 28 August 2012.

WINTERTON, Avery Joe

QDH 2nd Class Hons. 1941.

Prefect 1940. Senior Prefect 1941. Pitt House Captain 1941.

1938 Patrol Leader, College Scout Troop.

1939 Won Junior Sheaf Tossing and Shot Putt.

1940 Swimming. Won Senior Sheaf Tossing.

1941 1st XV. Won Senior Sheaf Tossing setting a record of 32feet 6inches.

Joe passed away 26 November 2012

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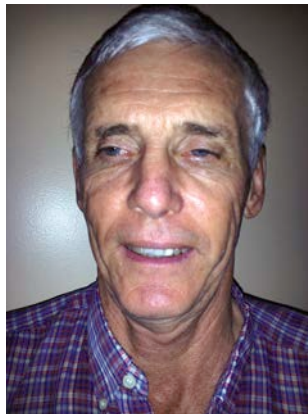
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Introducing...

Phil Long



I grew up at Beerburrum, Glass House Mountains just north of Brisbane. The area was full of soldier settlers. Pineapples, poultry and pawpaw were the major crops. I passed the Queensland Junior examination in 1965 and was given a Commonwealth Scholarship to the Queensland Agricultural College at Gatton. I had passed the geography test in Junior and could draw maps of England and New Zealand and identify the Great Lakes of Canada, BUT had no idea of where Gatton was.

Luckily my parents knew and delivered me to the Administration Building to start at Gatton College in 1966. How I came to go to an Ag College I put down to two major influences; I grew up in a farming area, and, when at Caboolture High School had a fine ag teacher in Mr John Fletcher who had gone to QAC in the late 50's. He was a fine ambassador for QAC and encouraged his students to undertake further studies.

I finished QAC in 1968 and a great moment in my life was the return to QAC in May 1969 to be presented with my Diploma in Animal Husbandry. It was a great day as I also met up again with fellow Diplomats, friendships had been forged over the three years and I can report still exist to this day.

August 1969 found me working for the Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries in Lae, Papua New Guinea. I can remember at least two ex QAC students were also in Lae in the Department.

The work developing cattle and poultry enterprises was interesting and meant I visited most areas of PNG. There was a Dairy Farm just out of Lae and I used to look forward to visits to learn about dairying in the tropics. Coming from drought stricken Queensland I was astonished to see cattle starving while standing in swampy paddocks of para grass. Lae had five

metres of rain the first year I was there and the grass was full of water.

Work finished on Friday and weekends were spent scuba diving on pristine coral reefs. It wasn't long before myself and fellow divers discovered the Lae area was littered with World War II shipwrecks. In June 1970 we discovered a Japanese wreck the YOKOHAMA MARU that had been sunk in 1942. This vessel was manufactured by Mitsubishi Industries in Japan in 1912. I realised many years later the second car I purchased in Lae was also manufactured by Mitsubishi Industries.

My four year contract finished in 1973 and my wife and I headed to London for a couple of years, we ended up staying in a small flat in Earls Court.

London was an exciting place in the early 70's, however qualifications in Animal Husbandry were of little use when looking for work. Some of the time I worked on a hops farm, I was a tractor driver taking hops to the Oast house. The owner asked if I could drive a tractor and I was proud to say I had a tractor licence from QAC and every morning checked the tractor according to College requirements i.e. WOGAM (water, oil, grease, air, miscellaneous) I even spent time milking cows on a modern rotary dairy. Every morning I would admire the approximately three metre high mountain of cow manure as it steamed in the cold morning temperatures.

My wife and I returned to Australia in 1974 and after a short time working in Brisbane I ended up back at QAC as an instructor in Dairy Cattle Husbandry. The work was great and one highlight was meeting many students who I still meet around rural areas.

Next work was in Fiji Islands. More advanced than Papua New Guinea with flash resorts which were good for the family. Again ex students of QAC were working in rural industries and making big contributions to increasing the well being of the rural Fijians.

After the contract in Fiji finished it was back to Australia where I worked teaching rural skills to TAFE students before I joined the Queensland DPI as a Dairy Adviser based in Toowoomba. It was good to get back into work in rural areas. The advantage of working in Toowoomba was I was close to QAC so could renew my association with an institution that had played a major part in my education.

In 2006 I retired from the DPI and undertook a few work related activities for myself.