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Distinguished Past Students Award
30 September 2015

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Back to College Weekend
5 and 6 December 2015

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UQ Gatton grows...



UQ Veterinary Medical Centre at the Gatton Campus

Investment, expansion and growth are key words in the role which UQ Gatton contributes to the rural sector in this modern age.

The transfer of the Veterinary Science Faculty from St Lucia to Gatton resulted in a \$100 million investment in facilities which include the Veterinary Medical Centre, Equine Hospital, Small Animal Hospital and Clinical Studies Centre.

A \$7 million dollar spend by the University and Queensland Government for a new Dairy Research Facility was completed last year, which will support research and development into sub-tropical dairying, improving productivity and profitability.

This has resulted in the relocation of the DAF dairy research facilities from Mutdapilly to the Gatton Campus. Included is a new calf rearing research facility looking at nutrition, reproduction, animal health, forage production and climate adaptation.

The Queensland Animal Science Precinct (QASP) is a \$33 million joint project between the State Government's Department of Agriculture, and Fisheries (DAF) and UQ.

It boasts a world-class complex for the conduct of research in the areas of animal growth, adaptation, welfare, health and vaccines, and incorporates a trial feedlot where research can be conducted into biosecurity, disease and nutrition.

As reported previously, UQ Gatton is now the home of the largest solar photovoltaic (PV)

research complex in the southern hemisphere, located on the site of the old airstrip. This solar farm will produce 3.275 megawatts of power which will be fed back into the grid resulting in a much reduced cost of electricity for the Gatton Campus.

The "farm" will contain three different types of PV panels, both fixed and tracking with 34,000 in total.

Operational units include a piggery, dairy and poultry plus 1000ha of farming country, as well as specialist horse facilities and extensive stabling.

UQ-GVEC (Gatton Vocational Education Centre) has received Queensland Government grants to deliver the 2 year Integrated Diploma Program (IDP) at the Gatton Campus and over \$3.1 million in grants to deliver the program concurrently at the Muresk Institute in Western Australia.

In addition, there is a Native Wildlife Teaching and Research Unit, plus a climate-controlled Research Glasshouse and Lysimeter Glasshouse; Regional Collaborative Learning Centre and Gatton e-Learning Laboratory.

Many will be pleased to know that the student population at UQ Gatton has also grown with total numbers now sitting at 2089, comprising 1582 females and 507 males, a ratio of about 3:1. This includes 332 International students and also indicates the Halls of Residence show a "no vacancy" sign with 436 students living on Campus.

The Last Word

The impact of prolonged drought in Queensland has reached far and wide – even the attendance at last December's Gatton Past Students' Association *Back to College* Weekend was adversely affected, with numbers down and not a single attendee from western districts.

While it can be argued that drought is an inevitability in rural Australia, even the most sceptical are coming to the realisation of the reality of climate change (note how the weasel-words have killed off the term 'global warming'!).

An astounding amount of research and analysis has been done on climate change projections in recent decades, such is the magnitude of the looming problem. In fifty years from now mean temperatures may increase by up to 3°C with some places in the central Australian rangelands by almost 7°C.

Shifts in agricultural practices are already beginning, and major change will occur in the coming decades. The southern half of Australia will see declining rainfall, with predictable impacts on broadacre agriculture and pastoralism. The impact in the north will be less, with no reduction in rainfall expected; but farmers there will have to adapt their practices to accommodate higher temperatures, longer warm seasons, less predictable conditions and greater frequency of extreme weather events.

Astute agricultural producers are adapting already and others are being forced to change. Perhaps the only positive aspect is that there is a huge, and growing, amount of publicly available information from CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology on the changes that have occurred and the projections for the future, and it becomes ever more reliable as time progresses. And, of course, the other upside for some, is that their resourcefulness and experience, underpinned by the invaluable training they received at the Gatton campus, should see them well prepared.

President's Report



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2015 continues to be an important year for the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association.

The Management Committee of the Association met on 2 February, 13 April, 1 June and 3 August with our next meeting to be held on 12 October.

The Gold Coast Branch held reunion lunches on 14 February and 25 July. I was pleased to attend to bring the attendees up to date as to news about the Past Students' Association and UQ Gatton. The Mackay Branch held their annual reunion on 31 May and the Management Committee was represented by Kim Jorgensen. The Brisbane Branch held a reunion at the Greek Club on 22 August and it was well attended.

Members of the Association can now keep up with developments with the Association and the Branches via social media through the efforts of Kim Jorgensen who has set up pages for the Association on Facebook and LinkedIn.

The recipient of the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association Scholarship for 2015 was Taylor Bunworth and she was presented with her scholarship at our Management Committee meeting on 3 August. Also present were UQ Gatton Pro-Vice-Chancellor Alan Rix and Campus Director Janelle Zahmel as well as previous Scholarship recipients Jahk Hughes, Lexus Hughes and Sara Rodes.

Neil Donnelly, who has replaced Erin Pearl as the UQ Gatton Marketing Coordinator, also attended our August meeting. The Management Committee is looking forward to working with Neil to promote the Association and UQ Gatton.

Nominations for the UQ Gatton Distinguished Past Students' Association Award are now open. Guidelines and a

Nomination Form can be found on our website. Nominations are to be received by our office by 30 September 2015 for consideration by the Management Committee meeting on 12 October. Successful nominees will be presented with their award at the *Back to College* Weekend Dinner on Saturday, 5 December 2015.

Previous recipients of the award are as follows:

2010 Clive Rogers

2011 Ray O'Grady

2012 Lex Carroll, Jim Galletly and Peter McLean

2013 D'Arcy Gibbs, Ian Sobbe and Peter Thornber

2014 Gerry Andersen, Paul Antonio and Russell Stephenson

I would encourage past students to nominate fellow past students who have made an outstanding contribution to any field of endeavour and meet the criteria for the award.

The Management Committee has begun planning for the 2015 *Back to College* Weekend to be held on the first weekend in December and it is a great opportunity for past students to catch up with friends and staff as well as developments at UQ Gatton.

Could it have been Bundaberg College instead of Gatton?

Yes it could!

While searching old newspapers in Trove lately I came across an article where some very prominent Bundaberg citizens petitioned the then Minister for Lands, Mr Cowley, in December 1892. They provided a long list of advantages of developing an Agricultural College in Bundaberg identifying three possible sites. The Minister denied that a site had already been chosen on the Downs.

Back to College Weekend

The 2015 *Back to College* Weekend reunion will be held again on the first weekend in December, being Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December. A casual meal on Friday 4 December will be available in the Dining Hall for those who arrive early. There will be plenty of fellowship in the Staff & Graduates Club on Friday night.

The Feature Years this year are those who finished their study in 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005. Also returning are the 1950, 1960 and 1970 year groups. Other groups are most welcome. Please remember that partners are most welcome.

Please also note that from 1965 for about three decades, graduation took place around May of the year following completion of studies. We regard the groups by when they finished study, not the following year when they officially graduated. For example, the 1970 group returning this year officially graduated on 28 May 1971. We regard the group who graduated on 28 May 1971 as the 1970 group. This is the same for all groups from 1965 to when graduation returned to the year study was completed in the 1990s.

New members

Andrew James **Brown**
(1986)

David Eric **McEvoy**
(1968)

Jennifer Heather **Mole**
(1981)

Robert William **Neilsen**
(1971)

Mathew Thomas **Ryan**
(1987)

Historical Collection

The donations of a wide variety of items received since the last issue of the *Re-Connect* have been catalogued and are now on display. I thank all donors for their contributions which have become part of our treasured collection.

Clothing: Jim Kearnan
– Honour Blazer, Prefect badge and tie.

Brian Johnson – QAC blazer (black).

Books: Rob Nielsen, Paul Sattler, Mrs Enid Jensen, Annette Brooks (daughter of Harold Ziegler QDD 1937).

Programmes, Brochures etc: School of Ag and Food Science, John Guthrie, Mrs Enid Jensen, Roslyn Stemmler.

College and PSA Magazines: Mrs Enid Jensen, Rob Nielsen, Annette Brooks.

Photos: School of Ag and Food Science, Janakie Rajapakse, Annette Brooks.



The Unusual: Kava bowl inscribed 'Presented to QAC RUC 1984 Fiji Tour from Queen Victoria School Old Boy's Club, Fiji.' – found in UQ Gatton Staff Club.

Two framed pencil sketches of Rothamsted Experimental Station and of Joseph Henry Gilbert from Mrs Enid Jensen.

Adrian O'Connor has presented two copies of his short history of the life of Ray Bills.

We are in need of QAHS&C lapel and Prefect badges and still awaiting a donation of a Riddell House Colour pocket not attached to a blazer. Can anyone assist?

Peter Douglas would like to thank Val Kilah and Julie Reid for their ongoing dedication and to Trevor Arthur, Don Oxenham and Kevin Lewis for their continued support.

Did you or any of your fellow classmates represent Australia in sport?

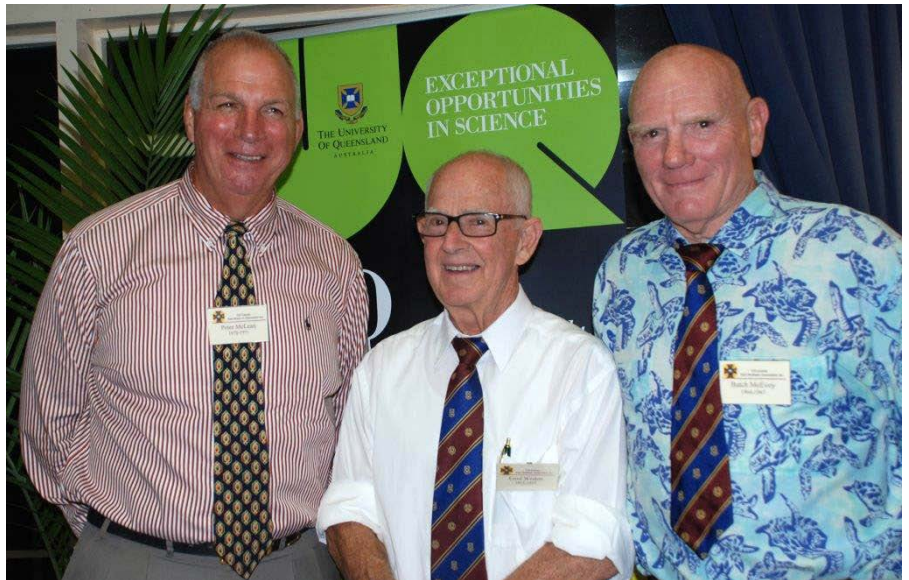
Here are a few that have. If you are aware of others please pass on this information to the Committee.

Ashley Phillip ADAMS

Diploma of Business 1976; Bachelor of Business 1977.

Ashley represented Australia in Shooting from 1998. In 2011 Ashley was ranked first in the world in two different shooting events and also ranked as one of the top able-bodied open shooters in Australia.

He contested five Paralympic games: Atlanta (1996), Sydney (2000), Athens (2004), Beijing (2008), London (2012) achieving a Silver Medal in Mixed Free Rifle Prone SH1 Event, and a Bronze Medal in Men's Air Rifle Standing SH1 event in Athens. With great sadness we noted the passing of Ashley in the last *Re-Connect*.



From left: Peter McLean, Errol Weston and David McEvoy

Blair (Jock) ANDERSON

Blair represented Australia in Wrestling at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Perth in 1962.

John Michael BUKOWSKI

John attended college in 1953 and represented Australia in Boxing at two Olympic Games: Rome in 1960 and Tokyo in 1964.

Andrew Charles DOUGLAS

Andy graduated in 1981 with an Associate Diploma Rural Techniques (Animal Husbandry). He represented both Queensland and Australia in Touch Football during the period 2003–2007. This included approximately 20 representative games against New Zealand, PNG and the Cook Islands.

David Eric McEVOY

QDAH 1968

In 2009 David received the Master of Sport Parachuting Award (number 5 of only 5) from the Australian Parachute Federation, the APF's highest award. This was the culmination of over 40 years parachuting/skydiving. He took

his first jump on June 18, 1967 while he was at College. In 1970 he was the top Australian at the World Championships at Bled, Yugoslavia. Since that time David has represented Australia in South Pacific Games, a World Cup in South Africa and World Championships. His connection with Gatton has remained throughout his skydiving career. In 1977 he instigated the World Championships of Skydiving at Gatton College (regarded as the best World Championships held to that time). Being part of multiple person World and Australian record jumps has also been part of his achievements to date.

Peter William McLEAN

QCAH 1972

Peter McLean was a member of the McLean family who were "a remarkable Australian Rugby clan who between them played 77 Tests for the Australian national rugby union team and a number of Tests for the Australian National Rugby League team." This was during the late 70s and early 80s.

Warren Norman ORR

QDAH 1968

Warren played two Rugby League representative games for Australia in 1973 (Kangaroo Tour to Great Britain) and 1974 (in two tests vs Great Britain) in Australia. From 1972–1975 he also played a number of games for Queensland in interstate and international competitions.

Errol John WESTON

Errol was a QDA 1957 graduate. He represented Australia and Queensland in Masters Hockey from 1997 to 2010, playing for Queensland in the period from 1992 to 2011.



1941 – Students in the Boxing Ring underneath Shelton House

Beef Week 2015

Rockhampton Beef Expo 2015 attracted thousands, including probably hundreds of UQ Gatton/QAC graduates to the triennial event featuring everything about cattle production from the paddock to plate. Some of those many faces attending can be seen here.

Brian Fanning, Rockhampton
1956



Geoff MacNamara, Rockhampton,
1976-79



Glenn Rogan, St George,
1984-88



Russell Gray, Linville, 1976-79



Beef Week 2015

Fraser MacFarlane, Harrisville,
1978-79



Suellen Coombe nee Goldup,
Rockhampton, 1981-84



Mark Coombe, Rockhampton,
1981-84



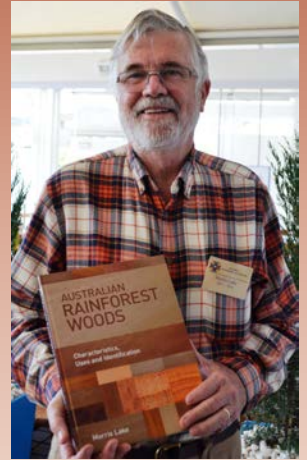
Tony Gibbs, Calliope,
1969-70



Wally Taylor, Rockhampton,
1961-64



Graham Fossett, Alton Downs,
1974-76; 1983-85



Morris Lake, who attended Gatton College 1957-59, now living in Brisbane, has recently released a 216 page publication named *Australian Rainforest Woods*.

In it he describes 141 of the most significant Australian rainforest trees and their wood, examining the species with photographs, botanical descriptions and a summary of the characteristics of the wood. For the first time macrophotographs of the wood are shown in association with a physical description, which will aid identification.

It is now available and will suit both an amateur and professional wood enthusiast.

Branch Reunions

Mackay Reunion

Approximately 30 Mackay Branch members and partners attended the annual reunion lunch at the Marion Hotel.

Following a wonderful lunch the Annual meeting was held. Clive Rogers stepped down as Branch Chairman this year with John Whitaker taking on the role for 2015–2016.

Kim Jorgensen represented the UQGPSA and enjoyed bringing members up-to-date with what is happening with the Association and the College. She also had the chance to meet up with some Past Students from her years at College. Plenty of catching up on where classmates are and what they have been doing was done.

Kim passes on her thanks to the branch for their hospitality, and hopes to join the group in 2016.



From left: Foodie group attending the Brisbane reunion at the Greek Club are Mark Trundle (1973–77), John Armit (1948–51), Kim Jorgensen (1981–84), Jack Steggall (1972–77), Harley Juffs (1958–62) and Carol Corless (1982–84).

Gold Coast Reunion

A smaller gathering than usual attended our 26th Reunion at the Labrador Sports Club on July 25.

34 sat down to a buffet of seafood, cold meats, hot dishes and salads. A touch of QAC fare was added – sweets were a choice of Apple Crumble and Bread and Butter Pudding (or both).

Whenever a Reunion has been held in July it has not been well attended. Consequently, we will return to August for our mid-year reunions. 43 apologies were received.

We were privileged and honoured to have the Campus Director, Janelle Zahmel attending.

She gave us an informative and up-to-date review of the plans and activities at the Campus.

Special guests included Association President Jim Madden, Association Past Presidents Bob James and Graham McClymont with wife Carol, 1999 UQ Gatton Gold Medallist Jim Miller and our Honoured Old Boy Clive Gilchrist 1934–38, together with Association Honorary Life Member Julie Reid (Stark).

Peter Douglas would like to give a big thank you as always to Diana and to George Hannaford for their assistance at the door and to Bob James and Daryl Edwards for conducting the Raffle.

Since the Reunion, Jim Miller, who is one of our staunch supporters, has been admitted to the Royal Brisbane Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.



From left: Getting together at the Mackay reunion are Ross Walker, Fiona Paterson, Grant Paterson, Max Brown and Clive Rogers



From left: Past staff attending the recent Gold Coast reunion lunch are Julie Reid nee Stark (1964–76); Cheryl Teasdale nee Smith (1962–67) and Pat Smith (1958–68).

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

BANFF, Frederick William

QDH 1949.
1948 D Grade XV; B Grade No2 XI; Boxing.
1949 B Grade XV, Vice Captain; A1 XI.
Brother of Robin, QDH 1953.
Fred passed away 1 April 2015.

BAUER, Noel Robert

QCAH 1974.
1973 2nd Flag and 2nd Bending Races Ag Day Sports.

CAREY, Bruce William

Assoc Rural Tech 1970. BAppSc (Rural Tech) 1971.
Bruce passed away 10 July 2015.

CRICHTON, William T

Junior student 1949 – 50.
Member of the College ATC Flight 1950.
Bill passed away Christmas Eve 2013.

DOBBS, Tiffany Nicole

Bachelor of Applied Science 2004.
Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) 2005.
PhD 2013.
Tiffany passed away 3 February 2015.

FINNAMORE, Aubrey M

At College 1938 – 40.
Riddell House Captain. Prefect 1940.
1938 2nd XI
1939 1st IV Inter-Collegiate: 2nd Open Sheaf Tossing.
L/Cpl 1st Cavalry Mobile Veterinary Section.
1940 Foundation Day Sports – 1st Open Sheaf Tossing and Flag Race.
3rd Musical Melons.
Sports Day – Runner-up Senior Champion with wins in 120 yards Hurdles and Shot Putt. Places in High Jump, 220yds, 440yds, Broad Jump and 75yds Football Sprint.

1st XV; Cpl 1st CMVS.

After College he tried his hand at farming before purchasing his first cordial factory at Goomeri.
Aubrey passed away 3 August 2015.

FOREMAN, Noel Gregory

QDA 1950.
Noel passed away 27 April 2015.

FORSTER, Graham Irwin

QDAH 1950
2nd RNA Junior Judging Poll Shorthorns 1950. CMF 1950.
Graham passed away in March 2014.

HEGARTY, Austin

QDA 2nd Class Hons 1941.
At College 1938 – 41. Prefect 1941. Thynne.
After College he joined the Department of Ag and Stock, working in wartime cotton growing in the Burdekin, peanuts and maize on the Atherton Tablelands, crops and pastures at Gympie and then in the Standards Branch on seeds and fertilizers.
He was awarded a BSc in 1964, studying part time at UQ. In 1970 he became the first Director of the Development Planning Branch and in 1977 he was appointed Director of Division of Land Utilization.
His dedication and enthusiasm insured the success of DPI's Centenary celebrations in 1987. Jack was appointed Deputy Director – General of the DPI in 1981 and promoted to Director – General in 1988.
He retired in 1989.
He was an active member of the OBA/PSA, Committee from 1956 – 81, serving as Vice President 1958 – 75.
Jack passed away 6 June 2015.

KIDD, Keith Gordon

QDH 1963.
At College 1960 – 62. 1961 1st XI; 1962 1st XI, 1st XV.
Keith passed away 14 April 2015.

LITTLER, Jack Wilson

OAM. BAgSc
Served with D Coy 2/25th Bn, in the Middle East and New Guinea.
In 1946 he went to UQ to study for a BAgSc degree, attending QAHS & C in 1949 as part of his studies.
He became a Senior Research Scientist with DPI and was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his work with the Endeavour Foundation.
He was deeply committed to the RSL, being awarded Life Membership.
Jack passed away 15 July 2015.

LYNCH, Daryl James

QDAH 1959.
Daryl passed away 3 May 2015.

NEVILLE, Peter Richard

At College 1963 – 65.
Peter passed away May 2015.

REES, Colin Edward

Assoc Dip Bus (Rev) 1992.
Colin passed away 16 April 2015.

STYMAN, Rodney William

Assoc Dip in Rural Techniques 1982.
Rodney passed away 18 June 2015.

WILLMOTT, Toni Mae

Assoc Dip in Farm Management 1981.
Toni passed away 1 August 2015.

WHEREAT, Colin Edward

Associate Diploma in Applied Science 1995.
Colin passed away in Rockhampton 27 December 2005.

Mackay Branch Reunion

Railway Hotel
Marian

**Sunday
15 May 2016**

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

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Gold Coast Branch Reunion

Labrador
AFL Sports Club
Ashton Street
Labrador

**Saturday
6 February 2016**

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

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Brisbane Branch Reunion

The Greek Club
26 Edmondstone Street
South Brisbane

TBA

11.30am for
12 noon luncheon

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Sue Moyle
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Sunshine Coast Branch Reunion

Caloundra Bowls Club
Cnr Arthur Street and
Burwah Terrace
Caloundra

**Saturday
12 March 2016**

11:30am for
12 noon luncheon

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Introducing...

Sue Moyle
BEd, BAppSc(Hort Tech)



Growing up on the mid-north coast of New South Wales, Sue spent her early years always close to the bush. After finishing high school she completed undergraduate Secretarial Studies (Hons) and then went to University of Canberra to advance her secretarial qualifications further. Sue gained employment in the corporate sector, and seemed destined for a career in business and marketing, earning a company award for 'outstanding sales achievement' along the way.

But the love of the bush was always close to Sue's heart, so in the mid-70s she enrolled at the Queensland Agricultural College in Rural Technology. Upon realising the endearing qualities of plants, not least that they neither bleed nor apparently feel pain, Sue switched to Horticultural Technology. It was to be the beginning of many long friendships that endure until the present, and a keen love of plant management that she enjoys still in her pastime as an avid gardener, as well as enjoying spending time in the bush; her favourite places being the Granite Belt and Girraween. And of course, it was to steer her into a career associated with science.

Sue's entrepreneurial spirit, however, was always close to the surface and after graduating from QAC with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Hort Tech) she was lured back to a couple of marketing roles, but with her newfound qualification and skills, this time it was with companies servicing the agricultural sector. In time, Sue set off

in her own direction setting up a sales and marketing business in the beautiful far north coast region of New South Wales that she successfully ran for many years. Always keen to learn and succeed, Sue completed several more certificate level qualifications during this time. One of these was a 'train the trainer' course, which she undertook in order to better instruct her staff. But, unbeknown to her at the time, this was also to herald a new career direction.

After years in the business environment, Sue was ready to turn her hand to a different form of employment. So, early in the new millennium she returned to tertiary study, and to The University of Queensland, to undertake a Bachelor of Education, in order to move into a career in education – science, of course, building on the foundation of her Gatton training and experience.

Since then, Sue has worked primarily for Education Queensland as a high school teacher in the southern metropolitan region, where she has also taught maths, business studies and geography. This has included several years at the prestigious Stretton State College, one of Queensland's model K-12 schools designed to demonstrate 21st century trends in modern education practice.

Sue has stayed in touch with her College friends, gets together with some of them regularly, and has organised several reunions of large groups of her cohort. She also regularly attends the UQGPSA annual *Back to College* Weekends and assists the organisers.

Today, Sue is taking a more leisurely pace, teaching casually in science and maths at a small group of preferred schools in the southern Bayside area east of Brisbane, and in between, satisfying her horticultural desires tending her lush sub-tropical garden, the pride of the neighbourhood, set in a little pocket beside environmental reserve bushland...still applying 'science with practice'.